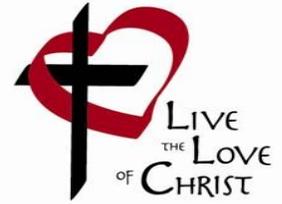


# TIDINGS



St. Timothy Lutheran Church Newsletter

JULY 2018

## See yourself, see Jesus

There is almost no subject about which Scripture is clearer than about how we should treat the alien and the refugee, the stranger and the oppressed. Again and again, Jesus with all of Scripture, invites, no, *he commands us to see ourselves in the face of those who suffer.*

He goes even further: "See me," he says; "*see my face* in the faces of those who suffer."

He calls us to an action of moral and biblical imagination in which we see him ... and perhaps our own children and grandchildren ... in the faces of the alien and refugee, including those pressing on the southern border of the United States.

It is utter sacrilege for *anyone* to try to use Scripture and Christian tradition to suggest that we should act with anything less than compassion toward those innocents who come to our country seeking shelter and asylum.

We know this. It is written in our DNA as Christians, and it is certainly deeply engraved in the DNA of St. Timothy Lutheran Church. We are at our best when we care for the homeless at Hesed or through Bridge Communities, when we resettle a refugee family, as we did this year, and as we carry out ministries of compassion for those who have less, such as neighborhood families through Mill Street Cares.

It is in this light that the Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, along with thousands of other national church leaders, cried out against separating families of those who have crossed into the United States seeking asylum.

Political solutions must be hammered out to resolve our nation's long-standing immigration issues, but separating families, traumatizing and incarcerating children cannot be part of the solution.

And we, as Christians, must not separate ourselves from the public and political processes that affect these children and their families. We must continue to listen to the needs of these families, to legitimate national security concerns and to the voice of Jesus: "As you did to one these little ones ... you did it to me."

Contact me for ways to be involved in responding to the needs of refugee families. Or, pick up the two the articles on the welcome desk in the narthex: "Refugees: Faithful response to the current crises," and "Suffer the Little Children."

Pr. David L. Miller



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## Monthly Highlights— Mark your calendar!

**July 8**—Pet Blessing Sunday at Worship in the Woods, 8:00 am in Burlington Park

**July 12** Lunch Bunch - Braconi's at noon

**July 14—21** Camp Noah in LaGrange, TX

**July 24 & 25** Hesed House

Mark your calendar for the All church picnic on **Sunday, Aug. 26**

## **Worship and music**

### **Worship in the Woods continues *Sundays, 8:00 a.m.***

Burlington Park, Naperville, is the site for Sunday Worship in the Woods again this year. The site is tucked into a neighborhood and very quiet, making for a beautiful worship space. From the church, travel south on Mill St. to Jefferson. Turn right (west) on Jefferson and right (north) on S. Parkway Dr., which ends in the park's gravel lot. Bring your dogs, lawn chairs and blankets. We'll provide the bug spray.



### **Pet Blessing Sunday**

Our pets are an important part of our lives and special creatures from God. You will have an opportunity on Sunday, July 8 to bring your pets to our 8am worship in the woods service at Burlington Park, where they will receive a blessing from our pastors. We will also be offering an opportunity at our Saturday 5:00 liturgy, and Sunday at 9:30 for you to light a candle and say a prayer in honor or in memory of a pet. We encourage you to bring in a photo of your pet and place them on the prayer wall in the sanctuary. We hope you can be with us on this very special Sunday, and we'll provide the poop bags!

## **Youth Ministries**



### **VBS**

We had a fantastic time during our Shipwrecked VBS 2018, where we learned in fun and exciting ways how "Jesus Rescues" us through life's challenges (when we're lonely, when we worry, when we struggle, when we do wrong, and when we're powerless). Thank you SO much to our VBS Director Team, staff members, all of our incredible volunteers, and especially the amazing children who made VBS 2018 such a success! You can watch a video of the kids (and adults!) in action during our fun-filled week by visiting St. Timothy's website.

### **Fall Children's Programs**

Keep an eye out for registration and volunteer sign-up information this August for our fall Children's Programs (Sunday School, LOGOS, and our 3-Year-Old/ Third Grade Milestone events).

## Health corner

### [Be Aware of Toxic Substances in Your Home](#)

Poisoning is the [second leading cause of injury related death](#) in the U.S. The Illinois Poison Center fields over 74,000 calls on poisoning exposures each year—nationally, poison centers manage over 2.3 million exposures and more than 90% of all poisonings happen in the home. Many of these poisons are things we all use or come in contact with regularly. Here are the top 5 most toxic substances that are in your house right now:

**Medication.** Drugs/medicine can do wonderful things to improve quality and length of life but can also be very dangerous in the wrong amount, or in the wrong person. 91% of unintentional poisoning deaths are due to drugs and medications, [according to the Center for Disease Control](#). The type of medication that causes the most deaths, far and away, is prescription pain medications (opioids).

**Drain Opener.** Drain openers are dangerous because they are caustic. A caustic substance can cause significant chemical burn injury to any body tissue it comes in contact with—eyes, skin, mouth or lungs. A small sip of these products can cause serious damage to the tissues of the esophagus, stomach and intestines.

**Windshield Washer Fluid (methanol).** If you own a car, chances are you have a big jug of this in your garage (or trunk). Ingestion of 3-6 ounces of this bright blue fluid without treatment can be fatal to an adult. Even less can cause permanent blindness. Antifreeze—another garage-lurking poison—contains ethylene glycol, which is a cousin to methanol and is also very toxic.

**Rust Remover/Wheel Cleaner.** Specifically containing hydrofluoric acid. Once it gets into the body (by ingestion, skin exposure, or inhalation), the fluoride in this acid binds up the calcium in your body so it is not available to perform other important things it needs to do in your body...such as allowing your heart to continue to beat.

**Carbon Monoxide (CO).** CO binds to your red blood cells and prevents them from carrying oxygen to your tissues. [Carbon monoxide](#) is produced from the combustion (burning) of carbon based substances (wood, paper, natural gas, gasoline, coal, cloth, etc.). If you have a gas-powered furnace, oven, clothes dryer or a fireplace, your home is producing carbon monoxide. If these appliances are faulty or ventilated improperly, CO poisoning can result. House fires and car exhaust also produce carbon monoxide. CO is odorless, colorless and tasteless and because of this is known as 'the silent killer'! This is why a functioning CO detector is so important.

### **Tips to keep safe:**

Never take more medicine than instructed to by your doctor. If you make a mistake with your medicine and take too much, or take the wrong medicine, call the IPC right away at 1-800-222-1222 or your closest Emergency Room.

Don't share medication. If you have pills left you are no longer using, [dispose of them properly](#) and promptly.

To prevent drug interactions, make sure your doctor and pharmacy know **ALL** of the medicines you are taking (including over the counter and herbals).

Always use child resistant caps—but remember, they are **child-resistant**, not **child-proof**. These caps help slow kids down, but it won't stop them altogether.

Store all medications and household products in their original containers away from food products, locked out of sight and reach of children.

Always use cleaners and household chemicals as instructed on the label.

Never mix cleaning products or any household chemicals; toxic gases can result.

Have a working CO detector on every floor in your home; test the unit and replace batteries regularly.

Always call the poison center at 1-800-222-1222 if you think someone may have been exposed to any potentially harmful substance or poison. Our professional experts are here to help, 24-7.

Visit [www.illinoispoisoncenter.org/resource\\_center](http://www.illinoispoisoncenter.org/resource_center) for more poison safety tips!

# Council Highlights from the June 19 meeting

**Financial report:** Kim Huebner

Offering Year-to-date giving through the end of May is \$244,239 which includes gifts made in 2017 for the 2018 operating year Current operating cash reserve, as of May 31, is \$133,233

**New Business:** Pastor Dan

Fall Picnic: Proposal for date of August 26 with 9:30 am service (rent space for day) followed by cook out, games, etc. Sites to consider: Burlington Park or McDowell Woods. Jeff Gross will look into booking a site.

Organist: Lee McGinty officially hired, with a contract signed. Per staff requests, Gwen Holstwill become full time accompanist on Saturday evening. Kirsten Holzauer will move off to 1030 am service. Ross intends to stay through December.

Pastor Dan will be attending confirmation camp next week, and then ELCA youth gathering in Houston.

**Community Development:** Jeff Gross

Beginning work for August 26 picnic, and fall festival September 29. Rally day on September 9, with return to fall schedule.

## Social Ministry

### Counting Miracles: Successes from January-May 2018



## Hesed House

Our next commitment to Hesed House is **July 24 and 25**. Your donations of time and food are what make this ministry work. Thank you!

**YOU made these miracles possible at Hesed House - thank you!**

# Around St. Timothy

**Library Notes:** : Don't forget St Timothy's library when looking for some **Summer Reading.** Books can be checked out for 3 weeks (just fill out a card and drop it in the book return slot). We have lots of great fiction for adults and some fun fiction for youth.

Or try this new non-fiction book: *I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist* (Christian Theology section) Many view religion in general, and Christianity in particular, as unfounded and unreasonable. Norman Geisler and Frank Turek argue, however, that Christianity is not only more reasonable than all other belief systems, but is indeed more rational than unbelief itself. They guide readers through some of the traditional, tested arguments for the existence of a creator God, then move into an examination of the source of morality and the reliability of the New Testament accounts concerning Jesus. The final section of the book deals with a detailed investigation of the claims of Christ. This volume is an interesting read for those skeptical about Christianity, as well as a helpful resource for Christians seeking to articulate a more sophisticated defense of their faith.

**Feed My Starving Children's** Aurora packing site is running a full schedule this summer, but due to summer schedules and vacations, volunteering is down. Do you have a couple hours daytime or evening? Come and pack with us! Groups of any size are welcome. Please sign up for your desired session at <http://www.fmcs.org>. Children around the world thank you!

## **NAMI - YOU can help!**

Kathie Beggs, is scheduling volunteers to provide a meals for NAMI, the National Alliance of the Mentally Ill. The first Wednesday of each month volunteers deliver a meal for those served by NAMI at the Rubin Center on Jackson St. We need volunteers to provide a meal once every three months. The recipients come for dinner, which is often the best they have all week.

The meal consists of a large simple lettuce salad, a Costco type birthday cake, and an entree, which is a specific recipe for shepherd's pie each month. Please contact Kathie at 630-334-0775 call/text.

**Are you hungry for food and fellowship?** Then mark your calendars! The Lunch Bunch is planning an outing **Thursday, July 12** at Braconi's in the Pradel Room. We will gather at 12pm for a buffet lunch and then spend time "catching up" and discuss some "fact finding" information. If you plan on attending, please email me [krunge@sttimothy.lutheran.com](mailto:krunge@sttimothy.lutheran.com) or call the church office so we can have an approximate number. Oh, and don't forget to invite a friend.

**Wine Group Gathering** **Friday, July 20 6-10 PM** 1201 Chateaugay Ave - Naperville 60540 Contact Kathie Beggs if you have questions (**630-334-0775**). Bring a favorite wine, or beverage of your choice if you are not a wine drinker. Come enjoy some fellowship, food, and fun. Bring an appetizer, side, or dessert. We will provide a main course.

# 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 JULY

Keith Kutay & Martinique Wood  
Larkin, Robert and David

Jake & mary Krawczyk  
Caroling, Robert and David

Schyler & Mary Smith  
Michael, Matthew and Jeremy

Tom & Mary Whitney  
Trenton and Tyler

Paul & mary Jo Felstrup  
Rebecca, Tim and David

Stephanie & Matthew Fry

Jorge & Melissa Doguim  
Laura

Matt & Michelle Bain  
Samantha, Keegan and Desi

Gini & Mickey Valentino

Alex & Molly Harris  
Kally, Bryn, Tess and Lainey

Jim & Nancy Knauft  
Katie and John

Eric & Nancy Storm

Brita & Nick DiTola  
Luciana and Christian

Rick & Nickie Wohlfahrt  
Alexander, Annabelle and Zachery

Ken & Pam Merrihew

Bob & Pat Young

Mark & Paula Anderson  
Joey, Daniel and Caleb

John & Paulette Rizek  
Suzanne

Ron & Peggy Hiltz

Steve Scheinpflug

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS: All church picnic will be Sunday, Aug. 26 this year.**

Watch for more details in coming weeks.