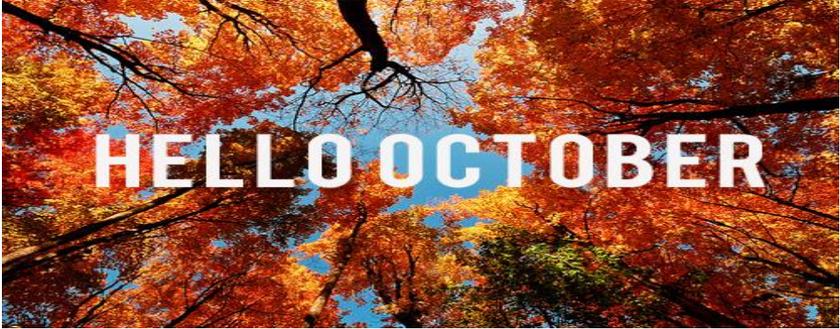


**ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
***CHURCH MOUSE***  
**October 2021**



**Sunday, October 3, 2021**  
**19<sup>h</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
Worship With Communion 10:00 am  
Frann Wilson

**Sunday, October 10, 2021**  
**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
Worship 10:00 am  
Katie Castro

**Sunday, October 17, 2021**  
**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
Worship With Communion 10:00 am  
Frann Wilson

**Sunday, October 24, 2021**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
Worship 10:00 am  
Pastor Ivy Gauvin

**Sunday, October 31, 2021**  
**Reformation Day**  
Worship 10:00 am  
Pastor Ivy Gauvin



## Pastor's Ponderings – by Pastor Ivy

### God's Love is Extravagant

It has been a long time since I have written to you in The Church Mouse. I've been thinking about this for a number of days. I should have something profound to share with you after the quiet times of these months of rehab. However, I find myself drawn back to the basics: God's love for us and our love for each other.

There is a song by the contemporary Christian group Casting Crowns that says:

Your love is extravagant.  
Your friendship, it is intimate.

The prophet Jeremiah expresses these thoughts in this way:

But this I call to mind,  
and therefore, I have hope:

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
his mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness (Lamentations 3:21-23).

Even during some dark days, God's steadfast, extravagant love and your prayers and love have kept me going and given me hope.

Make time in your busy day to listen to the Savior's voice whisper your name, "child of God, you are mine." In baptism God says, "child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever" (*ELW*).

Initially, I will be working 15 hours a week. After a month, I will be consulting with the doctor regarding an increase back to my regular hours. I'll be concentrating on visitation the first few weeks, transitioning to preaching and worship leadership being my primary responsibilities. You'll be hearing from me. I deeply feel the need to reconnect with all of you after this period of physical absence. Please know however, that you have not been absent from my thoughts and prayers.

Thank you for who you are and all that you do.

In Christ's abundant love,  
Pastor Ivy

## St. Timothy Church Council

*President- Kristie Bloomquist*  
*Vice President - Marty Hunt*  
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*Kathy Carlson Tammy Haas*  
*Linda Milks Pastor Ivy Gauvin*

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*Financial Secretary - Kathy Carlson*

*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.*



1 Allyson Saar	19 Greg Fish
2 Patricia Helfrich	22 Kathy Carlson
3 Kay Marker Magneson	22 Matt Isaacson
6 Genevieve Sellstrom	27 Dan O'Brien
14 Rose Johnson-Prieur	30 Kristie Bloomquist
15 Nathan Saar	30 Alexander Daniels

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- Go directly to our website at [www.sttimothybemus.com](http://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.*





## 5 Loaves & 2 Fish Backpack Ministry Gearing up for 21/22 School Year

It's time to start thinking about donating your time and/or items of food to the 5&2 Ministry at St. Timothy serving Bemus Point and Chautauqua students. We will resume packing on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month and would love to have you respond to Gale Svenson-Campbell if you are able to help.

[Gales1949@gmail.com](mailto:Gales1949@gmail.com)

We are also in need of **Slim Jim's and 1.5 oz bags of pretzels**. (Anything too much larger won't fit in the bag.)

As always, we're excited to start up for another school year.

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



Prayer Requests: Pastor Ivy Gauvin, Gene Heil, Roy Pihl, George Balcom, Beverly Klang, Trudy Fetzner, Thom Shagla, Matt Isaacson, Dave Bentley, Joe Gauvin, Tom DiMatteo, Emerson Allaby, Skip Anderson, Karen Brown and Sarah Van Staaldunin, and those serving in the military and law enforcement and their families, including Ben Wickerham, 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

## September Council Highlights:

- **Pastor Ivy is returning to work on Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Approval was given to Linda Richards and Mary Rollinger for use of Conference Room for Counseling sessions.**
- **Healthy Bones beginning in September and continues through to Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>**
- **St. Timothy will no longer be collecting bottles and cans for Youth Programs.**
- **5 & 2 Ministry – packing on third Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 pm. Donations are always needed. (Food and monetary)**
- **Adopt-a-Highway – Fall pick-up set for Saturday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am.**

## Monthly Readings

### October 3, 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

#### Readings and Psalm

[Genesis 2:18-24](#)

*Created for relationship*

[Psalm 8](#)

You crown us with glory and honor. (Ps. 8:5)

[Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12](#)

*God has spoken by a Son*

[Mark 10:2-16](#)

*Teaching on marriage*

### October 10, 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

#### Readings and Psalm

[Amos 5:6-7, 10-15](#)

*Turn from injustice to the poor, that you may live*

[Psalm 90:12-17](#)

So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. (Ps. 90:12)

[Hebrews 4:12-16](#)

*Approach the throne of grace with boldness*

[Mark 10:17-31](#)

*Teaching on wealth and reward*

### October 17, 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

#### Readings and Psalm

[Isaiah 53:4-12](#)

*The suffering servant*

[Psalm 91:9-16](#)

You have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation. (Ps. 91:9)

[Hebrews 5:1-10](#)

*Through suffering Christ becomes the source of salvation*

[Mark 10:35-45](#)

*Warnings to ambitious disciples*

### October 24, 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

#### Readings and Psalm

[Jeremiah 31:7-9](#)

*The LORD gathers the remnant of Israel*

[Psalm 126](#)

Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. (Ps. 126:5)

[Hebrews 7:23-28](#)

*Christ the merciful high priest*

[Mark 10:46-52](#)

*Christ healing the blind man Bartimaeus*

### October 31, Reformation Day

#### Readings and Psalm

[Jeremiah 31:31-34](#)

*I will write my law in their hearts, says the LORD*

[Psalm 46](#)

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. (Ps. 46:7)

[Romans 3:19-28](#)

*Justified by God's grace as a gift*

[John 8:31-36](#)

*Jesus says, Continue in my word and you will know the truth*



## 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 October if you haven't already done so.**

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.

## Supply Preacher Schedule

October	3 – Frann Wilson (Communion)
	10 – Katie Castro
	17 – Frann Wilson (Communion)
	24 – Pastor Ivy Gauvin
	31 - Pastor Ivy Gauvin

## TIMOTHY TIDBITS

Hello from St Timothy! Summer is winding down, we're transitioning back to our **regular worship service (30-40 minutes)** and a number of groups are using our facility once again. It has come to the attention of a few of our members that former members would like to know more about the people of St. Timothy and our activities. So, our **Timothy Tidbits** will have a rebirth, so to speak, in the monthly Church Mouse. If this is a positive addition for you, please let us know! **Katie Castro** has recently received her Masters in Strategic Leadership and her husband, **Javier**, received his US Citizenship last month! Congratulations to you both! **Pastor Ivy** has successfully had her last operation and is recovering nicely. We pray for her return in October. **Janet Balcom** passed away peacefully Sept 3. The family requests memorials to be made to St. Timothy. There will be no public services. Our **Bemus Point students** started school Sept 6! Pray for a good, healthy school year for all our school students and staff! **Marcy Saar's granddaughter, Amara Strudwick** was baptized Sunday, Sept 19...proud parents are Allyson and Davante. **Linnea Goebel** is moving to Athens, Greece for a year to study at the University of Athens for the Master's in Southeastern European Politics and Economics. Study hard! Just in... **Tammy Haas** will become a grandmother for the second time next May. How exciting, Tammy! **Arden Johnson** fell and is doing much better with family, nursed and PT caring for him. That's all for the September **TIDBITS**. Help keep us up to date with all your family news!



Amara Rose Strudwick was baptized Sunday, September 19 at St. Timothy. She is seen here with her parents, Davante and Allyson. Her sponsors are Nathan Saar and Tariq Strudwick.

# God's Work/Our Hands

## 5 Loaves and 2 Fish Backpack Ministry Continues to Grow

St. Timothy has been partnered with the 5 & 2 Ministry since its early days 3 years ago in 2018. We started as a Distribution Site to collect food donations, we've now grown to a Distribution and Packing Site with over 30 volunteers and packing over 300 bags of food a month for our Bemus Point Elementary and Chautauqua Lake Special Education students. What a blessing this has been!

The main 5 & 2 Ministry organization has also seen a great deal of growth throughout its inception in 2016, beginning with PreK-K grade levels at Clymer, Bemus Point and the GA Home and now serving Clymer UPK-6, Sherman UPK-6, Bemus UPK-4, Chautauqua Special Ed, Panama UPK-3 and Ring UPK-1. In 2020, they projected to send home nearly 20,000 bags and \$7,000 in snacks for Prendergast and Clymer-French Creek Library. They are currently looking at approximately **6000 more bags distributed to students this year than last year!!**

We are SO appreciative of everyone who has played such an important part of this wonderful, community-based program. From helping to get organized at St. Timothy, to donating food items and money, to spreading the word out into our community, to setting up food to pack, to packing bags, to unloading huge and heavy bins at the school. You've been there to fight childhood hunger in our community one child at a time and help to grow this vital program. God is Good.

THANK YOU!



Welcome to  
Linda Richards and Mary Rollinger

We are so happy to announce that Linda Richards and Mary Rollinger will be moving into our Conference Room for their Accelerated Resolution Therapy (ART) counseling. ART is a drug free therapy that can accomplish emotional healing, which otherwise would take months or years of therapy, in just one to five sessions. Accelerated Resolution Therapy enables clients to experience a rapid recovery from trauma and other mental health issues with long lasting results. Both Linda and Mary are Accelerated Resolution Therapy certified and AAMET Certified, EFT.

Welcome to St. Timothy, ladies!

More information about their program to follow

## FALL ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY PICKUP

St. Timothy is always looking for eager helpers for our Adopt-a-Highway spring/summer/fall trash pickup. It takes less than an hour with many people and we get appreciative thank yous along the way. This fall we're doing the pickup on **Saturday, October 16 at 9:30 a.m.**

Contact Kristie Bloomquist to volunteer at [kkbarn2@gmail.com](mailto:kkbarn2@gmail.com).

Thank you!



### **A Note from Pastor Ivy:**

The Southwestern Conference of the Upstate NY Synod will take place Sunday, October 17, 3:00 at Bethany Lutheran Church, Olean.

Thanks!

Pastor Ivy Gauvin

St. Timothy Lutheran Church

**OCTOBER 2021**  
**WORSHIP AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**  
**AT ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

	OCT 3	OCT 10	OCT 17	OCT 24	OCT 31
Guest Speaker/ Minister	Frann Wilson Communion	Katie Castro	Frann Wilson Communion	Ivy Gauvin	Ivy Gauvin
Assistant Liturgist	Tammy Haas	Kristie Bloomquist	Kristie Bloomquist		
Ushers/Greeters	Ginny Sloan Linda Milks	Marty Hunt Linda Milks	Marty Hunt Ginny Sloan	Linda Milks Ginny Sloan	Marty Hunt Linda Milks

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# ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH – OCTOBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					Allyson Saar	Pat Helfrich
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10:00 am Worship w/Communion Frann Wilson  Kay Marker Magneson			Genevieve Sellstrom		Ellery Sr Citizens 11:30 – 1:30	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
10:00 am Worship Katie Castro				Rose Johnson Prieur	Nathan Saar	Adopt-a-Highway 930 am
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
10:00 am Worship w/Communion Frann Wilson		5 & 2 Packing 7 pm  Greg Fish			Matt Isaacson Kathy Carlson	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
10:00 am Worship Pastor Ivy Gauvin			Dan O'Brien			Kristie Bloomquist Alexandra Daniels
31						
10:00 am Worship Pastor Ivy Gauvin						

27 The year-round outdoor ministries and retreat centers of our church provide opportunities for spiritual growth and renewal, leadership development and ministry with youth. Pray that they will flourish as they recover from and adapt to the impact of the lingering pandemic.

28 Praise God for the wisdom and intent of creating a wonderfully diverse humankind and world. Pray that we will respond with awe, respect and joyful thanksgiving.

29 “The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced” (Psalm 126:3). Give joy, praise and thanksgiving to God!

30 Pray for our neighbors who are, in increasing numbers, homeless or on the verge of becoming homeless. Give thanks for communities of faith that respond with food, shelter, clothing, social services and health care, and that work diligently to end homelessness.

31 *Reformation Day* The impact of Martin Luther and other reformers has special significance for the global community of Lutheran Christians. Give thanks that we are set free by the grace and light of God to grow, change, confess our flaws and failings, and ground our church anew in the word and truth of God in Jesus Christ.



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## PRAYER VENTURES

OCTOBER 2021

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*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 Remember in prayer countries or regions where there is conflict, civil unrest or violence, especially Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Myanmar and the Middle East. Pray that God will protect and care for people who endure conflict; have been displaced from their homes and nations; suffer loss, despair, persecution or trauma; and long for peace, healing and stability. Give thanks for the work we do together through Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, Lutheran Disaster Response, ELCA Witness in Society, ELCA World Hunger and our partner organizations.

2 Continue praying for people and communities impacted by recent hurricanes, flooding, severe weather and wildfires, and for those working to recover from natural disasters. Pray that all will find comfort, strength and hope in God's loving presence and in the response and support of caring neighbors, faith communities, disaster response volunteers, Lutheran Disaster Response, and the global community of siblings in Christ.

3 Give thanks for the teachings of Jesus that clarify God's desire for us to value, respect and accept people of all ages, genders and circumstances.

4 *Feast of Francis of Assisi (1181-1226)* Pray that we will greet each day with a sense of awe, gratitude and respect for creation, for the organisms and creatures that inhabit the earth, for our pets, and for humanity in all its diversity and complexity – the handiwork of God entrusted to our care and love.

5 Praise God for the gift of Jesus Christ – the Son of God, born as one of us and the “exact imprint of God's very being” (Hebrews 1:3) – who fulfills the promise of God's love and mercy and assures us of our salvation.

6 Pray for ELCA congregations and our work together to serve our neighbor, share the story of Jesus, create vibrant communities of faith and reflect the radiant light of God's love, grace and justice in the world.

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7 Pray for congregational leaders, laypeople and health care professionals participating in the Addiction & Faith Conference (“Awakening Faith Communities to Address Addiction”) in Bloomington, Minn., that they will be inspired and further equipped to care for people who struggle with addiction, as well as their loved ones.

8 We should be humbled to know that God has crowned us with glory and honor, especially given how insignificant we seem in the vastness of God’s creation. Give praise and thanks to God!

9 Pray for the planning team of the 2022 Multicultural Youth Leadership Event, which precedes the ELCA Youth Gathering and focuses on youth of color. Ask God to nurture an inclusive, Spirit-inspired community, that we might celebrate our cultures together in the church, embodying equity, diversity, mutuality and oneness in Christ.

10 Pray that the Word of God, example of Jesus and work of the Spirit will inspire, equip and guide us to be service-minded disciples bearing faith, hope, justice, peace and love into the world.

11 Give thanks for the bounty of autumn and the people who tend crops and orchards that nourish and sustain us. Pray that we will work together year-round in our communities to help our food-insecure neighbors find convenient, consistent, affordable sources of healthy food.

12 God, we ask you to teach us to appreciate life and see each day as an opportunity to do God’s work in the world – serving our neighbor, sharing our faith and expressing our gratitude for God’s steadfast love and compassion.

13 Pray for soldiers serving in places of conflict, returning home from deployment or recovering from injuries or trauma. Give thanks for the people who attend to their well-being and daily needs, especially chaplains serving in the U.S. military and in Veterans Affairs hospitals, and congregation members providing care and support for soldiers and their families.

14 Nothing is hidden from God, who knows our every thought, intention, desire and need. Give thanks for Jesus, the Son of God, who lived in the world with us and reassures us that, in every circumstance, God is approachable, full of grace, mercy and understanding.

15 Give thanks for women today and throughout church history who have served as reformers and leaders, helping ground our church, institutions and ministries in the good news of Jesus Christ and the work God calls us to do in the world.

16 Pray that the Spirit will strengthen our wisdom and skills that we might better steward our oceans, which influence weather, provide bountiful food, facilitate global trade and travel, and renew us with their beauty and power, reflecting God’s creative might.

17 Pray that, as siblings in Christ, we will encourage and assist one another in being diligent, empathetic and humble as we serve our neighbor throughout our baptismal journeys.

18 Pray that during this lingering pandemic the Spirit will guide us to show patience, exercise flexibility and care for our neighbor’s physical and spiritual well-being, and that it will inspire in us a spirit of sacrificial love and concern for one another, especially the most vulnerable.

19 Pray for our elders, who strengthen our congregations and ministries with their experience, wisdom and passion for doing God’s work in the world. Ask the Spirit to stir our creativity in reaching out to and engaging with elders who are homebound or in assisted-living facilities or senior communities.

20 Give thanks that in Christ we have a loving, patient teacher and a clear example of how to care for our neighbors in need and pursue justice, equity and healing in the world.

21 Give thanks that we can trust in God – our refuge, strength and hope in every circumstance.

22 Pray for the ELCA Innovation Lab, created to help our church respond to the opportunities and challenges of introducing more people to God’s grace in an ever-changing, increasingly complex world.

23 Praise God that our salvation doesn’t depend on who we are or what we do but comes to us as a gift of God’s love and forgiveness through the life, suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

24 Pray that our faith in Jesus Christ will reassure us that God’s grace, mercy and compassion can be trusted and that only God can truly transform us and make us whole.

25 Pray for the work and ministries of our global companions during this time when we cannot accompany them in person. Give thanks that the Spirit continues to strengthen our relationships as siblings in Christ through prayer, technology, generosity, advocacy and shared resources.

26 Give thanks for our siblings in Christ who write hymns and songs that reflect on our faith, Scripture and God’s work in the world, helping us express our daily joys, sorrows and concerns.