



St. Timothy Tidings

September, 2024

From Our Interim Pastor

If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. [John 8:331-32]



September 8 is Rally Day and the beginning of Faith Formation programming for the year. St. Timothy offers Sunday morning classes for all ages as well as a catechism program for middle schoolers. Christian education or, as it is known at St. Timothy, Faith Formation, is critically important to Christian life and faith. This is especially true in a time when many use Christianity as a means to political success. What does it mean to follow Jesus? How do you make sense of the seemingly contradictory parts of the Bible? For example, is it “an eye for an eye” or “turn the other cheek”?

Over the centuries Christian people have wrestled with scripture and tradition and have come up with various, often conflicting, answers to the questions raised. There have been times when to disagree with the prevailing thought could get you in a great deal of trouble. Wars have been fought over differences in theology.

For Christians, at its most basic, faith formation is a process by which a community of people study and struggle together to understand what it means to follow Jesus here in this place, now at this time. Faith formation is done in community, in places where it is safe to question and to disagree as we seek to understand and to be faithful. I hope you will take advantage of the opportunities for faith formation this year at St. Timothy.

One of those opportunities will begin on September 29 at 9 o'clock, when we will offer an Inquirers Class for anyone who is interested in learning more about the Christian faith as Lutherans understand it and about the St. Timothy congregation. The class will last for 4-6 weeks, depending on what questions and interests the participants have. If you are interested in being a member of St. Timothy or would like a catechism refresher, or simply want to join others in examining our faith, please join us on Sunday mornings at 9 o'clock in Founders Hall. I think you will find the time engaging, interesting, and helpful.

Blessing and peace to you all,

+ Julian

+H. Julian Gordy, Interim Pastor



Upcoming Events



Sunshine Girls Bible Study

Sunshine Girls will have their first meeting on Tuesday, September 17 at 10 am in the Community Room. Our course of study this fall will be the Nativity story, the differences between the scripture in Matthew and Luke, the people in Palestine at that time, and music that evolved from that scripture. You need only to bring your Bible. Plan to have great fellowship with some wonderful ladies.

The Hospitality Committee invites YOU to join us for a potluck on **Sunday, September 8th!** Due to the Labor Day holiday weekend, we are postponing September's Potluck for one week. Come to Founders Hall after worship to enjoy great food and great fellowship.



Rally Day September 8, 2024 9:00-10:00 in Founder's Hall

Let's get this school year started off right! We offer Faith Formation classes for ALL ages. Come hear about Faith Formation, meet your teacher, and learn about the year ahead. You may register before and after worship on September 1. But don't worry, you can always register on Rally Day! Can't wait to have a fantastic year of Faith Formation!

STAR TECH

September 8th - *Technical help for your phone, tablet, etc.*
Join us for this "Out of this World" experience as our young people assist with helping us with our phones, tablets, laptops, etc. ****Bring your devices charged.**
****Find us outside of Founders Hall 9:30 -10:30**





Upcoming Events



INQUIRERS CLASS

Pastor Gordy will be leading an Inquirers Class beginning Sunday, September 29th, at 9:00 am in Founders Hall. The class will run for a few weeks. Anyone who is interested in becoming a member of St.

Timothy, or who wants to know more about St. Timothy and the ELCA is invited to attend. Anyone who would like a "Lutheran Refresher" is welcome as well. For questions or more information, please contact Melissa House at melissahh91@gmail.com.

Stewardship Justice Discipleship

CREATED TO SHINE LIKE STARS

36th Annual Convention of the Southeastern Synod
of the **Women ELCA**

September 20-22, 2024
Huntsville, Alabama

Save the Date!

What: Food & Games

When: November 10th

After 10:30 service

**Stay tuned for more details –
*The Outreach Committee***





Upcoming Events




Worship & Picnic

SUNDAY, SEPT 22ND @ 10:30 AM

Oktoberfest



Sanders
Ferry Park
Shelter 8



Worship in the park followed by lunch,
music, and fun. Bring a lawn chair, side
dish, or dessert.

Sanders Ferry Park, Shelter 8
513 Sanders Ferry Rd, Hendersonville, TN

SCOUT SUNDAY AT ST. TIMOTHY'S

A big thanks to everyone that helped us celebrate Scout Sunday on August 18th. Troop 157 is excited to be back home as a ministry of St. Timothy!





Altar Flower orders are open from September 14 (at this point) through the end of the year. Yes, we will have flowers on the altar during Advent. Use any envelope, indicate the weekend requested, given by, and in memory/honor of and include a check for \$40 made out to St. Timothy. Place the envelope in Box#250. Thanks for your support of this ministry!

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Did you know we can increase our outreach to the community with the use of Thrivent funds? If you are a Thrivent member and are interested in learning how you can help with our Blessing Box, please reach out to Brenda Parker (615-828-2103) to learn more.

Our gratitude to Michael and Kim Ponce for the generous donation of a Baldwin Grand Piano to be used for the music ministry of St. Timothy to the glory of God.



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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>



DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN

As we enter September, please remember to donate to the Debt Reduction campaign. Our success depends on you.

BLESSING BOX BUZZ

Our ongoing need is for canned meat, canned pasta, peanut butter/jelly (in plastic bottles), breakfast bars, and shelf stable milk. To all those who donate and all who help keep the box stocked, THANK YOU!!!!



CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Call Committee has met twice in August. They have submitted the Ministry Site Profile to the Synod and are awaiting approval.



Adult Faith Formation is beginning a new session of faith study. We will be reading and responding to a study of the Gospel of Mark by Augsburg Fortress Press. Kate Thomas will have books & the first assignment at Rally Day on September 8 with the first class meeting on Sept 15 in the Library. The books will be \$11.99 with a check made payable to St. Timothy ELCA church. Please email Kate Thomas at kateallensrose@gmail.com or call/text 505-412-9255 for more information.

Council Corner

Summer is winding down but things are ramping back up here at St. Timothy. Mark your calendars for Rally Day on September 8th. Also, as a reminder our 1st Sunday Potluck has been moved to September 8th. So bring a dish to share or just bring yourself for this fellowship time after Sunday morning worship.

During the small group discussions that Pr. Gordy led there were some requests for the *Walsh Feasibility Study* conducted last year. The results of this study have always been available for any member to see and if you would like to review it please contact Steve Hansen. His email address is: sttimtreasurer615@gmail.com.

Pr. Gordy reports that the Call Committee has met and Randy Lassiter was elected as Chairperson of this committee. Pr. Gordy will be leading an Inquirers' Class beginning September 22nd. This class is for anyone who wants to know about St. Tims, what being a Lutheran means, or if you just want to brush up on all things you may have forgotten from catechism. This class will meet on Sundays at 9:30am. If you're interested in this class please let Melissa House know by emailing her at: melissahh91@gmail.com.

Melissa House noted in her President's report that open seats on the Mutual Ministry Committee have been filled by Kate Thomas and Alene Olson. Open seats on the Professional Leadership Committee have also been filled by Mike Wessel, Don Fritts, and Melissa House, once her council term ends in December. We want to thank these members for serving in these roles. We are still actively pursuing filling the position of Music Director/Organist/Accompanist.

In the Treasurer's report, Steve Hanson said our financial picture looks ok given that giving during the summer months were lower, which was to be expected. He anticipates giving will increase in the coming month. There has been a QR code generated specifically designated for donations towards debt reduction. It can be found in our weekly worship bulletins or on our website, www.sttimothyhendersonville.org. As always if you have questions please don't hesitate to contact any member of council.

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Sunday ✨
Sept. 8

Faith Formation

Rally
Day

9 AM

Founder's Hall

St. Timothy Lutheran Church

**Meet your teacher and have
some fun! All ages invited.**



"Therefore welcome one another as Christ
has welcomed you, for the glory of God."

Romans 15:7 NR/V



Sumner County Schools, TN - Family Resource Center

We have so many people to thank this week, let's start off with Thanking the sweet ladies at St. Timothy Lutheran Church in Hendersonville for their generous donation of hygiene products and snack items for our students in need. We appreciate your consistent support sweet friends. Thank you!



September 2024 Meetings

Date	Committee	Time	Location	Notes
Wed Sep 4	Outreach	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Zoom	Contact Melissa House for more information
Thurs Sep 5	Property	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Community Room	For more information contact Baker Kirkpatrick
Sat Sep 7	Learning	8:30 - 9:30 am	Community Room	For more information, contact Janel Tucker or Kathy Graham.
Wed Sep 11	Visitation Team	10:00 am	Pastor's Office	Contact Susan Morgenstern for more information
Mon Sep 16	Stewardship/ Finance	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Community Room	For more information, contact Bridget Radford
Thurs Sep 19	Executive Committee	6:00 - 6:30 pm	Library	For more information, contact Melissa House
Thurs Sep 19	Community Garden	6:00 - 7:00 pm	Community Room	For more information, contact Ron Morgenstern
Thurs Sep 19	Congregational Council	6:30 - 7:30 pm	Library	For more information, contact Melissa House, Council President
Mon Sep 23	Youth	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Zoom	Contact Melanie Ortman for more information
Tue Sep 24	Worship & Music	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Library	Contact Dorothy Jones for more information



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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The Tidings, the newsletter of St. Timothy Lutheran Church, is published monthly. Articles, story ideas, and comments can be emailed to sttimtidings@gmail.com. Deadline for the October 2024 issue is September 25th. Please [contact the church office](#) with any questions.



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