



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

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

# The Herald

## FEBRUARY 2026

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Cathy Lupton

### **Church Secretary**

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### **Choir Director**

Rowena May

### **Sunday School Team Leader**

Lisa Laird

### **Treasurer**

Rick Eustace

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

### **Journey the Forty Days of Lent**

On Wednesday, February 18, we will begin the holy season of Lent with the Imposition of Ashes. The forty days of Lenten prayer and reflection are a special time for us to grow in the love of God, and in loving service to the world. During Lent we focus on the Cross of Christ, so that, through the Cross, we might be brought to the glory of new life.

During this time, Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm., the parish will be joined by the Rev. Matthew Brown, the clergy team and the members of Parish of the Valley. We will gather to sing, pray and listen to God's word. The first two weeks, the service will be of a reflective nature with Joyce Nelson as our pianist. The remaining Wednesdays, we will once again sing the beautiful music of Holden Evening Prayer played by Cathy Lupton. The Lenten series is entitled, "Thy Will Be Done".

I would encourage you to attend and bring a friend. I hope that you will plan to participate as fully as possible in the three pillars of the Lenten season: prayer, fasting, and alms-giving, so that together we may rejoice in the new life of Easter. Let us pray that the Lord will look with favour upon our acts of penance and charity, and bless us with many graces during "the stillness of the night".

May we journey together.

*Pastor Bruce +*

# WORSHIP

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

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



## ***Ash Wednesday***

On Wednesday, February 18, we join Christians around the world and begin our journey with our Lord to the cross by observing Ash Wednesday, one of the holiest days of the church year.

Ash Wednesday begins the sacred season of Lent which prepares us for our Easter observances and celebrations. It reminds us that to rise with Jesus we have to first die with Jesus. Our worship service is at 7:00 pm. Of course, our worship includes the imposition of ashes, and the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Come and worship.



## ***Wednesday Evening Worship***

During this time, Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm., the parish will be joined by the Rev. Matthew Brown, the clergy team and the members of Parish of the Valley. We will gather to sing, pray and listen to God's word. The Lenten series is entitled, 'Thy Will Be Done'. May Wednesday evening be apart of your Lenten journey. Bring your friends – they are always welcome.

# LEARNING



## ***Sunday School***

For the month of February, please note Sunday School is scheduled for February 8th and 22nd.

# SUPPORT



## **Executive of Congregational Council 2026**

Chairperson – Robert Murphy\*

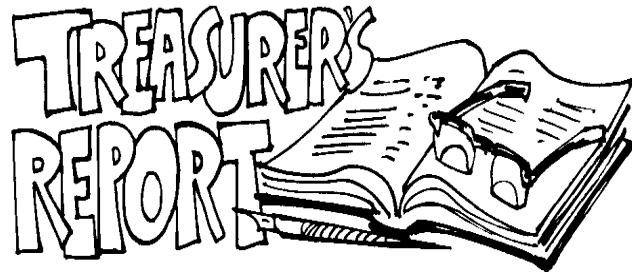
Vice Chairperson – Susan Buske\*

Secretary – Angela Bezanson

Treasurer – Rick Eustace

\*Robert and Susan will switch these positions on April 1, 2026.

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



For the month of December, we received more funds than we spent which reduced our year-to-date deficit to \$8,674. We do have funds built up in our general account from previous years to cover this deficit, and a larger deficit had been anticipated when we did our annual budget.

### ***Monthly Offering Statistics for December 2025***

Current including Benevolence	\$33,287
Required Givings to meet budget	\$24,184
Offerings to other ministries	\$ 130

At this time, I'd like to thank the members of all the committees of the church. We are a very frugal congregation and the committees have been good stewards of the funds they have been afforded. I also wish to thank the members of our congregation – you have always responded when we have asked for funds, such as our organ repair this year.

Our annual meeting is approaching and the annual reports will be available soon. I encourage you to review our financials information and not to hesitate to ask me any questions you may have.

*Rick Eustace*

### ***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.

# Congregational Meeting



## ***Annual Congregational Meeting***

**Jubilee Hall**  
**Sunday, March 22, 2026**  
**following our morning worship**  
**Reports available March 8th**

Purpose of the meeting:

- Approve Minutes from 2025 Congregational meetings
- Approve the 2026 Budget
- Approve the 2026 Investment Plan

Thank you for your participation in the life of the congregation.

## ***WITNESS***

**THANK YOU** to Cathy and Lawrence for their interesting presentation on “The Mysteries of the Northwest Passage and Sir John Franklin”. Thank you, also, to those who participated in the potluck lunch we shared before the presentation.



***Shrove Tuesday, February 17 – Pancake Supper – 4:00 to 6:30 pm.***

Mark your calendars! Supper to include: pancakes, maple syrup, sausage, baked beans, fruit and beverages. Adults \$10.00, children 10 to 6 years \$5.00 and children under 5 years eat free!



### ***Lenten Food Drive***

Our Lenten Food Drive to support St. Joseph's Food Bank starts Wednesday, February 18th and will continue until Easter. If you are able, please support this drive as the need is great. Watch as the table in the entrance way grows with food as we support others. Please check the expiry dates on the items.

Also note.... Cash donations should be given directly to St. Joseph's and not through your offering envelopes.

## ***NATIONAL & SYNODICAL NEWS***

### ***GLOBAL MISSION SUNDAY***



The ELCIC celebrates Global Mission Sunday annually on the first Sunday of February, which this year lands on February 1.

Global Mission Sunday is an opportunity for congregations across the church to give thanks for God's mission in the world, and our shared call to serve, accompany and bear witness alongside our global partners. Since 2018, the ELCIC has recognized Global Mission Sunday, lifting up and reflecting on the many relationships that connect the ELCIC with Lutherans around the world.

## OTHER NEWS

### ***Coldest Night of the Year***

Coldest Night of the Year will be held February 28th. This is a fundraiser for The Grind. If you wish to participate in the walk, donate, sponsor someone or volunteer, please see the posters on “Our Community” bulletin board for details.

### ***A Valley St. Patrick’s Celebration***

Sunday, March 1, 2026 at 2:00 pm at Festival Hall.

Featuring The Fiddlaires & Friends, Dean Lapierre and our own Gillan Rutz.

Tickets – FestivalHall.ca or 343-361-3205. See Poster on “Our Community” bulletin board.



### ***From the team The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Pembroke***

Thank you so much for your continued generosity.

Be assured that your real connection to us, both by your donations and the selfless members of your community working alongside everyone, has an impact in the lives of the ones we serve. Thanks again and Happy New Year

### ***From St. Joseph’s Community Food Bank***

Thank you for another of your very generous donations to the Food Bank. We appreciate your continuing support. Your December donation was very timely as the Food Bank was going through the most demanding part of the year in terms of client volume. November and December are our busiest months. We typically feed an average of 274 clients per week in the other months of the year. In November, the demand rises dramatically with an average of 370 clients per week with December topping the charts at almost 650. Our volunteers are hard pressed to keep up, but the increased volumes are accompanied by an outpouring of food and cash donations.

Our donors obviously believe in supporting those who do not have enough money to feed themselves and their kids. This is reflected in the fact that we receive over 38% of our total annual revenues from generous donors in November and December. This makes it possible for us to continue buying food for all those who need it at that difficult time of the year.

Thank you for remembering us; your donations really make a difference!

### ***Forever grateful from Madison Reinert***

Dear St. Timothy's, thank you so very much for the generous scholarship and for the support you have shown me. I am incredibly grateful to be a part of a community that believes in investing in young people and their futures.

Your kindness and encouragement means so much to me, and this scholarship will make a real difference as I continue my education.

I carry your generosity with me as motivation to work hard and give back to others in the future.

## ***FOR YOUR INFORMATION***

### ***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: March 20, April 17 and May 22.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <b>EPIPHANY 4</b> 9:30 am Holy Communion	2 Office Closed 1:00 pm Shuffleboard 6:30 pm Confirmation 2	3 Office Closed <b>9:00 am</b> Quilting & Piecemakers	4 <b>9-12 pm</b> Office Open 9-12 pm Tai Chi	5 <b>9-12 pm</b> Office Open 1:00 pm LV Shuffleboard 6:30 pm AA	6 <b>9-1 pm</b> Office Open <b>Pastor's Day Off</b>	7 
8 <b>EPIPHANY 5</b> 9:30 am Holy Communion Sunday School	9 Office Closed 1:00 pm Shuffleboard 6:30 pm Confirmation 2	10 Office Closed <b>9:00 am</b> Quilting	11 <b>9-12 pm</b> Office Open 9-12 pm Tai Chi	12 <b>9-12 pm</b> Office Open 1:00 pm LV Shuffleboard 6:30 pm AA	13 <b>9-1 pm</b> Office Open <b>Pastor's Day Off</b>	14 
15 <b>TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD</b> 9:30 am Holy Communion	16 Office Closed <b>Family Day !</b> 1:00 pm Shuffleboard No Confirmation	17 Office Closed <b>9:00-12:00</b> Quilting & Piecemakers <b>4:00-6:30 pm</b> Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	18 <b>9-12 pm</b> Office Open 9-12 pm Tai Chi 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service	19 <b>9-12 pm</b> Office Open 1:00 pm LV Shuffleboard 6:30 pm AA	20 <b>9-1 pm</b> Office Open <b>Pastor's Day Off</b> <b>NEWSLETTER &amp; CALENDAR ITEMS DUE</b>	21 
22 <b>LENT 1</b> 9:30 am Holy Communion Sunday School	23 Office Closed 1:00 pm Shuffleboard 6:30 pm Confirmation 2	24 Office Closed <b>9:00</b> Quilting	25 <b>9-12 pm</b> Office Open 9-12 pm Tai Chi 7:00 pm Lenten Service	26 <b>9-12 pm</b> Office Open 1:00 pm LV Shuffleboard 6:30 pm AA	27 <b>9-12 pm</b> Office Open <b>Pastor's Day Off</b>	28 All Committee Chairpersons, please inform Church Office of dates of your upcoming meetings. Thank you for your consideration