

St. Timothy Newsletter

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- New Sermon Series and Bible Classes
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 - And more!



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

THE REAL GOD

HOW HE LONGS FOR YOU TO SEE HIM

New Sermon and Bible Study Series begins January 6th

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 world-view. 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 Workbooks are available NOW for purchase on Sunday mornings and through the church office. Workbooks are **\$7.00/each, donate \$10** and the remaining will help bless someone else with their workbook.

The eight sessions will focus on:

- Seeking God
- The Goodness of God
- The Sovereignty of God
- The Holiness of God
- The Wisdom of God
- The Justice of God
- The Love of God
- The Faithfulness of God

THE REAL GOD - Bible Study Series

What you believe about God is THE most important thing about you. When you know His character, you will grow in your trust of how you let Him work in your life.

Beginning January 6, each Bible class room will be showing weekly short videos about the character of God followed by discussion. We invite you to grow in your understanding of who God is and also meet others on this journey of faith.

Christmas Un-Decorating - Can you help?

Just like at home, we must remove, disassemble, pack and store all the decorations that adorn our campus during Advent. Every person that can assist is encouraged to come at **9am-12pm on Saturday, January 5th** to help. Thank you!


**GAMES
NIGHT**

Monthly Games Night - Saturday, January 5th at 5 PM in the Life Center, and every first Saturday of the month.

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 in RM 103 with Pastor Steve and Gloria Ruppel**
- 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

SUNDAY SCHOOL is every Sunday at 9:30am

Sundays in January will focus on The Real God.
Look for us in the Children's Ministry building!

Milestone Ministry: **Blessing Shower**

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

Come and meet other families, our nursery care givers, staff and volunteers in Children's Ministry, and get information on how you can connect with a Bible Study or small group. Join us for the Blessing Shower on **January 20th**, from **12-1pm in the Children's Big Room**.

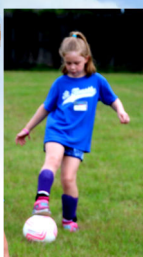
RSVP: Caroline@STLHouston.org

Milestone Ministry:

The Great Family Devotion Challenge

Do you have a child in Kindergarten? Then you are invited to our Great Family Devotion Challenge! It's a great way to begin the new year—digging into God's Word—as a family. **Sunday, January 27th at 9:30am** in the Children's Ministry Building we will eat breakfast and get devoted! Devotions are worth the effort and you *can* be successful!

RSVP to Caroline@STLHouston.org



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



Free Thrivent Financial Workshop:

Parents, Kids and Money Matters Workshop® - Wednesday, January 9th

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 Room 101.**



JANUARY IS SANCTITY OF LIFE MONTH

"Life Quotes"

"If God places such high value on life—all life (John 3:16)—how can we possibly be less concerned? We do love others because He first loved us (1 John 4:19). We speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves (Proverbs 31:8) because when we had no voice, no standing, no defense, Jesus stepped in on our behalf. There is no way we can be less loving." *Christian Life Resources - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • www.lutheransforlife.org



PLEASE COME AND JOIN US FOR OUR MUSICAL OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAISE GOD IN 2019!

ST. TIMOTHY MUSIC LESSONS If you are interested in private piano, voice, trumpet, violin, or guitar lessons, we offer 30 minute sessions on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays between 4:00-6:00 PM. There is limited availability and more information is available on our website.

Choir Rehearsal Schedule

Joyful Noise (Pre-K-1st grade): Wednesdays from 6:15-6:45pm in Room 203

Praising Chimers (2nd-5th): Wednesdays from 6:15-6:45pm in Room 202

Voices in Bronze Adult Handbell Choir: Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00pm in Room 202

St. Timothy Adult Choir: Wednesdays from 8:00-9:00pm in Room 201

Gospel Lights Men's Choir: Wednesdays from 9:00-9:20pm in Room 201

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

ANNUAL YOUTH GARAGE SALE - Saturday, February 16, 8am-1pm:

If you would like to donate items, bring them to the storage pod located behind the Adult Education building during regular office hours or on Sunday mornings. If possible, please sort items into like bags or boxes such as household items, men's clothing, Christmas decorations, etc. as it will help us in the sorting process.

If you would like to schedule a pick-up of larger items please contact Dan Parker in the church office. We are also asking for donations of plastic or paper bags and hangers for use during the garage sale. For more info email Dan at Dan@STLHouston.org.

Proceeds go to support our youth's summer mission trips!



Week Day Bible Studies

Monday Morning Moms' Group - Mothers of children of all ages are invited to this informal Bible Study group that encourages one another in their walk of faith. *Led by Sonia Branscome in Room 104 at 9:30am.*

Monday Ladies' Study - This group is comprised of women from several different Christian churches in the area. *This class meets in Room 101 at 12:30 PM. Will begin on January 14th.*

Tuesday Morning Women's Study - Studying God's Word and encouraging each other is foundational to this group. This group will start a new study series, on January 8th, When God Whispers Your Name, by Max Lucado. *Led by Elsie Endsley in room 101 at 9:30 AM.*

Tuesday Evening Men's and Women's Study - Colossians was written at the same time as Philemon and both epistles were carried by Tychicus from Rome in connection with the return of Philemon's runaway slave, Onesimus. It is very likely that Tychicus also carried the epistle to the Ephesians on this trip. Paul never went to Colosse but it is thought that Epaphras one of Paul's disciples founded it. Come and hear Paul's caution against false teachings. *Led by John Rohan in the Church Office Conference Room at 7 PM. Will begin on January 8th.*

Wednesday Evening Pit Stop Bible Study:

5:45 - 6:30: Dinner in the life center (free will offering)

6:45 - 7:45: Adult Bible Study - "The Real God" replay in RM 102/103



Saturday Morning Men's Study - This group of men meets weekly to challenge each other in serving our Lord. A new study on Revelation begins this month. *Meet in the Office Conference Room at 7 AM.*

New Women's Bible study for High School and College age - How to be a Biblical woman (without turning into the "crazy cat lady"). Led by Kathryn Parker, starting Thursday Jan. 17 at 6pm at the Parker home - 18919 Telford Way, Tomball TX 77375. Dinner will be provided. Meets monthly.

Senior's Ministry

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 returns 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)



**REWIRED
for CHRIST**

The **Rewired for Christ (RFC)** group meets **Wednesday, January 16 at 10:00 AM** and on the third Wednesday of each month for Bible study in the Adult Education Building in room 101.



Lent and Resurrection Sunday

March 6: Ash Wednesday worship with Holy Communion at 11:30am & 7:00pm

March 13 - April 10: Wednesday Lenten services at 11:30am & 7:00pm

April 14: Palm Sunday worship at 8:00 & 10:45am

April 18: Maundy Thursday worship with Holy Communion at 11:30am & 7:00pm

April 19: Good Friday Service of Darkness at 11:30am & 7:00pm

April 21: Resurrection Sunday worship at 8:00 & 10:45am



THANK YOU FROM LINC HOUSTON - Our sincerest thanks for the incredible generosity of the St. Timothy family who once again purchased 300+ Christmas gifts for children served by the missions of Lutheran Inter-City Network Coalition (LINC). These gifts made Christmas special for many children from newborn through teens. The gifts were given with the message of Jesus Christ and His love for these children. Thank you again for sharing your resources to help us tell more children and families about Jesus!

Service of Prayer and Healing

Thursday, January 10th, at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary

Come, worship and praise God, along with pastor-led teaching, and a time for prayer with others over your deepest concerns in life. We all have various issues requiring prayer in our lives. If you have a health need, upcoming surgery, family struggles, concern for our nation or our world, please join us. How comforting to know that we serve an awesome God and that fellow friends in Christ [Prayer Team/Elders], will pray with you regarding any concern.



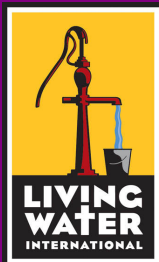
2019 International Mission Trips

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. We will partner with Living Water International in Central America to drill water wells that 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!

Everyone is invited to go on a international mission trip!

Contact Gloria@STLHouston.org for more information.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Jr. High Movie & Ice Cream Night:

January 12th from 5:30 – 7:30pm (FREE)

Sr. High Bowling at AMF Willow Lanes

bring \$10 - January 13th (FUEL 6-8pm)

New High School and College Age Bible study group meets monthly at Dan's house. See page 4 for more info.

Upcoming Jr. High events

Feb. 16 - Garage Sale
Mar. 13 - Six Flags Over TX
Apr. 6 - Games Night
May 5 - Confirmation
June - Jr. High Mission Trip
July 6 - Bowling at AMF

Upcoming Sr. High Events

Feb. 16 - Garage Sale
Mar. 10 - Movie Night
Apr. 28- Spring FUEL Kick-off
May 4 - Paintball
June 1 - Drive In Movie Night
July 19-28 - Sr. High Mission Trip



Senior High Student Mission Trip REGISTER TODAY!

Attention Senior High Students!

Registration is now open for the 2019 Sr. High Mission Trip to **Savannah, GA** to serve in the community neighborhoods repairing homes for the elderly, handicapped, and those in need. The dates for work camp are **July 19-28**. The cost of the trip is \$700, before fundraising, and is due by the end of April. A \$50 registration fee is required to hold your spot.

Email Dan@STLHouston.org for more info.

Women's Ministry

Book of the Month Club

is open to any woman who enjoys reading and discussing the books with others. Women meet **every third Wednesday** of the month at **1:00pm**

in the **Adult Education building coffee area**.

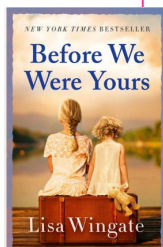
January's book is:

Before We Were Yours
by Lisa Wingate.

Plan to meet **January 16th**

For the 2019 book list or more information, email

Pat Neal at
pneal36313@comcast.net.



The Monday 12:30pm women's Bible study in Rm. 101 will begin again January 14.

Tuesday morning Bible study at 9:30am in Rm 101 resumes study on January 8, which will continue the study series, "When God Whispers Your Name" by Max Lucado.

New Women's Monthly Gathering:

When women join together, much can be accomplished! Beginning **Thursday, February 7th 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.**

MEN'S MINISTRY

On the second Tuesday of each month at 6:45 PM, a group of men gather at Willie's Icehouse on 249 at Cypresswood to plan events, visit, and enjoy food and beverage together. Just stop by!



Saturday mornings Bible Study at 7:00 am A group of men meets each week to clarify what we as Lutheran Christians believe, and to challenge each other in serving our Lord with a Bible Study. Meets in the Church Office Conference Room.



If you would like to be included in an email with updates from Men's Ministry on their planned events, please contact Mike Steele at mes@reagan.com.

1st

Andy Requenez
Robert Rucker

2nd

Don and Jenna Larson*
Mike Lawder
Alyssa Scoble

3rd

Amelia Odinga
Jaclyn Prapta
Jim Straker

4th

Marilyn Ker
Thomas Miller

5th

Bryan Bankhead
Makayla Finch

6th

Johnny and Karen Blake*
Donna and Michael Drews*
Maegan Keller
Anne Moeller
AnnLee Moseley
Barbara Perlich
Cory Weiss

8th

Jack Coursey
Staci McMahon

9th

Libby and Kevin Arnold*
Judy Kuhlmann
Steven Languirand

10th

Alec Barto
Brady Dodson
Bobby and Danny Shelby*
Emmeline Spurgeon

11th

Judith and Mark Brooks*
Ashley Hanel
Ashley Hyatt
Mark Laine
Kim Marquardt

12th

Dwayne Dodson

**13th**

Madeleine Albers
Lisa Fleischhauer
Christa Rutherford

14th

Tim Ellington
Aubrey Hartman
Ann and Juan Medrano*
Chloe Requenez

15th

Mark Fleischhauer
James Johnson
Laura Kroemer
Janis McLead

16th

Jade Kettlecamp
Chrisanne McAuliffe
Helena Rohan

17th

Stephen Bachmeier
Carroll Canada
Grant Goebel
Gatlin Gold
Wally Schuenke

18th

Eric Keown
Kathy Kolkhorst

19th

David Marth
Lilian Ravikumar
Sharon Schuett

20th

J.Garrett and Mallory Grooms*
Allison Palm
Paul Otterstrom

21st

Alice Gray
Patrick Matthews
Victoria Sawicki

22nd

Mary Ellington

23rd

Butch Bradt
Sandy and David McFayden*

24th

Cathey Bachmann
Mitchel Barry
Lauren Beccue
Brandy and Rob Ellington*
Blake Johnson

25th

Pat and Randy Adoor*
Donald Haga
Ron Smith

26th

Will Hansen
Sadie Steinmann
Sailaja and Ravindra Vinoth*

27th

Dee Rader
Roger Rucker
Nancy Vanover
Tony West

28th

Graham Brogan
Sophia Suh

29th

Richard Drews
Drayton Hatcher
Debbie Jackson
Jaxson Lehmann
Kari Montgomery
Karis Schamerhorn
Wayne Tow
Andy Wickman

30th

Sheri Esparza

31st

Mary and Carroll Canada*

Happy Anniversary



CAMP LONE STAR

LUTHERAN OUTDOORS MINISTRY OF TEXAS

**Summer Camp for kids ages 8-18 at Camp Lone Star 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. (The cost going as a pioneer group is a group discounted rate.)



Financial Report

November

Year-To-Date

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Over/(Under)</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Over/(Under)</u>
Church	\$110,460	\$134,895	(\$24,435)	\$1,379,055	\$1,370,048	(\$9,007)
Bright Beginners	\$85,451	\$91,416	(\$5,965)	\$991,434	\$972,749	\$18,685
Total	\$195,911	\$226,311	(\$30,400)	\$2,370,489	\$2,342,797	\$27,692

Curious about what the offering was last week?

Contact Dave at Dave@STLHouston.org and ask to have your name added to his email distribution list for weekly reports showing actual offerings as well as week-by-week budget information.



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Bright Beginners Preschool and Infant Care | Contact Kim Jurischk: 281.469.2913
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