



# The St. Tim Tidings!

January 2011 • News for members & friends of St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Hendersonville, TN 37075

*From the Pastor...*

The beginning of this month is packed for the people of St. Timothy. January 2<sup>nd</sup> we welcome Bishop Gordy to our parish for the Ordination of Matt Steinhauer to the Office of Word and Sacrament ministry. This is a truly joyous event and one which has been a long time coming!! The service will be at 3:00 PM Sunday afternoon - Bishop Gordy will preach and preside at table - supported by a cast of assisting ministers.

For those of you who have known Matt over the years, this comes as no surprise! Matt certainly has all of the gifts and talents one looks for in a candidate for the Office. This is a public declaration, if you will, for something that many of us have known. Mr. Matt will now be called Pastor Matt. The inner call and the outer Call of the congregation come together in the rite of Ordination. The signs and symbols of the office are all present. It is obvious to everyone that Matt is now Pastor Matt.

That is January 2<sup>nd</sup>. But what about the other event? January 6<sup>th</sup> is The Epiphany of our Lord. This, too, is a public declaration - a "making manifest" something which many had known. Epiphany often gets short shrift as it is sandwiched in between Christmas and Lent/Easter. However - this is a powerful season in its own right.

Throughout Epiphany, the public - the outer - the obvious is extolled and lifted up. The public ministry of Jesus commences. Miracles - baptism - big ticket items come one after another. All setting the stage for the drama of Lent/Easter. This year Easter is late, so Epiphany expands to fill more time than usual. Use this time to soak in the wonder that is Epiphany.

On January 6<sup>th</sup>, we will gather for worship here at St. Timothy. I realize that it is a Thursday night - but we gather to mark the Feast of The Epiphany of our Lord. We will use Marty Haugen's work - "Unfailing Light." The service will be at 7:00 PM. Alas, the Bishop will not be here, but we'll try to muddle through!

I think it is highly appropriate that soon to be Pastor Steinhauer chose January 2<sup>nd</sup> for his Service of Ordination. The proximity to January 6<sup>th</sup> is perfect. This public declaration does, indeed, make manifest and obvious, something that many of us have known for years. The outer Call does, indeed, match the inner Call. The Church receives a gifted worker... and the people of God here and at Faith, Lebanon rejoice (them probably more than us)!

Happy Ordination.... and Happy Epiphany!

Pr. Groce



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*A Community in Faith of the Evangelical  
Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)  
and the Stephen Ministry*

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Sherrie Meyers<sup>2</sup>

Michele Owens<sup>2</sup>

Sonya Schewe<sup>2</sup>

Mike Stone<sup>2</sup>

Cynthia Barnette<sup>3</sup>

Ginny Gauerke<sup>3</sup>

Steve Luther<sup>3</sup>

Gary Meyer<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> one-year term    <sup>2</sup> two-year term

<sup>3</sup> three-year term

St. Timothy Activities

Weekly schedule

Worship: Sat. 5:30 P.M.

Sun. 8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

Sunday School: 9:30—10:15 A.M.

Office hours: 8:30 a.m.— 2:30 p.m. M–F

Sunday School classes

Sun. 9:30–10:15 A.M.

**Nursery:** Up to age 3

Preschool class—Room 10

K–1st grade—Room 7

2nd–3rd grade—Room 4

4th–5th grade—Room 2

**Youth (6th–12th grade)**

6th Bible Immersion—Lutherland

7th–8th—Bean Bag Room

9th—High school—Room 3

**Adult class**—Room 1

**Prayer Cafe**—Fellowship Hall

Other groups

**Men's Bible Study**

**Women's Bible Study**

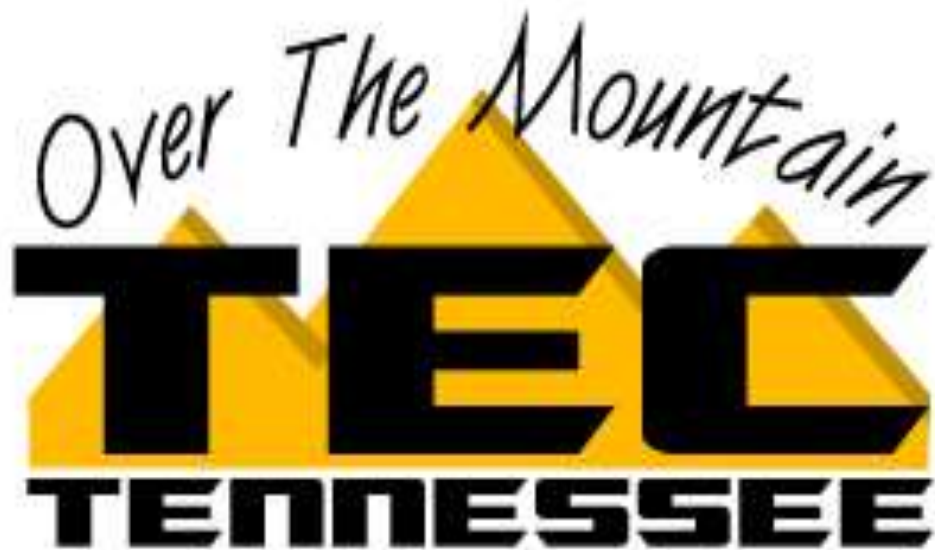
**Searchers**

**Intercessory Prayer Circle**



St. Timothy  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**OTM TEC#19 (Over the Mountain – Teens Encounter Christ)**

**Calling all 15 – 21 year olds!**

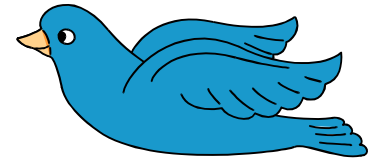
**Information and Applications are in the Senior High Youth  
Room...or see Steve or Cheri Glor**

**January 15 – 17, 2011 – Martin Luther King Weekend**

**Camp Carson Springs, Newport, TN - ROAD TRIP!!!**

**Sign up soon – spaces fill up fast! There's a good chance we  
will see snow!**

## BLUEBIRDS:



Did you know that, as a group, we do considerable outreach?

In 2010 we:

Provided a substantial donation to Pastor's discretionary fund,

Provided meals and support during Don Pearce's illness and death,

Provided meals for the Bretts during the last weeks of his life,

Delivered poinsettias to our shut-in members at Christmas,

Donated about 40 boxes of cereal to Guild Elementary for their needy children, and

Provided KP duty after Wednesday night suppers.

AT THE SAME TIME, HAVING FUN AND ADVENTURES.

JOIN US!



# SAINT TIMOTHY SENIOR HIGH



# BOWL-MANIA

**Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup> @ 2 PM**

**Hendersonville Strike & Spare**

in Family Fun Center • 640 West Main Street

**\$9.00 per person**

includes 2 hours of bowling + shoe rental

**Needed**

Sr. High Youth Who Like To Have Fun  
Adults To Drive Them From St. Timothy  
To Bowling Alley And Back

Sign-Up Sheet in Narthex Starting Jan 16<sup>th</sup> - Deadline is Feb 6<sup>th</sup>

**Questions? Call Claire Fisher @ (615) 374 - 9533**



**The Offering envelopes are in your church mailbox. If you did not receive your please contact Karen See.**



We are running low on ELW's (the Red book) for the sanctuary. Please consider purchasing one for \$22.50 or making a contribution, honorarium or memoriam to help build our supply. Just use the note section of your check to let us know which type of contribution you are making so that we can have a book plate added to the inside cover.

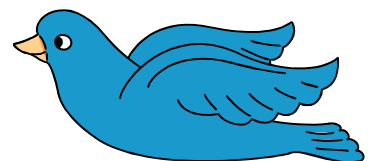


#### CHURCH DIRECTORY

A new directory has been completed and there are copies in the narthex. Any changes that were given to the office were included in the new directory. If there are any changes/additions/or deletions that need to be made please email or call the office with them 824-6244 or [stinfo@sttimothyonline.org](mailto:stinfo@sttimothyonline.org)

#### **BLUEBIRDS - Tuesday, January 11th**

**Join us for lunch at the Lakeview Grill and Cafe, 476 W. Main St., Hendersonville at 11:30. We will collect a small donation for our entertainer. Call Faye, 851-3503, by Jan. 9th.**



# *Women's Bible Study*

Happy New Year All St Timothy Church Women and Friends. We will resume our study sessions in January studying *The Mockingbird Parables* by Matt Litton. The book is available at Amazon.com for \$10.19 paper back and \$8.59 Kindle version. The exact date will be set soon. Please feel free to join our group and invite your friends. You can email or call Sandy Schissler if you will be interested: [sandraschissler@comcast.net](mailto:sandraschissler@comcast.net) or 615-822-7289. Hope to see you then!!



## **Walking the Sacred Path: An Introduction to Walking the Labyrinth Saturday March 12**

Not sure what our labyrinth is, other than a bunch of bricks embedded into the field behind the church parking lot? Whether you're new to the concept of the mindful contemplative practice of the labyrinth, or you're a seasoned labyrinth walker, we invite you to join us on a Lenten journey as we examine the various paths to spirituality that each member of the community of Christ embarks upon. Our "kick-off" (or should we say, "walk-off") will begin on Saturday, March 12, 3pm in Classroom #3 (downstairs). Monica Weber and Karen Kral will offer you a brief overview of the history of the labyrinth, which is a path to spiritual insight that dates back to ancient times. You'll learn the ins and outs of walking the labyrinth for your personal journey and receive suggestions on how to make your own labyrinth experience meaningful and prayerful, including a diagram for a "labyrinth walk in your mind" if you wish to join the journey without actually walking the path. After this info, anyone who is interested can walk the labyrinth and then come together briefly to share insight, before heading inside to the 5:30 Saturday evening worship. Pastor Groce's Wednesday night Lenten series is entitled, "Solvitur Ambulando" which means, "It is solved by walking." We hope you'll join us for this introduction to the concept of labyrinth practice, which can be an especially powerful Lenten discipline. Please sign up on the Kiosk, and if you can't attend this event, but would like to attend a future labyrinth walk, let us know. Questions: Karen Kral or Monica Weber



*A Note from Lisa....*

**Psallam Spiritu et Mente**

“Sing with the Spirit and with the understanding also.” 1 Cor. 14:15

During December, many church musicians (and others) are so busy preparing Advent and Christmas music that we forget to celebrate Christmas until it’s all over, when we can relax. That’s why I find myself enjoying Christmas music beginning in January and lasting, sometimes, until March. By then it’s time for The Annunciation that Gabriel made to Mary (March 25<sup>th</sup>), and I’m feeling really good about getting into the ‘Christmas Spirit’ early.

In light of that, I share a favorite poem by Herbert S. Brown for you to contemplate well into the New Year:

*The Holy Boy*

Lowly, laid in a manger, with oxen brooding nigh,  
The heavenly babe is lying, his maiden mother by.  
Lo! the wayfaring sages, who journeyed far through the wild,  
Now worship, silent adoring, the boy, the heavenly child - the heavenly child.  
Leave your work and your playtime, and kneel in homage and prayer,  
The Prince of Love is smiling asleep in his cradle there!  
Bend your heart to the wonder, the birth, the mystery mild,  
And worship, silent adoring, the boy, the heavenly child - the heavenly child!  
Dim the light of the lantern, and bare the mean abode,  
Yet gold and myrrh and incense proclaim the Son of God.  
Lowly laid in a manger by virgin undefiled,  
Come worship, silent, adoring, the boy the heavenly child.  
The heavenly child!

Happy Advent, Merry Christmas, and a glad New Year,  
Lisa 🎵



# NEWS FROM F.L.Y.

(Fellowship of Lutheran Youth - grades 6, 7 and 8)

*HERE IS OUR WINTER SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:*

**JANUARY** - January 23rd, 5p-7p, Bowling @ Strike & Spare

COME JOIN US FOR ALL OF THE FUN! If you have any questions, or want to be added to our e-mail list please be sure to contact Mrs. Motz at [jgmotz@bellsouth.net](mailto:jgmotz@bellsouth.net).

## SR HIGH ACTIVITIES

**Wednesday Night Bible Study @ Daren's**

Movie Night

TEC - Teens Encounter Christ

Pancake Breakfast

Youth Sunday

More details on these events will be discussed in Sunday School and Bible Study with texts and/or emails to follow.

## Wonderful Wednesdays Schedule for January

**This children's ministry program follows Tim's Kids Choir (which meets from 5:00 to 5:45 p.m.) and dinner (fast food) for the Tim's Kids Choir and Wonderful Wednesday kids (from 5:45 to 6:10 p.m.) We begin at 6:10 and finish at 7:00 p.m.**

Here is our schedule for January:

### **No WW on January 5th (school's still out)**

January 12th      Physical games

January 19th      Snowman craft

January 26th      Game night Bring you favorite board games

L4LL

No L4LL on January 2nd

Come join us on Wednesdays from 6:10 to 7:00 p.m. **REMEMBER** - we follow the Sumner County School calendar; when they are closed, so are we!



Bringing HOPE to the children of Haiti  
one bowl of rice and beans at a time.

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## News from Trinity/HOPE

Trinity/HOPE is blessed to have support in this congregation for its feeding programs for the hungry children in Christian Schools in Haiti. Each month we provide an article (as below) which can be published in church newsletters to aid in updating and keeping our supporters current on our programs.

As an adult I find joy in watching my children open their gifts and can only imagine the feeling that our Heavenly Father experienced when He gave us Jesus. I imagine there were tears but also a smile because this precious gift, this priceless gift would mean so much to each of us. The world that we live in would sometimes rather forget that gift and place more importance on purchasing more gifts before Christmas when prices are high and then again after Christmas when the bargains are out. That is what our world would have you and I dwell upon.

While with a Trinity/HOPE team in Northwestern Haiti in October, I was blessed to see three examples of what is really important to Him and not to this world. Two of the team, Beckie Rathke and Quincy Koll took some really wonderful photographs of children in the feeding program there. I have been blessed to visit countless feeding programs in Haiti over the years but there are photos of children's expectant faces, praying before their meal and enjoying the gift you give that are just totally special and memorable. You truly cannot imagine how genuine that prayer of thanksgiving means to them and to Him. Seventy percent of these children didn't eat at home the night after school or the morning before school.

Another photo showed a girl clutching her bowl of beans and rice as if it were the most priceless gift she had ever received. If you are not eating dinner or breakfast, it is.

The world may not fully understand why we feed these children in Haiti. Sure they see it as a good humanitarian gesture. But it is much more than that. We physically strengthen and nourish them as they learn about our Heavenly Father who gave the most precious gift. Giving sets us free, while clutching possessions to ourselves entraps us. Giving changes the lives of others while blessing both them and us. Giving stores up treasures in Heaven rather than here on the earth.

A dollar will feed four children; twenty five dollars will feed one hundred children; be a blessing for one of the least of these. May God be with you and continue to bless you with abundant providence as you give back to His children.

Jay Brinkmeyer, Christ Lutheran Church, Lincoln, NE

## MATT'S ORDINATION

One of my Christmas gifts from our son was a T-shirt with the following words:

*De ordine Ecclesiastico docent,  
quod nemo debeat in Ecclesia  
publice docere aut sacramenta  
administrare, nisi rite vocatus.  
---Confessio Augustana XIV*

Here are two official translations of Article 14, first from the GERMAN text and second from the LATIN text of the Confessio Augustana, the Augsburg Confession, the chief Lutheran confessional statement:

XIV. ORDER IN THE CHURCH

It is taught among us that nobody should publicly teach or preach or administer the sacraments in the church without a regular call.

XIV.ECCLESIASTICAL ORDER

Our churches teach that nobody should preach publicly in the church or administer the sacraments unless he is regularly called.

*THE BOOK OF CONCORD: THE CONFESSIONS OF THE...LUTHERAN CHURCH,  
Fortress Press, Philadelphia, © 1959, p 36 (top half and bottom half of page)  
(Wording of German and Latin texts is NOT exactly identical.)*

**Current English language usage understands “administer” as “presides at.”**

*Side comment: Augsburg Confession (Confessio Augustana)  
Book of Concord (Concordia) ----  
reasons Lutheran colleges have names of  
Augsburg, Augustana, and Concordia.*

## WHAT IS MEANT BY “THE CALL?”

For those of us who have gone through this and for those of you who will experience this in the future, “the call” has several dimensions.

I must insert that which dimension is regarded as most important and significant to a candidate and to church representatives is influenced by variations in theologies, pieties, spiritualities, ethnicities, liturgical emphases, and understandings of Church.

## INNER CALL FROM GOD

The “inner call from God” can come very dramatically.

- A mystical vision accompanied the call of Isaiah in the Temple.
- Drama and loss of sight accompanied the call of Saul / Paul in his charismatic experience on the road to Damascus.
- Fear accompanied Gabriel's announcement to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The “inner call from God” can come in a very ordinary manner.

- “You would be a good pastor” can quietly initiate the inner call to a person.
- One’s parental home and its ambience can instigate the inner call to specific ministry.
- Life in a congregation can influence one to recognize “God’s inner call.”

No matter how the inner call comes, the response becomes, **“Here am I. Send me / Use me.”**

## CALL OF THE CHURCH

The call through the Church involves many individuals and groups:

- Seminaries and faculty      **Candidacy committee of one’s synod**
- Internship Supervisor      Internship congregation and its internship committee

## CALL FROM A CONGREGATION (sometimes SYNOD COUNCIL)

This process is why there is commonly a time lapse between seminary graduation and ordination.

I did NOT experience this time lapse. Ordained in the Augustana Lutheran Church, Swedish component of the LCA / ELCA, we were assigned to our first parish, which at a congregational meeting called the assigned candidate ---- **thus fulfilling “Lutheran requirements.”**

Assignment was partly because ordination of each year’s class took place at the annual national convention (assembly) of the Augustana Lutheran Church. Thus, my class was ordained in Detroit **while the previous year’s class was ordained in Los Angeles.**

## LOCATION OF ORDINATIONS

Variation in location of ordinations continues throughout the ELCA.

In the Southeastern Synod, ordinations take place in congregations.

In the Northern Illinois Synod, most ordinations take place at synod worship services, either at synod assembly or at a synod service in varying locations every three months.

## **MATT’S ORDINATION**

In many respects, Matt was finalizing his decision to pursue actively his response to the “inner call” to ordained ministry during the time that I served St. Timothy as transition pastor. During those eighteen months of my being on St. Tim’s staff, I sensed that Matt would be a wonderful and tremendous pastor. While I was not doing “official internship supervision” as I had for others,

I am very privileged to add Matt’s name to this list of former seminarians:

Steven	Jennifer	Ricky
Ted	Rick	Sue
David	Valdeci	Gerard
Tom	Beth	Rob
David	Ray	Jeff
Martin	Stephen ***	Harold
		<u>Matt Steinhauer</u>

+ *John*

\*\*\* Small world: Stephen was internship supervisor of Paul Meier, son of St. Timothy

# January 2011

## MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE: SATURDAY – 5:30 PM

	<b>SAT., Jan. 8</b>	<b>SAT., Jan. 15</b>	<b>SAT., Jan. 22</b>	<b>SAT., Jan. 29</b>	<b>SAT., Feb. 5</b>
ASSISTING MINISTER	Jim Dineen	David Brau	Jim Dineen	David Brau	Jim Dineen
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	Betty Orsland TBD	John & Mary Frances Gray	Guy & Joyce Clary	Maureen Brau Sarah / Jack Brau	Ed & Sally Kalter

## MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE: SUNDAY – 8:00 A.M.

	<b>SUNDAY, Jan. 9</b>	<b>SUNDAY, Jan. 16</b>	<b>SUNDAY, Jan. 23</b>	<b>SUNDAY, Jan. 30</b>	<b>SUNDAY, Feb. 6</b>
ASSISTING MINISTER	Ron Morgenstern	Jim Dineen	Donna Cornelius	Karen See	Jim Dineen
CANTOR	Sharon Adkins	Carol Roberts	Fred Bacon	Monica Weber	Fred See
CRUCIFER	Teri Brugman	Shirley Hall	Karen See	Jim Dineen	Scott Meyer
ACOLYTE	Sam Brugman	Jeremy Brugman	Colby Bumgarner	Colin Bumgarner	Jake Meyer
TORCH BEARERS	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
LECTORS	Donna Cornelius	Karen See	Fred See	Colleen O'Shields	Illa Peterson
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Sharon Adkins Illa Peterson	Diane Dusso Janel Tucker	Shirley Hall Jim Dineen	Donna Cornelius Monica Weber	Sharon Adkins Illa Peterson
USHERS	Bill Hoffman Karen See	Kristin & Kelly Dineen	Baker & Pat Kirkpatrick Klaudene Gourley	Tim & Carol Webster	Diane & Dick Dusso Dave Mott

## MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE: SUNDAY – 10:30 A.M.

	<b>SUNDAY, Jan. 9</b>	<b>SUNDAY, Jan. 16</b>	<b>SUNDAY, Jan. 23</b>	<b>SUNDAY, Jan. 30</b>	<b>SUNDAY, Feb. 6</b>
ASSISTING MINISTER	John Lekander	Ron Morgenstern	Steve Glor	Fred See	Jack Gregorio
CANTOR	Sharon Adkins	Alyssa Myers	Fred Bacon	Monica Weber	Fred See
CRUCIFER	Steve Glor	Connor LaPointe	Karen Kral	Mike Stone	Kathy Fox
ACOLYTE	Anna Turner Audrey Turner	Courtney LaPointe Caitlin LaPointe	John Trantum Witt Trantum	Alex House Nicole Steen	Carter Davidson Sydney Dohrman
TORCH BEARERS	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
LECTORS	Cindy Davis	Jay Myers	Sue Buckberry	Judy Hobbs	Karen Kral
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Joanne Britt Kathleen Evans	Kristi LaPointe Joline West	Gary & Sherry Freel	Ed & Sally Kalter	Steven & Brenda Parker
USHERS	Gary & Sherry Freel Cody Hunter	Ed & Sally Kalter Jeremy Tingler	Joanne Britt Judy Hobbs Pat Wardell	Steve & Sue Petersen Richard Smith	Gary & Sherry Freel Steve Fox

If you are unable to serve on the date listed it is your responsibility to find your replacement and notify the Church Office for bulletin corrections.

## January 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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8:00 am – Service 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am - Service	3	4	5 11:00a – Intercessory Prayer 6:00p – Bell Choir 7:00p – Adult Choir	6 <a href="#">8:00a – Men's Bible Study</a>	7	8 5:30 pm - Service
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