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St. Timothy Lutheran Church Newsletter

JUNE & JULY 2021

Stepping forward, rising together

Major changes in our worship practices and schedule are coming in June, as we rise together out of pandemic shut-downs. We increased our indoor capacity to 100 worshipers on Sunday, May 23, even as we look forward to additional improvements as infection rates decline and vaccination ratios rise.

Here is what to expect in the coming weeks.

Outdoor worship—Begins Sunday, June 6, 8 a.m., in the back yard of the church. We will sing together, as Katie Andrade and musicians from a variety of St. Timothy's ensembles lead music. Outdoor services will continue through September 5.

Indoor worship—Beginning June 6, Sunday worship in the sanctuary will move to 9:30 a.m. The pews will also be returned to the sanctuary. **Saturday worship**—Continues at 5 p.m., in the sanctuary.

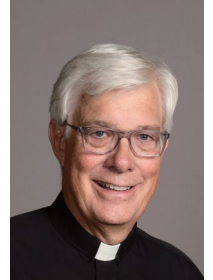
Communion distribution—Communion practices will also change at all services starting the weekend of June 5-6. One pastor, wearing plastic gloves, will distribute communion wafers to worshipers as they file forward. Individual communion cups will be placed in trays to the right and left of the pastor for communicants to pick up once they have received the bread.

Online worship—Sunday worship will continue to be available each week after 6 a.m.

MASK POLICY Fully vaccinated individuals (2 weeks post second Pfizer/Moderna vaccine or Johnson & Johnson vaccine) will not be required to wear masks at church functions. If you have not been vaccinated, **please** wear a facemask and maintain social distancing for your safety and the safety of others.

These changes will continue to be reviewed by our church staff, following the guidance of the Health and Wellness Committee led by Kim Runge, St. Timothy's Faith Community Nurse. Rising from pandemic shut-downs will be an evolving process, and we will continue to observe guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and the Illinois Department of Health.

Thank you for the patience and partnership you have displayed through the past 15 months as we kept each other safe while waiting, hoping, praying and now working our way toward full opening. Your faithfulness is evident in your care for each other, for our staff, while also generously supporting St. Timothy's ministries.



Pr. David Miller

Monthly Highlights— Mark your calendar

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- 5:00pm Saturday evening worship
- 8:00am Sunday Backyard worship
- 9:30am Sunday In person worship
- 6:00am Sunday Online worship

VBS July 19– 23

Hesed House—July 27-28



Special Events

Backyard Ravinia Party at St. Timothy

Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 13, 6:00pm, for our first annual Backyard Ravinia party!

The Ignite Band will be providing music in our backyard, and we encourage you to bring your lawn chairs, candles, wine and snacks just like at Ravinia. It will be a good way to kick off summer and gather us back together safely.

If it rains, we'll have to come up with another date, but let's give it a try on June 13. We hope you can all be with us for a fun night of music and fellowship.

Worship & Music

Summer is here and we are ready to get back outside for worship! Please join us starting **June 6, at 8am** for worship in our own backyard at St. Timothy. No pre-registration required.

Connie's puppy tales

This time of year I try to live into Jesus' command to, "consider the lilies." The beginning of summer is upon us and the whole earth is opening up once again to my doggie eyes and nose.



I consider the lilies and I stick my nose in them, covering my snout with golden dust. I consider the fluffy baby geese waddling in the road. I go say hi until they sadly fly away. I consider the piles of grass clipping in our neighbors yard, and I roll around in it as it itches every scratch on my back. I consider the squirrels that are busy digging up their acorns from last fall, trying again and again to sneak up on them [darn missed another one]. I consider nature, all of it.

This is what Jesus said to do, and I am just trying to do my doggie best to live into that, one tail wag at a time.

Property Committee

The St. Timothy grounds team did a wonderful job with this year's spring clean up. The overgrown shrubs around our electronic sign were removed and replaced with new plantings.

Special thanks to Bob Huebner, who repaired the bricks surrounding the base of the sign and repainted the white cross on our front lawn.

The team also transformed the garden and walkways at our lower level entrance. Janet Heep, Bill Warren, Ken Merrihew and Bob Huebner worked to bring their vision to life and the results look amazing!

Additional shout outs to Char Freedlund for tending the areas around the sign and white cross, Kathy Lukavsky for tending the gardens by the main door, and Vicki Oftedal for tending the meditation garden. The grounds team has many wonderful contributors donating plants and materials in addition to their labor.

Health & Wellness

Covid Guidelines: Where are we now?

As we continue our daily journey through the pandemic, it is refreshing to note the positive changes occurring. Our life activities are improving. The ability to be vaccinated continues to improve. We are able to gather with family, friends and in fellowship with safety guidelines in place. People are returning to work places. Dining, entertainment and social venues are reopening. These guidelines are ever evolving. It continues to be our goal at St. Timothy to keep safety as our priority. We have been blessed thus far not to have had a Covid encounter in our church. It is the consensus of the Health and Wellness Committee to continue to follow CDC Guidelines and Recommendations for all gatherings and use of our building. You can find the most recent guidelines in the links below or on our website under 'Get Informed.' Just click on 'In The Know.' You can also access other health related articles and resources. You should look us up!

Kim Runge RN

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/participate-in-activities.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays/small-gatherings.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>

Fit 4 Life

Coming in the fall we will be restarting our weekly exercise class with Dina Kartsonas OT from Fyzical Therapy and Balance Centers. Throughout this past year, some of our members have used the exercise videos and resources on our website 'In The Know.' Congregants have also been receiving weekly YouTube videos to promote activity, balance and muscle toning. I am happy to announce that Dina is hosting a free online zoom class every **Tuesday and Thursday at 1-1:45pm, now through July 8**. You can participate in this free activity by clicking the link below at the time of the class or searching on facebook Fyzical Therapy and Balance Centers Naperville. I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to stay active and fit.

Please send an email krunge@sttimothy.lutheran.com to be included in our weekly you tube video activity.

Kim Runge RN

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82835008627?pwd=VG9JaTJSQ0JSY2dXOFFPOGNHcW93dz09>

Church Council Highlights- May 28, 2021

Church Council wants to say a special thanks to the St. Timothy Grounds Team for the wonderful job with this year's spring clean-up! Everything looks amazing!

Highlights from the meeting:

- Members of the congregation are being asked to help with the search for these four positions: Office Administrator, Organist, Sunday School Director and Learning is Fun Director.
- The Call Committee is meeting and proceeding as expected.
- All updates related to worship and Covid will be posted on the website.
- VBS registration for the week of July 19 is open! Please register online!
<https://sttimothy.lutheran.com/events/>
- Save the Date! Backyard Ravinia Party at St. Timothy- Sunday, June 13, 6:00 pm, featuring the Ignite Band and Singers.

Youth Ministries

VBS

VBS at St. Timothy is July 19-23 from 9:30 to 11:30 am. Our theme is "Rocky Railway—Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through."

You can register your child(ren) and/or sign up to volunteer at:

<https://sttimothylutheran.com/youth/vacation-bible-school/vbs-registration/>

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High School

Congrats to High School graduates:

Congratulations to the following Seniors: Reece Maffit, Abby McKenna, Paige Vetter, Bryn Harris, Kaitlyn Mullins, Aidan Franke, Sarai Sansone

This truly is a day of new beginnings, a time to remember and move on, and a time to believe what love is bringing. May you always know that Christ is alive and goes before you.

Confirmation

Congratulations to the 8th graders who completed their three year Confirmation: Eric Gerdes, Tyler Norton, Morgan Beallis, Laura Doguim, Jessica Simons, Matthew Delgado, Ava Casten

Confirmation will be celebrated on Reformation Day, October 31, 2021

Around St. Timothy

Library Notes

Look for lots of new books in the Children's / Teen's section: *The Epic Bible* (a graphic Bible created by some of DC & Marvel Comics best artists).

In Youth Fiction, the four volume *Birchbark House Series* (realistic indigenous stories with many characters and a focus on community).

Rules by Cynthia Lord (a young teen girl living with her autistic brother).

The four volume *Wingfeather Saga* series (fantasy and adventure surround three children and a dog);

In the Bible Stories section: *Stories about Jesus* by Gwen Ellis (aimed at ages 5-6, 13 stories). In the Values & Feelings Section: *Berenstain Bears Kindness Counts & The Truth; Stay This Way Forever* by Lindsay Davis

Prayers

We invite you to lift up members of our congregation in prayer. Each week, a number of families will be listed prayed for during worship. The following are on the prayer list for JUNE & JULY

JUNE

Bicking	Walter	Beth	Abby	Amy	Faith
Boelke	Peter	Heidi	Matt	Luke	Harrison
Bond-Harris	Jim	Laura	Lindsay	Andrew	
Bonert	Sara	Dan	Piper	Reagan	
Borg	Bob	Cathy			
Botti	Nancy				
Brinkman	Tom	Diane	Dan	Beth	
Brockman	Karen	Rich	Alex		
Brodts	Steven	Jillian	Beckett		
Carlson	Herb	Beth			
Casten	Michael	Lindsay	Ava	Henry	Ella
Chemler	Sue				
Clements	Kurt	Marilee	Samantha	Troy	
Corbett	Peggy				
Crain	Kim		Christopher	Daniel	Michelle
Dahle	Gwen				
Davidson	Thor	Wendy	Brenna	Anders	
DeLuca	Bill	Cindy			
Diaz	Eric	Sarah	Sebastian	Harrison	
DiTola	Brita	Nick	Luciana	Christian	
D'Marco	Sherry	David	Blaszak		
Doguim	Jorge	Melissa	Laura		
Driscoll	Kevin	Karrie	Kelsey	Kaylee	Keegan
Dulemba	Joe	Janice			
Erickson	Chris		Matthew	James	
Everhart	Bruce	Jann			

JULY

Fangmann	Karen				
Felstrup	Paul				
Folisi	Kerrie				
Franke	John				
Franke	Stephen	Libby	Aidan	Carolynn	
Frazier	Pat				
Freedlund	Alan	Char	Sam	Lauryn	Joseph Lucas
Frego	Matt	Laura	Eleanore	Alese	Evelyn
Frigo	Rachael	Ken	Macken		
Fuess	Stuart	Kay	Josh		
Garcia	Maria		Sarai		
Garrett	Karen				
Gerdes	Heath	Stacy	Eric	Mikela	Hannah
Goss	Ray		Kathie		
Gross	Jeff	Wendy			
Groves	Claude				
Guard	Jerry	Darlene			
Gull	James	Brianna	Kaiden	Brynn	
Hallstrom	Matt	Shannon	Harry	Vaughn	Luke
Hallstrom	Shirley				
Hansler	Larry	Toni			
Hanson	Nona				
Hardt	Bill	Marilyn			
Harker	Lynn	George	George	Andrea	George
Harper	Wendy			Dannielle	Rhys Kellen
Harris	Alex	Molly	Kally	Bryn	Tess Lainey
Heep	Janet				
Helland	Judy				