



St. Timothy Tidings

June, 2025

From the Pastor

It's summer! I know it's summer because all of a sudden, travel schedules go haywire. Dear friends, whether we are geographically near or far, St. Timothy is a community of people who love Jesus, one another, and are out sharing that love with God's good creation everywhere we go.

If you're traveling this summer, do let me know! You'll learn that I mother-hen a bit, and I like to know that you are okay and just temporarily out-of-pocket. I promise not to be too nosy, and to only share what you give permission for me to share.

I've got a couple of things brewing this summer:



Our **Cross+Generational Sunday School** for all ages and life stages will begin June 1 in Founders Hall. We'll snack, talk about Scripture, and play. Everyone is welcome from 9:00 – 9:45 a.m. Can't make it every time? It's drop-in!

The **Pentecost People Awards** are on June 8th, and so far I've only gotten two nominations! There's a heck-a-lot more time/talent/treasure showing up in this congregation than that. Nominate someone today!

Grief Group continues to meet in the Community Room every other Tuesday from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Come when you can. We're here for you.

A task force of Outreach Committee friends are discussing the steps to building a **strategic missional outreach plan**. We're asking people about where they see excitement at St. Timothy, sense energy building, what things have momentum going, and where they see Holy Spirit popping up around them. Talk to me, Melissa House, Jane Elam, or Teresa Shannon. We want to hear how you see God at work at St. Timothy!

The Worship & Music Committee is thinking about a more deliberative worship design process for the fall. We're exploring what we do best and how we'd like to improve. Got suggestions? Talk to a member of the team!

Finally, with all this talk of travel, I've got a bit of it upcoming myself:

May 28 – May 31: Southeastern Synod Assembly in Columbus, Georgia

June 15 – June 18: Natural Systems Academy at the ELCA in Chicago, Illinois

July 31 – August 3: Lutheran Deaconess Conference Annual Meeting in Pewaukee, Wisconsin

Wherever we go, let's keep our eyes on the prize, dear ones. And the prize is? **Jesus!**

Blessings,
+ 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

Marching in the Light

We Are Marching in the Light (Siyahamba) - <https://youtu.be/QGOiANtGmhE?si=aCjIkCBGLoBwzTUj>

We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God.
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We are marching, marching,
We are marching, (ooh)
We are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, marching,
We are marching, (ooh)
We are marching in the light of God.

Siyahamba ekukhanyeni kwenkos
Siyahamba ekukhanyeni kwenkos

Siyahamba ekukhanyeni kwenkos
Siyahamba ekukhanyeni kwenkos

Siyahamba, 'hamba. Siyahamba, (ooh)
Siyahamba ekukhanyeni kwenkos

Siyahamba, 'hamba. Siyahamba, (ooh)
Siyahamba ekukhanyeni kwenkos

There's something irresistible about the rhythms of South African music. Whether it's the beat of a drum or the layered harmony of voices, the sound carries a joy that seems to rise from deep within the soul. It's the kind of music that makes it hard to sit still—your feet want to move, your heart wants to lift, and your spirit wants to sing.

That same spirit of joy is what we find in the light of God revealed through Jesus Christ. His light shines into our lives, giving us a reason to move—not just physically, but spiritually. We march in faith, sing in hope, and dance in the freedom that salvation brings.

We praise because we've been given a gift beyond measure. We are redeemed, restored, and renewed as a result of the salvation received through Jesus. And that's worth celebrating in every way possible.

One day, we will dance in the full presence of God. In Revelation 21 and 22, we're reminded that the light we rejoice in today is just a glimpse of the eternal light to come. We're given an awesome vision of a "new Jerusalem", the holy city of God. It's a place where there is no temple, "for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb." There is no need for sun or moon, "for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb." There is no night there—only the unceasing brilliance of God's presence. We will see His face, serve Him with joy, and reign with Him forever.

Until that day, let's keep praising. Let's keep moving to the rhythm of grace. And let's keep reflecting His light in our lives, knowing that our worship here is a foretaste of the eternal celebration to come.

Alex Domeier, Director of Music Ministry





The St. Timothy Handbell Ensemble
Presents

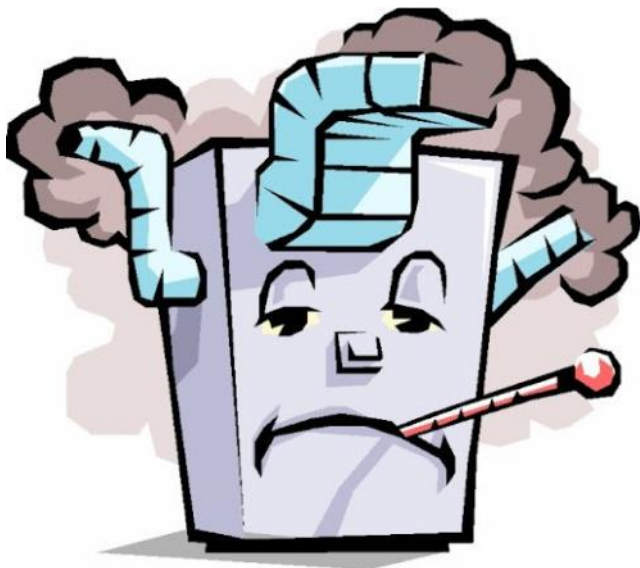


JOYFUL NOISE

Sunday, June 1st at 7 PM
St. Timothy Lutheran Church



Join us for a fun evening of sacred and
secular handbell music!



The HVAC unit is still not working, and services for the near future - including Sunday's Bell Choir Concert and Pastor Amanda's Installation on June 8th - will be in Founders Hall. We'll provide more information to everyone as it becomes available.



Upcoming Events



Sunshine Girls Bible Study

The Sunshine Girls are taking their summer break. They normally meet on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of every month in the Community Room at 10:00am. However, after taking a break for the summer they will resume the study of Matthew on Tuesday, September 16.



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 meet on Tuesday, June 10th

If you are looking for fascinating, fun-loving fellowship, join us BLUEBIRDS for lunch on Tuesday, June 10 at 11:30 am at the Main Street Bistro, 711 E. Main St., Hendersonville. No RSVP needed.



BLUEBIRDS is a St Timothy adult fellowship group. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month to laugh, converse, and just spend time with new and old friends. We'd love to meet you, get to know you. Hope to see you there!



Handbell Spring Concert Founders Hall

Join the Handbell Ensemble for an evening of beautiful ringing and joyful fellowship at our **Spring Handbell Concert: "Joyful Noise"** on **Sunday, June 1st at 7:00 PM in Founders Hall (due to the HVAC problem)**. Come experience the uplifting sounds of the bells as we share a delightful selection of sacred and seasonal pieces.



Upcoming Events



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.

Upcoming dates are 6/10 and 6/24.

In the ELCA, installing a pastor is a significant liturgical event where the pastor is formally placed in the role of minister to the congregation. This service typically takes place within a service of Holy Communion and involves the pastor's commitment to their ministry and the congregation's pledge of support. The installation is performed by the bishop (or their representative) and follows a specific order of worship outlined in Evangelical Lutheran Worship. We have the joy of officially welcoming Pr. Amanda Spangler to St. Timothy Lutheran Church as our pastor on **Sunday, June 8, 2025 at 4:00pm**. It promises to be a joyous event and you will want to make sure you are in attendance.



In the interest of making the church look as nice as possible for Pastor Amanda's Installation, the Property Committee is organizing a Cleaning Day on Saturday, June 7th at 9:00 am. The more hands we have for this effort, the quicker and better the work. If you can help, please let Baker Kirkpatrick know so work teams can be organized.

We have been so blessed to have Pastor Amanda with us! Let's celebrate!

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!





June 2025 Meetings

Date	Committee	Time	Location	Notes
Wed Jun 4	Outreach	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Zoom	Contact Melissa House for more information
Thurs Jun 5	Property	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Community Room	For more information contact Baker Kirkpatrick
Sat Jun 7	Learning	8:30 - 9:30 am	Community Room	For more information, contact Janel Tucker or Melanie Ortman.
Mon Jun 16	Stewardship/ Finance	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Zoom	Contact David Miley for more information
Thurs Jun 19	Community Garden	6:00 - 7:00 pm	Community Room	For more information, contact Ron Morgenstern
Mon Jun 23	Youth	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Zoom	Contact Melanie Ortman for more information
Tue Jun 24	Worship & Music	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Library	Contact Alex Domeier for more information
Thurs Jun 26	Executive Committee	6:00 - 6:30 pm	Community Room	For more information, contact Ken Tsuchiyama
Thurs Jun 26	Congregational Council	6:30 - 7:30 pm	Community Room	For more information, contact Ken Tsuchiyama



Council Corner

Mark your calendars

The Service of Installation of Reverend Amanda Spangler

June 8th, 2025 at 4:00pm

Well, summer is already upon us. School's out, swimming pools are full of kiddos and adults splashing around and St. Tims is hustling and bustling too!

At our May Council meeting, Pr. Amanda reported that our onsite and online worship attendance continues to be steady. We love seeing such life and vitality in our midst. Pr. Amanda will be having intergenerational 1-room Faith Formation during the summer months. Be on the lookout for more information about that. Also, Pr. Amanda has facilitated the formation of a Grief Support Group at STLC. The next meeting will be June 24th at 4:00pm in the Community Room. This is open to the community so if you know someone who may have interest, invite them to this vital ministry.

In the President's Report, Ken Tsuchiyama shared that there have been a rash of fraudulent emails being sent to parishioners in the name of Pr. Amanda. Usually they are requesting some sort of financial donation to be sent via gift cards. If you receive one of these emails NEVER click on any link, mark the email as spam, then call the office to let us know. Because of these emails, council has made the decision to cease emailing our member directory to anyone. We understand this may be an inconvenience to some but we think it's in the best interest to protect everyone's contact information. Any member can access a directory via our [website](#). Click the "About Us" tab then scroll down and click "Congregation Portal". This is a password protected portal that has parish specific info like past council meeting minutes, Annual Reports, and member directory. If you need help setting up your password, call the church office at 615-824-6244.

Our treasurer, Dave Miley reported that in April, expenditures were markedly increased mainly due to larger one-time expense invoices that were paid. These included organ maintenance, water heater replacement, and having the Narthex doors repaired.

Finally, ya'll, Confirmation Sunday was amazing! Despite having to make the last minute decision to hold services in Founders Hall, this was a great opportunity for all to see how resilient we at St. Tims are; *we are Church*. Council would like to thank everyone for your patience and willingness to pivot to Founders Hall for our Worship services. We are still navigating the maintenance on the Sanctuary air conditioning unit. We will keep you updated on this as information becomes available. Don't forget, you can always reach out to any council member if you ever have questions.

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JOURNEY GARDEN COMMITTEE

Rain or shine the "vegetables" must get planted. Thanks to all that were able to help! And special thanks to Ron Morgenstern for overseeing this project every year!



Troop 9 Eagle Project



After service on Sunday, May 11, Troop 9 utilized the shade in the church parking lot to work on an Eagle project. The project was a sensory station for the Hendersonville Public Library and has since been installed if you would like to see it in person. The children who arrived shortly after the library opened were THRILLED!

Confirmation Sunday



On Sunday, May 18th, St. Timothy's had the privilege of welcoming 5 young people to the community as they made their Affirmation of Faith/Confirmation. Robby Grant, the sixth young person of this group, will be confirmed on June 1st. It was an interesting day as Pastor Amanda could not be here and we rejoiced to have Pastor Gordy back with us for this special occasion. It was memorable also for the location - the air conditioning in the sanctuary was not working and the service took place in Founders Hall. All in all, unforgettable!

ABOUT OUR CONFIRMANDS

Ronald Alan Daugherty, Jr.— Ronald, known to everyone as RJ, is a bright, witty young man with a sharp mind and a deep love for soccer. He's incredibly smart and has a quick wit that brings laughter and warmth to everyone around him. Watching him grow into the thoughtful, spirited person he is fills us with pride every day.

Layton Forrest Tucker— Layton will be an 8th grader at Marrol Hyde Magnet School next year. He has a strong passion for computer science, math, and technology. He enjoys being actively involved both at school and at church. At school, he is a member of the Science Olympiad Team, plays trombone in the band, and participates in the Dungeons and Dragons club.

Joshua Thomas Howard— Josh enjoys spending his time gaming with friends and coding. A big animal lover, he shares his home with two cats and two dogs. Always curious, Josh loves learning new things - especially when it comes to science, his favorite subject. He's excited to start 9th grade next year and is looking forward to joining ROTC.

Anne Claire Taylor— Anne Claire Taylor was baptized here at St. Timothy around the age of 2. She's now 15 and attends Beech High School. When she isn't being annoyed by her kid brother, she enjoys watching anime, being in the Beech Buccaneers color guard, and dancing ballet and lyrical with American Academy of Dance.

Austin Ryan Mariott— Austin will be a freshman at Beech High School this fall. He is currently involved in Quiz Bowl, Scouting America Troop 157 (where he is the youth leader) and band (clarinet). When not at school or busy with other activities, Austin enjoys outdoor activities such as camping, backpacking and hiking as well as pursuing interests such as history and conservation.

Robert Ewan Chase Grant— Robby is homeschooled. He enjoys drawing and playing games on his Playstation. He is naturally inquisitive with electronics and computers. Robby is also very active playing inline hockey, fishing, and kayaking. (*Robby's Affirmation of Baptism will take place on 6/1.*)



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.



Below is a "Sign up genius" for nursery duties for the summer months. We would like volunteers to sign up for at least two slots so that we can serve young families better, perhaps allowing people who wouldn't otherwise feel able to attend church services to do so. Your help is really needed!

The time needed is 10:15am to approximately 12:00pm; however those times may change slightly due to Pr. Amanda's summer Inter-generational Faith Formation classes. If we find a need for the nursery during those classes, we will let you know.

Also, we have added age 4 to the nursery for parents wanting nursery for that age. The council felt that the age increase may be attractive to more families. Thanks for any help you can give! Families with young children thank you too!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E48AFAA2DA2F94-57060557-sttimothy>



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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