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Dear Saint Timothy's:

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Will this ever end?

We all know the answer to this question, "Of course it will end." But when will this end, the social-distancing, everyone in surgical masks, watching the new cases reported versus totals? This question is a bit more difficult to answer. I do believe we can see the light at the end of the tunnel.

Discussions are underway as to what that will look like here at Saint Timothy's. It has been recommended that a return not be full and that we continue to exercise caution in the way of continued distancing. A plan is being developed even though we have no start date. My feeling is that we will come back slowly for a brief period with perhaps multiple services to reduce our numbers and allow one another safe space. Once it is safe to come together as a full congregation we are planning a grand celebration to mark the end of our time apart.

Until then I implore each of you to avail yourself of our recorded services, the weekly updates, reading scripture and increasing your prayer life. In a spirit of fun we have initiated the "Stump the Preacher" opportunity whereby you may ask those burning, or not so burning, questions regarding theological issues, Church, Faith, etc. One question will be selected each week and the response emailed. For those who do not email the questions with the responses will be published in the Newsletter. If you stump the Pastor, he will give you a dollar in front of the entire congregation during the announcements prior to worship.

In addition, we are planning a "scrapbooking" event around the theme "We Survived COVID—19 in 2020." I will be making the rounds, maintaining safe distance, and taking a picture of you and yours doing whatever it is that has gotten you through this with your sanity intact. It may be fishing, walking, you and your pets, relaxing on your porch. We will schedule beginning next week these visits to record your coping tools. This will be a priceless collection of pictures with limitless

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Sunday Worship Schedule

9:00 a.m.~ Sunday School
10:00 a.m.~ Holy Communion

Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
8:00 am~2:40 pm

**Saint Timothy's
Mission Statement:**

Rooted deeply and confidently in the Gospel of God's grace in Jesus Christ, and guided by the Holy Spirit, we strive to live our faith proclaiming God's Good News joyfully, obediently and truthfully as His instruments in loving service in the world.

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*The deadline for the POST is the
Second Friday of each month.

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possibilities on how to use them. You can dress up, or not. It's up to you!

We, I, want to hear from you as well—your ideas, thoughts as to how we might add some meaning and levity to our current circumstances. Please share via telephone or email. We may not be able to do them all but let's see how creative we can be.

In the meanwhile, please know you are in my prayers as I remember you and Saint Timothy's before our God and Father.

We will get through this together and show ourselves forth as the holy people God has called us to be.

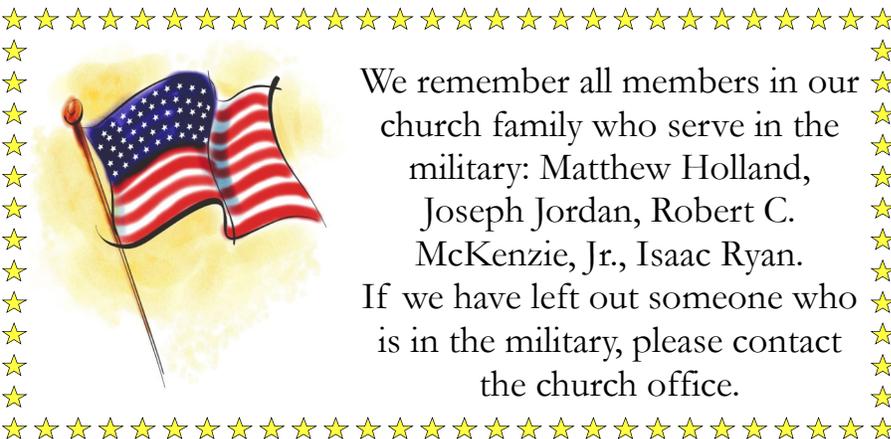
In Christ,

Pastor Roy



I am so grateful to St. Timothy's for all the outpouring of love and support, during my recent surgeries and my on- going treatments. Your heart warming cards, meals, texts, phone calls and most especially your prayers, helped give me the strength I needed. I also appreciate Pastor Roy for his constant support and care. Even in this challenging pandemic, St. Timothy's takes care of its members with boundless love. Thank you all so much. We love you and can't wait to see you again.

Alicia and Butch Hinson



We remember all members in our church family who serve in the military: Matthew Holland, Joseph Jordan, Robert C. McKenzie, Jr., Isaac Ryan. If we have left out someone who is in the military, please contact the church office.

Electronic Giving through Tithe.ly

How many times have you come to church and realized you left your checkbook at home and had no way to make your offering? I confess I have done exactly this on many occasions and it tends to follow me as a black cloud for the remainder of the week. This no longer has to be the case.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America leaning forward in this age of technology partnered, if you will, with Tithe.ly, an online service which allows us to make our offering electronically.

What this means is that we, the members of Saint Timothy's, can make our offering from our cell phone or home computer allowing us another channel through which to practice of the spiritual discipline of giving.

While there are many different packages that perform similarly, Tithe.ly works directly with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America offering a discounted rate for their service. And while there is a fee for the service, it is greatly reduced when comparing with other services. When using Tithe.ly you have the option of adding the fees to your offering or not, the choice is yours.

Tithe.ly is a reputable, established business that has been around for some time.

The South Carolina Synod participated in a pilot a few years ago with a number of churches committing to Tithe.ly for one year. Almost all of the churches participating reported increases in giving.

If you are interested in using Tithe.ly feel free to contact Pastor Roy or the Finance Committee for more information.

Instructions for Using Tithe.ly

There are two ways you can make tithe.ly work for you. Of course one is through our Saint Timothy's website and the other is through an app on your Apple or Android Smart Phone.

If you are giving through the website, Open Saint Timothy's web page,

<http://www.sttimslutheran.com>

and click on the Tithe.ly icon which looks like this.

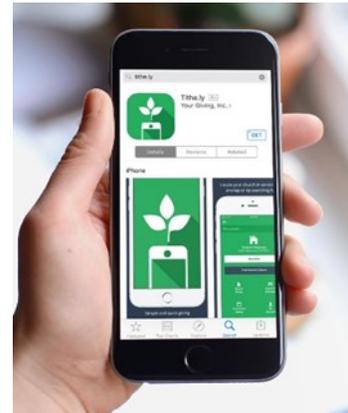


Proceed to **number 1** of the following instructions.

If you are using your Smart Phone you will first need to download the Tithe.ly App from either the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. Simply download the Green Tithe.ly App onto your device.

At this point the instructions are the same for Smart Phone or Computer use.

Once download is complete, or you have accessed Tithe.ly from your computer, you need to:



1. Open the App and provide the requested information. As part of the process you will need to establish a password and a pin in order to access the App and make your offering.
2. The App can be customized to allow giving to different funds. For example, right now you can put your offering into General Offering, Christian Community Ministries, and to the In the Name of Christ Fund.
3. Then you will be asked if you wish these to be recurring contributions. Simply click on the box and select a frequency if you wish to repeat.
4. You set Tithe.ly to make withdrawals from your Debit/Credit Card, Google Pay, or directly from your bank account.
5. The last thing you will need to do is decide if you wish to cover the cost of the transaction. If so, simply check the box.

Now you are ready to make your offering. This is done by simply hitting the Give button.

Congratulations, you have, at this point successfully contributed to the coffers of Saint Timothy's online.

You will receive an email of your giving and can also see a record within the Tithe.ly site once you are logged-in.

The Church will be notified that you have made the contribution and will be handled as confidentially as before.





Our sister Karin Puczkowski entered the Church Triumphant on April 12, 2020. She will be greatly missed. Please keep her family in your prayers.



Lunch Bunch is postponed until further notice.

Bible Study is postponed until further notice.

Lydia Circle is postponed until further notice.

Council may meet at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 10.

Piecemakers is postponed until further notice.

Due to Covid-19 social distancing guidelines, activities are tentatively scheduled to resume in June.

Updated information will be forthcoming after reassessment at that time.

Thank you for your continuing understanding and patience.

Afraid of change? We're not!

PLEASE START SAVING YOUR CHANGE FOR THE NEXT NOISY OFFERING!



The monthly deadline for newsletters is the second Friday of the month.



May Birthdays

01	Anne Compton	12	Drake Larson
	Janet Durgin	15	Michael Williams
02	John Turiak	17	Brianna Williams
03	Martha Bernhardt	19	Loreen Wallace
05	Joe Hodge	22	Rená Nord
	Peter Porath	23	David Maltby
	Skylar Spilker	24	Carolyn Harper
06	Jessi Kelly	29	Laura Hill
11	Jennifer Spilker		



June Birthdays

02	Libby Ference	13	Phillip Thomas
	Pat Fike	14	Lauren Geddings
	Hal Varn	24	Julianna Cobb
03	Bonnie Depperman		Pat Shear
04	Joel Stephens	25	Jean Loving
07	Renee Oblander	26	Beth Hawkins
08	Nancy Smith		Trenton Spilker
09	Mason Studer	28	Ralph Sieber
	Tim Nord	29	Jackie Niedringhaus
	Alicia Hinson	30	Betty Hall
12	Debbie Massalon		Nancy Kramer



May Anniversaries

11	Butch & Alicia Hinson
13	Gregg & Leslie Serpas
26	Ron & Kelly Horn

June Anniversaries

14	Grant & Terri Geddings
15	Brian & Sandy Kelly
23	Tim & Beth Ryan
28	Hal & Sylvia Varn

WELCA Joy Offerings

In May, WELCA will be collecting the annual Joy offering. Our contribution goes to the ELCA Good Gifts program. Included are assistance for God's Global Barnyard, Water, Agriculture, Health Care, Education and International and Domestic Emergencies. In this world wide time of need, let us remember our neighbors, far and near. Please make checks payable to WELCA and indicate "Joy Offering."