

ST. TIMOTHY NEWSLETTER

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Lent 2020
- Upcoming Events
- Women's Ministry
- Men's Ministry
- Music Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- Birthdays/Anniversaries
- And more!

PRAYER WALK MARCH 1ST 9:30 AM

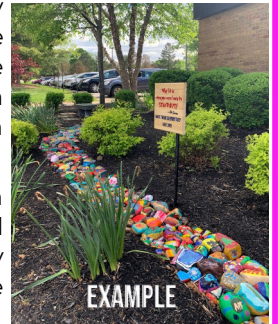
There is great power when God's people pray together!

Please join us Sunday, March 1st, for a self-guided prayer walk around our campus. The purpose is to pray over our campus asking God to fill this place with His Spirit. We hope you will experience God in a real and powerful way. The Generations campaign is more than just a building project. It's about God reaching people and changing lives.

Everyone will start in the Life Center at 9:30 am and then venture out to the various stations to pray for our campus and the opportunities we have to share His legacy now and in the future.

Another tangible way we will showcase generations sharing His legacy will be with a rock "garden" on our campus. Every member will be encouraged to paint a rock that, once everything is completed, will be placed along a path as a visible reminder of God's faithfulness through this generation and the ones to come. Look for the rock painting table on March 1st during the Prayer Walk!

There will be a special "scavenger hunt" prayer walk for families with children starting in the Life Center. You will be handed a clue that will guide you and your children to find the next clue with family friendly prayers at various locations around the campus. You will end up at the rock painting table where we encourage all family members to paint one!



EXAMPLE

2020 LENT WORSHIP SCHEDULE

| | | |
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| Wednesdays, Mar. 4-Apr. 1 | 11:30 AM 5:30 PM 6:15 PM 6:45-7:45 PM 7 PM | Lenten Worship Services (meal served after service) Dinner in the Life Center Family Lenten Worship Services Jr. High Confirmation Lenten Worship Services |
| Sun., April 5 | 8 & 10:45 AM 10:45 AM | Palm Sunday Cantata Worship Services in the Sanctuary Worship in the Life Center |
| Thurs., April 9 | 11:30 AM & 7 PM | Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion |
| Fri., April 10 | 11:30 AM & 7 PM | Good Friday - Service of Darkness |
| Sun., April 12 | 8 & 10:45 AM | Celebration of the Resurrection Sunday Worship |

LENTEN SERIES: FOR GOD SO LOVED John 3:16

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.



BRIGHT BEGINNERS AUCTION



Mark your calendars: Bright Beginners Preschool and Infant Care will be hosting their Annual Art Auction and Spaghetti Dinner on **Friday, March 6th at 6-8:30 PM**. The children of Bright Beginners are hard at work creating masterpieces! There will be a silent auction going on throughout the evening along with a live auction beginning at 6:45pm. Tickets for the dinner are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and children under the age of 2 are free. You can purchase your tickets at the door or in advance. We hope that you join us in a fun evening as we raise money for **our preschool program!**

MUSIC MINISTRY

Starting on Wednesday, February 5th, we will begin our Festival Choir rehearsal for "Hosanna!" our Palm Sunday Cantata celebration at 8 and 10:45 services on April 5th. A rehearsal schedule will be shared on February 5th and will run until the rehearsal with the orchestra on April 4th at 9 AM. For more information, please talk to Craig Harmann. For more information go to: www.STLHouston.org/music-ministry or email Craig Harmann at Craig@STLHouston.org



LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES - LENT DEVOTIONAL

In Deliver Us: Jesus Sets Us Free, we remember our Savior's triumphal act of redemption in Israel's exodus from captivity in Egypt. Just as Moses led Israel to the Promised Land, Jesus won victory for us through His life, death, and resurrection. In both events, God saves His people. But, through Jesus, God saves completely. A limited number of copies are available at the Welcome Desk.



GENERATIONS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

MANANTIALES DE VIDA

Twelve years ago, God in His infinite wisdom, birthed a small mission and placed it right here at St. Timothy. Knowing that as our local neighborhoods became more diversified we would need bilingual ministries to work alongside us in order to share the message of Jesus' love and grace. Pastor Rodrigo and the people of Manantiales de Vida are committed and enthused to walk this path with us as we follow Jesus and make a difference here in our community for generations to come.

Pastor Rodrigo and his wife Dayana have graciously and joyfully committed to participate in the Generations campaign. They are currently finalizing dates for two fundraising events as gifts from the Manantiales de Vida congregation. The plans are to have a family bingo night with live music and homemade tamale sales—dates are still being determined for both. All proceeds from the fundraisers will go towards the campaign as a love offering from the Manantiales de Vida congregation.

If you have never attended a Manantiales de Vida worship service, we highly encourage you to do so. They will offer a bilingual service on Sunday, March 22 at 1:00pm. All St. Timothy members, friends and family are invited to attend.

GENERATIONS COMMITMENT SUNDAY

March 29, 2020

ONE SERVICE AT 10 AM

~ Celebration following ~
COMMITMENT CELEBRATION

11:30am --2pm

Come celebrate with your St. Timothy family and immerse yourselves in the joy of God's faithfulness to all generations as we Share His Legacy! We will celebrate with lunch, games, children's activities, and music. More details coming soon in the church bulletin.

Children's Spring Carnival



PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH 4-6PM

Pop-full of games, prizes, and a petting zoo
Egg-citing egg hunts begin at 5pm (ages 1 - 11 yrs)
Now accepting candy donations in Gathering Area

LIVING WATER FUN RUN 5K SATURDAY, MARCH 28

Where: 12001 Brighton Lane, Meadows Place, TX US 77477

Register at www.water.cc/node/314066 by March 25th for \$35

The 5K Run/Walk will be a chip-timed race with awards for the top three participants in each age group (14 and under, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60 and over). The race starts at 8 a.m., and the course takes place on neighborhood roads and jogging trails in the City of Meadows Place in Southwest Houston.

Kids Dash - \$15 Kids dash is open to children 12 years and younger. 9am and will be about 1 kilometer (more than half a mile). Parents can accompany children.

If you have any questions about this race, please contact the race director at jcollins@water.cc



**WORLD
WATER
DAY 5K**

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CALLING ALL ART ENTHUSIASTS...

If Eunice can do it, you can too! Would you like a place where you can create works of art, or learn techniques as an aspiring artist?

Join us on Thursday and Friday, March 19 and 20, from 9-3 in RM 102/103.

Invite friends and neighbors to paint and dabble to their heart's delight.

Each day begins with a short devotion and cost is \$10 per day to help support St. Timothy missions.

Email Karen Blake for more information: karenblake.art@gmail.com

Lent IS A TIME TO
GROW
CLOSER TO JESUS

MANANTIALES DE VIDA 12TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On February 16th, 2020 LINC mission church, Manantiales de Vida celebrated their 12th anniversary. The celebration service was led by Pastor Rodrigo Fernandez and praise music by his wife, Dayana and daughter Sofia. Daughter, Romina, accompanied by the MDV youth group, led a dramatic and touching presentation of the song *Everything* by Jason Wade. Pastor Steve Henze blessed the congregation with a spiritual message of faith. Many in the community joined along with Manantiales de Vida in celebration of their anniversary. Those in attendance included Rev. Lonnie Gonzales, city director for LINC, Dorinda Werner, missions coordinator for LINC and Mr. & Mrs. Bob Sawicki (LINC board member). Additionally, several St. Timothy members showed their support by attending the service. The service was held in a bilingual format, as both the praise music and the sermon were expressed in Spanish and English. Pastor Steve's message of faith was translated live by Jonathan Resquin. A lovely meal was served to all attendees after the service.

Pastor Rodrigo & wife Dayana arrived in Houston from Chile in 2004 with two small daughters and two suitcases! Only a couple of years later they began working with LINC and established the mission church, Manantiales de Vida. God has blessed the labor of their hands and hearts as currently 30 families consider MDV their home! Twelve years ago, God in His infinite wisdom, set into play a small mission and placed it right here at St. Timothy. Knowing that as our local neighborhoods became more diversified we would need bilingual ministers to work alongside us in order to share the message of Jesus love and grace.

Pastor Rodrigo and church are committed and enthused to walk this path with us as we *Follow Jesus and Make a Difference* here in our community for generations to come.



SENIOR MINISTRY

Everyone 50 years+ is invited to join this JOY Group trip on Thursday, March 19, 2020 to visit Boonville Heritage Park, Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History, Bee Weaver Honey Farm, and lunch at Cracker Barrel. Handicapped friendly bus leaves St. Timothy at 9am and returns around 4:30pm. Cost \$6 + lunch. Registration flyers are available at the Welcome Desk. Invite friends!

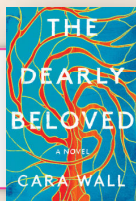
Have questions? Call Georgia Phillips (281-397-6545) or Janet Wenckens (281-923-3897)

JOY Bible Study for Seniors meets March 18th at 10am

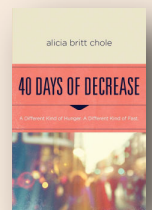
We will finish in time to attend the 11:30 Lenten service with lunch afterwards.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Women's Book of the Month Club is meeting at 2 PM, March 18th, in RM 104. This month's book selection is *The Dearly Beloved* by Cara Wall.



Tuesday Women's Bible study at 9:30AM is studying "40 Days of Decrease. A Different Kind of Hunger. A Different Kind of Fast". by Alicia Britt Cole. Led by Elsie Endsley in RM 101



MEN'S MINISTRY

Men's Bible Study meets on Saturday mornings at 7am. Led by Mike Steele. Meets in church office conference room.

On the **second Tuesday of each month**, a group of men gather at Willie's Ice-house on 249 at Cypresswood to plan events, visit, and enjoy food and beverage together **at 6:45pm**. If you are interested in joining this group, just stop on by or contact Mike Steele with any questions. Next gathering is **March 10th**.

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

NEW SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASSES AT 9:30 AM

MARCH 8 - APRIL 19

Discovery

If you have been worshipping at St. Timothy and are interested in making this your church home, you are invited to take part in this class which explores our values and beliefs and tells how you can partner with us using your specific gifts and interests. At the conclusion of the class, you can decide if you wish to become a member. *Led by Elizabeth Leitko in RM 102/103.*



Generational Generosity

Pastors Steve and Brad will share God's Word to help us learn how God can use each of us to make a Kingdom difference! We will give you the opportunity to explore the impacts of our building campaign on specific segments of our congregation and will focus on how these will benefit each generation. Members of the Presentation team will explain the various improvements, share personal testimonies and give you the opportunity to ask questions. We want to reach all our members on the exciting improvements that are ahead of us. *Led by Pastors Steve and Brad in the Sanctuary.*



How We Got our Bible

Have you ever thought about these questions? How was the Bible created? Is my Bible an accurate copy of the original writings? Who (or what) determined the books in my Bible? What do the Dead Sea Scrolls mean to my Bible? Are dinosaurs mentioned in my Bible? These are good questions, and deserve answers. With presentation and discussion, you will come to understand how the books of the Bible were produced, transmitted and identified as coming from God. *Led by Noel Atzmilller and Brent Neal in RM 201*



Seamless: Understanding the Bible as One Complete Story (Ladies Only)

Have you ever wanted to join a Bible Study but thought you didn't know enough to fit in? Have you ever wondered how the 66 books of the Bible connect into one beautiful story? Angie Smith has written a Bible Study called SEAMLESS that is just for you. Only coming to know the Lord 15 years ago, she knows firsthand what it feels like to not know where the scripture being referenced is found in the Bible or how it relates to other stories. Whether you know very little about the Bible or if you are a seasoned student of His Word, this study will encourage you in your walk with the Lord. Study Books have been donated to the participants. *Led by Kathy Kolkhorst in RM 101*



Raising Kingdom Kids

Most of us believe passionately in contributing to our children's physical, social, and intellectual development. We make sure they have clothes and shelter. We try to see that they eat right, get enough sleep, and monitor their friendships. We also do everything possible to help them succeed at school. Featuring the inspiring teaching of Dr. Tony Evans, this six-week study calls and instructs parents to raise God-following children who are also spiritually strong and prepared to take on the assignments God has for their lives. *Led by Dwayne and Robin Landry in RM 104*



Blood Drive

Sunday, March 8th

8:30am-1pm RM 102/103

LUTHERAN FOR LIFE
"Life Quotes"

"Everyone is warped. Everybody is broken ... Our church communities should be places that uphold God's high standards but also places that extend welcome and warmth to people who know they need a Savior. No loathing, no hate, no bitterness, no selective indignation, no fear."

Pastor Mark Jeske, Time of Grace – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life · www.lutheransforlife.org

STUDENT MINISTRY

SR. HIGH MOVIE NIGHT

SUN, MARCH 1

6-8 PM YOUTH ROOM



Jr. High students go to
Six Flags Over Texas

Saturday, March 21st

We will meet at church at 6am and travel in a group to Dallas. We will return around 8pm that evening.

Cost is \$30 + food.

Sign-up by Tuesday, Mar. 10th

JR. HIGH LINC MISSION TRIP:

June 23-27 - Houston

Cost is \$100

deposit payable now

LOVE. GO. SERVE.



SR. HIGH MISSION TRIP:

July 19-28 - Hutchinson, KS

Cost is \$700

deposit payable now

Costs listed for mission trips is before fundraising. If your child participated in a fundraiser this past year, your cost is reduced to \$100 for Jr. High trip and \$400 for the Sr. High trip. If your child was not able to participate in the fundraisers, please speak to Dan Parker for information on your cost.

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

Please pray for the Kairos walks in Huntsville and Navasota the weekend of March 13th.



Kairos Prison Ministry
International

Contact Elizabeth Leitko to learn more about Kairos Prison Ministry.

We are needing keyboard players for our 10:45 worship service.

Players must have knowledge of piano and chords, and will work with Craig Harmann, our Minister of Music and Celebration, to plan and prepare for Sunday worship. If interested in auditioning, please talk to Craig Harmann or email craig@stlhouston.org.



Here's how our mission offering has helped people in 2019 for our shared work of the Gospel as the Texas District of the Lutheran Church -Missouri Synod.

One theme that reappears throughout the book of Acts is that followers of Jesus shared prayer, encouragement, and resources so that many could receive the gift of new life in Jesus. Your sharing as a partner in ministry has brought blessings to thousands of people throughout Texas and beyond.

- You've helped train more than 50 seminary students for the work of the Gospel.
- You've helped start 10 new LCMS congregation.
- You've helped bring the love of Jesus to hundreds of children in hard-to-reach places.
- You've blessed hundreds of homeless individuals with physical and spiritual support.
- You've helped former atheists from around the world receive the gift of faith and be baptized by our missionaries.
- You've reached out to students on more than half a dozen major university campuses around the state.
- You've equipped dozens of lay-evangelists to share the Gospel with people who would not otherwise hear the Good News.
- You've allowed the Gospel to be shared among the many nations and cultures coming to Texas.

Thank you for contributing your resources so that, together, the Gospel of Jesus Christ can be shared in ways beyond all we could ever ask or imagine. Thank you for helping to make the Texas District a true partnership in mission.



March Birthdays & Anniversaries

1st

Christa and Terry Hatcher*
Paige Stafford

2nd

Carol and Rodney Baker*
Lea Brinkley
Phil Cordes
Jim Holton
William Wells
Ruth White



3rd

Krista Aschenbeck
Stephanie Bounds
John Rohan
Leah and David Smith*

4th

Rebecca Leslie
Pauline McKinley

5th

Jules and Gerry Harvey*
Dianne Kingsley
Beau Leitko

6th

Sharon Simcak
Glyn Willborg

7th

Jo Ann and Jimmy Eubanks*
Audrey Henze (Grandma)
Bailey Bailey

8th

Alan Aschenbeck
Cameron Aschenbeck
Max Hengst
Caden Mansell
Turner Massey
Dave Moeller
Larry Olejnik
Robyn Rawlings
Tim Schneck

9th

Scott Friedrichs
Ryan Knebel
John Szalkowski

10th

Oliver Blake
Ross Friedrichs
Jane Ullrich

11th

Teresa Lawder
Elaine Schmeling
Sandra and Mike Steele*

13th

Jett Coleman
Jennifer and Jim Wilson*

14th

Anson Pelton
Janet and Robert Rucker*

15th

Kevin Arnold
Kevin and Christine Winoske*

16th

Mike Bachmann
Sarah Blake

17th

Ann and Alex Dulevitz*

18th

Irene Drews
Paul Ellington
Jerry Eubanks

19th

Matthew Gallard
Justin Morris
Karla Smith

20th

Vickie Gallard
Chris and Melrina Lason*
Michelle Mansell
Pat Tardiff

21st

Pat Durham
Kimberly Morris
Liz and Robert Walker*

22nd

Rod Baker
Kenneth Bounds
Ruth Friedrichs
Karl Miller
Pat and Doug Neal*
Elizabeth Nisayas
Emily Pattison

23rd

Lisa and Mark Fleischhauer*
J. Grooms
Pam Rasmussen
Terri Szalkowski

24th

Tyler Bounds
Levi Jurischk
Sarah Irvin

25th

Olivia Barckholtz
Calvin Iselt
Sarah Marquardt

26th

Wil Bryan
Pat McReynolds
Bobby Pope
Mikayla Requenez
Eden Rohan
Peggy Wickman

27th

Margaret and Kenneth Bounds*
Diane and Jack Coursey*
Christian Molina

28th

Susan Benton
Amber Gonzales
Bob Hartman
Adam Iselt
Steven Rohan
Suzanne and Kevin Thoele*

29th

Merry Lynn and Lance Guy*
Larry Hooker
Wayne Huebner
Anne Kettelcamp

30th

Courtney Keller
Crystal and David Nahirny*
Willow Schmeling
Jim and Ashley Van Zant*

31st

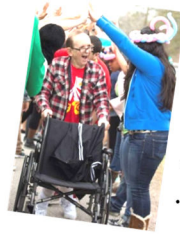
Grant Baker
Darlene Caldwell
Terry Hanel
Helen Kelly
Kären McRoberts

Happy
Anniversary

Reach Unlimited

REACH RENAISSANCE Walk-a-Thon

Saturday, April 18th



Schedule of Events:

- 10:00- Check in
- 10:30- Walk--a--Thon
- 11:00- Art Auction, Entertainment, Games
- 12:00- Lunch
- 12:30- Auction closes

SUPPORT KELLY AND HER FRIENDS!

Register and more info at

www.ReachUnlimited.org



ATTENDANCE REPORT

January 2020 Average Bible Class Attendance:

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|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Sunday School (0-5th Grade) | 64 |
| Jr. High Attendance (6th - 8th) | 13 |
| Sr. High Attendance (9th - 12th) | 7 |
| Adult Bible Classes | 139 |
| Midweek | 130 |
| Total Avg. Bible Class Attendance | 353 |

January 2020 Average Sunday Worship Attendance:

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|-------------------------------|-----|
| 8:00 am Worship | 188 |
| 10:45 am Worship | 336 |
| Manantiales de Vida | 49 |
| Total Avg. Worship Attendance | 573 |

FINANCIAL REPORT

January 2020

Year-To-Date

| | <u>Income</u> | <u>Expenses</u> | <u>Over/(Under)</u> | <u>Income</u> | <u>Expenses</u> | <u>Over/(Under)</u> |
|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Church | \$113,446 | \$125,902 | (\$12,456) | \$113,446 | \$125,902 | (\$12,456) |
| Bright Beginners | \$94,530 | \$89,298 | \$5,232 | \$94,530 | \$89,298 | \$5,232 |
| Total | \$207,976 | \$215,200 | \$7,224 | \$207,976 | \$215,200 | \$7,224 |



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

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