

ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHURCH MOUSE
February 2021



Sunday, February 7, 2021
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Worship in Church or Drive In 10:00 am
Katie Castro

Sunday, February 14, 2021
Transfiguration of Our Lord
Worship in Church or Drive In With Communion 10:00 am
Ned Lindstrom

Sunday, February 21, 2021
First Sunday in Lent
Worship in Church or Drive In With Communion 10:00 am
Ned Lindstrom

Sunday, February 28, 2021
Second Sunday in Lent
Worship in Church or Drive In 10:00 am
Ned Lindstrom



***Join us for indoor worship or in the church parking lot
for the Drive In service***

Pastor's Ponderings (from February 2019)

Dear friends,

We are now past the time of the Christmas and New Year hustle and bustle, though it doesn't seem like it was that long ago. In February, we can relax in the time after Epiphany, the green season without any special festivals.

We don't see much green around us now as we look outside. As I write this today, everything is snow-covered. Green makes us think of growth, but I dare say that even under the snow, some growth continues whether it is hibernating bear cubs or baby birds.

How shall we grow? We know our bodies need nutritious food. Is there anything we can do to make ourselves grow spiritually? Ultimately, it is all God's work and yet we can be closer to and grow by virtue of time with God, reading scripture, praying and being in fellowship with our sisters and brothers in Christ. That's our spiritual food. Paul teaches that "only God...gives the growth" (1 Corinthians 3:7). However, Paul prayed for his beloved churches, asking that they "be filled with the knowledge of God's will...as [they] grow in the knowledge of God" (Colossians 1:9-10).

One aid in growth is Bible study. We can get a better handle on God's will as we study God's Word, especially with others. Join us at 11 on Sundays in my office. We're currently studying the Book of Acts. It is also a time that fosters prayer and fellowship. You'll have time to get a snack and some coffee, visit a bit and then join us.

Growth is good, but to what end? Is it just for ourselves? It is for the whole body of Christ so that we can serve each other, but not only each other. Paul also wrote, "¹⁵ But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love" (Ephesians 4:15-17). The love from God is nurtured among us and will overflow, touching those around us. We would explode if we tried to contain it all ourselves.

To help prevent exploding, let's share with each other what God has been up to in our lives. Periodically during worship, I will ask a question about where we see God at work or where did we find joy during the week or something else along that line. The first time we shared together like this, we got a great response. Be ready! You never know when you may get the nudge to share what God's been up to in your own life.

Pastor Ivy

St. Timothy Church Council

President- Kristie Bloomquist
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Kathy Carlson Tammy Haas
Linda Milks Pastor Ivy Gauvin

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Do you have questions or ideas for Council? Feel free to share them with any council member or write them down and leave in the office.



4 Pastor Ivy Gauvin	21 Tammy Haas
5 Judy Kelly	23 Donald Traynor, Jr
7 Laken Raynor	25 Jack Briggs
15 Debra Raynor	26 Trish Pecuch
16 Lucy Castro	

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For further information, see Kathy Carlson on Sundays or call her at 485-1316.





5 & 2 Ministry has increased its bin count to 90. Thank you to all who have supported this worthwhile ministry for our Bemus Point School children!

Fighting childhood hunger in our community one child at a time.

THANK YOU FOR CONTINUING TO SUPPORT OUR 5 & 2 MINISTRY!
The 5 & 2 Ministry Sub Committee



Prayer Requests: Pastor Ivy Gauvin, Ron Simpson, Karen Johnson, Roy Pihl, George and Janet Balcom, Maj-Britt Traynor, Beverly Klang, Trudy Fetzner, Thom Shagla, Matt Isaacson, Alice Swartz, Barb Mattern, Robert Gauvin, Rick Duzick, Emerson Allaby, Sarah Van Staalduinen and Dick Starks those serving in the military and law enforcement and their families, including Ben Wickerham, Jeffrey Clauson, David Bentley and Kris Peterson, those caught up in violence and war who have no safe home in which to live. For all children, that the love of Christ may reach them through all of us who have resources to love, protect, pray and provide for them.

Council Highlights

January 2021 Council Highlights:

- **New copier lease was approved and will be ordered.**
- **Nominations for 2 Council positions lasting for 3 years each:**
 - **Marty Hunt will run for her 2nd term**
 - **Kathy Carlson will run for a term after being off Council for 2 years.**
 - **Mary Lou Krott is ending her 3 year term. Thank you Mary Lou!**
- **Changes to the 2021 budget – Both Pastor Ivy and Gale declined pay increases for the upcoming year.**
- **Details for the Voting for the Annual Meeting were discussed.**

Monthly Readings

February 7, Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Readings and Psalm

[Isaiah 40:21-31](#)

The creator of all cares for the powerless

[Psalm 147:1-11, 20c](#)

The LORD heals the brokenhearted. (Ps. 147:3)

[1 Corinthians 9:16-23](#)

A servant for the sake of the gospel

[Mark 1:29-39](#)

The healing of Peter's mother-in-law

February 14, Transfiguration of Our Lord

Readings and Psalm

[2 Kings 2:1-12](#)

Elijah taken up to heaven and succeeded by Elisha

[Psalm 50:1-6](#)

Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth in glory. (Ps. 50:2)

[2 Corinthians 4:3-6](#)

God's light seen clearly in the face of Christ

[Mark 9:2-9](#)

Revelation of Christ as God's beloved Son

February 21, First Sunday in Lent

Readings and Psalm

[Genesis 9:8-17](#)

The rainbow, sign of God's covenant

[Psalm 25:1-10](#)

Your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness. (Ps. 25:10)

[1 Peter 3:18-22](#)

Saved through water

[Mark 1:9-15](#)

The temptation of Jesus in the wilderness for forty days

February 28, Second Sunday in Lent

Readings and Psalm

[Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16](#)

God blesses Abraham and Sarah

[Psalm 22:23-31](#)

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD. (Ps. 22:27)

[Romans 4:13-25](#)

The promise to those who share Abraham's faith

[Mark 8:31-38](#)

The passion prediction

Global Mission

By Marcia Brown, Mission Interpreter

DROUGHT IN CAMBODIA

Your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response helped La Phat stay in her home. She is a community leader in a village in Cambodia which is experiencing drought. The rice paddies have dried up, and there is not enough rain to support the corn, green bean, and sesame seed crops. Many left the village for cities to find work to support their families, but she had a better idea.

Working with longtime ELCA partner Life With Dignity, La Phat and members of the community designed training programs in risk mitigation, advocacy, alternative livelihood opportunities, and more. They dug ponds and obtained 20 plastic tanks to capture the little rain they do get. Five new wells are being constructed, and two old ones repaired. "We now have hope in this new venture."

Lutheran Disaster Response works all over the world to assist people after hurricanes and earthquakes, and during chronic problems such as drought and health crises. 100% of donations go to the response effort, because overhead is paid for by the ELCA. **Thank you!**

We are church together for the sake of the world. God's Work. Our Hands.

While Pastor Ivy is out, you can contact Pastor Heather Allport-Cohoon if there is a need for pastoral care. She can be reached at 716-708-6466.

Synodically Authorized Minister Ned Lindstrom will be leading worship and preaching on Sundays. He can be reached at 716-490-3820.

Katie Castro will be leading worship the 1st Sunday of each month until Pastor Ivy's return.



Ways to Help this Month:

- 5 & 2 donations. Lists of food items and sizes available on the church website.
- Bemus Point Food Pantry. Items needed are cereal, spaghetti noodles and spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, soups, canned fruit, applesauce, toilet paper, dish soap, shampoo and toothpaste. **Monetary donations are always welcome.** Contact Marty Hunt 720-0460 for donations and questions.
- Can tab collection: The Synod Assembly planning team has decided to DISCONTINUE with the collection of aluminum can tabs for THIS year.
- Honduras Promise Children Project needs new sponsors
- **Mailing in your weekly or monthly offering would be greatly appreciated for February if you haven't already done so.**

GRIEF

Please join Sarah Goebel for a 5 week Bible Study on Loss and Grieving starting Jan. 31 at 10:45 am. We will explore ways to heal and support one another through God's word. Call Sarah at 450-2986 if you have any questions.

Jesus Is My Valentine

Jesus is my Valentine;
I talk to Him each day.
He never, never leaves me;
and always listens when I pray.
Yes He is my Valentine;
there is no love like His.
He is the heart of all that is;
for Him I breathe and live.
He's a Valentine that never lies;
never hurts or breaks.
He always has forgiven me;
for all my past mistakes.
If you only knew my Valentine;
You would love Him too.
For His love is always perfect;
His love is always true.
So if your heart is longing;
for a love that never ends.
for someone that is faithful;
you know you can depend.
call upon my Valentine;
He'll wash away your sin.
He will be your Valentine;
and your dearest, dearest friend.

by: Susan Y Nikitenko
December 2008

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**January 2021 Annual Congregational Meeting
January 17 and 24, 2021**

The first part of the Annual meeting was held on Sunday, January 17th when the booklets were passed out to all in attendance. The booklets were also emailed to members so they could access them electronically. All had an opportunity to look them over and ask questions during the week.

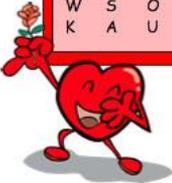
The voting part of the meeting was held on Sunday, January 24th immediately following worship. There were 21 people in attendance. Voting took place by having those inside the church raise their hands. Those in their cars were asked to honk their horns.

Pastor Ned Lindstrom started us in prayer. The following motions were voted on:

- **A motion to accept the minutes from last year's annual meeting: Passed**
- **A motion to unanimously vote in favor of Marty Hunt and Kathy Carlson for 3 year terms on council: Passed**
- **A motion to accept all the committee reports: Passed**
- **A motion to accept the proposed 2021 Budget: Passed**
- **A motion to adjourn the meeting: Passed**

Pastor Ned ended the meeting in prayer.

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*We have returned to
worshiping in the
sanctuary as well as
worshiping in our cars.*

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place: 3748 Rt. 430

Length: 30 minutes

WEAR YOUR MASKS

Coming inside? COME EARLY!

FEBRUARY 2021
WORSHIP AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES
AT ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH

	FEB 7	FEB 14	FEB 21	FEB 28	
Assistant Liturgist	Kristie Bloomquist	Kristie Bloomquist	Kristie Bloomquist	Sarah Goebel	
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ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH – FEBRUARY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 <i>Pastor Ivy Gauvin</i>	5 <i>Judy Kelly</i>	6
7 10:00 am Worship With Katie Castro Bible Study 10:40 am <i>Laken Raynor</i>	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 10:00 am Worship w/Communion Bible Study 10:40 am <i>♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥</i>	15  <i>Debra Raynor</i>	16 5&2 Packing 7 pm Cancelled <i>Lucy Castro</i>	17  ASH WEDNESDAY	18	19	20 <i>Church Council Meeting 10:00 am</i>
21 10:00 am Worship w/Communion Bible Study 10:40 am <i>Tammy Haas</i>	22	23 <i>Donald Traynor, Jr</i>	24	25 <i>Jack Briggs</i>	26 <i>Trish Pecuch</i>	27
28 10:00 am Worship Bible Study 10:40 am						

26 Praise God for being patient and loving toward us and for saving us in our desperation and darkness through the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

27 Pray for the ELCA Young Adult Ministry's work with young adults ages 18 to 30 and for leaders who facilitate young adult ministry in their communities of faith. Pray that young adults will find places in our communities of faith where they belong and ministries both at home and abroad where they can grow in faith, discern and use their unique gifts and passions, and engage in acts of service, justice and peace in the world.

28 We cannot fully comprehend God's ways or what Jesus has accomplished for our sake and salvation. Pray daily to be alert and receptive to what God is revealing to us and to how the Spirit stirs in us faith, wisdom and understanding.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

PRAYER VENTURES

FEBRUARY 2021

These petitions are offered as guides to prayer for the global, social and outreach ministries of the ELCA, as well as for the needs and circumstances of our neighbors, communities and world. Thank you for your continued prayers for the life and mission of this church.

1 Pray that the Spirit will guide, inspire and shape the Future Church structure being implemented in the churchwide organization to renew our sense of purpose and activate the entire church so that more people may know the way of Jesus and discover community, justice and love.

2 *Black History Month* Give thanks for the gifts, accomplishments, influence and witness of our African-descent neighbors who stand together with us as partners in the gospel, doing God's work in the world. Though unified as siblings in Christ, we ask God to guide and help our church in its commitment to socioeconomic equity and racial justice and reconciliation.

3 Give thanks for our freedom in Jesus Christ and pray that we might use that freedom to proclaim the glory of God and serve our neighbor in obedience to God's word, will and ways.

4 Pray for the children, youth and family ministry leaders of our church participating in the ELCA Youth Ministry Network Extravaganza, "Holding Loosely." Pray that they will grow and be strengthened for ministry through this time of spiritual renewal, continuing education, networking and mutual support.

5 Pray for ELCA Global Mission and for our ministry of accompaniment with churches, leaders, institutions and companion agencies in Asia and the Pacific region as we work together to grow the church, share the gospel, equip leaders, serve the needs of communities, address issues of development and justice, and assist with disaster preparedness and relief.

6 Ask God to help us listen to each other with respect and to address and heal the political and ideological divisions that discourage us from treating one another with love and concern as neighbors and siblings in Christ. Pray that the Spirit will unite us and lead us in the work we must do together for the well-being of our communities, nation and neighbors in need.

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7 Illness, oppression, desperation and spiritual darkness are no match for the healing and redemptive power of Jesus Christ, the Son of God and our Savior. Praise God!

8 Pray for all those who experience food insecurity across our nation and around the world. Ask God to help us envision how we can work together to bring relief and hope and to address the root causes of hunger and poverty.

9 Give thanks to God for people of all ages, cultures, races, life experiences and perspectives who are new to the ELCA. Pray that, as siblings in Christ, we will nurture and equip one another for participating in God's work in the world.

10 Give thanks and praise to God for God's abundant love, which "heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds."

11 Pray for our outdoor ministry organizations and their leaders as they continue to discern and plan for adapting their ministries during the pandemic – especially as they envision what this summer might bring.

12 Thank God for our special relationship with The Episcopal Church, a full communion partner with the ELCA since 1999. Pray for the church, its members and its leaders, and pray that together we will find strength and new resources for the work of sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor, especially in these uncertain and challenging times.

13 When have you felt proud, boastful or self-congratulatory for your ministry, witness or service to others? Ask God to forgive you and to refocus your attention on the good news and blessings of grace given to us through Jesus Christ, which we are called to share without bias, hesitation or expectation of recognition or reward.

14 We are not much different from Peter, James or John, who were unsure what they were witnessing when God's glory shined brightly in Jesus during his transfiguration. Pray for patience and for faith in God's promise, that we, too, will someday experience glory and joy in the kingdom of heaven.

15 Pray for our new U.S. president, vice president and members of Congress, that they will find strength, support and unity for their difficult work of serving a diverse nation. Ask the Spirit to help us guide, shape and embolden our culture and nation so that we practice justice, care for our neighbors in need, strive for truth and support our global neighbors.

16 Pray that when people witness our actions and hear our words, they will see the light of the gospel and the love of Jesus Christ in us and will be moved to believe in God's love, forgiveness and actions in the world today.

17 *Ash Wednesday* Someone tracing the sign of the cross on our forehead with ash speaks to our need for physical reassurance that God has done something special and mysterious in the world through the life, suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Speak to God about what this smudge of ash – the cross – means to you and says to people who notice it on your forehead.

18 Ask the Spirit to teach us humility and to remind us that God made us to care for one another, love one another, be generous with what we have and participate in God's good, reconciling work in the world.

19 Pray for families, caregivers and friends who cannot be physically present with hospitalized loved ones. Pray that we will support and comfort them through their time of separation and worry and reassure them of God's very real presence and love.

20 God knows our complexities, vulnerabilities and shortcomings yet still considers us with the wisdom of a fair and merciful judge. With a deep sigh of relief, lift up thanks and praise to God!

21 Renewed, claimed and sent forth through the word and the waters of baptism, we pray that our life in the Spirit will help us resist temptations that draw us away from God and God's ways and will keep us focused on our baptismal journey of faith, learning, service and sharing the good news.

22 Give thanks for everyone involved in the extensive effort to vaccinate people against COVID- 19 even as we work to prevent its spread and treat those who are ill. Pray that the hope and the emotional, spiritual and physical stamina of these workers will be sustained for the long haul.

23 Let our prayers and yearnings echo those of the psalmist who wrote, "Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation."

24 Pray that throughout Lent we will reflect on our faith, lives and endeavors with honesty and humility while trusting in God's grace to restore our spirit and to reassure us that we will always be disciples of Christ and loved children of God.

25 Remember in prayer the Deaconess Community of the ELCA. Give thanks and pray for women who respond to God's call to serve as deaconesses and who use their passions, spiritual gifts and education to serve in a wide variety of roles and ministry settings worldwide.