

**ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
***CHURCH MOUSE***  
**June, 2022**



**Sunday, June 5, 2022**  
**Pentecost**

Worship With Communion 10:00 am  
Pastor Ivy Gauvin

**Sunday, June 12, 2022**  
**First Sunday after Pentecost**

Worship with Communion 10:00 am  
Pastor Ivy Gauvin

**Sunday, June 19, 2022**  
**Second Sunday after Pentecost**

Worship With Communion 10:00 am  
Pastor Ivy Gauvin

**Sunday, June 26, 2022**  
**Third 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 Ponderings*

I keep saying this because it's so hard to believe, "I really feel good. I feel better than I have in the last two years." I saw the back surgeon yesterday, and he was really pleased with my progress. The vertebrae have all healed well and everything looks great. Thanks be to God.

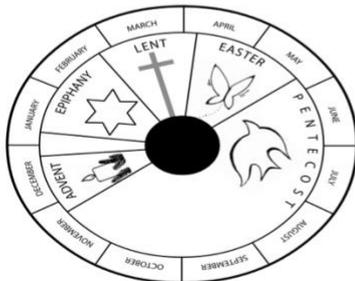
It's hard to believe that June is already here. The afternoon of Sunday, June 5-Tuesday, June 7, Ray and I will be in Rochester for our first in-person Synod Assembly in two years. It will be good to gather with others we have not seen in a while. Please keep all of us in your prayers as we gather, worship and prayerfully consider the business of the synod.

This month begins with the celebration of Pentecost, as we remember the giving of the Holy Spirit to Jesus' disciples so they (and we) have power for sharing the good news. The following Sunday is Trinity Sunday, celebrating the Holy Trinity and the relationship between the members of the godhead and God's relationship with us as well.

We then move into the long green season (the color of the paraments), the time after Pentecost, which lasts until Christ the King Sunday in November, followed by Advent. The one Sunday in this time that's an exception is the last Sunday of October, when we celebrate Reformation Sunday.

And so the lectionary, "portions of the Bible appointed to be read at a church service," (*Oxford Dictionary*), and its accompanying seasons, guide us through the church year. One of the best things about preaching from the lectionary is that it means a pastor is not only preaching on his or her favorite passages or subjects. Sometimes it's a challenge to preach from one of the lessons, but God is always faithful to give inspiration to the preachers. The good thing is I don't have to wring my hands, wondering about what to preach on.

I am including in this Mouse article, a simple wheel with the seasons of the church year. Basically, it's a church calendar of sorts, to guide us through the events surrounding the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. May our days be ordered by God's gift of life in Christ this summer and always.



## **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.*



### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

9 Devin Raynor	19 Payton Daniels
11 Allen Peterson	22 Marcy Saar
18 Rachel McKillip	23 Michael Saar



Prayer Requests: Kay Marker Magnuson, Rose Johnson-Prieur, Roy Pihl, George Balcom, Trudy Fetzner, Thom Shagla, Sarah VanStaalduinen, Stephen Gilbo, Roger Samuelson, Charlene Hunter, 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.

## 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 April if you haven't already done so.

## MONTHLY MISSION MESSAGE

### WHERE IS GOD IN THE MIDDLE OF A WAR?

Why should it be said among the peoples, "Where is their God?" (Joel 2:17)

The carnage and destruction in Ukraine is hard to watch, and it seems it will only get worse before it gets better. The Ukrainian forces and civilians are fighting back valiantly, and the courage of the inhabitants is inspiring. But one-quarter of the population has been displaced and the true number of dead may never be known. It is tempting to ask, where is God in all this?

Here is the good news: God is still present in the midst of war and injustice. Nearly the whole world has condemned the brutality of the attacks, and scores of countries are stepping forward in solidarity with Ukraine. The ELCA has responded to the crisis with prayer, advocacy and financial support through Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR), and as refugees reach other countries, the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) helps them get settled. In these ways, our Church is carrying out the New Commandment we heard on Maundy Thursday to love one another as God has loved us. "They will know we are Christians by our love." Your congregations' gifts to mission support, and your individual gifts to LDR and LIRS make it happen. *Thank you!*

We are church together for the sake of the world. God's Work. Our Hands.  
(from the Upstate Update of the Upstate NY Synod of the ELCA)

Sunday, June 5, Pentecost

[Acts 2:1-21](#)

*Filled with the Spirit to tell God's deeds*

[Genesis 11:1-9](#) (alternate)

*God destroys the tower of Babel*

[Psalm 104:24-34, 35b](#)

*Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (Ps. 104:30)*

[Romans 8:14-17](#)

*The Spirit makes us children of God*

[Acts 2:1-21](#) (alternate)

*Filled with the Spirit to proclaim God's deeds*

[John 14:8-17 \[25-27\]](#)

*The Father will give you another Advocate, the Spirit of truth*

Sunday, June 12, First Sunday after Pentecost

[Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31](#)

*Wisdom rejoices in the creation*

[Psalm 8](#)

*Your glory is chanted above the heavens. (Ps. 8:2)*

[Romans 5:1-5](#)

*God's love poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit*

[John 16:12-15](#)

*The Spirit will guide you into the truth*

Sunday, June 19, Second Sunday after Pentecost

[Isaiah 65:1-9](#)

*The prophet sent to a rebellious people*

[Psalm 22:19-28](#)

*In the midst of the assembly I will praise you. (Ps. 22:22)*

[Galatians 3:23-29](#)

*In baptism, clothed with Christ; no longer Jew or Greek*

[Luke 8:26-39](#)

*Jesus casts out demons possessing a man of the Gerasenes*

Sunday, June 26, Third Sunday after Pentecost

[1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21](#)

*Elijah says to Elisha, Follow me and do not continue plowing*

[Psalm 16](#)

*I have set the LORD always before me. (Ps. 16:8)*

[Galatians 5:1, 13-25](#)

*Love is the whole law, gift of the Spirit*

[Luke 9:51-62](#)

*Jesus says, Follow me and do not look back*

When it seems like our world has gone crazy and it does. When it seems like violence rules in our land. When all we can do is pray and mourn with those who mourn. When friends ask us “Where is God in all of this?” What are we to do? We feel so helpless.

The violence in our land is multi-faceted. There is no one pat answer to it. While one side cries out that it’s too easy to get guns, the other declares it to be a mental health crisis. It’s both and there’s even more to the issue than that.

There’s a song that’s been written to the tune of Jesus, Savior Pilot Me. Take a peek. It speaks to what we are all feeling these days. The link is:

<https://sojo.net/articles/hymn-people-called-do-more-sing-and-pray>

Please know that even when we are unaware of God’s presence, God is with all who mourn in these difficult days. God is standing with and holding each one in the hollow of God’s hand.

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Pastor Ivy Gauvin St. Timothy Lutheran Church

## Progress Continues from March Fire

St. Timothy has made steady progress coming back from an outside shed fire in March. The area has been cleaned up, and gravel delivered and smoothed out in preparation for the new shed. (Thank’s Bob!)

The shed was purchased from Sam Young of Young’s Countryside Structures and delivered on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. We truly appreciate Sam working with St. Timothy to purchase a well-made, 10’ x 16’ shed.

It was really fun watching it being put into place and it looks beautiful! Here are just a few photos....



Left to do: Repair the side of the garage with new siding, window and door.

# Ecumenical and Inter-Religious NEWS

Dear partners,

Greetings of peace and prayers for continued health.

A week ago, our Muslim neighbors ended the holy month of Ramadan with the joyous celebration of Eid al-Fitr. For much of April, Christians and Muslims journeyed through their respective periods of fasting, prayer, and reflection, as Lent and Ramadan coincided. During this holy time of confluence between Christians and Muslims, The ELCA Church Council unanimously adopted "[A Declaration of the ELCA to the Muslim Community](#)" affirming our friendship and solidarity with Muslims, nurtured over time through meaningful cooperation, dialogue, and common action.

This latest declaration stands alongside "[A Declaration of the ELCA to the Jewish Community](#)" and as a concrete expression of "[A Declaration of Inter-Religious Commitment](#)." More than a corpus of statements, these declarations remind us of who we are in relationship to our neighbors, and who we strive to be. Grounded in real relationships, they are more than aspirational; grounded in reality, they reflect commitments not yet fully realized. Within the next month, new resources will be published to support these inter-religious efforts, including a preaching guide that affirms our church's commitments to Jewish relations and a set of pastoral guidelines for ministry in a multi-religious world.

In the northern hemisphere, we are finally experiencing the fullness of spring – a fitting metaphor for our church's inter-religious relations. What a vibrant time to be a church that embraces the unique joy encountering, knowing, and loving our neighbors of other religions and worldviews. In hope,

Kathryn M. Lohre

Executive, Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations & Theological Discernment

[The 2022 ELCA Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations Annual Staff Report is now available for download at \*elca.org\*.](#)



**JUNE 2022**  
**WORSHIP AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**  
**AT ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

	JUNE 5	JUNE 12	JUNE 19	JUNE 26	
Assistant Liturgist	Kristie Bloomquist	Tammy Haas	Sarah Goebel	Tammy Haas	
Ushers/Greeters	Marty Hunt Linda Milks	Marty Hunt Linda Milks	Marty Hunt Linda Milks	Marty Hunt Linda Milks	

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# ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH JUNE 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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				Choir 5:00 pm		
5  10:00 am Worship w/Communion Bible Study 10:45  Synod Convention	6  Synod Convention	7	8	9  Choir 5:00 pm  Devon Raynor	10  Ellery Senior Citizens 11:30 – 1:30	11  Allen Peterson
12  10:00 am Worship Bible Study 10:45	13	14  	15	16	17	18  Rachel McKillip
19  10:00 am Worship w/Communion Church Council 11 am   Payton Daniels	20	21	22  Marcy Saar	23  Michael Saar	24	25
26  10:00 am Worship Bible Study 10:45	27	28	29	30		

**6** Pray for an end to the invasion of Ukraine and the violence inflicted upon its citizens, for the safety and well-being of its refugees, for the healing of its communities and for the restoration of its infrastructure.

**7** The ELCA World Hunger Global Farm Challenge is a youth-focused campaign to accompany our neighbors who live with the threats of hunger and poverty. Pray that our church will meet its fundraising goal of \$500,000 to equip communities around the world and in the U.S. with the resources needed to turn hunger into hope and self-sufficiency.

**8** Remember your baptism and give thanks that, in Christ and through the Spirit, our new identity as children and heirs of God is revealed, shaped and guided so that we might live our faith with confidence and joy and serve our neighbor with compassion, mercy and generosity.

**9** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Central States, Indiana-Kentucky and New England synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.

**10** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Grand Canyon; La Crosse Area; Northeastern Pennsylvania; Metropolitan Washington, D.C.; Northeastern Iowa; Northwestern Pennsylvania; and Southwestern Texas synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.

**11** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Southwestern Minnesota, Southwestern California and Allegheny synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.

**12** *Holy Trinity Sunday* Celebrate and pray for our faith to deepen as we embrace the mystery of the Holy Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, always present for us.

**13** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the South Carolina Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.

**14** "When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?" (Psalm 8:3-4). Give thanks and

praise that God shows no bias, understands our human complexities and is not constrained by human borders, rules or traditions.

**15** Pray that our hope and strength will be grounded and renewed in God's boundless and unfaltering love, especially in times when we feel uncertain, discouraged or powerless to impact what goes on in the world today.

**16** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.

**17** *Emanuel Nine, martyrs* Today we remember the members of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, N.C., who were killed by a self-professed white supremacist while gathered for Bible study. Pray that we – as individuals, a church and a society – will reaffirm our commitment to repent from the sins of racism and white supremacy, and that the Spirit will change our hearts and lead us to value, love and welcome all people as the wonderful handiwork of God.

**18** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the Upper Susquehanna Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.

**19** *Juneteenth* This day of celebration commemorates the end of slavery in the United States, an observance dating back to June 19, 1865. Give thanks to God for the diversity of humankind and pray that God will help, guide and strengthen our commitment to work for the full inclusion of all people in the church, in our society and throughout the world.

**20** On Father's Day, give thanks and pray for fathers, stepfathers, foster fathers, fathers struggling with parenting, and men without children of their own who serve as loving and caring adults in the lives of children and youth.

**21** Remember in prayer seasonal workers, often working behind the scenes, who are in transition throughout the year; pray that they will find safe and sustaining employment, affordable housing and a sense of community in our congregations.

**22** Give thanks and praise that God is at work to reclaim, transform and unite us as children of God through our baptism in Christ.

**23** Pray that summer programs and community ministries of our congregations will stir faith and hope and attend to the needs of communities.

Give thanks for volunteers who share their enthusiasm, faith, time and gifts to help summer ministries thrive.

**24 *John the Baptist*** Though we may lack the single-mindedness, fervor and sacrificial spirit of John the Baptist in proclaiming Christ, give thanks that God uses our unique qualities and gifts to serve our neighbor and share the life-changing gospel with whomever we encounter in our daily life.

**25** Pray for programs and partners of the ELCA churchwide organization that support young adults as they grow in faith and discover who God is calling them to be in the world, including ELCA Young Adult Ministry, Young Adults in Global Mission, Young Adult Justice Network, Campus Ministry, and outdoor ministries.

**26** Pray that we might follow Christ with passion and commitment, sharing the good news, inviting others into faith and showing grace toward our neighbor when we encounter resistance, difficulty or disbelief.

**27** Pray that God will hear our concern and yearning for our communities and schools to be safe from gun violence; pray that the Spirit will transform that concern and yearning into advocacy for common-sense gun laws, community conversations and initiatives, and loving care for those impacted by gun violence.

**28** Give thanks and pray for the safety of firefighters, first responders, members of the National Guard, disaster response volunteers, relief agencies and neighbors who respond to individuals and communities in times of severe weather and natural disaster.

**29 *Peter and Paul, apostles*** Peter and Paul disagreed with each other yet were united in their commitment to spread the good news of Jesus Christ and encourage communities of faith. Pray that we will be united in our faith as siblings in Christ, moving beyond our differences and using our unique gifts and perspectives to do God's work in the world, together.

**30** Pray for the churchwide organization staff and volunteer leaders across the country preparing for the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans, and for the congregations, youth and adults anticipating this rich experience of worship, community, faith formation, learning and service.



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## PRAYER VENTURES

JUNE 2022

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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 *LGBTQ Pride Month*** Give thanks for the gifts, wisdom and faith of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer neighbors and siblings in Christ. Ask the Spirit to stir and embolden us to advocate for laws, practices, values, and institutional and social change that address injustice, bias and exclusion.

**2** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Central/Southern Illinois, Nebraska, North Carolina and Sierra Pacific synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.

**3** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Florida-Bahamas, Lower Susquehanna, Montana, Northwestern Ohio, South Dakota, Southeastern and Western North Dakota synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.

**4** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Eastern North Dakota, Metropolitan Chicago, Northwest Washington and West Virginia-Western Maryland synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.

**5 *Day of Pentecost*** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Northern Illinois and Upstate New York synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.

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