

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



Sunday, September 3, 2023

14th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Sunday, September 10, 2023

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship in Church or Drive In 10:00 am
Pastor Ivy Gauvin

Sunday, September 17, 2023

16th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Sunday, September 24, 2023

17th 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

This morning, on the way home from the dentist, I saw the first signs of autumn. One of the trees by the red barn on Route 430 had a few leaves that had turned color. I know the time is coming, but I was shocked nonetheless.

There are children (and parents!) who are looking forward to the start of school. And there are some who are dreading it.

While some people anchor themselves in the future, missing out on the wonderful things happening before them in the present, others are so set on the wonders of the past that it's all they can think of. No matter the issue, the past was better—or was it?

We need to live with an awareness of our past to know who we are while looking toward the future. Yet, being aware and attentive to the present is essential to living life to the fullest.

Jesus was concerned about the present. In Luke's gospel, he tells the crowd, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain,' and so it happens. ⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. ⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?" (Luke 12:54-56).

We have to plan ahead to be ready for daily living. Schoolchildren need new clothes and shoes. They must have books and other supplies too. And yet...what does this have to do with us? Our children are grown, as are our grandchildren. We don't even consider the first day of school! Whatever our daily lives might look like, let us live in appreciation of the gifts of God for each new day.

What does God's word say about the present? Psalm 95:7 says, "For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. O that today you would listen to his voice!" In the Lord's Prayer, we pray, "Give us this day our daily bread" (Matthew 6:11). We do not pray for bread for tomorrow or next week, but for today. Also, from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said, "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today" (Matthew 6:34).

In our relationship with God, God wants us to have an awareness of him every day. Be still long enough to hear God's voice, to know God's presence through a neighbor or friend, or to read scripture. Make time for God a habit in your life. If you don't, it won't happen. As James says, "Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you" (James 4:8).

What does God have in store for us this year individually and as the people of God at St. Timothy? Some things we know, while others we do not. I am personally looking forward to the September 10 church picnic. I think it will be a lot of fun and a great time to reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Let us take a look at what else will happen in the coming year and embrace it to the fullest. God is good all of the time. All of the time God is good.

St. Timothy Church Council

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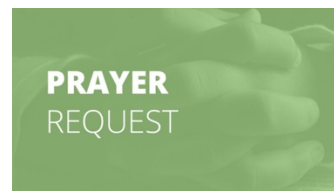
Do you have questions or ideas for Council? Feel free to share them with any council member or write them down and leave in the office.



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



Prayer Requests:

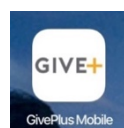
Dianne Sloan, Lee and Kay Marker Magneson, Roy Pihl, George Balcom, Thom Shagla, Lianne Edborg, Marty Wittstrom, Marie Lawson, Sarah VanStaalduin, Charlene Hunter, Joe Gauvin, Emerson Allaby, Karen Brown, John Gingrass, those serving in the military and law enforcement and their families, including Christine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





September

7 JT Sellstrom

9 Bob Samuelson

9 Mary Lou Krott

12 Amy Tellinghuisen

15 Randy Oste

16 Julie Bihler

17 John(Jack) Helfrich

18 Bradley Bihler

19 John Hanson

23 Michael Goebel

24 Barry Benjamin

27 Traudi Heil



5 Week Dog Tricks and Canine Good Citizen classes at St. Timothy.

Carly Davis, from Chq Dogs, is having 5 week dog training sessions on Monday evenings in the Fellowship Hall in September and October. Her tentative time is 5:00 pm.

She will be teaching dog tricks along with the Canine Good Citizen Class. The dates are 9/18, 9/25, 10/2, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30.

If interested, contact Carly at 716-268-1421.

MONTHLY READINGS

September 3, 14th Sunday after Pentecost,

Reading and Psalm

[Jeremiah 15:15-21](#)

God fortifies the prophet against opposition

[Psalm 26:1-8](#)

Your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you. (Ps. 26:3)

[Romans 12:9-21](#)

Live in harmony

[Matthew 16:21-28](#)

The passion prediction and rebuke to Peter

September 10, 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Readings and Psalm

[Ezekiel 33:7-11](#)

The prophet's responsibility to warn the people

[Psalm 119:33-40](#)

I desire the path of your commandments. (Ps. 119:35)

[Romans 13:8-14](#)

Live honorably as in the day

[Matthew 18:15-20](#)

Reconciliation in the community of faith

September 17, 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Reading and Psalm

[Genesis 50:15-21](#)

Joseph reconciles with his brothers

[Psalm 103:\[1-7\] 8-13](#)

LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy. (Ps. 103:8)

[Romans 14:1-12](#)

Accepting diversity in the community of faith

[Matthew 18:21-35](#)

A parable of forgiveness in the community of faith

September 24, 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Readings and Psalm

[Jonah 3:10—4:11](#)

God's concern for the city of Nineveh

[Psalm 145:1-8](#)

The LORD is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. (Ps. 145:8)

[Philippians 1:21-30](#)

Standing firm in the gospel

[Matthew 20:1-16](#)

The parable of the vineyard workers



2023

The Chautauqua County Office of the Aging Services and First Baptist Church of Mayville would like to invite you to participate in the Santa for Seniors program by helping collect needed items for seniors. More information is available now on the First Baptist Church's website.

FBCmayville.com under the Santa for Seniors tab. Email **ccsantaforseiors@gmail.com** to be added to the email list for regular updates and reminders.

SAVE THE DATES!

Donations due by November 17th

Packing night December 12th

Delivering December 14th

Phone: 716 753-2842

E-MAIL:

ccsantaforseiors@gmail.com

fbcmayville.com

Collection List

Candy Canes
Combs & Brushes
Wash Cloths
Facial Tissues
Handi- Grabbers
Hot chocolate Packets
Puzzle Books



Men's and Women's Shaving Cream
Kitchen Garbage bags (small box)
Toothbrushes (single or dual packs only)
Men's and Women's Razors
Slipper Socks
Dish Towels
Back Scratchers
Bar Soap
Toothpaste (4-10 oz)
Toilet Paper
Dish Soap (10-25 oz)
Gloves-winter
Boxed Tissues
Liquid Hand Soap (7.5 or more)
Laundry Soap (Small—10-20 oz) * Dollar Tree
Men's and Women's Deodorant (2.6 or larger)

Pot holders
Hats--winter
Wash Cloths
~~Winter Searves~~
Shampoo
Hand Lotion
Paper Towels
Lip Balm
Pocket Tissue Packs

Items will be crossed off when need is fulfilled.

Dear friend,

The significant loss of life and damage caused by the wildfires in Hawaii have turned our prayers and attention to mourning those lost, supporting the survivors and how Lutheran Disaster Response can assist with recovery.

Exacerbated by strong winds, wildfires on Maui have claimed dozens of lives and have destroyed homes, businesses and lines of communication. The Big Island of Hawaii has also been impacted by wildfires, and more islands remain vulnerable to additional fires this season.

[Lutheran Disaster Response is prepared to accompany our neighbors in Hawaii impacted by these wildfires. Will you consider a gift today?](#)

Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating with the Pacifica Synod and other partners to assess the needs of people impacted by the wildfires. We will work with them to provide for immediate needs and long-term recovery amid the widespread destruction. Lutheran Disaster Response is committed to accompanying recovering communities in the years ahead.

[GIVE NOW](#)

By standing with Maui's wildfire survivors, we follow Christ's call to share hope and healing with our neighbors in need.
With gratitude,



The Rev. Daniel Rift

**Director, ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response Fund
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.**

Additional Ways to Give

Checks or money orders can be sent to:

Lutheran P.O. Box 1809

Merrifield, VA 22116-8009 Give by phone at 800-638-3522 Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Central time or [online](#). Disaster Response

Where is God Leading Us?



... for such a time as this

(Esther 4:14)

Upstate New York Synod Women of the ELCA invites all women to the 2023 Convention Gathering, Friday – Sunday, October 6th – 8th at Notre Dame Retreat House, Canandaigua, New York. Our theme – ***Just Love ~ Where is God leading us?*** – explores where we’ve been during these last four years, since our last Synod Women’s Gathering. But the theme also challenges us to explore where we hope to go, trusting in God’s guidance *...for such a time as this (Esther 4:14)*.

Marilyn Dyer, Director of Resource Development, St. Paul’s Center for homeless mothers and their children, Rensselaer, New York, serves as our keynote speaker. We also plan time to share with one another what God has been doing in our lives during this time of challenge and for some, change.

Our weekend offers opportunities for prayer and worship, studying God’s Word, wonderful fellowship and meeting new Sisters in Christ.

Contact Lois Rumfelt – (716) 664-4409 *or* at rumfelt@stny.rr.com – for a reservation/ registration form and more info.

(NOTE: Accommodations include all meals while at the retreat center).
Scholarship and financial assistance – also available.

Reservation Deadline: Friday, September 15th

LIVE AUCTION!

TO BENEFIT THE...

**Promise Children
Mission Project of
Honduras**

**LIVE AUCTION!
SILENT AUCTION!
CHINESE AUCTION!
SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 29TH**

**STARTS AT 6:00 PM
ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH
1748 ROUTE 430
HEMUS POINT, NY 14712**

**Free Snacks and
Beverages Provided**

**EVERYONE
WELCOME!**

**Children are welcome too!
We love kids. After all,
that's who we do this for.**

Our doors open at 5:00pm for viewing.
There will be a Live Auction, a Silent
Auction and a Chinese Auction.
The live auction begins at 6:00pm.

Donations are welcome.
Please contact Sarah at 716-450-2986
or Gale at 716-753-6319



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

	SEPTEMBER 3	SEPTEMBER 10	SEPTEMBER 17	SEPTEMBER 24	
Assistant Liturgist	Sarah Goebel	Kristie Bloomquist	Tammy Haas	Sarah Goebel	
Ushers/Greeters	Marty Hunt Ginnie Sloan	Marty Hunt Linda Milks	Ginnie Sloan Linda Milks	Marty Hunt Ginnie Sloan	

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	Pastor Ivy-vacation					
3 10:00 am Worship w/Communion Pastor Dan Rumfelt	4 	5	6	7 Tai Chi 9:30 am 12:00 pm Choir 5pm JT Sellstrom	8	9 Bob Samuelson Mary Lou Krott
10 10:00 am Worship  CHURCH PICNIC	11	12 Amy Tellinghuisen	13	14 Tai Chi 9:30 am 12:00 pm Choir 5pm	15 Adopt-A-Highway 9:30 am Randy Oste	16 Julie Bihler
17 10:00 am Worship w/Communion 11:00 Church Council John Helfrich	18 Healthy Bones 9am Dog Training 5pm Bradley Bihler	19 5 & 2 Packing 7pm Jon Hanson	20 Healthy Bones 9am	21 Tai Chi 9:30 am 12:00 pm Choir 5pm	22	23 Michael Goebel
24 10:00 am Worship Barry Benjamin	25 Healthy Bones 9am Dog Training 5pm	26	27 Healthy Bones 9am Traudi Heil	28 Tai Chi 9:30 am 12:00 pm Choir 5pm	29	30

25 Remember in prayer leaders gathering for the “Stewardship Kaleidoscope” conference in Minneapolis, offered in partnership with the Presbyterian Foundation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the ELCA Stewardship and Generosity team to develop deeper understanding of stewardship and generosity and to share resources for cultivating generosity in congregations.

26 Pray for ELCA Children’s Ministry and its partners, who support and encourage the intergenerational faith formation of Christian communities including family households, congregations and child-centered ministry settings.

27 Pray that we will remember the wonderful and miraculous things God has done and revealed to us throughout the history of humankind. Ask the Spirit to help us share – with young and old alike – stories of our faith and of God’s presence and activity in the world.

28 Give thanks for our ecumenical and interreligious relations and partnerships, which lead to unity and cooperation, mutual understanding and respect, and shared resources for serving our neighbors in need.

29 “When God saw what [the people of Nineveh] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry” (Jonah 3:10–4:1). God’s love and justice do not always sit well with us. Ask forgiveness for when we wish ill upon others, and ask the Spirit to inspire our patience and love as we strive to do God’s work in the world.

30 Pray for God’s guidance and wisdom throughout the Future Church: God’s Love Made Real initiative as our church tries to discern God’s will and navigate the challenges and opportunities of an ever-changing 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 Pray for God’s protection, reassurance and wisdom as climate change impacts every aspect of our lives including work, economic systems, community resilience, food stability, immigration, and physical and emotional well-being. Remember in prayer those impacted who are particularly vulnerable to poverty, hunger or illness.

2 Give thanks to God for the love and forgiveness we have in Jesus Christ; unshakeable, it endures amid all that seems unstable, temporary and conditional in our world.

3 The suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus may not seem logical to us. Pray for the Spirit to reveal the truth of God’s profound gift to us through Jesus Christ – love, forgiveness, a new identity and eternal life.

4 *Labor Day* On this day we pray for the work people do to sustain themselves and their families and benefit their communities and society. Pray that all will receive fair wages and benefits, work in safe environments, receive respect and gratitude, experience joy and fulfillment in their labor and be renewed through times of sabbath. Remember in prayer also those seeking employment or unable to work.

5 Pray for the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians, an ELCA Worship partner organization, and the “Hearts Hands Voices” workshops offered across the country for church musicians to learn new skills, share best practices and build relationships.

6 Pray for the strength and humility to treat others with love, respect and compassion, especially those whom we find difficult to love or whose politics, personal values, religious beliefs or worldview differ from our own.

7 More than 828 million people in the world – including in the United States – experience hunger, and an estimated 2.3 billion face food insecurity, an increase over previous years. Pray that our concern will move us to action and generosity and that our work together through ELCA World

Hunger, Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran World Federation and other organizations will bring relief and hope to our neighbors.

8 “Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart” (Jeremiah 15:16). Pray for the word and wisdom of God to become part of our very being as we study Scripture, hear and share the gospel, and converse with our siblings in Christ.

9 Remember in prayer young adult delegates gathering in Wisla, Poland, prior to the Lutheran World Federation Assembly to worship, build community, discuss concerns and priorities, and prepare for the event.

10 *“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday* On the 10th anniversary of our annual day of service, give thanks for the chance to draw closer to our neighbors and embrace them as children of God, listening with respect and empathy and responding to their needs.

11 Ask God to help us understand more fully how our lives and faith express God’s love, compassion and respect for the neighbor. “To be your presence is our mission bold, to feed the poor and shelter homeless cold, to be your hands of justice, right uphold, alleluia!” (ELW 546).

12 “Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful” (Psalm 149:1). Praise God that worship and the sacraments renew, sustain and equip us as children of God living in communities of faith. Give thanks for the resources that guide and enrich our worship, including ELCA Worship and Faith Practices ministries, Augsburg Fortress publishing and our seminaries.

13 Pray for those gathering for the Lutheran World Federation Assembly in Kraków, Poland –“One Body, One Spirit, One Hope.” Ask God to bless and guide our work together as a global Lutheran community for a just, peaceful and reconciled world.

14 Remember in prayer African-descent siblings in Christ as they gather for the ELCA African Descent Ministries’ RECLAIM event in Minneapolis. Ask God to bless their work building community, teaching new ministry skills and approaches, sharing resources and rejuvenating preachers, teachers, professionals, young adults and laity.

15 *First Day of Hispanic Heritage Month* Thank God for the history, contributions and rich cultural diversity of our Latino siblings. Pray for the growth and vitality of ELCA Latino Ministries, the Latino Ministries Association (Asociación Luterana de Ministerios Latinos ELCA) and the 147 ELCA Latino ministries around the country as they work to share the gospel,

encourage unity in Christ, fight racism and promote Christian values that unite Latinos of the ELCA in a “community of communities” to do God’s work in the world.

16 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the Sierra Pacific Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, elect a new bishop and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbors in need and grow the church.

17 Reflect on what hinders us from exercising forgiveness and patience with others, including those we see as adversaries. Ask the Spirit to recenter our lives and interactions with people in the boundless and undeserved mercy that God demonstrates with us.

18 Pray that students and teachers in our schools will be safe and that students who suffer trauma, anxiety, depression and other mental health concerns will have ready access to counselors, social workers and psychologists.

19 Pray for the congregations, youth and adults registering for the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans and for those who prayerfully consider participating.

20 “The prophet Miriam, Aaron’s sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: ‘Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea’” (Exodus 15:20-21). Give thanks for the wonderful variety of instruments and musicians who help us praise God, and recall God’s activity in the world throughout history.

21 *International Day of Peace* With our global neighbors and siblings in Christ, pray for peace, reconciliation and unity wherever conflict divides our communities and the world.

22 Ask God for strength and boldness to fight the rising tide of hate crimes motivated by race, ethnicity, ancestry, religion, sexual orientation, disability, gender, gender identity, and social and economic status.

23 What an amazing and reassuring gift it is to know that God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love for all people, everywhere. Give praise and thanks to God!

24 Pray that we might understand justice, fairness and generosity from the perspective of God, whose creation benefits all humanity.