



# THE TIMOTHIAN

ST. TIMOTHY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

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*“Called, gathered, enlightened and made holy by God, we strive to live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Through worship, education, prayer, study, outreach and our Child Care Center, we share the love of Jesus Christ with all people.”*

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Jesus said: *“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations....” (Mt. 28:19)*

That command drives much of what I think and do as a minister of the gospel. I believe one of the highest callings of the church is to make disciples. It is what I aspire to see happen in and through St. Timothy Lutheran Church.

My working definition of a disciple of Christ is:

**A lifetime follower of Jesus,  
living by his power and will in one’s life;  
responsibly involved in his body, the church,  
doing God’s work in the world.**

I call it a “working definition” because it embraces all the key dimensions of a disciple’s life. It encompasses the idea of a learner and follower empowered by the Holy Spirit while including the work of an apostle. It reflects living and working in the body of Christ and serving God’s purpose in the world of drawing all things unto himself.

The definition, in fact, includes the four essential “turnings” (developed more fully elsewhere in this newsletter) of the disciple. These are: turning to Christ, turning to Christ’s ethic, turning to the congregation, turning to the world in love and mission.

I dream of a St. Timothy congregation made up of disciples of Christ who take seriously the call to make disciples. I dream this while recognizing that all things in this life are approximate and that growth in discipleship and the work of a disciple is an ongoing process. It occurs only over time and, in fact, spans a lifetime.

Nevertheless, we need to pick up where previous generations of St. Timothy left off and grow in our capacity now!

For that reason, I am calling St. Timothy to **“21 Days of Renewal.”** I am calling all St. Timothy’s family and extended family and friends to set aside all other priorities and make it your goal to be an active participant in this dynamic, moving initiative. See elsewhere in the Timothian for more detailed explanations.

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I would like to suggest three reasons why you might consider participating:

Reason #1. Yourself. As a person baptized into Christ, you may want to grow into the fullness of Christ. You may want to make your Christianity meaningful and relevant. You may want to become a more mature disciple of Christ.

Reason #2. Your family. Whether it is a spouse, a significant other or a child, you may want to deepen that relationship by sharing deep stuff...like eternal stuff. You may want to discover the rewards of being able to talk intelligently and from an informed, mature perspective about matters of faith.

Reason #3. Your congregation. If not for yourself, then at least for the sake of St. Timothy, participate. Much is riding on the revitalization, renewal of this ministry...both for now and for generations to come.

I would like to offer up six reasons for not coming that I have heard that **do not** hold water:

1. "I have to get dinner for myself or my family." Answer: A lite supper is provided. Put off having steak to another time.
2. "I can't get there by 5:30." Answer: Roll in when you can. Just get there...preferably by the time the teaching begins.
3. "I have child care needs and can't afford a babysitter." Answer: Child care is available at the church. Professional, adult child care workers are being provided free of charge to the parents.
4. "I don't drive at night or my wife has the only car." Answer: People on the team are prepared to transport you.
5. "I will feel dumb. Others know more than I do." Answer: You can gather up a group of individuals you would be comfortable with and have them in your circle for the duration. The situation will improve over time...guaranteed!
6. "It is not my style." Answer: Would you tell an employer that "it's not my style" going for continuing education that is required for the job?

Being a disciple of Christ is an awesome privilege and responsibility. We can help one another grow into mature disciples. God has a lot at stake in this ministry. He should be able to count on us to deliver.

In closing, I invite your prayers for our **"21 Days of Renewal."** Be assured that you are in my prayers as you contemplate the level of your participation in the initiative.

In Christ,

Pastor Dean Hunneshagen



Summer worship hours are 8:00 a.m. (Service is outdoors weather permitting. Please bring a lawn chair), and 9:30 a.m. (indoors). **8:00 AM Worship guidelines** – If the temperature is at least 55 degrees at 7:30 AM and it is not raining we will be going outside. Please remember to bring a sweater.

### Summer 2009 Worship Plans

Unless noted, Pastor Dean Hunneshagen is presiding Minister

- 8/2, 8 & 9:30am – Service of the Word  
John Loss, speaker
- 8/9 8 & 9:30am – Holy Communion
- 8/16, 8 & 9:30 am – Holy Communion
- 8/23, 8 & 9:30 am – Holy Communion
- 8/30, 8 & 9:30am – Holy Communion



at St. Timothy

- 7/12 – Ephesians 1:3-14
- 7/19 – Ephesians 2:11-22
- 7/26 – Ephesians 3:14-21
- 8/02 – Ephesians 4:1-16
- 8/09 – Ephesians 4:25-5:2
- 8/16 – Ephesians 5:15-20
- 8/23 – Ephesians 6:10-20



begins  
Sunday, September 13  
Early service – 8:00 AM  
Late Service – 10:30 AM



### RALLY DAY

Be Ready - SEPTEMBER 13  
Sunday School classes resume at 10:30 AM  
Looking forward to seeing you back!!



### FAMILY PICNIC

September 20

Please put in on your calendar now! Festivities will begin following our 10:30 am worship service. There will be games and face painting for the children. Hot dogs and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass. Join us! Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex.



During the summer month's when Sunday school does not meet, children are invited and encouraged to join in the worship experience with their families. A **TOTE PROJECT** has been developed for the children. Children can pick up a tote bag on their way in to church that has projects to keep them occupied, happy and still be able to participate in worship. Totes are on the bench outside the church office. The Sunday School staff is preparing for fall and will continue using the Akaloo curriculum.

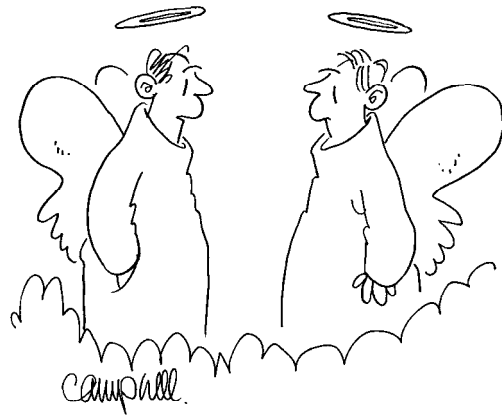
## Grape Salad

**2# green seedless grapes**  
**2# red seedless grapes**  
**1 8oz. cream cheese – softened**  
**¾ cup white sugar**  
**Mix together**  
**8 oz. sour cream**  
**1 tsp. vanilla**  
**¼ tsp. almond extract**  
**Mix together with cream cheese mixture.**  
**Combine with grapes that have been washed and dried. Just before serving, sprinkle with mix of ½ cup chopped walnuts and ¼ cup brown sugar. Enjoy!**

**This salad was a big hit at the WELCA picnic!**

## Baptisms

Zoe Gwendolyn Lecht daughter of Jason and Nicole Lecht, great-granddaughter of Gwen Sommer will be baptized on August 9. Zoe was born on April 27, 2009. Sponsors are Brian Lecht and Joanna Sommer. May God continue to love, bless and keep Zoe always.



"I was reading about eternity on the Internet and accidentally hit 'enter.'"



Did you see the courtyard? The LYO youth are still making progress despite their busy schedules! We have finished putting together our "tree hugger" bench and have begun to lay the pavers in front of the doorways. Keep watching.....there's more to come out there!

Thanks to your generous item and bottle/can donations, our youth group has been able to purchase everything we have needed to redecorate the courtyard thus far. If you have more eBay/Craig's List items for us to sell, kindly see Karen Rose or call her at 774-1228. Thank you again for your ongoing support!

Other events for our youth that are coming up are: Western New York's Premier Christian Festival "Kingdom Bound" which will take place August 2-5. Brochures are available on the credenza.

There are several events that are being planned through the Niagara Frontier Conference Lutheran Youth Organization. Look for more information to follow.



Listed below are several current matters which Church Council dealt with at the July meeting.

1. Endorsement of "21 Days of Renewal" initiative.
2. Financial support to Synod and Church wide ministries resumed in June and a second payment authorized.
3. Received report from the Child Care Center Committee regarding adoption of 2009-2010 budget and the completion of the annual performance review of Director.
4. Constitutional matters: Equated "Transition Pastor" title to "Interim Pastor" title. Began work on resolution clarifying Councils role in seating standing committees.
5. Established guidelines for summer outdoor service.



Our website has a new look! Log on to [www.StTimothygrandisland.org](http://www.StTimothygrandisland.org) to see.

Thank you to Tonya Jackson for undertaking the big project.

Women of the  
**ELCA**



WOMEN OF THE UPSTATE NEW YORK  
SYNOD ANNUAL CONVENTION  
OCTOBER 2-4, 2009  
HOLIDAY INN, GRAND ISLAND

A Saturday only registration is available for \$50.00. You must pre-register by using the form found on the bulletin board at church. The morning program includes a Bible study. After lunch, at the hotel or on your own, you have your choice of several workshops.

Workshop topics include:

**Awaking the Dreamer - Changing the Dream** --- What we want the world to be like for our children and grandchildren  
**Discussion based on the book The Shack** - -- You must read the book before attending  
**MOPS, Mothers of Preschoolers** --- Learn about this support group  
**Spiritual & Liturgical Dance** --- Let your body become one with the Spirit  
**Can You Live Without Walmart** --- How to be a smart consumer and a good neighbor  
Make your workshop choices on the Registration Form.

The evening banquet is included in the cost for the day. There will be entertainment at the banquet.

Questions? Please contact Nancy Morth at 773-9187

## **Pink Love Treatment for Women**

The WELCA women along with women of Trinity Methodist have been participating in a program called “Pink Love Treatment for Women Vets” which makes up gift bags containing cosmetic items for the women as they are admitted to Veteran’s Hospital for surgery. Special thanks to all who have provided items for this cause. Items are still needed, so the time line has been extended to August 15.

Items needed for these cheerful pink bags are: toothbrush and paste (medium size), deodorant, hand cream, bar of soap, lip balm, shampoo/conditioner (medium size), hairbrushes, moisturizer cream (medium size). Also needed are pink, white or lavender silk flowers to decorate the bags. If you wish to help, there will be a pink box marked Pink Love in the Narthex.

Your support in this worthwhile cause is most helpful. Thanks so much, Carolyn Doebert.



**St. Timothy’s Now Has A Lending Library located in the Narthex and waiting for you to enjoy!**

**It’s simple... just: Make your selection, then, if it is a book, fill in the sign-out card located on the inside of the back cover and put the card in the white box. For all other items, find the sign-out card for your selection in the black file box (they’re in alphabetical order by title), fill in the sign-out card, and put the card in the white box. That’s all there is to it! You have your selection for one month, at which time, if it has not been returned, you will receive a reminder call to return or renew your item. All items return should be put into the brown box. (Please do not borrow any items from that box until they have been returned to the shelf.) We hope you will use this library often, and we will gladly accept any suitable donations to add to our title selections for your enjoyment! We are still in need of one bookshelf. Please contact Kathy Bates at (773-5327), or the office if you can help out with this request. Thanks!**



