

The St. Timothy Times

A newsletter for members and friends of
St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Preschool & Childcare, ELCA
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Confirmation classes are in full swing for the year. One of the things we ask the students to do is answer a few questions about worship when they attend. There is a place on the worship notes form for questions, and the students

often have some great ones. I thought I would share a few of these questions and answers with you.

Where do you get the communion wafers?

There are a number of companies that sell church supplies. Along with communion wafers and a variety of chalices, plates, and other communion supplies, these companies often also sell things like candles, what the pastor wears, things we use to decorate the space, baptismal supplies, Sunday school curriculum, and Bibles. Really anything a congregation might need.

How do you decide what Bible verses to read?

We use what is called the Revised Common Lectionary, a three-year rotation of assigned readings for worship. It is called common because it is used by a number of denominations, so if you visit a Roman Catholic, Episcopal, or Methodist congregation, you may hear the same readings we are using on Sundays. It unites us with our partners and allows people from different traditions and congregations to consider and discuss these scripture passages together, even if they attend different services.

Why were there people standing up front with the family for baptism?

Typically, a family or individual chooses baptismal sponsors, often called Godparents, who make promises to support the baptized in their life of faith. These people are present for the baptism and throughout a person's life to walk with them as they learn to live as a Christian.

Can anyone be a member of the church?

In the Lutheran tradition, a member of a congregation is a baptized Christian who wishes to be a member. So, yes anyone can be a member. A person may join the congregation by being baptized, transferring from another Christian congregation, or affirming their baptism in the congregation.

I hope this little Q & A has been helpful. There are more great questions I may share answers to in the future. For now, I will leave you with one more from our youth for you to ponder – *How can I be a neighbor?*
~Pastor Dena

Coming Events

October 1: 5:30-7:30 Family Faith Night

October 1-13: Pastor on Vacation

October 3: 9 AM Meal Ingredients to Fire Station

4 PM Hudson Chamber Appreciation Supper

October 6: 8 AM Men's Breakfast at Village Inn, Waterloo

October 9: 6:30-8 PM Hudson Community Women's Bible

Study at St. Timothy Lutheran

October 12: 10 AM 2nd Sunday Stories

10:30 AM Bible Study

October 13: 4:30 PM Preschool & Childcare Board Meeting

October 15: 10 AM Hudson Ministerium

6 PM Youth Activities Grades 6-12 at Grade

Lounge Racecar Simulation

October 18: 9 AM-12 PM Lion's Can & Bottle Drive at

St. Timothy Parking Lot

October 19: 10:15 AM Council Meeting

October 20: 6:30 PM Book Discussion in Fireside Room

Newsletter Deadline

October 21: 10 AM Ruth Circle

October 22: 6:30 PM Food & Faith

October 26: Confirmation Sunday

October 29: 6:30 PM Mutual Ministry at Susan Entriiken's

October 30: 4-5 PM Business Boo

October 31: Happy Halloween!

Each Week:

Sunday: 9 AM Worship; 10 AM Fellowship

Tuesday: 9 AM Staff Meeting; 6:30 AA Meeting

Wednesday: 2 PM Confirmation

Save the Date

LSI will be celebrating 160 years on Friday, October 14, at the Holiday Inn Des Moines Airport (6111 Fleur Drive).

5:30 PM: Reception 6:30 PM Dinner & Program

Business Boo!

Businesses in Hudson will have a their annual Business Boo on October 30, at 4 PM-5 PM. Dress your children in their costumes and have them enjoy treats from each business they visit.

If you would like to provide some candy for this event, please bring it to the office before October 29.





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WE NURTURE THE MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT



Clara Nehmer,
Director

Many things happened at St. Timothy Preschool & Childcare during the month of September. Preschool began, children moved to new classrooms, while new children arrived, new staff were hired and previous staff returned from college, fall pictures were taken, and new routines were established.

Fall brings lots of learning in the classrooms, with mornings having more structure, lessons more focused and work with the teacher more individualized. Chapel time with Pastor Dena and monthly visits from the Hudson Librarian occur. Although the routine is an adjustment, the children always seem to be very excited about learning new things and enjoy making new friends.

Additionally, the playground received some attention in September. The Hawkeye Community College Girls Softball team volunteered their time to clean up the playground. They pulled weeds, trimmed bushes, raked rocks out of the grass and cleaned the turf areas. Also, construction on the sidewalk to the playground began and areas in the parking lot are being repaired.

October continues to be a busy month at the center:

October 9: Story time with Ms. Ambri, Hudson Library

October 16: Iowa Kidsight vision screening Iowa KidSight is a joint project of the Lions Clubs of Iowa and the Department of Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences at the University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital, dedicated to enhancing the early detection and treatment of vision impairments in young children (target population 6 months of age through kindergarten) in Iowa communities through screening and public education.

October 21: Chapel with Pastor Dena

October 30: Hudson Business Boo





More Construction pictures of the sidewalk & parking lot to the project! The children enjoyed watching all the different trucks and construction during the process.



Council Notes

The St. Tim's Council met on September 21. The topics of conversation included the selection of a health plan for Pastor Dena, as the provider recently changed the plans.

The council approved and purchased signage for the sidewalks prohibiting golf carts and bicycles on the sidewalks leading to the playground.

Pastor Dena has been very busy over the last month getting the education programs up and running, as well as officiating a funeral and a baptism. The next council meeting will be October 19.

~Tiffany Ahrens

Volunteering at NewAldaya



Picture by Kim Ellingson

Mark and Matthew Ellingson and friend, Nolan Duvall volunteered at NewAldaya in September by helping residents get to chapel.

St. Timothy helps with this project in September and October. If you would like to help too, please contact Amy Curley.

5K Follow-Up

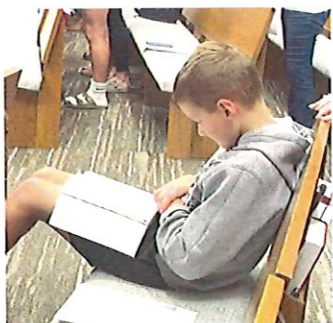
Proceeds of \$548.09 from the July 5K Fun Run/Walk were donated toward the Hudson Community School Districts Preschool playground.

Pictured is Amy Rueber (left) and Barb Prather (right) donating the check to Crystal Betts, Hudson Elementary Principal.



Bibles Received

Whirl Kids Study Bibles were presented to our 3rd graders in September. Our Pre-K children received a *Children of God Storybook Bible*. May their lives be blessed as they begin studying God's word.



Outdoor Improvement Projects

Phase 1

In September, construction of a sidewalk to the playground began and sections of the parking lot are being replaced to eliminate some tripping hazards.

Funding for these projects comes from a Guernsey Charitable Foundation grant and the Preschool Board savings account.

In addition, Jon Robertson and Rick Madson have begun to deconstruct the existing retaining wall east of the church. The blocks from this wall will be incorporated into a new landscape design. They are hoping to have some work days yet this fall to work on the new landscaping once the sidewalk is finished. If you would like to help please contact Rick Madson or Jon Robertson.

Phase 2

Funding is being sought for phase 2 of our outdoor improvement projects. This includes a new basketball pad at the playground, a corral for our garbage cans and additional repair of our parking lot.

If you would like to make a contribution to any of these projects make your check out to St. Timothy Lutheran Church and mark it as "Outdoor Improvement Project".

~Rick Madson

~Pictures by Rick Madson and Jane Sellers



Rick Madson has been heading up the project and Jon Robertson and Rick are contributing their manual labor. Thank you Rick and Jon for all you are doing.

Family Faith Night

St. Tim's had a terrific opening Family Faith Night for the new school year! Thank you so much to Ally Berinobis for donating the delicious walking taco meal. Pastor Dena taught a lesson about the Bible, and we learned that the Bible is a collection of stories that help us learn about how much we are loved by God and how God is always with us. We then created our Bible bookmarks, thanks to Amy Kuker for the use of her laminator!

Our next Family Faith Night will be October 1st, with dinner starting at 5:30. We will be having spaghetti for our meal and learning the story of the Prodigal Son. We hope you can join us!

~Tiffany Ahrens

Pictures by Kim Ellingson and Pastor Dena



Second Sunday Stories

The second Sunday of each month is now our Second Sunday Stories, with book clubs meeting after fellowship treats. Each group will read a story, and then each family gets a copy of the book to take home to build their faith library.

Our Infant-PreK Baby Book Club received the book: *God Is Hope*, read to them by Kathy Holst. The Big Kid Book Club (Grades K-3) received the book: *All Are Neighbors*, read to them by Tiffany Ahrens.

Pictures by Pastor Dena



Baptism

We welcomed Aubrey Lynn Reed through baptism on September 14, 2025. Aubrey's parents are Charles and Megan Reed, and sister Charlotte. Her sponsors are Allie Sherman, Michael Reed and Joseph Reed. Grandparents are Kenny & Karen Schuler, Dan & Melinda Risner, and Mark & Kristie Reed.



Aubrey was given a blanket made by our Friday Quilters and was presented with a book from our Baby Book Club.

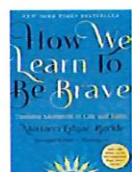


Youth Activity Coming Soon!

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to a fun night out at Grid Lounge Sim Racing (100 East 2nd Street Ste. 103, Cedar Falls). Meet us there at 6 PM on October 15. Friends are always welcome!

Lions Can & Bottle Drive

Lions Club will have their Can & Bottle Drive in St. Timothy parking lot on October 18, from 9 AM—Noon. If you would like to help them with sorting cans, etc., stop on over! They would also like the youth in the community to pull tabs from the cans for Ronald McDonald House. All help would be greatly appreciated!



Book Discussions

You are invited to a discussion of the book *How We Learn to Be Brave: Decisive Moments in Life and Faith* by Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde.

How We Learn to Be Brave is an inspirational guide to the key junctures in life that, if navigated with faith and discernment, pave the way for us to become our most courageous selves, by the bishop of the famed Episcopal Diocese of Washington, D.C.

Read the book and join us for conversation Monday, October 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

Affirmation of Faith Sunday

Please join us on October 26 to honor our confirmation student, Mac Schrader. His Faith Project will be displayed in the narthex. Cake will be served in his honor during the fellowship hour.



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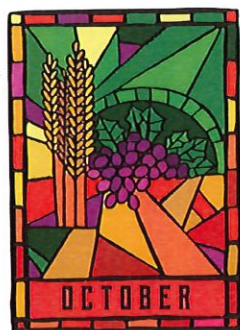
Return Service Requested

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**