



**ST. TIMOTHY'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCIC**

*A Welcoming Compassionate Church  
Nurturing our Christian Faith and Reaching Out to Others*

## **The Herald**

### **DECEMBER 2025**

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*From the Pastor's Korner.....*

### **Advent Journey**

If you ask our daughter Sarah, what is your favourite topping for an ice cream sundae; the answer would be, sprinkles! Sprinkles. Those tiny colour pieces of candy, makes any ice cream dessert sparkle.

Looking out our front window, the neighbours' homes are starting to sparkle with bright and colourful Christmas lights. Some have placed lights on trees and shrubs which allow them to glisten. The world is preparing for Christmas. The church is preparing for Advent. Advent is coming.

Advent, we wait and prepare for the coming of Christ. We can imagine that for Mary and Joseph, for the Magi, for Herod, for the shepherds, it was a time of disruption. Their lives changed.

Mary and Joseph, the shepherds, and the Magi moved through this season together, following where God was leading. We will also have one another as we move through Advent and God will be with us as we wait for the coming of Christ, the light of the world.

Yet for some of us, we move through this time with awareness that not everything is "sparkle and light." We name those places of longing and waiting. We acknowledge the weariness and suffering.

And we look for Christ everywhere we go: in the parties and in the quiet; in the sorrow and the laughter. We watch for Christ coming in the flesh.

This Advent season, I am going to and I encourage you to do the same; to set aside time each evening in stillness; in silence, in the sparkle of lights to be in God's presence, to hear God's voice and to watch for opportunities we have each day to embody God's hope, peace, joy, and love.

A blessed Advent journey to each of you.

*Pastor Bruce +*

## WORSHIP

### ***Those in our Prayers.....***

Mike Harrington, Lila Martinat, Irlavere Tubbe, Bobby Keuhl, Adele Krieger,  
Tracy Schori and Christa Reitlingshoefer.



### ***Come and Worship the New Born King With Us!***

**Sunday, Advent 4**

**December 21**

Holy Communion Service

9:30 am

### **CHRISTMAS EVE**

Wednesday, December 24th

Candlelight Holy Communion Service

**4:00** and 7:00 pm.

***Note the new time for the early service***

### **CHRISTMAS DAY**

December 25th

No Service

### **First Sunday after Christmas**

December 28, 2025

9:30 am Holy Communion

### ***Calling All Santa Helpers***

it is time to decorate Jubilee Hall for Christmas. Join in the fun on Thursday, December 4th at 1:30 pm as we begin to prepare for Christmas. Also note, decorating the sanctuary will take place the week of December 15th – watch for more details.

### ***Poinsettia Plants for Christmas***

Those wishing to donate towards the purchase of poinsettias to adorn the chancel area and Jubilee Hall may do so by contacting the church office by Monday, December 14th and mark your donation “Poinsettia” on your offering envelope.  
Thank you for your consideration.

### ***Sponsorship for the Guide to Worship and Flowers***

If you wish to sponsor the Guide to Worship (cost is \$20.00) or flowers, please contact the Church Office no later than Thursday of the week of your sponsorship to ensure your announcement will be printed in the Guide to Worship. Please provide the wording you would like used – by email or drop off a written copy to the office. Thank you.

When ordering flowers please ensure that the florist is aware that St. Timothy’s is a scent free environment. If the flowers are to be delivered to the church – note that office hours are 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, Wednesday and Thursday, Friday until 1:00 or you may bring the flowers with you on Sunday morning. Thank you.

## ***LEARNING***



### ***Sunday School Christmas Program***

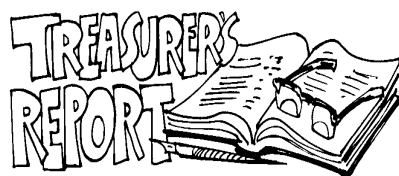
Join us on Sunday, December 21st as our children will be presenting their program  
**“The Christmas Story – Jesus Christ is the same Yesterday, Today and Forever”**  
during our worship service. There will be a rehearsal on Saturday, December 20th at 9:30 am.

Please note that Sunday School is not being held every week. See the schedule posted on the "Our Family" bulletin board. Thank you.

December classes are scheduled for December 7th and 21st. – rehearsal 9:30 am on Saturday, December 20th.

**Sunday School Children and Parents....**If you wish to participate in the Christmas Program, (December 21), please come on Sunday, Dec 7th as parts will be assigned that day.

## *SUPPORT*



For the month of October, we received more funds than we spent which reduced our year-to-date deficit to \$24,769. We do have funds built up in our general account from previous years to cover this deficit, and a deficit had been anticipated when we did our annual budget.

### **Monthly Offering Statistics for October 2025**

Current including Benevolence	\$19,335
Required Givings to meet budget	\$24,184
Offerings to other ministries	\$ 355

### ***Last Day for Donations for tax purposes this year***

If you wish a contribution to the church to be included on your Charitable Receipt, we must receive it by **Sunday, December 28, 2025.**

## ***2026 Offering Envelopes***

The 2026 envelopes are available for pick-up at the back of the sanctuary. If you can deliver any, please do so. Thank you.

Members are reminded that they can be assigned a virtual envelope number in place of receiving a boxed set.

This option could be considered by members who only give a few times a year or are on PAR. Offerings can be placed in an envelope available from the church and then you place the virtual number on the envelope. In this way, the church saves the cost of the boxed set and less paper (unused envelopes) goes to recycle.

If you are interested in using a virtual envelope number, please contact Lawrence Lupton or Debbie Junop.

## ***Changing Bank Account for PAR***

For those members on PAR, the funds are withdrawn on the 20th of the month. Any changes to information must be with the PAR team by the 10th of the month.

**IMPORTANT** – If you are changing the bank account that the deduction is taken from, please do not close the old account until the change in banking information has been given to Lawrence Lupton or Debbie Junop and they have received confirmation from the PAR team. This usually takes a couple of days.

## ***WITNESS***

**BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in this year's Banquet Table. To our many volunteers, to those who donated their delicious food contributions, their knitted items and, last but not least, to our amazing quilting group who once again donated a beautiful quilt. We are truly blessed to have such amazing support in providing to those in need.

**The Famous Renfrew County Turkey Pot Pies** were once again a huge success. The final amount raised is still be tabulated. Camp Lutherlyn and Saint Vincent de Paul are the recipients of the fundraiser. Stay tuned!!

**Rumour has it.....**Cathy and Lawrence are busy preparing for a Power Point presentation from one of their many interesting trips. The presentation luncheon will take place in January. Watch for more information as it becomes available.

# NATIONAL & SYNODICAL NEWS



**Canadian Lutheran  
World Relief**

## **Gifts from the Heart - 2025 Christmas Catalogue**

Give Gifts from the Heart this Christmas! Canadian Lutheran World Relief's new Gifts from the Heart catalogue has something to inspire and delight anyone on your list this year. It's full of meaningful, tangible gifts that will touch your loved ones and share God's love with the world. In order to beat the rush, we encourage everyone to get their gift orders in immediately, and, if possible, to make their donations online at [clwr.org/gfth](http://clwr.org/gfth) or over the phone at 1-800-661-2597 (Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:00pm CST). You can pick up a catalogue at the entry to the church by the coat rack.



# *OTHER NEWS*

## ***Note to All Committee Chairpersons***

Your year-end reports are due to the church office by ***Friday, January 23, 2026.***

It would be greatly appreciated if your report could be submitted via email in “Word” format. Thank you.

## ***Information from the Congregational Meeting of November 23, 2025***

Elected to Congregational Council for a two-year term:

1. Barbara Beimers
2. Susan Buske
3. Deborah Deitch

Elected to Lutherlyn Camp & Conference Centre Rep:  
Pastor Bruce Thompson

Elected to the Cemetery Board to fill a one-year term due to the resignation of John Tromp:  
Deborah Deitch

Lawrence Lupton made a plea for assistance with updating the website during his absence. If you or any one from your family are able to help in this way, please contact him.

## ***Hall Bookings***

If you are wishing to book a meeting room or Jubilee Hall, please be advised that there is a Booking Book in Room 1 to record your request. Please follow the instructions posted at the front of the book and also on the wall.

## ***Epiphany Celebration – Starry Starry Night***

Join the Lutherans and Anglicans of the Ottawa Valley area in celebrating The Epiphany on Sunday, January 4, 2026 at 4:00 pm. The service will take place at Zion Lutheran Church 454 Miller St., Pembroke. Mark your calendars!



From The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Pembroke – Thank you so very much, once again, for holding the “Annual turkey dinner” for our SSVP Guests. We feel so thankful for your contribution and from the 65 that attended, it’s obvious that it was greatly appreciated.

### ***Hospital Visits***

Please know that if you wish a visit from Pastor Bruce while you are in the hospital, please call the church office or you may call his home. Because of confidentiality, your stay is not shared by the hospital. Pastor will be honored to visit you. Thank you.

### ***St. Timothy’s Congregational Executive for 2025***

Chairperson:	Robert Murphy	Vice-Chairperson:	Angela Bezanson
Secretary:	Janet Reiche-Schoenfeldt	Treasurer:	Rick Eustace

### ***Reminder:***

If you move, change your phone number, your email, or get a PO Box, please let the office know so that our records can be kept up-to-date.

### ***Submissions for The Herald***

The due dates for submissions are as follows: December 19, January 16 and February 13. Please provide the wording you would like used – by email or drop off a written copy to the office. Thank you.







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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <b>Advent</b>	<b>1</b> Office Closed <b>1:00 pm</b> Shuffleboard <b>6:30 pm</b> Confirmation 2	<b>2</b> Office Closed <b>9:00 am</b> Quilting	<b>3</b> <b>9-12 pm</b> Office Open <b>9-12 pm</b> Tai Chi	<b>4</b> <b>9-12 pm</b> Office Open  <b>6:30 pm</b> AA	<b>5</b> <b>9-1 pm</b> Office Open  <b>Pastor's Day Off</b>	<b>6</b> 
<b>7</b> <b>ADVENT 2</b> <b>9:30 am</b> Holy Communion Sunday School	<b>8</b> Office Closed  <b>6:30 pm</b> Confirmation 2	<b>9</b> Office Closed <b>9:00 am</b> Quilting	<b>10</b> <b>9-12 pm</b> Office Open <b>9-12 pm</b> Tai Chi	<b>11</b> <b>9-12 pm</b> Office Open  <b>6:30 pm</b> AA	<b>12</b> <b>9-1 pm</b> Office Open  <b>Pastor's Day Off</b>	<b>13</b> <b>9:30 am</b> Finance meeting
<b>14</b> <b>ADVENT 3</b> <b>9:30 am</b> Holy Communion	<b>15</b> Office Closed  <b>6:30 pm</b> Confirmation 2	<b>16</b> Office Closed <b>9:00 am</b> Quilting	<b>17</b> <b>9-12 pm</b> Office Open <b>9-12 pm</b> Tai Chi  <b>7:00 pm</b> Congregational Council	<b>18</b> <b>9-12 pm</b> Office Open  <b>6:30 pm</b> AA	<b>19</b> <b>9-1 pm</b> Office Open  <b>Pastor's Day Off</b>  <b>NEWSLETTER &amp; CALENDAR ITEMS DUE</b>	<b>20</b> <b>9:30 am</b> Sunday School Program Rehearsal
<b>21</b> <b>ADVENT 4</b> <b>9:30 am</b> Holy Communion Sunday School Program	<b>22</b> Office Closed	<b>23</b> Office Closed	<b>24</b> <b>9-12 pm</b> Office Open  <b>CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE</b> <b>4:00 pm and 7:00 pm</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Office Closed</b>  <b>NO CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE</b>  <b>6:30 pm</b> AA	<b>26</b> <b>Office Closed</b>  <b>Pastor's Day Off</b>	<b>27</b> 
<b>28</b> <b>CHRISTMAS 1</b> <b>9:30 am</b> Holy Communion	<b>29</b> Office Closed	<b>30</b> Office Closed	<b>31</b> <b>9-12 pm</b> Office Open			<i>All Committee Chairpersons, please inform Church Office of dates of your upcoming meetings. Thank you for your consideration</i>