



St. Timothy Tidings

November, 2025



From the Pastor

Beloved community,

As I write, the HVAC is in the process of being replaced. Hooray! I am so grateful to the diligent work of Baker and the Property Team as they negotiated getting bids, presenting options to Council, presented options to you all, and coordinating with the company for removal of the old unit and installation of the new. I also want to extend my deep gratitude to all of you who have donated the extraordinary amount of \$96, 058 toward the new unit and toward reuniting us with our sanctuary. We still have just under \$24,000 to raise to cover the cost of the HVAC in full so that we do not have to take out a loan. If you are able and it will not cause you or your family hardship, please consider donating towards the last little bit. We're 80% funded already!

It is also the end of our fall stewardship season. We've been discerning individually and collectively "What We Can Do: Responding to God's Generosity." During the last six weeks, we have thought about stewarding discipleship, stewarding relationships with neighbors, stewarding mental health, stewarding gratitude, stewarding persistence, and stewarding our freedom by God's action. On November 8th and 9th, we will have the opportunity to steward our curiosity in what God is up to next by filling out Commitment (pledge) Cards and turning them in during the offering. Please go ahead and consider what your financial commitment to God's ministry through St. Timothy will be in 2026, and join us for worship that weekend to celebrate!

Finally, I am so grateful for the saints of St. Timothy. Thank you for turning out and throwing me a surprise party. You unintentionally fulfilled a childhood dream! I had such a wonderful evening welcoming in the Fabulous Forties, and you all made it extra special. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

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

"Gathered Together"

Shall We Gather at the River? (arr. Blake Morgan)

<https://youtu.be/FmM1ATJgQE4?si=aw6xTB5fLoUsYPAm>

*Shall we gather at the river, Where bright angel feet have trod;
With its crystal tide forever Flowing by the throne of God?*

Refrain:

*Yes, we'll gather at the river, The beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river That flows by the throne of God.*

*On the margin of the river, Washing up its silver spray,
We will walk and worship ever, All the happy golden day. [Refrain]*

*Ere we reach the shining river, Lay we ev'ry burden down;
Grace our spirits will deliver, And provide a robe and crown. [Refrain]*

*Soon we'll reach the shining river, Soon our pilgrimage will cease;
Soon our happy hearts will quiver With the melody of peace. [Refrain]*

This Thanksgiving season holds special meaning for me — I get to bring my wife to her very first Thanksgiving dinner with my side of the family.

Thanksgiving has always been a cherished time for us. My mother is a wonderful cook (having owned her own personal chef and catering business), and our table has always been a place filled with some of the most delicious food you could taste. But perhaps what I've come to treasure most is how that table has so often been open to others.

Over the years, we've welcomed friends, neighbors, and even newcomers who had nowhere else to go. What began as a family meal has almost turned into a Thanksgiving party.

As I think about what that table means to me, I'm reminded of another table — the Lord's Table. Every time we gather in worship and share in Holy Communion, we are welcomed once again by our gracious host, Jesus Christ. It's at His table that we're fed, not with turkey and bread, but with His grace. And much like that Thanksgiving table, there's always room for more — for all who come in faith and hunger for the goodness of God.

We gather to be nourished, to be reminded of our salvation, and to rejoice together in the blessings we've received. It's a foretaste of something even greater: the eternal feast we will share one day in heaven.

The old hymn *"Shall We Gather at the River"* captures this future for God's children so beautifully. It reminds us that one day, we will all gather again — by the river that *"flows by the throne of God."* A day when there will be no more separation, no more hunger, no more tears — only joy, unity, and perfect fellowship in the presence of our Lord.

Until that day comes, may the tables we gather around here on earth — whether for Thanksgiving dinner (or parties), Sunday fellowship, or the Lord's Supper — reflect the love, welcome, and unity that come from God Himself. May every shared meal remind us of the greater feast that awaits, and may every act of hospitality be a glimpse of heaven's table, where all are invited and all are made one in Christ.

Alex Domeier, Directory of Music Ministry



Upcoming Events



Sunshine Girls Bible Study

The Sunshine Girls are back! You are invited to join this group of fun and interesting ladies who meet on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of every month in the Community Room at 10:00am. Everyone is welcome!

Bluebirds Meet Monthly

The BLUEBIRDS meet monthly on the second Tuesday of the month. Everyone is invited to join us! Watch the bulletin for information on where we will be meeting each month!



FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK



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!



All TN Lutheran Youth Gathering 2025

November 1-2, 2025

St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Hendersonville TN

For 6th - 12th graders Cost: \$40.00

THEME: See the Unseen

All TN 2025! Youth 6th-12th grade and adults will gather **St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Hendersonville TN**. We have created a fantastic service atmosphere that helps us to connect with God and with one another. The entire Synod is participating. This year's theme is "See the Unseen" (2 Corinthians 4:18). We are happy to host this event!

CONGREGATIONAL Meeting



Our Biannual Congregation Business Meeting will take place on **Sunday, November 23**, immediately following the worship service. We will be electing four new council members and voting to adopt the 2026 Ministry Plan.

As stewards of this church community, your voice and presence are essential. Let us come together in faith and unity, trusting that the Spirit will guide our decisions as we seek to serve Christ and one another with wisdom and love. Please plan to attend.



LADIES OF ST. TIMOTHY

CHRISTMAS

Dinner

December 1, 2025

Doors open 5:30 PM | Dinner 6:00 PM
Founders Hall
Music | Food | Fellowship

Tickets \$20

Purchase tickets outside Founders Hall
10/11 - 11/9

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NEW SATURDAY SERVICE TIME

Beginning soon - possibly the first weekend of Advent (November 29 & 30) or maybe after the first of the year - our Saturday 4:00 pm service will move to **Sundays at 1:30 pm**. This

schedule change will allow us to provide Pr. Amanda with 2 consecutive days off each week, so she can enjoy a 5-day workweek and have a "weekend" like most working folks. Pr. Amanda does a wonderful job of taking care of us, and Church Council believes this change will help us do our best to take care of her. Council would like to thank all of those who attend Saturday service for helping us reach this scheduling decision.

HVAC UPDATE!

Our contractor has begun the process of removing the old HVAC unit that serves the Sanctuary and installing the new unit. We expect that work will be completed sometime during the first 2 weeks of November. When completion is near, we will schedule a day to give the Sanctuary a good cleaning as there is quite a bit of dust and cobwebs that have accumulated over the past few months. Keep an eye and ear open for a request for volunteers to help clean so we can move our worship services back "home". And our VERY SINCERE THANKS to all who so generously donated towards this repair!

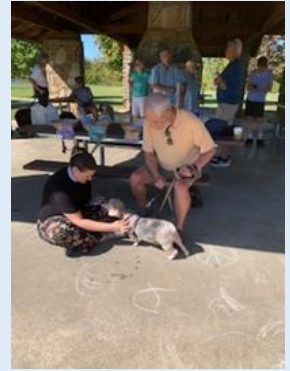


**Daylight Savings Time ends
at 2:00 AM on
Sunday, November 2nd!
Don't forget to turn your
clocks BACK before you go
to bed on Saturday night!**



The Blessing of the Animals was a success!

Thanks to everyone who brought their pets to the park for a blessing!



Welcome New and Returning Members!

Welcome to our new (and returning!) members at St. Timothy,

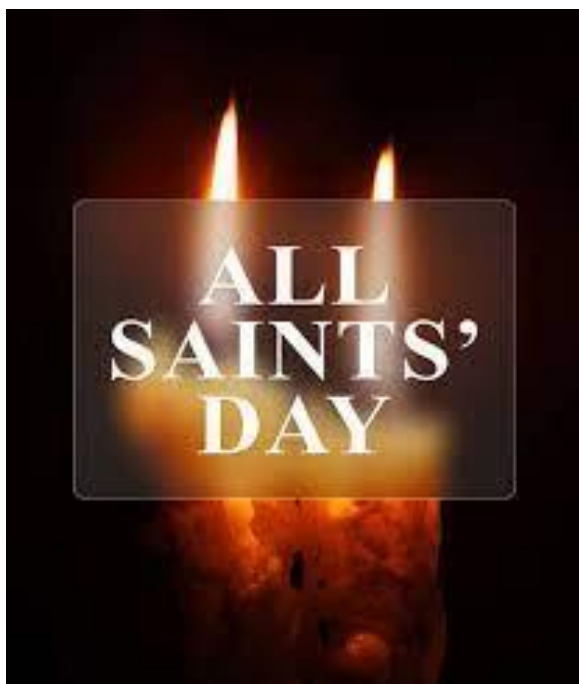
**Matt Steinhauer,
Merry Anne Howe Hess,
and Kaitlyn, Jordan and Luke Brown!**





November 2025 Meetings

Date	Committee	Time	Location	Notes
Wed Nov 5	Outreach	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Zoom	Contact Melissa House for more information
Thurs Nov 6	Property	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Community Room	For more information contact Baker Kirkpatrick
Tue Nov 11	Learning	6:30 - 7:30 pm	Community Room	For more information, contact Melissa Chowning.
Thurs Nov 20	Community Garden	6:00 - 7:00 pm	Community Room	For more information, contact Ron Morgenstern
Thurs Nov 20	Executive Committee	6:00 - 6:30 pm	Community Room	For more information, contact Ken Tsuchiyama
Thurs Nov 20	Congregational Council	6:30 - 7:30 pm	Community Room	For more information, contact Ken Tsuchiyama
Thurs Nov 20	Stewardship/ Finance	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Zoom	Contact David Miley for more information
Mon Nov 24	Youth	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Zoom	Contact Melissa Chowning for more information
Tue Nov 25	Worship & Music	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Library	Contact Alex Domeier for more information



Council Corner

November at a Glance: A Season of Stewardship and Renewal

November is a vibrant and meaningful time in the life of our parish. Throughout this Stewardship Season, we've reflected on the transformative impact of our ministries—both within our congregation and in the broader community we serve. It's been a time of celebration, gratitude, and renewed purpose. As we move through this season of reflection and renewal, may we be reminded that stewardship is not just about giving—it's about living faithfully with all that God has entrusted to us. Whether through financial gifts, acts of service, or sharing our talents, each offering is a thread in the tapestry of ministry that binds our parish together and reaches far beyond our walls.

Let us take to heart the words of 1 Peter 4:10: **“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.”**

Commitment Weekend: November 8–9 We invite you to prayerfully consider how you can support our ministries through your financial gifts, time, and talents. Your commitment helps sustain the work we do and the lives we touch.

Congregational Business Meeting: November 23 Immediately following Sunday morning worship, we'll gather to vote on our 2026 Ministry Plan and elect four new council members. Your voice and presence are vital—please plan to attend.

HVAC Update & Sanctuary Return If you've passed by the church recently, you may have noticed the removal of our old HVAC unit. We're excited to share that installation of the new system is expected to be completed very early this month. That means we'll be returning to our sanctuary soon! To prepare, we'll need volunteers to help clean the space and move the piano and bell choir tables back into place. So far, we've raised over **\$96,000** toward the cost of the replacement—thank you to everyone who has contributed so generously to this important capital project.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Your generosity, presence, and prayers continue to shape a vibrant and compassionate community. May we walk forward together in faith, with open hands and grateful hearts.

Grace and Peace to you ~
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Community Garden

As our growing season comes to an end I want to thank all of you for the hard work and dedication you have given to our church garden this year and years past. This is such an awesome way to be of service to “our” community.

After many years of organizing our efforts, I've determined that it's time for me to step aside from that role with the garden and explore some other volunteer (church) opportunities. I wanted to let you know in plenty of time before next year's planting. Would one of you consider leading the group? I am happy to finish out this year and coordinate with the new leader(s) for transitioning the garden.

Thank you again, now let's get growing!
Ron Morgenstern



Pastor Julian Gordy and his wife, Rev. Morgan Gordy, came out to St. Timothy's recently to pull out the tool trailer and try to unload the tools to see what is needed by way of repair. The trailer itself was in much worse condition than they expected. They worked hard to get the heavy generators out and are currently in the process of putting in some alternative shelving. They may be looking for additional help in the future, so if anyone would be willing please let the church office know and we will alert you to the dates.



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Happy 40th Birthday Pastor Amanda!

Her surprise party was held October 17th. Thank you to Ginny and the committee for such a fun event honoring Pastor Amanda!



Welcome to your 40's, Pastor Amanda! We love you!
Thank you to Pam Fluent for the pictures.

Wild Women Weekend

March 13-15, 2026

Ladies of St. Tims (& friends)! Can you believe it? It's already time to plan for our annual pilgrimage to the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina for a retreat just for women: **Wild Women Weekend!**

Lutheridge has asked that group registrations be submitted by November 14th so I will be coordinating getting our participant registration forms beginning October 24th/25th.

PROGRAM ELEMENTS

Comfortable Accommodations

Delicious Meals

Bible Study

Small & Large Group Discussions

Group Activities

Worship

AND FUN!!!!

Cost: \$265/Double \$325/Single (Scholarships Available)



Questions? Reach out to Jen Yamin at (615) 512-7806 or email jenbyamin@gmail.com

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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