

**ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
***CHURCH MOUSE***  
***SEPTEMBER 2022***



**Sunday, September 4, 2022**  
**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Worship With Communion 10:00 am  
Pastor Ivy Gauvin

**Sunday, September 11, 2022**  
**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Worship 10:00 am  
Pastor Ivy Gauvin

**Sunday, September 18, 2022**  
**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Worship With Communion 10:00 am  
Pastor Ivy Gauvin

**Sunday, September 25, 2022**  
**Sixteenth 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 PONDERING...**

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Oh my, is it September already? The cues I once had, like back to school shopping, are long gone. This time, the only one getting ready for school was my granddaughter, Grace. We saw her and her mom on their way to Charlotte, NC. Grace is all settled now, and Sarah returned home a few days later. The built-in reminders are gone. Ready or not...everything ramps up in September, even at church. Tai Chi, Healthy Bones and other groups will once again be using our facilities for the community's health. As part of our program, Sunday Bible study will resume following worship. Look in later pages of the Mouse for more information. Even though my kids, like many of yours, are grown, there is still a more relaxed pace during the summer. Now those days are nearly gone as we relish the last few weeks of summer with the warmth that allows fresh air to flow through our homes. As we are still able to be out and about in nature, can we learn to slow down as we take in our surroundings? ELW #513 is a song that speaks God's truth in a simple, yet profound way.

The refrain is, "Listen, listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting, Offering forgiveness, comfort and joy."

God speaks to us in many ways, one of which is through nature. The psalmist writes, "The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork" (Psalm 19:1) and elsewhere, "The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples behold his glory" (Psalm 97:6). Take in the coming days and listen to God's voice.

May God's peace be yours,  
Pastor Ivy

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### **St. Timothy Church Council**

*President- Kristie Bloomquist*

*Vice President - Marty Hunt*

*Secretary - Marcy Saar*

*Kathy Carlson            Tammy Haas*  
*Linda Milks            Pastor Ivy Gauvin*

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*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.*

**August 2022 Council Highlights:**

- God’s Work: Our Hands Sunday is September 11<sup>th</sup>
- Adopt a Highway Fall clean-up on Friday 9/9 at 9:30am (rain date is 9/16)
- Work at parsonage - deck repair is complete and looks great.
- Work at church – new garage door is installed.
- New Bible Study starting September 11, after worship.
- Starting in September – coffee hour after worship will be in Fellowship Hall.
- 5 & 2 will start packing on Tuesday, September 20.
  - Donations always needed
  - Contact Kathy or Gale if you want to help
- Healthy Bones and Tai Chi exercise classes are starting up in September.

**PRAYER  
REQUEST**

Karen Johnson, Mary Peterson, Kay Marker Magneson, Roy Pihl, George Balcom, Trudy Fetzner, Thom Shagla, Norm Wolff, Sarah VanStaalduin Stephen Gilboy, Roger Samuelson, 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.

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***HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!***

***September Birthdays***

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| 7- JT Sellstrom       | 17- Jack Helfrich  |
| 9- Mary Lou Krott     | 18- Bradley Bihler |
| 9- Bob Samuelson      | 19- Jon Hanson     |
| 12- Amy Tellinghuisen | 23- Michael Goebel |
| 15- Randy Oste        | 24- Barry Benjamin |
| 16- Julie Bihler      | 27- Traudi Heil    |

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 September, if you haven't already done so.



**Good News!**

Please put on your calendar that we will have the Honduras Auction, after a 2 year hiatus, on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, viewing at 5:30 p.m., auction at 6 p.m.

Take a look around your homes to see if you have any new (or like new) items that you could donate to the auction. If you feel like buying something new, and donating it, that would be great.

As in the past, we will also ask local businesses to donate to the auction, and we will have baskets, baked goods, and so many more items to bid on.

We hope you will attend, and bring your friends



**2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly summary of actions** 8/19/2022 8:35:00 AM

Chicago —The 2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly met Aug. 8-12 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio. Gathering under the theme "Embody the Word," the assembly worshiped together in services of eucharist and lament, experienced a liturgy rooted in Indigenous traditions, and heard a public apology in a nonlegislative session to Iglesia Luterana Santa María Peregrina for harm experienced from actions taken by the Sierra Pacific Synod and this church.

The following key actions were taken by the assembly:

Elected Imran Siddiqui of the Southeastern Synod as vice president of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

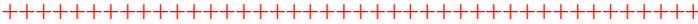
- Directed the ELCA Church Council to establish a Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church to reconsider the statements of purpose for each expression of this church, the principles of organizational structure and our shared commitment to dismantle racism, with findings to be reported to the 2025 Churchwide Assembly in preparation for a possible reconstituting convention. Directed an external audit of the governing documents of the ELCA to consider diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility, with findings resulting in recommended changes to the governing documents.
- Authorized revisions to the social statement *Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust*; approved exploration of reconsideration of the four stated positions of "bound conscience."
- Encouraged members, congregations and synods of this church to educate themselves about Indigenous peoples, calling on the churchwide organization to work with synods and Indigenous partners to identify sources of funding for ministries for Indigenous peoples, and encouraging restorative justice that could include the return of land to the appropriate Native nations.
- Referred a proposed study of pay gaps for rostered ministers to the Church Council.
- Mandated a review process of the roster manual and policies related to specialized ministries, on leave from call status, and protocols for removal from the rosters; encouraged bishops and synod councils to use sparingly the process of removal from the roster for nondisciplinary reasons.
- Approved the budget proposal for the triennium, including a spending authorization of \$68,814,000 for 2023 for the current fund, along with a spending authorization of \$22,869,000 for ELCA World Hunger.
- Affirmed limits on the use of nondisclosure agreements by the churchwide organization; urged synods, congregations and other ministries to apply the same limits.
- Reaffirmed the commitment of this church to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, directing the churchwide organization • E to set a goal of a 50% reduction of net greenhouse gas pollution by 2030, with a long-range goal of achieving net-zero emissions by 2050.
- Called for a review of the nomination and elections processes used by synods and the churchwide organization.
- Responded to memorials on diversity; nuclear weapons; voting rights and Washington, D.C., statehood; strategies for fortifying urban ministries; a Black migrant strategy; the right to boycott; gun violence; LGBTQIA+ welcome; substance abuse; Roe v. Wade; remembrance of Armenian, Assyrian and Greek genocide; parental and medical family leave; a process for pre-identification of nominees for the Office of the Presiding Bishop; revisions to the mission development process; consideration of communion practices related to remote worship; affirmation of the task force created by the Church Council to review the discipline process; and a social message on child abuse and protection.
- Approved or ratified amendments to the Constitutions, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the ELCA, most of which were related to general clarifications and updates; inclusive language; synod-authorized ministry; designation of advisory members by the Church Council; boards of the separately incorporated ministries; and election procedures for officers and the Churchwide Assembly.
- Elected members of the Church Council, Committee on Appeals, Committee on Discipline, Nominating Committee and boards of the separately incorporated ministries.

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**About the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America:**

The ELCA is one of the largest Christian denominations in the United States, with more than 3.3 million members in more than 8,900 congregations across the 50 states and in the Caribbean region. Known as the church of "God's work. Our hands," the ELCA emphasizes the saving grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ, unity among Christians and service in the world. The ELCA's roots are in the writings of the German church reformer Martin Luther.

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Candice Hill Buchbinder



## Monthly Readings and Psalms

### Sunday, September 4, 2022

[Deuteronomy 30:15-20](#)

*Walk in the way of life and hold fast to God*

[Psalm 1](#)

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

[Philemon 1-21](#)

*Paul says: Receive Onesimus as a coworker*

[Luke 14:25-33](#)

*Jesus says: Disciples, give up your possessions and carry the cross*

### Sunday, September 11, 2022

[Exodus 32:7-14](#)

*Moses begs the LORD to turn from anger against the Hebrews*

[Psalm 51:1-10](#)

*Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love. (Ps. 51:1)*

[1 Timothy 1:12-17](#)

*Christ Jesus came for sinners*

[Luke 15:1-10](#)

*Looking for the lost sheep, silver coin: Jesus eating with sinners*

### Sunday, September 18, 2022

[Amos 8:4-7](#)

*Warnings to those who trample on the needy and poor*

[Psalm 113](#)

*The LORD lifts up the poor from the ashes. (Ps. 113:7)*

[1 Timothy 2:1-7](#)

*One God, one mediator—Christ Jesus—who gave himself for all people*

[Luke 16:1-13](#)

*A shrewd manager: faithful in little, faithful in much; serving God/wealth*

### Sunday, September 25, 2022

[Amos 6:1a, 4-7](#)

*Warnings to those who are comfortable or wealthy*

[Psalm 146](#)

*The LORD gives justice to those who are oppressed. (Ps. 146:7)*

[1 Timothy 6:6-19](#)

*Eager to be rich or eager to pursue richness of God's justice?*

[Luke 16:19-31](#)

*Story of poor Lazarus and the wealthy man*



**Coffee Hour Returns to Fellowship Hall!  
Please see the signup sheet posted on the Bulletin Board.**

*Welcome*

To our new cleaner, Ashley Kaczar!!



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

	SEPTEMBER 4	SEPTEMBER 11	SEPTEMBER 18	SEPTEMBER 25	
Assistant Liturgist	Ann Bentley	Kristie Bloomquist	Tammy Haas	Sarah Goebel	
Ushers/Greeters	Marty Hunt Ginnie Sloan	Ginnie Sloan Linda Milks	Marty Hunt Linda Milks	Marty Hunt Ginnie Sloan	

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# ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH SEPTEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 10:00 am Worship w/Communion	5  HAPPY LABOR DAY ★★★	6 Open House for Jayson Mena, Honduran Missionary 6-9pm 304 Howard Ave. Bring a dish to pass	7 JT Sellstrom	8 Tai Chi 9:30 am Tai Chi 12:00 pm  Choir 5pm	9 Ellery Senior Citizens 11:30 – 1:30  Adopt a Highway 9:30am Mary Lou Krott Bob Samuelson	10
11 10:00 am Worship	12 Healthy Bone 9am  Amy Tellinghuisen	13	14 Healthy Bones 9am	15  Hispanic Heritage Month September 15-October 15  Tai Chi 9:30 and 12 Choir 5pm Randy Oste	16 Julie Bihler	17 Jack Helfrich
18 10:00 am Worship w/Communion 11:00 am Council Baptism: Hudson David Zink Bradley Bihler	19 Healthy Bones 9am  Jon Hanson	20 5 & 2 Packing 7pm	21 Healthy Bones 9am	22 Tai Chi 9:30 am Tai Chi 12:00 pm  Choir 5pm	23 Michael Goebel	24 Barry Benjamin
25 10:00 am Worship	26 Healthy Bones 9am	27 Traudi Heil	28 Healthy Bones 9am	29 Tai Chi 9:30 am Tai Chi 12:00 pm  Choir 5pm	30	

26 Pray that we might grasp the tenacity of God's concern for those suffering from poverty and hunger, here and around the world. Embrace God's call to care for our neighbors in need and to end poverty and hunger through our shared compassion, resources, wisdom and resolve.

27 "They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life" (1 Timothy 6:18-19). Pray that we will be kind, generous and attentive to God's work in the world, trusting God's favor and the promise of eternal life over wealth, status or accomplishments.

28 Ask God to bless our 65 synod bishops, presiding bishop and secretary as they gather for the Conference of Bishops to support one another; worship, study, conduct church business and help identify, invite, equip and support new leaders in the church.

29 *Michael and All Angels* Praise God for the unfathomable mysteries of creation and all beings that reveal God's presence, power and will.

30 *Orange Shirt Day: Every Child Matters* This day of observance originated in Canada to raise awareness of the tragic legacy of government-funded Indian boarding schools, many of which were run by Christian churches. These schools forced children to assimilate to white culture by separating them from their parents and stripping them of their Indigenous cultures, languages and spiritual beliefs. The United States and the ELCA share this legacy. Ask for God's mercy and forgiveness for the pain and suffering inflicted on Indigenous peoples throughout the history of our nation. Pray that we will view our national history with humility and work to correct the lasting impacts of injustice, for the well-being and wholeness of all people.

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*This resource may be copied and shared among members and friends of the congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Contact [info@elca.org](mailto:info@elca.org) for additional information. Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, 8765 W. Higgins Road, Chicago, IL 60631-4101. Telephone: 800-638-3522, ext. 2458.*



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

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## PRAYER VENTURES

SEPTEMBER 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 Pray for people, communities and regions of our country and the world suffering drought and persistent extreme heat that threaten lives, agricultural production, availability of water, and the health of communities and nations.

2 Pray for peace and healing wherever there is war or conflict in the world, and for the Spirit to further our work toward peace, understanding, respect for one another and unity in our country.

3 Pray for leaders, volunteers and teachers in our congregations who help others to deepen their faith, study Scripture, develop skills and confidence for sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor, and care for one another as disciples of Christ who never cease to learn or grow.

4 Pray that we will have the courage to follow Jesus, reordering our priorities and allegiances, using our wealth and resources to care for our neighbors in need, and resisting things that pull us away from God.

5 *Labor Day* On this day we recognize and pray for the work people do to sustain their families and the service they do to benefit their communities and society. Pray that all will receive fair wages, work in safe environments, be renewed through times of sabbath, and experience joy and fulfillment in their labor. Pray for all those who seek employment to find work, and for the well-being, care and support of people unable to work.

6 Pray that we will find wisdom, guidance, nourishment and joy in the commands and ways of God, becoming "like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and [whose] leaves do not wither" (Psalm 1:3).

7 Pray for the new volunteers in the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program, who depart today to serve with our global companions in Senegal, Jerusalem/West Bank, Argentina, Uruguay and the United Kingdom.

8 Pray for the Spirit to guide and bless synods as they implement decisions and plans made during their assemblies this year. Pray that they will be guided by the shared wisdom, creativity and gifts of lay and rostered leaders, members of congregations, ministry partners and voices from the communities they serve.

9 Pray that children and youth will be surrounded by parents, family, church leaders, teachers, neighbors and role models who are caring, respectful, encouraging and sincere in their faith.

10 Ask the Spirit to sustain our commitment to end racism and to address the deforming impact of white supremacy on our social and political endeavors. Pray that we will confront injustice, racism and inequities in our church, society, institutions and laws, and that we will proclaim boldly our conviction that all people are wonderfully created and gifted children of God.

11 *“God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday* On our church’s annual day of service, ask God to help us throughout our baptismal journeys as we strive to bring justice, stir hope, care for creation and strengthen communities through churchwide programs, local churches, global companions, social ministries and community organizations.

12 Give thanks and praise to God for seeking us out when we are lost or wander away, and for restoring and affirming our relationship as children of God.

13 Pray that the Spirit will inspire people to use their unique gifts and skills abroad, seeking opportunities to serve with the ELCA’s global church companions and international partners.

14 Give thanks and pray for confirmation programs and teachers who help young people study the Bible; learn the basics of faith; become familiar with Lutheran theology, confessions and practices; and examine the connection between their faith in Jesus Christ, the world and their daily lives.

15 *First Day of Hispanic Heritage Month* Give thanks to God for the gifts, contributions and rich cultural diversity of our Latinx neighbors and siblings in Christ, and pray for the growth and vitality of the 147 Latino ministries of the ELCA as they share the gospel, equip leaders, promote inclusivity and diversity, and serve their neighbors.

16 “The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the foremost” (1 Timothy 1:15). Lift up prayers of repentance and gratitude for God’s gift of undeserved love and forgiveness, made personal through Jesus Christ.

17 Ask God to sustain teachers in schools and early childhood education programs. Pray that they will create safe and encouraging environments where students can learn skills for living and decision-making, form caring friendships, better understand the world and humanity, and develop concern for the well-being of their communities and society.

18 Lutheran Disaster Response shares God’s hope, healing and renewal with people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters – natural and human-made. Give thanks for what we accomplish together around the world through LDR, and let us promise to be generous in our support and involvement.

19 Remember in prayer the four new country coordinators working with volunteers in the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program: Jessica Geroux (Argentina/Uruguay), Jordan and Adam Miller-Stubbendick (Jerusalem and the West Bank) and Mytch Dorvilier (Senegal).

20 Remember in prayer the needs, concerns and challenges of parents who have children in school.

21 *International Day of Peace* Join with our neighbors and siblings in Christ around the world in praying for peace, healing, restoration and unity.

22 *First day of autumn* Give thanks for the changing seasons and the beauty and blessings of autumn, which delight us, inspire us, help us prepare for the winter months and remind us of the cycles of life in God’s creation.

23 Ask God to attend to those suffering hunger, poverty, illness and crisis. Pray that we will always recognize and respond to our neighbors in need and that our care and concern will reflect God’s boundless love and mercy for humankind.

24 Remember in prayer young adults who serve in the military. Pray that we will find ways to connect them with military ministries and with faith communities back home, and to support them both during their service and as they transition out of the military.

25 Pray that congregations engaged in mission planning and renewal will be guided and inspired by the Spirit, listening to God through Scripture and prayer, to the voices within our faith communities and to those outside the doors of our congregations.