



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

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

# The Herald SEPTEMBER 2025

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

It wasn't long ago that our children were saying to their friends, "See you in September!" And now, summer holidays are over and we have come to Labour Day Weekend. It is a mark of time. We frantically get them to the store so they have new clothes to wear on the first day of school. We wait patiently for the list of school supplies to be sent home so we can purchase the required items. Children are returning to school; parents are about returning them to a schedule.

Churchland is really no different. Summer holidays for staff. The office is quiet. The phones are silent. Jubilee Hall is used less. Believe it or not, we have time for coffee breaks! The last week of August, committees are booking rooms for meetings and gearing up for September and the opening of church activities.

September is an exciting month for a pastor and I trust it is for you too. Our friends, whom we haven't seen all summer or at least sporadically, are coming back to Sunday worship. "How was your summer? What did you do?" are all questions that just spring from our lips with great anticipation.

Rally Sunday will be on Sunday, September 21 at 9:30 am. The Sunday School teachers and helpers have planned a fun morning; a carnival of events; crafts and games for the children. The Fellowship Committee are planning special goodies and treats for us to enjoy. Hot dogs top the list.....the rest you will have to come and see for yourself! It is going to be a fun day!! So do plan to attend.

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This is my invitation to you that, "See you in September" becomes a reality; that we once again return to gathering as the family of St. Timothy's to worship together on Sunday morning. I am looking forward in greeting you once again.

"See you in September!"

Peace!

*Pastor Bruce +*

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## WORSHIP

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

Sheila Zadow-Purdy, Danny Schultz, Bernice Kranz, Lila Martinat, Irlavere Tubbe, Bobby Keuhl, Adele Krieger, Tracy Schori and Christa Reitlingshoefer.



### ***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.

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.

### ***Ministerial Acts -***

Marriage – Sarah Thompson and Adam Breen – July 18, 2025

Baptism – Laelynn Kaylor Marie Gutzeit-Molsontait. Daughter of Serena Gutzeit-McMillan and Dakota Molsontait – August 31, 2025.

Funeral – Committal Service – Ronald Bezanson, August 16, 2025. Age 86 years.

# Learning

## **Rally Sunday**

Please mark Sunday, September 21st 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!!



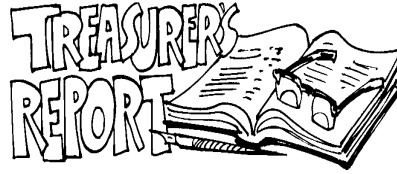
## **Sunday School**

Thank you to Christine Deighton for her time as Sunday School Leader over the past year. Welcome to this role, Lisa Laird. Thank you for saying yes to nurturing our children in their relationship with God.

Sunday School will begin October 5th. More information to follow.



# BUSINESS



For the year-to-date to July 31st, our deficit for the year (we've spent more than we have received) has reached \$19,816. We do have funds built up in our general account from previous years to cover this deficit, and this deficit has been anticipated when we did our annual budget. The summer is always a difficult time as contributions tend to slow down, but major expenses, such as insurance, which is paid over the summer, as well as one-time projects like parking lot lights, parking pylons, and replacement of Jubilee Hall lighting.

## **Monthly Offering Statistics for July 2025**

Current including Benevolence	\$14,191
Required Givings to meet budget	\$24,184
Offerings to other ministries	\$ 1,575

In July, we raised \$1,000 for the organ repairs, so now we have over \$7,000 raised so far!

## **2026 Offering Envelopes**

Over the fall, we will be preparing the 2026 envelopes for distribution. May we remind you that you can be assigned a virtual envelope number in place of receiving a boxed set. This option could be considered by those who only give a few times of the year or are on PAR. Offerings can be placed in an envelope available from the church and then you place the virtual number on the envelope. In this way, the church saves the cost of the boxed set and less paper (unused envelopes) goes to recycle. If you are interested, please contact Lawrence Lupton or Debbie Junop

## ***2026 Budget Submissions***

Finance Committee is looking for input to help prepare the 2026 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 21**. If committees need a summary of actuals to date for 2025, please contact Rick Eustace.



## ***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.

# *NATIONAL & SYNODICAL NEWS*

## ***2025 ELCIC National Convention***

The 2025 ELCIC National Convention took place at the University of Manitoba, in Winnipeg, MB, July 10-13.

Delegates (including Pastor Bruce), special guests, visitors and volunteers gathered over four days for worship, business sessions, and, bidding a proper farewell to our retiring National Bishop Susan Johnson. Elections were held and our new National Bishop – Rev. Dr. Larry Kochendorfer was welcomed to his new role.

**Crisis in the Holy Land...**the ELCIC National Office and Eastern Synod are launching an appeal to support the ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL). Our goal is to raise \$50,000 to assist in supporting this vital work that embodies faith, resilience and hope of a just peace. More information can be found on the

“Our World” bulletin board or at <https://elcic.ca/holy-land/>. Donations can be made through your offering envelope or virtual number by noting ELCJHL Appeal on it. Thank you for supporting our friends.

## OTHER NEWS

### CONGRATULATIONS!

**Madison Goulard** was chosen as valedictorian of the Class of 2025 at Jeanne-Lajoie Catholic Secondary School in Pembroke. She received several awards, scholarships and bursaries including the Governor General’s Academic Medal awarded to the graduating student with the highest average. This fall she will begin pursuing a nursing degree at Queen’s University.

**Madison Reinert** delivered the valedictory address at the graduation ceremony for the École secondaire publique L’Équinoxe’s Class of 2025. She also received several bursaries, scholarships and awards including the Governor General’s Academic Medal awarded to the graduating student with the highest average.

**Miranda Bezanson** was a member of the graduating Class of 2025 from Fellowes High School. She received various awards, scholarships and bursaries including the Renfrew County Medallion.



### ***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.

Application forms are available in the Office and completed forms must be submitted to the Church Secretary.

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.

## ***Thank You***

From Madison Yuke – Thank you so much for sending me to Camp Lutherlyn this summer. I really enjoy my time there. It was my third year going. I made so many memories, and hopefully many more.

From Emma Laird – Thank you so much for sponsoring me to attend Camp Lutherlyn as a Leader In Training this summer. I'm very grateful for your support and generosity. It's been a great opportunity to learn and grow. I appreciate you making this possible!

## ***Shuffleboard***

Shuffleboard will be resuming for the fall and winter on Monday, September 8th from 1:00 – 3:00 pm.



## ***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.

## ***St. Timothy's Congregational Executive for 2025***

Chairperson:	Robert Murphy	Vice-Chairperson:	Angela Bezanson
Secretary:	Janet Reiche-Schoenfeldt	Treasurer:	Rick Eustace

## ***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 19, October 17 and November 21.








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## SEPTEMBER 2025

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