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

Thanksgiving – *A time to pause*

The calendar changes to October and we immediately think of preparing for winter. The deck furniture gets put safely in the shed. The flower gardens get trimmed. Leaves are raked and placed in large disposable paper bags. We count the bags and see if this year has out done last! The lawns get one more cut. The smells of autumn abound.

October also gives us time to pause on the second Sunday and Monday of the month: we give thanks. Families gather and we share a meal: turkey or ham and sometimes both. Some ask the question, "What are you thankful for this year?" There is long pause. Eyes fall down and folks start to focus on their mashed potatoes. Finally, someone breaks the ice and says, "I am thankful for……." Soon everyone has something to add to the list which just seems to keep growing.

This year, I am thankful for you, the people of this caring congregation. I am thankful for the way you give so freely of your financial resources, your time, and your talents. I am thankful for the way you reach out in service in the community and beyond. St. Timothy's wouldn't be without you.

May I say this……like the thanksgiving table there is always room for one more – there is room for you to volunteer at your church. The areas of serving are endless and there is always room for more around the table. If you are interested where you can participate in the life of the congregation, contact myself and I will help you decide where your talents will be appreciated.

This Thanksgiving, may we give thanks to our loving and gracious God for the many blessings we have received. Take time to pause at your family gatherings and ask the question; What are you thankful for this year? The answers will astound you!

Pastor Bruce +

WORSHIP

Those in our Prayers……



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

Ministerial Acts -

Marriage – Marissa Gutzeit and Dylan Tensen – August 22, 2026.
Madison Rose and Liam Marecak – August 24, 2026.
Baptism – Carter Kevin Breen – son of Sarah and Adam Breen - September 13, 2026.
Grandson of Charlotte and Pastor Bruce
Funeral – David Jonas – September 30, 2026. Age 69.

LEARNING

Sunday School

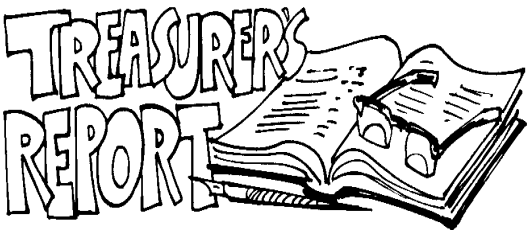
Thank you to Lisa Laird for being the Administrator of Sunday School this year.

Sunday School will begin October 4th. Children will sit with their families in church until Pastor Bruce invites them to the front for Kids' Korner. Afterwards, the children will gather in the classroom. Please note that Sunday School is **not** being held every week. Please see the schedule posted on the "Our Family" bulletin board.

Schedule for October is: October 4, 11, and 18.



SUPPORT



To the end of August, we have a year-to-date surplus of $6,920.

Monthly Contribution Figures:

For Current including Benevolence	$18,563
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.

Offering Envelope Box Set Review

Over the past decade, the Finance Committee has observed that giving patterns have changed from the regular weekly offerings by the majority of people. Many people have switched to monthly giving or less frequent. In response, we have introduced the use of Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR), donations using CanadaHelps from our website, and virtual envelope numbers.

In the spirit of being good stewards of our funds and the environment, we are looking to reduce the number of unused offering envelopes that are being sent for recycling, and to reduce the cost of envelopes as 20% of our issued box sets are not used at all by members.

In early September, a survey letter was issued to those who received a 2026 box set of offering envelopes. You are asked to identify how you would like to make future offerings. Options include:

- continue with the weekly box set,
- change to a monthly box set,
- switch to PAR,
- switch to a virtual envelope number, or
- no longer receive a box set.

Responses are due by October 13 and will be used to guide the preparation of the 2027 offering envelopes. Any change will be confirmed before being implemented. If you have questions, please contact Lawrence Lupton.



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 expect to be under that number. If you are interested in subscribing, please contact the Office by November 1st. We should know the 2027 rate by then (paid by subscribers). If we have less than 5 members sign up, then current subscribers will need to switch to individual subscriptions through the Canada Lutheran website.

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 by November 1st. 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 by November 1st. The congregation budget covers the cost of the booklets; donations via the offering envelope are welcome!



Smile!

In celebration of the 70th Anniversary of the congregation next year, it is time for a new Pictorial Directory. It has been a while since our last one and we have many new faces to include. You will or should have been contacted by a member of the Witness Committee to set up an appointment the week of October 4th. Keep working on your best smile. 😊



Fall Food Drive

Our Annual Thanksgiving Fall Food Drive, in support of the St. Joseph's Food Bank, will be from Sunday, October 11th, to Sunday, October 18th.
A donation table will be set up in the narthex.
** **Please** ensure that you check the expiry dates on all donated items.
The Witness Committee thanks you in advance for your generosity in providing to those in need.



Community Banquet Table

St. Timothy's will be hosting the 20th Annual Banquet Table on Saturday, October 17th from 4:00-5:00 pm. We will be serving a Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings to those in need. There are sign-up sheets in the narthex for you to indicate where you could assist – preparing food, hall set-up, serving food or clean-up. Foil pans will be provided for food. Please see Lisa Laird or Ann Zadow for your pan.



NATIONAL & SYNODICAL NEWS

Conversations Across the Church

Missed the September Conversations Across the Church? Watch the Recording?

The recording of our September 13 Conversations Across The Church event is now available!

Our focus was on Season of Creation - a time to come together in prayer and action. Dr. Mary Philip (Joy), Rev. Tim Wray, Eva Wray and Korpo Sailly joined us to share caring for creation is a priority for our church.

If you missed the conversation, or would like to revisit it, watch the recording here.

Thank you to everyone who joined us! We are grateful for the time shared in worship, reflection and conversation with our wider church community. Did you attend?

The next Conversations Across the Church event will take place on Sunday, November 29, 2026. Visit our website to register.

Reformation Service – Rankin Community Centre – October 18, 2026

The Ottawa Valley Ministry Team invites you to a special Reformation Service at the Rankin Community Centre at 3:00 pm with a dinner to follow. Guest preacher is the Rev. Matthew Brown from The Parish of the Valley.
Tickets for the dinner are $35.00. and may be purchased up to October 4, 2026.
Tickets are available at the church office.
For more information, please see the poster on “Our Community” bulletin board.
Come worship and connect with your Ottawa Valley Lutheran and Anglican families.

OTHER NEWS

CAMP LUTHERLYN

Fall Clean-up Day

It’s time to get Camp Lutherlyn settled in for the winter! We are looking for volunteers to help. The date is Saturday, October 17th at 9:00 am. Please bring your work gloves and, if possible, a few helpers with you. Lunch will be provided.
Please let us know at info@lutherlyncamp.ca if you are able to come and help.



Thank You to the Clergy and Congregation o St. Timothy's

We, the Piecemakers, wish to thank all of you for the support you have given us since 2017. You have permitted us to use your beautiful hall and have made us feel very welcome. We have become great friends with your quilters, sharing ideas, fabric and food. We also appreciate the work that Denis Lariviere did in setting up our tables so that we could get to work upon arrival. We could not have carried on our program of charity without you.
This year, we gave to Family and Children's Services, the Indigenous Lodge, Columbus House, Carefor, and St. Lukes Anglican Church. Our gifts consisted of 111 quilts, 24 pillowcases and 96 winter hats.
We were really pleased last week when Pastor Bruce contacted Brenda to see if we could make some prayer quilts for you. We are so very happy to do something for you and about 6 of us have already started.
Once again, thank you for your support and for making our charity a reality… Mary Tromp

Nominating Committee

Soon the Nominating Committee will be seeking people to 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: October 16, November 20 and December 18.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	All Committee Chairpersons, please inform Church Office of dates of your upcoming meetings. Thank you for your consideration			1 **9-12 pm** Office Open **1:00 pm** LV Shuffleboard **6:30 pm** AA	2 **9-1 pm** Office Open **Pastor's Day Off**	3 
4 **PENTECOST 19** **9:30 am** **Holy Communion** **Sunday School**	5 Office Closed **1:00 pm** Shuffleboard	6 Office Closed **PICTURE DAY**	7 **9-12 pm** Office Open **PICTURE DAY**	8 **9-12 pm** Office Open **PICTURE DAY** **6:30 pm** AA	9 **9-1 pm** Office Open **PICTURE DAY** **Pastor's Day Off**	10 **PICTURE DAY**
11 **PENTECOST 20** **THANKSGIVING** **9:30 am** **Holy Communion** **Sunday School**	12 Office Closed **THANKSGIVING DAY** **1:00 pm** Shuffleboard	13 Office Closed **PICTURE DAY**	14 **9-12 pm** Office Open **PICTURE DAY**	15 **9-12 pm** Office Open **1:00 pm** LV Shuffleboard **6:30 pm** AA	16 **9-1 pm** Office Open **Pastor's Day Off** **NEWSLETTER & CALENDAR ITEMS DUE**	17 **9:30 am** Finance Meeting **4:00 pm** Banquet Table
18 **PENTECOST 21** **9:30 am** **Holy Communion** **Sunday School**	19 Office Closed **1:00 pm** Shuffleboard	20 Office Closed **9:00 am** Quilting	21 **9-12 pm** Office Open **9:00 am** Tai Chi **6:30 pm** Council Meeting	22 **9-12 pm** Office Open **1:00 pm** LV Shuffleboard **6:30 pm** AA	23 **9-1 pm** Office Open **Pastor's Day Off**	24
25 **REFORMATION SUNDAY** **9:30 am** **Holy Communion**	26 Office Closed **1:00 pm** Shuffleboard	27 Office Closed **9:00 am** Quilting	28 **9-12 pm** Office Open **9:00 am** Tai Chi	29 **9-12 pm** Office Open **1:00 pm** LV Shuffleboard **6:30 pm** AA	30 **9-1 pm** Office Open **Pastor's Day Off**	31 