



St Timothy's
Lutheran
Church

"Sharing the Bread of Life"

Epistle

December 2017

Pastor Daniel's Meditation:

Upcoming Events

Saturday, 12/02

Decorating & Christmas Party

5:00pm Fellowship Hall

Sunday, 12/03

Youth Club

9:00am Youth Room

Thursday, 12/07

Advent Love Feast

6:00pm Sanctuary

Thursday, 12/14

Advent Love Feast

6:00pm Sanctuary

Sunday, 12/17

Birthday Sunday

10:30am Sanctuary

Youth Club

6:30pm Youth Room

Tuesday, 12/19

Council

7:00pm Choir Room

Thursday, 12/21

Advent Love Feast

6:00pm Sanctuary

Friday, 12/22

Sack Lunch Ministry

9:45am Fellowship Hall

Sunday, 12/24

Christmas Eve Services

10:30am Service of Holy

Communion

4:00pm Family Service

Swimming in darkness,
A beating heart,
Unsteady hoof beats,
There is no room.

Emperor Augustus,
Royal decree,
"Go to your home town."
There is no room.

Out on a journey,
Homeland behind,
God goes before them,
There is no room.

Travel worn strangers,
Tired in soul,
Loadbearing donkey,
There is no room.

Many the travelers,
Few are the inns,
Rest for the stranger,
There is no room.

Feet that are aching,
Backs that are sore,
Baby is kicking,
There is no room.

A stable will do,
Refuge at last,
Water is breaking,
There is no room.

Hours of labor,
No end in sight,
Exhaustion sets in,
There is no room.

The head is crowning,
Out comes the rest,
Breathing the stable,
There is no room.

Herod is threatened,
Kill all the boys,
Strangers are fleeing,
There is no room.

Egyptians welcome,
Christ Child is safe,
Grows into manhood,
Room at the last.

Centuries later,
Syria burns,
People are fleeing,
Will there be room?

Lawmakers quarrel,
Out goes the cry,
"Protect your homeland!"
Will there be room?

Soldiers are marching,
Borders are closed,
Hope is departing,
There is no room.

Across the ocean,
Liberty calls,
"Give me your masses!"
Will there be room?

Governors rejecting,
No Muslims, please,
Wait, no refugees,
Is there no room?

Christ in the stranger,
They are his friends,
We welcome Jesus,
Will there be room?

Poetry by
Pastor Daniel Morris

YOUTH CLUB

Youth Room

Sunday, December 3, 9:00am

Make new friends, play games, and eat snacks!

Sunday, December 17, 6:30pm

Do final exams and end-of-year tests have you down? Come blow off some steam at Youth Club with food and games!

ADVENT LOVE FEAST

Sanctuary

Thursdays Before Christmas, 6:00pm

The Love Feast is back! Experience a caring community through this ancient Christian celebration of love. In this midweek service, relationships are strengthened through prayer and song. Instead of a full meal we will share the traditional food of the Moravian love feast, sweet bread and coffee. Sign up to bring food while you're enjoying Coffee Hour on Sun



Pastor Daniel's words at Skokie's 47th Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service:

"When they gathered together, one of them, a lawyer, asked Jesus a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Matthew 22:35-40

PLEDGE DRIVE 2018

Thank you for your support of our shared ministry! If you haven't turned your pledge in yet, it's not too late! Please drop all forms off to the main office at your earliest convenience.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Fellowship Hall

Saturday, December 2,

Decorate: 5:00pm; Party: 7:00pm

Join your friends in decorating St. Timothy's for the Christmas season! Enjoy a great meal at the Party that follows! Sue Lindahl is providing the main course. The Johnston's are bringing the desserts. Let Sue know if you can provide a side dish or appetizer.



Great concert with Buddy Mondlock (right) and Mike Lindauer! Another great musician, Joe Jencks, is coming February 10th.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Sanctuary

Sunday, December 24

10:30am Morning Service

We will celebrate Holy Communion in this service using a liturgy based on popular Christmas carols.

4:00pm Family Service

This service of carols will feature a children's sermon using our Story Time Sunday School sandbox.