



ST. TIMOTHY'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCIC

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

The Herald SEPTEMBER 2026

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From the Pastor's Korner

September and the Labour Day holiday marks a transition in our society.

Schools now begin their academic year. Summer holidays come to an end and autumn lies ahead of us. We begin to turn our heads toward Thanksgiving and Christmas. Older children leave for college and while some begin school for the first time with a new box of crayons.

The church also goes through a transition in September too. Rally Sunday, kick starts the fall activities and welcome folks back to church. Sunday School starts again. Attendance at worship services increases.

And if we were to pause for a moment and look back, we come to realize the summer months pass by too quickly. Actually, time passes by too quickly.

Through the passages of time comes change. Change offers new possibilities. Oh yes, we try to hold onto what we know; what we are comfortable with. Yet as hard as we try to hold onto the old; the tried and tested true, it slips through our fingers. Change occurs.

At the heart of change is God, the creator of change. We have a God who is ever by our side; as close as our own shadow.

This fall will be exciting for our congregation as we join with St. Peter's Alice and Grace Rankin and search for a pastor to focus on children's and youth ministry. This person will add to the ministry of St. Timothy's. No.....I am not retiring! I will remain faithfully serving you the congregation.

We enter this new season, not alone but with God by our side. Let us walk together and see change as opening to new possibilities. May we discover Christ in all that lies ahead.

Pastor Bruce +

WORSHIP

Those in our Prayers.....

Joanna Spencer, Mike Harrington, Lila Martinat, Irlavere Tubbe, Adele Krieger, Tracy Schori and Christa Reitlingshoefer.



Ministerial Act Funeral

Herbert (Herb) Martinat July 25, 2026. Age 91

LEARNING

The J. Wilmot Harvey Educational Bursary Fund

The purpose of the Fund is to financially support students enrolling in post-secondary educational institutions. This support is designed to enable active participants at St. Timothy's to pursue a vocation in which they may continue to serve their Lord.

Applications are available in the church office and completed forms must be submitted to the Church Secretary by September 30, 2026.

Applicants will receive notification of awards once the application is reviewed by Council.

Payment of award monies will be made in December/January each year.

Rally Sunday

Please mark Sunday, September 27th on your calendar. Blessing of backpacks and activities for the children will take place during the service.

Stay for hot dogs and a variety of other treats and goodies. Oh, the fun too!



Sunday School

Thank you to Lisa Laird for being the Administrator of Sunday School this year. Sunday School will begin in October. More information to follow.

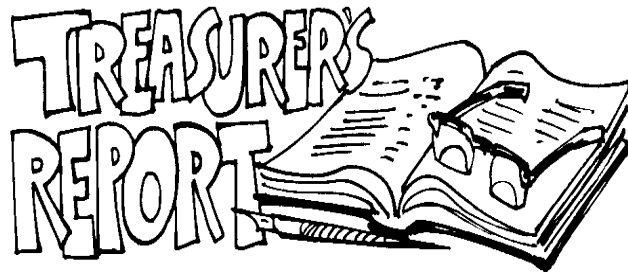


SUPPORT

At the Congregational Meeting of June 28th, it was decided to enter a call process with St. Peter's Alice and Grace Rankin.

Thank you to all that took the time to fill out the questionnaire. This gives the Call Committee some very important feed-back.

Please know, as rumours have been circulating, Pastor Bruce is not retiring! This additional pastor would serve primarily in the area of Children's and Youth Ministry.



To the end of July, we have a year-to-date surplus of \$7,892.

Monthly Contribution Figures:

For Current including Benevolence	\$14,047
Required receipts to meet budget	\$24,184
Offerings to other ministries	\$ 295

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 will be issued to those who received a 2026 box set of offering envelopes. You will be 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 04 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.



WITNESS

Church Photo Directory



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. The dates for the photo sitting will be early October.

Watch for further notices and start working on your best smile. 😊

Community Banquet Table

St. Timothy's will be hosting the 20th Annual Banquet Table on Saturday, October 17th.

We will be serving a Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings to those in need. More information to follow.

NATIONAL & SYNODICAL NEWS

Conversations Across the Church

Please join National Bishop Larry Kochendorfer and guests for an hour of devotion, reflection and conversation on Sunday, September 13th.

Our focus for the third Conversations Across the Church of the year will be on Season of Creation — a time to come together in prayer and action. Bishop Kochendorfer will be joined by three speakers on why this is a priority for our church. Join with ELCIC members across the church for Conversations Across the Church by registering here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/-PPJGV3gQ2SLvj9Mr1Rwyg>

(**Please note**, you must register to receive the Zoom link.)

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.

They may be purchased up to October 4, 2026. Tickets are available at the church office

And 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



Thank You – from Maddy Yuke

Thank you, St. Timothy's, for sending me to Camp Lutherlyn this summer. I had a great week; it was lots of fun. I made lots of new memories during my time at camp. Thank you again -

Sincerely, Maddy.

Shuffleboard

Shuffleboard will be resuming for the fall and winter on Monday, September 7th from 1:00-3:00 pm.

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: September 18, October 16 and November 20.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		Office Closed 9:00 am Quilting & Piecemakers	9-12 pm Office Open	9-12 pm Office Open 6:30 pm AA	9-1 pm Office Open Pastor's Day Off	
PENTECOST 15 9:30 am Holy Communion	Labour Day Office Closed	Office Closed 9:00 am Quilting	9-12 pm Office Open 9:00 am Tai Chi	9-12 pm Office Open 6:30 pm AA	9-1 pm Office Open Pastor's Day Off	9:30 am Finance Meeting
PENTECOST 16 9:30 am Holy Communion	Office Closed	Office Closed 9:00 am Quilting & Piecemakers	9-12 pm Office Open 9:00 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Council Meeting	9-12 pm Office Open 6:30 pm AA	9-1 pm Office Open Pastor's Day Off NEWSLETTER & CALENDAR ITEMS DUE	
PENTECOST 17 9:30 am Holy Communion	Office Closed	Office Closed 9:00 am Quilting	9-12 pm Office Open 9:00 am Tai Chi	9-12 pm Office Open 6:30 pm AA	9-1 pm Office Open Pastor's Day Off	
PENTECOST 18 9:30 am Holy Communion RALLY SUNDAY	Office Closed	Office Closed 9:00 Quilting	9-12 pm Office Open 9:00 am Tai Chi			All Committee Chairpersons, please inform Church Office of dates of your upcoming meetings. Thank you for your consideration