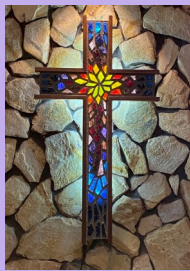


ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH



Cast A Net

MARCH AND APRIL
2025



Beloved children of God journeying
toward the eternal kingdom;

Are you in a RUT? A rut of routine, of endlessness,
a rut that has fleeting moments of instant gratification?

Many commented on my message on Ash Wednesday about the RUT. So I
thought I would share this pneumatic for Lent again, to help us change our
ruts into life giving practices.

R = Rest = Prayer practice dependency on God by regularly turning to Him,
by speaking, listening, worshipping, scripture reading &
being still.

Where can I set aside more time to hang out with God?

U = Unplug = Fast - to become more dependent on God
& less dependent on those things that are taking over.

What will I refrain from these 40 days?

T = Trust = Give - increasing my trust in God to provide by serving, by
giving things that are hard for me to let go of, or providing
for the needs of others around me.

What can I do, or share, to obey God and increase my faith?

Get in a Godly Rut = REST UNPLUG TRUST

Lent is a time to; **Reflect, Repent, and Reconnect**, in our communal 40 day
observance which, parallels Jesus being led by the Spirit in the wilderness for
40 days.

As we offer ourselves back to God this Lent, I pray God shape us into the
people God needs us to be for His sake.

A CARING
CHURCH
SHARING
JESUS
CHRIST
WITH THE
WORLD
BY
OFFERING
HELP HOPE
AND HOME

Lent comes from a root word meaning *lengthen*, referring to the lengthening of days at springtime. Springtime is a time of rebirth and new life.

Jesus said a seed must fall into the ground and die to experience new life. Jesus bids us, deny yourself take up the cross and follow me. When we die to ourselves, we are emptied to make room for the Holy Spirit to surprise us with new life.

There at death's door we hear the surprising news that changes everything.

"Do not be afraid: I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here: for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, he has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee (home); there you will see him. This is my message for you." Matthew 28:5-7

From the vantage point of adulthood, we may be surprised at what creates fear in a child, a vacuum cleaner, a seemingly harmless image, for me it was a big old parked tractor peering at me through a pane of glass in the garage door. Older siblings and trusted parents could come to us, stand with us, maybe hold a hand, and try to teach that we didn't have to be afraid. Slowly the child's tightened grip of fear is released as they come to trust the word of loved ones. As we grow and mature, we discover new fears that we will wrestle with. Who will come, hold our hand and teach? As we hear the story of God's ongoing, faithful relationship with his people throughout history, we hear of God coming to his children and repeatedly saying "Do not be afraid!" From his Divine vantage point God sees with greater wisdom that we need not be afraid of the things of this world that frightens us. This is why God has come to us to make himself known in Jesus Christ, to take away our fear, that we might come to know and trust God's love above all else.

In our Easter story, the angels, like older siblings, have the calm in knowing and the joy of sharing the good news, *Jesus is not dead but has risen*. Then comes the warm invitation come and see, then, go and tell. This is the invitation to us as well who have been met with God's surprises, responded to his word of truth, and have grown in the faith with the same commission to go and tell.

When I was a toddler my brother, who was three years older than I, seemed old, wise, and knew many of the secrets of the universe I had yet to discover. He would come and invite me to new adventures, which overwhelmed and intimidated me. He would walk with me, go first to show me the way, and demonstrate that there was nothing to fear. Soon new experiences would unfold before me, and the fear would dissipate.

Our greatest fear can be abandonment, separation, and death. These fears can hold us back from living. Our Lord, and older brother, Jesus, has come to us taking us by the hand with the Holy Spirit and his powerful word, inviting us to new adventures of abundant living. He has taught us, God loves us and will never abandon us. He has

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Christ has risen from the dead, and indeed He is going ahead of you to Galilee; Galilee was the place of daily living, for the first disciples. We need to remember too, God will meet us in our place of daily living, in our homes, workplaces, schools, and in the people who cross our path each day. At Christmas we proclaim, God is with us. At Easter we proclaim God is ahead of us to meet us, just like he told us.

May the Holy Spirit give us the strength to let go, and guide us to

Rest, Unplug, and Trust

so we may be led to the green pastures, the still waters, and the new life ahead that God has prepared for us.

In Christ Jesus new experiences will unfold before us, and the fear will dissipate. We no longer need to live in fear, protecting ourselves at all costs, trying to preserve our decaying life. Because of the resurrection of Jesus we can live confidently in the truth Jesus brings us.

Today we can live a new life, of faith, for our greatest days are ahead of us...

“there you will see him. This is my message for you.”

In the abiding hope of the empty tomb,

Pastor Curt

Your Church Staff

Curt B. Snare
Pastor

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Ginny Cubley
Main Office

Ext 101

Natalie Stephens Ext 102
Operations Manager

Judy Webb
Finance/Payroll Specialist

Lisa Hartge Ext 104
Minister of Music

Kendra Maccabee
Custodian



Administrative Hours

We are working from home at times but we are available by phone and email as we continuously check our messages.

Monday– 9 AM –4 PM (Staff works remotely)

Tuesday-Thursday 9AM to 4PM

Closed Friday - Sunday

Online Weekend Worship services are be posted to our YouTube channel and our website @ www.sttimothytarponsprings.com after the 11:00 am worship service.

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NOTE: Please refer to your weekly bulletin which is the current information for events, church functions, bible studies etc. If you have a notice you want to submit, for the bulletin, please refer to Ginny Cubley in the office by Thursday of the week before the event.



Worship Services

Saturday Evenings @ 5:00 pm
Sunday Mornings @ 8:30 am and 11:00 am

Young Adult Bible Study
Mondays 7:00 pm @ St Timothy

Love Quilt Group
1:00 pm Tuesdays

Men and Women Bible Study
*Wednesdays @ 7:00 pm in person and on Zoom **

Men's Morning Bible Study *Thursdays @ 7:00 am*
IHOP 40489 US Hwy 19 Tarpon Springs

Bible Study with Pastor Curt
*Thursdays @ 12:30 pm in person or on zoom**
(except during Lent and advent)

Music Rehearsals Tuesdays During Lent/Advent
Bells 4:30 pm, Choir 5:30 pm, Praise Team 6:30 pm

Joyful Service
First Sunday of each month.

Mary, Martha, Naomi Bible Study
Third Thursday of each month at 10:00 am
During Lent and Advent it is at 9:30 am

Men's Prayer Breakfast
First Saturday of each month at 8:00 am.
Location changes from St Timothy to Mount Moriah

Youth Group
Third Sunday of each month at 12:30 pm

**all Zoom links are listed within the bulletin at various times*



JAMES 5:16

**If you want to pray for someone
pick up a request.**

**If you want to be prayed for
leave a request.**

**A table is set up in the
Narthex.**

VANCO
FAITH

You can download the Vanco Mobile Faith app for free from the App Store or Google Play. You will then search “St Timothy Lutheran” in the search bar just above “Find your organization”. (You will see our address to let you know which one to select.) The next screen will prompt you to “Log into your St Timothy Lutheran Account”. If you are a new user, you will set up a new account through the app. From there, you can make a one-time donation or set up recurring giving right through the app. Just select your fund and amount, enter a payment method and complete the donation.



Rite of Confirmation

**2nd Year Confirmation Class is underway however,
class is always open if you want to join in.**

This study is focused on the Bible and Luther's Catechism for those who want to grow deeper in their walk with Christ and learn more about the Lutheran faith. Confirmation classes are open to both youth (Grade 7 and older) and also adults. Classes meet Wednesdays from 5:30-6:45 p.m.

If you have any questions, please call the office at 727-937-3503



Young Adult Bible Study

Mondays 7-8:30 PM

@ St Timothy

Meet new people, explore your faith and ask questions.

Text EXPLORE to 727-741-2365

Bible Study

with Pastor Curt Snare

Thursday's @ 12:30 p.m.

EXCEPT DURING LENT AND ADVENT -

Pastor has Worship Service

The weekly scriptures are studied to prepare us for worship the upcoming Sunday. Bring your questions, curiosity and an open heart to come and take a deeper look at the scriptures of our weekly

lectionary. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/242640241?pwd=ZVdxT3o4VngzbkREZ2JWekhuTjQ5Zz09>

IN PERSON OR ON ZOOM!



IN THE HOME RESOURCES...

located in the Narthex

FOR CHILDREN: Please take a bag for your child (grades K-5) to explore scripture while having fun as a family! New bags will be available each month and will align with the lectionary.

FOR ADULTS: Daily devotionals for home are available here. Please take a book to help deepen your faith life at home each day.



MARY, MARTHA, NAOMI CIRCLE
Third Thursday of Each Month At 10:00 am
During lent and advent at 9:30 am

Women of all ages are welcome to attend!
See Miriam Walka, Mary Macauley or Judy Thomas
if you have any questions.



Co-Op Bible Study
meets Wednesday's at 7:00 pm
in person or on zoom
Come join us for an in-depth discussion
Contact Lee Cubley at lwcubley@gmail.com
for more information.

The Zoom link for the meeting is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/242640241?pwd=ZVdxT3o4VngzbkREZ2JWekhuTjQ5Zz09>

Group is not meeting during Lent, will resume April 23, 2025



Quilting Group



Quilts delivered to Resurrection House Mission



Blessing of the Quilts



Some of our quilters





Tuesday rehearsal during lent and advent.

Bell Choir rehearsal at 4:30 pm. No previous music experience or knowledge required!! You will be with a great group of people that support and teach each other – and have quite a few laughs along the way. Please join us!



The Sanctuary Choir will rehearse on at 5:30 pm. Praise Team will continue to rehearse on at 6:30 pm. All our music groups are open to anyone High School age and older. We would love to have some new faces join us this Fall as we begin to prepare for Reformation, Advent and Christmas.



If you enjoy the music in church each week, seriously consider joining one of our music groups. We are always looking to add additional instruments and singers to add to our music program. If you have any questions, email Lisa at hartgel@yahoo.com or see Lisa after one of the church services.



St Timothy Prayer & Connection Partners

We invite you to join our St Timothy Prayer & Connection Partners. Each month, those who would like to participate will be given the name of 3-5 St Timothy participants. We ask that you reach out at least once to each person during the month by text, email, phone, voicemail or a note letting the person know you will be praying for them. Then, each day pray for your prayer partner. Prayer is powerful with the help of the Holy Spirit! Each month, you will receive a new set of names, so we can continue to grow our relationships and prayers for one another.

If you want to participate, please email Laurie Zakrzewski at jzakrzew@tampabay.rr.com or call her cell 727-644-6929. She will email or call you with your list of names & contact information.

ALTAR GUILD

Do you like serving behind the scenes?



Altar Guild is looking for people to help prepare for worship services. You will rotate with other Altar Guild team members to come in on Saturday morning and set up communion for all the services; change altar paraments and banners when needed; and, help with communion during your regular worship service if needed. If you have any questions, or would like to help in this area, see Linda Matheson for further information.

March Birthdays 2025

Jerry Brush	3/01	Kurt Schuster	3/22
John Hallman	3/02	Rhada Hartmann	3/23
Grace Sticklin	3/07	Paul Fernandes	3/23
Bob Jordan	3/07	Kevin Lyon	3/25
Don Reichert	3/07	Barbara Garrelts	3/28
Allison Anderson	3/07	John Zakrzewski	3/28
Esther Kontos	3/10		
Karen Bowman	3/13		
Patty Tagarelli	3/13		
Megan Lyon	3/14		
Olive Hyker	3/15		
Warren Walka	3/16		
Roger Larson	3/18		
Allan Lear	3/18		
Jan Causey	3/19		
April Lear	3/20		



April Birthdays 2025

Kathy Emanuelson	4/01
Steve Johnson	4/02
Maurzen Jordan	4/06
Joshua Snare	4/06
Ben Anderson	4/07
Jo Ann Moldenhauer	4/10
Mark Reichert	4/11
Susan Geiger	4/13
Ryan Barker	4/14
Oliver Oyama	4/15
Claire Smith	4/16
Gaye Pollino-Fernandes	4/17
Micah Snare	4/23
Darin Barker	4/24
Kristine Dettig	4/25
Ron Scott	4/26
Bo Skillman	4/29
Heather Smith	4/30



St Timothy Lutheran Church

"A caring church sharing Jesus Christ with the world"

Mission Board Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2025

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by President Peter Hartmann @ 6:50 pm

Members present: Peter Hartmann, Frank Edel, Natalie Stephens, Carole Weaver, Rick Johnson, and Pastor Curt.

Absent: Sandy Liebau, Chuck Wilcox and Daniel Reichert

Opening Prayer and Devotion: President Peter Hartmann

Mission Board Covenant read by: Frank Edel

Previous Minutes: **Motion:** To accept the minutes of the November 20, 2024, Mission Board meeting. Made by Rick Johnson & Frank Edel. They were unanimously approved.

Pastor's December Highlights:

November 26th-December 2nd Pastor on Vacation

Thank you to George Metzenthin for filling in to lead worship.

3 – Music rehearsal moves to Tuesday during Advent.

5,12,19 – Thursday mid-week contemplative Advent worship at 11am and 7pm

7 – Men's Prayer Breakfast at Mount Moriah

8 – Advent by Candlelight fellowship and musical program at 4:30pm

8 – St Nicholas and Alternative Giving highlighted

13 – Adopt a block wrapping event for families in need 6pm

14 – Adopt a block give away celebration

15 – Boxes of love taken to Resurrection House in Dade City

19 – Clergy Association at Adent Health Hospital 9am

24 – Candlelight Eucharist worship at 7pm and 11pm

25 – Eucharist lessons and carols worship at 10:30 am

25 – Community Christmas meal at 12 noon

26 – 2nd of January Pastor on vacation

Thank you to Peter Macaulay for filling in to lead worship

Blessed Epiphany



Recommendation

Dr George Ghanem has approached us, as to our willingness to help Christians in the Holy Land.

Do we wish to allow Christians from Bethlehem to offer their crafts to the congregation to help sustain their living, as an outreach ministry.

Motion: To allow Christians from Bethlehem to offer their crafts to the congregation to help sustain their living, as an outreach ministry. Motion made by Carole Weaver & Rick Johnson.

They were unanimously approved.

Operations Manager Report:

We have received the check from the insurance company for outside sign in the boat. Men have come out to start the electrical work on the sign.

Air conditioner in fellowship hall had to be drained. Chuck Wilcox will work on clearing the drains.

Nursery toilet is now in working condition.

Treasurer's Report YTD December 2024

The Year- to - date operating income and expenses, (excluding pass-through) are as follows:

YTD Income	\$540,288.41
YTD Expenses	\$500,533.47
YTD TOTAL SURPLUS/LOSS:	+39,694.94

Benevolence:

YTD non-pass -through income:	\$530,288.41
10% for Benevolence:	\$ 54,028.84
Benevolence YTD spent:	\$ 49,309.09
Balance remaining:	\$ 4,719.75

During December benevolence we received a request from Ron Haddad for Rise Against Hunger.

During December we received no acknowledgments.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Johnson

January 8, 2025

Benevolence: After discussion of our many benevolences the following 10% of our remaining balance was decided to go to the following:

\$1,500- Rise Against Hunger

\$1,000 -Margarita Roma and Pastor Bruce Edwards as a stipend. (\$500 each)

\$1,000 -Luther Disaster Fund designated for the fires in Los Angeles, California

\$1,200 -Luther Springs

Motion: To approve \$1,500 to Rise Against Hunger, \$1,000 to Margarita Roma and Pastor Bruce Edwards as a stipend (\$500.00 each), \$1,000 to Luther Disaster designated for the LA fires and \$1,200 to Luther Springs. Motion made by Carole Weaver and Frank Edel. They were unanimously approved.

Joyful Service Report – No decisions or recommendations were made at the Joyful Service.

New Business: none

We give Thanks to God and go out in God's name

President Peter Hartmann adjourned the mission board meeting at 7:50 pm

Executive meeting – scheduled as needed

Next Mission Board meeting – February 19, 2025

Devotions: Pastor Curt Snare

Respectfully submitted,
Carole Weaver

