



# St. Timothy Lutheran Church, ELCA

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## **2022-2023 MINISTRIES**

If there is no contact listed for a particular ministry below, you can always contact the office at 630-355-1330 or email: [office@sttimothylutheran.com](mailto:office@sttimothylutheran.com) and we will get you to the right person!

### **Children & Youth Ministries**

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL (3 years of age - 5th grade)**

Sunday School is a time for children 3 years of age through 5th grade to gather during the 9:30 AM Sunday service for a meaningful message taught through games, crafts, and songs. Children begin worship in the sanctuary with their families. Then, after the children's sermon, they are invited to follow the Sunday School teachers into the classroom for their lesson. Children return to the sanctuary and are reunited with their families during the Offertory so that they may commune with the whole congregation. Contact [LauraFrego@yahoo.com](mailto:LauraFrego@yahoo.com)

#### **CONFIRMATION (6th - 8th graders)**

Students from 6th - 8th grade are encouraged to participate in our Confirmation ministry. They will meet with the pastor and other adult leaders on Thursday evenings from 6:15pm - 7:30pm to dive into the stories from scripture and our Lutheran heritage. The curriculum rotates through a three-year cycle: the Hebrew Bible / Old Testament Scriptures, the New Testament, and our Lutheran Heritage. The program is crafted to give students the tools to ask questions about their faith and build meaningful relationships with others who are asking those same questions. The three year program culminates in the Rite of Confirmation, which occurs at the end of the students' 8th grade year.

Contact [PastorSarahSwindall@gmail.com](mailto:PastorSarahSwindall@gmail.com)

#### **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP (9th - 12th graders)**

High School Youth Group is all about living out the faith that was crafted and shaped during Confirmation. Students gather weekly on Sunday evenings for various bible studies, fun fellowship activities, and service projects. This is a time to continue deepening faithful relationships and asking more tough questions about living out faith in Jesus. Friends are always welcome. The Youth Group participates in many fun events like Sleep Out Saturday, CROP Walk, and various mission trips!

Contact [PastorSarahSwindall@gmail.com](mailto:PastorSarahSwindall@gmail.com)

### **ADULT & PARENT INVOLVEMENT**

Faith formation is a whole-family adventure. Children are supported by both their own family and their church family. There are many ways that parents and other adults who are passionate about journeying with youth:

Be an Adult Mentor for Confirmation / High School Youth Group

Provide a meal for the youth gatherings

Be a Sunday School Teacher / Assistant

Attend overnights and trips as an adult leader

Help lead / organize events and fundraisers

## **Worship & Music**

### **THE CHOIR**

If you like to sing, we invite you to join our choir family. No prior choir experience is necessary. We are about friendship, serving our God and the church, and making music. We rehearse on Wednesday nights at 7:00 and sing at 9:30am Sunday worship. Our goal is to lead the congregation and enhance the worship experience through song. If you are interested in joining our family, please contact Katie Andrade at 630-355-1330.

### **MUSCIANS**

If you play a musical instrument, we would love to have you join our music ministry team. We are looking for people to join our hand bell choir (no experience necessary) or share your individual talents with us during the worship services. We are always looking to enhance the worship experience with special music. Please contact Katie Andrade at 630-355-1330 if you are interested in joining our team.

### **WORSHP VOLUNTEERS**

Become an important part of worship by serving as a worship assistant, communion server, reader, usher, or acolyte. No experience is necessary, and training will be provided as needed. Serving the church is a wonderful expression of faith and love for our God and his people. If you would like to learn more about these opportunities, please contact Katie Andrade at 630-355-1330.

## **AV Tech Team**

Members of the tech team may participate in many ways:

- Setting up and tearing down the video cameras and mics for the Live Stream
- Being a camera operator, video director, and cover Live Stream monitoring during services
- Running sound checks for different setups of different services
- Running the sound board during services to ensure a good audio mix and audio level to prevent feedback and ensure a quality sound for the congregation so that they may enjoy the service
- Setup and tear down sound equipment for various special services such as outdoor worship, funerals, baptisms, and special prayer services
- Run video/cameras for other special services such as prayer services, holiday services and youth events
- Add lyrics to songs and creating service elements to be used during services that will be projected on our screen
- Run the projection computer and software during the service

If you are a techie, this is a great way to support St. Timothy! Contact [DerekHowell@comcast.net](mailto:DerekHowell@comcast.net)

## **Communion Team**

The Communion team currently has 12 members who are responsible for preparing, setting up, and cleaning up the communion elements for our worship services. Each week two people volunteer to serve for the weekend. Set up takes about 45 minutes and clean up about 30 minutes with a refresh either after the Saturday service or before the Sunday service. Please feel free to contact Janet Heep at 630-408-3589 with any questions you may have.

## **Liturgical Arts**

The Liturgical Arts Committee sets up displays to enrich the worship experience on special days in the church year including Advent/Christmas, Lent/Easter. The committee meets in September to make plans for the upcoming year and monthly as needed. Please contact Katie Andrade at 630-355-1330.

### **Bread Baking Team**

Join our team of bread bakers! We provide homemade communion bread for worship each weekend and other special services. Bake the bread at home, and bring it to church in time for the Saturday evening worship. Bread can be left overnight in the Sacristy for Sunday worship. We use two simple recipes, so you have a choice! Depending on the size of the bread baking team, each baker could provide bread once every two months or so. We would love to have you join our team!

### **Adult Ed & Small Group Ministry**

While there are ways to grow in our faith and knowledge of God in all aspects of church life and Christian living, here at St. Timothy we also offer specific Bible Study classes throughout the week to you grow even more. Our Women's Bible Study meets weekly on Wednesday mornings at 9:30am. Our Men's Bible Study meets weekly on Saturday mornings. Both of these are led by fantastic lay volunteers and cover a variety of topics. Or stay after church on Sunday morning for a Bible Study led every week during the program year led by your pastors. That will begin as soon as worship is over and people have had an opportunity to grab a cup of coffee. All are welcome!

### **Women's Bible Study**

Wednesday Women's Bible study is held every Wednesday morning from 9:30 a.m. -about 11 a.m. Our lessons are on a variety of topics that resonate with women of all ages. We use studies from various sources, books, videos, and magazine articles. We are starting this season with a DVD study of the "Sermon on the mount." We use our Bibles in every study, no matter what the topic may be. All women are invited to join. You don't have to attend every week in order to get a lot out of our lessons. We have a fun group that enjoys talking about and praying about our faith. Vicki Oftedal facilitates this group and is happy to answer any questions that you may have. (630-362-2087).

### **Library Committee**

Our Library ministry provides books for adults, families, youth and children. These include Biblical resources, devotional books, faith enrichment, congregational ministries, fiction and a variety of books for youth and children. Our volunteers meet monthly at 9:30am on the 3rd Tuesday. We research, order and add new books, provide resources for the Sunday School, and arrange monthly displays to highlight books related to our congregational life or seasonal themes. If you haven't done this already, please use our library and find a book you'd like to check out for yourself or your family. Contact Ruth LaCroix at [ruthgram@gmail.com](mailto:ruthgram@gmail.com) if you have questions or would like to volunteer!

### **Snow Removal Team**

Each winter it takes a dedicated group of volunteers to keep our parking lot and sidewalks clear. These volunteers help drive the bobcat and shovel the walks. Don't worry, you don't have to do this alone. The volunteers are divided up into teams that take turns to cover each snow event. The work is done on an as-needed basis and is very important to keep everyone safe. Don't worry if you've never driven a bobcat before, we provide training for anyone who wants to get behind the wheel of a plow. For more information contact the church office.

### **Garden Team**

Be a Watering Angel! Join caring hands that tend the floral landscape of our church campus and share a witness that in a "Garden" one is nearer God's heart than anywhere else on earth.

### **Green Team**

We care for God's earth. We help the members of St. Timothy discover how easy it is to make a difference in how they care for the earth and its resources.

Green Team activities include:

- Recycling collections
- Earning our church Earth Flag (maybe we will work on Water flag next)
- Sharing information and tips on how we can all make a difference

If you care for the earth, please join us! Contact Sue Tripp ([susanjtripp@gmail.com](mailto:susanjtripp@gmail.com))

### **Social Ministry**

When we say we "Live the Love of Christ" we really mean it. The list of our Social Ministries, which reach out to people and places in need in our community is a testament to exactly that. Camp Noah is a program we put on for communities who have experienced Natural Disasters. The Giving Tree happens at Christmas when we donate toys to foster children in our area. Mill Street Cares helps feed children at the school across the street. Bridge Communities is a two-year program in which our church helps support and mentor a housing insecure family. We walk in the Crop Walk every year to raise money for food insecure people and places. Refugee One is our congregation's way of welcoming the strangers just like Jesus. Not to mention Feed My Starving Children mobile packs, Hesed House for the homeless, Prayer Shawls, Blood Drives, and so much more. If you want to give back to those in need look no further. Come join any of these opportunities to "Live the Love of Christ." It is what we are called to do.

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Can you wrap yarn around a peg, then lift the loop over another peg? If you can do that, then you can be part of the Prayer Shawl Ministry! You can loop, crochet, or knit a shawl in your own home at your own pace. All we ask is that when completed, you drop the shawls off at the church office. Shawls are meant for anyone who is feeling lonely, lost, hurt, fearful, in pain, or dealing with a troubling situation. They are a small token of affection that bring a lot of comfort.

### **Health**

A Faith Community Nurse is called to assist individuals in promoting a healthy mind, body and spirit by developing relationships with members and groups in the church and surrounding community. Achieving this goal is facilitated with the use of education, referrals, and networking in order to promote a healthy lifestyle.

Our current program includes:

- All church luncheons and programming. Our next lunch is Sept. 13th 12p.-2p.
- Annual flu shot clinic- Coming up on Sunday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9a.-12p.
- Regular exercise promotion and classes including weekly video emails & in-person classes to begin Tues., Sept. 20th 9:30a.-10:30a.
- Community events such as Life Line Screening.
- Get Informed, Healthy Living information on church website (SEE NEXT PAGE)
- Home visits to shut-ins
- Monthly newsletter health information

A healthy life-style starts from within. Check out some of these resources or contact [krunge@sttimothylutheran.com](mailto:krunge@sttimothylutheran.com) if you want more information or would like to volunteer with us to 'Live the Love of Christ.'

1Peter 4:10 "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others".

### Hesed House

St. Tim has been committed to Hesed House 6 times each year for the past 30 years. Our commitment to Hesed House is to provide dinner, lunch and breakfast to the homeless shelter in Aurora. This outreach program has grown from serving 50-60 people to over 180 per month. Aside from serving meals, we have provided sheets, blankets and other special requests to assist the shelter. HH's reputation is such that they have rented apartments which they sublet to residents of HH without the upfront money usually needed to rent an apartment. This has allowed HH to move residents into their own places and reduce homelessness.

Support from St. Tim and other organizations makes it possible for HH to place about 70% of those in need in the "no longer homeless" category. Providing food is the first step in the process and the second step is shelter. Once these needs are met, HH staff works with their clients to get back on their feet. There are three ways you can support Hesed House: volunteer to serve the meals, donate food, or give money to the HH fund.

### FMSC

Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) believes hope starts with food. As a Christian nonprofit, FMSC is dedicated to seeing every child whole in body and spirit. FMSC works with food distribution partners that stay with communities for the long haul, empowering them to move from relief to development. FMSC meals are developed by food science and nutrition professionals to supplement nutritional needs and reduce problems with malnutrition. Nutrition allows children to grow, thrive and develop to their full potential. Our process is simple. Donations given by people just like you fund the meal ingredients. Volunteers hand-pack the meals. Meals are donated to FMSC food partners around the world, where kids are fed and lives are saved! We are feeding God's children who are hungry in body and spirit.

Support **FMSC and Feed The Need** while enjoying gourmet popcorn. You can visit this website and order some delicious Double Good popcorn. Ordering is open from 9am on Sept, 12 thru 9am on Sept, 16. Half of the purchase price goes to fund meals for God's children who are hungry in body and spirit.

<https://popup.doublegood.com/s/aj3ko264>

### Volleyball

Come join us on Thursday nights from 7p-9p for some spirited competition at Adult Volleyball Nights! Players of all skill levels high-school-aged and older are welcome. For more information, or to be added to the weekly invitation list, please contact John Waller at johnwaller2017@gmail.com or 630-806-5253.

### Community Development

Here at St. Timothy we like to have fun together. Community Development is the fancy name we give to all of the parties and social gatherings that we put on throughout the year. Here is a good sampling of events that we have done in the past and continue to do: Church Picnic, Oktoberfest, Mardi Gras, Easter Egg Hunt, Community Dinners, concerts in our backyard. Each of these events requires its own group of volunteers who cook at grills, fill Easter eggs, help set up and clean, and the like. And at each event most of the people are there to participate and have fun. As you can see, whether its attending an event to drink beer and eat schnitzel, or help volunteer to pull the whole thing off, there is a lot of work and fun to be had each time we gather. So next time you see one of these events pop up on the church calendar ask yourself what you can do to help and how you can add to the fun and fellowship by joining us.

### **Learning is Fun Preschool**

Learning is Fun Preschool has been providing extraordinary education in Naperville since 1974! You will find experienced and dedicated staff, small classroom sizes, programs that equip and encourage your child, and enrichment programs for all students at NO additional cost. We are now enrolling for Fall 2022! Call today at 630-357-4836 or email [LIFPreschool@gmail.com](mailto:LIFPreschool@gmail.com)