



Ash Wednesday Worship

Wednesday, February 26 at
7pm

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Pastor's Note:

Dear friends in Christ!

The month of February finds us still in the season of Epiphany this year: Ash Wednesday is once again late, arriving only on Feb 26th. It's appropriate that during these short winter days we focus on Christ Jesus, the true Light of the world. Without Jesus, our hearts are as cold and barren as a winter day. Sure, you can have fun in a winter wonderland—I like playing in the snow: skiing, skating, snowmobiling—but fun is not the same as Life Abundant. Only in Jesus do we have life and have it to the full! [As He Himself promises in John 10:10.]

God calls us to be people who practice self-sacrifice. In Mark 8 Jesus teaches us: "For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it." Too many people try to find meaning and purpose for their lives in all the wrong places: their jobs, their social standing, their educational achievements, their marriages, their jobs, even their children. But the paradox of faith is that we only get what God has promised us when we give up trying to find it on our own. Only in Jesus can we find our identities and our place in life as children of the Living God [Gal 3:27 and 1 John 3:1].

As the Children of God the Light of Christ illuminates our daily lives as well as our minds. As we grow in faith we shine forth with God's love for the world. The Holy Spirit becomes present in our words and actions. In fact, the church is described as the "body of Christ." We are His hands, His feet, His mouth so that He can shine forth His love for all mankind through us.

All that sounds very grand, doesn't it? But what does it mean in a practical way? It means that we are to let God move us to be light in our neighborhoods in these dark winter days. We are to show to all the people around us—yes, even the ones we don't like—the same love and forgiveness that God has poured out on us through His Son Jesus. We help shovel out the snow from our neighbor's driveway; we help a co-worker make a deadline; we help a classmate study for a hard class; we volunteer our time to help the needy and the not-so-needy to show them the light of God's love.

St. Paul wrote to his young protege Timothy "I am already being poured out like a drink offering" as his time of death drew near (2 Tim 2:4): he means that he has lived his life for the people Jesus died for, and not for himself. He became "all things to all people so that by all means [he] might save some" (1 Cor. 9:22). This is how we all live out our lives in Epiphany faith.

Peace,

Pastor EN



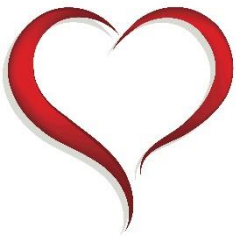
Happy Birthday

2-1 Chris Shann
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 2-4 Cheryl Smith
 2-5 Carter Ex
 2-7 Jean Reinke
 2-8 Al Pocza
 2-9 Dale Peterson
 2-10 Paisley Meinecke
 2-10 Ron Wong
 2-11 Jim Ross
 2-13 Kyle Christensen
 2-16 Seth Berry
 2-18 Pat Griswold
 2-20 Norm Wilson
 2-24 Jim Hitchcock
 2-25 Al Walker
 2-26 Norm Foster
 2-27 Rick Thibault



Anniversaries

2-19 Phillip & Bonnie Cumper
 2-23 James & Maxine Newsom
 2-26 Les & Nileen Nemeth
 2-27 Dale & Diane Peterson



February

There are plenty of ways you can save for the future. One of the best is with an IRA from Church Extension Fund. You get financial peace, knowing you're investing wisely with tax advantages and competitive interest rates. And you find peace of mind knowing you're also investing in Missouri Synod Lutheran churches and schools across Michigan. Call [800-242-3944](tel:800-242-3944) about starting a CEF IRA - or how easy it is to roll over an existing account. You can also visit CEF online at www.mi-cef.org

Women's Bible Study – Thursdays at 6pm. Join the ladies as they study Beth Moore's **Living Free**. Learn how to develop a Godward focus in life, while you begin to incorporate key benefits by practicing prayer and Bible study.

Office Hours:
Tuesday through
Thursday 9am-3pm

Retirees' Dinners are held the third Thursday of the month at 5:00 pm. Each month there is a unique host[s] who invites you to a different restaurant. This month, on Thursday, February 20th join them at McPherson's in Millington.

Mission Warm Up

Knit or crochet with us for missions. We meet the 2nd & 4th Mondays 10:00 to 12:00.

Robbie 810-631-6437

How about joining the YOUTH and their leaders on a Sunday evening for a meal?

If you cook, they will come. Signup at the Welcome Center - grab a friend and serve our YOUTH!

REACHOUT!

If you are willing to help keep paper and printing costs down by receiving the REACHOUT electronically and receive it faster, please contact the office at office@sttimothyotisville.org .
thank you!

Announcements

If you would like to have your upcoming event included in the pre-service and Welcome Center announcements.

Please email the info to Jerry at music@sttimothyotisville.org at least 4 weeks prior to the event. Thank you.

Announcements will be publicized up to 6 weeks prior to the event.

REACHOUT Articles are due on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Spaghetti Dinner – Eunice Society invites you and your family and friends to join them on Saturday, February 22, 2020 at 4-7pm. A freewill offering will be accepted to benefit St. Timothy YOUTH program.

Quilting on a Mission –

– join the quilters on the second **Tuesday** of each month at 9am in the Annex.

Euchre Dates:

Saturday, February 8th
 Saturday, February 29th
 5:45pm to 10:00pm
 Cindy Hitchcock (810) 793-7740.

Thank you, St Timothy!

It almost sounds trite but it's very sincere and with great gratitude. Your support, prayers, gifts of food and memorials for Sharon has truly brought joy into hearts that grieve. We thank God for blessing us with you. Sharon was a servant to so many because her Jesus was a servant to her. She lives in glory with Jesus. Tears of joy replace tears of sorrow. The family of Sharon Hensler

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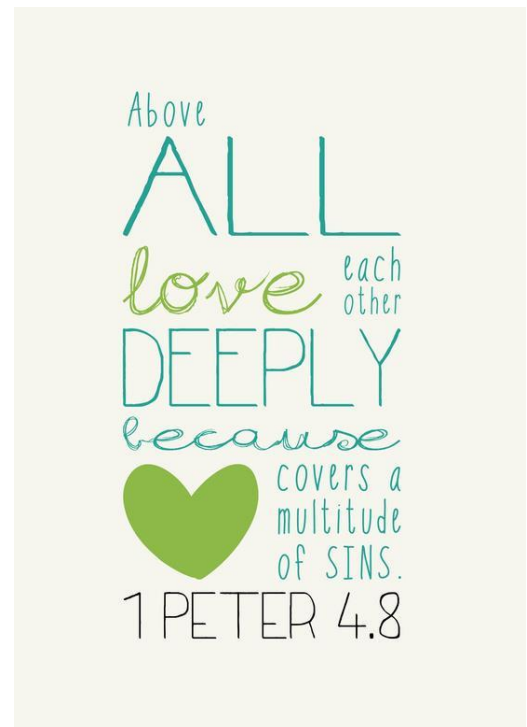
Lenten soup suppers:

Wednesdays, March 4, 11(YOUTH), 18, 25(YOUTH); April 1

... at 5:30pm. The proceeds from these suppers will be used by the Eunice Society for mission projects and to benefit the St. Timothy YOUTH program. Please see the sign-up sheet or call Sue Gutzeit for further information. The youth contacts are Kim Gonyea and Joel Christensen. Thank you!

CARE PACKAGE SIGN-UP SHEET

has been posted in the narthex for donations for the care packages. Some of the items needed are COOKIES, postage stamps, spiral notebooks, pens/hi-liters, gum/tic tacs and microwave popcorn. We also send other items plus a small devotional booklet. These packages are really appreciated by those who receive them and the friends they share with. A box is located in the narthex for the donations. Please have your items to the church by the end of second service on February 9th. The care packages will be assembled later that day. Any questions call Nancy Wilson [810-631-4785](tel:810-631-4785). The Eunice Society appreciates your help with this mission project.



Does God still speak to me today? Does God even care about me? Find the answers to these and many other questions in the new **Fit for Life** class **Mondays 7-9 pm**. Invite a friend and explore the riches of God's Word to you and for you. Rediscover just how relevant the Bible remains to your life!

Thank you, St Timothy, for all your prayers, calls, cards and visits while I was down. I am looking for good weather to be able to join you for worship soon. Blessings, Judy Hull