



# The St. Tim Tidings!

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

## *From the Pastor...*

Lent is almost here - and you will notice some changes. Some of the changes are visual - some are auditory - some are tactile. The season of Lent is designed to engage all of our senses to insure that we are fully engaged and in preparation mode for the Feast of Easter!!

The first change is auditory. We will begin using ELW Setting 5 for our Saturday PM and Sunday AM worship format. The Kyrie remains, but the Hymn of Praise is dropped during Lent. Also, per tradition, the "Alleluia" will leave the Church on Transfiguration Sunday and return on Easter.

The Altar will be reconfigured for the Lenten Season and the Baptismal font will be drained (no Baptisms during Lent). While there is great historical significance behind this tradition... it also affords the Property Committee an opportunity to repair and rework the font! The power of Tradition.

During the season of Lent, we will kneel for the consecration of the elements during Communion. This, too, is a return to a very old custom of the Church. After the Sanctus ("Holy, Holy, Holy") the congregation will kneel (as you are able). If this is too difficult for you, remain standing. This is a posture of prayer and supplication. We kneel in the midst of mystery and prayer is our most appropriate response to the presence of God coming into our midst. We remain kneeling (or standing) through the Lord's Prayer (which is sung intoned during Lent). Then the congregation is seated.

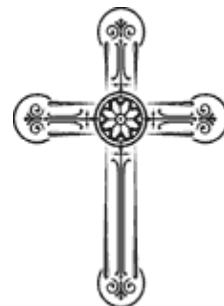
The Administration of Communion will be by intinction (with one chalice of wine and one of grape juice). Following Communion and before the prayer, we will sing the "Nunc Dimitis" - "Now, Lord". This is in keeping with the penitential nature of the season.

Wednesday's in Lent we will gather for Worship at 7:00 PM - using "Unfailing Light" as our order of service and focusing on the Lenten theme of "*Solvitur Ambulando*" - it is solved by walking (taken from St. Augustine). In keeping with this theme, you are invited and encouraged to take advantage of the Labyrinth before or after corporate worship.

The idea is that things added, removed, and changed will help to focus our attention upon the unceasing constant - the presence of God in the midst of the community gathered. I look forward to walking through this Lenten season with you!

God's Peace-

Pr. Lewis Groce



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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**

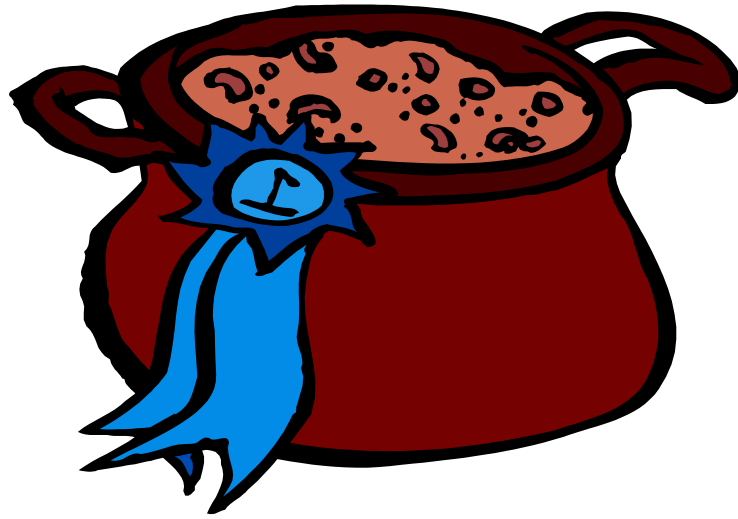
**Women's Bible Study**

**Searchers**

**Intercessory Prayer Circle**



St. Timothy  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
est. 1965



# ANNUAL CHILI COOKOFF

To Benefit Trinity/HOPE

Sunday March 6, 2011, after 2<sup>nd</sup> service

Prizes for  
BEST TASTING  
HOTTEST  
MOST UNIQUE

Sign up on the kiosk to enter chili in  
the contest and to attend

# Lent 2011

The theme for our Lenten Journey this year is “*Solvitur Ambulando*” - “It is solved by walking” taken from St. Augustine. We are highlighting the Labyrinth here at St. Timothy and encouraging you to add walking the labyrinth to your Lenten discipline.

We will gather on Wednesday evenings during Lent for a light meal and worship. Walking the Labyrinth before or after worship would be most appropriate! Dinner is at 5:30 PM and worship is at 7:00 PM. Will be using “Unfailing Light” by Marty Haugen and Susan Briehl for our evening worship.

*“At the close of the day, the Spirit calls us out of time marked by daylight and darkness, measured by clocks and calendars, and gathers us into time welling up from the past, widening toward the future, and welcoming eternity. In every time and place, when the Spirit gathers us around the word and sacrament, Christ crucified and risen comes among us. Our hearts burn as Jesus opens the word and we recognize him in the breaking of the bread. By faith we receive forgiveness, life and salvation as Christ comes to us in his holy supper. After the meal, God blesses us and sends us, nourished, strengthened, and refreshed, back to our clocks and calendars. We go, trusting God to abide with us as darkness deepens and to raise us in the morning as Christ’s body – blest, broken and given for the life of the world.”* (Taken from the Introduction to Unfailing Light)

Our schedule is:

March 9	Ash Wednesday	No dinner / Ash Wednesday Liturgy 7:00 PM
March 16	“Walking in Silence”	Dinner 5:30 PM - Unfailing Light 7:00 PM
March 23	“Walking in Community”	Dinner 5:30 PM - Unfailing Light 7:00 PM
March 30	“Walking in Celebration” (Eucharist)	Dinner 5:30 PM - Unfailing Light 7:00 PM
April 6	“Walking Wet” (Baptism)	Dinner 5:30 PM - Unfailing Light 7:00 PM
April 13	“Walking through Life” (Stewardship of Life)	Dinner 5:30 PM - Unfailing Light 7:00 PM

## Holy Week

## No Dinners during Holy Week

April 20	Stations of the Cross	7:00 PM
April 21	Maundy Thursday	7:00 PM (Liturgy for Maundy Thursday)
April 22	Good Friday	10:00 AM (Children’s Tenebrae) 7:00 PM (Liturgy for Good Friday)
April 23	Holy Saturday	7:00 PM (Easter Vigil - reception of New Members)
April 24	Easter Sunday	8:00 AM; 9:30 AM (family service); 11:00 AM

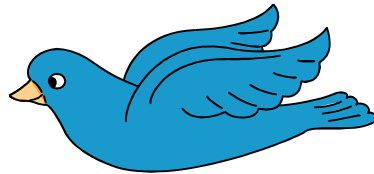
# SAVE THE DATE



The ALF St. Patrick's Day party will be held Saturday March 12 at the home of Dave and Kaye Palmer: 140 Bluegrass Drive in Hendersonville, only a few blocks from the church. The fun begins at 7 pm. All you have to do is wear some green, bring a snack to share and your choice of beverage. Ice and soft drinks will be provided. Plans are for the reigning champs (the men) to finally have to relinquish their trophy to the women in the ever popular Battle of the Sexes game. Come for an evening of fun and fellowship. There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex, closer to the event. The Sr. High Youth will have Babysitting available at the church from 6:30-10:30, a sign up sheet will also be on the kiosk. ALF is Adult Lutheran Fellowship. If you are an adult and you attend St. Timothy's, you are automatically a member. Questions: call the Palmers at 822-0180.



# Bluebirds



**St. Patrick's Day Luncheon  
Fellowship Hall  
March 8th @ 11:30**

**\$10.00 per person**

**Call Faye, 851-8503, by 3/6 to attend.**



## **CELL PHONES FOR SOLDIERS**

To a military family with a spouse serving overseas, a phone call home is priceless but can cost \$7 to \$8 dollars a minute. Cell Phones For Soldiers will take our old cell phones for recycle, and **each donated old cell phone will provide a 60 minute prepaid calling card for our troops** stationed in Afghanistan, Iraq, and other overseas locations and aboard ships to call home. Cell Phones For Soldiers is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization with a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator. We have already received a dozen cell phones from our congregation members.

Just drop off your (family, neighbors, friends) old cell phones in the box under the CareForTheTroops bulletin board in the Narthex. We will submit them for calling cards designated to the troops of specific Tennessee National Guard and Reserve units serving tours overseas. If you have a specific individual or unit you wish a prepaid calling card be sent to for your donated phone(s), provide the name and address of the individual/unit with your cell phone and we will forward that information on to the Cell Phones For Soldiers. What a great way to help our troops with items we are going to discard anyway. ([www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com](http://www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com)).

Dear Saint Timothy Community,

The Long Range Planning Committee is requesting input from the St. Timothy Community/ Congregation regarding the future plans of our current facility and/ or the possibility of re-locating. This survey may seem familiar from the last Survey completed in 2007, but with the transitional phase that began not long after the survey was taken, Long Range Planning feels the survey needs to be retaken to find out the interest of the congregation regarding these important issues.

In this March issue of the Tidings you will find a copy of a Congregation Survey for Property and Facilities. It consists of 17 questions that need to be answered so results can be tallied and presented back to the congregation.

To take the survey on line please copy and save the document and then proceed to answer the questions. Once completed you may return as an attachment to the church secretary in an e-mail. ([stinfo@sttimothyonline.org](mailto:stinfo@sttimothyonline.org)).

If unable to complete on line, please print off a blank copy of the document, fill it out and bring with you on Saturday evening or Sunday morning and deposit in the box provided in the Narthex, located between the two wing back chairs in the corner.

If none of these options work for you there will be blank copies available in The Narthex at the above mentioned location where the collection box will be located.

We will need all completed surveys and returned by Monday, March 21.

This is a St. Timothy Community decision, so everyone's participation in this survey is requested, to help determine the correct path to follow.

Thank you for your consideration and participation.

Regards,

The Long Range Planning Committee

# Congregation Survey for Property and Facilities

Use the following numbers for scoring, please rate the categories as they pertain to you and your concerns for the future of St. Timothy Lutheran Church and its ministries:

#1 Extremely Important    #2 Somewhat Important    #3 Neutral or Undecided

#4 Somewhat Unimportant    #5 Not Important at all

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- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ Worship space (Sanctuary, Narthex, etc.)
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ Administrative space
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ Meeting and conference space
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_ Educational space (Sunday School)
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_ Need for family activity center (gym, track, fitness center)
- 6) \_\_\_\_\_ Space for congregational fellowship
- 7) \_\_\_\_\_ Kitchen facilities
- 8) \_\_\_\_\_ Restroom facilities
- 9) \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap accessibility (including elevator) – compliance with ADA act
- 10) \_\_\_\_\_ Parking
- 11) \_\_\_\_\_ Physical location of property
- 12) \_\_\_\_\_ Space for community outreach activities
- 13) \_\_\_\_\_ General access to parking and church location
- 14) \_\_\_\_\_ Need for a church school (K-12)
- 15) \_\_\_\_\_ Need for congregational transportation (Bus)
- 16) \_\_\_\_\_ Space for daycare/preschool (TOTS)
- 17) \_\_\_\_\_ Need for nursery space

Please list any items or concerns not covered by the above categories. \_\_\_\_\_

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Thank-you, The Long Range Planning Committee: Randy Schewe, chair  
Members: Blair Butz, Ginny Gauerke, Jeff King, Barbara Savage, Mike Wessel

# SUNSHINE GIRLS CIRCLE

## A NEW BIBLE STUDY GROUP IS BORN

We welcome the **Sunshine Girls Circle** to the list of **Bible Study Groups** here at **St. Timothy**. They will be meeting on the **1st and 3rd Tuesdays** of each month at **11:00 AM** in **Fellowship Hall**, with the option of going out to lunch after the gathering on the **3rd Tuesday**. They are beginning their studies with some of the women of the Bible, with the **Book of Ruth** as their concentration for **March 1st**. Anyone interested in joining them can just come on the **1st**. Or for more information contact **Judy Hobbs** or **Karen Kral**.



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

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. On Saturday, March 12, 3:00pm in Classroom #3 (downstairs) Monica Weber 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. Thanks to Tim Webster and his committee there will hopefully be steps installed making access to our labyrinth much easier. After this info, anyone who is interested can walk the labyrinth. For those who can not actually walk the labyrinth there will be a finger labyrinth available to use while sitting outside in the presence of those actually walking. We will 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."

Should it be raining or the labyrinth is muddy from a recent rain the rain/mud date is Saturday, March 19th at 3:00pm and "Walking the Sacred Path" will be lead by Karen Kral.

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



## Sunday School Winter Party 2011

A fun time was had by everyone who attended our winter party for the K-6 Sunday school kids.



# Thank You

To my St. Timothy Family:

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for your prayers, cards and words of comfort and support during my recent surgery.

Don Drake

## *A Note from Lisa....*

Psallam Spiritu et Mente

March is the time for great happenings in the church everywhere in all times. We have 'King Cake' for Carnival/Mardi Gras 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, ashes on Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup>, St. Joseph's feast day (step father of Jesus) the 19<sup>th</sup>, The Annunciation on the 25<sup>th</sup>, when the archangel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would become the mother of Jesus Christ the Son of God. You'll notice how Joseph has 'his day' before the crazygood things begin to happen. Then, there's the really great day. The twenty-first.

March 21, the birthday of the big J -  
Johann Sebastian Bach. Who else!

Nearly three-fourths of his 1,000 compositions were written for use in worship. Between his musical genius, his devotion to Christ, and the effect of his music, he has come to be known in many circles as the "Fifth Evangelist".

When he was 48, Johann Sebastian Bach acquired a copy of Luther's three-volume translation of the Bible. He pored over it as if it were a long-lost treasure. He underlined passages, corrected errors in the text and commentary, inserted missing words, and made notes in the margins. Near [1 Chronicles 25](#) (a listing of Davidic musicians) he wrote, "This chapter is the true foundation of all God-pleasing music." At [2 Chronicles 5:13](#) (which speaks of temple musicians praising God), he noted, "At a reverent performance of music, God is always at hand with his gracious presence. Albert Schweitzer described Bach as "a Christian who lived with the Bible". He was a theologian who just happened to work with a keyboard.

Some will be happy to know that Bach did not have a conflict between secular and sacred music. His faith was totally practical, bringing all aspects of life together and centering them in "God, the one source of all good inspiration". Therefore, it is not surprising that he dedicates his music to "the Most High God", or J. J. which means Jesu, java – Jesus, aid, or S.D.G. *solī Deo Gloria* – to God alone be glory, or I. N. J. – *in nomine Jesu* – in the name of Jesus, and my favorite, when he defines the aim of thorough-bass:

***"is to produce a well-sounding harmony to the glory of God and the permissible delight of the spirit."***

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

Lisa 🎵



## AFFIRM 2011 – June 19 - 24

“I felt God at Affirm.”

“Affirm changed my life.”

“I love Affirm.”

“I can be myself at Affirm.”

“I heard God’s call to be a pastor at Affirm.”

### “Affirm is Great!”

These are just a few comments from our youth who have attended Affirm over the years. AFFIRM 2011 is a five-day youth event of faith, fellowship, and friends sponsored by the ELCA Southeastern Synod. Grounded in Scripture, the event offers youth the opportunity to develop the ministry/life skills that allow each individual to know and live out God’s affirming touch in Jesus Christ. Affirm nurtures faith and equips youth leaders for today and tomorrow.

**When and Where:** June 19 – 24 at Berry College in Rome, GA (Transportation to be decided later)

**Cost:** This year the cost is \$350.00. The deposit is \$200.00. The cost includes lodging, all meals from Sunday supper through Friday breakfast, an event T-shirt, and all program costs. If you register after May 1, the cost goes up to \$400. After June 1, please contact the registrar to see if there is space available.

**Please note:** *St. Timothy will pay the remainder of the balance for each youth attending, after the deposit of \$200 has been paid for by the youth. If you are in need of further financial assistance, please contact Pastor Groce*

**Who Can Go:** Youth who have completed 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades. **YAYMI – Young Adult Youth Ministry Institute is for youth who have completed their freshman or sophomore year of college.**

**How Do I Register:** Go to [www.sesyouth.org](http://www.sesyouth.org) and register online! You will need to create a user account first. At the website, you will have access to Affirm and other events, you’ll be able to leave messages for friends, share prayer requests with the community, you’ll know about the latest youth news around the synod and ELCA and much more! So go to [www.sesyouth.org](http://www.sesyouth.org) and set up your profile now! The registrar, Gail Pittman, would prefer that you register online so she can quickly see what the numbers look like; *however, there are hardcopy forms in the church office if you would like to do it that way.* After you complete the online form, you will receive an email with all of the paperwork attached. (There are a couple of forms that require parent and pastor signatures.) **Very Important Information: You will not be assigned a unit until you mail the forms that require signatures in and pay the deposit.** You can pay using paypal or choose pay later and mail a check. **\$50 of this fee is a NON-Refundable processing fee. \$150 can be refunded BEFORE May 1, 2011.**

**Review the Unit Descriptions carefully. You will be asked to make a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choice.**

**For YAYMI applicants only:** You will have additional paperwork to fill out as well as a letter of reference that will need to be included with your application. Participants accepted into YAYMI will receive a \$150 scholarship for the balance of the registration fee after the \$200 deposit is paid.

# UNIT DESCRIPTIONS 2011

## **GENESIS - for youth who have completed 6<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> grade and are new to the event**

Genesis (a new creation) is a high energy, fun, "feel good" unit, designed to help 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders see that they are special and unique children of God who can have fun being Christians. They will be able to see how fellow Christians can work together to share the Good News. They will see themselves as God's work of art, created to live the Good Life through Jesus Christ and the Church. LIMIT-72 youth

## **MISSIONARIES - for youth who have completed 7<sup>th</sup> grade AND Genesis & 8<sup>th</sup> grade**

Missionaries will provide youth the opportunity to explore issues of Christian living as they relate to service and witness. Youth will be invited to see themselves as an integral part of God's family and to see every person as someone whom God loves. We hope youth will grow in their understanding of God's call to be missionaries in their daily lives. Youth will be participating in off-campus service projects in the local Rome community. LIMIT-60 youth

## **JOURNEYS - for youth who have completed 8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> grade**

Journeys will provide youth with the opportunity to be led to the intersections where their lives will meet Christ's in a radical new way. The Gospel story will come alive as youth engage in creative communication and small group activities. Youth will leave with a better knowledge of Jesus' journey and what meaning it has for their lives. LIMIT - 36 youth

## **SHEPHERDS – for youth who have completed 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> grades**

Shepherds is an introduction to Christian Leadership. The Shepherd is the one who tends to and cares for the group. This unit will help individuals identify leadership styles and skills, enabling them to develop a greater understanding and confidence in their role as leaders. LIMIT – 48 youth

## **BRIDGES - for youth who have completed 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades**

Bridges will provide an opportunity for high school youth to learn and experience the history and culture of all Americans - their music, spirituality, and struggle - as a gift. Bridges explores how barriers separate cultural groups from one another. Drawing on multi-media--MTV, popular movies, and cutting-edge music--participants will also learn creative ways to "build bridges," seeking to discover that which unites, rather than divides. LIMIT - 24 youth

## **EXODUS - for youth who have completed 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade**

Exodus is "A Journey from Sin and Death to Resurrection and Everlasting Life." Participants will see and experience the abundance of God's love and grace given to us through the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The Exodus journey will help the participants grow spiritually and be equipped to daily live the journey of living the faith and the grace God gives to us. LIMIT-48 youth

## **WORSHIPTIVITY- for youth who have completed 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade**

Worshiptivity =Worship and Creativity. This unit is designed to help individuals faithfully combine their gifts of music, drama, and art to create the worship experience for the AFFIRM community. Through planning and leading worship during the week, individuals will grow in their own spirituality and gifts. LIMIT - 16 youth

## **REVELATIONS - for youth who have completed 11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade**

Revelations is an experiential lab in daily living. We seek to discover revelations and creative insights to help Senior High youth identify the many forces -- both good and bad-- which influence their lives. The primary objective of this unit is to help the participants experience spiritual and emotional growth in a positive and affirming community of grace.

LIMIT- 36 youth

## **YAYMI – Young Adult Youth Ministry Institute who have completed their freshman or sophomore year of college**

YAYMI is a small group experience for young adults who are called to be youth leaders. This unit uses an internship model whereby youth will work with mentors and units at Affirm to develop their skills in small group leadership, peer ministry, leading games, Lutheran perspectives, creative Bible Study and discussion, and much more. Limit-12 young adults

# NEWS FROM F.L.Y.

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

**MARCH** - March 27th, 5p-7p, Service Project, more info will be sent out via email.

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

**Sundays:** 9:15-10:15 a.m. Sunday School Interaction

First & Third Sunday Evening Contemporary Worship 6:15 p.m.

**Wednesdays:** 6:15 p.m. music rehearsal at the Church  
7:30 p.m. Bible Study at Daren's Home

Wednesday, March 9th 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, March 30 5:00 p.m. Sr. High Serve Supper at Church

### **SPRING BREAK:**

**Saturday, March 12:** 3:00 p.m. Bingo at The Terrace at Bluegrass

6:30 p.m. Babysitting at the church (Fundraiser)

### **Sunday, March 13 WINTER JAM CHRISTIAN CONCERT**

Nashville Bridgestone (Sommet) Arena 5:00-9:00 \$10.00 at the door

Meet at the church at 4:00 p.m. and return to church approx. 9:30 p.m.

Groups playing: "Newboys" "David Crowder Band" "Kutless" "Francesca Battistelli" "Red"  
"Newsong" "KJ-52" "Sidewalk Prophets" Jason Castro, Chris August, Chris Sligh

*Please help us as we make plans by signing up on the Kiosk on the narthex or in the Sr. High Room*

## Wonderful Wednesdays/LL4L Schedule for March

**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 March:

March 2 puzzles - bring a small puzzle to build

March 9 Bible Trivia

March 16 No WW Sumner county Spring Break

March 23 Spring Craft

March 30 Game night - bring your favorite board game (if nice we will go outside)

L4LL

No L4LL March 13th and 20th Sumner County Spring break

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.

[This month's article for Trinity/HOPE is written by Fenna Owen a US citizen from Holland. She went on a mission trip with Trinity/HOPE seven years ago. She is a personal supporter of the ministry as well as the contact for her church and its support. In her article she references a recent trip to Almere, Holland and a dinner in honor of her sister.]

I just returned from the Netherlands. I spend 2 weeks with my family. My sister invited me to celebrate her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. Again, my eyes were opened by the staggering amounts of money that is spent on eating. My sister had invited 52 of the family and friends to go out to dinner. The bill was a little over \$2000.00.

The food was amazing, however it kept going through my mind, that a whole school could have been fed with this money, for one whole year, however it was not, and not one person (except me) at those tables even thought about the people that are less fortunate.

Boy how my life has changed over the last 7 years.

I know I should enjoy and feel blessed that this happens to me, but I cannot get over the fact that people in this world are starving and other people just eat until they cannot eat anymore.

The Haitian kids I have seen stay on the foreground of my thoughts. I cannot say, "Someone else will take care of this." We are the ones who can take care of this.

God has blessed so many of us so greatly and we need to be thankful and enjoy those blessings but maybe sometimes instead of lavishly spending at a restaurant we might just stay at home and donate the money we were going to spend to the Trinity/HOPE feeding program.

We serve an awesome God, and His Son has commended to feed the poor and to take care of His hungry children.

May God bless you and your family. Fenna Owens, Hope Lutheran Church, Orlando, Florida

## Ask Pastor John

# WAVING PALM BRANCHES . . . ON EARTH, AS IN HEAVEN

## HEAVEN

On the first Sunday of November when we celebrate the FESTIVAL OF ALL SAINTS this year, we will hear a passage from the Revelation to John that begins:

After this I looked,  
and there was a great multitude that no one could count,  
from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages,  
standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white,  
with palm branches in their hands.

They cried out in a loud voice, saying,  
“**Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb.**”

And all the angels stood around the throne  
and around the elders and the four living creatures,  
and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,  
singing,

**“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
belong to our God forever and ever! Amen” . . . .**

*Revelation 7:9ff*

An All Saints and funeral hymn that is dear to many begins with a paraphrase of the above passage from Revelation:

Behold the host arrayed in white like thousand snow-clad mountains bright,  
that stands with palms and sings its psalms before the throne of light . . . .

*ELW Hymn 425*

## THE FIRST PALM SUNDAY

**Palm Sunday has a special “gathering rite” known as THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS (aka PROCESSION WITH PALMS)** during which this processional gospel tells the story of the first Palm Sunday:

When they had come near Jerusalem . . .

A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road,  
and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.  
The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

**“Hosanna to the Son of David!  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!” . . . .**

*from Matthew 21*

## PALM SUNDAY 2011 AT WORSHIP

On Palm Sunday you will receive a palm branch. What will you do with it? Remember that your palm branch is liturgical confetti, a liturgical pom-pom, which means that during much of the Liturgy of the Palms you are holding the palm branch up, especially during the Blessing of Palms:

We praise you, O God,  
for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ.  
Today he entered the holy city in triumph  
and was proclaimed messiah and king  
by those who spread garments and branches along his way.  
Bless these branches and those who carry them.  
Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross . . . .

*ELW: Leaders Edition*

Portions of Psalm 118 are often suggested for the Liturgy of the Palms:

Hosanna! O LORD, save us! . . .  
Blessed Is the one who comes in the name of the LORD . . .  
Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the altar . . . .

## KIDS AND BIG KIDS (ADULTS) SING ON PALM SUNDAY 2011

**“All glory, laud, and honor” is the most commonly used hymn during the palm procession.**

Kids and Big Kids, please memorize this refrain:

All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer king,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

## PALM BRANCHES AT HOME

Your palm branch from church is commonly taken home. Place palm branches behind a (religious) picture or cross in your house as a symbol and reminder of life and joy.

### ADDENDUM: LAZARUS SATURDAY

**Our friends in Eastern (Greek, etc.) Orthodox Churches celebrate “Lazarus Saturday”** on the day before their Palm Sunday as a reminder of the Resurrection before Holy Week.

By raising Lazarus from the dead before Your passion,  
You did confirm the universal Resurrection, O Christ God!  
Like the children with the palms of victory,  
We cry out to You, O Vanquisher of death; Hosanna in the Highest . . . .  
[http://en.orthodoxwiki.org/Lazarus\\_Saturday](http://en.orthodoxwiki.org/Lazarus_Saturday)

You will hear the Gospel of Christ’s resurrecting of Lazarus on April 10, 2011, the Fifth Sunday in Lent. You have my permission to call it Lazarus Sunday.

+ *John*



## March Mission and Outreach Focus



## Trinity/HOPE Haitian Feeding Program

Our St. Timothy Missions and Outreach focus for the month of March is the Trinity/HOPE Haitian Feeding Program, which raises money to provide hot meals to children in Christian schools in Haiti. On Sunday, March 6 we will hold our annual **Chili Cook-Off** following the 10:30 a.m. service. Please join us for this fun time of fellowship, and good chili to support this important mission of our congregation. A freewill offering will be collected to continue our sponsorship of the Font Baptiste school, which averages 197 meals per day. During the month of March, you may also designate a special offering to Trinity/HOPE mission, by using one of the special envelopes located in the pew racks. You can make the checks out directly to Trinity/HOPE, or to St. Timothy ~ please be sure to mark "Trinity/HOPE" in the memo section of your check.

- **\$0.25** will provide a meal
- **\$20** will provide **80** meals
- **\$50** will provide **200** meals
- **\$100** will provide **400** meals

Please see [www.trinityhope.org](http://www.trinityhope.org) for more information

**St. Timothy Missions and Outreach Committee** meets once every quarter. If you would like to be part of this group, please join us: **our next meeting is Monday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m.** Please contact Joline West at [joline\\_west@yahoo.com](mailto:joline_west@yahoo.com), or 672-7201 if you would like more information.  
**Council Liaisons:** Sherrie Meyers and Heidi White.

# **WOW, IT'S TIME TO START PLANNING FOR WOW!**

**YOUTH MISSION TRIP!!!!**

**YAY!!!!!!**

## WOW (WIN OUR WORLD) SUMMER MISSION CAMP 2011



**What:** Mission Work in and around Downtown Knoxville

**Where:** Based out of St. John's Lutheran Church, 544 North Broadway St NE Knoxville, TN 37917

**When:** June 5<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011

**Where Do You Stay:** Apartments owned by and located next to St. Johns

**Who Can Go:** Rising 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades

**Cost:** \$235 per participant (Remember, Oktoberfest proceeds and youth fundraising events are being used to fund WOW this year so cost will not be an obstacle!)

**How Do I Be The First To Sign Up!!!:** We have spots reserved for 8 youth this summer. If you really, really want to go... after all....this is the mission trip you have been waiting for.....this is what you need to do: Have your parent(s) write a check for \$40.00 to reserve your spot! Make the check out to St. Timothy. Give it to Paul Frank, Cheri Glor or Jynni in the church office. The first 8 will be great!...WOW...Can't Wait!

Additional registration information will follow.

**For more information go to:** <http://www.wowurbanministry.org>



# March 2011

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

	<b>SAT., Mar. 5</b>	<b>SAT., Mar. 12</b>	<b>SAT., Mar. 19</b>	<b>SAT., Mar. 26</b>	<b>SAT., Mar. 26</b>	<b>SAT., Apr. 2</b>
<b>ASSISTING MINISTER</b>	Jim Dineen	Jim Dineen	David Brau	Jim Dineen	Jim Dineen	Jeff King
<b>WORSHIP ASSISTANT</b>	Aylene Brett Sharon Campbell	Joyce Clary Betty Orsland	Ed & Sally Kaler	John & Mary Frances Gray	Alan Horena Audrey Passoni	

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

	<b>SUNDAY, Mar. 6</b>	<b>SUNDAY, Mar. 13</b>	<b>SUNDAY, Mar. 20</b>	<b>SUNDAY, Mar. 27</b>	<b>SUNDAY, Mar. 27</b>	<b>SUNDAY, Apr. 3</b>
<b>ASSISTING MINISTER</b>	Jim Dineen	Jim Dineen	Donna Cornelius	Karen See	Jim Dineen	Jim Dineen
<b>CANTOR</b>	Fred Bacon	Monica Wessel	Fred See	Sharon Adkins	Bert Jergenson	Bert Jergenson
<b>CRUCIFER</b>	Karen See	Scott Meyers	Teri Brugman	Donna Cornelius	Shirley Hall	Shirley Hall
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Colin Burngarner	Jake Meyers	Jeremy Brugman	Sam Brugman	Colby Burngarner	Colby Burngarner
<b>TORCH BEARERS</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>LECTORS</b>	Janel Tucker	Kim Ponce	Carol Webster	Monica Wessel	Donna Cornelius	Donna Cornelius
<b>COMMUNION ASSISTANTS</b>	Sharon Adkins Illa Peterson	Shirley Hall Karen See	Diane Dusso Janel Tucker	Jim Dineen Monica Wessel	Sharon Adkins Illa Peterson	Sharon Adkins Illa Peterson
<b>USHERS</b>	Diane & Dick Dusso Dave Mott	Kristin & Kelly Dineen	Baker & Pat Kirkpatrick Klaudene Gourley	Tim & Carol Webster	Diane & Dick Dusso Dave Mott	Diane & Dick Dusso Dave Mott

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

	<b>SUNDAY, Mar. 6</b>	<b>SUNDAY, Mar. 13</b>	<b>SUNDAY, Mar. 20</b>	<b>SUNDAY, Mar. 27</b>	<b>SUNDAY, Mar. 27</b>	<b>SUNDAY, Apr. 3</b>
<b>ASSISTING MINISTER</b>	John Lekander	Steve Glor	Jim Dineen	Ron Morgenstern	Jack Gregorio	Jack Gregorio
<b>CANTOR</b>	Fred Bacon	Monica Wessel	Fred See	Sharon Adkins	Bert Jergenson	Bert Jergenson
<b>CRUCIFER</b>	Connor LaPointe	Mike Stone	Kathy Fox	Steve Glor	Karen Kral	Karen Kral
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Courtney LaPointe Caitlin LaPointe	Sydney Dohrman Nicole Steen	Carter Davidson Alex House	John Trantum Witt Trantum	Jill Bowyer Peyton Bowyer	Jill Bowyer Peyton Bowyer
<b>TORCH BEARERS</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>LECTORS</b>	Kathy Fox	Jeremy Tjangler	Rachel Aury	Sandra Bobo	Corinne Davidson	Corinne Davidson
<b>COMMUNION ASSISTANTS</b>	Steven & Brenda Parker	Joanne Britt Joline West	Kristi LaPointe Kathleen Evans	Ed & Sally Kaler	Steven & Brenda Parker	Steven & Brenda Parker
<b>USHERS</b>	Gary & Sherry Freel Cody Hunter	Ed & Sally Kaler Jeremy Tjangler	Joanne Britt Pat Wardell Steve Fox	Steve & Sue Peterson Richard Smith	Gary & Sherry Freel Cody Hunter	Gary & Sherry Freel Cody Hunter

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.

