

ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHURCH MOUSE
February 2022



Sunday, February 6, 2022
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Worship in Church or Drive In With Communion 10:00 am
Pastor Ivy Gauvin

Sunday, February 13, 2022
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
Worship in Church or Drive In 10:00 am
Pastor Ivy Gauvin

Sunday, February 20, 2022
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
Worship in Church or Drive In With Communion 10:00 am
Pastor Ivy Gauvin

Sunday, February 27, 2022
Transfiguration of Our Lord
Worship in Church or Drive In With Communion 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***

Dear friends,

We are living today in an in-between time—the time after what was “normal” and the time before what’s “next.” The Coronavirus changed everything for us—from how we relate to people, to how we worship, to how we work. It makes us wonder if this is really our life and how we got here.

The time of Epiphany is also an in-between time—after Christmas, yet before Lent and Easter. It is a time of revelation. The word “epiphany” means unveiling or revealing. The observance of Epiphany is always on January 6, celebrating the three kings coming to see the Christ child, yet we are still in the church season of the time after Epiphany.

Have you ever experienced a sudden understanding or deeper knowing of your faith? Perhaps you knew a quiet peace during a difficult time that you just couldn’t explain. Somehow you knew you would be ok and everything would work out.

For us as God’s people, it all boils down to relationship: relationship with God, relationship with one another and relationship to our world. It is only out of relationship that we can carry on day after day. The last couple of years have been exhausting on so many levels. Life is hard. I don’t know about you, but I just cannot manage without the love of Christ to carry me through.

The best part is, we don’t have to go it alone. We have the family of God to journey with us. I don’t mean simply the members of St. Timothy, or other Lutherans, but all of God’s family that accompany us on the journey.

Together we can impact our world with the good news of God’s love: in our praying, in our giving, in our doing. I want to thank each and every one of you for who you are and all that you do. Together we are church for the life of the world.

In Christ’s love,

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

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.



February

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

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



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 3rd Tuesday of the month and would love to have you Fighting childhood hunger in our community one child at a time.



Prayer Requests: Gene Heil, Rose

Johnson-Prieur, Adam McKillip, Roy Pihl, George Balcom, Trudy Fetzner, Thom Shagla, Debbie Anderson, Maria Fred, Charlene Hunter, Nancy Purcell, Dave Bentley, 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.

ANNUAL MEETING

- The Annual Meeting took place on January 23.
- Nomination for 1 Council Representative: Marcy Saar for a second- 3 year term and passed.
- The committee reports and budget was passed.
- The Council president thanked the committee members, council members, assistant liturgists, ushers, music director, choir and band members, church treasurer, financial secretary, and Pastor Ivy for all their dedications and efforts.

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.



MONTHLY READINGS

February 6, Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Readings and Psalm

[Isaiah 6:1-8 \[9-13\]](#)

Isaiah says, Here am I; send me

[Psalm 138](#)

I will bow down toward your holy temple. (Ps. 138:2)

[1 Corinthians 15:1-11](#)

I am the least of the apostles

[Luke 5:1-11](#)

Jesus calls the disciples to fish for people

February 13, Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Readings and Psalm

[Jeremiah 17:5-10](#)

Blessed are those who trust the LORD, they are like trees by water

[Psalm 1](#)

They are like trees planted by streams of water. (Ps. 1:3)

[1 Corinthians 15:12-20](#)

Christ has been raised, the first fruits of those who have died

[Luke 6:17-26](#)

Jesus speaks blessings on the poor and hungry; woes on the rich and full

February 20, Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Readings and Psalm

[Genesis 45:3-11, 15](#)

Joseph forgives his brothers

[Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40](#)

The lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace. (Ps. 37:11)

[1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50](#)

The mystery of the resurrection of the body

[Luke 6:27-38](#)

Love your enemies

February 27 Transfiguration of Our Lord

Readings and Psalm

[Exodus 34:29-35](#)

Coming down from Mount Sinai, Moses' face shone

[Psalm 99](#)

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD; worship upon God's holy hill. (Ps. 99:9)

[2 Corinthians 3:12--4:2](#)

With unveiled faces we see the Lord's glory as we are transformed

[Luke 9:28-36 \[37-43a\]](#)

Jesus is transfigured on the mountain



WAYS TO HELP

5 & 2 Donations. List of food items and sizes are available on the church website. <https://www.sttimothybemus.com>

Bemus Point Food Pantry. Items needed are cereal, spaghetti, 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.

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

Council Highlights

Heathy Bones continues on Mondays and Wednesdays. Tai Chi with Irene Terreberry has begun on Thursdays.

Marge Fiore wants to thank everyone for the warm welcome and the continued help and support from everyone!

St. Timothy's Gives Back

Every year St. Timothy gives back to the area and community through our Community Outreach Fund. This year we reached out to two organizations serving the elderly, homeless and shut ins – Meals on Wheels and St. Susan Center. Both organizations said how difficult it has been through COVID and really appreciated our donation. Shown in the photos with Council President Kristie Bloomquist are Meals on Wheels Executive Director Barry Yochim and Cherie Rowland from St. Susan Center.



A Way in the Wilderness

During Lent, we will be doing a 5 week Bible study called "A Way in the Wilderness." "The season of Lent grounds us in a time in the wilderness...we wander with our ancestors, longing for new life in a land of promise and opportunity. We are reminded of our dependence on God and the many ways that sin separates us from one another, from God and from the future we are promised" ("A Way in the Wilderness" introduction). Join us and let us journey together through Lent. We will begin this study on Sunday, March 6.

FEBRUARY 2022
WORSHIP AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES
AT ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH

	FEB 6	FEB 13	FEB 20	FEB 27	
Assistant Liturgist	Kristie Bloomquist	Sarah Goebel	Kristie Bloomquist	Ann McKillip	
Ushers/Greeters	Ginny Sloan Linda Milks	Marty Hunt Linda Milks	Marty Hunt Ginny Sloan	Ginny Sloan Linda Milks	

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ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH FEBRUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 12:00 Tai Chi Choir 5pm	4 Pastor Ivy	5 Judy Kelly
6 10:00 am Worship w/Communion 11 am Worship and Music Meeting	7 Healthy Bones 9:00 am Laken Raynor	8	9 Healthy Bones 9:00 am Joyce Johnson	10 12:00 Tai Chi Choir 5pm		12
13 10:00 am Worship No Communion	14 Healthy Bones 9:00 am 	15 7pm 5 & 2 Packing Debra Raynor	16 Healthy Bones 9:00 am Lucy Castro	17 12:00 Tai Chi Choir 5:00 pm	18	19
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27 10:00 am Worship No Communion	28 Healthy Bones 9:00 am					

[Prayer Ventures for February 2022]

1 *Black History Month* Give thanks for the gifts, accomplishments, influence and witness of our African-descent neighbors — we stand together as siblings in Christ and partners in the gospel, doing God’s work in the world together. Pray that God will guide our church as it strives for racial justice, socioeconomic equity, racial reconciliation and an end to racism in our church, society and institutions.

2 Give thanks for the small and subtle ways in which the Spirit encourages and deepens our faith each and every day.

3 Pray for parish nurses who serve in ministries of health and healing and for the ELCA-affiliated Evangelical Lutheran Parish Nurse Association, which supports parish nurses and promotes a culture of health, healing and wholeness in Lutheran congregations, agencies and communities.

4 Pray for those who lost homes and were displaced during the December wildfires in Boulder County, Colo. Give thanks for the partnership of Lutheran Disaster Response, the Rocky Mountain Synod and Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains as they work together to provide food, temporary shelter, emotional and spiritual care, and assistance with recovery work.

5 Pray that our anxieties about the future will be quieted by the assurance that the Spirit’s gifts of hope and peace are more powerful and enduring than the threats and uncertainties we face in life.

6 Pray that, just as the fishermen Simon Peter, James and John dropped everything they were doing to follow Jesus, we, too, with all our gifts and flaws, might respond to God’s call to spread the good news of Jesus Christ, serve our neighbors in need and do God’s work in the world.

7 Remember in prayer those impacted by severe weather, especially Typhoon Rai in the Philippines and the recent tornadoes, flooding and winter storms across our country. Pray that God’s presence will bring healing and hope during recovery, comfort those grieving the loss of loved ones, and strengthen the people and organizations that

respond to crises and help with recovery, including Lutheran Disaster Response.

8 Remember and give thanks for siblings in Christ of every generation who have shared the gospel, inspired others to believe, and borne God’s grace, peace and hope into the world through their words, example, service and sacrifice.

9 We live in a time of war, conflict and unrest in many regions of the world. Pray for the safety of people living amid turmoil, the well-being of refugees and immigrants fleeing threats, and the protection of children and youth living in circumstances unimaginable to us. Ask the Spirit to guide us as courageous and compassionate advocates, peacemakers, companions and bearers of hope in the world.

10 Pray for the leaders of youth and family ministries and for outdoor ministry professionals as they participate in the ELCA Youth Ministry Network Extravaganza in Minneapolis, an event that provides them with encouragement, support, education and networking opportunities.

11 “I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart” (Psalm 138:1). Pray that every aspect of our life, service and generosity will reflect our gratitude for God’s awesome, undeserved love and blessings.

12 Give thanks and praise to God for the companion-synod relationships that connect our synods and congregations with Lutheran churches around the world, blessing, nurturing and strengthening them for their ministry together.

13 Give thanks that God teaches us something new every day and equips us so well to share the good news of Jesus Christ, care for neighbors in need and reflect God’s gracious love through our words, actions and interactions with people.

14 Pray for immigrants and refugees, in our country and around the world, who seek safety, relief and a place to rebuild their lives. Ask that God’s compassion, wisdom and desire for justice guide us in

resolving the problems and crises that displace people from their homes and nations.

15 “Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green” (Jeremiah 17:7-8). Praise God for the work of the Spirit, which renews and nourishes us when we feel uncertain, weary or anxious.

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

17 Pray that the Spirit will help us understand and follow the ways, desires and commandments of God that protect our well-being in daily life.

18 Give thanks that our faith and hope are grounded in Christ’s resurrection and the promise of one day being raised to eternal life as God’s children. Pray that the Spirit will help us articulate — in our own imperfect words — our joy, our faith and the good news of Jesus Christ for all people.

19 Pray that our seminaries and Lay Schools for Ministry program will grow, thrive and prepare our church leaders for ministry in diverse and changing contexts, in the present and with insightful anticipation of the future.

20 “Love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as [God] is merciful” (Luke 6:35-36). Ask the Spirit to help us do what seems difficult or impossible and live as willing disciples of Christ.

21 Reflect on what God is stirring in us right now, and pray that we might discern what God calls us to be: bearers of love, hope, healing, reconciliation and the good news of Jesus Christ.

22 Pray that the story of Joseph forgiving his brothers, which mirrors God’s love and forgiveness of us, will inspire us to forgive those who have caused us offense, anger or distress, and that we might seek forgiveness and grace from people we have hurt.

23 The theme of the ELCA Youth Gathering and our camps’ summer curriculum is “boundless: God beyond measure.” Pray that we will live into this theme, growing in faith and gratitude for God’s infinite power, presence, love and wisdom.

24 Thank God for hearing and responding to our prayers — spoken and silent — and for tending to our needs, easing our worries, calming our anger and providing refuge in time of trouble. Ask the Spirit to guide and inspire us as we do God’s work in the world, caring for our neighbors in distress.

25 Pray for the Deaconess Community of the ELCA, a diverse body unified in its commitment to proclaim the gospel, show mercy, demonstrate servant leadership and bring healing and reconciliation to the world.

26 Look into the vast night sky at the stars, planets, meteors and comets, and praise God for stirring our awe, wonder, curiosity, humility and imagination.

27 “And all were astounded at the greatness of God” (Luke 9:43). Give thanks that in Jesus Christ we glimpse and experience the glory and power of God poured out upon humanity for our healing and salvation.

28 Give thanks for the evolving technology that helps us with everyday tasks, connects us with people around the world, provides new tools for treating the sick and injured, and helps us reach more people with the gospel. Pray that we will consider the impact of technology and use it equitably and justly for the well-being and benefit of all people.