

ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHURCH MOUSE
FEBRUARY 2023



Sunday, February 5, 2023
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Worship with Communion 10:00 am
Pastor Ivy Gauvin

Sunday, February 12, 2023
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
Worship 10:00 am
Pastor Ivy Gauvin

Sunday, February 19, 2023
Transfiguration of Our Lord
Worship with Communion 10:00 am
Pastor Ivy Gauvin

Wednesday, February 22, 2023
Ash Wednesday
Worship 5:00 pm
Pastor Ivy Gauvin

Sunday, February 26, 2023
First Sunday in Lent
Worship 10:00 am
Pastor Ivy Gauvin



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

Pastor's Ponderings :

Greetings, friends in Christ,

It's so hard to believe that Lent is just around the corner. Doesn't it seem that it was just Christmas? We have not yet celebrated Christmas with our Rochester family—between weather and sickness and all other manner of things. Because of that, we still have our Christmas tree up! At least, it's still Epiphany as I write this.

How are you relating to time? In an advertisement by Viking Cruises, their CEO discusses time. It's a visually beautiful ad. One can be easily drawn into his perspective that we just don't have enough time. His answer to that? Travel! Of course, on Viking Cruises!

Is he right, that we don't have enough time? It may often seem so. God gives us enough time to do what God wants us to do. It is only modern and postmodern humanity that is so consumed with the clock. If you have ever had the opportunity to spend time with people of other cultures, you quickly realize that our preoccupation with time is a very western concept. Not to romanticize those of other cultures, but the Arab culture, for instance, is more focused on relationships. While living in Bethlehem, whenever we visited people in remote villages, they had all the time in the world for a visit. Whenever we would say it was time for us to leave, the immediate response would be, "Badri," which means "early" in Arabic. Sometimes they were just being polite, but more often than not, they were being sincere.

There are two kinds of time in New Testament Greek. One is "chronos," from which we get words like chronological. That is the linear time with which we most often identify. The other word is "kairos," God's time. It is the right or opportune moment. This kind

of time is qualitative rather than quantitative. It is a moment of indeterminate time in which a significant event occurs.

You've likely experienced "kairos" moments, but didn't know that is what they were. Some people I know refer to them as "God-incidents" rather than coincidences. They leave you responding, "Wow."

A perfect example of "kairos" time is in the Book of Galatians. "But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children" (Galatians 4:4-5). It's the right time, in the right place, in the right way.

We cannot escape from our world of "chronos" time, however, we cannot let it control our lives to be so fully controlled by it. I'm not suggesting we ignore this time, but don't let it enslave us.

As the first part of Psalm 34 says:

1 I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
2 My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.
3 O magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together.
Amen.

Pastor Ivy



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.

JANUARY 2023 COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Budget for 2023 was accepted to present to the congregation at the Annual Congregational Meeting January 29.
- Property Committee and Council have narrowed down the designs for a new sign for the front of our church using memorial monies.
- Council approved plans for collecting SOCKS and other items starting in February – to go to the Code Blue Warming Centers and other sites for the homeless.
- Plans for the 2023 Annual Congregational Meeting were finalized.



Prayer Requests:,Karen Johnson, Kay Marker Magneson, Roy Pihl, George Balcom, Trudy Fetzner, Thom Shagla, Joyce Johnson, Vince Alessi, Barb Slumsky, Norm Wolff, Sarah VanStaalduin, Stephen Gilboy, Charlene Hunter, Joe Gauvin, Emerson Allaby, Karen Brown, Tom West, 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.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

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 November, if you haven't already done so.



Monthly Readings and Psalms

Sunday, February 5, 2023

- [Isaiah 58:1-9a \[9b-12\]](#)
- *The fast God chooses*
- [Psalm 112:1-9 \[10\]](#)
- Light shines in the darkness for the upright. (*Ps. 112:4*)
- [1 Corinthians 2:1-12 \[13-16\]](#)
- *God's wisdom revealed through the Spirit*
- [Matthew 5:13-20](#)
- *The teaching of Christ: salt and light*

Sunday, February 12, 2023

- [Deuteronomy 30:15-20](#)
- *Choose life*
- [Sirach 15:15-20](#) (alternate)
- *Choose between life and death*
- [Psalm 119:1-8](#)
- *Happy are they who follow the teaching of the LORD. (Ps. 119:1)*
- [1 Corinthians 3:1-9](#)
- *God gives the growth*
- [Matthew 5:21-37](#)
- *The teaching of Christ: forgiveness*

Sunday, February 19, 2023

- [Exodus 24:12-18](#)
- *Moses enters the cloud of God's glory on Mount Sinai*
- [Psalm 2](#)
- *You are my son; this day have I begotten you. (Ps. 2:7)*
- [Psalm 99](#) (alternate)
- *Proclaim the greatness of the LORD; worship upon God's holy hill. (Ps. 99:9)*
- [2 Peter 1:16-21](#)
- *The apostle's message confirmed on the mount of transfiguration*
- [Matthew 17:1-9](#)
- *Revelation of Christ as God's beloved Son*

Wednesday, February 22, 2023 Ash Wednesday

- [Joel 2:1-2, 12-17](#)
- *Return to the LORD, your God*
- [Isaiah 58:1-12](#) (alternate)
- *The fast that God chooses*
- [Psalm 51:1-17](#)
- *Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love. (Ps. 51:1)*
- [2 Corinthians 5:20b--6:10](#)
- *Now is the day of salvation*
- [Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21](#)
- *The practice of faith*

Sunday, February 26, 2023

- [Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7](#)
- *Eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil*
- [Psalm 32](#)
- *Mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD. (Ps. 32:10)*

- [Romans 5:12-19](#)
- *Death came through one; life comes through one*
- [Matthew 4:1-11](#)
- *The temptation of Jesus in the wilderness for forty days*



Dear friends, 11/11/22

My heart is full of Thanksgiving for who you are and all you do.

First, many thanks for your generous Christmas gift. Thank you for your tremendous kindness.

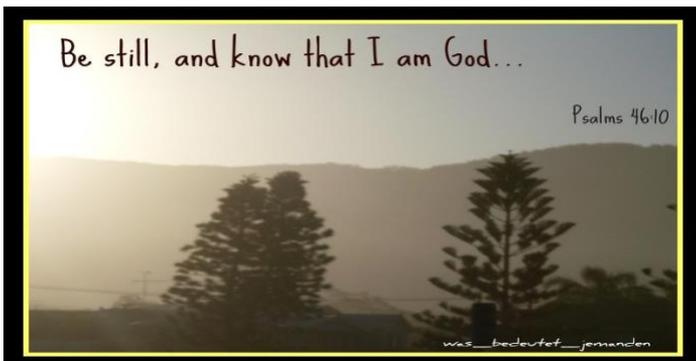
Second, I am grateful for your concern and prayers while I was out following surgery.

May God bless and keep you always!

Join us for worship at 5:pm



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MORE INFO TO COME:

CODE BLUE

Our Code Blue Center is open, and we have already received several overnight guests! However, the reality is we are still very far from being fully up and running! We are currently seeking volunteers who are willing to be on-call for 4-hour shifts (the days/nights of their choice), as well as, frozen and/or shelf stable meals, snacks, bottled water, coffee, blankets(new), pillows (new), warm clothing (coats, hats, gloves), socks, personal hygiene items and etc... **If your church is interested in helping us** with any of this and if you have potential volunteers, **please reach out to our program coordinator**, Heidi LeBarron at heidijohnson025@gmail.com or on her cell at 716-489-1697.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support as we step out to answer God's call to assist the homeless in our community.

Dodi McIntyre

Joy Fellowship FMC

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Pastor Ivy Gauvin St. Timothy Lutheran Church

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

	FEBRUARY 5	FEBRUARY 12	FEBRUARY 19	FEBRUARY 26	
Assistant Liturgist	Tammy Haas	Sarah Goebel	Kristie Bloomquist	TBA	
Ushers/Greeters	Ginnie Sloan Marty Hunt	Linda Milks Marty Hunt	Linda Milks Ginnie Sloan	Ginnie Sloan Marty Hunt	

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ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH FEBRUARY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<div style="text-align: right; font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">5</div> <p style="font-size: 10px; color: black;">10:00 am Worship w/Communion</p> <p style="font-size: 10px; color: red; margin-top: 10px;">Judy Kelly</p>	<div style="text-align: right; font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">6</div> <p style="font-size: 10px; color: blue;">Healthy Bones 9am</p>	<div style="text-align: right; font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">7</div> <p style="font-size: 10px; color: red; margin-top: 10px;">Laken Raynor</p>	<div style="text-align: right; font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">8</div> <p style="font-size: 10px; color: blue;">Healthy Bones 9am</p>	<div style="text-align: right; font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">9</div> <p style="font-size: 10px; color: purple;">Tai Chi 9:30am Tai Chi 12:00pm</p> <p style="font-size: 10px; color: green;">Choir 5pm</p> <p style="font-size: 10px; color: red; margin-top: 10px;">Joyce Johnson</p>	<div style="text-align: right; font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">10</div>	<div style="text-align: right; font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">11</div>
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<div style="text-align: right; font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">19</div> <p style="font-size: 10px; color: black;">10:00 am Worship w/Communion</p> <p style="font-size: 10px; color: green;">Council Meeting</p>	<div style="text-align: right; font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">20</div>  <p style="font-size: 10px; color: blue;">Healthy Bones 9am</p>	<div style="text-align: right; font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">21</div> <p style="font-size: 10px; color: orange;">5 & 2 Packing 7pm</p> <p style="font-size: 10px; color: red; margin-top: 10px;">Tammy Haas</p>	<div style="text-align: right; font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">22</div>  <p style="font-size: 10px; color: blue;">Healthy Bones 9am</p> <p style="font-size: 10px; color: blue; margin-top: 10px;">Worship 5pm</p>	<div style="text-align: right; font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">23</div> <p style="font-size: 10px; color: purple;">Tai Chi 9:30 am Tai Chi 12:00 pm</p> <p style="font-size: 10px; color: green;">Choir 5pm</p> <p style="font-size: 10px; color: red; margin-top: 10px;">Don Traynor</p>	<div style="text-align: right; font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">24</div>	<div style="text-align: right; font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">25</div> <p style="font-size: 10px; color: red; margin-top: 10px;">Jack Briggs</p>
<div style="text-align: right; font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">26</div> <p style="font-size: 10px; color: black;">10:00 am Worship</p> <p style="font-size: 10px; color: red; margin-top: 10px;">Trish Pecuch</p>	<div style="text-align: right; font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">27</div> <p style="font-size: 10px; color: blue;">Healthy Bones 9am</p>	<div style="text-align: right; font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">28</div>				

27 Pray that we might understand how we stray from God's intent, harming or neglecting our neighbor. Ask the Spirit for the humility we need to confess our offenses, receive God's mercy with gratitude and make amends with neighbors we have hurt.

28 Give thanks for synod bishops who manage their synods' work, further the church's mission in diverse contexts, and support and care for leaders and congregations. Pray for them as they gather in mutual support and encouragement for the Conference of Bishops, to advise the presiding bishop of our church and reflect on how we 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 *Black History Month* Give thanks for the gifts, accomplishments, influence and witness of our African-descent neighbors and siblings in Christ – we stand together to glorify God as partners in the gospel, doing God's work in the world together. Though unified as siblings in Christ, we ask God to guide our church in its pursuit of racial justice, socioeconomic equity, racial reconciliation and an end to hatred and mistrust.

2 Give thanks for older adults, whose diverse gifts, life experiences, perspectives and wisdom are essential to the life, vitality and leadership of our congregations and communities.

3 Pray for leaders of children, youth and family ministries as these leaders gather for the ELCA Youth Ministry Network Extravaganza in Anaheim, Calif. Give thanks for their commitment, gifts and concern for the faith and well-being of young people.

4 Give thanks for staff and volunteers who help congregations function smoothly, grow and thrive, including administrative assistants, accountants, property managers, program coordinators and communications staff.

5 Jesus describes us as the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Pray that, by sharing our faith and acting with compassion, justice and care for our neighbors, we might direct people's attention to our loving and generous God.

6 ELCA World Hunger works through the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) and alongside global companions and agencies in Kenya to build the capacity of families to respond to and withstand worsening droughts. Pray for our neighbors in Kenya and for the immediate and long-term success of LWF initiatives, which include training farmers in climate-smart practices, building and repairing water wells, managing water supplies and promoting hygiene.

7 Remember in prayer those who have suffered tragedy, trauma or loss from recent winter storms, flooding and earthquakes. Pray that God will bring them hope and encouragement throughout their grieving, recovery and adjustment to the changes in their communities.

8 Pray for pastors and deacons who serve multiple congregations, and pray that congregations sharing leadership will flourish, discovering new partners, resources and assets for doing God's work in the world.

9 Pray that our compassion and advocacy, offered without prejudice or the expectation of any recognition or reward, might bring light, hope and relief to the world. "If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday" (Isaiah 58:9-10).

10 Remember in prayer the 1.3 million people serving in the military and the nearly 800,000 serving in the military reserves, many of them young adults.

11 Give thanks and pray for the ELCA's AMMPARO strategy (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities), work that grows more critical every day as vulnerable youth yearn for assistance with the daunting task of finding safety, stability, respect and welcoming communities in our country.

12 Pray for people who suffer chronic illness and pain that impacts their daily lives, activities and employment; pray that they might receive affordable health care and effective treatment; and ask the Spirit to stir our empathy and help us provide appropriate, respectful support.

13 Pray that our civic engagement and concern for our neighbor and the world might exceed what is required or expected of us by laws, social norms, trends and tradition.

14 Ask God to help us understand, respect and set aside our differences so that we might be empowered by our unity in Christ and embrace our complementary gifts and passions to do God's work in the world, "for we are God's servants, working together" (1 Corinthians 3:9).

15 Praise God that, as different as we are from one another, we gather to celebrate Communion remembering our unity and strength in Christ, who frees us to love and serve our neighbor and to bear God's mercy into the world.

16 Give thanks for the publishing ministry of Augsburg Fortress and for writers and editors who help deepen our faith, equip us for life and service, and support our faith communities.

17 Praise God for the clarity and joy we find in following God's ways and commandments, and for the assurance that we are never alone or directionless in our baptismal journeys.

18 Martin Luther, renewer of the church (1483-1546) Give thanks for the life, faith, prayerful deliberation, and wisdom of Martin Luther, who continues to influence and challenge the church and our theology. Pray that we might remember Luther's human complexity and imperfections – and our own – as we strive to understand Scripture and live as children of God in an ever-changing world.

19 We embrace the mystery of the Holy Trinity through the gift of faith. Give thanks that, through Scripture, God leads us to clarity about the true nature of Jesus Christ, who was sent to redeem us and to teach us how to live as children of God: "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" (Matthew 17:5).

20 *World Day of Social Justice* Pray that our concern for social justice in the world will be grounded in our faith, Jesus' example and the ways and wisdom of God, emboldening us to serve our neighbor, respect one another and risk changing unjust laws, traditions, institutions and behaviors.

21 *Shrove Tuesday* Ask the Spirit to prepare our hearts for the season of Lent and to create in us a humble, penitent spirit that is renewed daily through faith in God's forgiveness and love, revealed and experienced in Jesus Christ.

22 *Ash Wednesday* "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me" (Psalm 51:10). Give thanks for the cross of ash drawn on our foreheads today, which assures us of God's forgiveness, love and renewing spirit.

23 Pray for ELCA missionaries serving with our global companions in Tanzania: David and Kellen Msseemmaa, Astine and Ryan Bose, Dr. Steven and Bethany Friberg, Dr. Stephen and Jodi Swanson, Deacon April Trout, Linda Jacobson, Robert Kasworm, the Rev. Mary Jo Maas, Derrick Matthews and Dr. Dorothy Brewster-Lee, the Rev. Elieshi Mungure, and Robert and Carolee Stuberg.

24 Shout praise and thanksgiving for God's love, forgiveness, patience, creativity and concern for those who suffer poverty, injustice and disregard.

25 Pray for the Deaconess Community of the ELCA, an intentional group of women who respond to Christ's call through Word and Service and diaconal ministry.

26 Give thanks for the strength and example of Jesus, who prevailed over temptation and demonstrated the power of God over evil, self-interest and greed. Pray that the Spirit will guide and sustain us through the challenges we face each day.