



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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Thirst Quencher

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Thanksgiving and Advent Worship Schedule

November 12
Sunday

Faith In Action Thanksgiving Food Drive

November 16
Thursday, 11:00am

Bright Beginner Thanksgiving Feast

November 22
Wednesday, 7:00pm

Thanksgiving Eve Worship



November 23 & 24
Thursday and Friday

**Bright Beginners Pre-School and Church
Offices closed for Thanksgiving holiday**

November 26
Sunday

LINC Toy Drive begins (toy collection December 10)

December 3
Sunday, 8:00 and 10:45am

First Sunday of Advent / Youth Tamale Sales

December 4
Monday, 5:30 pm

Advent by Candlelight

December 6
Wednesday, 11:30am
and 7:00pm

**Mid-Day Advent Worship (meal at 12:15pm)
Evening Advent Worship (meal at 6:00pm)**

For entire Advent schedule, visit www.STLHouston.org/advent-and-christmas-schedule

Defend the Orphan and Adoption Awareness Month



Begins at 9:30 AM

Make a difference one step at a time!

5K Run/Walk

Pre-registration \$35

Day of registration \$45

Kids 1K Fun Run

Pre-registration \$20

Day of registration \$25

at FELLOWSHIP OF MONTGOMERY

12681 FARM TO MARKET ROAD 149 MONTGOMERY, TX 77316

The **Defend the Orphan 5K** is an opportunity for everyone to bring hope to orphans around the world! This chip-timed, paved and trail run event is perfect for all ages, backgrounds and walks of life. Each registrant will receive a swag bag including a limited event sport-tech shirt, finisher medal, and more! Register today and bring your friends and family out on November 18th to defend the orphan! You don't want to miss all the great things planned! It's only \$35/person to participate in the race if you register before November 18th. We will collectively combat the orphan crisis one step at a time!

Go to www.coreluv.org/run to get more info and register.



"Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Superhero Trick or Treat Adventure! It was a SWEET success! For all of the candy donations, the volunteer hours to set up the event, run the games, cook the food, and clean up, I want to express my sincerest gratitude. St. Timothy has once again proven to be a community of believers who work tirelessly to follow Jesus and make a difference!" ~ Caroline Gray

Free Work Shop

November 4th Neighborhood Workshop - Foster Care and Adoption

Have you been blessed with a safe and comfortable home, along with a love for children? If you've ever considering opening your heart and home to children who need a loving family, attend this informational workshop offered by Arrow Child and Family Ministries. It will be led by Gregory Wysingle, the regional coordinator for Arrow who has overseen the adoption of over 1400 children through the CPS system.



This free workshop will be on Saturday, November 4th from 9-10 AM in the Adult Education building, room 101.

Please register for this workshop on our website at www.STLHouston.org/Workshops



A **Coreluv trip to Haiti is scheduled for November 8-15, 2017** to serve in their orphanage. The orphanage's most common projects center around VBS activities, sports camps, building/construction needs, medical clinics, and general orphan care. Please talk to Gloria Ruppel or one of the pastors for more information on future trips. You can also email Gloria at Gloria@STLHouston.org.

Volunteer Opportunities: Trinity Klein Food Pantry **5201 Spring Cypress Rd., Spring, TX 77379**

Trinity Klein Food pantry feeds 1000+ people every week. The pantry is open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 AM - 3 PM. The pantry needs volunteers for greeting guests, unloading food, intake, organization of food, restocking shelves, packaging supplies, and assisting shoppers. They have 2 volunteer shifts per day from 9 AM - Noon, and from Noon - 3 PM. If you are interested in volunteering for the food pantry, please go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4caeab292-hurricane4> or email Jennifer Kiel at kielj@trinityklein.org.

LINC Thanksgiving Food Collection

As we celebrate God's blessings & bounty for us on Thanksgiving, we hope to bless LINC with non-perishable food items and paper goods. The Faith In Action "Red Shirt" team will unload your items to the trailer in the parking lot until 2:30 PM.

Suggestions for donations:

All non-perishables
Canned meat, vegetables, fruit
Soup
Rice, beans, pasta
Oil, salad dressing

Mac & cheese
Diapers
Wipes
Baby food
Pancake mix, syrup

Juices
Corn bread mix and similar
Cereal
Meals in a box

**THANKSGIVING
FOOD DRIVE**

Give Thanks and Praise to the Lord our God
Thanksgiving Eve Worship ~ Wednesday, November 22 at 7 PM



Luther - The Movie

Synopsis: The movie LUTHER covers the early years of Martin Luther's life, from his days as a monk in the early 1500s to the proclamation of the Augsburg Confession in 1530, which founded the Lutheran Church in Germany. It is a wonderful, entertaining historical drama that shows how one man's faith in God changed the history of the world. **This movie will be shown in two parts on November 1st and November 8th from 6:45-7:45 PM in Rm 201.**



**Daylight Savings Time ends
Sunday, November 5**

Set your clock back 1 hour.

Student Ministry

Jr. High at AIR BLAST
Saturday, Nov. 4th
meet there: 1 - 3 pm
Cost - \$10

AIRBLAST
TRAMPOLINE PARK
8270 Willow Place Dr. N, Houston, 77070

**Sr. High FUEL @ AIR
BLAST Sunday, Nov. 5th**
meet there: 6 - 8 pm
Cost - \$10

Natural Disasters and Children's Faith

How do I handle my children's questions about God in the midst of disaster and trauma? The physical impact of Harvey has been overwhelming, of course. But I'm also deeply concerned about what it may be doing to my children's faith in God. So far, we haven't talked a great deal about this aspect of our situation, but I can tell that they're shaken. In their own way, they're wrestling with the deeper spiritual questions these events bring up. How can I help?



Your concerns are right on target. In the immediate aftermath of a disaster basic survival has to be a parent's main concern. But sooner or later it also becomes important to address your children's faith-questions. Somehow you have to find a way to help them use this tragedy as a foundation on which to build an even stronger faith in God. Kids have an incredible ability to ask the most insightful theological questions in the simplest ways. You can make the most of these precious opportunities by keeping the following points in mind:

- First, don't squelch the discussion. Encourage your children to grapple with hard questions. You don't have to know all the answers. You just have to be willing to engage. If you have teenagers, give them the freedom to wrestle with the theological and philosophical implications of what they're experiencing. Take time to discuss these issues openly and honestly.
- Explain that God created a perfect world, but that it didn't stay that way. That's because He also gave each one of us the ability to choose whether we will do good or evil. Help your kids understand that sin is not just a personal problem. The Bible tells us that, in some mysterious way, its negative effects have been felt even in the physical, natural world.
- Remind your children that God loves us and that He's always with us. If we wonder where He is when disaster strikes, we have to remember that He has never moved. He's right where He was when Jesus suffered and died on the cross. No matter what happens, He has promised never to leave us or forsake us (Hebrews 13:5).

When you've done everything you can, remember that God is the Help of the helpless and the Strength of those who have no strength. When your burden as a parent seems too heavy, turn to Him in prayer and learn what it means to take shelter under His everlasting arms. Lean upon the promise He has given us in His Word:

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ... For I am convinced that death nor life, nor angels nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 8:35, 38-39).

Adapted from Parenting in the Midst of Tragedy. Copyright © 2008, 2011 Focus on the Family.

Harvey Volunteers are needed!

After surveying multiple sites and carefully planning with our partners around Texas, we have been able to identify many locations that need your help. The Texas District, under the direction of Julie Tucker, Director of Disaster Response, will focus relief efforts in the Golden Triangle, which includes the towns of Beaumont and Port Arthur northeast of Houston, and the Coastal Bend, which includes towns like Corpus Christi and Rockport southwest of Houston. Go to <http://txlcms.org/harvey-volunteer-information> or <http://heartfortexas.com/> to sign-up.



DISASTER RELIEF

Texas District of the
Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

Service of Prayer and Healing - Thursday, November 9th at 7:00 PM

Come worship and praise God with an extended time for prayer with others over your deepest concerns in life. We all have needs requiring prayer in our lives and if you have a health request, upcoming surgery, family need, concern for our nation or world, please join us. We are seeing God answer prayer in mighty and miraculous ways! Every month we hear testimonies from people about God's wonderful answers to prayer.

Advent By Candlelight - Save the date: Monday, December 4th

Please join the women of St. Timothy for the seventh annual Advent by Candlelight! This event is an opportunity for women to take a moment before the hustle and bustle of holiday preparation and focus on the true meaning of Christmas.

Advent by Candlelight provides a wonderful atmosphere for the ladies to enjoy an appetizer hour, worship and music, and dinner by candlelight. Ladies, we encourage you to invite friends, family, and neighbors to this special night!
Please note the following:

Important dates: Sundays in November in the gathering area
Sign-ups for Table Hostesses, Servers (men only!), and Kitchen Helpers is available
Registration is available - \$15/ticket

Special Requests: We are looking for several ladies to decorate tables for "open seating".
If you are interested, please contact us!

Event Contacts:

Korinne Krolow: Krolow@sbcglobal.net / 832.326.5566

Wendy McManners: WendyAMcManners@gmail.com / 832.444.4728

Advent by
CANDLELIGHT



Children's Ministry

THE FAMILY HUDDLE

A Milestone Ministry event for families with 2 and 3 year old children - November 12th

"One, two, three – Hike!" Sometimes life with a 2 or 3-year-old can be as fun and exciting as a good game of football. Sometimes you feel like you've been sacked. Whatever season you're in, it's important to your family to take a "time out" and listen to what God has to say. What kind of faith practices do you want to pass on to your children? Can you start those now? Come to our Milestone Ministry Event for parents with 2 & 3 year-old children and be encouraged and cheered on. From **9:30-9:50 AM** you and your child will pick out a framed Bible verse and blessings. Then your children will spend the last 45 minutes in Sunday School while parents continue our discussion on the value and joys of passing on the faith. To RSVP contact: Caroline@STLHouston.org

November Sunday School

We will be discussing Defend the Orphan Month as we study the life of Abraham. This month we are really going to dive into talk about **HOW TO FOLLOW JESUS AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE**. Mrs. Caroline hopes that everyone will be able to participate!

**SUNDAY
SCHOOL**

Senior Ministry

Rewired for Christ - Gideon

Next Meeting is November 15th at 10 AM in Room 101

Rewired for Christ is a LIFE group especially for those 65 years and older. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month in room 101 of the Adult Ministry Building from 10-11:30 AM. November's study will be on Gideon. RFC supports a number of ministries here at St. Timothy and in the community. Led by Gloria Ruppel.



St. Timothy made a difference!

The Living Water Mission Trip to El Guanacaste, Honduras

The community of Colonia Guanacaste, composed of 117 households, was relying upon surface water from a nearby river for drinking water and all their other needs. The water source was not safe, and many people contracted respiratory diseases as a result of drinking from it. Since the task of collecting water from the river was laborious and exhausting, the community resorted to rationing the water that they gathered from the river and stored in their homes. Operating from this mentality of scarcity was keeping their field of vision narrow—it was unrealistic to make plans for community improvement while they were entrenched in reactive patterns of striving to fulfill their most basic need. The families in the community were most concerned about their young children, who attended school with little or no safe drinking water. These school children also had no water available to wash their hands before meals, putting them at constant risk of becoming sick. The community leaders decided they had to make a change for the sake of their children and began discussing possible options.

The Living Water drilling team returned to the community with a Living Water Trips team from St. Timothy Lutheran Church. They were glad to get to know the community members and set to work drilling on the grounds of the school. They reached a safe water aquifer at 39 meters deep, flushed the borehole to remove debris, and installed the PVC casing, the gravel pack, and the Afridev hand pump. The community members were relieved that, after years of exhausting trips to collect water from the river, they suddenly had abundant safe water for all of their needs in close proximity to their homes. They were willing to take on the responsibility of keeping the water access sustainable. With Living Water's guidance, they nominated a water committee of four men and three women to oversee the use of the well and remain in contact with Living Water. The committee would also collect a small fee per household for water usage in order to save funds that would cover the cost of any future repairs needed for the pump. Finally, Colonia Guanacaste was freed from the pit of reactive thinking and the residents raised their eyes to future possibilities for their community.

The Living Water Trips team and staff helped them establish a foundation for improved health in their community by leading them in a hygiene and sanitation training. The lessons in this training included visual elements, demonstrations, and interactive elements so that the concepts were relatable to participants of all ages and educational backgrounds. Without this training, the safe water from the new water well could quickly become a liability if it was not managed safely. Therefore, the hygiene and sanitation training fostered well-being in the community by protecting both the community members and their well. They became well prepared to advocate healthy habits in their own homes in order to set a new course for the community's future.

Living Water's deeper goal—the reservoir of hope that fed into their other efforts—was that the community members would understand the living water of the gospel through their safe water access. The staff, local church, and Living Water Trips team members dedicated time to an evangelism session in order to study God's Word in fellowship together. **The way that you selflessly gave your resources, time, and efforts in order to improve their way of life was a testament to the love of God, St. Timothy Lutheran Church. The living water, and the water that you gave to the community would continue to flow into many aspects of their lives. Thank you for giving them water, for life, in Jesus' name.**



St. Timothy Lutheran Church



Music Ministry

Please join us for our Christmas Festival Service, "A Thrill of Hope" on December 17th in both worship services

We are preparing for our Christmas Festival Service, "A Thrill of Hope" in our choir rehearsals, as well as music for Christmas Eve. If you've thought about singing with the choir, please consider joining us for November and December! Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 8-9 PM. We'd love to have your voice joining us in worshipping our newborn King!

Do you play a wind or a string instrument? Do you know someone who does? E-mail or talk to Craig Harmann for more information about an opportunity to play on Christmas Eve at our 10 AM worship service!



St. Timothy Music Lessons

If you are looking for piano, organ, voice, guitar or beginning violin lessons, or know someone who is, take a look at the St. Timothy Music Lessons! Sessions are offered on Monday-Thursday afternoons by a group of excellent instructors! Times and forms are available on the church website under the Music Ministry tab. Fill them out and turn them in to the church office, Craig Harmann or send them back to him via e-mail. Makes a great Christmas gift!



For more information, go to: www.STLHouston.org/music-ministry or contact Craig Harmann at Craig@STLHouston.org

New Adult Bible Classes begin Nov. 5th at 9:30 AM

Follow Jesus Make a Difference - For the past seven weeks, we have discussed our new mission and vision to Follow Jesus and Make a Difference. This class will look in depth at specific steps to implement each aspect of our mission and vision. Join us to learn how we can follow Jesus and Make a difference together. *Led by Pastor Steve and Pastor Brad in 201.* Pastors Steve and Brad are dedicated shepherds of the flock at St. Timothy. They work together to preach and teach truth from scripture, leading others to know God's heart for His people.

How to Read the New Testament for All Its Worth - This class will help you gain a greater understanding of scripture by learning the historical context and types of literature found in the Bible. This session will focus on the New Testament. *Led by Heather Harmann in 202.* Heather and her husband, Craig, are in that busy season of life, raising children and working while still focusing on their calling as followers of Jesus Christ. She is currently working on her master's degree in Theology in order to teach and inspire others to live a life that honors God.

Joshua - The book of Joshua was written about 3,000 years ago, but it still conveys important information for us today. God's faithfulness, His encouragement when facing "impossible" situations, the terrible consequences of sin, His miraculous actions for His people, and His plan to prepare the world for the arrival of Jesus, are only a few of the valuable lessons recorded in this book. Come and join us for

this study! Bring your Bible — we will be reading from it a lot! *Led by Noel Atzmler Room 102/103.* Noel takes the study of the Bible very seriously, even though each one of his classes begin with his famous "top ten bad jokes." Noel has led Bible studies for many years and provides many historical and archeological insights into each lesson.

It Starts at Home - Who is shaping what your kids believe? The few hours they spend at church each week can be helpful, but it alone cannot nurture a faith that will withstand trials on their horizon. Come to gain tangible Biblical ways you can build a legacy of faith in your home. *Led by Bobbie Henze in Room 104.* Bobbie and her husband, Nate, love Jesus and are intentional about leading their three small children to know and love Him too. Even with full time jobs and family commitments, they know that their present will reap great benefits for eternity.

Angels - Angels play an important role in the Christmas account, but they are also mentioned throughout scripture. What do you know about them *Biblically*? Or is your understanding of angelic beings shaped by our culture? Let's learn together about these special beings. *Led by Gloria Ruppel in 101.* Gloria serves on staff at St. Timothy as Director of Mission and Ministry. She oversees adult Bible classes, local and overseas missions, and adult ministries at St. Timothy. She finds great joy in getting to know people and introducing them to the power of living a life that honors God.

Coming up in December

Advent Worship begins December 6th with services each Wednesday through December 20th. Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship will be Sunday, December 24 at 10 AM, 2 PM & 4 PM in the Sanctuary. Christmas Day Worship will be Monday, December 25th, at 10 AM. New Year's Eve Worship will be Sunday Dec. 31st at 6 PM.

Annual Voters' Assembly Meeting will be held December 10, immediately following the 10:45 service.

We will vote for our 2018 Board of Directors and approve the 2018 budget. Packets with a complete agenda and all information will be available November 26.

The Tree of Remembrance Service

This year will be on Sunday, December 10th at 3:30 PM. We will decorate Christmas trees with personalized ornaments for those whom have gone to be with our Lord. The ornaments are now on sale in the Gathering Area for \$15. This year we will retire the 2012 & 2013 trees, so if you purchased an ornament for that year, you may pick it up at the Welcome Desk after Dec. 10th. The 2014 - 2017 trees will line our hallway in remembrance of those honored in the past, along with this year's tree.

LINC Toys for Joy Drive

Sharing toys with children at Christmas opens up opportunities to tell them about our GREATEST GIFT FROM GOD... JESUS, our SAVIOR. **The tree will be ready with gift tags in the Gathering Area on November 26th and wrapped toys are due by December 10th.** Thank you for your donations!



Missing loved ones during the holidays

Wondering how you will survive the weeks surrounding Thanksgiving and Christmas? Are you dreading these holidays, knowing that everything has changed and that happy memories from past years can't be recreated?

Our Surviving the Holidays seminar is especially for people who are grieving a loved one's death. You'll learn:

- How to deal with the many emotions you'll face during the holidays
- What to do about traditions and other coming changes
- Helpful tips for surviving social events
- How to discover hope for your future

You are invited to attend one of the two seminars offered at St. Timothy on Tuesday, November 28 or Tuesday, December 5 from 6:30-8:30 PM. Both seminars are held in the Adult Education building, Room 104, facilitated by Judy Box.

If you know of someone who might benefit from this helpful resource, please share the information.





November Birthdays & Anniversaries

1st

Jeff and Jessica Jackson*
Daniel Waggoner

2nd

Alyssa Barry

3rd

Leigh McAuliffe
Wendy and Mike Williams*

4th

Jeff Kroemer
Jennifer Teeters

5th

Kyla Fleischhauer
Ashley Rose

6th

Crystal McFarlane
Jim Riche

7th

Stephanie and James Hansen*
Ann Medrano
Ray and Martha Rhoades*
Betty Schuenke
Sharon Sprague
Logan Stout

8th

Brandon Brinkley
Bethany Birch-Phares
Kathleen Burgess
Pat and Buddy Durham*
Kelly Goebel
Amber Keown
Richard Leslie
Gary Schmeling
Kevin Thoele

9th

Steve Barry
Chung Doan
Katrina Drews
Kevin Gravesmill
Timothy Iselt
Lanie Neal

10th

Mary Currin

11th

Audrey Scarbrough

12th

Russel Blue

13th

Bryson Bankhead
Evelyn Bankhead
Paula Bench
Jason Gilley
Teresa and Mike Lawder*
Hugh McCrea

14th

Amanda Adams
Kristin Henze
Lillian Keown
Korinne Krolow
Shirley Norvick
Don Williams

15th

Crystal Nahirny
Melissa and David Pattison*
Savannah Scott
Cheryl and Jim Straker*

16th

Lorre Knebel

17th

Dorothy and Richard Adams*
Carrie Godwin
Gerry Harvey
Lauren Kirsch
Diane and Douglas Stewart*

18th

Neil Bamsch
Mike Benton
John Bull
Sheryl Huebner
Dorothy and Peter Hugo*
Shannon and Michael Gorney*
Frank McKinley

19th

Kristie Marino
Andie Requenez

20th

Patsy Henze
Bruce Martin
Tricia McAdow
John Moseley
Angelina Waggoner
Autumn and Brian Palm*

21st

Peyton Denney
Emily Harmann
Lisa Laake

22nd

Mildred Bamsch
Fred Gallard
Wendy Musgrove
Judy Newhouse
Christy Steinmann

23rd

Danny Herbrich

24th

Larry Horst
Samuel Henze
Dianne and Roger Kingsley*
Stanley Prapta

25th

Carrie and Louis Godwin*

27th

Ryan Luu

28th

Margaret Bounds
Bobbie and Nathan Henze*
Paul Teeters
Suzanne Thoele

29th

Nathan Keown
Lisa Moeller
Jessica O'Connell
Eunice Snowden
Jo and Steve Stallings*
Rosemary Willborg

30th

Christine Doering
Mark Oncken
Jeff Sjurseth

Happy
Anniversary

Welcome To Our New Members

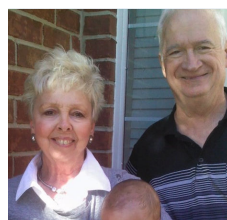
Our faith family is again blessed with new members! Please be sure to greet and welcome them all. New Member reception Nov. 5th.



Christine, Kevin and Benjamin Winoske



Patricia and Larry Wunderlich



Karla and Ron Smith



Shelby and Ve'a Tauaese with Leata and Leilua



Hank Van Zanten



Teresa Jimenez



Justin Gonzales



Kara, Aaron and Amelia Meyer



Christa Rutherford



Kathryn Edwards



Bill and Carol Oncken



Katelynn Selig



Michael Purtell



Darlene and Myron Menk

Financial Report

September

Year-To-Date

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Over/(Under)</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Over/(Under)</u>
Church	\$124,606	\$111,641	(\$12,965)	\$1,067,387	\$1,041,606	\$25,781
Bright Beginners	\$92,452	\$82,350	\$10,102	\$758,504	\$722,483	\$36,021
Total	\$217,058	\$193,991	(\$23,067)	\$1,825,891	\$1,764,089	\$61,802



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