



# ***St. Timothy Tidings***

## ***October, 2025***



### **From the Pastor**

Christ's beloved,

We're already two weeks into Stewardship Season! Over the month of October we'll explore four more gospel texts that invite us into growing our stewardship imaginations, from stewarding the mustard seeds among us to stewarding our gratitude, from stewarding our grief and hope to stewarding reformation. Check out the journal prompts on Facebook, the website, and in the weekly e-news blast to dive more personally into where God is helping you stretch and grow.

Meanwhile, we have about 20 child and youth participants in our Faith Formation program, and we are loving it! This year, we added a high school class for our confirmed youth, and we're excited to accompany all our young people as they learn, grow, and play with Christ. They are an excited and eager bunch, and I'm certainly learning a lot about faith from them. So if you see families with young children or youth, talk to them! There is a lot of wisdom in children, and parents enjoy conversing with other adults, too!

If you participated in worship the latter half of September, you heard about our participation in a "limited-release" worship education program for young children. It's a 40-week program wherein the children learn about the different parts of worship and the liturgical year, collect trading cards, enjoy art and music, and hopefully have some fun along the way. Our children's time over the next year will look different in that it'll move to the part of worship we are exploring. You'll find the children's song at the end of the bulletin each week for consistency's sake. I'm excited to see how this program helps children—and adults!—learn more about the Wonders of Worship and why we do the things we do. And I love that our children are so excited to help with worship leadership as they become more engaged with their faith. This month we will be offering a Blessing of the Animals out at Memorial Park for the whole community. We'll also be celebrating a baptism, preparing for the All Tennessee Youth Gathering, welcoming members new and old on Reformation Sunday, receiving and praying a hedge of protection around our new HVAC unit, cleaning and moving back into the sanctuary, and stopping to take a breath!

It's also my 40<sup>th</sup> birthday this month, which means we should definitely celebrate! I'm thinking I'll park myself at Half Batch Brewing one afternoon or evening. Anyone who wants to join me to bid farewell to the 30s and welcome in the fabulous 40s should come! Also, there are a lot of October babies in this congregation, so it could be a joint toast to the whole crew. We'll work out details later. Keep an eye out for an announcement!

In the midst of a troubled and weary world, St. Timothy is a bright spot of hope, laughter, joy, and shared burdens. Keep shining bright, beloved. You are Christ's light, and you light up the corners of our county. I'm proud to serve alongside 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*

### "Remember Your Why"

Take My Life and Let It Be (arr. Keith Christopher) - [https://youtu.be/3TCcd5bb6TE?si=c5-qSBBumG\\_tAMJH](https://youtu.be/3TCcd5bb6TE?si=c5-qSBBumG_tAMJH)

*Refrain:*

*Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee. [Refrain]*

*Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. [Refrain]*

*Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King;  
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee. [Refrain]*

*Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine;  
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. [Refrain]*

As an educator, I've gotten used to hearing my fair share of buzzwords/phrases. Words like "rigor," "fidelity," and "SEL" (Social Emotional Learning) tend to float around every training or faculty meeting. Another favorite—maybe infamous—is "unpacking" the standards or curriculum.

These phrases come and go, often replacing old ones that were once just as trendy. Don't get me wrong, they carry significance and meaning, as does the context in which they are used, but it's still entertaining to poke fun at them every once in a while.

Another phrase that I hear a lot (though with a degree of more staying power): "Remember your why."

I've used this phrase in front of my choir—a few of whom are teachers. I'm usually met with a few knowing smirks or playful eyerolls, but it's the kind of phrase that actually provides some very biblical advice.

In Romans 12:3–8, Paul encourages us to recognize that each of us has been given different gifts—not randomly, but purposefully, by God. Whether it's teaching, encouraging, leading, or serving, each gift plays a vital role in the life and work of the Church.

"We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us..." (Romans 12:6)

We're not all called to do the same things—but we are all called. With this calling, we are reminded that the purpose ("the why") of what we do is rooted in serving our God, and serving his Kingdom.

In our church, we are currently walking through a stewardship campaign—a time where we reflect not just on what we have, but on why we have it, and how we can use it for the benefit of others. Naturally, we tend to think about money first. But stewardship is about far more than finances.

Some are gifted musically. Some have the talents to build, fix, and grow things. Some have a spirit of hospitality. Others are quiet encouragers—the first to show up when someone is in crisis.

And so, maybe "remember your why" isn't just a saying. Maybe it's a remark from God Himself, to get us thinking about why we have the voice, skills, and abilities that we have, and why we are placed in the positions in which we reside.

God has a purpose for our gifts, and it's bigger than we might think. We are called to be of service—not out of obligation, but out of love.

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 Tuesday, October 14th

The BLUEBIRDS' next meeting will be Tuesday, October 14, 2025, 11:30 am, at O'Charlie's Restaurant, 1009 Village Green Crossing, Gallatin. See you all then!

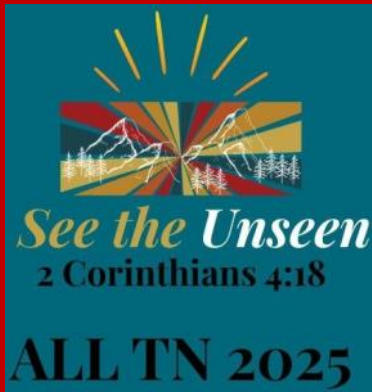


### FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK



### 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**

We are excited to announce All TN 2025! Youth 6th-12th grade and adults are invited to gather for faith formation at **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 welcome and invited to participate. This year's theme is "See the Unseen" (2 Corinthians 4:18).

We look forward to spending time in fellowship and community with you all! For 6th - 12th graders. Young Adults (18-30) who volunteer can attend for FREE!!! Please see Melissa Chowning to register. Cost is covered for St. Timothy Youth.



Invite your friends! On **Saturday, October 4th at 10:30am** Pastor Amanda will be blessing the animals in Memorial Park at the shelter. Your pet must be on a leash or contained in some manner. Please join us as we bless our loved animals and celebrate God's creation.

ST. TIMOTHY'S LADIES  
CHRISTMAS DINNER

*Save the Date!*

MONDAY DECEMBER 1, 2025

ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
FOUNDERS HALL

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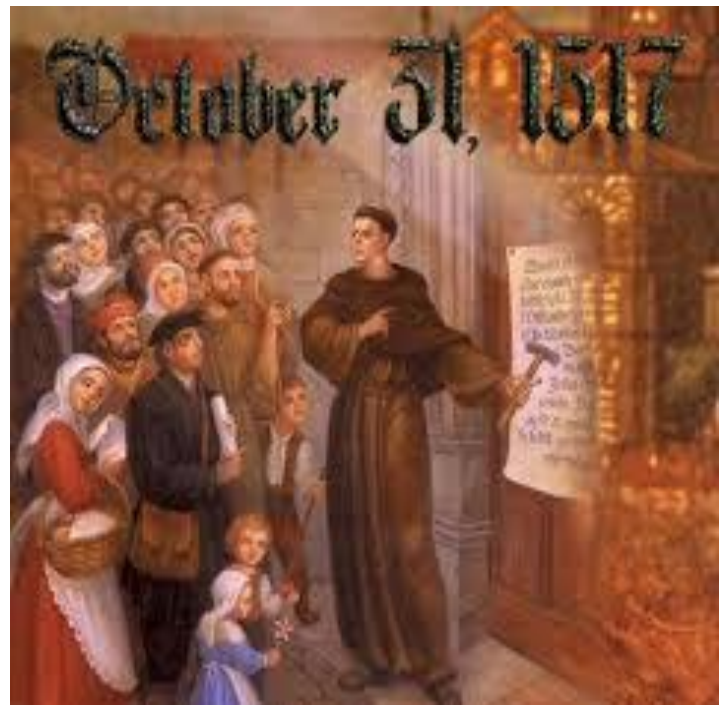
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# October 2025 Meetings

Date	Committee	Time	Location	Notes
Wed Oct 1	Outreach	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Zoom	Contact Melissa House for more information
Thurs Oct 2	Property	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Community Room	For more information contact Baker Kirkpatrick
Tue Oct 14	Learning	6:30 - 7:30 pm	Community Room	For more information, contact Janel Tucker or Melanie Ortman.
Thurs Oct 16	Community Garden	6:00 - 7:00 pm	Community Room	For more information, contact Ron Morgenstern
Thurs Oct 16	Stewardship/ Finance	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Zoom	Contact David Miley for more information
Thurs Oct 23	Executive Committee	6:00 - 6:30 pm	Community Room	For more information, contact Ken Tsuchiyama
Thurs Oct 23	Congregational Council	6:30 - 7:30 pm	Community Room	For more information, contact Ken Tsuchiyama
Mon Oct 27	Youth	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Zoom	Contact Melanie Ortman for more information
Tue Oct 28	Worship & Music	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Library	Contact Alex Domeier for more information



## Council Corner

Well, Autumn is here and the life of the parish is flourishing! First, we would like to thank all for the generosity of your donations towards the HVAC system. To date, we have approximately \$90,000 of the \$118,000 goal. We have already paid the \$45,000 deposit needed to get the process started. We will keep you all informed when 502 Mechanical schedules the time to replace the unit.

Pr. Amanda talked about a great opportunity our parish has to try out a new children's & "young-at-heart's" worship education program called ***Wonders of Worship***. This is a pilot program and St. Tim's is one of twelve that is part of the beta testing. This 40-week program will be part of our children's sermon time and it will be teaching all about the things we do in worship. What this means for us is the children's sermon might take place at different times in our service. For example, if Pr. Amanda is talking about the prelude time, we might see her doing the Wonders of Worship during that time, at the beginning of the service. Please note, Pr. Amanda will be out of town attending SES Leadership Convocation, 10/19-24/2025.

As we are in the midst of this Stewardship season, we invite you to prayerfully consider how God is calling you to boldly share your time, talents, and treasures in service to His kingdom and the Gospel.

**"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." — 1 Peter 4:10.**

Let us respond with joyful hearts and generous spirits, trusting that every gift offered in faith becomes part of God's greater work.

Peace ~

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The Outreach Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed to our request for socks, deodorant, and body wash for the Sumner Co. Resource Center. They were extremely grateful for our donations. We donated over 300 pairs of socks!



## THANK YOU to our Property Committee!

The wonderful members of our Property Committee have done it again!! They have installed two emergency lights in the utility room! We will now be able to safely see when we escape to this room the next time we have a weather emergency! They will next work on permanent light fixtures to replace the industrial lights strung through the Utility room. We are SO BLESSED to have such talented and giving members!!



Want to go deeper with Scripture during this Stewardship Season? Here's a journal you can download and use!

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Bv9Tfxr5k-EA-6PAdKzfXnBqpLhNw3NJ/view?usp=sharing>



# 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*

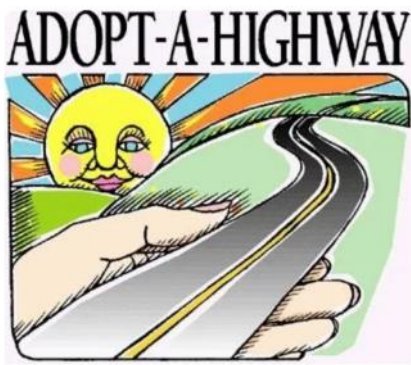
*AND FUN!!!!*

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



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





It was Road Warrior Adopt-A-Highway morning! Let Baker know if you are interested the next round. A bit of exercise walking, enjoying the morning, making the city cleaner collecting road trash!

We make a difference! When Darrell and Pam Fluent were crossing the street, a lady called out her car window - "Thank you!"



# 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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