



St. Timothy Tidings

July, 2025

From the Pastor



Beloved in Christ,

Thank you, thank you, thank you for a wonderful installation celebration. The music was marvelous, the worship sacred, the logistics smooth, the food scrumptious, and the ice cream and sangria absolutely heavenly. You all shined so bright as a glorious witness to our sister congregations, showcasing hospitality and joy in action. I am honored to be part of this amazing community!

But we also had some lows this month. We lost two dear members of our community, Ted Weber and Forrest Ortman. As we pull together to support their families and our siblings in Christ, know that Holy Spirit works through our hands and feet, presence and words, to accompany them on their grief journey. Keep showing up. Keep being Jesus.

As we look ahead to July, we anticipate celebrating the lives of these two men alongside their loved ones. We also anticipate a baptism or two, welcoming new siblings into the body of Christ and the mission we share. And so we light the paschal candle for each of these, remembering Christ's passover from death to life, and how Christ pulls us along with him into resurrection.

We are carrying some heavy things into the summer, and yet joy continues to break through. Adults and the occasional child play each Sunday in the Community Room at 9 a.m., eating a morning snack, discussing our lives, wondering about water stories in the Bible, and trying out new crafts or activities. Join us, won't you?

You may notice I'm a little scarce between July 6 and July 13. I'll be around, but I will have my niece and nephew for the week, so I won't be as active. And the end of the month, I'll be on vacation, celebrating with my deaconess community 15 years of consecrated faith and service in Christ! Time flies.

Wherever I'm at, you all are always in my heart and in my prayers.

In Christ,
Pastor Amanda



From Our Music Director

"Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise. The gift of language combined with the gift of song was given to man that he should proclaim the Word of God through music." - Martin Luther

"DIG!"

Guide My Feet, Lord- https://youtu.be/L-Np2HUKDs?si=P_2HZEey3RafINUj

*Guide my feet while I run this race,
Guide my feet while I run this race,
Guide my feet while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!*

*Hold my hand while I run this race,
Hold my hand while I run this race,
Hold my hand while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!*

*Stand by me while I run this race,
Stand by me while I run this race,
Stand by me while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!*

As a high school cross country runner, I ran more grueling races than I care to remember. Each race was a challenge, testing not just one's physical ability, but mental fortitude. Maintaining belief that you would finish the race was just as much a battle as the completion.

But no matter the course or conditions, one thing stayed the same: our coach's voice at the final stretch. As we rounded the last bend and the finish line came into sight, we'd hear him shout his favorite word of encouragement—"DIG!" *It wasn't a long speech or a motivational quote, just one word. But in that moment, it was exactly what we needed. DIG! It meant push harder, and leave it all out there. It simplified the wave of heightened emotions and end-race strategies into something short and sweet, allowing us to focus on the finish line—even when we felt spent.*

Our coach didn't rely on fancy speeches or emotional pep talks. He was a far more practical guy. His coaching style focused on providing us with the information and feedback that we needed to get us to the next step, and to help us stay focused on our goals. He walked with us through injuries, setbacks, and victories. In short, he coached us well.

In a much deeper and more powerful way, God coaches us through life. Hebrews 12:1 compares life to a race, and provides the motivation to "run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus." Like any good coach, God knows not just what to say, but how to say it. Sometimes, His guidance comes in short, powerful truths—just enough to carry us forward.

"Guide My Feet, Lord", originally an African-American spiritual, provides a simple prayer for strength and direction, crying out with the phrases "guide my feet", "hold my hand", and "stand by me". The lyrics are simple and repetitive, just like our coach's "DIG!"

As we walk—and sometimes run—through our lives of faith, God's Word is our training manual, His Holy Spirit our ever-present coach. He guides our feet, holds our hands, and stands beside us through every step. And when we feel like we have nothing left, He calls us to dig deep, not just within ourselves, but into His strength and grace.

Know that whatever race you are running, you are being coached, equipped, and empowered by the One who has already won the ultimate race. And when you hear that quiet whisper or bold shout—DIG!—*know that God is right there, cheering you on to the finish.*

Alex Domeier, Director of Music Ministry



Upcoming Events



Sunshine Girls Bible Study

The Sunshine Girls are taking a summer break. They normally meet on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of every month in the Community

Room at 10:00am. After taking a break for the Summer, they will resume the study of Matthew on Tuesday, September 16. You are invited to join this group of fun and interesting ladies when the Bible Study resumes in the fall.



MONTHLY POTLUCK

We have a Monthly Potluck in Founders Hall after the Sunday morning worship service! Please join with your fellow congregants after worship to enjoy fun, food and fellowship. Watch the bulletin for dates.

Bluebirds News

BLUEBIRDS are taking a summer break. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 9, 2025, 11:30 am, at O'Charlie's Restaurant, 1009 Village Green Crossing, Gallatin. Have a great summer! See you all then!



Join Us for Beer & Hymns Sunday, July 20th

Where: Half Batch Brewing,
154 Bonita Parkway, Hendersonville
When: Sunday, July 20th from 2:00 – 4:00 pm
Featuring Matt Steinhauer as our hymn leader



Please join us for this very fun and refreshing event!



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Grief Support Group

Grief comes in many forms and throughout the seasons of our lives. Whether it is the loss of health, friendship, a job, a community, an identity, a spouse, or a loved one, we all navigate the complexities of grief. If this is resonating with you, join us every other Tuesday from 4 - 5 p.m. in the Community Room for a time of sharing and mutual support.

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Save the date! Our two Scout troops (Troop 157- Boys and Troop 9- Girls) will be hosting a Spaghetti fundraiser dinner on **Saturday, August 16th** at 5pm in Founders Hall. More details to come, but we hope this will be a great opportunity for fun, fellowship and an opportunity for the community to support our Scouts in all of their adventures!



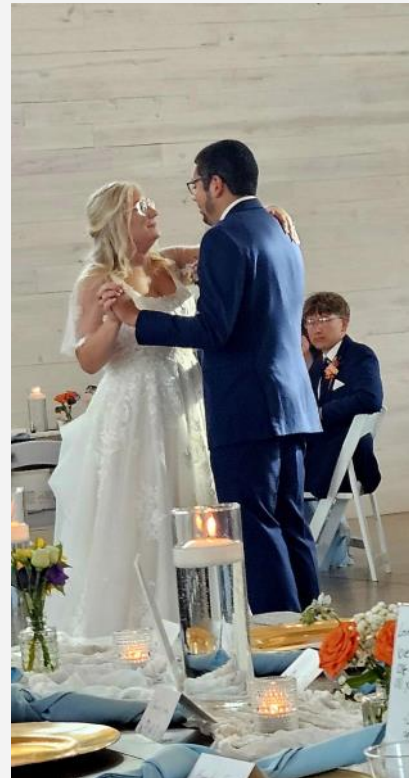
Starting July 10th, Thomas Aben will be leading a Study/ Discussion based on the book "Funding Forward" by Grace Duddy Pomroy every Thursday over the course of 11 weeks. It addresses some of the challenges we as a congregation are facing financially. While the book is not required for this study and discussion, it is recommended. Come when you are able, every week is a new topic. We will meet in the Library from 6:30pm to 7:30pm each week. Please contact Thomas Aben @ thomasaben@att.net to let him know if you plan on coming.

What a joyous day in the life of St. Timothy Lutheran Church!

The service of installation for Pr. Amanda Spangler truly embodied what is the very essence of St. Timothy; people just coming together to make things happen. Due to the HVAC system not working, we came together in Founders Hall for a wonderful service followed by a celebration dinner! It truly was a day of celebration!



**Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Alex Domeier!
We wish Alex and Maddie the best!!!**



AFFIRM 2025

Powerful days at Affirm 2025!!! So thankful for staff and participants who give their time to God for this journey.





July 2025 Meetings

Date	Committee	Time	Location	Notes
Wed Jul 2	Outreach	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Zoom	Contact Melissa House for more information
Thurs Jul 3	Property	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Community Room	For more information contact Baker Kirkpatrick
Tue Jul 8	Learning	8:30 - 9:30 am	Community Room	For more information, contact Janel Tucker or Melanie Ortman.
Thurs Jul 17	Community Garden	6:00 - 7:00 pm	Community Room	For more information, contact Ron Morgenstern
Thurs Jul 17	Stewardship/ Finance	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Zoom	Contact David Miley for more information
Tue Jul 22	Worship & Music	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Library	Contact Alex Domeier for more information
Thurs Jul 24	Executive Committee	6:00 - 6:30 pm	Community Room	For more information, contact Ken Tsuchiyama
Thurs Jul 24	Congregational Council	6:30 -7:30 pm	Community Room	For more information, contact Ken Tsuchiyama
Mon Jul 28	Youth	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Zoom	Contact Melanie Ortman for more information



Council Corner

Summer has definitely settled in and we hope all are well and staying safe in this hot weather.

In our June Council meeting, Pr. Amanda said that exciting things are coming as the members of the Learning Committee have been working hard planning comprehensive Faith Formation programs for our little ones all the way up to our high schoolers. To have a robust faith development ministry takes the help of many folks. Do you see yourself as having something to offer? If yes, email Janel Tucker, chair of the Learning Committee, at janeltucker@yahoo.com.

Instead of having the 5th Sunday Service of Healing after the worship service, Pr. Amanda is streamlining this liturgy and laying of hands into both the Saturday evening and Sunday morning worship services.

On June 25th, Pr. Amanda joined other clergy in Nashville to minister to the family of Kilmar Abrego Garcia, the man mistakenly picked up by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement and deported to El Salvador, as he attended his bond hearing. Clergy was able to “buffer” his family from unwanted attention and to be with them during the hearing. We as a Council fully support Pr. Amanda in this ministry and is encouraged to know she will continue living out her call in this capacity.

The Outreach Committee has been very active. On Saturday, June 28th, we had a strong presence at the Pride Parade. We also had members of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church join us.

Our treasurer, Dave Miley, reported giving was considerably lower in May. Expenses exceeded giving by \$9533.00. In May, \$1070 was given towards Debt Reduction. Be on the lookout for your Mid Year Giving Statement because they will be going out soon.

The Property Committee is still receiving quotes to replace the sanctuary HVAC unit. Once they have everything they need they will be able to offer a recommendation on how to proceed. We will keep everyone updated as information becomes available.

Mark your calendars!! July 20th @ 2:00, Matt Steinhauer will be leading Beer & Hymns at Half Batch Brewing, just down the street at 154 Bonita Parkway. This is always a fun event so make plans to come.

As always please never hesitate to reach out to any member of council for anything.

Grace and Peace ~ The Congregation Council

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GARDEN NEWS

St. Tim's gardeners helping hands. Garden is really starting to come in. Donated a dozen cucumbers, 1 zucchini and 2 green peppers to the Samaritan center recently. We are so blessed to have so many wonderful, faithful volunteers in our congregation!





The St. Timothy Intercessory Prayer Committee invites all who would like to have prayers for themselves or for others. This includes requests that are public to the church community as well as those who would appreciate prayer but prefer that their needs be kept in confidence. Our practice follows numerous examples of intercessory prayers in both the Old and New Testaments.

With love and compassion, we ask for God's intervention for the well being of others and for His blessings in their lives.

If you would like for us to offer intercessory prayers on your behalf, please contact Joyce Clary at jgclary1937@gmail.com or call her at 615-604-4746. We also welcome new caring members.

Thank You to Our Road Warrior Team!



Road Warriors showed up for the quarterly clean up! On Saturday, June 21st, we had a full team to help clean up our area of Hendersonville! THANK YOU to all who came out, and thank you, Baker Kirkpatrick, for organizing. Even Mayor Jamie Clary joined us!



Don't forget to review St. Timothy Lutheran Church on Google!

It's a proven fact that organizations with five or more reviews get seen much more frequently on Google!

Use this link: <https://g.page/r/CWZC8v0DAfGREBM/review>



Resources

Here are a few resources to help guide you as you continue your faith journey!

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)

<https://elca.org/>

Southeastern Synod ELCA

<https://www.elca-ses.org/>

Reconciling Works

<https://www.reconcilingworks.org/>

Living Lutheran Magazine

<https://www.livinglutheran.org/>

ELCA Daily Bible Readings

<https://elca.org/Faith/DailyBible/>

Luther Seminary God Pause Daily Devotion

<https://www.luthersem.edu/godpause/>



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