



Cast A Net

March and April 2026



Christ has Risen! He is risen indeed?

My wife texts me, "Could you pick up some fish on your way home for dinner, remember our guest's are coming over at 5. Thanks. I Love you!" "Of course, I was planning on it. No problem. I love you too!" I text back. I proceed to get caught up in a myriad of tasks, phone calls, and unexpected visits that flood my mind, demand my focused attention, and consumes my being. Most of it is noble, purposeful, and productive, when anxiety gurgles up in me recognizing time has elapsed and if I leave now, I will only be a few minutes late. I jump in the truck on an automatic pilot course home, while squeezing in one more Bluetooth call that needed to be made. I arrive in the driveway, "Whew" only 8 minutes late. I come in the door to the warmth of home, poised to shift gears, kiss my wife who looks at me and asks, "where's the fish? Did you forget?" "Don't you remember how he told you?"

He has risen, he is not here, he has gone ahead of you, & he will meet you there!!! He told the disciples at least three times, and they run to the tomb from their grieve, in dazed curiosity at the news. Only to be met with messengers that tell them what Jesus had said repeatedly. They forgot, consumed by earthly realities, and their own understanding of how things work. And they forgot God's word of promise.

“Don’t you remember how he told you?”

If he has risen, that verifies everything he ever told us as true, we will share in his resurrection. That means death is not the end. That means everything has changed. That means we live differently. That means we don’t have to hold onto things but can share them with any as has need. That means time is not the issue because we have eternity. That means sorrow, cruelty, hurt, pain, greed, corruption, injustice, and death, yes death are on their way out, their time is limited. That means that God’s love, mercy, life, salvation, and forgiveness are ahead of us and forever. “...remember how Jesus told you!”

I guess the question is what do you believe in most, death or resurrection? What the world tells us, or what God has promised?

Sometimes I observe things like people being more excited about; Who our sports team will pick up in the draft, rising prices, an opportunity to travel, a new possession, politics, new entertainment and with explosive enthusiasm their communicating passionately with anyone they can get ahold of.

Yet I wonder, if we believe it, what could be more exciting than resurrection, salvation, reconciliation with God, life eternal, and forgiveness of sins. Why aren’t our lives bubbling over with enthusiasm in obeying God’s word, serving in anticipation of the Kingdom, and sharing with others the reality of this good news?

Our world is troubled, anxiety, brokenness, cost of living, war, disease, addiction, suicide. Those are things of the world, and they are passing. The life God offers endures forever.

We who believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ are his witnesses. That’s why we gather regularly as church because “We do forget what he told us,” and easily get swept away with worldly happenings, that are dying.

Even when lent is over we can keep fasting from worldly junk food, keep praying for God to guide us, keep giving as a sign of our hope in the coming kingdom and our confident trust that God will provide for us.

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The earliest Christians had hard earthly lives for hundreds of years.

But the Holy Spirit empowered them through their belief in the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the hope of his eternal promise to turn the world upside down with Christ's love. To give themselves and their resources away to a hurting world that often couldn't reciprocate. They didn't have slick marketing, programs, comfortable circumstances, only God's presence, His word, and a belief in the resurrection of Christ Jesus to be bearers of hope in the harsh realities of our world. They lived believing God had saved the world in Jesus Christ. They lived believing the resurrection, and not death, was their final future. And now it's our turn...

"Don't you remember how he told you?" "Jesus is risen! Jesus is ahead of you! Jesus will meet you there!" Remember!

Together, may we live out of the resurrection promise above all else!

Pastor Curt



Curt B. Snare Pastor	Ext 107	Ginny Cubley Main Office	Ext 101
Natalie Stephens Operations Manager	Ext 102	Judy Webb Financial	Ext 103
Lisa Hartge Minister of Music	Ext 104	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.

Tuesday-Thursday 9AM to 4PM
Closed Monday, Friday - Sunday

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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 Wednesday of the week before the event.



Upcoming
EVENTS

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
Bells 4:30 pm, Choir 5 :30 pm and Praise Team 6:30 pm

Joyful Service
March 1, 2026 10:00 am
April 5, 2026 10:00 am

Mary, Martha, Naomi Bible Study
Third Thursday of each month at 10:00 am
(except during Lent and Advent 9:30 am)

Men's Prayer Breakfast
First Saturday of each month at 8:00 am
March 7th St Timothy
April 4, 2026 Mt. Moriah

Youth Group
Date to be determined.

*all Zoom links for Bible Studies:

MARCH BIRTHDAY LIST

<i>John Hallman</i>	<i>3/2</i>
<i>Allison Anderson</i>	<i>3/7</i>
<i>Donald Reichert</i>	<i>3/7</i>
<i>Esther Kontos</i>	<i>3/10</i>
<i>Patty Tagarelli</i>	<i>3/13</i>
<i>Karen Bowman</i>	<i>3/13</i>
<i>Roger Larson</i>	<i>3/18</i>
<i>Allan Lear</i>	<i>3/18</i>
<i>Jan Causey</i>	<i>3/19</i>
<i>Paul Fernandes</i>	<i>3/23</i>
<i>Rhoda Hartmann</i>	<i>3/23</i>
<i>Kevin Lyon</i>	<i>3/25</i>
<i>Bill Murphy</i>	<i>3/27</i>
<i>John Zakrzewski</i>	<i>3/28</i>
<i>Barbara Garrelts</i>	<i>3/28</i>
<i>Katie Palmer</i>	<i>3/31</i>



BIRTHDAY LIST—APRIL

<i>Kathy Emanuelson</i>	<i>4/1</i>
<i>Steve Johnson</i>	<i>4/2</i>
<i>Joshua Snare</i>	<i>4/6</i>
<i>Benjamin Anderson</i>	<i>4/7</i>
<i>Jo Ann Moldenhauer</i>	<i>4/10</i>
<i>Mark Reichert</i>	<i>4/11</i>
<i>Bruce Aldrich</i>	<i>4/12</i>
<i>Ryan Barker</i>	<i>4/14</i>
<i>Claire Smith</i>	<i>4/16</i>
<i>Gaye Pollino-Fernandes</i>	<i>4/17</i>
<i>Micah Snare</i>	<i>4/23</i>
<i>Darin Barker</i>	<i>4/24</i>
<i>Ronald Scott</i>	<i>4/26</i>
<i>Bo Skillman</i>	<i>4/29</i>
<i>Heather Smith</i>	<i>4/30</i>



One Nation Under God

Our country is divided and seems filled with hatred and anger, Jesus said "that some demons can only be cast out by prayer."

**ON THE 1ST WEDNESDAY OF THE
MONTH AT 7:00 pm**

please pray for peace in the world and especially for the salvation of America and the quenching the division and violence.
If you would like to fast also, please do so.





We will have the Carnation Cross
For the Easter Vigil and Easter. If
you would like to help, please come
to the primary room on
April 4th 9:00 am

HELP IS NEEDED



LENTEN SCHEDULE

PRAY FAST GIVE

Mid Week Worship

11:00 am and 6:30 pm

3-5 3-12 3-19 3-26

SPECIAL DAYS

Palm Sunday March 23rd 11:00am & 7:00pm

Maundy Thursday April 2nd 11:00am &
7:00pm

Good Friday April 3rd 7:00 pm

Easter Sunrise April 5th

(Time TBD usually at 6:30 am)

Easter Sunday April 5th 8:30 am & 11:00 am

Stewardship Opportunities Project

Proclaiming / Welcoming

Evangelism

Hospitality

Service

Outreach



Help Needed

Sarah's Tent—Thursday Morning clean up needed from 10:00am until approximately 12:00 pm. Please call the office and make an appointment to meet with Paul Hartge.

• Help Needed

- Habitat for Humanity Liaison – Connect with local project lead and let congregation know about current activities, times and dates. Participation highly recommended, usually Saturdays 8:30-2:30, plus weekday activities, for volunteers if interested. See Pastor for more details.

Life Together / Growing

Education

Youth

Worship

Spiritual Nurturing



HELP NEEDED—Starting March 1, 2026

Men's Prayer Breakfast Coordinator

Plan and purchase (reimbursed) meat every other 1st Saturday, Contact Mt. Moriah each month to verify and remind them of meeting and location.

Help needed—Saturday and Sunday 8:30 am

Sound Board, Powerpoint, singers, musicians

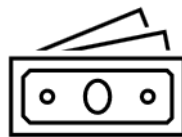
Ushers / See Lisa Hartge for a service opportunity.

Operations / Managing

Property

Finance

Stewardship

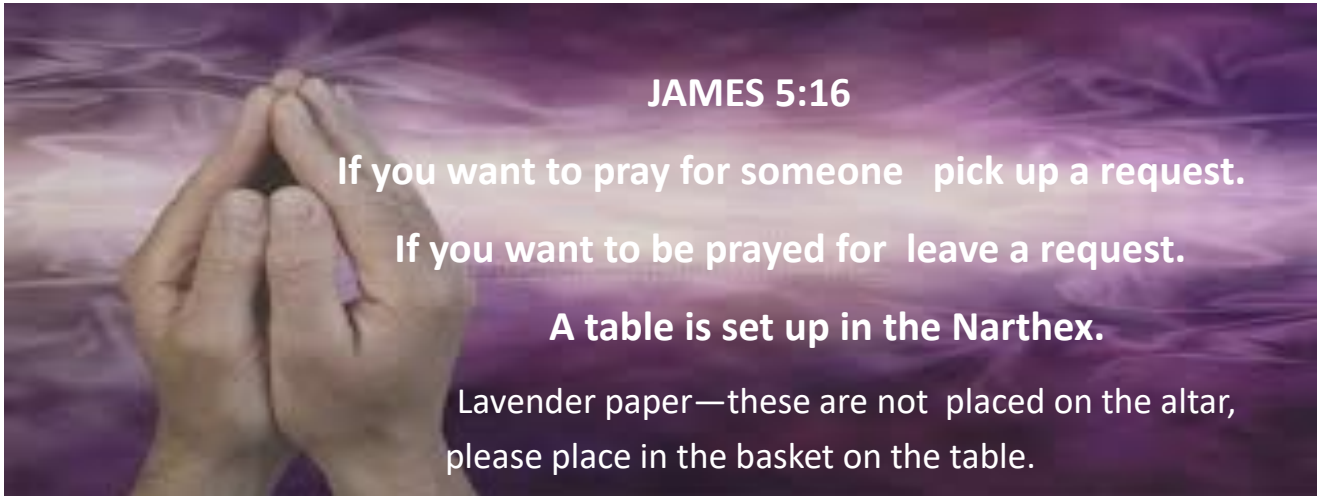


STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

1. Help Needed

- Those with Handyman skills – looking for someone who knows Carpentry, or Electrical, or Plumbing to tag along with current maintenance folks to get familiar with the church and our needs.
 - Please contact Rick Johnson, Frank Edel or Kendra Macabee.
- Garden Tending – Come to church grounds at your leisure, at least once a month. Pull weeds, prune, plant (if desired). Best time might be during office hours (Tue-Thu), if you are alone. Please contact Office.



A prayer chain is a group of God's people praying for one another for healing, peace, strength and/or for discernment. Also, information about illnesses, hospitalizations, deaths or celebrations are shared on the prayer chain. All you need to do is PRAY! If you would like to become a St Timothy Prayer Angel, send Gaye an email at: gayePollinoFernandes@gmail.com

These requests are on a pink piece of paper and are located in the pews and on the podium in the Narthex.



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.

If you have questions or need assistance with our new mobile app, please stop by the church office or call us at 727-937-3503.



Thursday's at 12:30 p.m.

(Except during lent)

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.

IN PERSON OR ON ZOOM NEW ZOOM LINK AND CODES

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7162396628?pwd=C73kRaTD7CmqcnBAaf9cD5FUsvteSl.1&omn=242640241>

Meeting ID 7162396628 Passcode 213545



IN THE HOME RESOURCES...

located in the Narthex

FOR ADULTS: Daily devotionals for home are available here. Please take a book to help deepen your faith life at home each day. They are available in the Narthex. Donations of \$1 are appreciated.

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.



MARY, MARTHA, NAOMI CIRCLE

Third Thursday of Each Month

March 19th 9:30am April 16th 9:30am

Women of all ages are welcome to attend!

See Miriam Walka, Mary Macaulay if you have any questions.

WELCA is collecting food items, cloths, etc for Dade City, please see your bulletin for details or see the notice posted in the

Narthex by the white basket.

Bible Study

Wednesday at 7:00 pm ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

SYMBOLS OF OUR SAVIOR—THROUGH LENT

Zoom on person

***all Zoom links for Bible Studies:**

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**LUTHERAN
MEN'S MISSION**
Building men for Christ

Sonrise Group Men's Bible Study

Meets Thursday's at IHOP @ 7:00am

40489 US Hwy 19 N, Tarpon Springs 34689



Men's jeans, shorts, 28-36

Men (10-13) and women sneakers

Belts

Socks

Deodorant/shampoo

Tents/sleeping bags

Bikes/Bike lights/locks/tubes

Body wipes

Mosquito repellent (mm aerosol)

Women's sanitary napkins

Hand lotion

Pull luggage



The Love Quilts group meets weekly at 1:00 pm on Tuesdays. We are making quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Absolutely no experience necessary. We have ladies that will be happy to show you. We need people to cut quilt squares, tie the quilts, pin the binding, etc. Please join us! We have several experienced women in our group that would be happy to show you how to get started! If you have any questions, Please see Lisa Hartge.

Do you enjoy the music during worship each weekend? If so, why not volunteer to help us make a joyful noise! We have a bell choir, adult choir, and praise team that could use your help. No prior experience necessary – you don't have to read music – we just need you and your enthusiasm. If you like to sing in the shower – try choir or praise team. If you feel like your singing voice isn't your best attribute, try our bell choir.



Let's Make Music!

Attention all musicians! We need singers to help us get ready for Advent and Christmas. Please consider joining the choir and/or Praise Team as we prepare for the holidays. No experience necessary - just a desire to raise your voice in praising our Lord.

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Rehearsals Bells: 4:30-5:30, Choir: 5:30-6:30, Praise Team: 6:30-7:30

**Get out of your comfort zone and come join us! You'll be glad you did!
Any questions, see Lisa Hartge.**



WELCA—Gathering of women from the Gulf Coast Area—

March 14th 9:00 am registration and coffee \$10.00. Nativity Lutheran Church 6363 Commercial Way Weeki Wachee, celebrates America's 250th year. Also, God's Work, Our Hands. R.S.V.P to; kay.drox@aol.com. Continental breakfast and lunch is served. You may bring a food pantry donation like, pasta, sauce, canned peaches and pears.



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



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 a 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 jjudge16@outlook.com or call her cell 336-480-6642**. 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.



REZ HOUSE is coming again!

March 14 12-1 pm pot luck luncheon (covered dish to share) in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up sheet in the Narthex.

March 14 1-4pm please bring lawn chair, water, hat, and dancing shoes. The band Groovediggers, and Las Mariposas Dancers will be there. A free will offering will be taken to help the Farm Workers Self Help and Resurrection House Mission. Also bring children's, youth books for their school.



Mid Week Worship Soup & Bread each week during Lent

5:30pm—6:15pm

Please join our brothers and sisters for a simple supper.

Soups will be prepared by various ministry groups.



Although Rev. Dr. Derek M. Haven Assistant to the Bishop and Director for Evangelical Mission (North Region) Florida Bahamas Synod



ELCA was here for all the services the weekend of February 22nd. A big thank you to all who helped with The Fellowship Hall!!!



St Timothy Lutheran Church

“A caring church sharing Jesus Christ with the world by offering Help, Hope & Hope”

Mission Board Minutes

January 14, 2026

Call to Order: President Peter Hartmann called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm

Mission Board Members in attendance: Pastor Curt, Peter Hartmann, Frank Edel, Rick Johnson, Sandra DePoi, Daniel Reichert, Gaye Pollino-Fernandes, Bruce Aldrich, Natalie Stephens and Carole Weaver.

Opening Prayer: Frank Edel

Devotions: Frank Edel

Previous Minutes: Minutes were read and corrected before the meeting.

Motion: To approve the minutes of December 17, 2015. They were approved

Pastor’s Report: December Highlights

January 2026

4- Advent mid-week worship begins, offered every Thursday at 11am & 6:30pm

6- Men’s prayer breakfast at St. Timothy’s 8am

7- Alternative Giving made available as recognition of St. Nicholas was shared.

7- Advent by candlelight fellowship event 4:30pm

10-Pastor attended and serves on the Tarpon Homeless Outreach team 2pm

14-Boxes of love, blankets and food were distributed to Resurrection house in Dade City following the 11am worship.

21-Christmas bags were assembled in-between worship services.

24-Candlelight Eucharist Worship 7pm and 11pm.

25-Christmas Day Eucharist Worship 10am - Community meal at 12 noon

26-January 1 – Pastor on Vacation. Pastor George Metzenthin supplied.



Joshua, Pastor Curt, Micah, Noah & Laura

Operation Manager Report:

Shopping Center Wall Preparation/Mural Oversight...Kendra finished power washing the wall in back of the Publix shopping center facing our parking lot. Nate (the artist) purchased the paint and will also fill in the cracks on the wall in preparation for painting the mural. The mural content and final design will be completed under Pastor Curt’s supervision and direction, consistent with what he wants painted on the wall.

Cold Night Shelter ... Depending on Temperatures, the Cold Night Shelter will operate at St Tim’s on Thursday or Friday, January 15-16, as temperatures are expected to drop. The Shepherd Center will take down the tables, set up their cots and reset the tables in the Fellowship Hall the following morning. All volunteers will be from the Shepherd Center Ada and others will be present to supervise.

In December, our boat sign was vandalized when the letters were rearranged in an objectional manner. Natalie contacted Global Sign & Awning (the vendor that repaired the sign after the hurricane) to obtain pricing for an acrylic protective cover. The quote cost was \$7,880. After discussion, the committee determined that the cost was excessive at this time. As an alternative deterrent, the mission board agreed to install two fake security cameras and monitor whether vandalism recurs. The matter will be brought back for reconsideration if additional vandalism occurs.

Motion: Install two fake cameras as a deterrent and reassess if vandalism continues. All were in favor.

Mike Mauzy has volunteered to help Kendra wherever he is needed.

The drainage problem in the kitchen has been fixed.

TREASURER’S REPORT – YTD December, 2025

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

YTD Income: \$540,478.31

YTD Expenses: \$492,794.49

YTD TOTAL SURPLUS/LOSS: \$47,683.82

Benevolence

YTD non pass through income: \$540,478.31

10% for Benevolence is: 54,047.83

Benevolence YTD spent: 47,654.55

Balance Remaining: **\$6,394.28**

Rick Johnson

January 14, 2026

BENEVOLENCE:

Love Fund:	\$2,000
Rise Against Hunger	\$2,000 (Rotary)
CAP	\$500 (Citizen for Alliance Program)
Head Start	\$500 (Tarpon Springs)
Luther Springs	\$1,394

Joyful Service Reports:

Welcoming – Working on Soup night for Lenten Services

Growing – Out of the Youth Group that meets on Mondays, 3 young adults would like to be baptised. 22 young adults from the Monday night group will attending our Luther Springs Retreat.

Managing - No new activity to report.

Community Garden - Mission Board engaged in an extensive discussion on establishing a community garden, sharing various ideas and considering potential costs. It was noted that a soil test is underway at the proposed site, with a cost of \$150.00 allocated for the test. The committee has not yet provided further updates or results regarding the soil test. The need for sustainability in the community garden project was emphasized by the board members. Peter will consult with Andrea to discuss and incorporate sustainability measures into the community garden plan.

Motion: To request a detailed plan for the community garden by April 15, 2026.

Motion was approved.

New Business:

The Spending Plan for 2026.

The Mission Board reviewed and discussed the proposed 2026 spending plan including the various budget line items. The Spending Plan will be presented at the Town Hall meeting on January 18, 2026. The Congregational meeting is on January 25, 2026.

Respectfully submitted

Carole Weaver, Secretary

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

Peter Hartmann, President adjourned the meeting at 8:30pm

Next Mission Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 11, 2026 @6:45pm

Devotion: Pastor Curt