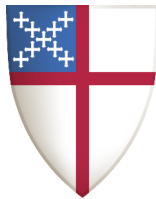




2013



The Good News-letter

St. Timothy Episcopal Church



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:



Saturday, August 3:

4-6 pm Dog Days of Summer Picnic



Sunday, August 4:

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday, August 11:

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist



August 12-August 18:

Joel Vacation



Sunday, August 18:

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist –
Rev. Nancy Hotra leads Worship



Adult Education:
Helping people with math phobia



Tuesday, August 20:

8 am Finance Committee

Sunday, August 25:

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Children's Handbells



**Summer Book Club Read
Celebration**



Tuesday, August 27:

6:30 pm Vestry Meeting



Saturday, August 31:
4 pm Katyln Born and
Grant Dunithan Wedding

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, September 2:

Labor Day – Office closed



Sunday, September 8:

Sundae Sunday



Children's Handbells



Sunday, September 15:

First Day of Children's
Chapel and Sunday
School Classes



**4-5:30 pm Confirmation Class
(High School) & Parent Orientation**



ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY



Tuesday, September 17:

Highway Pickup 6 pm

October 10-13:
Cursillo
at St. John's, Sturgis





CHOIR NEWS

Please note that the Choir has moved their weekly rehearsals to **WEDNESDAYS at 7 pm.**

They are always happy to welcome NEW members into the group!

BAPTISM & WEDDING



Congratulations to Caitlyn Rose Ertner who was Baptized on July 28. She is the granddaughter of Roseanne Heatherly.

Congratulations also to Pete and Jo (Robinson) Hawk who were married July 18.




Cursillo

What is Cursillo? Cursillo is a method of creating in the minds and hearts of Christians an awareness of the presence of God in their lives - a desire to live a life with Him and to bring Him into the lives of everyone they meet.

The upcoming Co-Ed weekend is **October 10-13** at St. John's in Sturgis.

For more information, please see **Steve Schoenleber or Fr. Joel.** Website: <http://www.wmec.net>



The Gift that Keeps on Giving: St. Tim's Endowment Fund was established in 2008 and is intended to assist in the funding of children's and music programs, as well as upkeep of our physical plant. We are hoping this fund will grow over time, and gifts are usually tax deductible. **Trey Eldridge and Sharon Barry are available to answer specific questions you may have about the fund, and can provide advice about including the fund in your will.**



SUNDAY DOLLARS

On May 5th of 2012, Linda Enzinger, Marcia Johnson and Steve Frank went to a stewardship conference in Grand Rapids. They spent this entire Saturday listening to ideas on stewardship. This one idea they heard was about was an idea on "Sunday Dollars". They all thought that this was a good way to raise some monies for special projects. After a meeting, they decided that the "Sunday Dollars" could be used to pay down the **principal on the mortgage.** So they presented this idea at the next vestry meeting. The idea was accepted but with some reservation.

The Sunday Dollar program started here on June 3 and has been a success ever since. Linda copied some fake dollars and handed them out parishioners as they entered the church. It is a very simple program, just place a single dollar bill in the collection basket. Every single dollar is used to pay down the mortgage. The first month alone we collected \$245 (an average of \$61.25 per week). The second month we collected \$355 (an average of \$67 per week). By September, we were able to pay an extra \$1000 off the mortgage. **The principal on the mortgage was \$115,828 on January 1, 2012. By January 1, 2013, the principal is \$101,451, a drop of \$14,400!** An extra benefit is that the interest on the mortgage was budgeted at \$8400 for the 2012 but was actually paid only \$7325, **saving us about \$1100 in interest.** This is money that can be used in other church programs.

Another benefit was that in April, 2013, the vestry was able to refinance the mortgage from a rate of 6.25% to a rate of **3.69%** with a final payment in 7 years. When the mortgage was refinanced, the principal was less than \$100,000. As of July of 2013, the Sunday Dollars campaign has collected over **\$8000.**



Let us keep those dollars coming and we will have the mortgage paid down before the 7 years is up. **Congratulations and thank you to all who participate in this program.**

Diocesan Mission Trips



Appalachia-Barnes Mountain, Kentucky - Sept. 21-28
New Orleans, Louisiana - November 15-24

The Diocese covers the cost of most all expenses on the trip. **You may contact Tami Varricchio at tvarricchi@aol.com or 517-388-2387.**

FUN at the SUMMER CAMP-OUT





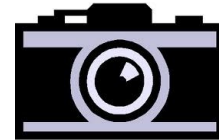
You are Invited to Sundae Sunday!!

Please join us at **St. Timothy's Church** for delicious
Ice Cream Sundaes as we celebrate the start of
Christian Formation Classes.

Sunday, September 8th
Worship Service begins at 9:30 a.m.
Followed by
ICE CREAM SUNDAES!

Schedules for Sunday School, Youth Group Events
and Confirmation Classes will be available.

There will also be a
photographic
SCAVENGER HUNT!
****PLEASE BRING A
CAMERA****



Classes for Pre-School -- 12th Grade
begin on Sunday, September 15th

****Nursery Care for infants through
age 4 years old is also provided every Sunday.****

Please join us for a great new year of Christian Formation!
Invite friends and relatives to join us on our Christian journey.
Everyone is always welcome!



Need more information? Please contact Fr. Joel Turmo at 629-9436

E-Mail: Rector@StTimsRichland.org

Visit our website: <http://www.sttimsrichland.org>

ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
9800 East BC Avenue
Richland, Michigan

(just down from Gull Lake Country Club Golf Course)



Dog Days of Summer Picnic Saturday, August 3 4-6 p.m.

This is a great opportunity for dog owners and dogs to get together and interact. A cookout is planned. For more information, please see **Nick Hotra or Steve Frank.**



BACK TO SCHOOL CHILDREN'S CLOTHING COLLECTION

We are collecting back-to-school children's clothing for the **Hands of God Distribution Center**, a ministry of the Gull Lake Area Community Church.

They distribute clothing and more to help those in need.



Sunday School Classroom and Nursery Renovations

Plans are in the works to renovate and organize the Classrooms and Nursery before Fall Classes begin. Special funding was provided by an anonymous donor.

If you are interested in helping, please see Fr. Joel.

ATTN: HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Confirmation Classes for high school students are starting this Fall.



There will be a mandatory orientation meeting for **parents and youth** on **Sunday, September 15 from 4-5:30 pm** to discuss the program and upcoming schedule.



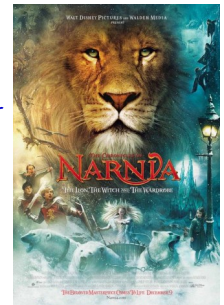
We will be celebrating the start of these classes during Worship on **Sundae Sunday, Sept. 8** when the high school students will receive Bibles as a gift from the congregation.

*If you haven't attended Sunday School at St. Timothy's but are interested in hearing more about **Confirmation**, please contact **Fr. Joel** by **September 1.***

Summer Book Read Celebration Sunday, August 25

Have You Read Our Book Club Book This Summer?!?

We're just a few weeks away from our **Summer Book Read Celebration on Sunday, August 25**, after church.



This summer, the whole parish is invited to read **The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe** by **C.S. Lewis.**

On Sunday, August 25, we're planning a **scavenger hunt** based on the book, as well as crafts and conversation. Adults and youth are all encouraged to attend -- we're looking forward to some great interactions!



We will also share a **Turkish Delight Tasting** during coffee hour.



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Phone: 269-629-9436
New Email: Office@StTimsRichland.org

The mission of the Christian community called St. Timothy Episcopal Church is to grow together in Jesus Christ.
We do this through worship, education, service, and celebration, offering up the talents God gives us for the glory of Christ and the building up of his Church.
We offer our best to God!
We expect great things from God!

New Website:
<http://StTimsRichland.org>



“Growing Together in Christ”

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Lou Ann Cruttenden — Aug 2
Bruce Bradford — Aug. 2
Louis Hall — Aug. 3
Amanda Barry — Aug. 3
Julie Walker — Aug. 4
Margaret Low — Aug. 4
Mac Waldorf — Aug. 10
Donna Pinneo — Aug. 13
Stacey Kloosterman — Aug. 14
Barb Cassin — Aug. 15
Russ Kloosterman — Aug. 16
Sharon Barry — Aug. 19



Nicholas Tracy — Aug. 20
Henry Lynes — Aug. 20
Pat Rapp — Aug. 22
Tom Howard — Aug. 22
Jon Schutte — Aug. 26
Pam Dalitz — Aug. 27
Joanne Mobey — Aug. 28
Judy Schau — Aug. 29
Wendy Dillworth — Aug. 30
Jeff Walker — Aug. 31

Do we have your email address and birthday?



St. Timothy's participates with both the **Hardings and Meijer Community Rewards programs**. Information on how to enroll is located on the table in the lobby, or contact the Parish Office.



Fair Trade Coffee \$8



The Choir practices on WEDNESDAY evenings from 7:00 -- 8:30 p.m.

LINKS:
Episcopal Diocese of Western Michigan: <http://edwm.org>
Western Michigan Episcopal Cursillo: <http://www.wmec.net>
Episcopal Life Online: <http://www.episcopalchurch.org>
Lectionary Readings: <http://www.lectionarypage.net>

Men's Morning Bible Study
7:00 a.m. on Tuesdays downstairs in the social hall.



Wednesday Morning Bible Study Group
10:00 a.m. on Wednesdays in the upstairs conference room.

Share our Good News with friends!

There are extra copies of this newsletter available on the table in the church entrance and it is linked on our website.

