

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



**Sunday, January 1, 2023**  
**First Sunday of Christmas**  
**Lessons and Carols**  
Worship 10:00 am  
Pastor Ivy Gauvin

**Sunday, January 8, 2023**  
**Baptism of Our Lord**  
Worship 10:00 am  
Pastor Ivy Gauvin

**Sunday, January 15, 2023**  
**Second Sunday after Epiphany**  
Worship with Communion 10:00 am  
Pastor Ivy Gauvin

**Sunday, January 22, 2023**  
**Third Sunday after Epiphany**  
Worship 10:00 am  
Pastor Ivy Gauvin

**Sunday, January 29, 2023**  
**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**  
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 :***

The Apostle Paul wrote to his beloved Philippians, "I hold you in my heart, for all of you are my partners in God's grace...in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. 8 For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the tender affection of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 1:7-8).

I have missed you all so much! I love Paul's little phrase, "I hold you in my heart." While I have been out, healing from my recent surgery, I have held you in my heart. It was palpable for me, the feeling of not seeing you regularly. All I can say is, "I'm back!" I look forward to it remaining that way as well.

It's a new year and time to not only think back on last year with its good and bad, happy and sad moments, but we also look forward to what this year of 2023 holds for us. How shall we approach this year? With fear, hope, longing, joy or maybe a combination thereof.

Do you make resolutions that you soon seem to break? If we just think of a few goals for the year, what would they be? We might befriend someone new, establish a definite period of time to daily spend time talking with God and listening to God's voice, or become involved in earth-friendly activities through the Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy. Do you shake your head, and does your heart break for the homeless in Jamestown? People are working on this issue. One of the warming centers that has been set up is at Joy Fellowship. Pastor Mo is the person to contact about other things they do to help the homeless. I have his contact information if you're interested.

My point is, the same old New Year's resolutions just don't cut it. We cannot keep them anyway. As Martin Luther wrote in the Small Catechism:

I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him, but instead the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, made me holy and kept me in the true faith, just as

he calls, gathers, enlightens, and makes holy the whole Christian church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one common, true faith. Daily in this Christian church the Holy Spirit abundantly forgives all sins—mine and those of all believers. On the last day the Holy Spirit will raise me and all the dead and will give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.

I look toward 2023 anticipating how God will work in our lives, how God will encourage us when we are down, strengthen us in our weaknesses, rejoice with us when we are blessed. What are your thoughts?

**Pastor Ivy**



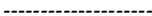
**St. Timothy Church Council**

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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.*

**DECEMBER 2022 COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS**

- The response to our “Mitten Tree” has been fantastic. Thanks to everyone who has donated. And thanks to Trish and Bob Pecuch for heading this up for us!
- Property Committee and Council are looking at designs for a new sign for the front of our church using memorial monies.
- Finance Committee is working on the 2023 budget. The Finance Committee shared what they have so far and that they are trying very hard to find ways to cut spending.
- The Annual Congregational Meeting is set for January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

7 Teresa Fish  
11 Sarah Goebel  
12 Thomas Bihler

13 Martha Hill  
20 Steven Goebel  
24 Andrew Sloan

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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](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.*

◆ 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, January 1, 2023

- [Numbers 6:22-27](#)
- *The Aaronic blessing*
- [Psalm 8](#)
- How majestic is your name in all the earth! (*Ps. 8:1*)
- [Galatians 4:4-7](#)
- *We are no longer slaves, but children*
- [Philippians 2:5-11](#) (alternate)
- *God takes on human form*
- [Luke 2:15-21](#)
- *The child is circumcised and named Jesus*

## Sunday, January 8, 2023

- [Isaiah 42:1-9](#)
- *The servant of the LORD brings justice*
- [Psalm 29](#)
- The voice of the LORD is upon the waters. (*Ps. 29:3*)
- [Acts 10:34-43](#)
- *Jesus' ministry after his baptism*
- [Matthew 3:13-17](#)
- *Revelation of Christ as God's servant*

## Sunday, January 15, 2023

- [Isaiah 49:1-7](#)
- *The servant brings light to the nations*
- [Psalm 40:1-11](#)
- I love to do your will, O my God. (*Ps. 40:8*)
- [1 Corinthians 1:1-9](#)
- *Paul's greeting to the church at Corinth*
- [John 1:29-42](#)
- *Revelation of Christ as the Lamb of God*

## Sunday, January 22, 2023

- [Isaiah 9:1-4](#)
- *Light shines for those in darkness*
- [Psalm 27:1, 4-9](#)
- he LORD is my light and my salvation. (*Ps. 27:1*)
- [1 Corinthians 1:10-18](#)
- *Appeal for unity in the gospel*
- [Matthew 4:12-23](#)
- *Revelation of Christ as a prophet*

## Sunday, January 29, 2023

- [Micah 6:1-8](#)
- *The offering of justice, kindness, humility*
- [Psalm 15](#)
- LORD, who may abide upon your holy hill? (*Ps. 15:1*)
- [1 Corinthians 1:18-31](#)
- *Christ crucified, the wisdom and power of God*
- [Matthew 5:1-12](#)
- *The teaching of Christ: Beatitudes*



### PRAYER REQUEST

Prayer Requests: Karen Johnson, Kay Marker Magneson, Roy Pihl, George Balcom, Trudy Fetzner, Thom Shagla, 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.

## STAY SAFE AND WARM



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## 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](mailto: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

A **HUGE** thank you to Alex Miller, Mike Krott and Bob Samuelson for changing the light in the ceiling behind the cross and the lights pointing to the cross!!! As you can see, it was not an easy task!







**Congregational Meeting**

**Sunday, Jan 29**

**Immediately following church**

**In the Fellowship Hall**

**Congregational Packets**

**Will be passed out to review**

**Sunday, Jan. 22**



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Thank you from the bottom to the top of our mitten trees at St Timothy! The trees have been decorated full and then some, with mittens, scarves, and warm hats! Your generosity and love in donating so many items for this mitten tree project has been amazing. They will be distributed throughout Chautauqua County in the winter months ahead of us.

(It's not too early to start looking for some mittens while they are still out and even on sale, for next year's mitten tree, perhaps??)



*"For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building". 1 Corinthians 3:9*

**JANUARY 2023**  
**WORSHIP AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**  
**AT ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

	JANUARY 1	JANUARY 8	JANUARY 15	JANUARY 22	JANUARY 29
Assistant Liturgist	Sarah Goebel	Kristie Bloomquist	TBD	Kristie Bloomquist	Tammy Haas
Ushers/Greeters	Linda Milks Marty Hunt	Linda Milks Ginnie Sloan	Marty Hunt Ginnie Sloan	Linda Milks Marty Hunt	Linda Milks Ginnie Sloan

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# ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH JANUARY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>   Service of the Carols New Year's Day	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  Tai Chi 9:30am Tai Chi 12:00pm  Choir 5pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  Teresa Fish
<b>8</b>  10:00 am Worship Finance Committee Mtg	<b>9</b>  Healthy Bones 9am	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  Healthy Bones 9am  Sarah Goebel	<b>12</b>  Tai Chi 9:30am Tai Chi 12:00pm  Choir 5pm  Thomas Bihler	<b>13</b>  Martha Hill	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>  10:00 am Worship w/Communion Church Council	<b>16</b>   Healthy Bone 9am Martin Luther King Jr. Day	<b>17</b>  5 & 2 Packing 7pm	<b>18</b>  Healthy Bones 9am	<b>19</b>  Tai Chi 9:30am Tai Chi 12:30pm  Choir 5pm	<b>20</b>  Steven Goebel	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>  10:00 am Worship	<b>23</b>  Healthy Bones 9am	<b>24</b>  Andrew Sloan	<b>25</b>  Healthy Bones 9am	<b>26</b>  Tai Chi 9:30 am Tai Chi 12:00 pm  Choir 5pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>  10:00 am Worship and Healing Congregational Meeting	<b>30</b>  Healthy Bones 9am	<b>31</b>				

**28** Ask the Spirit to help us plant seeds of faith, hope and grace in our communities and the world; pray that we will tend those seeds with care and patience and, as the French theologian Pierre Teilhard de Chardin wrote, “trust the slow work of God.”

**29** *Reconciling in Christ Sunday* Give thanks for the ongoing work of welcoming, including, celebrating and advocating for LGBTQIA+ people in the life of the church, and pray for ministries and organizations that walk with us as we strive to love and affirm all people.

**30** Draw a deep breath and thank God for specific things that give you joy and hope – loving relationships, acts of kindness and generosity, natural beauty, signs of progress and healing in the world, and communion with others to pray, worship and encourage one another’s faith.

**31** “What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” (Micah 6:8). Pray that we will take to heart the prophet’s explanation of what God calls us to do in the world.

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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** *New Year’s Day* Praise God for the grace and eternal life we receive through faith in Jesus Christ – gifts that free us from the dread of death so that we can fearlessly bear the gospel of love and hope into the world.

**2** Pray for an end to the war in Ukraine and for peace wherever there is conflict and violence in the world. Pray that the Spirit will sustain the faith, resilience and endurance of people impacted by war and conflict, and that we will persistently advocate for peace and provide relief and support to those suffering.

**3** Pray for young adults called to serve in the 2023-2024 ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) program with our companion churches and organizations in nine countries. Give thanks for the yearlong opportunities YAGM provides them for service, learning and sharing the good news around the world.

**4** “O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!” (Psalm 8:1). Thank and acknowledge God, creator of all that exists and source of the grace, forgiveness, hope and new life we experience in Jesus Christ.

**5** Pray for those planning the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering, the Multicultural Youth Leadership Event (MYLE), the new Young Adult Gathering, and the table event for youth living with physical, cognitive and emotional disabilities.

**6** *Epiphany* Give thanks that, through Jesus Christ’s ministry, teaching and sacrifice, God reveals the vision, wisdom and values that help us live together as neighbors and children of God.

**7** Pray for ELCA missionaries serving with our global companions in Asia and the Pacific: the Rev. Chandran Paul Martin (India); Hailey Brenden (Nepal); the Rev. Suk Yeon Lee (South Korea); Samuel and McCall Dubbelman (Hong Kong); and the Rev. Jessica Derise (Thailand).

**8** Ask the Spirit to give us the courage and determination to end gun violence in our nation, care for those who suffer its trauma and grief, and comfort and protect the children and youth who live with it in fear and anxiety.

**9** Pray for ELCA outdoor ministries as they recruit young adults to serve in outdoor and urban summer camp ministries across the country. Ask the Spirit to stir these young adults to share their faith, energy and diverse gifts with children, youth and adults.

**10** Give thanks that God calls us to light the world and bear the good news of Christ's justice and compassion to our neighbors in need.

**11** Pray that pastors, deacons, leaders of youth and family ministries, and others who serve the church and our communities will be restored and find new inspiration through sabbath and the care and encouragement of their congregations.

**12** Pray for the wisdom to understand that all living things echo the voice of God, a voice of glory, power and love that blesses humankind.

**13** Give thanks for the staff, volunteers and bishops of our 65 synods, who unite congregations, guide the work of rostered ministers and lay leaders, and lift up the mission of the church in a diverse and ever-changing world.

**14** Remember in prayer people who are without shelter; pray that they will find safe, dependable housing and that faith communities will respond to neighbors in need through temporary shelters, long-term housing, feeding ministries, and partnerships with social service agencies.

**15** Pray for a faith grounded in Jesus Christ, our source of hope, direction and sustenance amid turmoil, uncertainty and suffering.

**16** *Martin Luther King Jr. Day* Remember in prayer the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and others who have gone before us in proclaiming all people to be children of God, deserving of freedom, equality, opportunity and respect. Pray that we will draw inspiration and courage from their lives, the word of God and our siblings in Christ as we work to right the injustices that continue in our nation and throughout the world.

**17** Give thanks and praise to God for listening to our cries and for leaning into our complicated lives with empathy, comfort, love and the support of our siblings in Christ.

**18** *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* Throughout this week, we join our siblings in Christ from diverse cultures, traditions, faith communities, and confessions around the world in praying for the unity of the church, so

that, together, we can share the good news of Jesus Christ as we “seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow” (Isaiah 1:17).

**19** Give thanks for the generosity and planned gifts of individuals and families and for the work of the ELCA Foundation to ensure that our gifts continue God's work in the world, today and well into the future.

**20** Pray that, when we experience disagreement in our communities of faith, we will turn to the word of God and be reminded of what unites us as siblings in Christ and of the values and behaviors that bring healing and reconciliation.

**21** Pray for ELCA missionaries serving with our global companions in the Middle East: the Revs. Gabi and Meghan Aelabouni, the Rev. Jordan and Rev. Adam Miller-Stubbendick, and the seven young adults serving in the Young Adults in Global Mission program in Israel/Palestine.

**22** Ask the Spirit to help us respond when we are called to follow Christ into unfamiliar places and situations, attending to the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of our neighbor.

**23** Pray that we might press forward with the ELCA Future Church priorities to be a welcoming church that engages new, young and diverse people; a thriving church rooted in tradition but radically relevant; and a connected, sustainable church that shares in a common purpose and direction.

**24** Thank God for the ELCA's special relationship with the United Church of Christ, a full communion partner since 1997. 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.

**25** *Conversion of Paul* All things are possible through God, even the transformation of our heart, spirit and identity. Ask God to shape us for participating in God's work in the world and to make us faith-filled agents of change, healing and renewal for the sake of humanity.

**26** Ask God to bless directors for evangelical mission, who coordinate the partnerships between ELCA synods and churchwide ministries to guide “new start” ministries, congregational renewal, Mission Support and stewardship, and missional vision and planning.

**27** Pray that the Spirit and our siblings in Christ will embolden us to proclaim, “The Lord is my light and my salvation” (Psalm 27:1). Pray that, through our words and actions, we will invite people to trust in the life-changing good news of Jesus Christ.