

# The St. Timothy Times

A newsletter for members and friends of  
St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Preschool & Childcare, ELCA  
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Two months ago, I wrote about the Woman at the Well, her encounter with Jesus, how she ran into town to tell everyone about the man she had met, and her invitation to Come and See.

Then, I challenged all of us to issue 100 invitations to some sort of activity at or with the people from St. Timothy. I recognize that inviting people can make us nervous, or we just don't know what to say. So, here are some best practices for invitation, regardless of where you might be going.

Best practices for invitation:

1. Be specific – We have all had those conversations where we say or hear, “Let’s get together more often” or “we should have you over sometime”, and then we never follow up. The best invitations are for a specific time and place.
2. Offer to pick up your guest or meet them outside the venue. Or if it is your home, greet them at the door – It can be intimidating to walk into a new place alone, especially if there will be a lot of people and you don't know where your friend is. By arriving together, you don't have to search a crowd and you can meet people or figure out any unknowns together.
3. Think about what information you would want to know, and be sure to share those details – What sort of attire will everyone be wearing? Will food be served? Should you bring anything? How long is the event or how long do you intend to stay? Will you know anyone else who is present? It is always helpful if your guests know what to expect.
4. Be sure to tell your guest why you are inviting them – Maybe you think they will enjoy the activity, or there will be someone in attendance you want them to meet. Maybe you don't want to go alone and a friend would be a big support, or maybe you just haven't spent much time together lately and you want that to change. Whatever it is, make sure your guest knows you chose them for a reason.

The holidays are approaching and it is a great time to get out there and practice your invitation skills. And don't forget, when you invite someone to a St. Timothy activity, move a marble from one jar to the other so we can watch our progress toward our goal for the 100 Invitation Challenge!

Pastor Dena

## Coming Events

- November 3:** Clock change...Fall Back!
- November 5:** Election Day  
6:30 PM Book Club
- November 6:** 5:30 PM Family & Faith Night
- November 10:** 10 AM Baby Book Club  
10:20 AM Bible Study
- November 11:** 4:30 PM Preschool & Childcare Board Meeting
- November 12:** 10:40 AM Preschool Chapel  
6:30 PM Book Club
- November 13:** 6:30 PM Youth Bible Study
- November 14:** Preschool testing by IowaKidSight  
6:30-8 PM Women's Bible Study at Community Church
- November 18:** 6:30 PM Council Meeting
- November 19:** Newsletter Deadline  
10 AM Ruth Circle  
6:30 PM Book Club
- November 20:** 6:30 PM Food & Faith
- November 21:** 6 PM New Member Dinner
- November 28 & 29:** Preschool & Childcare, and Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving

### Each Week:

- Mondays:** 8 AM Men's Breakfast at Village Inn, Waterloo
- Tuesdays:** 9:30 AM Staff Meeting  
6-8 PM AA Meeting
- Wednesdays:** 2-3 PM Confirmation (No Confirmation Nov. 27)
- Fridays:** 9 AM Friday Quilters



### Time to order your Poinsettia

If you would like to supply a poinsettia for our Christmas Season, please fill out the form in this newsletter, and bring it to the office or mail it, no later than **Monday, December 2**. More forms will be on the narthex table.



### Come and See

## 100 Invitation Challenge

Invite someone to a St. Timothy ministry event

Move a glass marble for each invitation you extend →

Watch our progress toward 100 invitations!



Preschool Director,  
 Clara Nehmer



I am enjoying this Indian Summer, hopefully, you are also!

Because of this nice weather, the children have spent many days outside during the month of October. The school children have a quick snack and then head for the playground for some soccer, basketball or riding on the trike track. Since it has been so nice outside, the school-aged children spend most of their time outside, so there are not activities to report for this age group.



During Fire Prevention week the Hudson Fire Department visited the students of St. Timothy P&CC. The 3- and 4-year-old preschoolers truly enjoyed exploring the fire truck and the ambulance.

Mrs. Haas' 4-year-old preschool children are working on writing their first and last names and have been learning a song to help them remember their home address. These students completed an apple observation sheet, did some apple tasting and charted their likes and dislikes of the apples. Additionally, these 4-year-old children painted apples with vinegar and baking soda to give the tie dye effect.



Ms. Ali's room is practicing their cutting skills and understanding the differences between large, medium and small. These students also practiced some

cutting along the line. During Fire Safety week, the students made fire trucks using various shapes. Ms. Ashley's room enjoyed painting pumpkins, exploring the insides of pumpkins and working on shapes, using pumpkin faces.

The toddlers enjoyed playing with toys, riding tricycles and playing with water. They found letters in the water and practiced washing dishes. These little children also enjoyed lots of outside time.

Continue to enjoy this beautiful weather, because you know, snow will be here soon enough. Happy Thanksgiving to all.



## Council Notes

The need for a nominating committee was discussed. Jon Robertson volunteered to be on the committee again and other potential members were suggested. Next month council will brainstorm ideas of people to fill open council and board positions for 2025.

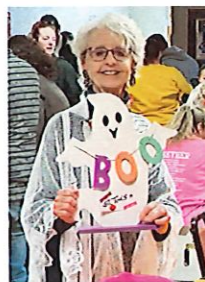
Executive committee has begun working on the 2025 budget. During the month of November, an announcement will be presented regarding the current state of church finances and members will be asked to consider their contributions. Simply Giving forms will be handed out for potential adjustments.

The annual congregational meeting is set for January 26th, 2025. During the meeting we will consider a Budget for 2025 and elect officers and board members.

According to reports, all of the boards are busy with projects and activities this fall. Pastor encouraged everyone to participate in the research survey from the ELCA and informed us that she has been appointed the new dean of the Jubilee Conference.

## Business Boo

On October 24, St. Timothy participated in Hudson's Business Boo at the Amvets Center. Our Preschool & Childcare had a table at Kapaun Engineering.



This was a fun event for the kids and businesses too! The glow in the dark balls that St. Timothy handed out were a big success!

Pictured are Joyce King and Pastor Dena Gable handing out treats to kids, including the Foulk and McChane families.





## Chamber Appreciation Chili Supper



Thank you St. Timothy volunteers for helping prepare the main ingredients for making the chili.

Pictured above is Al & Dianne Schneider, Kristin Hargens, Randy Marquard, Joyce King and Winnie Hatch who prepared and combined all the chili ingredients for the Chamber event.

## October Baptisms



Pastor Dena Gable, Alecia, Mia, and Zachary Allen.



Pastor Dena Gable, Colton, Jasmin & Nicholas Engel.

We welcomed two new members through baptism at St. Timothy Lutheran.



Mia Haven Allen baptism was on October 13, 2024. Her parents are Zachary & Alecia Allen, and brother Julian Gallo Jr. Mia's sponsors are Stone & Adrianna Allen. Grandparents are Gary & Heidi Boysen,

Duane Allen & Darci Swartz, and Great Grandmother Nanci Paulsen.

Colter John Engel baptism was on October 27, 2024.



His parents are Nicholas and Jasmin Engel. His sponsors are Katlin Francik and Carter Heinzerling. Grandparents are Steve & Teresa Baird, Jason & Christina Engel, and Charles Cullen.

## Baby Book Club

Baby Book Club (ages Infant-Kindergarten) meets each second Sunday of the month. It's a way to introduce the littlest ones to a life of faith; through story and play. Each family is given a storybook; this month's book was *Everywhere I Go, God is With Me*.



## Tree Removal

We had a good crew of men volunteering their time to cut down and remove the churches ash trees bordering the parking lot.

Aaron Olson cut the trees down and the rest of the crew cleaned up the debris and fed the branches through the woodchipper. The logs will be used in the playground area.

Thank you for your willingness to keep St. Timothy's property looking good!



Pictured above: Jon Robertson, Colby Entriken, Chris Rueber, Rick Madson, Mark Urbanek, and Brian Hargens.





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**Sunday Schedule:**

**Worship @ 9:00 a.m.** w/children's  
messages and weekly communion

Fellowship for all ages @ 10:00

**Online Facebook Live St. Timothy Lutheran  
Church Hudson Iowa @ 9 a.m.**



***Our Mission:***

***All in God's Name—  
Loving, Serving, Welcoming***



**Laughter is Good for the Soul,  
A Monthly Church Chuckle**

We would like to order a poinsettia for this Christmas season. My check made out to **St. Timothy Lutheran** is enclosed. Please drop off this form and your payment in the offering or in the church office **by Monday, December 2.**



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