

ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHURCH MOUSE
August 2022



Sunday, August 7, 2022
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Worship With Communion 10:00 am
Pastor Ivy Gauvin

Sunday, August 14, 2022
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Worship 10:00 am
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Sunday, August 21, 2022
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Worship With Communion 10:00 am
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Sunday, August 28, 2022
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Worship 10:00 am
Pastor Ivy Gauvin



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

Pastor's Pondering:

How's your summer going? Are you drinking in the sunshine, thanking God for it? Are you enjoying splashing in the water, either lake or pool? I go to the Boys' and Girls' Club pool in Jamestown 2-3 times a week and I thoroughly enjoy my time in the water, or as Ray calls it, "synchronized splashing."

While in or using water in any way, Martin Luther taught we should remember our baptism. What does this mean? "Often, for Lutherans, part of remembering our baptism each day is a way of daily dying and rising, confessing and hearing again God's words of forgiveness. We also sometimes call it, 'Walking Wet.' This is a way of life, where we regularly remember who we are as baptized children of God, washed of our sins, welcomed into the family of God, and sent forth to serve and to follow Jesus in this world as we share that grace God has given us with others" (elca.org). Here's a [link](#) to an article that has some neat ideas about ways to remember our baptisms.

Luther recommends that when we wash our faces, we remember that Christ has washed away our sins, just as soap and water cleanse the dirt from our faces. That happened for us when we were baptized. In the pool, when the water washes over me, I think of God's love washing over me. Then I think of all God has done for each of us in Christ in baptism.

We have been privileged to have a couple of baptisms already this year, and a third is just around the corner. This too presents an opportunity to reflect on our own relationship with God as individuals and as a community of faith.

It's much easier to think about our relationship with God on beautiful, sunny days, isn't it? I get excited each evening when we have a glorious sunset. One friend talks to God about it when she experiences rainbows, sunrises, sunsets and such things, saying, "Now you're just showing off!" I love the particularly intimate relationship she has with our God.

In some of our families, big changes are happening this month. For us, our granddaughter, Grace, leaves on the fourteenth to move to Charlotte,

NC to begin college at UNC Charlotte. This is a seemingly unbelievable milestone. How did she get so big? We all have these experiences with our nieces, nephews, children and grandchildren. We commit all our graduates to God's care as they spread their wings and move on to their next stage of life.

May God bless and keep you this summer in your recreation and rest and work and play.

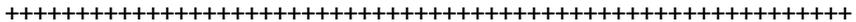
God's peace,
Pastor Ivy



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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

20-Darlene Turnquist
29-Ann McKillip
29-Debra Daniels
29-Don Anderson
30-Adam McKillip



Dearest St. Timothy family,

Our celebration on Sunday, July 10 was heartwarming and humbling. Not only was it a pleasure to have Bishop Lee Miller II with us, but I was greatly moved by your love as we celebrated together the 10th anniversary of my ordination. I love the cross, which fits so nicely with clerics. Thank you also for the check.

I hold each of you close to my heart and give thanks to God for you. "I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus" (1 Cor. 1:4).

May the peace of Christ be yours always,

Pastor Ivy



St. Timothy Church Council

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

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- Treasurer - Julie Bihler*
 - 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.

June 2022 Council Highlights:

There was no Council meeting in July, but I want to thank everyone who took part in Pastor Ivy's 10th Anniversary Celebration.

- o Special thanks to Bishop Lee Miller II for visiting St. Timothy and leading our worship.
- o Thanks to Gale for all the wonderful music.
- o Thanks to Adam McKillip for sharing his musical talents with us.
- o Thanks to the choir for singing.
- o Thanks to Ginnie Sloan and the members of the Social Committee for the delicious food at the coffee hour.
- o Thanks to Trish and Bob Pecuch for the beautiful banner and the adorable little sheep with chocolate inside.
- o Thanks to Sarah for arranging all the flowers.
- o Thanks to our ushers: Marty and Linda
- o Thanks to all the Council members who helped with all the planning



Mary Peterson, Kay Marker Magneson, Roy Pihl, George Balcom, Trudy Fetzner, Thom Shagla, Norm Wolff, Sarah VanStaalduin Stephen Gilboy, Roger Samuelson, Charlene Hunter, Joe Gauvin, Emerson Allaby, Karen Brown, Tom West, John Alm, Eileen Beichner, John Gingrass, 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.

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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.



◆ Mailing in your weekly or monthly offering would be greatly appreciated for July, if you haven't already done so.

Monthly Readings and Psalms

Sunday, August 7, Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

[Genesis 15:1-6](#)

God's promise of a child for Abram and Sarai

[Psalm 33:12-22](#)

Let your lovingkindness be upon us, as we place our hope in you. (Ps. 33:22)

[Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16](#)

A model for us: Abraham's faith in a new home given by God

[Luke 12:32-40](#)

God will give you the treasure of the kingdom; sell all that you have

Sunday, August 14, Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

[Jeremiah 23:23-29](#)

God's word is like fire, like a hammer that breaks rocks

[Psalms 82](#)

Arise, O God, and rule the earth. (Ps. 82:8)

[Hebrews 11:29--12:2](#)

The faith of the Hebrew people, a great cloud of witnesses

[Luke 12:49-56](#)

Jesus brings fire on earth and has a baptism with which to be baptized

Sunday, August 21, Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

[Isaiah 58:9b-14](#)

Do not trample the sabbath, but feed the hungry

[Psalms 103:1-8](#)

The LORD crowns you with mercy and steadfast love. (Ps. 103:4)

[Hebrews 12:18-29](#)

You have come to the city of the living God and to Jesus

[Luke 13:10-17](#)

Jesus heals a crippled woman on the sabbath and is condemned

Sunday, August 28, Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

[Proverbs 25:6-7](#)

Do not put yourself forward

[Sirach 10:12-18](#) (alternate)

Judgment upon the proud

[Psalms 112](#)

The righteous are merciful and full of compassion. (Ps. 112:4)

[Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16](#)

God is with us: let acts of mutual love continue

[Luke 14:1, 7-14](#)

An image of God's reign: invite the poor, crippled to your banquet



**Baptism of Manuel Creed
Strudwick – July 17, 2022**

Parents: Allyson Saar and Davante
Strudwick

Sponsors: Taylor Norris and Terverius
Strudwick.

Women's ELCA
Niagara Frontier & Southwestern Conference



*Spiritual Renewal ~
Centered
in
Prayer*

Saturday, October 1, 2022

at

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

6160 Route 242E, Ellicottville, New York 14731

Program presented by

Contemplative Outreach Buffalo

9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

~ Closing Worship - 2:45 PM ~

Cost: \$10.00

~ Luncheon provided ~

Registration Deadline September 21, 2022

~ Registration forms available by contacting ~

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AUGUST, 2022
WORSHIP AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES
AT ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH

	AUGUST 7	AUGUST 14	AUGUST 21	AUGUST 28	
Assistant Liturgist	Kathy Carlson	Kristie Bloomquist	Tammy Haas	Sarah Goebel	
Ushers/Greeters	Marty Hunt Linda Milks	Ginnie Sloan Marty Hunt	Ginnie Sloan Linda Milks	Marty Hunt Linda Milks	

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ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH AUGUST, 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Marilyn Erickson
7 10:00 am Worship w/Communion	8	9 Chrissy Sellstrom	10	11 Mary Peterson	12 Ellery Senior Citizens 11:30 – 1:30 Ben Wickerham	13
14 10:00 am Worship 4:00 pm Thrivent 5 & 2 Coffee	15	16	17 Jessica Goebel	18	19	20 Darlene Turnquist
21 10:00 am Worship w/Communion Council following Worship	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 10:00 am Worship	29 Ann McKillip Debra Daniels Don Anderson	30 Adam McKillip				

24 Express awe, reverence and thanks for the new covenant God has made with humanity and sealed in Jesus Christ, an enduring covenant of unconditional love, forgiveness and restoration of our relationship with God.

25 Pray for students beginning the new school year, especially those feeling uncertain, hesitant, insecure or fearful. Ask the Spirit for opportunities to care for students with tutoring, mentoring, counseling, family support and safe programs before and after school.

26 “The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love” (Psalm 103:8). Bless the Lord and give thanks!

27 The end of summer is a time of transition for many people in seasonal jobs. Pray that they will be appreciated for their skills and service, find employment and housing, have consistent and affordable access to insurance and health care, and be welcomed and supported by communities and congregations wherever they go.

28 Pray that we might not rate ourselves above others because of their life circumstances, race, ability, appearance, education, income, religion, social status or political affiliation. Ask the Spirit to fill us with respect, thoughtfulness and compassion for our neighbor, no matter who they are.

29 Remember in prayer teachers, classroom assistants, student teachers, counselors, coaches, school staff and school administrators. Ask the Spirit to sustain their enthusiasm and inspire their wisdom, creativity, patience and concern for students and their parents.

30 Paul’s instructions to the Hebrews couldn’t be more timely: “Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it” (Hebrews 13:1-2). Pray that we will turn to Scripture and the wisdom shared by our communities of faith for guidance on how to live and serve our neighbors in these times of deep division and conflict.

31 Pray that the fall programs and community ministries of our congregations will flourish, welcome guests, inspire faith, spread the gospel, respond to our neighbors’ needs and equip people for doing God’s work in the world.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

PRAYER VENTURES

— AUGUST 2022 —

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 for musicians and worship leaders as they develop and broaden their skills and explore existing and new worship resources at the Augsburg Fortress Summer Music Clinics.

2 Pray that we will look to God’s wisdom as we ponder the world, our purpose in life and how we might live with one another in global community.

3 Give thanks to God for the ELCA International Leadership Development Program, which provides financial support for the short- and long-term academic training of established and emerging leaders in global companion churches and institutions.

4 “Now you must get rid of all such things – anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another” (Colossians 3:8-9a). Give thanks that, through our baptism and the ceaseless work of the Spirit, we are being transformed in every way to reflect the image of God in which we were created.

5 Pray for the leadership, wisdom and well-being of our presiding bishop, Elizabeth A. Eaton, as we and our siblings in Christ try to unify this church in a world of ever-evolving complexity, conflict and division.

6 Give thanks for the chance to combat hunger around the world through ELCA World Hunger’s Global Farm Challenge, and for the generous donors matching our gifts to reach the fundraising goal of \$525,000.

7 Praise God that we find our true treasure in God’s love and mercy given through Jesus Christ, a relationship that endures for all eternity.

This resource may be copied and shared among members and friends of the congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Contact info@elca.org for additional information. Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, 8765 W. Higgins Road, Chicago, IL 60631-4101. Telephone: 800-638-3522, ext. 2458.

8 Pray for voting members, leaders, guests and staff of the churchwide organization participating in the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Columbus, Ohio. Ask the Spirit to guide and inspire their decision-making and spiritual discernment together on behalf of the entire church and to strengthen and unify them for doing God's work in the world.

9 *International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples* There are over 476 million Indigenous people living in 90 countries around the world. They have unique languages, traditions, cultures, knowledge systems, worldviews and systems for governing themselves. Pray that we will value them as children of God; respect their rights, freedoms, dignity and lands; and ensure their right to participate fully in political and economic activities. With repentant hearts, ask God's forgiveness for our harmful and unjust actions and policies throughout history, for taking what was not ours, and for forcing our own language, culture, religious beliefs, worldview and authority upon Indigenous peoples. Pray that we will work to rectify injustices and inequities, develop new relationships of trust and respect, and do the work necessary for reconciliation and healing.

10 Ask the Spirit to bolster us in praying for worldwide peace and reconciliation and in supporting people, ministries and organizations committed to making peace, providing relief, bearing hope and defending the vulnerable.

11 Pray that God will equip, inspire and sustain new synod bishops for serving in diverse contexts across the ELCA, and pray that they will find support, care and encouragement for their ministry and personal lives.

12 *International Youth Day* Give thanks for the gifts, wisdom and perspectives of youth around the world, and remember in prayer young people who live in areas of war and conflict, suffer poverty and hunger, long for educational opportunities, provide care for their siblings and parents, and live in hope for a better future.

13 Remember in prayer and give thanks for nurses, who use their gifts and skills in global mission, responding to disasters and serving their communities. Pray for the Evangelical Lutheran Parish Nurse Association and its work supporting and equipping parish nurses, helping congregations develop new health ministries and encouraging people to pursue nursing as a vocation.

14 Followers of Christ can suffer criticism and opposition. Ask God for courage, boldness and patience to share the gospel and serve our neighbors in need; pray that, when people oppose or criticize us, the Spirit will give us the confidence to respond with respect, love and humility.

15 Give thanks to God that, following a two-year pause due to COVID-19, Young Adults in Global Mission will send 25 new volunteers into the world to serve alongside our global companions and churches.

16 Ask God to help us discern between those who speak and teach God's word faithfully and those who deceive others by preaching and prophesying for personal gain, recognition or power.

17 Give thanks for the chance to enjoy the awe and beauty of God's creation in wilderness areas and city, state and national parks. Pray that, working together, we will make these treasures more accessible to people of all ages, abilities and economic circumstances.

18 Remember and give thanks for people now and throughout history who have inspired and strengthened our faith, helped us to understand God's word and ways, encouraged our service and witness in the world, and influenced our lives and actions through their fearless pursuit of justice and healing for all people.

19 Give thanks for the gifts, leadership, service and generosity of the laity of our church, who respond to God's call to serve our communities of faith, our society and our world.

20 Pray for companions and care providers who help people deal with illness, disability or the demands of aging. Ask that they will find the spiritual, physical and emotional strength necessary for their work, and that they will be renewed by rest, sabbath, self-care and the support they receive from others.

21 Ask God for forgiveness when, intentionally or not, we have discouraged total inclusion and involvement of all people in the church or society. Pray for an open mind and a willingness to listen to the stories and needs of those who are excluded or feel unwelcome; ask the Spirit to unite us in changing our practices, traditions, facilities and institutions to remove all barriers and deterrents to full inclusion and participation.

22 Pray for the young people gathering from a variety of backgrounds, churches and geographic regions for the World Council of Churches Stewards Program assembly in Germany. Ask God to bless their time together, nurture ecumenical unity and understanding, and inspire them to bring their experiences and ecumenical enthusiasm back home to their local contexts.

23 Give thanks for the ministry of the Christian Education Network of the ELCA, which supports and encourages professional and volunteer leaders who advance lifelong faith-formation ministries through congregations and partner organizations.