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

Remembering the Saints

Each year on November 1st, Christians around the world pause to celebrate All Saints Day—a festival of remembrance, thanksgiving, and hope. In most churches this day is celebrated on the first Sunday in November as All Saints Sunday. In the Lutheran tradition, this day holds deep meaning as we give thanks for all those who have gone before us in faith, who now rest from their labors and live eternally with God.

All Saints Day invites us to look both backward and forward. We look back with gratitude for those who have shaped our faith: parents who prayed for us, teachers who opened our minds to learning, friends who encouraged us in hard times, and all those who have witnessed to Christ's love in word and deed. We also look forward with hope to that great day when we will join them in the company of heaven, gathered around the throne of the Lamb, where death and mourning will be no more.

During our All Saints service, we will name those who have died in the past year, light candles in memory, and to hear once more the promise of resurrection. These acts are not just gestures of nostalgia—they are confessions of faith. In lighting a candle, we proclaim that the light of Christ shines even in the darkness of death. In reading the names of those we love, we affirm that they are still part of the body of Christ, joined with us in what Luther called the 'communion of saints'.

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For those who grieve, All Saints Day can bring both tears and comfort. It reminds us that grief is not a sign of weak faith—it is the cost of love. Tears are a testimony that we are alive and have loved someone. Yet even as we mourn, we hear again Jesus' promise: 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.' (Matthew 5:4)

This year, as we gather for All Saints Sunday, let us give thanks for the cloud of witnesses who have gone before us and for the grace that makes us part of that same communion. And let us live as saints today—imperfect, forgiven, and shining with the light of Christ in our world.

Peace!

Pastor Bruce +

WORSHIP

Those in our Prayers……



Casey Wierzbicki, Joanna Spencer, Mike Harrington, Lila Martinat, Irlavere Tubbe, Tracy Schori and Christa Reitlingshoefer.

Ministerial Acts -

Funeral – Susan Buske – October 22, 2026. Age 65.

LEARNING



Sunday School

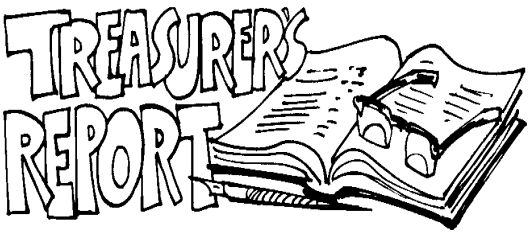
Thank you to Lisa Laird for being the Administrator of Sunday School this year.

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

Schedule for November is: November 1, 15, and 29.

November 29th we will be starting to practice for the Christmas Pageant.

SUPPORT



To the end of September, we have a year-to-date surplus of $6,790.

Monthly Contribution Figures:

For Current including Benevolence	$17,291
Required receipts to meet budget	$24,184
Offerings to other ministries	$ 380

Envelope Counters

If you have time to spare after church, maybe you could help count the envelope contributions. Don't worry about qualifications, we can teach you everything you need to know!!

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.

2027 Offering Envelopes

We had over a 70% response to the envelope survey. Many thanks. Based on the survey, it is evident that many members would like to switch to monthly envelopes. In discussion with our supplier, we were informed that we had missed the deadline for ensuring box sets could be delivered before January. Hence, we will implement the monthly box set in 2028; we'll confirm your choice later in 2027.

For 2027, the following approach will be taken:

- Weekly Box Set – no change
- Monthly Box Set – as noted above, you will receive a weekly set for 1 more year
- PAR – will be contacted regarding timing of change
- Virtual Envelope Number – will be assigned a number for 2027 and no longer receive a box set
- No Box Set – will be effective for 2027

We will be preparing the 2027 envelopes for distribution later in the month.



2027 Budget Submissions

Finance Committee is looking for input to help prepare the 2027 budget. The budget submission for each committee or group should consist of the following information:

Base Budget - The essential, no-frills program; each element to be itemized and rationale provided for its inclusion to meet our ministry (i.e. zero-based budget approach).

Enhanced Program – A prioritized list of what would be added to the Base Budget program if budget permitted; rationale to be provided for how it would enhance our ministry.

Budget submissions are due to Lawrence Lupton, Chairperson, Finance Committee by **Friday, November 20.** If committees need a summary of actuals to date for 2026, please contact Rick Eustace.

Canada Lutheran Magazine Subscription for 2027

Canada Lutheran is the award-winning magazine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC). Published quarterly, the magazine features articles on various aspects of the ELCIC's programs and mission, plus stories and commentary from each of the five Synods and the National Bishop. Past copies are on the coffee table in the Family Room for members to read. Members can either subscribe through the congregation or individually. To qualify for the congregation subscription and a 42% discount on the subscription fee, we require a minimum of 5 members to sign up. **For 2027, we need at least 1 new subscriber**. If you are interested in subscribing, please contact the Office by November 8. The cost for 5 or more subscriptions is $23.22 (tax included). If we have less than 5 members sign up, then current subscribers will need to switch to individual subscriptions through the Canada Lutheran website.



Fall Congregational Business Meeting

Please save Sunday, November 22nd for our Fall Congregational Business Meeting. The meeting will follow our morning worship in Jubilee Hall.
Purpose of the meeting:

- Update from the Council Chairperson
- Treasurer's Report
- Elect members to Church Council vacancies and other positions
- Other Business
    - Bequest update
    - Call update

WITNESS

Eternity for Today Devotional Booklets for 2027

It is time to re-order the Eternity for Today daily devotional booklets for 2027. The order runs on a calendar year basis. If you are interested in receiving this booklet (quarterly), please let the Office know ASAP. If you already receive the booklet and wish to continue, no further action is required. If you would like to stop receiving the booklet, please let the Office know ASAP. The congregation budget covers the cost of the booklets; donations via the offering envelope are welcome!



We had a great turnout for our Photo Directory.
Thank you to Lisa Laird for coordinating this huge undertaking and to all the volunteers that took the time to call and work at the sessions. Also, thank you to Lawrence Lupton for taking the pictures of the Groups and looking after the submitted pictures.
If you weren't able to make the Photo Sessions and would like to submit a picture you can contact Lawrence and he will give you instructions as to how to do it. The cost for a submitted picture is $22.60 (including tax) and must be submitted to him by November 15th at the latest. Every one who had their picture taken will receive a copy of the Directory. Anyone else can purchase a copy for $22.60.
We will be able to give you an estimated delivery date by next month.



Fall Food Drive

Our Annual Thanksgiving Fall Food Drive is over and the final count is 301 pounds plus the pumpkins, which have been delivered to St. Joseph's Food Bank.
Thank you to all who generously shared their blessing with those in need.

NATIONAL & SYNODICAL NEWS

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility

New WCC Publication Invites Churches to Become Intercultural Through Companionship

The World Council of Churches (WCC) endorses the resource “Becoming An Intercultural Church” by Hyuk Cho - an ordained minister of The United Church of Canada and a theologian, whose work in intercultural theology, postcolonial critique, and ecclesial formation converges in a theology of companionship. Cho draws a clear line between multicultural and intercultural. A multicultural church can be diverse in the pews and unchanged in its centre; an intercultural church is one in which the centre itself is altered by the encounter. Each chapter ends with questions for reflection, and the book is written to be read together - over six sessions of six months - by ministers, lay leaders, and congregational teams. For more information and to download this resource now, please click here.

United Church of Canada: 40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism
The 40 Days of Engagement has returned with new videos and new prayers for 2026 and beyond! For this season and throughout the year, you can explore these 6 new videos from three different younger church leaders. Each video is available in a shorter version (about 1 minute) and a longer version (about 3 minutes). To learn more, please click here.

Explore the Collection: Advocacy for People Living With Disabilities and Neurodiversity
You are invited to explore the Justice Resources collection which offers a starting point for learning about disability advocacy and neurodiversity. As you explore these materials, you are encouraged to consider how your congregation can move beyond welcome toward a meaningful access, participation, and leadership. A few of the important areas you’ll explore include: understanding disability justice, learning about neurodiversity, creating accessible faith communities, and centering lived experiences. To find out more and access these resources, please click here.

OTHER NEWS

Letter from Jennifer Thurlow

August 30, 2026

Friends and Family of St. Timothy's Lutheran Church
I'm sorry that I did not get to service today, I had a family member from far away stop by to see me before I head to seminary.
I know that I have only been attending St. Timothy's for what might be a "blink of the eye" in terms of time. However, in that time I have seen things at St. Timothy's that have shown me that I am on the right path.
As you read this, I have started my course at Martin Luther University College in Waterloo. It will be a major time of change for me.
I will visit when I am up on weekends or for Thanksgiving and Christmas and to see my Mom.
See you around, if not here, then with Jesus in the clouds.

(edited due to space constraints)

Nominating Committee

Soon the Nominating Committee will be seeking people to let their name stand for Congregational Council. Yes, we can say, "Not this time" or "Sorry my plate is overflowing" and other apologies could be mentioned. This time, could you consider saying "yes" – Yes to God, yes to your church. yes to giving back in thanksgiving. Thank you for saying "yes".

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Hall Bookings

Are you thinking about a hall rental? Information about our hall rental is available on the internet or further information can be obtained by contacting Lawrence Lupton or Rick Eustace.

If you want to book a room for a church committee meeting or other business, please note that there is a book to record your meeting in Room 1. Please check the book when planning your meeting to ensure a room is available. 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 honoured to visit you. Thank you.

Likewise, *when you return home from your hospital stay, please contact Pastor Bruce with this information. It will save a trip to the hospital. 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: November 20, December 18 and January 22.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY** **9:30 am** **Holy Communion** **Sunday School**	**2** Office Closed **1:00 pm** Shuffleboard **PASTOR'S VACATION STARTS**	**3** Office Closed **9:00 am** Quilting & Piecemakers **6:30 pm** Communications Meeting	**4** **9-12 pm** Office Open **9:00 am** Tai Chi	**5** **9-12 pm** Office Open **1:00 pm** LV Shuffleboard **6:30 pm** AA Jubilee	**6** **9-1 pm** Office Open **Pastor's Day Off**	**7** 
8 **PENTECOST 24** **9:30 am** **Holy Communion**	**9** Office Closed **1:00 pm** Shuffleboard **6:30 pm** HR Meeting	**10** Office Closed **9:00 am** Quilting	**11** **9-12 pm** Office Open **9:00 am** Tai Chi	**12** **9-12 pm** Office Open **1:00 pm** LV Shuffleboard **6:30 pm** AA Jubilee	**13** **9-1 pm** Office Open **Pastor's Day Off**	**14** **9:30 am** Finance
15 **PENTECOST 25** **9:30 am** **Sunday School**	**16** Office Closed **1:00 pm** Shuffleboard **PASTOR RETURNS FROM VACATION**	**17** Office Closed **9:00 am** Quilting	**18** **9-12 pm** Office Open **9:00 am** Tai Chi	**19** **9-12 pm** Office Open **1:00 pm** LV Shuffleboard **6:30 pm** AA Jubilee	**20** **9-1 pm** Office Open **Pastor's Day Off** **NEWSLETTER & CALENDAR ITEMS DUE**	**21** 
22 **CHRIST THE KING** **9:30 am** **Holy Communion** **Congregational Meeting following service.**	**23** Office Closed **1:00 pm** Shuffleboard	**24** Office Closed **9:00 am** Quilting	**25** **9-12 pm** Office Open **9:00 am** Tai Chi **6:30 pm** Council Meeting	**26** **9-12 pm** Office Open **1:00 pm** LV Shuffleboard **6:30 pm** AA Jubilee	**27** **9-1 pm** Office Open **Pastor's Day Off**	**28**
29 **ADVENT 1** **9:30 am** **Holy Communion** **Sunday School**	**30** Office Closed **1:00 pm** Shuffleboard					*All Committee Chairpersons, please inform Church Office of dates of your upcoming meetings. Thank you for your consideration*