

The Epistle

October 2022

SHARING GOD'S LOVE
TOGETHER

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This month is a time of both old traditions and new experiences. School is back in session and life's tasks seem to pile up far too quickly. Sports schedules are busy as we wait for game days when we can cheer on our favorite teams. Kids dream about their costumes for the best candy day of the year, and families gather around the dining room table to carve pumpkins. Meanwhile, we at St. Tim's continue to wait: to wait for the next steps in the interim process, to wait for our annual meeting (which will occur 10/30), and to wait for what life has in store. It is a time of well-practiced habits and a time of delicious opportunity.

As we live with both the familiar and the unfamiliar, we often find ourselves simultaneously yearning for "what used to be" while also looking forward in hope. When we treasure traditions, we can use the memories as times to remember and as occasions that can help us become more aware of how God works in our lives.

Remember back to the magical memories of Halloween experiences gone by – think about what it was like to stroll through the pumpkin patch and select just the right pumpkin. What was the weight? The size? Was it uniform or strangely shaped? Were there flaws or did you seek out the 'perfect' pumpkin? Silly as it might sound, these orange-laden memories can serve as a pathway to spiritual growth and discernment.

Like a pumpkin, each of us has plenty of "yucky stuff" inside – secrets, scars, emotional wounds, resentments, and unforgiven wrongs done to us or by us. These insides can affect how we look on the outside. They can affect the shape of our lives and whether or not we are able to balance upright. The insides can cause us to rot from the inside out or cause us to incorporate our unique experiences into our lives.

When a pumpkin is cut open, surprises emerge as the bruises on the inside are more apparent than they are on the outside. The thickness of the skin surprises us – the pumpkins we thought would be vulnerable actually appear to be resilient and the pumpkins that appeared so tough are actually fragile. The pumpkins with bruises and wounds actually make it through the Halloween festivities without much ado, and they do so with their marks of individuality. These marks can disfigure them, or the marks can make them a beautiful and one-of-a-kind creation. The choice is up to how the carver and the pumpkin come together to create something new from the bruises.

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As we carve away the veneers we hide behind, we discover complexity. Circumstances of life occur, and we are faced with difficulties and challenges. If we are lucky and if we are open to God, we find ourselves amazed by the resilience we receive from the Spirit.

As we celebrate Halloween this month, wear your costumes and enjoy the festivities. Laugh and live fully. Enjoy life! And when Halloween has come and gone, remember that God can carve amazing creations out of the bruised pumpkins, out of the seemingly perfect pumpkins, and out of each one of us.

St. Timothy Foundation

Incorporated in 1973, The St. Timothy Foundation was established to enhance and support ministries, special programs, and projects of St. Timothy Lutheran Church, the ELCA, and other charitable organizations within our community.

Each year, The Foundation devotes the Sundays of one month to focus on its mission, structure, and activities. While August is traditionally St. Timothy Foundation Month, this year it will take place during the month of October, and particularly the Sundays of October 2 and October 9. Included in these Sundays will be messages pertaining to current fund information, ways in which to contribute to an existing fund, or develop a new one, and benefits of doing so to this church, individuals, and the greater community.

With commitments to encourage growth and responsibly manage its endowment, the Board remains sensitive to the wishes and desires of any donor. As such, we welcome the opportunity to meet with you individually as questions arise, and look forward to being of service.

Congratulations to Adrian Johannsen who is The Foundation's Person of the Year for 2022. Please join us in recognizing her both during and after the service on October 9.

St. Timothy Foundation Board of Trustees

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Calendar for Worship Assistants

Sign up in the office to help

Oct 2022	Nov 2022
<p>October 2, 2022 Usher Lucille Snyder Pires: Altar Care: Assistant Minister: Steve Solomon Cantor(s): Bob & Adrian Johannsen Sound: Jim Helgason Video: Counters: Dee Holland Refreshments: Bob & Adrian Johannsen</p>	<p>November 6, 2022 Usher: Altar Care: Assistant Minister: Cantor(s): Sound: Jim Helgason Video: Counters: Dee Holland Refreshments:</p>
<p>October 9, 2022 Usher: Altar Care: Assistant Minister: Barbara Grace Cantor(s): Sound: Jim Helgason Video: Counters: Dee Holland Refreshments: Foundation</p>	<p>November 13, 2022 Usher: Altar Care: Assistant Minister: Cantor(s): Sound: Jim Helgason Video: Counters: Dee Holland Refreshments:</p>
<p>October 16, 2022 Picnic</p>	<p>November 20, 2022 Usher: Altar Care: Assistant Minister: Cantor(s): Sound: Jim Helgason Video: Counters: Dee Holland</p>
<p>October 23, 2022 Usher: Lucille Snyder Pires Altar Care: Assistant Minister: Carrie Hoerauf Cantor(s): Sound: Jim Helgason Video: Counters: Dee Holland Refreshments: Judy Olson</p>	<p>November 27, 2022 Usher: Altar Care: Assistant Minister: Cantor(s): Sound: Jim Helgason Video: Counters: Dee Holland Refreshments:</p>
<p>October 30, 2022 Usher: Lucille Snyder Pires Altar Care: Assistant Minister: Carrie Hoerauf Cantor(s): Sound: Jim Helgason Video: Counters: Dee Holland</p>	

Adult Education after worship to resume!

We are currently discussing Honoring Grief and Coping with Change. St. Timothy's has said goodbye to its pastor and to many beloved members in the last 18 months. We have all lived through the roller coaster of an ongoing pandemic. Grief is a process and an experience of saying goodbye to what was, expressing the sadness and the warm memories, and discovering a new reality. Sometimes, people try to ignore or avoid grief. Others can find themselves "stuck" in grief. Together we will learn about some of the unspoken dynamics of grief and share conversation about how new life and resurrection comes from goodbyes. Grab some coffee and treats in the lounge, then join us in the Education/Music Room at 11:15 on Sundays.

Grief and Coping with Change – 5 weeks together (if you miss a week, that's ok!):

Week One	9/11/22	Overview (definition of grief, types of grief, responses to grief)
Week Two	9/18/22	"Stages" and the emotions of grief
Week Three	10/2/22	Creative coping
Week Four	10/9/22	When grief seems too much
Week Five	10/23/22	New life and a "New Normal," Resurrection

Property Committee

Property Committee will meet on Thursday, October 13 at 9:15 a.m.

Farewell

October will be my final month working for St. Timothy. I have enjoyed meeting every one and I wish you all the best in the future.

Melody Burgess

Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars! Our Annual meeting will be held after worship on 10/30. We will review the 2021 reports and approve the 2022 and 2023 budgets. Please join us for this important meeting.

DRIVERS NEEDED

Get to know our members better by driving them to church. There are several golden girls that can use a lift on Sunday morning. If you can chauffeur, please call Pastor Sandi to volunteer. Thank you.

Would you like to join St. Timothy?

Our congregation would like to welcome our regular visitors and friends to join the congregation. Are you interested in doing so? Please speak to Pastor Sandi to find out more!





St. Tim's and St. Phil's October-fest Picnic

October 16th from 11 AM -2 PM

Casanova Oak Knoll Park
735 Ramona Avenue, Monterey
(Corner of Ramona and Euclid)

Music by Justice on keyboard & Bob Johannsen on trumpet



Please bring a dish to share

Burgers, Dogs, Drinks, and paper goods will be provided

RSVP by Sunday, October 9th
Barbara Battcher: 372-5030
Lucille Snyder-Perez: 883-2949

Volunteers needed to set-up, cook, and clean-up

Bring your lawn chairs, outdoor games, board games, and playing cards for a fun time.

Prayer Ventures

Prayer Ventures will no longer be published in the Epistle.
They may be found at:

<https://www.elca.org/Resources/Prayer-Ventures>

Dear Timothians,

Thank you so much for you love and support in this very difficult time for me. Coming to St. Tim's and being with you 9by phone, mail, tech mail, or even in person) is one more place I feel God's Love so strongly.

It keeps me.

I pray I can, with God's Guidance, give and give and receive; and that those of us who need an "atta-guy or girl, or???" will let us at St. Tim's know! (I think that's all of us.) Dare I say that sometimes we Lutherans (as well as others) think asking for help is weakness or a sin...Oh Dear!

I am looking forward to celebrating Tom's life with those of you who desire and are able to do so on Sunday, October 23, 2022 at 2:00 pm at church with fellowship (that means food) and story time to follow downstairs.

Again and again... many thanks for all your love!

Ida Barber

October 2022

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2 Worship 10:00 am Adut Education 11:15 am	3	4	5	6	7	8
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16 BBQ	17	18	19 Bible Study 2 pm	20	21	22
23 Worship 10 am Adut Education 11:15 am Barber Memorial 2:pm	24	25	26 Bible Study 2 pm	27	28	29
30 Worship 10:00 am	31					



Hoerauf, Carrie

October 2

Logan, Connor

October 5

Love-Sudduth, Deborah

October 21