



ST. TIMOTHY'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCIC

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

The Herald

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From the Pastor's Korner.....

A MOTHER'S LOVE

There's no love like a mother's
Her heart is filled with care.
With Christ as her example,
Her Savior's love she'll share.

A mother's love is endless,
Not changing for all time.
When needed by her children,
A mother's love will shine.

God bless these special mothers,
God bless them every one.
For all their tears and heartaches,
And special work they've done.

When days on earth are over,
A mother's love lives on,
Through many generations,
God's blessings on each one.

Be thankful for our mothers,
Who love with higher love,
From power God has given,
And strength from up above.

Happy Mother's Day !!

WORSHIP

Those in our Prayers.....

Brenda Tromp, Shirley Maves, Danny Schultz, Russel Schroeder, Bernice Kranz, Lila Martinat, Irlavere Tubbe, Bobby Keuhl, Adele Krieger, Tracy Schori, Anne Dehnicke and Christa Reitlingshoefer.



Organ Piston Repair Project and Fundraising Campaign

After 43 years, the organ needs a significant repair. More than half of the 19 pistons are no longer working. They have slowly stopped working over the past few years. In simple terms, pistons are a way that the organist can preset which pipes are used while playing a piece of music. By using the pistons, the organist can quickly switch the sound of the organ with a simple touch of a button. The alternative is to manually change the settings; this can be more challenging for the organist!

The estimate for the repair is \$17,515 (HST included). The parts are coming from the USA and could be subject to additional tariffs. With contingency, the project is estimated at \$20,000. The organ would not be able to be played for about 5 weeks once the work starts (sometime in the summer).

Options to fund the project were reviewed. Congregational Council approved the project to proceed with the funds to come from the Memorial Fund GIC (\$16,670) and a fundraising campaign. Any excess funds raised by the campaign will be put back into the Memorial Fund. The fundraising campaign will kick-off on May 4. Members who wish to support the project can do so through their offering envelope using the description:

“Worship & Music – Organ Repair”

We look forward to the organ returning to its original functionality, thereby allowing our organists to use it to its full potential.

Submitted by Cathy Lupton (Organist) and Robert Murphy (Council Chairperson)

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.

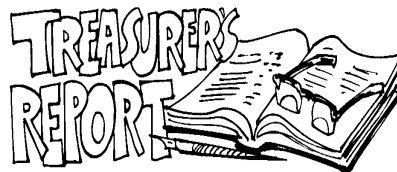
When ordering flowers please ensure that the florist is aware that St. Timothy's is a scent free environment. If the flowers are to be delivered to the church – note that office hours are 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, Wednesday and Thursday, Friday until 1:00 or you may bring the flowers with you on Sunday morning.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

Ministerial Acts -

Jacob James Zadow – Baptism April 27 – son of Samantha and Nicholas Zadow

Norma Schroeder – Funeral April 24. Age 86

BUSINESS



For the year-to-date to March 31st, we have spent more than we have received by \$6,716. This is not unusual at this time of year and we had forecast that we would incur a deficit. We do have funds built up in our general account from previous years to cover this deficit.

Monthly Offering Statistics for March 2025

Current including Benevolence	\$18,513
Required Givings to meet budget	\$24,184
Offerings to other ministries	\$ 200

A little accounting humour

During a service, the pastor was teaching his congregation what a tithe was.

“Now, if you have a million dollars,” he asked the crowd, “how many of you will give out one-tenth to the church?”

All but one raised their hands. Bemused, the pastor walked down toward the one who didn’t.

“Why not, my child?” he asked, “Could there be anything more joyous than giving back to the church and serving God?”

“Well, no,” the man replied, “but I actually do have a million dollars.”

Submitted by Rick Eustace, Treasurer

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.

CPR /Automated External Defibrillator AED Training Opportunity

Training will take place Tuesday, May 20th, 6:30 – 9:30 pm. hosted by the Human Resources Committee. The training is provided by Robert Blackwell, County of Renfrew Paramedic. Minimum of 10 participants is required to proceed and up to 24 participants can be accommodated. All are encouraged to register, especially Ushers and Sunday School Teachers if not already trained from an alternative resource.

Please register by contacting Donna Lance at 613-585-2725 no later than May15th. There will be no cost incurred to our members. The HR Committee is seeking to establish a list of those who are trained in CPR/AED and/or have First Aid. If you are certified, please contact Donna Lance and/or email office@sttlc.ca.

NATIONAL & SYNODICAL NEWS



I have a lilac bush next to my deck. Year after year, I watch the seemingly dead branches begin to come to life. Small buds expand, unroll, green shows through, and then blossoms. Fragrant. New life.

It is the season of Easter. We have just celebrated the resurrection of Jesus, which brings new life and new hope. Every day, we witness new life and hope as we carry the resurrection message out into the world, as the first disciples did.

I have served as your Bishop for six months now. I have great appreciation for the deep, strong roots of this church. We have a proud history in our church. I celebrate the seeds that have been planted over the past many years.

Over the last few weeks, I've been reflecting on this idea of 'seeds of hope', and it inspired me to shoot a few short video clips to share with you. I hope you take a moment to watch, and to reflect on how 'seeds of hope' comes up in your life.

Thank you for the many gracious invitations to your communities. I celebrate the beautiful and generous diversity of the growth I see in every visit. There are so many signs of life, new ways of thinking about your buildings, and new partnerships. God's love is shared in many tangible ways.

Hope is thriving in our communities. I see the cultivation of generosity, love, inclusion, and kindness. I thank you for your invigorating conversations.

I look forward in the months ahead to many more visits. I visit congregations three Sundays per month and am booked until the end of 2025. I enjoy listening to your joys and your challenges.

I am pleased that the previous administration planned for some fresh paint at the Synod Office. Watch for the fresh updates, and an invitation to our Open House in the Fall. Your synod staff work hard supporting you, so you can thrive in the important work of sharing God's deep and profound love, and reaching out to all in a time of great need. They are an amazing team. We thank you for your prayers. Know I hold you in my heart and prayers daily.

God's Deepest Peace,
Bishop Carla

Eastern Synod Scholarship Applications

Applications are now being accepted. For more information see the Synod's website and go to Resources then Scholarships. Deadline for applying is May 30, 2025.

2025 ELCIC National Convention

Our National Convention will be held in Winnipeg on July 10th to the 13th. with the theme, "Rejoicing in Hope." Pastor Bruce will be in attendance as a delegate. It will be an exciting time, as we will be electing a new National Bishop.

OTHER NEWS

Announcement from Pastor Bruce.....

As the Valley news goes, some of you may have heard that I will be appointed Interim Pastor of St. Peter's, Alice, and Grace, Rankin. Yes – this is true. Before you ask the question, "How is Pastor going to be able to serve these congregations as well?" Let me explain. My role will be to oversee Pastoral coverage for the congregations. Currently, a team is being developed comprising of Rev. John Wilker-Blakley, Dean Pam Harrington and others. Funerals, Marriages, and Baptisms are the responsibility of myself and will be delegated as needed. Please, if you have any questions, do come and speak to me.

Camp Lutherlyn Camper Sponsorships

St. Timothy's is sponsoring up to 6 youth for 1 week each at Camp Lutherlyn this summer. Priority will be given on a first come, first serve basis for first time campers. If not all six positions are taken, then repeat campers will be considered. Application forms for the sponsorship and the Camp are available at the church office or by email: office@sttlc.ca. Completed forms must be received by May 16th and can be dropped off in the church's mail slot (**please put the date and time dropped off on the outside of the envelope**) or by submitting an email to the church at: office@sttlc.ca.

Reminder to all those who use the church during the week

Please ensure that we're keeping all unattended church doors locked. If you can't see the door when you are here - it should be locked, even if there are other people in the building. We've had at least one instance of a surprise visitor who walked into an unattended sanctuary. Keeping unattended doors locked ensures the safety of the church property and your fellow church users. Thank you!

Thank You from.....

Thank you so much for your financial support. We are very grateful for your generosity that helps in feeding the poor in our community. Thanks again, on behalf of the team at St. Vincent de Paul, Pembroke.

Spring Workday at Camp Lutherlyn

We will be holding our spring workday on Saturday May 10th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Bring your work gloves, rakes and love for Camp Lutherlyn to help us get a few spring projects and cleanup jobs done before summer visitors start coming to camp. We will be making new benches in the woods space for worship, making space for new chairs in the dining area, and there is always enough raking and cleanup of branches to keep everyone busy! Please let us know at info@lutherlyncamp.ca if you are coming and how many are in your group. Lunch will be provided. See you there.

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



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				9-12 pm Office Open ¹ 1:00 pm LV Shuffleboard 6:30 pm AA	9-1 pm Office Open ² Pastor's Day Off	12:00 pm Lasagna Lunch ³
EASTER 3 9:30 am Holy Communion ⁴	Office Closed ⁵ 1:00 pm Shuffleboard	Office Closed ⁶ 9:00 am Quilting 9:00 am Piecemakers 6:30 pm Confirmation 1	9-12 pm Office Open ⁷ 9-12 pm Tai Chi	9-12 pm Office Open ⁸ 9:30 am OV Cluster Meeting 1:00 pm LV Shuffleboard 6:30 pm AA	9-1 pm Office Open ⁹ Pastor's Day Off	 ¹⁰
EASTER 4 MOTHER'S DAY 9:30 am Holy Communion Sunday School ¹¹	Office Closed ¹² 1:00 pm Shuffleboard	Office Closed ¹³ 9:00 am Quilting 6:30 pm Confirmation 1	9-12 pm Office Open ¹⁴ 9-12 pm Tai Chi	9-12 pm Office Open ¹⁵ 1:00 pm LV Shuffleboard 6:30 pm AA	Pastor's Day Off ¹⁶ NEWSLETTER & CALENDAR ITEMS DUE	11:00 am Baptism ¹⁷
EASTER 5 9:30 am Holy Communion ¹⁸	Office Closed ¹⁹ Victoria Day 1:00 pm Shuffleboard	Office Closed ²⁰ 9:00 am Quilting 9:00 am Piecemakers 6:30 pm Confirmation 1	9-12 pm Office Open ²¹ 9-12 pm Tai Chi 7:00 pm Council	9-12 pm Office Open ²² 1:00 pm LV Shuffleboard 6:30 pm AA	9-1 pm Office Open ²³ Pastor's Day Off	9:00 am Finance ²⁴ 
EASTER 6 9:30 am Holy Communion Sunday School ²⁵	Office Closed ²⁶ 1:00 pm Shuffleboard	Office Closed ²⁷ 9:00 am Quilting	9-12 pm Office Open ²⁸	9-12 pm Office Open ²⁹ 6:30 pm AA	9-1 pm Office Open ³⁰ Pastor's Day Off	³¹ <i>All Committee Chairpersons, please inform Church Office of dates of your upcoming meetings. Thank you for your consideration</i>