

**ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHURCH MOUSE
JANUARY 2024**



Sunday, January 7, 2024

Baptism of Our Lord

Worship in Church or Drive In With Communion 10:00 am

Pastor Ivy Gauvin

Sunday, January 14, 2024

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Worship in Church or Drive In 10:00 am

Pastor Ivy Gauvin

Sunday, January 21, 2024

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Worship in Church or Drive In With Communion 10:00 am

Pastor Ivy Gauvin

Sunday, January 28, 2024

4th Sunday after Epiphany

Worship in Church or Drive In 10:00 am

Pastor Ivy Gauvin

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



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

PASTOR'S PONDERING- By Pastor Ivy

It's still Christmas, my friends, and we'll be singing more hymns about Christ's birth throughout the twelve days of Christmas.

One that often comes to mind has a depressing title, "In the Bleak Midwinter." But when we get to the end, we have these wonderful, thought-provoking words:

What can I give him?
Poor as I am
If I were a shepherd
I would give a lamb
If I were a wise man
I would do my part
But what I can I give him
Give him my heart
Give him my heart

Evangelical Lutheran Worship #294

We don't have to be special or have extensive theological education in order to have a relationship with Jesus, and to give him our hearts. We've exchanged gifts with relatives and friends. Likewise, we've talked to those far away. We may heave a sigh of relief that Christmas is over or shed a tear that the precious time with loved ones has passed.

The greatest love of our lives, however, is with us throughout the year, even when we're feeling unwell, hurting, lonely, or scared, or when everything else has gone. Jesus sticks close to us. Our hearts are his. We have committed ourselves to our Lord.

But what I can I give him
Give him my heart
Give him my heart

I trust that you are yours all had a blessed Christmas
and a joyous New Year. May God guide us all in 2024.

In Christ's love,
Pastor Ivy



St. Timothy Church Council

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<i>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.</i>
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DECEMBER 2023 - COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- 5 & 2 Packing is well underway. We are now packing 904 bags each month. If you want to help, please contact Kathy, Kristie or Gale. Donations are always appreciated.
- We collected over 175 pairs of mittens and gloves to give to the children receiving 5&2 bags this year. The participants of our Healthy Bones classes were a big part of this and we are very thankful to them.
- This year Council voted to donate to Helping Hands and Love Inc. as a part of our community outreach.
- A big thank you to Trish Pecuch for helping us start up our Caring and Sharing ministry.
- The Annual Meeting date is set for Sunday, January 28th after worship. A brunch will be provided. Members and non-members are all welcome!



Prayer Requests: Ann Saar, Kay Marker Magneson, Roy Pihl, George Balcom, Thom Shagla, Adam Hull, Pastor Phil Roushey, Pastor Gerry Zimmerman (Bethel, Portville and Shepherd of the Valley, Wellsville), James Dieter, Marty Wittstrom, Sarah VanStaalduin, Joe Gauvin, Emerson Allaby, John Gingrass, those serving in the military and law enforcement and their families, including Christine Kaffka, Sean Pecuch, and Ben Wickerham, those caught up in violence and war who have no safe home in which to live.

ONLINE GIVING at St. Timothy for Debit/Credit cards

Three ways to give:

- Go directly to our website at www.sttimothybemus.com.
 - Use our QR code with the QR reader on your smartphone.
 - Download the app 'GivePlus Church'. Create an account.
- For further information, see Kathy Carlson on Sundays or call her at 485-1316.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

7 Teresa Fish

13 Martha Hill

11 Sarah Goebel

20 Steven Goebel

12 Thomas Bihler

24 Andrew Sloan



5 Loaves & 2 Fish Backpack Ministry

We continuously collect food items for the 5 & 2 Ministry. Bring your donations and place in the black bin in church narthex. Lists detailing items needed are also available in the narthex. Monetary donations welcome! Contact Gale-Svenson-Campbell for details gales1949@gmail.com

MONTHLY READINGS

Readings and Psalm

[Genesis 1:1-5](#)

God creates light God creates light

[Psalm 29](#)

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters. (Ps. 29:3)

[Acts 19:1-7](#)

Baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus

[Mark 1:4-11](#)

Revelation of Christ as God's servant

January 14, 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Readings and Psalm

[1 Samuel 3:1-10 \[11-20\]](#)

The calling of Samuel

[Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18](#)

You have searched me out and known me. (Ps. 139:1)

[1 Corinthians 6:12-20](#)

Glorify God in your body

[John 1:43-51](#)

The calling of the first disciples

January 21, 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Reading and Psalm

[Jonah 3:1-5, 10](#)

Repentance at Nineveh

[Psalm 62:5-12](#)

God alone is my rock and my salvation. (Ps. 62:6)

[1 Corinthians 7:29-31](#)

Living in the end times

[Mark 1:14-20](#)

The calling of the disciples at the sea

January 28, 4th Sunday after Epiphany

Readings and Psalm

[Deuteronomy 18:15-20](#)

The prophet speaks with God's authority

[Psalm 111](#)

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom. (Ps. 111:10)

[1 Corinthians 8:1-13](#)

Limits to liberty: the case of food offered to idols

[Mark 1:21-28](#)

The healing of one with an unclean spirit

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Healthy Bones Donates to 5 & 2 Ministry

A huge THANK YOU to the members of the Mon/Wed Healthy Bones exercise group for a second year in a row. The 5 & 2 Backpack Ministry provides bags of food to area students on Fridays throughout the school year. For the last 2 years, we have been able to provide a pair of gloves along with the food in December, thanks to donations of gloves and mittens by Healthy Bones members – and a little help from their St. Timothy friends. This year, 226 students will receive this gift of love!



SHARING IS CARING.



Caring and Sharing Ministry Returns



St. Timothy is excited to announce that the Caring and Sharing Ministry is starting up again under the guidance of Trish Pecuch. The goal this year will be to send a little token or basket to our shut ins on holidays to say, "Hi. We're thinking about you."

Our first basket of the new year will be for Valentine's Day. If you would like to be a part of this wonderful ministry, please contact:

Trish Pecuch – (716) 673-5510

Kristie Bloomquist – (716) 485-3931

Christmas Baskets were delivered in December through the efforts of the Caring and Sharing Ministry.



We are still collecting food and clothing for the Asheville Hewes Center Food/Clothing and Hygiene Closet. Below is a list of items they are requesting. Any donations can be brought to church and placed in our bin or hung on the Fellowship Hall coat rack!! THANK YOU!!

- Men's & Women's Clothing- casual, business & workwear
- t-shirts
- sweatshirts
- sweatpants
- leggings
- winter necessities- coats (casual & business), hats, gloves
- jeans - work jeans
- shoes & boots - casual & work footwear
- scrubs
- work outerwear - flannels, work coats, work gloves
- business apparel for job interviews or formal school & personal events
- women's and men's undergarments
- deodorant
- toothbrushes & toothpaste
- shampoo & conditioner
- body wash and soap
- hair brushes & combs & hair products
- lotion
- laundry detergent - preferably pods or smaller bottles to be sent home
- laundry stain remover
- feminine hygiene products
- reusable shopping bags
- backpacks
- travel bags (bags are for students to bring items home, discreetly)
- cosmetic bags
- clothing hangers

Easy Italian Meatball Soup for a Cold Winter Day



Ingredients

- 3 cups water
- 2 (14 ounce) cans diced tomatoes with onion and garlic, undrained
- 2 (14 ounce) cans beef broth
- 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
- 1 (16 ounce) package frozen cooked Italian-style meatballs
- 2 cups frozen Italian-blend vegetables
- 1 cup small star-shaped dried pasta
- ¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese

Directions

1. Stir water, tomatoes, beef broth, and Italian seasoning together in a large pot; bring to a boil.
2. Add meatballs, Italian-blend vegetables, and pasta to the pot; bring to a boil, reduce heat to medium-low, and cook until meatballs are heated through and the pasta is tender, about 10 minutes.
3. Ladle soup into bowls and garnish with Parmesan cheese.



Thank you so much for the generous Christmas gift from you all. I trust you had a blessed Christmas and New Year.

Peace,
Pastor Ivy

Thanks for my gift card and beautiful basket! I treasure all of you at St. Timothy and am so happy to be here! Marge Fiore

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