



St. Timothy Lutheran Church
Houston, Texas

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CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

December 24th, 2018 at 4:00 & 6:00 P.M.

Steve Henze, Brad Jurischk, Pastors

Order of Worship

Sounds of Celebration

Craig Harmann, organ

Welcome

Song

"He Has Come For Us"

Invocation and Litany

Hymn Medley

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"
"Angels We Have Heard On High"
"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn

"O Little Town Of Bethlehem"

The Gospel Reading

Luke 2:1-20

Hymn

"Away In A Manger"

Children's Christmas Message

Caroline Gray

Hymn

"What Child Is This"

We Bring Our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering

"Ring The Bells"

The Message

"Joy To The World!"
Pastor Steve Henze

The Candle Lighting

"The First Noel"
"Silent Night"

The Blessing

Closing Song

"Joy To The World"



FOR YOUR SAFETY: The ushers will bring the light the end of each row.

We kindly ask that participants be careful with their candle.

Please do not tilt the lit candle.

For parents with children, we offer glowsticks instead of candles for safety. They are in the Activity Bags.

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, Dec. 25	10:00 AM	Christmas Day Worship with Holy Communion
Wednesday, Dec. 26		<i>Church Offices and Bright Beginners Closed</i>
Sunday, Dec. 30	8:00 & 10:45 AM 9:30 AM	Worship Services Special Adult Bible study in the Life Center
Monday, Dec. 31	6:00 PM	New Year's Eve Worship with Holy Communion Child care is available in the nursery
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Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019		<i>Church Offices and Bright Beginners Closed</i>



Worship Opportunities

Come and worship with us each Sunday



Worship with Us!

Sundays at 8:00 AM This service is traditional in style with hymns led with the organ and piano in the Sanctuary. It is beautifully enhanced with our choir, bells and Gospel Lights men's ensemble.

Sundays at 10:45 AM This service is contemporary in style. Led by our talented Praise Team with the latest contemporary worship songs in the Life Center.

The primary focus of our services at St. Timothy is always Jesus Christ.

We believe that as followers of Jesus, we are His hands and feet to share and show His love to others.



Join us on Sundays beginning January 6th for a new church-wide sermon series and Bible study experience exploring "The Real God". Read more on page 4.

Nursery Care Available

- Our nursery is located off the Gathering Area by the Welcome Desk and is staffed with trained caregivers for children from birth thru 3 years old.
- Please sign the binder, check out a pager, and provide any information that will help us care for your precious little ones.
- Children's Ministry information on page 5.



Church-wide Experience and Bible Study

What we believe about God is the most important thing about us.

You are invited to join us **January 6, as we begin the new year with this powerful 8 week church-wide experience and Bible Study series.** God will bring a fresh sense of purpose in our faith, relationships, decision-making, and even our worldview. We will “go deeper” into His Word as one church together to focus on God’s character, and rediscover together His grace, love, and power in our lives.

THE REAL GOD - Bible Study Experience

Do you know God, *really know Him?* When you know His character, you will grow in your trust of how you let Him work in your life. Beginning on January 6, each Bible class room will be showing weekly short videos about the character of God, followed by discussion. Not only will you grow in your understanding of who God is, but you will also meet others on the journey of faith.



New Year = Open Door

Dec. 30 Adult Bible Study - The ending of one year means that another year, with all its promise and possibility, awaits us. We have an open door before us placed by God. What will you do? Come for this special Bible class that will help open your eyes to ways to step out in faith and embrace extraordinary opportunities divinely appointed by God. Held in the Life Center at 9:30am.

Mid-Week Pit Stop

Wednesday's PIT STOP returns January 9th!

Here is what you can expect:

- 5:45-6:30pm: **Dinner in the Life Center** (free will offering):
- 6:15-6:45pm: **Joyful Noise** (Preschool - 1st grade choir) in room 203
- 6:15-6:45pm: **Chimes Choir** (2nd grade - 5th grade) in room 202
- 6:45-7:45pm: **Adult Bible Study: “The Real God” replay**
- 6:45-8:00pm: **Jr. High Confirmation** in Sr. High youth room, **Sr. High Bible study** in room 104
- ZONE 45** - 4th and 5th grade youth group - Meets in Children's Ministry Building
- Activities for children in 1st - 3rd grade** are in the Children's Ministry Building
- Childcare** for small children through Kindergarten in the Children's Ministry Building
- 7:00-8:00pm: **“Voices In Bronze”** Hand bell choir - rehearsals in room 202
- 8:00-9:00pm: **St. Timothy Choir rehearsal** in room 201
- 9:00-9:30pm: **“Gospel Lights”** Men's ensemble - rehearsal in room 201



Children's Ministry

Children's Sunday School

Exciting things happen on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30 for children age 2 through 5th grade. Caring teachers incorporate worship, hands-on activities, and Bible study into a fun and positive experience for children.



Nursery

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Summer Sports Camps 2019

Save the Date:

June 17-21 - Multi Sport Camp

July 15-18 - Soccer Camp

More information in the Spring at www.STLHouston.org

If you've had a baby in 2018, you and your family are invited to a lunch in your honor!

Join us for the Blessing Shower on **Sunday, January 20th from 12-1pm in the Big Room.**

Please RSVP to Caroline@STLHouston.org



Do you have a child in Kindergarten? Then you are invited to our Milestone Ministry Event: The Great Family Devotion Challenge! It's a great way to begin the new year – digging into God's Word – as a family. **Sunday, Jan. 27th at 9:30am in the Children's Ministry Building,** we'll eat breakfast and get devoted! Please RSVP to Caroline@STLHouston.org

For more information on Children's Ministry events contact Caroline Gray at Caroline@STLHouston.org

2019 Camp Lone Star

Summer Camp for kids ages 8-18 in LaGrange, TX - June 9-14, 2019

Join us for a week of outdoor adventures at Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of Texas's Camp Lone Star in LaGrange, TX. St. Timothy will take a group of kids, age 8 to 18, as a "pioneer" group to experience



God's creation while making new friends, experiencing the great outdoors, hiking, archery, swimming, Bible studies and so much more!

The cost for camp is \$425 and a \$100 deposit is required to hold your spot. If you would like more information or would like to reserve a spot for your child, speak to Laura Shivok or Caroline Gray.



Poinsettia Dedications

GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY:

*Glyn and Rosemary Willborg
Marty and Pat Zanotti
Wayne & Sheryl Huebner
Dave and Karen McRoberts*

*John and Patsy Pemberton
Herb & Judy Newhouse
Matt, Lori and Kaitlyn Davis
Dan and Margo Frederking
Larry and Kathy Horst*

*Johnny and Karen Blake
Greg and Laura Shivok
Dorothy Hugo
Don and Janice Heider*

Given by:

*Gregory and Heidi Jo Green
Doug and Pat Neal
Steve and Esther Robinson
Larry and Trish Wunderlich
Jerry and Sue Schorr
Don and Janis Heider*

In Honor of:

*Nicholas Green
For the blessings of Family
Doug and Esther Martin
Makayla
Our Great Grandchildren - Charlie, Jay, Dane, Olivia,
Eliza, Julia, Wyatt & Torry
Our Kids - Michael, Vi, Kristin, Matt, Brian, & Karen*

Given by:

*Pastor Steve and Rosalyn Henze
Jerry and Sue Schorr
Jim and Jean Holton
Elsie Endsley
Paulette Snowden
The Bounds Family
Rick and Cecilia Gravesmill
Doug and Pat Neal
Cliff and JoAnn Broeder
Greg and Teri Weiss
Patsy Lamb
Gary Naylor
Georgia Phillips
Tim Jenkins and Johanna Gravesmill
Steve and Esther Robinson
Larry and Sue Bathe*

In Loving Memory of:

*Pastor R.G. Friedrichs & Nelson Henze
Julie Ann Schorr
Heavenly Loved Ones
John Roy Endsley Jr. & John Roy Endsley III
Evelyn Washington, Ronald, Gary & Diane Snowden
Kenny Bounds
Ruth and Rob Gravesmill & Hubert and Celia Stone
Elizabeth Neal
Elizabeth Emme & Barbara Bammel
John Blasienz, Clemence Weiss & Doris Weiss
Kent Lamb
Wilbert and Eleanor Pall
Dennis Hoffman
Rev. Keith Gravesmill and Mrs. Ginger Jenkins
Sterling and Helen Robinson
Charles Bathe & Rita Woodward*

Student Ministry

All students are invited to worship the Lord, dig into the Word, and join us for crazy fun!

Jr. High Movie Night - FREE

Movie and Ice Cream Night
Saturday, Jan. 12 at 5-7:30pm



Sr. High Bowling - \$10

Willowbrook AMF Willow Lanes
Jan. 13 at 6-8pm

2019 Youth Mission Trips

Jr. High Mission Trip:

June 9-13
LINC Houston

Sr. High Mission Trip:

July 19-28
Savannah, GA

JOIN US IN 2019

Knockerball Games

Six Flags

AMF WILLOW LANES

MOVIE Night

AND MORE!

Annual Youth Garage Sale: Saturday, Feb. 16

The Garage Sale will be from 8am-3pm in the Life Center. Donations will be accepted beginning in January. Proceeds benefit 2019 Youth Mission Trips.



Sr. High **FUEL** is our Sr. High Gathering each Sunday from 6-8pm. Join us for food, fun and Bible study as we grow our relationship with each other as well as our relationship with God.

For more information on Student Ministry events contact Dan Parker at Dan@STLHouston.org

Week Day Bible Classes

Monday Mom's Study at 9:30 AM:

This class will resume a regular schedule on January 28th. Study is yet to be determined.

Led by Sonia Branscome in Room 104.

Monday Afternoon Women's Study at 12:30 PM:

This study group is comprised of women from several different congregations including St. Timothy. It will resume January 14. For more info email Carrie Godwin at lgodwin_99@yahoo.com or Chris Bregenzer at c.bregenzer@sbcglobal.net.

Meets In Room 101.

Tuesday Morning Women's Study at 9:30 AM:

This class will resume study on January 8 with "When God Whispers Your Name" by Max Lucado.

Led by Elsie Endsley in Room 101.

Tuesday Evening Study at 7 PM:

On January 8th, men and women will resume the Tuesday night class with a new study on Colossians. Come and hear Paul's caution against false teachings with **John Rohan in the Church Office Conference Room.**

Saturday Morning Men's Study at 7 AM:

Men start the weekend with early morning Bible study and discussion. **Meets in the Church Office Conference Room.**

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Music Ministry



ST. TIMOTHY MUSIC LESSONS

If you are looking for private music lessons - violin, piano, trumpet, and beginning guitar - look no further! St. Timothy offers music lessons Monday - Thursday by a group of great instructors! Times and forms are available on the church website under the Music Lessons tab. Contact Craig Harmann for more information at Craig@STLHouston.org.

Music lessons make a great Christmas gift!

Children's Choir

Children in Pre-K (4) - 1st grade are welcome to join in Joyful Noise and 2nd-5th graders are welcome to join in Praising Chimers! Joyful Noise will be learning all kinds of upbeat, fun songs, and having lots of FUN! Praising Chimers will play hand-chimes, drums and all other kinds of noisy instruments! Come for Pit Stop dinner at 5:45pm and join us at 6:15pm Wednesday, January 9th!



Visit our website to find lots of helpful music resources! www.STLHouston.org/music-ministry

For more information on Music Ministry events contact Craig Harmann at Craig@STLHouston.org

Senior Ministry

St. Timothy offers several opportunities for our more 'mature' members to worship, learn, fellowship and continue to grow in their faith together.

- The **Rewired for Christ (RFC)** group meets on the third Wednesday each month for **Bible study** at 10:00am in the Adult Education Building in room 101. **Wednesday, January 16 at 10:00 AM**
- The **Just Older Youth (JOY)** group sponsors **handi-capped friendly bus trips** that take them to a variety of locations through out the year. Call Gloria Ruppel in the church office for more information or to get involved. 281-469-2457. See new trip scheduled below!



The JOY Group invites everyone 50 years and better to visit the **George H. W. Bush Presidential Library (in College Station)**
Thurs. January 24, 2019 | 9:30am-4:30pm | cost is \$5



We will visit the Library and Museum and then eat lunch at Rudy's BBQ (lunch at your own expense). RSVP by Sunday, Jan. 20, or until the bus is full.

Handi-capped friendly bus leaves and comes back to church.

Spots reserved on first come basis. Registration forms are at the Welcome Desk.

Questions? Call Larry (713-594-7778) Georgia (281-397-6545) or Janet (281-923-3897)

Missions Ministry

St. Timothy is actively involved in overseas mission trips to share the Gospel and provide needed care. In 2019, we will take teams to work in Coreluv's orphanage in Haiti on July 14-20. Also, with Living Water International to Central America to drill water wells to provide clean drinking water. A team will travel to El Salvador July 7-13 & also on October 13-19. St. Timothy will completely sponsor the well drilling projects to provide these communities with clean water. A team of missionaries will also travel to Anchorage, Alaska with GraceWorks June 9-15 to spread Jesus' love to the communities working directly with non-churched children, youth and adults in local parks – feeding meals to the hungry, backyard Bible school, sports, games and crafts. Help us with The Great Commission in 2019!



If God is leading you to join us on a mission trip in 2019, please call the church office or contact Gloria Ruppel at Gloria@STLHouston.org. Space is limited, sign up now!

Local Volunteer and Outreach Opportunities

St. Timothy Ongoing Ministries include:

- Life Center for the Homeless - donations of pantry items, paper goods, cleaning products, Bibles
- Care Net Pregnancy Center - office help, client contact, and donations of baby supplies
- LINC Houston - toy drives, fundraising events, Food Pantry
- TOMAGWA - Medical, dental, clerical, professional support
- Hancock Elementary - library, mentor, Bus Buddy

Contact the Church Office at 281.469.2457 for information on any of our Mission Ministry areas

Preschool and Infant Care



Bright Beginners Preschool and Infant Care

Our Bright Beginners Preschool & Infant Care offers full and part day preschool for children age six weeks through five years old.

We offer center-based learning including math, science, music, writing, reading, dramatic play and sensory experiences.

Mornings: 9 AM - 12 PM Part-day: 9 AM - 3 PM Full-day: 6:30 AM - 6:15 PM

www.STLHouston.org/Bright-Beginners, or call us at 281-469-2913.

Women's Ministry

Week-Day Women's-only Bible studies are listed at STLHouston.org

New Women's Monthly Gathering: When women join together, much can be accomplished! Beginning **Thursday, February 7 from 6:30-8:00PM**, you are invited to a monthly gathering in the Adult Ed Building (room 101) to be encouraged in your walk of faith and to learn about ways we can better connect for fellowship and helping others. Light snacks will be provided. **RSVP** - Childcare is offered, but please let the church office know how many children and their ages **by Monday, February 4**.

The Women's Book Club scheduled meeting time has changed to the THIRD Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the Education Building coffee area.

Monthly book selections:

January 16th: Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate Harriet

February 20th: Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ny

March 20th: The Masterpiece by Francine Rivers



To get the 2019 book club list, email Pat Neal at pneal36313@comcast.net

Wednesday dinner is on us! Come to **Pit Stop** every Wednesday during the school year for dinner (beginning at 5:45pm) in the Life Center and stay for Bible study, kids activities, and childcare.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
JESUS CHRIST
MERRY CHRISTMAS TO US ALL

Men's Ministries



- ◆ Bible Study every Saturday morning at 7am in Church Office Conference Room
- ◆ Gathering at Willie's Icehouse every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:45pm
- ◆ Men's Ministry Events throughout the year
- ◆ Men's (over 30) basketball game in Life Center every Thurs at 7:30pm



Visit our website www.STLHouston.org for more info on Men's Ministry Events

Announcements

Thank you so much to all of the choir and orchestra members who worked so hard to make "Ceremony of Candles" such a beautiful telling of the Christmas story on December 16th! What a wonderful blessing it is that St. Timothy has so many amazingly talented musicians!

thank you

Thank you to the praise team members who shared "A Not So Silent Night" on December 15th! It was a great opportunity to rock out, hear some creative twists on familiar Christmas carols, as well as hear new tellings of the Christmas story! Thanks for all of the hard work and thanks for all who came to support the concert!

GAMES NIGHT

**Saturday, January 5th
at 5 PM in the Life
Center, and every first
Saturday of the month.**

Join this fun group for an evening of laughter and fellowship while games are played. This is a great way to meet people and learn new ways to have fun!

Service of Prayer and Healing

**Thursday, January 10 at 7 PM
in the Sanctuary**

Every second Thursday of the month, 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!



Interested in Cub Scouts or Boy Scouts?

St. Timothy has three troops: Cub Scout Troop, Boy Scout Troop, and an Adventure Crew. For more information, contact the church office at 281-469-2457

Thrivent Financial Workshop

**Wed., January 9th – Attend the Parents,
Kids and Money Matters® Workshop:**

Movies, advertisers, friends...they can all affect your kids' attitudes about life— and money. Find out how to talk to them about influences, choices and responsible money habits. Get practical tools to make teaching about money fun. **Held during Wednesday's Pit Stop at 6:45pm in the Life Center. Free!**



rightnow MEDIA

RightNow Media is an online customizable resource for churches to equip, train and inspire people to live out their faith. Their site has over 15,000 videos for kids, youth, and adults. It's the "Netflix" of online Bible Studies for every age. A Log-In is required, to access yours, please contact Gloria Ruppel at Gloria@STLHouston.org.

Welcome

Welcome in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We pray this service will be a joyful and uplifting celebration of faith for you as you are strengthened through His Holy Word and Sacraments.

Our Guests: Welcome! We are so glad you have come! Please register your visit with us on a Welcome card. To learn more about St. Timothy, go to our website at STLHouston.org.
You are always welcome here!



Nursery: Nursery Care is available for infants and toddlers up to 3 yrs old anytime before or during either of our services.

On Sundays we offer Children's Church at the 8:00am Service: Children 2 ½ yrs old - 1 grade participate in learning just for them during the Message, and return after the Message.

On Sundays we offer Children's Church at the 10:45am Service: Children 2½ - 4 yrs old are invited to Room 7 in the Children's Ministry Building anytime during the service. Please sign them in and pick them up at the end of the service. Children of parents who wish to keep them at the beginning of the service are dismissed for Children's Church before the Pastor's Message. **Children in Pre-K - 1st grade** attend Children's Church in the Children's Ministry "Big Room" during the 10:45am service and will return after the Message.

 Public WIFI Password: **Jesuslovesme**

Hearing devices are available
at the Welcome Desk



Those Who Serve

Today, December 24, 2018

	4:00 PM	6:00 PM
Elders/Deacons	Ted Fisher / Bob Hartman / Mark Oncken / Bruce Erickson / Steve Rasmussen / Rob Ellington	Bob Sawicki / Mark Oncken / Mike Benton / Jason Honeycutt
Reader	Children of Trinity Lutheran School	
Prayer Partner	Nancy Hartman	Kathy Kolkhorst
Ushers	Gary Naylor / Leigh McAuliffe / Marsahl Preslar / Chrisanne McAuliffe / Dave Baden / Tim Schneck / Steve Ilten	Ross Friedrichs / Roger Rucker / Fred Gallard / Robert Rucker / Stan Fritsche / Bruce Martin
Greeters	Desk: Sheryl Huebner Lobby: Nancy Rohan	Desk: Jeff and Jessica Jackson Lobby: Scott and Betsy Barton
Tech Team	Patrick Blake	Patrick Blake



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