

The St. Timothy Times

A newsletter for members and friends of
St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Preschool & Childcare, ELCA
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On April 21st, the day after Easter, Pope Francis died. We are not Roman Catholic and we don't necessarily follow the leadership of the Pope, but many Lutherans had great affection for Pope Francis. He was considered a Pope of the people, emphasizing a simpler lifestyle and care for the poor as central to what we are called to as Christians. This resonated not only with many Catholics and Lutherans, but with people all around the world, Christians and non-Christians alike.

Because of this, Pope Francis leaves a legacy. He brought the church together. You may not have liked everything that he did or taught. You may not have paid any attention to him at all. It is possible that you had hoped he would go further or make changes that he wasn't ready to make. But this Pope, more than any other in modern times showed us how to see Christ in our neighbor and challenged us to consider what it looks like to serve.

There is now a new uncertainty in the Roman church as people wonder who will be chosen as the new Pope. Questions arise about how that person will lead, what their priorities will be, and how they will represent the church in a political world. Each Pope is different, but the legacy left by Pope Francis will no doubt have influence over future leaders. The way he embodied the gospel will be a call to faithfulness for new leadership and for all people even now that he is gone. Please pray for our siblings in the Roman Catholic Church as they transition to new leadership. And while you are at it, pray for our own denomination as we elect a new Presiding Bishop this summer. In this Easter season of new life, pray that God will inspire and renew the church in all of its expressions, that the Holy Spirit would unite us, and that the good news of Jesus Christ would be apparent in the way that all of us live.

~Pastor Dena

Coming Events

May 4: World Hunger Banks Due

May 5: 8 AM Men's Breakfast at Village Inn, Waterloo

5:30 PM School Age Registration & Orientation
Meeting at St. Timothy

May 7: 5:30-7:30 PM Family & Faith/Kid's Bell Choir Practice

May 9: Childcare Provider Appreciation Day

May 11: Mother's Day

9 AM Worship/Kid's Bell Choir

10 AM Baby Book Club

10:20 AM Bible Study

May 12: 4:30 PM Preschool & Childcare Board Meeting

May 13: 10:40 AM Preschool Chapel

6-8 PM NewAldaya Annual Meeting

May 15: 6 PM Community Childcare Update at Community Center

May 18: 9 AM Worship/Grad Recognition

10:15 AM Council Meeting

May 19: Newsletter Deadline

May 20: 10 AM Ruth Circle

May 21: 6:30 PM Food & Faith

May 22: 5:30-8 PM Hudson Ministerium Progressive Dinner

May 25: 9 AM Worship/Baptism

May 26: Memorial Day

Church Offices and Preschool & Childcare Closed

May 27: P&CC Toddler & Preschool CLOSED

P&CC Before & After Care OPEN

Each Week

Sunday: 9 AM Worship

10 AM Fellowship

Tuesday: 9 AM Staff Meeting

6:30 PM AA Meeting

Thursday: Secretary's Day Off

Friday: 9 AM Friday Quilters

Pastor's Day Off



Barns & Piggy Banks

Thank you for participating in our partnership with the ELCA's World Hunger. With the financial funds brought in, farm animals will be bought for people in need through this program.

Please bring your barn or piggy bank to the church by office by or before **May 4**.



I am very excited to announce that St. Timothy Preschool & Childcare and Hudson Community School District are partnering to provide an additional school-aged program to the community. This new program will provide an additional 45 school-aged before and aftercare slots. Please help to spread the word about this program.

Beginning on August 25, 2025

30 school-aged children will be cared for at
St. Timothy Preschool & Childcare

45 school-aged children will be cared for at
Hudson elementary small gym

There will be several changes to the school aged program, so all parents of school-aged children needing before and after school care in the 2025-26 school year need to attend: **Orientation and Registration Meeting**

Monday, May 5, at 5:30 p.m.

St. Timothy Lutheran Church

Childcare available

Mark your calendar for these upcoming items:

Monday, May 5 – School-age Parent Orientation and Registration Meeting at St. Timothy

Friday, May 9 – Provider Appreciation Day

Thursday, May 15 - 6 PM Community Forum Addressing Childcare Challenges at Hudson Community Center

Monday, May 26 – Memorial Day – Center Closed

Tuesday, May 27 – Professional Development Day

Center closed for Toddlers through Preschool

Center open for before school and after school care

Friday, May 30 – Last day of School –

11:30 School Dismissal

Monday, June 2 – First Day of Summer Program



Council Notes

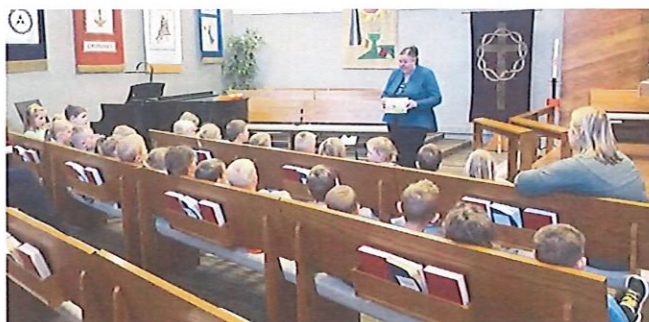
The St. Tim's Council met on April 27 after the special congregational meeting. During this meeting the priorities of the council for the next 18 months were discussed. It has been decided that the two main areas of focus for the council will be connections within the congregation as well as helping to support our already strong prayer life. We are excited to work toward building greater community within our walls.

The Worship board wanted to thank all who helped with the decorations of the church during holy week. The church looked great, and many hands made light work.

The next Council meeting will be after worship on Sunday, May 18.

~Tiffany Ahrens

Preschool Chapel



For Chapel Time in April, Pastor Dena taught the Preschoolers about the Story of Easter.

First Communion Class



First Communion class participants were Matthew and Mark Ellingson, Becket and Mallory Kuker, Joy Ahrens.

Spring Cleanup Day

Our annual cleanup day is scheduled for May 18 after fellowship. Bring your lawn rakes and hand held or battery powered pruners. Lawn trash bags will be provided. Rick Madsen will provide the skid loader and tree puller.



~Jon Robertson

Progressive Dinner

Hudson Ministerial Association invites you to a Progressive Dinner on Thursday, May 22, 2025. Join members of the Hudson community for food and fellowship at each of the participating churches.

Schedule:

5:30 PM Appetizers at Zion Church
6:15 PM Salad at Community Church
6:45 PM Entrée at St. Timothy Lutheran Church
7:15 PM Desserts at Hudson United Methodist Church



Pentecost Celebration Worship with the Jubilee Conference

Sunday, June 8, 2025

10:00 AM at Overman Park in Cedar Falls

Bring a chair or blanket to sit on

Offering collected will be given to our partners at LSI

In case of inclement weather, we will meet at

St. John Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls

(We will not have worship at St. Timothy that day)

Lenten Meal and Family & Faith Night

We had the whole family together for Family Faith Night in April! Thanks to the confirmation for the delicious breakfast for dinner.

As a congregation we worked together to tie blankets for the Linus Project, an organization that provides blankets for children and teens that have been hospitalized.



Our last Family Faith Night of the school year will be May 7. We invite all members of the congregation to join us for grilled cheese and family game night. Please bring your favorite board game or card game to share.

We will also be having a bell ringing rehearsal for the kids, as they will play as part of the special music on Mother's Day. The Youth and Family Ministry board is also looking at some fun events for the summer, but those are still in the works. Be on the lookout for more announcements and emails over the summer months!

~Tiffany Ahrens

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Return Service Requested

Sunday Schedule:

Worship @ 9:00 a.m. w/children's
messages and weekly communion

Fellowship for all ages @ 10:00

**Online Facebook Live St. Timothy Lutheran
Church Hudson Iowa @ 9 a.m.**



Our Mission:

***All in God's Name—
Loving, Serving, Welcoming***



**Laughter is Good for the Soul,
A Monthly Church Chuckle**