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St. Timothy Lutheran Church Newsletter

OCTOBER 2021

A Few Thoughts:

This September has been a year and a half in the making. Since the pandemic began in March 2020, church has looked a little different. We moved worship online. We tried our hand at outdoor worship in the backyard. We took out the pews and spaced people out. We refrained from singing and took communion out of prefilled cups. And then, slowly but surely, the worship that we know and love came back. First there were cantors and plexiglass, and then pews and the distribution of the elements. With these changes we saw the number of worshipers increase as well. Each week new yet familiar faces would walk through the doors. Each moment felt like a family reunion.



Pr. Dan Miller

And finally this September, as the fall programs have kicked off in earnest, we have experienced something truly special. Each of our weekends this September has felt like a mini Easter. We are singing hymns led by a truly amazing choir. Our musicians, Laura Armstrong, Trish Stocking, Marie Dickensen, Crystal Szewczyk, and Greg Kerfoot have added their amazing talents to our hymns of praise. The ignite band has continued to be their wonderful life-giving selves. Gwen Holst and Kirsten Holzauer have filled the room with their faith-filled organ and piano playing.

Our children are joining us in worship for a children's sermon and then run off to be welcomed with open arms at Sunday School, worship assistants and deacons help make our prayers and liturgy truly holy, and ushers are making sure all of those new faces are feeling extra welcome.

Of course there have been hurdles along the way. Per the states masking requirement, we still don't see everyone's smiles. We are still in the midst of a pastoral transition. Public gatherings are still a health risk for some compromised individuals.

But throughout it all, we have learned that we can be church no matter what the world looks like and what we need to do to keep people safe. And in some ways, we have come out stronger. Our online ministry and worship continue to flourish. We have given ourselves room to reimagine what Sunday morning worship looks like. We are more conscious about our role in keeping people healthy and safe. And we are more committed than ever to doing what St. Timothy does best. "Living the Love of Christ."

Monthly Highlights— Mark Your Calendar!

Thursday mornings—Fit4Life Class— 9:30 am

CROP WALK—Oct. 17 @ 1:00 pm

Flu shot clinic— Sunday, Oct. 17 -8:00 to 11:00 am.

Coffee with the pastor— Thursday, Oct. 14 and 28

Confirmation Day—Sunday, Oct. 31



Link for the full calendar of events is:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/b/1/r?tab=wc>

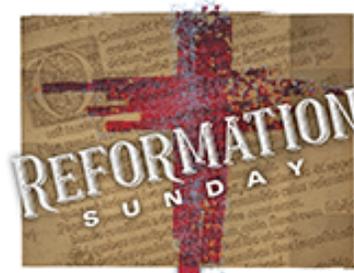
Worship and Music

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world.

Reformation Sunday is on Oct. 31 and we invite you to be with us for worship as we celebrate the rite of Confirmation at the 9:30 service. There we will celebrate the good news of God's grace with special music and a reception afterwards to honor our confirmands.

All Saints Weekend, November 6 & 7, is the time set aside in the church year when we especially remember those loved ones whose final journey has brought them into God's heavenly home. On this day, we listen as the names of those who have died during the past year are read aloud. We reflect on our own loved ones no longer with us. We light votive candles in grateful remembrance during our worship service.

This year, we will again adorn our sanctuary with white "roses of remembrance" for those who have passed away. You are invited to purchase long stem white roses for \$2 in memory of a loved one, and you will be able to take your roses home after the service that Sunday. You can sign up to purchase roses on the worship table in the narthex, and write the name/names of your loved ones you want to remember.



Altar Flowers

We are ready to once again have flowers on the altar. If you would like to purchase an arrangement to celebrate a special moment in life, please sign-up on the calendar, on the table outside the sanctuary.

Arrangements are \$40 each and please indicate if you want 1 or 2 arrangements, on the calendar. Payment is due before the date and arrangements maybe taken home following the 9:30 service on Sundays.

Connie's Puppy Tales

Thoughts about St. Timothy from
Connie the Staff Dog



Did you hear the news? Another friend is joining my house. Kendra and Dan are expecting another baby this March. And this is exciting. Although this might be for other reasons than you might think. For me, another baby means more food on the floor, more aggressive baby pets, and most importantly more faces covered in peanut butter to lick clean. And its another baby girl too!! For those of you keeping track that pushes the count up to four. As long as she doesn't take my warm spot on the couch. But even if she does, my tail is already wagging in excitement.

Mutual Ministry

One of outcomes of the congregational listening sessions led by Grow Wellness on September 20th was to lean on our Mutual Ministry team at church for further listening and processing. Mutual Ministry is a wonderful group of people here at church led by Carole Mickelson, our Mutual Ministry council member. Please reach out to any member of the committee, Neil Pedersen, Rick Wolfhart, Jana Tindall, Amy McKenna, Katie Andrade if you have continuing questions or concerns, or just need to talk.

Youth Ministries



Sunday School

The lessons this month are full of familiar stories, many of which will be retold again in other gospels. The content provides a record of Jesus' teaching, healing, and challenging. Right now kids are starting school again, entering new levels of maturity and new grade levels at school. It is a time of change and transition. Kids are reuniting with friends at church and school. Kids will relate to the theme of community in these contexts.

In keeping with the theme of community, I encouraged our youngest members to participate in or donate to the C.R.O.P. walk happening Sunday, October 17 at 1:00. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex. What a great family service activity on a beautiful fall day!

Sunday School Routine

All children start worship in the sanctuary with their family. After the children's sermon, children are dismissed to the Sunday school classrooms. Students who made the sacrament of first communion go back to the sanctuary to take communion, then rejoin their family at the pews. Younger students stay in the classrooms until the service is over. But of course, if you would like your little one to come to up to the altar with you for a blessing let us know and we will send them back with the children receiving communion.

Acolyte Training

Boys and girls in third, fourth, fifth, or sixth grade can participate in acolyte training during Sunday school. Acolytes assist the pastor during services. There is a sign up sheet for interested students on the youth ministries table, or email Laurafrego@yahoo.com.

Nursery

Following the retirement of Ms. Trudy, we need of help in the nursery. Little ones aged 3 and under can go to the nursery during services. Holding babies and entertaining toddlers is an absolute blessing for parents attempting to focus on the weekly service. Please email Laurafrego@yahoo.com if you can volunteer.

Confirmation

Confirmation will also be participating in the Crop Walk, Oct 17th, and Sleep Out Saturday, Nov 6th. We will also meet on October 7, 21 for class.

Confirmation Day for last year's 8th grade class will be held on Oct. 31st at the 9:30am service.

High School

October

There are two events to put on your calendars. The first is the CROP Walk, which will be at 1pm on Sunday October 17th.

November

And the other is Sleep out Saturday, which will be Saturday November 6th.

Council Highlights Sept. 21, 2021 Meeting

Church council is so grateful for the caring service that Trudy Mirriam and Shari Helms have provided our members for many years! We wish them much happiness in their retirement!

- We have had two amazing weekends of worship to kick off the program year with full choirs and musicians as well as a full sanctuary.
- Council, staff, and members participated in listening and processing sessions with Grow Wellness Group related to Pastor David's resignation.
- St. Tim's will be assigned a supply pastor for 6-8 weeks, who has specific skills in leadership. This will give support to Pastor Dan and give our call committee a chance to find the best candidate for the open pastor position. The call process is moving forward.
- The annual Stewardship drive will be kicking off the weekend of October 10 th .
- The implementation of live streaming of the Church Services will pause for now. Derek Howell will be recording one part of the service and incorporate into the existing Online Worship Service.

Health Corner

On Sunday, Oct. 17 from 8:30a.-11:30a. St. Timothy will be partnering with Walgreens to host our annual Flu Shot Clinic. You can sign up using the link below to ensure your appointment time. Please take this opportunity to protect yourself throughout the upcoming cold and flu season.

Social Ministry

In person volunteering at Hesus House has finally resumed - we had dinner and breakfast shift onsite this month. Thank you to all who signed up to help out and donated food to feed the hungry!

The CROP Walk is Back! The 39th Annual Naperville Area CROP Hunger Walk will be held on Sunday, October 17th. Outdoor registration and the kick-off rally begin at 1:00. We hope you'll consider spending a fall afternoon on a 5K walk through the neighborhoods near Grace United Methodist Church and along the DuPage River Trail. CROP Hunger Walks help children and families worldwide -- and right here in the U.S. -- to have food for today, while building for a better tomorrow. Each year some two million CROP Walkers, volunteers, and sponsors put their hearts and soles in motion, raising over \$16 million per year to help end hunger and poverty around the world -- and in their own communities. Funds raised at our Naperville walk are distributed locally (25%) to Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry and Northern Illinois Food Bank and globally (75%) to various development projects and disaster relief efforts of Church World Service. For more information, look for the display in the Narthex or contact Amy McKenna at 630-564-1214 or aamckenna@wideopenwest.com.

Prayers of the People

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

Mosley	Howard	Diane	Trey	Michael		
Moss	Mark					
Mowen	Jim	Jennifer	Niklas	Sydney		
Mueller	Mark	Lauren				
Mullins	Belinda		Kaitlyn	Zachary		
Niersbach	Christine	Daniel Cox	Diana Cox			
Nilles	Martha	Jim	Cassidy	Callan	Kelsy	
Nolan	Betty					
Nolan	Dave	Rita				
Norton	Scott	Beth Lynn	Connor	Tyler	Trevor	Kelsey
Oberbroeckling	Marsha					
Oftedal	Jim	Vicki				
Ohaver	John	Janet				
Ohlsson	Val					
Olson	Mark	Beth				
Overton	Bill	Rachel				
Pakenham	Cathy					
Palfenier	Jon	Rebecca	Morgan	Tabitha	Evan	
Parissidi	Anne					
Pedersen	Neil	Diane				
Perry	Ken	Erin	Ryan	Connor		
Pfeiffer	Lary	Kay				
Pierce	Matt	Gina	Charlie	Holly		
Provenzano	Deborah	Sam	Jack	Anna	Cate	William
Ramirez	Julie	Israel	Seth	Ethan		
Rasmussen	Sue					
Ravelo	Walt	Chris	Owen	Ella		
Ray	Jeanette		Allison	Jennifer		
Reed	Sharon					
Rich	Tom	Sally	Taron	Lexi		