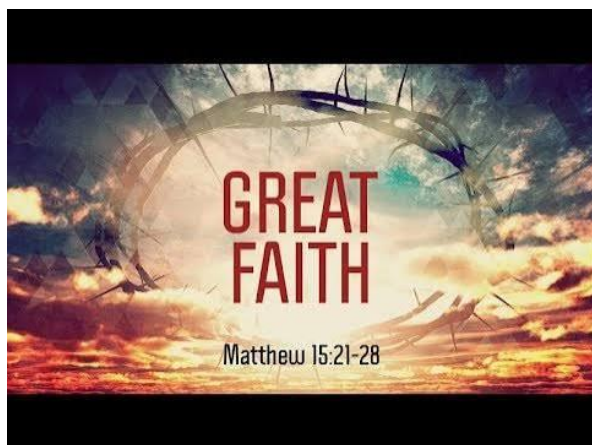


August 16, 2026
12th Sunday after Pentecost



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Music Director & Accompanist – Tim Falk
Office Manager – Shelly Walldorff

St. Timothy Mission Statement
Empowered by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to: seek God, follow Christ, serve and love our neighbor.

Worship is also available via Live Stream just before 10:30 am or later in the afternoon as a video. Just use this link for both options:
<https://video.sttimothypcusa.org>

Welcome!

PRELUDE

INTROIT “Amazing Grace”

PASTORAL WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God has forgiven us and drawn us close,
Reconciling us through Jesus Christ,
Who has lavished upon us the fullness of the blessed Holy Spirit.
With glad and grateful hearts, let us praise the Lord!

HYMN *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess we have not been obedient to your will for us. We have insisted on our rights but have not lived rightly in our relationships. We have desired mercy for our sins, but we have not offered mercy to those who have sinned against us. By the power of your Holy Spirit free us from the prison of our disobedience. Help us to love as you have loved us that our lives may testify to your abounding grace though Jesus Christ. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, we would now be lost in sin. But it is the Lord who is on our side. And so, we are forgiven. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Thanks be to God!



RESPONSE "Gloria Patri" # 623
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Allelu. Amen.

A MOMENT FOR ILLUMINATION
Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet, and a Light unto my path.
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OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

A TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN Tina Puntigam

SPECIAL MUSIC "Long Black Train" Josh Turner

GOSPEL READING Matthew 15:21-28

INTERACTIVE SERMON Pastor Joel Puntigam
 "The Widow"

HYMN *The Lily of the Valley* see insert

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostle's Creed
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried, he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
 Offertory "Rock of Ages"

Doxology # 625
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION:
Gracious God, we thank you for the measure of faith you have given to each of us. Increase in us generosity, compassion, and prophetic courage so we may continue to be your body in and for the world. With thanksgiving, we pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

CALL TO PRAYER
Day by day, day by day, O, dear Lord, three things I pray: To see Thee more clearly, Love Thee more dearly, Follow Thee more nearly, Day by day.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Please step up to the microphone to make your announcement so everyone (including online guests) can hear what is being said.

HYMN *I'll Fly Away* see insert

SENDING AND BENEDICTION
Empowered by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to: seek God, follow Christ, serve and love our neighbor.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
***And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,
 the trees of the field will clap their hands,
 the trees of the field will clap their hands
 while you go out with joy.***

**Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year A, Volume 2*

Sunday, August 16th
Following Along in Worship

1. Who is your favorite person in the Bible? Why do you like them so much?
2. Jesus showed that he cared about people by loving them. What can you do to show others that you care about them?
3. What was the Time for All God's Children about today?
 - a. Jesus is super-duper!
 - b. 2026 – the year AI took over everything
 - c. Great Faith
4. How has faith in Jesus changed your life?
5. In the sermon, guest preacher Pastor Joel will teach from Matthew 15:21-28. Circle all that are true about this passage:
 - a. A woman from Livonia came and cried out to Jesus
 - b. A woman from Sidon came and cried out to Jesus
 - c. The woman wanted Jesus to:
 - i. Help her win the lotto
 - ii. Rest comfortably in retirement
 - iii. Help her demon-possessed daughter
 - d. At first, Jesus said nothing
 - e. Then Jesus said:
 - i. Ok!
 - ii. I was only sent to the lost sheep of Israel
 - f. But the woman knelt before Jesus and asked him to help her
 - g. Because the woman showed great faith,
 - i. Jesus still turned her away
 - ii. He granted her request

Serving in Worship

Greeter:	Mary Baum
Ushers:	Youth
Bulletins:	Ron Martin
Worship Assistant:	Matt Johnson
Solo Ringer:	Cassy Sautter
Keyboard:	Linda Delezenne
Technology:	Tina Puntigam
Safety Officer:	Karlane Belaire
Tellers:	Paula Boegner, Kim Gaines
Fellowship Hour:	Faith Education Committee

Weekly Bible Studies

Afterglow Bible Study – Sunday at 12:00 pm In Room 16. Study will be an after-service sermon recap.

The Word Together Zoom Bible Study Tuesday – On Hiatus, See you September 1 at 1:30 pm. We will start a new study on Romans. This is the link address to join: <https://study.sttimothyusa.org>

Adult Weekly Bible Study - Thursday – at 9:30 am

Our study is on the passage that Pastor Joel will be preaching on August 23 – Matthew 16:13-20.



Chancel Flowers



Thankful for the St. Timothy Family!

Lou and Jean Suveg

The **2026** Flower Chart is up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Consider honoring a special person on a Sunday. Also, the flowers add a pop of color which is always nice.



Birthdays:

August 12
August 14
August 15
August 21

Pam Harrington
Dave Olko
Chris Korne
Cheri Boone

Anniversaries:

August 14
August 20

Dave & Beth Olko – 28 yrs
John & Ali Burkart – 4 yrs



Wednesday, July 1 – September 2 – Campfire Worship

Sunday, September 13 - Rally Day

Sunday, October 11 – Crop Walk

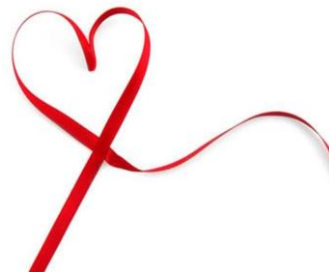
Sunday, October 18 – Talent show during Fellowship Hour

Friday, November 20 & Saturday, November 21 – Project Days



COC has a craft day in September and they are looking for folks to help. St. Timothy is hosting. Wednesday, September 2 at 10:30 am. Questions? Please reach out to Mary Baum.

Do you have someone that is in need of prayer? Put their name on a prayer ribbon and tie it to the fence out front. Write your concerns and worries and give them to God. Give Him thanks and praises. The prayer ribbons are a spiritual and awesome sight to see fluttering in the wind. Ribbons are on the table in the main entry.



Our “people in need” fund could use some replenishment. If you - could help, that would be appreciated! Thanks to those who donated recently.



**Catnip is available to anyone who wants some.
Please ask Linda D., Carol P. or Sue to get some for you.**

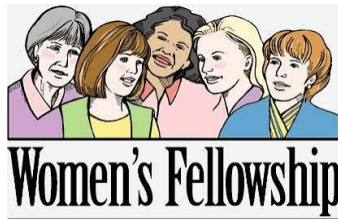


2026 Wednesday Evening Campfires

- July 1 – September 2 at 7:30 pm.
- Please come and join in the fun throughout the summer.
- Activities include testimonials, “stump the pastor” and singing songs!
- Bring your bag chair and invite your friends, families and neighbors.



Faith Circle thanks everyone for contributing to the Oakland County Foster Closet. The delivery was made last week. Thank you for helping with this much needed cause.



The first Faith Circle (Women's Assc.) meeting is Wednesday, September 9th. We gather at 12:30 for lunch, fellowship, planning and a Bible Study. We are continuing with the book, "When Women Pray." We would love to see you there. Reach out to Trish Abela or Margaret Barsch if you have any questions.

SURVEY

In 2025, St Timothy Session invited the congregation to engage in four areas of discernment: building use, invitation, finances, and affecting the culture. We are now planning on revisiting that time of initial discernment in order to gather your thoughts via a survey so that the Session may begin the process of creating a long-term Vision Statement. The kickoff began July 12th, with the expectation that the survey will be completed within the next two months. We expect that there will be questions, so please don't hesitate to reach out to Pastor Joel or a member of Strategic Planning. Thank you! Link: <https://forms.gle/JzNtacDdSijw7T6n8>



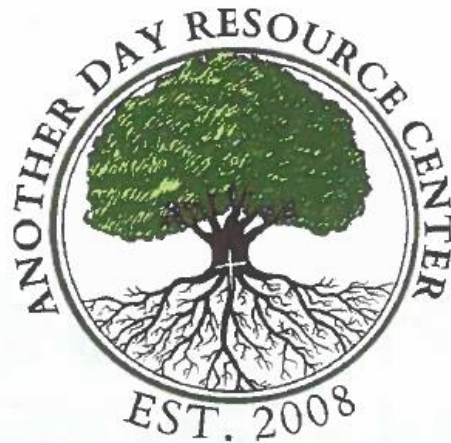
The STARS have been busy the last couple of months. Listed below are some of the things we have accomplished.

- Keeping up with the maintenance of the grounds, both cutting grass and doing the trimming. Due to the heat and lack of rain, we haven't had to mow as much.
- The prayer box is constructed and was installed out by the sign next to the sidewalk. Now, Karen is painting the outside of the box and then it will be reinstalled by the street.
- We also have installed and up graded all the fire alarms throughout the building.
- We're still discussing how best to install the large cross on the front of the building. We hope to get this completed in the fall.
- The Wednesday night campfires are proceeding with good attendance – mostly in the memorial garden.
- The grey carts have been moved to the northeast entrance to keep our narthex looking tidy. Please put them back there after use.
- A second wheelchair has been purchased and it is a bit bigger. Please fold and put it back after use.

Regards,
Chris Korne

ANOTHER DAY RESOURCE CENTER

AUGUST NEEDS



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KROGER GIFT CARDS
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BLANKETS
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MEN TENNIS SHOES
MEN BELTS
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Luke 6:38 Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap.

Church Weekly Schedule

Sunday 8/16	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		https://video.sttimothypcusa.org
	after worship	<i>Fellowship Hour</i>
	12:00 PM	Afterglow Bible Study
Monday 8/17	5:30 PM	TOPS
	6:00 PM	<i>Deacons</i>
Tuesday 8/18	7:30 AM	Prayer and Praise Call
		https://study.sttimothypcusa.org
	9:00 AM	<i>STARS</i>
	5:30 PM	<i>Nominating & Personnel</i>
Wednesday 8/19	7:30 PM	Campfire Worship
Thursday 8/20	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
Friday 8/21		
Saturday 8/22		
Sunday 8/23	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		https://video.sttimothypcusa.org
	after worship	<i>Fellowship Hour</i>
	12:00 PM	Afterglow Bible Study

Upcoming Fellowship Hours

8/23 – Anything Goes

8/30 – Worship Committee

9/6 –

9/13 – Rally Day

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

*Brethren, we have met to worship
And adore the Lord our God;
Will you pray with all your power,
While we try to preach the Word?
All is vain unless the Spirit
Of the Holy One comes down;
Brethren, pray, and holy manna
Will be showered all around.*

*Let us love our God supremely,
Let us love each other too;
Let us love and pray for sinners
Till our God makes all things new.
Then He'll call us home to heaven,
At His table we'll sit down;
Christ will gird Himself and serve us
With sweet manna all around.*

The Lily of the Valley

*I have found a friend in Jesus, he's everything to me,
He's the fairest of ten thousand to my soul; the Lily of the Valley,
in him alone I see all I need to cleanse and make me fully whole.
In sorrow he's my comfort, in trouble he's my stay,
he tells me every care on him to roll.
He's the Lily of the Valley, the bright and morning Star,
he's the fairest of ten thousand in my soul.*

*He all my grief has taken, and all my sorrows borne;
in temptation he's my strong and mighty tower;
I have all for him forsaken, and all my idols torn from my heart,
and now he keeps me by his power.
Though all the world forsake me, and Satan tempts me sore,
through Jesus I shall safely reach the goal.
He's the Lily of the Valley, the bright and morning Star,
he's the fairest of ten thousand in my soul.
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*He will never, never leave me, nor yet forsake me here,
while I live by faith and do his blessed will;
a wall of fire about me, I've nothing now to fear,
with his manna he my hungry soul shall fill.
Then sweeping up to glory, to see his blessed face,
where rivers of delight shall ever roll.
He's the Lily of the Valley, the bright and morning Star,
he's the fairest of ten thousand in my soul.*

I'll Fly Away

*Some glad morning when this life is o'er,
I'll fly away;
To a home on God's celestial shore,
I'll fly away.
I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away;
When I die, hallelujah, by and by,
I'll fly away.*

*When the shadows of this life have gone,
I'll fly away;
Like a bird from prison bars has flown,
I'll fly away.
I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away;
When I die, hallelujah, by and by,
I'll fly away.*

*Just a few more weary days and then,
I'll fly away;
To a land where joys shall never end,
I'll fly away.
I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away;
When I die, hallelujah, by and by,
I'll fly away.*