



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

Alleluia!

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

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Sunday April 5, we gather to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord—the day the stone was rolled away, the tomb was found empty, and death itself was defeated.

I love Easter! It is by far my favorite holiday, and it has been for many years now. Growing up, I always thought of Christmas as the “biggest holiday of the year.” For businesses this is true, but Easter has traditionally been the most important holiday for the church. I also appreciate that Easter is a much less commercialized holiday. There is less “busyness” that can sometimes take away from the central meaning of the holy day.

In addition to the slower pace, there are so many other things that I love about Easter. I love hot cross buns and maple syrup. I love dying hardboiled eggs and going on Easter Egg hunts. I love taking that first bite of my chocolate Easter bunny.....the ears are the first to go! I love the Easter hymns. I love greeting each other with the triumphant victory call of “He is Risen”, and the resounding “He is Risen Indeed!”. I love Easter!

There are many people in the world today, including many in our own neighborhoods and communities, who think Easter means cute chocolate bunnies and coloured eggs.

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For whatever reason, they don't know the real meaning of Easter – of Jesus' victory over sin, death and the grave. Not only His immense sacrifice, but also the promise of abundant life. They may have never heard of Jesus' promise that everyone who believes in him will also be raised from the dead.

Did I tell you.....I love Easter !

Alleluia!

Easter Blessings,

Pastor Bruce +

WORSHIP

Those in our Prayers.....

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



Jesus enters Jerusalem:

Palm Sunday, March 29 at 9:30 am

Come and be part of the parade of people following Jesus. As with the crowds of the day, we will wave palm branches and shout, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." The day turns to sorrow, as we realize that Jesus is headed to his death on the cross.



Jesus eats a final meal with his disciples:

Maundy Thursday, April 2 at 7:00 pm

At his last shared meal with his friends, Jesus, in humility and service, washes his disciples' feet. Come this evening: hear the words of the new commandment with the washing of your hands that we should love one another and receive the gift of Jesus; Body and Blood, given to us for the forgiveness of sins. Worship will conclude with the stripping of the altar in preparation for Good Friday.



Jesus dies on the cross:

Good Friday, April 3 at 9:30 am

We hear John's account of the death and burial of Jesus and pray the solemn prayers of Good Friday. We contemplate the cross and express grief over Jesus' suffering and death



He is Risen!

Jesus is raised from the dead:

Easter Sunday, April 5 at 8:30 am and 11:00 am

We walk with Mary Magdalene to the tomb to mourn. At the tomb the stone is rolled away. "They have taken the Lord" Mary exclaims to the disciples. They go and look for themselves.

They, too, find an empty tomb and return to their homes. It is in the solitude of her grief that Mary recognizes Jesus and hears his words; “go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my father.’” At Easter we rejoice that our Lord lives and is triumphant over the powers of sin and death. We celebrate a festive service of Holy Communion.

Easter Flowers

If you would like to make a donation for flowers in our sanctuary on Easter Sunday, please contact the church office.

To sanitize or not to sanitize.....that is the question!

Through the days of the Covid-19 Pandemic, St. Timothy’s suggested that one should use hand sanitizer when in contact with other people; especially prior to receiving Holy Communion. As the pandemic decreased, many restrictions were rescinded and the use of hand sanitizers diminished. As a congregation, we still offer hand sanitizer when you go to receive Communion. Please know, this is an option; this is a service being offered. It means you do not have to receive it if you do not wish. If this is the case, simply say to the usher, “No thank you” or do not extend your hand. The usher will understand your request.

LEARNING



Sunday School

For the month of April, please note Sunday School is scheduled for April 12th and 26th.

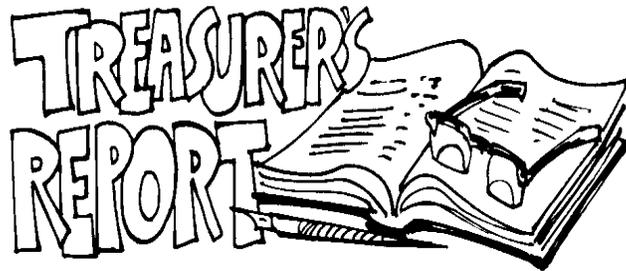
SUPPORT



Executive of Congregational Council 2026

Chairperson – Susan Buske
Vice Chairperson – Robert Murphy
Secretary– Angela Bezanson
Treasurer – Rick Eustace

Thank you for your willingness to serve your church and Lord.



For the year to date to February 28, 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 this year. We do have funds built up in our general account from previous years to cover this deficit

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

Treasurer's 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 towards 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."

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



Lenten Food Drive

Our Lenten Food Drive to support St. Joseph's Food Bank continues until Easter. If you are able, please support this drive as the need is great. Watch as the table in the entrance of the sanctuary grows with food as we support others. Please check the expiry dates on the items. Also in need are your clean, empty egg cartons (one dozen size) as these can be re-used. Please note.... Cash donations should be given directly to St. Joseph's and not through your offering envelopes.

Shepherd's Pie Lunch

Shepherd's Pie Lunch is being hosted by the Witness Committee, Saturday, May 9th beginning at noon. Come out and enjoy delicious homemade Shepherd's Pie, salad, garlic bread, dessert, beverage of your choice for only \$10 per person. Tickets will be on sale Sunday April 19, 26 and May 3 in Jubilee Hall following the service. Only 60 tickets are available.

NATIONAL & SYNODICAL NEWS

Ottawa Valley Ministry Leadership Team

You are invited for a presentation on Lay Ministry by Rev. Katherine Gohm on Saturday, May 2nd at Grace Lutheran Church, Eganville. Please register with your Pastor by April 10th! See the poster on the "Our Community" bulletin board for more details.

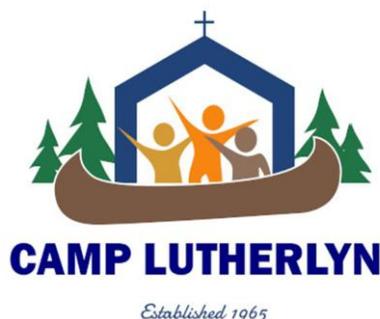
ELCIC Day of Action - Save the Date!

This year marks 40 years in the life of our church! This milestone not only invites us to remember our story, but also to reflect on who we are today and how God is calling us forward as a church *Living out God's grace and unconditional love*.

One of the key moments as we celebrate this milestone will be the ELCIC Day of Action on May 31. On that day, you and your congregation are invited to join with congregations across the ELCIC in stepping beyond your church walls and engaging in acts of service in your community. Watch here and on the ELCIC website for further details which will be available soon!

Interested in how you can support help organize your congregation's participation for the ELCIC Day of Action? [Complete the following form and we'll send you information!](#)

OTHER NEWS



Camp Lutherlyn Camper Sponsorships

St. Timothy's is sponsoring up to 5 children/youth for 1 Week each at Camp Lutherlyn this summer. You can obtain an Application Form from the church office and you can register your child online by going to: lutherlyncamp.ca and go to the Registration Page.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Phone Tree

Did you know that St. Timothy's has a Phone Tree? Its primary use is to keep local people abreast of emergency related situations or important updates. It was started during COVID and was used extensively at that time. One important use today, is to advise folks if the church is closed for any reason; ie. a snowstorm. In this case, you will receive plenty of notice if it has been cancelled.

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.

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.

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.

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: April 17, May 22 and June 19.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			9-12 pm Office Open ¹ 9-12 pm Tai Chi 6:30 pm AA	9-12 pm Office Open ² 1:00 pm LV Shuffleboard 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service	Office Closed ³ 9:30 am Good Friday Service	 ⁴
EASTER SUNDAY ⁵ 8:30 am 11:00 am Holy Communion	Office Closed ⁶ 1:00 pm Shuffleboard 6:30 pm Confirmation 2	Office Closed ⁷ 9:00 am Quilting & Piecemakers	9-12 pm Office Open ⁸ 9-12 pm Tai Chi	9-12 pm Office Open ⁹ 1:00 pm LV Shuffleboard 6:30 pm AA	9-1 pm Office Open ¹⁰ Pastor's Day Off	¹¹
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