

TIDINGS



St. Timothy Lutheran Church Newsletter

April 2018

A few thoughts:

In the two weeks following Easter we will finish our 6-week Sunday morning study on the book of Job. Packed into the conference room, we have studied, prayed, and talked through the book of the Bible that is not afraid to ask the hard complex questions of life: Why do the righteous suffer? Is God just? What is our relationship to the God of the universe?

If you are looking for clear and concise answers to these questions in the book of Job, you will leave disappointed. If, however, you are willing to dive into the complexities of life, the ineffableness of God, and the poetic allegories of Job then you will find the place from which wisdom comes. And this wisdom teaches us not to seek or demand simple, propositional answers to life's complex questions.

Our journey through Holy Week each year also teaches us this lesson. How does God love us? What would happen if God would come to live with us? Where is God found? These are complex questions, and Holy Week does not give us simple, propositional answers that can be summed up in a second, a minute, or even a day. For our questions, God gives us a week long answer. We are given a holy week where we are not merely told who God is and where salvation lies, we are shown. We are shown what it is like for God to enter into our midst on the back of a donkey; what it is like for God to sit down and wash our feet and dine with us; what it is like for our God to die; what it is like for our God to conquer the powers of sin and death.

These events are not simple, but neither were our questions. And this is Good News. As we travel forth from Holy Week and the joys of Easter, let us do so trusting in the power of our faith to show us words of truth and life even in the complexities that this life brings.



Pr. Daniel Joyner Miller

Monthly Highlights— Mark your calendar



April 1– Easter Sunday– Worship services at 9:00 and 10:30 am

April 5—May 10 Fit4Life exercise class 9:00—10:00 am

April 29– Road Rally– TBA

Tuesday evenings—Yoga class for all levels—5:30 pm

Thursday evenings—Volleyball—7:00 pm

The full April calendar of events is available on the website— [click here](#), .

Health & Wellness

Have you Heard About Young Hearts 4 Life Program?

If you have a child 12-24 yrs of age, did you know?

Dr. Joseph Marek with Advocate Heart Institute has been spearheading a program titled Young Hearts for Life (YH4L). He and a host of volunteers have made it their mission to visit high schools and colleges in the area to perform 12-lead ECGs to screen for cardiac abnormalities. So far this year 14 high school screenings and 2 college screenings have been completed with 18,638 students receiving FREE EKGs and 117 students have required cardiac follow-up. Please read below:

Is a Pre-participation Physical effective in preventing sudden cardiac death?

Dr. Marek has worked closely with Dr. Jonathan Drezner to develop standards for interpreting ECGs in young athletes, the Seattle Criteria that supports what YH4L has been stating for years: **Pre-Participation physicals for high school sports are not sufficient to detect conditions associated with cardiac arrest.**

Energy drinks and risk of Sudden Cardiac Death

In our efforts to protect our young adults from SCD, we encourage ECG screening and emergency action preparation at schools (AEDs, CPR Training, etc). There is always more we can do to ensure the students' safety, including educating and warning kids about their use of energy drinks. Children and teens appear to be at particularly high risk of complications from energy drinks because of their smaller body size, and potentially heavy and frequent use.

Please feel free to contact Dr. Marek at: Drjoemarek@yh4l.org with questions.

Fit 4 Life Training Returns

Thursday Morning 9am-10am, April 5 through May 10

Led by: **DINA KARTSONAS** Exercise Physical Therapist

All ages welcome-**NO CHILD CARE PROVIDED**

Wear comfortable clothing and supportive shoes. Bring a water bottle and invite a friend. Snacks and fellowship to follow.

Finding Christ in your Life—Experiencing God's presence in your life and the world

Pastor David will be leading ***Finding Christ in your Life***, a retreat in daily life that will allow you to:

- Experience inner freedom and joy
- Deepen your relationship with Christ and his church
- Learn new ways to pray and meditate with Scripture
- Become more aware and appreciative of God's action in yourself and the world
- Have greater clarity of mind about your faith
- Discern how God works in your life right now
- Discover your own spirituality
- Experience God's loving mercy personally
- Find a prayer life that best suits your spirit
- Develop a big picture of God's work and will in the world
- Find God in all things

Each week, participants will be given several Scripture passages or other material to meditate on 15-30 minutes each day at home or during breaks in their day. Then, they will gather weekly as a group from 60-90 minutes to review their insights, share graces God has given them through their meditation and discuss what they will be meditating on the following week.

The full retreat program takes 12 weeks, but these will be divided into three four-week segments. The first segment will begin in mid-April. The day and time will be determined based on the needs of those who participate. The future segments will be scheduled in the summer and/or fall, according to the scheduling needs of participants.

Youth Ministries



Sunday School

4/1/18 – NO SUNDAY SCHOOL (Easter – there will be Children's Chapel during the sermon for both Easter services, where the kids will watch an animated movie of the story of Easter)

4/8/18 – Doubting Thomas

4/15/18 – The Great Commission

4/22/18 – The Good Shepherd

4/29/18 – Philip and the Ethiopian

*Save the date: May 20th – Children's Ministry Reception between worship services (10-10:30 am)

LOGOS

4/4/18 – LOGOS/Confirmation Dinner

4/11/18 – Early Believers Share

4/18/18 – Jesus Appears to Disciples

4/25/18 – The Good Shepherd

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*Save the date #2: 5/2/18 – 2nd Grade Preview Night

First Communion

The following second and third graders celebrated their First Holy Communion:

Karson Beallis, Matthew Bemister, Jonny Conway, Jimmy Delgado, Lainey Harris, Tessa Harris, Adam Loos, Trevor Norton, Ryan Perry, Trevor Schmidt, Jackson Schulz, and Annie Wohlfahrt.

Congratulations to you all on this major milestone!

Confirmation

A reminder that Confirmation will be Saturday May 19th at the 5pm service. This month, April, we will meet on the following Wednesdays: April 4, 11, 18, 25.

Road Rally: Following up the success of our Road Rally last year, where we raised close to \$900 for our youth ministries, we will hold this year's Road Rally on April 29th. Sign-ups and information will be available shortly. In the meantime, save that Sunday afternoon on your calendar. You won't want to miss out.

Registration is now open for VBS 2018

VBS is from June 11th – June 15th (9 am to 12 pm).

This year's theme is **Shipwrecked**, where we'll venture onto an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive!

We'll anchor kids in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms.

You can register at the "Kids with CHRIST" table at St. Timothy, or online at <http://www.sttimothylutheran.com/youth/vacation-bible-school/>.

The early bird registration fee is only \$30 per child (**it increases to \$40 per child on May 13th**, so don't delay!).

We need many volunteers to make this week a success (you don't need to have a child participate in VBS to volunteer)! Feel free to invited friends/family/neighbors, as you do not have to be a member of St. Timothy to participate.

High School : APRIL

Sun 1: *Off for Easter Break*

Sun 8: Small Group (6:30-8pm)

Sun 15: Whirly Ball

Sat 22: Service Event

Sun 29: Road Rally

Social Ministry

Bridge Communities

Our current Bridge family is getting ready to graduate from the program and go out on their own. Cashmere and her son will be joining us in worship in April to say "Thank You" and to tell us what this program has meant to her. Watch for announcements as to date and time.

This is the third family that we have assisted in the Bridge Communities program. In preparation for taking on another family, we are asking that you consider providing financial support. We need about \$8,000 to begin the process of starting another family on the road to self-sufficiency. Please prayerfully consider helping with this important ministry. Thanks!

Walk MS 2018

On Sunday, May 6th, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society will host the WALK MS 2018.

This is the MS Society's premiere fundraising event with twelve locations in Illinois alone. I am assisting with organization at the West Suburbs/Naperville walk site, and we are entering the final planning stages to insure that this year's Walk will be the best ever. The Naperville walk site is second only to the Chicago Lakefront location with over 1,500 walkers and volunteers supporting the effort.

Multiple Sclerosis – *MS for short* – is a disease that affects the nervous system. It has been around since at least 1915, and yet we still don't know how people get it or have the cure. I personally was diagnosed with MS over 25 years ago. I not only have experienced the profound and devastating effects of the disease, but I also have seen first-hand the critical support provided by the MS Society. Society programs provide assistance to those diagnosed with MS and sponsor medical research targeted to finding a cure. However, for this important work to continue, we need your help.

At his time, we are requesting assistance in the form of food and beverages for the walkers and volunteers. In addition, on-going corporate sponsorships are welcomed. Please help us by donating to the WALK MS 2018.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Sorensen

Jennifer Sorensen Walk MS 2018
West Suburban/Naperville Site Volunteer (630) 579-4238

SAVE THE DATE

Annual Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast
and Spring blood drive

Saturday, May 5, 7:30—11:30 am

Sharing Connections

Would you like to make a difference in our community? Sharing Connections provides furniture and household items to families coping with a crisis such as domestic violence, returning or homeless veterans, job loss or financial hardship.

Sharing Connections relies on the generosity of the community and is always in need of gently used furniture particularly tables, dressers, sofas and loveseats. For more information on donating, please call [630-971-0565](tel:630-971-0565) or visit Sharing Connections online at WWW.SHARINGCONNECTIONS.ORG

Around St. Timothy

Library Two new books that have been read and enjoyed by several members of our congregation: *To Love and To Cherish* (Book 1) and *To Have and To Hold* (Book 2) by Barbara Edema. The church has never been so fun or funny! If you have ever been in a small town church, you'll love this book. If you haven't been in a small town church, come and meet the people of Loving The Lord Community Church, and their young female pastor, Maggie! Also new: *Space Between Words* by Michele Phoenix. This book has dual story lines. One is the story of Jessica who is dealing with being a victim of the Paris attacks in 2015. The other is the story of Adeline who suffered during France's persecution of the Huguenots in 1695. Humor and warmth mingle with gut punches of emotion and startling revelations.

Green Team news - Books to the rescue! Our book drive is going on now until *the end of May*. Clear your shelves of unwanted books: old textbooks, non-fiction, novels and children's books, both hard and soft covers. NO magazines except *National Geographic*. Books will go to the SCARCE Book Rescue for use by teachers and non-profit organizations or for resale. Old, damaged books will be recycled responsibly.
Thank you for keeping books out of the Landfill!

Women's Book club The small but mighty Wednesday Night Women's Book Group continues to meet at 7 pm in the Serenity Room. In April we will be reading *Small Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng.

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Church Council Highlights– March 20, 2018

Faith Development Committee: Brita DiTola
Council approved a change to the Constitution, C12.21.B07, from *Faith Development Committee* to *Spiritual Life Committee*.

Choir Director search: Pr. David Miller
Ross Berkley would like to step down from Choir Director position. Council approved the creation of a search committee for part-time position of pianist/organist/choir director. Committee to be composed of Katie Andrade and two members of the Chancel Choir, chosen by the Chancel Choir.

Financial Reports: Bill Wilson and Kim Huebner
Giving during the month of February was \$41,136 (v. \$38,807 projected). YTD giving is \$99,551. Cash reserves are \$132,337 as of 2/28/18

Technology: Derek Howell
Setting up a guest PC in office. New board and microphones for *Ignite*. New wireless in the Education wing. New phones installed in the offices. New wall mount and data cable installed on TV in Conference Room. Researching SDI cabling for video and all necessary cabling to move *Ignite* mixer cart to side and/or middle aisle.

Property: Brad Stutesman
Roofing – met with 4 roofing bidders. Parking lot – plan to patch the potholes ourselves once the temperatures warm up. HVAC – 2 bids for semi-annual preventative maintenance.

Copies of the complete meeting minutes are available on the Council section of back wall of the narthex.

Prayers

We invite you to lift up members of our congregation in prayer. Each week, a number of families will be listed in *Tidbits* and prayed for during worship. The following are on the prayer list for APRIL

Julie & Israel Ramirez
Seth and Ethan

Kira & James Minadeo
James, Avery and Cole

Claude Groves & Jan Miller

John & Janet Waller
Jensine

Jeff & Janet Zavoral
Sarah and Eric

Joe & Janice Dulemba

Bruce & Jann Everhart

Brian & Jayne Vickery

Lou & Jeni Pastors
Jake and Abby

Jim & Jennifer Mowen
Niklas and Sydney

Tim & Jennifer Sorensen
Amanda

Tom & Jenny Lemmons
Savannah and Maddie

Steven & Jillian Brodt
Beckett

Katie & Jim Andrade
Aylssa

Martha and Jim Nilles
Cassidy, Callan and Kelsey

Dave & Joanne Katschke