

**ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHURCH MOUSE
AUGUST 2023**

August

Sunday, August 6, 2023

10th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Pastor Ivy Gauvin

Sunday, August 13, 2023

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship in Church or Drive In 10:00 am

Pastor Ivy Gauvin

Sunday, August 20, 2023

12th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Guest Preacher - Pastor Dan Rumpfelt

Sunday, August 27, 2023

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship in Church or Drive In 10:00 am

Pastor Ivy Gauvin

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

***PASTOR'S PONDERING-* By Pastor Ivy**

Well, once again we tried to go on vacation again and this time, God did not laugh. We went to RI and spent the entire week visiting with friends and renewing relationships. It was a great vacation because it was about building relationships.

Another aspect of relationships is marriage. Ray and I have been married for 20 years this month. Like all couples, we have our ups and downs, but we are better people because of each other and our life together. I am grateful for Ray as my partner through life's journey.

If you do not have a spouse, do you have friends who can add to your life? Earlier this month, we committed our brother, Ron Simpson, into God's care as he became part of the church triumphant. We had communion together and I couldn't help but think of the various people that are part of the communion of saints, who have influenced each of us.

I hope you are finding renewal with God and one another during these days of summer, whether it be at nearby Chautauqua or other times of recreation.

As each of us goes forth in the world today, whether we are traveling or staying closer to home, let's remember this hymn and pray this for God's entire church:

Bind us together Lord
Bind us together

With cords that cannot be broken
Bind us Together Lord
Bind us together
Bind us together with love

There is only God
There is only one King
There is only one body
This is why we sing
(Hymn lyrics.org)

St. Timothy Church Council

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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.

- Council has started planning a Fall Picnic – September 10th – Mark your calendars – it’s going to be fun! And, of course, THERE’S FOOD!



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



Prayer Requests:

Dianne Sloan, Kay Marker Magneson, Roy Pihl, George Balcom, Thom Shagla, Lianne Edborg, Marty Wittstrom, Sarah VanStaalduin, Charlene Hunter, Joe Gauvin, Emerson Allaby, Karen Brown, John Gingrass, those serving in the military and law enforcement and their families, including Christine Kaffka 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.



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- 6 Marilyn Erickson
- 9 Chrissy Sellstrom
- 11 Mary Peterson
- 12 Ben Wickerham
- 17 Jessica Goebel

- 29 Ann McKillip
- 29 Debra Daniels
- 29 Don Anderson
- 30 Adam McKillip

MONTHLY READINGS

August 6, 10th Sunday after Pentecost,

Reading and Psalm

[Isaiah 55:1-5](#)

Eat and drink that which truly satisfies

[Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21](#)

You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. (Ps. 145:16)

[Romans 9:1-5](#)

The glory of God's people Israel

[Matthew 14:13-21](#)

Christ feeding five thousand

August 13, 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Readings and Psalm

[1 Kings 19:9-18](#)

The LORD speaks to Elijah on Mount Horeb

[Psalm 85:8-13](#)

I will listen to what the LORD God is saying. (Ps. 85:8)

[Romans 10:5-15](#)

Hearing and confessing the word of faith

[Matthew 14:22-33](#)

Jesus walking on the sea

August 20, 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Reading and Psalm

[Isaiah 56:1, 6-8](#)

A house of prayer for all peoples

[Psalm 67](#)

Let all the peoples praise you, O God. (Ps. 67:3)

[Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32](#)

God's mercy to all, Jew and Gentile

[Matthew 15:10-20| 21-28](#)

The healing of the Canaanite woman's daughter

August 23, 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Readings and Psalm

[Isaiah 51:1-6](#)

The enduring foundation of God's salvation

[Psalm 138](#)

O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever. (Ps. 138:8)

[Romans 12:1-8](#)

One body in Christ, with gifts that differ

[Matthew 16:13-20](#)

The profession of Peter's faith

Please keep us up to date on Family News!



AUGUST

Poor August, the only month without holidays! Still, there's lots to celebrate these final weeks of summer. Enjoy some summer flavors: August 1 is National Raspberry Cream Pie Day; August 2, National Ice Cream Sandwich Day; August 3, National Watermelon Day; August 10, National S'mores Day (have a bonfire!); and August 24 is National Peach Day.

AND...don't forget to celebrate God's precious gifts of friends — National Friendship Day is the first Sunday in August; creation — Global Sleep Under the Stars Night is August 8 (prime time for meteor showers!); laughter — National Tell a Joke Day is August 16; and the opportunity to put God's love into action by serving others — on August 22, National Be an Angel Day, or August 28, National Thoughtful Day, and, for that matter, every day of the year — holiday or not.

AUGUST 2023
WORSHIP AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES
AT ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH

	AUGUST 6	AUGUST 13	AUGUST 20	AUGUST 27	
Assistant Liturgist	Sarah Goebel	Tammy Haas	Kristie Bloomquist	Trish Pecuch	
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ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH AUGUST 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Chq Dog Training 6pm	2		4	5
6 10:00 am Worship w/Communion Coffee Hour Marilyn Erickson	7	8	9 Chrissy Sellstrom	10 Tai Chi 9:30 am 12:00 pm	11 Mary Peterson	12 Ben Wickerham
13 10:00 am Worship Coffee Hour Worship and Music Mtg.	14 Pastor Ivy vacation this week	15	16	17 Tai Chi 9:30 am 12:00 pm Jessica Goebel	18	19
20 10:00 am Worship w/Communion Pastor Dan Rumfelt Coffee Hour	21	22	23	24 Tai Chi 9:30 am 12:00 pm Picnic Committee	25	26
27 10:00 am Worship Coffee Hour	28	29 Ann McKillip Debra Daniels Don Anderson	30 Adam McKillip	31 Tai Chi 9:30 am 12:00 pm		

28 Many seasonal workers are heading home, back to school or toward new employment. Give thanks for their work and service throughout the summer; pray that they will find employment, housing and benefits that sustain them and their families; and pray that their spirits will be renewed and sustained in welcoming communities of faith.

29 Praise God for the diverse gifts of our siblings in Christ. Give thanks that our unique gifts and abilities intersect to spread the gospel, serve our neighbors in need, and grow and strengthen our communities of faith.

30 Remember in prayer students who live with a range of physical, cognitive and emotional disabilities. Pray that they will receive caring and skilled support, affirmation of their gifts and abilities, and inclusion and encouragement in our congregations.

31 Give thanks for our church's history of affirming the value of lifelong education. Give thanks for teachers who nurture faith, teach life skills and help people of all ages use their gifts and passions to serve neighbors in need and do God's work in the world.

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 “I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:38-39). What a powerful message of love and hope for us to embrace throughout life and proclaim far and wide. Praise God!

2 Pray for ELCA Justice for Women and its partners as they help our church and society address sexism, work for gender justice, advocate for change and encourage people of all genders to work together.

3 Pray for an end to the wildfires across Canada and for the relief of all people and communities affected. Give thanks for the selfless service of firefighters in Canada and from more than 10 other nations, including the United States, as they work together to protect life and respond to this widespread natural disaster.

4 Pray for the elected leaders of our nation, that they will discern what is right and good and serve all people, without prejudice.

5 Pray for an end to the Russia-Ukraine War, the conflict in Sudan and political unrest in other nations. Ask God to help us value and respect one another, exercise compassion and generosity, and find ways to work together to address common problems and challenges.

6 How can we balance our needs against those of our neighbors? Pray that we will learn to care for ourselves without compromising our compassion and generosity toward those in need.

7 Pray for teachers, school staff and administrators in public and faith-based schools as they prepare for a new academic year. Give thanks that they have chosen a vocation of service, education and care for children and youth of all backgrounds and abilities.

8 Pray for refugees around the world displaced and unsettled – sometimes for years – as a result of war and violence, natural disaster, economic crisis, changing climate and ethnic or political persecution.

9 Remember in prayer children, youth and adults impacted by outdoor ministry experiences; pray that they will return to their homes, congregations, schools and communities with rekindled faith, confidence and enthusiasm to serve their neighbors in need.

10 Ask the Spirit to prompt us, throughout our busy days, to pause and behold God's presence and attentive love.

11 Pray for church leaders and volunteers who prepare fall programs and community ministries in congregations across the country, that their efforts will bear abundant fruit, spread the good news of Jesus Christ, strengthen the faith of people of all ages and serve the diverse needs of our neighbors.

12 *International Youth Day* Join siblings in Christ around the world in praying for young people, giving thanks for their gifts and contributions, and lifting up their concerns and suffering.

13 "Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid" (Matthew 14:27). Amid fear, loneliness and shaken faith, turn to God in prayer and trust that God is present and attentive to whatever is going on in our lives and the world.

14 Give thanks for nurses, who care for the needs of body, mind and spirit. Lift up the names of nurses in your congregation, in other Lutheran congregations and in other faith communities. Pray for the Lutheran Faith Community Nurse Association and its work to equip faith-community nurses and to foster health and wellness ministries in congregations.

15 Remember in prayer and give thanks for ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) volunteers serving with our companion churches in Senegal, the United Kingdom, Argentina/Uruguay and Jerusalem/West Bank.

16 Give thanks for God's amazing ways of getting our attention, from the earth-shaking to the silence Elijah experienced on a mountaintop.

17 Pray that, through Scripture and the example of Jesus, we will learn to be generous with our time, money, resources and lives for the sake of our neighbors in need, supporting special ministries and the growth of our church.

18 Pray for strength and faith to proclaim boldly our redemption through faith alone, independent of our work, saying the right words or living a good life.

19 Ask the Spirit to give us wisdom and discipline to care for wildlife and natural resources, for the well-being of creation and humankind.

20 Pray that our Lutheran theology, traditions and practices will not present obstacles for our neighbors and people from other faith traditions. Ask the Spirit to guide what we do and say so that we communicate our faith clearly and simply, reflecting God's boundless love and forgiveness and demonstrating respect for our neighbor.

21 Pray for companion synod relationships, which connect ELCA synods and congregations with international companions, enabling them to nurture and strengthen one another for life and ministry through prayer, study, communication, exchange of visitors and sharing of resources.

22 Pray for people of all ages and backgrounds who struggle with addiction, recovery and sobriety; pray that they will find effective immediate and long-term assistance and that they will have supportive and nonjudgmental people and communities to turn to – including us.

23 "How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1). It is human nature to notice how we are different from one another. Pray for the courage to trust in the new selves we receive in Christ and for the wisdom to recognize the blessings of living in unity.

24 Pray for the work of synod bishops, staff and volunteers as they equip and encourage church leaders and congregations in diverse contexts to share the good news of Christ, invite others to believe and follow, and respond with compassion and empathy to neighbors in need – no matter how complex those needs might be.

25 Pray that we will be wise, just and responsible in developing and using technology and will recognize that our faith, curiosity, intellect and creativity are gifts from God, to be used for the well-being of all people and for God's glory.

26 Give thanks for the six Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service welcome centers across the country, which provide asylum-seekers with case management, health care and counseling, legal assistance, school enrollment for children and youth, and emergency food, housing and financial assistance.

27 "[Jesus] asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?'" (Matthew 16:13). Who do you say that Jesus is? Ask the Spirit to further reveal to us, through Scripture and personal witness, who Jesus is, especially when we are unsure or are reaching for words to express our faith.