

Sharing the Bread of Life
St. Timothy's Lutheran Church

November 30th 2025
First Sunday of Advent
10:30 AM



Worship Leaders for Today:
Presiding Minister: Vicar Alex Linn
Cantor: Paul Rupprecht
Assisting Minister: Sara Fox
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Sacristan: Nancy Crivello

Introduction to the Day

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 2:1-5

Weapons of war transformed into instruments of peace

PSALM: Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Ps. 122:1)

NEW TESTAMENT: Romans 13:11-14

Salvation is near; time to wake from sleep

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

The sudden coming of the Son of Man

FRIENDS IN CHRIST

Sunday, November 30, 2025

Andrew, Apostle

The first of the disciples to be called by Jesus, Andrew quickly began to bring others to the Savior, including Simon Peter. The Bible also shows him leading some Greeks to meet Jesus, and he brought forward the boy with five loaves and two fish, with which Jesus fed thousands.

Wednesday, December 3, 2025

Francis Xavier, missionary to Asia, died 1552

A native of the Basque region of Spain, Xavier became a missionary to India, Southeast Asia, Japan, and the Philippines. He also helped to found the Society of Jesus (Jesuits).

Thursday, December 4, 2025

John of Damascus, theologian and hymnwriter, died around 749

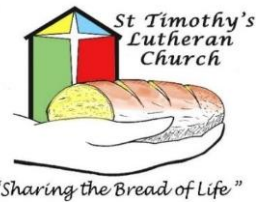
A monk in an abbey near Jerusalem, John wrote many hymns as well as theological works. One of his works, *The Fount of Wisdom*, remained influential for centuries.

Saturday, December 6, 2025

Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, died around 342

Little is known about Nicholas, except that he was a bishop in present-day Turkey. According to legend, he was famous for his giving to the poor, and so has become a symbol of anonymous gift-giving.

First Sunday of Advent



GATHERING

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism. Please rise in body or spirit.

PRESIDING MINISTER: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

ALL: Amen

PRESIDING MINISTER: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We keep silence for reflection.

Faithful God,

ALL: you have shown us the ways of your heart,
yet we stray from your paths.
We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression
and do not embrace the freedom
of your faithful promises.
We ignore our neighbors.
We exploit the earth.
We reject your abundance,
trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.
Repair our relationships,
restore what we have broken,
renew our hearts,
and bring us to new life.
Amen.

PRESIDING MINISTER: Hear the good news:
God the Faithful One loves you,
✝ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.

ALL: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: #260 The King Shall Come



- 1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,
- 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,
- 3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose
- 4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race
- 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.



when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.
and left the lone-some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.
the day when Christ in splen-dor comes, and we shall see his face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick-ly, King of kings.

Text: John Brownlie, 1859–1925

Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davisson, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816

GREETING

PRESIDING MINISTER: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

PRESIDING MINISTER: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 2:1-5

ASSISTING MINISTER: A reading from Isaiah.

² In days to come
the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

³ Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob,

that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.”
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
⁴ He shall judge between the nations
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation;
neither shall they learn war any more.
⁵ O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

ASSISTING MINISTER: Word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”
**Now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**
Jerusalem is built as a city
that is at unity with itself; to which the tribes go up,
**the tribes of the Lord,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.**
For there are the thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the house of David.
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
“May they prosper who love you.
Peace be within your walls
and quietness within your towers.
For the sake of my kindred and companions,
I pray for your prosperity.
Because of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek to do you good.”

NEW TESTAMENT: Romans 13:11-14

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Please rise in body or spirit.

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

PRESIDING MINISTER: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶ “About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

PRESIDING MINISTER: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please rise in body or spirit.

HYMN OF THE DAY: #436 Wake, awake, for night is flying



1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men
2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her
3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and



on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.
heart with joy is spring-ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
an - gels sing be - fore you, with harp and cym-bal's clear-est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voice - es, and at the
Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in
Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to



thrill-ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid-ens! Night is past.
grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.
bliss be - yond all dream - ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.



The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"
Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.
No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun-d'ring might



Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;
Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,
of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!



go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.
and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.
There sweet de - light will ev - er flow.

Please be seated.

PRAYERS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ASSISTING MINISTER: Please feel free to unmute yourselves to join in these prayers of the people. In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole creation.

A brief silence.

God of the people, we come seeking wisdom and instruction. Uphold and strengthen lay leaders, teachers, deacons, pastors, and bishops. Teach us your ways and lead us in your paths. God of grace,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

ASSISTING MINISTER: God of the earth, we seek your goodness in the grandeur of creation. Empower us to care for forests and oceans, as we see you in the world around us. God of grace,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

ASSISTING MINISTER: God of the nations, grant wisdom to leaders, judges, and mediators. Cast out words of hate and transform them into words for building up community. Remake implements of war to sow peace. God of grace,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

ASSISTING MINISTER: God of healing, bring comfort and strength. We pray for our kindred and companions who are ill or despairing, especially:

(pause as members of the community name those in need of God's clear presence)

Surround all with care and consolation. God of grace,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

ASSISTING MINISTER: God of new possibilities, when addiction wounds, jealousy tears down, and relationships fray, show us how to journey with one another. Nurture therapists, counselors, and sponsors in their care for others. God of grace,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

ASSISTING MINISTER: And for what else do the people of God assembled here pray or give thanks?

(pause as members of the community raise thanks and concerns, either muted or unmuted)

God of grace,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

ASSISTING MINISTER: God of all time, build up our lives that we would reflect your grace. At the last, bring us with all the saints, especially:

(pause as members of the community raise up the names of the blessed dead in whose communion we remain)
to your holy city where peace and goodness make a home. God of grace,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

ASSISTING MINISTER: Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.

ALL: Amen.

PEACE

PRESIDING MINISTER: May the peace of Christ be with you always.

ALL: And also with you.

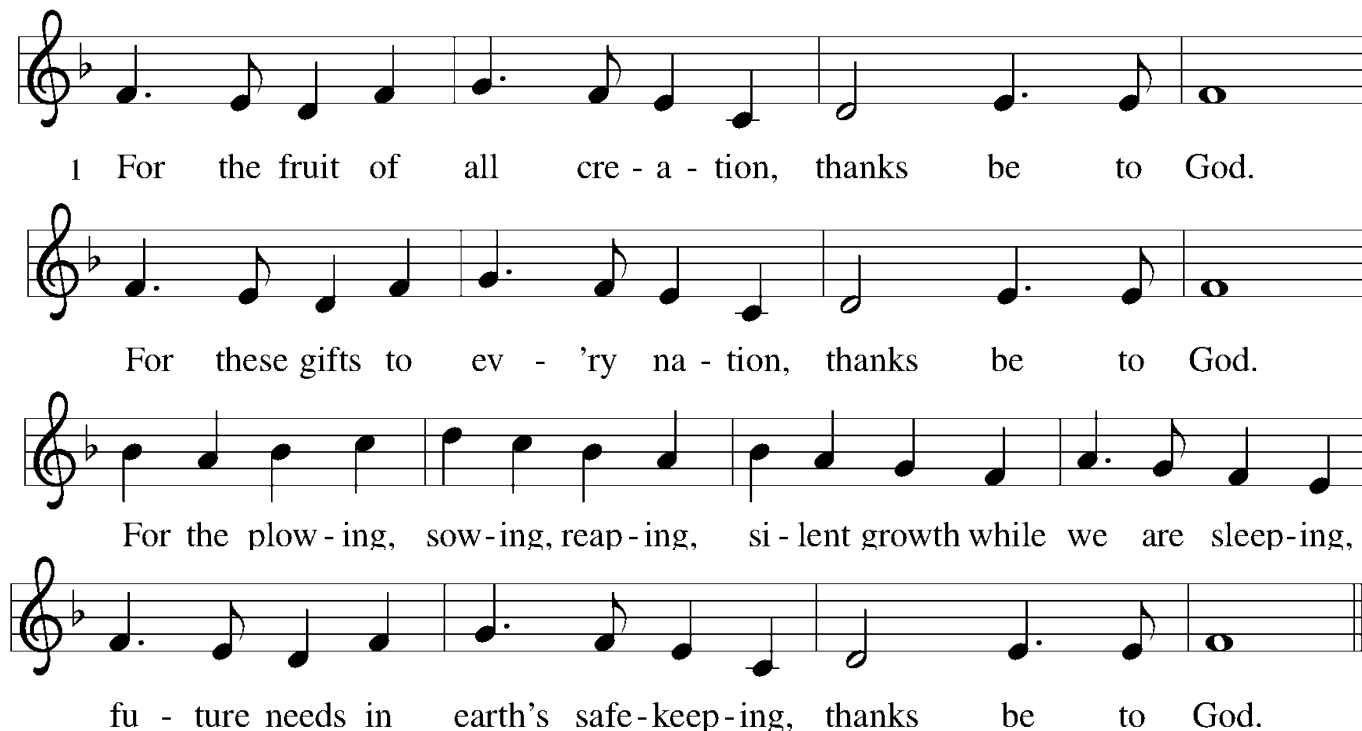
MEAL

OFFERING

In thanksgiving for all God has given us we offer the first fruits of our labors for the mission of the church and the care of those in need. In addition to giving in our offering plate, you are welcome to give in one of two ways: 1) By mailing your gift to St. Timothy's at 9000 Kildare Ave, Skokie, IL 60076; or 2) By giving online via the QR code in the back of the bulletin or the link on our website: sttimothyskokie.org.

PRESIDING MINISTER: We worship God with our offering.

OFFERING SONG



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.

OFFERING PRAYER

PRESIDING MINISTER: God of healing and hope,
you bless those who are hungry,
promising to fill them with good things.
Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.
Nourish us with the abundance of your feast
and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior,
now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

PRESIDING MINISTER: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

All creation sings your praise.
Sun, moon, and stars reflect your glory.
Mountains, lakes, and forests declare your wonders.

With Sarah and Abraham we go out in faith, trusting your promise.
With Miriam and Moses we celebrate our deliverance from bondage.
With Naomi and Ruth we bind ourselves together in covenant love.
With Jonathan and David we delight in the gift of deep and abiding friendship.
With Mary and Elizabeth we welcome your presence in the birth of Jesus,
the Holy One.
With Lazarus, Martha, and Mary we give thanks for the blessings of family.
With disciples and followers we marvel at the reign of God come near.
With saints through the ages we ponder the mystery of Christ's dying and rising.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With hearts full of memories and hopes,
we break this bread and share this cup,
remembering the death and resurrection of Christ,
and his promise to be with us always
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

ALL: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O Divine Lover, you are the breath within us.
You are our heart's desire.
You are our priceless treasure.
You are the garden of paradise.

Come down, O Love divine.
Come among us, O passionate Fire.
Come within us, O Spirit of unity.
Come, Holy Spirit.

ALL: Come, Holy Spirit.

Bless us, O Lord, and these your gifts,
which we are about to receive from your bounty.
Bless our table and the feast we share.
Bless us with gladness of heart.
Come, Holy Spirit.

ALL: Come, Holy Spirit.

At this table make us your body.
Form us to be people of justice and peace.
Fill us with gratitude and generosity
that we may bear the fruit of love in word and deed.
Come, Holy Spirit.

ALL: Come, Holy Spirit.

Praise to you, Author of creation.
Praise to you, O Beloved One.
Praise to you, O Giver of all good things.
Praise to you, blessed and holy Trinity,
one God, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

PRESIDING MINISTER: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray together as Jesus taught us:

**ALL: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

PRESIDING MINISTER: Come to the table of grace.
Receive the gift of new life.

DISTRIBUTION

TABLE DISMISSAL

PRESIDING MINISTER: And now may the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

ALL: Amen.

Please rise in body or spirit.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

PRESIDING MINISTER: God our host,
at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness.
Send us forth, eager to share the feast,
welcome the stranger,
and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus.

ALL: Amen.

SENDING

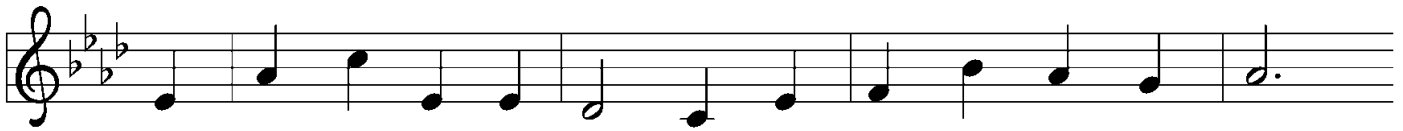
BLESSING

PRESIDING MINISTER: May God who comes among us,
Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit,
grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness,
and good news to share today and always.

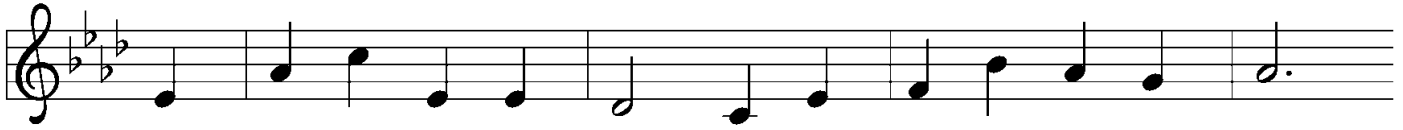
ALL: Amen.

Please rise after the prelude to the hymn

SENDING HYMN: # 244 Rejoice, Rejoice Believers



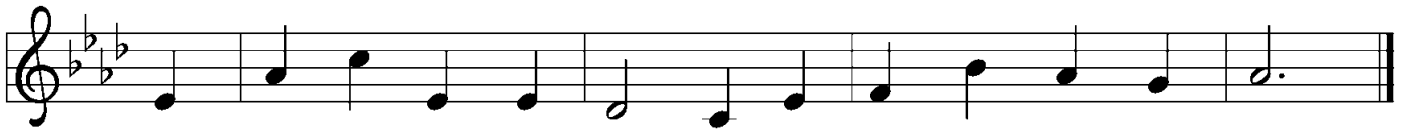
1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
2 The watch-ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride-groom near;
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'rings bore,
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night-ed sphere.



The bride-groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride-groom is at hand.
in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907
Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

ASSISTING MINISTER: Go in peace. Keep awake.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

IN OUR PRAYERS

You are invited to pray for those listed throughout the week using this or another prayer:

Living God, grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing, especially (*speaking names here*).

When they are afraid, give them courage; when afflicted, give them patience; when dejected, give them hope; and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Sunday

John and Nancy Lang, Phillip DeRosa, Louise Nygard, Brian and Jackson Siegel, Susan Prichodko, Bill Yeager, Jim and Laurel Nelson, Pat Flaherty and Sandy Waterhouse, The Family of Michael Rapp, Paul Luke, Irene Hildner

Monday

The Family of Esther Hildner
Marci Stanley
John Stanton
Robert Skillen
Russon and Gloria Brown
John Kueter
Bob Miller

Tuesday

Martilias Porreca
Janet Johnson
Susan Jensen
Jennie Ramirez
Linda and Paul Wold
Eileen Cooney
Jennifer Kinsella

Wednesday

Elaine Morgan
John Fergus
Michael Halliwell
Marlene Hawkins
Joanne and Colin Haeberlin
The family of Simon Kerslake
The family of William D. Murphy

Thursday

Christine Haeberlin
Jan Karp
The Family of Maisa Abudayyeh
The Family of Rosita Cueva
The Family of Larry Ruegg
Helene Preisig
The Family of Patricia Study

Friday

Jim Henderson
David Hooseholder
Phil and family
Lynn Tomey
Miriam Lietz
Virginia McLaughlin

Saturday

Liam Hansen
Patrick Hansen
Sheila McDiarmid
The Family of Joseph Pucher
Bill Maki
Dick and Joan Nelson
Pennie Olson

NOTE: We are happy to include friends and loved ones. Please contact the church office to renew or add a prayer request, or to let us know it is time for a prayer of thanksgiving.

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Sunday	10:30am	Worship/ Congregational Meeting
	11:30am	Fellowship
Monday	7:00pm	Zumba
Tuesday		
Wednesday	7:00pm	Zumba
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		

ASSISTING MINISTER: Sara Fox

NEXT WEEK AT ST. TIMOTHY'S, DECEMBER 7th TO DECEMBER 13th

Sunday	10:30am	Worship
	11:30am	Fellowship
Monday	7:00pm	Zumba
Tuesday		
Wednesday	7:00pm	Zumba
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday	7:00pm	Coffeehouse- Bonnie Koloc

ASSISTING MINISTER: Pat Ruth

SAVE THE DATE

Coffeehouse Presents

Mark your calendars and join St. Tim's Coffeehouse with WFMT featuring Bonnie Koloc on Saturday, December 13th! To learn more about the Coffeehouse and buy tickets, visit sttimothyskokie.org/coffeehouse.

A Walk Down Memory Lane

As part of Holy Closure we'll need to go through our things to see what needs to be archived. Right now we are planning on meeting Monday and Thursday afternoons (starting at 1PM) in the month of November to begin and finish the process. This will be a great opportunity to walk down memory lane and share stories. Please reach out to Vicar Alex in person or via stlc.pastoralex@gmail.com if you're interested in helping out.

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