

THE TIMOTHIAN

NEWSLETTER for ST. TIMOTHY EVANGELICAL
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Our Vision:

*Christ Being the Cornerstone of
Grand Island*

Our Mission:

*Sending Forth Disciples of
Christ*



August, 2021

Great things are happening at St. Timothy's! Here's what's inside:

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From the Pastor's Study

MISPLACED CHARITY

The other day, I was going through the drive-thru at Starbucks. As I approached the window a young barista looked at me with a smile and told me that the lady in the car in front of me had already paid for me. I wish I could report that I was thrilled, grateful, and pleasantly surprised. Instead, I was rather annoyed and frustrated.

This has happens to me often and every time it occurs, I don't like it. Truth be told, I have broken the chain of *paying for the car behind you* numerous times. One time, I was the 22nd person to be a part of it. I chose not to continue it. In fact, I stop it every time. I'm sure you are wondering why I'm such a Scrooge about this. Let me explain.

Talking to baristas and people who work at establishments like Starbucks, I learned that most people don't tip the workers. Yet, it is the workers who need our charity the most. They are the working poor that we hear about but rarely think of. They are trying to get through schools and "life" so they work hard at these locations.

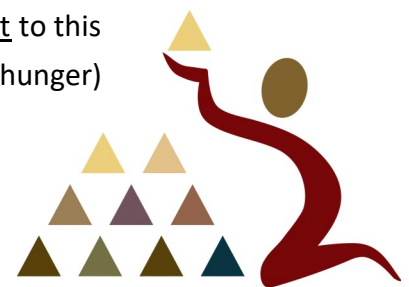
Research has shown that the people who frequent Starbucks and coffee shops tend to not need charity and in fact, should be charitable. Thus, when I find I am a part of the charitable chain reaction at a drive-thru, I choose not to pay for the person behind me but instead tip the barista what I would have paid for the drink. They are the ones that need the charity the most.

I find that so much of charity today goes to organizations or people that (in my estimation) don't need it nor deserve it. The NRA should offend you (not because of politics of guns, that's an entire other article) because their executives have abused the members' trust and gifted millions for their own personal lifestyles. The political parties and their ancillary organizations continue to shape events in Washington and Albany that fit their agendas instead of being purveyors of truth and services. Colleges have spent so much money on gyms and dorms while paying professors and important people of their campuses measly amounts. There are much more but I will stop here.

As Christians, please consider how your charity will bring Grace, Love, and Christ to this broken world and give to organizations like ELCA World Hunger (www.elca.org/hunger) or Lutheran Charities of Western New York (wnylutherancharities.org) whose primary concerns are about restoring Hope and Life to the "least of these."

God bless you.

Pastor Tom



CONSIDER
TITHING

Altar Guild Notes: August, 2021

Five Sundays. Yep, there are five Sundays in August. Five opportunities to worship in community this month. The season of Time after Pentecost continues. Vibrant green identifies this season inspiring growth. We have settled into the middle of this long season. The continuing green calms us with its familiarity and readies our hearts and minds for God's Word and Eucharist.



You may notice the change of Gospel readings from Mark to the 6th chapter of John for August. This portion is sometimes referred to as Jesus' discourse on the bread of life. Altar Guild members are careful and reverent as we prepare the earthly elements for this gift of the bread of life found in the Eucharist. The linen cloths that catch the crumbs and absorb the traces of wine are treated and cleaned in a certain manner that recognizes their sanctified purpose. There is joy as well as peace found in these duties. There is open invitation to shadow us in our work to gain an understanding of our mission.

There is one special celebration in August. We shine a light on Mary, the Mother of our Lord, on the third Sunday. Mary was an amazing disciple. She believed from the first Angelic Salutation; Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with you. Although she did not the "go out and preach" as an apostle, she most certainly was and is a "model of the godly life." Her life of unflinching belief and submitting to God can be an inspiration to all. As the mother of our Redeemer, who better to intercede for us and carry our cares to Jesus! Just as we ask each other, prayer chains, and all the Saints to pray for us.

May the green of this season be verdant in your heart, filling your body and soul with the love and light of God.

Your sister in Christ,
Deborah

*let it be done
unto me
according to
your word*



A Message From the President

As I sit on my back patio writing my Timothian article, I can't help but appreciate how blessed I am. Here I sit, enjoying the stillness of the morning, listening to the birds chirping, and watching my dog sit and wait for any bunny to enter our yard. How peaceful this is. This time is also a time of peace and blessing for us. As our 15-page ministry site profile (MSP) is now complete and council approved, we now wait patiently and peacefully for God to bring us pastors for our consideration. Thank you to the Call Committee who have spent endless hours on our MSP. They are our true blessing. If you would like to see it, please don't hesitate to ask.

We have some new faces, yet former staff are back in the office. We are so thankful and blessed to have Karen Sturniolo and Adrienne Neutz return temporarily to help us. Karen has taken over the accounting as Shivani was too overwhelmed and is no longer with us. We wish her all the best in finding a job that suits her better. Adrienne has agreed to help Kim with whatever office tasks that need to be done so that nothing falls through the cracks. Both Karen and Adrienne are temporary for the summer, so please stop in and welcome them "home."

Have you seen the sacristy storage room? (Aka banner room, counting room, or Pastor Scarafia's office if you've been here long enough!) Thank you to Greg Barker, Lynda and John (Kathy Bates's sister and brother-in-law), and Kathy Bates for building a cabinet to store the paraments for the altar guild. What an amazing job they did to organize them. Stop by, check it out, and thank God we have so many gifted folks in our lives. In addition, we are starting to organize and eliminate outdated papers we no longer need. If anyone has a burn barrel, maybe we could burn those rather than pay for shredding. Kindly let us know if you do.



As we look forward into August, please join us for our church/childcare cookout on Friday, August 13th. Help us welcome our childcare families into our ministry. This is the perfect way to follow through with our most resonated "why" statement..... "To serve God by inspiring faith and passion through connections, so that we can nurture and fulfill our community and the world." By doing so, we might just begin seeing some new faces in our congregation! It's at least a start to better connections with our childcare ministry.

Lastly, I would like to thank Paul Yaeger who has graciously accepted to complete Renae Duck's term on our council. He comes with a great deal of experience and a wealth of knowledge. Remember, wherever God guides, He provides. Thank you to everyone who helps in big and small ways. St. Timothy is here because of all of you! Thank you.

In peace,

Karen Rose

St. Tim's Child Care Corner

Our kids had a blast early last month marching in their own Fourth of July parade and puddle hopping along the way! Later this month, our teachers will take a training course on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) to better serve and care for our children.

This month, we welcomed Katelyn Benns back as a lead teacher, Victoria Huang as our new kitchen assistant, and Kelsey Burns and Robin Stewart as teacher assistants. It has been a challenging month, but we are moving forward and looking forward with optimism!

Jennifer Minet
Child Care Center Director

Picture credit: Fred Claus



Fellowship

Our joint church-childcare picnic is approaching! Come on Friday, August 13th for some hot dogs, bring a lawn chair and a side salad or dessert to share, sit down for some rock painting or a bonfire, and bring your kids and grandkids to burn off some energy in a bounce house! The activities will be ready at 5 and hot dogs will be served at 5:30. This is an awesome opportunity to welcome childcare families and children into our community, inspire faith, and make connections! We hope to see you there!



Worship Information

Our worship services will be held at 8:30 AM outdoors and 10 AM indoors each Sunday until Sunday School resumes. Should the weather not hold up, the early service will move indoors. For anyone more comfortable worshipping from home, the 10 AM service will continue to be live streamed, the link for which can be found on the front page of our website.

St. Timothy Sunday School Enrollment Form, 2021-22

Please fill out one form per family and include children from birth to grade 12.
Here at St. Timothy, we capture the imagination of kids of all ages by bringing the Bible to life! Come join us this year!

Full Name of Child(ren)	Age and Grade. Any medical concerns (such as allergies)?
1.	
2.	
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4.	
5.	

Parent / Guardian Name:
Relationship to Child:
Phone Number:
Email Address:
Youth phone number and email address:

Select the class(es) that your child(ren) will be attending:

- Faith Beginnings: Infant to Toddler
- Faith Basics I: Age 3 to Grade 1
- Faith Basics II: Grade 2 to Grade 4
- Communion Track: Grade 5
- Faith Foundations: Grade 6 to Grade 8
- Faith Maturity: Grade 9 to Grade 12

Thank you! We're looking forward to an awesome year of Sunday School!

Your Support Makes Ministry Happen!

We are coming to the end of our fiscal year and I want to thank all of you who have continued to support this wonderful congregation with your sweat, prayers, and monetary contributions.

While we have been through a tough year, your support has allowed us to continue serving our community with our outreach ministries. It has allowed us to explore new visions and revamp our Child Care Center to make it even more faithful to its mission, and we have been able to welcome an interim pastor to see us through the transition and provide pastoral ministry.

With the fiscal year coming to a close at the end of August, we invite you to make sure that all your financial commitments for the Fiscal Year of 2020-2021 are caught up.

Lastly, with the summer in full bloom, it is easy to forget the church. Remember that we have multiple ways of contributing: electronic (www.sttimothygrandisland.com/stewardship), mail, and in-worship. Your financial giving helps us stay on top of our bills and allows us to properly budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

Thank you and God bless each of you.

Rev. Tom Glasoe

Interim Pastor



Congregation News and Upcoming Events

Baptism of Olivia Ann Fabrizi

Come celebrate with us on August 1st at the 10 AM service as we welcome Olivia Ann Fabrizi, daughter of Ashley and Antonio Fabrizi and granddaughter of Dorine and Mike Fabio, into our family through baptism!

Call Committee Update

The Ministry Site Profile has been submitted to the Synod, who will then pair us with potential pastors to interview. Thank you for your continued prayers.

WELCA Retreat

The Niagara Frontier and Southwestern Women of the ELCA Conferences are holding a joint Day-Apart Retreat with the theme “Spiritual Renewal—Centered in Prayer” presented by Contemplative Outreach Buffalo. This will be held on Saturday, September 18th from 9:30-3:30 and is \$10 including lunch and retreat materials. To register, send your name, address, email address, phone number, home congregation and city, Niagara Frontier Conference designation, and check to Ruth Schmidt at 185 Meadowbrook Drive, Lackawanna, NY 14218. Ruth can also be contacted at 716-827-8694 or walrus1973@verison.net, and forms are available in our office.

Installation of Bishop Lee Miller

All are invited to attend the installation of the Rev. Lee Miller II as Bishop of the Upstate New York Synod on Saturday, September 18th at 2 PM. This will be held at Bethany Baptist Church, 149 Beattie Street, Syracuse, NY 13224. Kindly RSVP via email to synodoffice@upstatenysynod.org.

Acolyte Training

In preparation for the reinstallation of acolytes for the late service, we'll be holding an acolyte training session for our new acolytes, who took their first Communion this year and last year as well as anyone that would like a refresher. Karen Rose will be in contact to find a date that works for everyone.

Sunday School

Sunday School is set to resume on September 19th! Please register your child(ren) with the form attached and return it to the office by paper or email. Keep an eye open for Rally Day information, too!

Missions

Lutheran Charities Golf Classic

On Monday, August 9th, three teams of St. Timothy congregants and friends will participate in the annual Golf Classic to raise money for Lutheran Charities. Thank you to Cheryl Wasson for creating a money pizza basket for the raffle and to everyone who contributed to it! In total, there are \$210 that make up the pizza.

Habitat for Humanity Faith Build

Our Faith Build date is changing! Due to the multiple conflicts on September 18th, we'll be building with Habitat Niagara on Sunday, **September 12th** instead. Details will follow, however we will likely hold worship on site half an hour before the build starts. This will be part of the ELCA's "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday, which reminds us that service lies at the heart of our faith.

COMMUNITY OF GOOD NEIGHBORS

The CGN is now in their new location in downtown Buffalo, 1092 Main Street. All are welcome to come to their open house from August 2nd-5th from 10AM to 3 PM.

TriniKnits

For all the knitters and crocheters who are looking for summer projects, TriniKnits is collecting scarves, hats, mittens, gloves, and blankets for the homeless again this year, come winter. All warming elements are welcome!



ELCA News

Presiding Bishop issues pastoral message on Fulton v. City of Philadelphia: As children of God, we give thanks for all of the LGBTQIA+ people who experience God's calling to the holy work of parenting. In particular response to the June 17 Supreme Court ruling on Fulton v. City of Philadelphia, the ELCA stands with our LGBTQIA+ siblings in Christ and reaffirms our commitment to equal protection, opportunities, and responsibilities under the law (*Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust*, p. 33).

Children and youth in the child welfare system are among the most vulnerable members of our society, and a disproportionate number of young people in the child welfare system are LGBTQIA+ and in need of compassionate and supportive homes. Our concern as disciples of Christ is for their best interests. This includes recognizing and affirming the vocation of LGBTQIA+ people as parents and foster parents.

Each of us can respond through ongoing education and action in support of LGBTQIA+ people, including those who are called to provide loving care for children, and through compassionate care for our most vulnerable children and youth.

Elizabeth A. Eaton

Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Prayer Chain



IN NEED
OF PRAYER

Here at St. Timothy, we believe that prayer is powerful and can be incredibly helpful in our lives and in the lives of others. Our prayer chain allows you to ask those in our church community to pray for your friends and loved ones in their times of need.

If you would like to add someone to the prayer chain, you can call us at 773-4400, email us at communications@sttimothygrandisland.com, or contact Pastor Tom. Please also include an address where we can send cards.




We hold the following people in our prayers: Jeffrey Cole, Norine Taylor, Olivia Fabrizi, Naomi Norton, David Goodemote, Kathleen Maraldo, Robert Miller, Myrna Milani, Siobhain, Jennifer Buchanan, Joyce Zimmerman, Danny Penque, Dan Kramer, Brian Volo, Charlene Faleski, Margaret Miller, Mike, Olivia Williams and family, Matt Stzaba, Ray Romaleski, Renee, Joanne M., Dottie Roehrig, Sylvia and Joe Smith, Lorraine Pfohl, Cheryl Rosati, and Robin Bengalio

Birthdays and Anniversaries

This month, we'll be celebrating Phil Buchanan's birthday on August 6th. Please let us know if you'd like to add your birthday and anniversary to our celebration list!



August 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship, 8:30 & 10 AM	2	3	4	5 Worship and Music Meeting, 7 PM	6	7
8 Worship, 8:30 & 10 AM	9 Lutheran Charities Golf Classic	10 	11 Finance Meeting, 5:30 PM	12	13 5:30 PM Church Picnic 	14
15 Worship, 8:30 & 10 AM	16	17	18 Council Meeting, 5:30 PM	19	20	21
22 Worship, 8:30 & 10 AM	23 	24	25	26	27	28
29 Worship, 8:30 & 10 AM	30	31			