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## Pastor's Note:

Dear friends in Christ!

Lent is upon us: a time of sober reflection and honest self-examination. It is a season of repentance. And let's be honest: as Americans, repentance makes us uncomfortable in this day and age. Our culture tells us that we need to be accepting of any and all behaviors, especially our own. So we are told we don't have to be ashamed anymore. Guilt is passé in our culture today, even for many within the church. We listen too much to what our culture says.

But our God tells us something else: not all behaviors are ok, and not everything is good for you. In fact the Lord warns us that many of the behaviors we celebrate and endorse today are harmful to ourselves and others. And so Jesus calls us to turn away from those behaviors – to repent! That is what the season of Lent is all about: godly repentance that leads to life.

The whole concept of repentance is difficult for another reason in our modern world. Remember that the term "repentance" simply means to change direction. We focus so much on what we turn away *from* that we forget to focus on what we turn *toward* in our repentance. The biggest point of emphasis that we associate with Lent—fasting, that is, abstaining from certain foods—was not done by the early church as a sacrifice or to "punish" yourself, but as a spiritual discipline that helps you focus on the presence and goodness of God in your life.

The truth of the matter is that we could all do with a little bit more spiritual discipline and focus in our lives. St. Timothy approaches a crossroads (like every congregation does), and how we as her members react will determine our corporate future. The question is, will we approach the challenges and obstacles before us with our focus on the presence and goodness of God? Or on the challenges and obstacles themselves? We are much like St. Peter in Matthew 14 when he tried to walk on the water at Jesus' invitation. As long as Peter focused on Jesus, he was equipped to do something miraculous. But as soon as he looked at the wind and waves, Peter began to sink. [Hear the rest of the Story at the Ash Wednesday service.]

Will we sink, or will God do something miraculous through us? Lent is an excellent time for us to examine our spiritual life in Christ; to see where we have been lacking and where we have done well; to repent and to invite the Holy Spirit to reform our spiritual habits and practices; to come into the presence and rediscover the goodness of our God.

Peace,

Pastor EN



## Happy Birthday

- 3-1 Logan Alholinna
- 3-1 Chad Carriero
- 3-1 Brett Pocza
- 3-3 Brayden Gonyea
- 3-5 Smokey Meinecke
- 3-7 Bette Green
- 3-8 Megan Hackney
- 3-9 Donna Phillips
- 3-10 Maggie Wheeler
- 3-13 Josh Swanagon
- 3-14 Tom Bess
- 3-14 Pastor En
- 3-15 David Reinke
- 3-20 Ruth Mieske
- 3-26 Connie Hoard

“[God] watched over me before I knew him, and before I learned sense or even distinguished between good and evil, and he protected me, and consoled me as a father would his son.”  
— Saint Patrick



## Anniversaries

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 3-7 Phil & Joanne Rodery | 3-11 Troy & Donna Phillips |
| 3-8 Jeff & Megan Hackney | 3-18 Dale & Judy Vallance  |
| 3-10 Victor & Chelsea Ex | 3-26 Mike & Dawn Thibault  |



### March

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### MARCH AGAINST HUNGER

MARCH 1- APRIL 30, 2020

**EVERY DOLLAR DONATED TO MOBILE FOOD PANTRY WILL GAIN AN ADDITIONAL 10% FROM THE FOOD BANK OF EASTERN MICHIGAN**

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 join them on Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>.

### Mission Warm Up

Knit or crochet with us for missions. We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month.**

A BIG THANK YOU!! to all who donated items and gave monetary contributions for the CARE PACKAGES that were sent out this past week. Your generosity makes this mission project possible. Your sister in Christ, Nancy Wilson

### **Quilting on a Mission –**

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

### **EASTER BREAKFAST**

. . . will be served between services on Easter Sunday; free-will donations will be accepted. Thanks, the Kitchen Crew!

**Red Cross Blood Drive** - is scheduled for March 9 from 12:00 - 5:45pm. You can go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule your appointment. I can also schedule for you if you have previously donated. Call me if you need assistance 810-625-0915, Joan Ross. Please give prayer consideration to this worthy cause.

## March Highlights

Monday, March 9  
Tuesday, March 10

Red Cross Blood Drive  
Eunice Society resumes regular meetings

### 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!

### Lenten Season Schedule

March 4	5:30 PM	Soup Supper/Youth
	7:00 PM	Lenten Service
March 11	5:30 PM	Soup Supper/YOUTH
	7:00 PM	Lenten Service
March 18	5:30 PM	Soup Supper
	7:00 PM	Lenten Service
March 25	5:30 PM	Soup Supper/YOUTH
	7:00 PM	Lenten Service
April 1	5:30 PM	Soup Supper
	7:00 PM	Lenten Service
April 5	8:30 & 11:00AM	Palm Sunday
April 9	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday
April 10	7:00 PM	Good Friday - Tenebrae Service
April 11	11:00 AM	Easter Egg Hunt & Craft
April 12		<b>EASTER ... He is Risen!</b>
	7:00 AM	Sonrise Service/Communion
	8:30 AM	Easter Day Celebration Service/Communion
	9:30 AM	Easter Breakfast
	11:00 AM	Easter Day Celebration Service/Communion

**Prayer Chain** — St. Timothy prayer chain will now be received through Phonevite. If you are interested in getting this electronic phone call and praying for your church family and friends, please call the office 631-4730. **To submit a prayer request please text or call Robbie Schultz at 631-6437.** Thank you, Pat Griswold

### **Don't forget to direct Choice Dollars®**

Grant funding from Thrivent Financial through its Thrivent Choice® program can help support organizations you care about. Don't let Choice Dollars expire.

Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have Choice Dollars available have until **March 31, 2020**, to direct any remaining 2019 Choice Dollars. Help support St. Timothy Lutheran Church. Go to [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.