

# ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH CHURCH MOUSE



**Sunday, July 2, 2023**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Worship in Church or Drive In With Communion 10:00 am

Pastor Ivy Gauvin

**Sunday, July 9, 2023**

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Worship in Church or Drive In 10:00 am

Guest Preacher, Katie Castro

**Sunday, July 16, 2023**

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Worship in Church or Drive In With Communion 10:00 am

Pastor Ivy Gauvin

**Sunday, July 23, 2023**

**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Worship in Church or Drive In 10:00 am

Pastor Ivy Gauvin

**Sunday, July 30, 2023**

**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Worship in Church or Drive In 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***

## **PASTOR'S PONDERING- By Pastor Ivy**

Dear friends,

"We plan, God laughs." So goes an old Yiddish proverb. I was really looking forward to going to Gettysburg, to my seminary, for continuing education. It's been so long. Alas, in today's email, I found that it is being canceled. So go my plans.

How about you? Do you find that you go to great lengths to plan something, and then it all falls apart? It can be difficult to discern the difference between our plans and the ones God wants. Then I always think of this scripture verse, "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. 12 Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you" (Jeremiah 29:11-12). God's words through Jeremiah were not for one person, however, but for the entire nation of Israel. Regardless, it still rings true to me and serves as a reminder when things don't go as planned.

I was wondering what else I could do during that time without the week in Gettysburg. God willing, I'll be able to take parts of those days to spend in quiet, listening to what God is up to for myself and for our congregation.

Something else you will see for a while is me leading worship and preaching from a chair. I have a wound on the bottom of my foot, and the doctor has given me orders to try to stay off of it until it's healed. So, in this way, there is time I would be spending on other things I love, like Tai Chi and going to the pool at the Boys' and Girls' Club, to utilize that time in other ways.

What plans do you have for this summer? Are they the same as God's plans? I hope so. May God strengthen and refresh you in the coming days as you use them to God's glory.

## St. Timothy Church Council

President– Kristie Bloomquist

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Kathy Carlson      Bob Pecuch

Linda Milks      Pastor Ivy Gauvin

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Treasurer – Julie Bihler

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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 Council Highlights**

- 5 & 2 Packing is done for the summer! We will start packing again in September. Food donations are accepted throughout the year.
- The “Kitchen Shower” was a big success! Thanks for all the donations!
- Council has started planning a Fall Picnic – September 10<sup>th</sup> – Mark your calendars – it’s going to be fun! And, of course, THERE’S FOOD!



## 5 Loaves & 2 Fish Backpack Ministry

We continuously collect food items for the 5 & 2 Ministry. Bring your donations and place in the black bin in church narthex. Lists detailing items needed are also available in the narthex. Monetary donations welcome! Contact Gale-Svenson-Campbell for details [gales1949@gmail.com](mailto:gales1949@gmail.com)



Prayer Requests:

Dianne Sloan, Kay Marker Magneson, Roy Pihl, George Balcom, Thom Shagla, Lianne Edborg, Marty Wittstrom, Marie Lawson, Joe Prall, Sarah VanStaalduin, Charlene Hunter, Joe Gauvin, Emerson Allaby, Karen Brown, John Gingrass, those serving in the military and law enforcement and their families, including Christine Kaffka and 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.



JULY

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|-------------------|--------------------------|
| 5 Mardell Hanson  | 18 Barb Simpson          |
| 5 Carly Hanson    | 18 Luke Briggs           |
| 5 Cheryl Shagla   | 20 Gale Svenson-Campbell |
| 9 Marla Oste      | 25 Ann Bentley           |
| 11 Scott Oste     | 29 Susan Caruso          |
| 14 Susan Benjamin | 29 Laurie Wickerham      |
|                   | 30 Stacie Cummings       |

## MONTHLY READINGS

### July 2, 5th Sunday after Pentecost, Holy Trinity

#### Reading and Psalm

[Jeremiah 28:5-9](#)

*The test of a true prophet*

[Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18](#)

Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing. (Ps. 89:1)

[Romans 6:12-23](#)

*No longer under law but under grace*

[Matthew 10:40-42](#)

*Welcome Christ in those he sends*

### July 9, 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

#### Readings and Psalm

[Zechariah 9:9-12](#)

*The king will come in humility and peace*

[Psalm 145:8-14](#)

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion. (Ps. 145:8)

[Romans 7:15-25a](#)

*The struggle within the self*

[Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30](#)

*The yoke of discipleship*

### July 16, 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

#### Reading and Psalm

[Isaiah 55:10-13](#)

*The growth of the word to accomplish God's purpose*

[Psalm 65:\[1-8\] 9-13](#)

Your paths overflow with plenty. (Ps. 65:11)

[Romans 8:1-11](#)

*Live according to the Spirit*

[Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23](#)

*The parable of the sower and the seed*

### July 23, 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

#### Readings and Psalm

[Isaiah 44:6-8](#)

*There is no other God than the LORD*

[Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19](#) (alternate)

*God's sovereignty: both righteous and forbearing*

[Psalm 86:11-17](#)

Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth. (Ps. 86:11)

[Romans 8:12-25](#)

*The revealing of the children of God*

[Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43](#)

*The parable of the weeds*

**July 30, 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Readings and Psalm**

[1 Kings 3:5-12](#)

*Solomon's prayer for wisdom*

[Psalm 119:129-136](#)

*When your word is opened, it gives light and understanding. (Ps. 119:130)*

[Romans 8:26-39](#)

*Nothing can separate us from God's love*

[Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52](#)

*Parables of the reign of heaven*

Please keep us up to date on Family News!



**THE BLIND**, a new movie coming to theaters this fall, is the beginning of the story of the Robertson family, who you may know from Duck Dynasty fame. Maybe you watched an episode or two of Duck Dynasty when it was on TV between 2012 and 2017.

Long before Phil Robertson was a reality TV star, he fell in love, started a family, and began to spiral out of control. **THE BLIND** shares never-before-revealed moments in Phil's life as he seeks to conquer the shame of his past, ultimately finding redemption and a strong foundation in Jesus.

If you have not heard about the film yet, you can watch the teaser trailer [HERE](#).

Sign up for updates and stay informed at **THE BLIND** website [HERE](#).

Make plans to see **THE BLIND** September 28th when it comes to movie theaters around the country. It is a great opportunity to share the gospel with friends and neighbors.

Tickets are now available for pre-sale [HERE](#). Want to take a group of 25 or more? [Fill out this form](#) and our group tickets team will connect with you.

Let us know if you have any questions or ideas around the movie and your church.

In Him,

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## [From ELCA website: What we Believe](#)

### Where is God in pain and loss?

God is with us — always. God’s love for us is limitless and persistent. God’s goodness and mercy prevail. In Scripture we read that “neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:38-39). We know that God is present in every aspect of life. God, through Jesus, knows pain and suffering and death. But through Jesus, we know resurrection. It can be difficult to see, but this faith helps us find that God is with us — even in oppression and injustice, even in the greatest pain and loss.

### Why does God let bad things happen?

Suffering is part of the human experience — bad things happen. As we move through life, we encounter injustice, loss, fear and pain. It is a fact that humans make choices that cause each other troubles and sorrows. But there are also natural disasters and tragedies. The question of why bad things happen is honest and real. The ELCA doesn’t pretend to have easy answers, but God is with us through all of it. The resurrection of Jesus teaches us

hope, and when we turn to God, we experience God's grace in times of need.

### **What does the Lutheran tradition have in common with other Christians?**

We believe it's important to have relationships and understanding with other Christian faiths, and with other religious traditions and worldviews too. With other Christians we read the Bible, gather in congregations for worship services and affirm core Christian beliefs.

The ELCA has established “[full communion](#)” agreements with six Protestant denominations: the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the Reformed Church in America, the United Church of Christ, the Moravian Church in America (Northern and Southern Provinces), The Episcopal Church and the United Methodist Church. These agreements mean that we share enough essential understanding to participate in common mission. We exchange clergy and encourage opportunities to work together toward justice and peace. We acknowledge that differences remain, but we can talk about these, learn from each other, challenge each other and just agree to disagree.

In our multireligious world, the ELCA is committed to working with people of other religions and worldviews toward mutual understanding and for the common good. [Learn more.](#)

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

	JULY 2	JULY 9	JULY 16	JULY 23	JULY 30
Assistant Liturgist	Tammy Haas	Sarah Goebel	Kristie Bloomquist	Sarah Goebel	Trish Pecuch
Ushers/Greeters	Marty Hunt Ginnie Sloan	Marty Hunt Linda Milks	Ginnie Sloan Linda Milks	Marty Hunt Ginnie Sloan	Linda Milks Marty Hunt

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# ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH JULY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 10:00 am Worship w/Communion	3 Pastor Ivy-Vacation This week	4 	5 Mardell Hanson Carly Hanson Cheryl Shagla	6 Tai Chi 9:30 am 12:00 pm	7	8
9 10:00 am Worship Guest Preacher Katie Castro  Marla Oste	10	11 Scott Oste	12	13 Tai Chi 9:30 am 12:00 pm	14 Susan Benjamin	15
16 10:00 am Worship w/Communion	17	18 ChgDog Training 6pm Barb Simpson Luke Briggs	19	20 Tai Chi 9:30 am 12:00 pm Gale Svenson- Campbell	21	22
23 10:00 am Worship- ----- 30 10:00 am Worship/Healing Stacie Cummings	24 ----- 31	25 ChgDog Training 6pm Ann Bentley	26	27 Tai Chi 9:30 am 12:00 pm	28	29 Susan Caruso Laurie Wickerham

29 Give thanks and praise to God, who knows us inside and out and guides and supports us throughout our journey.

30 “Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:38-39). Thank God for this sweeping proclamation, which gives us peace and assurance in this uncertain world.

31 Pray for the Spirit to refresh and sustain the health, spirit and faith of young adult staff and their leaders as they serve in our summer camp ministries across the country.

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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 Give thanks for the work of social service organizations, ELCA Disability Ministry and the Total Inclusion! initiative of Lutheran Outdoor Ministries to fully include, affirm and respond to the diverse needs of people who live with a range of physical, cognitive and emotional disabilities.

2 Pray that we will equip one another for the challenges and share with one another the blessings that come from being disciples of Jesus, called and sent to do God's work in the world.

3 Remember in prayer all those who have been impacted by disasters, including those related to extreme weather, climate change, economic upheaval, political unrest, and war, and by other events that cause suffering, loss and displacement.

4 *Independence Day* Give thanks for the freedom and abundance we enjoy in our country, and ask God to help us exercise generosity in our national life, addressing root causes of the poverty, hunger, injustice, racism and lack of opportunity our neighbors experience on a daily basis.

5 Pray for the worship leaders and musicians gathering in Philadelphia for the conference of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians.

6 So far in 2023 there have been over 18,500 gun violence deaths in our country, including 280 mass shooting incidents ([gunviolencearchive.org](https://gunviolencearchive.org)). Ask God to hear our cries of grief and anger; pray for the comfort, healing and strength of individuals, families and communities suffering sorrow and trauma; and ask the Spirit's strength to do all we can to prevent gun violence.

7 Praise God that sin and death have no control over our lives now that we have been set free by God's unearned gift of grace and forgiveness in Jesus Christ.

**8** Thank God for the ELCA's special relationship with the United Methodist Church, a full communion partner since 2009. 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.

**9** “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28). Pray with relief and gratitude that we are never alone or without a loving rabbi, instructing and rejuvenating us to navigate life as followers of Christ.

**10** Ask God to guide and bless the Truth and Healing Movement of our church, an initiative to increase our understanding of past and present injustices and harm borne by Indigenous people and to encourage action to build right and healthy relationships, healing Indigenous and non-Indigenous people alike.

**11** Thank God for inspiring our generosity to new congregations and ministries, especially in places that lack the resources for growth and self-sufficiency.

**12** “Help us to put aside the angry word, the clenching fist, the wish and will to hurt. Teach us the way in which love is best served” (*ELW* 615). Pray that we will treat our neighbors – including our enemies – with a kindness and respect that delight God.

**13** Give thanks for the ELCA's Resourceful Servants initiative, which promotes the financial wellness of ELCA congregations, rostered ministers and seminarians; lessens the strains on those who lead faith communities; and enables them to more effectively carry out the mission of the church – making disciples for Jesus Christ.

**14** God is gracious and good to all and has compassion for all creation. Pray for God to help us spread the good news throughout the world and to every generation.

**15** Ask the Spirit to guide and inspire those planning the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering, the Multicultural Youth Leadership Event, the tAbLe event (for youth living with physical, cognitive and emotional disabilities) and the Young Adult Gathering.

**16** Pray for patience when our ministry doesn't produce the results we expect; ask the Spirit to help us reflect on our work, adapt, and understand that sometimes positive results ensue without our knowledge.

**17** Pray for rostered ministers gathering with colleagues from across the church for fellowship, renewal, continuing education, worship and Bible study at the ELCA Rostered Ministers Gathering in Phoenix, Ariz.

**18** Remember in prayer members of the Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church as they reconsider statements of purpose for each expression of the ELCA and the principles of our church's organizational structure.

**19** Lift up prayers of joy and thanksgiving, for God has given us new life, freedom and an eternal inheritance through the risen Christ – a gift for all people!

**20** Give thanks, today and every day, for those who stir our joy and hope, and resolve to be a source of joy and hope for others.

**21** Doing God's work in the world and sharing the gospel is never a fruitless endeavor – God accomplishes what God intends. Pray for the Spirit to deepen our trust in God's power and renew our strength for continuing the important work to which God has called us.

**22** Pray that, together, we will always work to identify and encourage potential leaders, deacons and pastors, so that they might respond to God's call and use their gifts to share the gospel, nurture congregations, grow the church and serve our neighbors in need.

**23** Pray for wisdom to discern good from evil, and for faith to know God's truth reigns.

**24** The brutality and destruction of the Russia-Ukraine War have gone on for over a year. Pray for a permanent end to the violence, and remember in prayer people of all ages who yearn for peace and normality.

**25** Pray that we will not judge or disparage people whose religious beliefs differ from our own or who belong to no community of faith. Promise to trust the work of the Spirit when listening to our neighbors, responding to their questions and opinions and inviting them to embrace the gift of unconditional love we experience through Jesus Christ.

**26** “Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth” (Psalm 86:11). Pray that, as disciples and students of Christ, we will attend to the truth of God and what the Spirit may reveal anew.

**27** Citizens of Louisville Organized and United Together (CLOUT), an ELCA World Hunger Domestic Hunger Grant partner, has assisted in providing over 4,200 units of safe and affordable housing in Louisville, Ky. Give thanks for what we accomplish together when we share our gifts and resources!

**28** Pray for those whose mental and physical pain goes unnoticed in our communities and congregations; ask the Spirit to help us reach out to them with care, support and respect.