

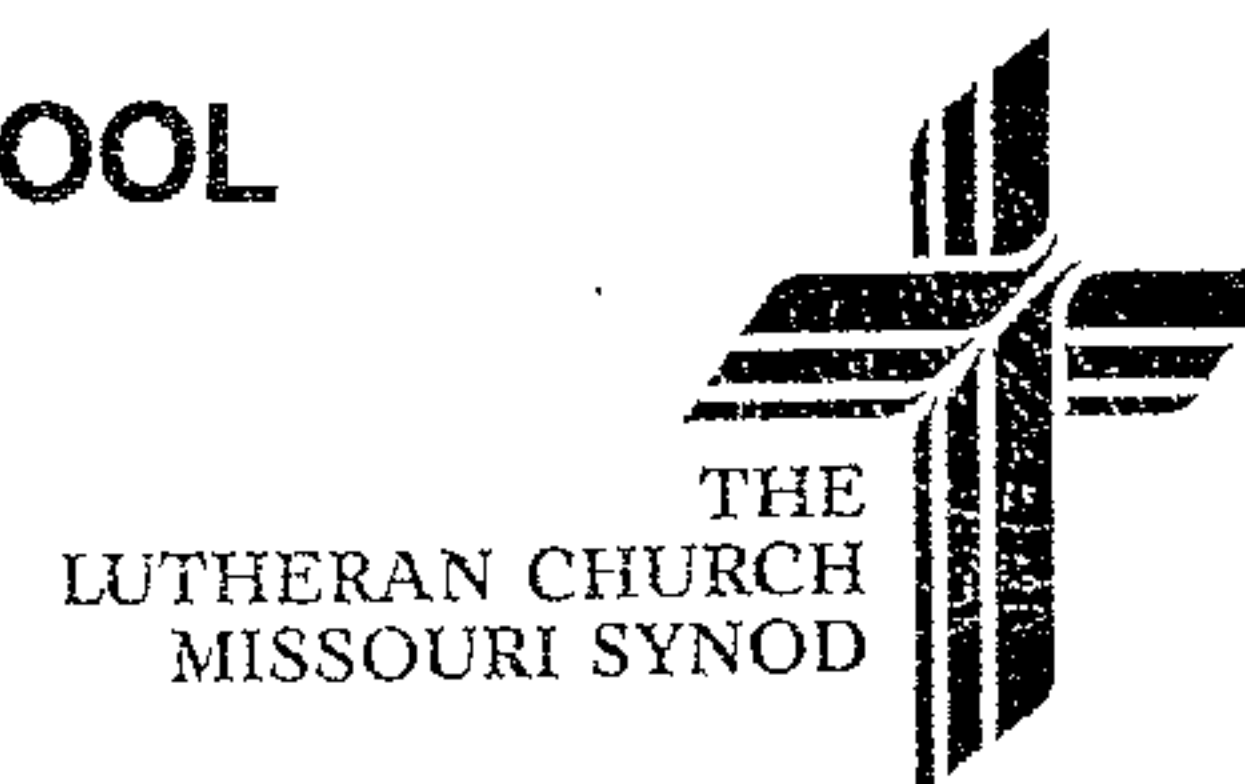
NEWSLETTER

ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL

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March 2010



"Words Of Life From The Cross"

(Read Lk. 23:34; 23:43; Mt. 27:46; Jn. 19:26-27; Jn. 19:28; Lk. 23:46; I Cor. 11:23-26; Jn. 19:30)

The fireman jumped into the river to save the little boy. He swam to the boy, grabbed him, held him high, and pushed him to the shore. The little boy was rescued. Now safe, he could live a long and purposeful life. The fireman did not make it. His purpose was to give life to another.

In a similar way, Jesus came into this world to die for others. Even as He was sinless, He took on His person the penalty for our sinful behavior. Even though He always spoke the truth, He died for those who were lost in falsehoods of all sorts. Even though He participated in our creation (He the Creator and we the creatures), He died for the creatures. Even though those very creatures could still reject Him, He came and died for those who, by a miracle of God's grace, would turn and believe in Him.

An amazing thing occurred during the last hours of our Lord's life on earth. He was dying, yet life, pure life, poured forth from His lips. This Lent we have chosen the theme: "Words Of Life From The Cross." Under this theme, we will ponder the meaning of our Lord's last seven words from the cross. These seven words were actually seven statements. The goodness, kindness, mercy, and love that dwell in the heart of God are revealed for all mankind to see in these seven statements of Jesus. Even as He dies, He was giving life to people who were/are dead in their sins (you, me, and all people).

As we walk through Lent 2010, God will bring life, love, hope, and courage to our hearts. Don't miss this opportunity to have life given to you through the words from the Creator/Savior who made you and loves you.

God bless you and me as we walk through this Lenten season together.

In Christ,

Pastor Craig A. Patterson, Interim Pastor

Preschool Happenings

It is time to begin enrollment for the 2010-2011 school year. We are looking forward to another great year of school. Returning families will be enrolling first then after March 15th, the enrollment will be open to everyone. If you have a student that will be returning next year - enroll now. If you do not have a student of preschool age please pass this application on to someone you know that does.

February was a great month! The turn-out for our skate party at Lynnwood Bowl and Skate was very good. It was great to see preschool families, church members and new friends; we opened this event to our neighboring preschools. We look forward to doing more activities with these families. Our next Skate Night is the first Tuesday in May. Be sure to mark your calendars for May 4th. We look forward to seeing you there.

Our Pre-K and Preschool classes took a field trip to Buca di Beppo's in Lynnwood and explored the restaurant business. The students got to make two pizzas to share. Thank you to Chef Carl who invited us and showed us around.

A silhouette artist named Kerri Cook came to the school at the end of February. In addition to our current students we also invited the local community to have their silhouettes done. She cuts them out by hand and each silhouette only takes a couple minutes for her to do. These make timeless gifts and treasures.

This month we are taking a field trip up to Zion Lutheran School in Everett. On Wednesday, March 10th we will watch a marionette puppet show as part of *National Lutheran Schools Week*. This is a favorite trip for students, parents and teachers alike. It is so great to be welcomed to Zion for this great show.

All of our students are busy learning new songs for our Preschool Sunday, March 21st. They will be singing the praises of Jesus for all to hear. Following the service we will meet downstairs in the fellowship hall for cake and conversation. We look forward to seeing you there.

Spring is in the air in our classrooms too. Along with exploring the plant life of spring our students will also be playing with Bunnies, Chicks and Jelly Beans. They will also be learning the stories leading up to Easter. Do you remember Zaccheus and the Good Samaritan? We will also talk about the triumphant entry and Jesus' last days before being crucified on the cross for us.

It is also that time of year to start thinking about our annual BBQ and auction fundraiser. This year's event is on Friday, May 14th from 6-9pm. If you have any items, services, or gift cards you would like to donate - please talk with any of the preschool staff.

Late breaking news, I have been asked to do another Little Caesar's Pizza fundraiser, so we are. Kits will be in the week prior to spring break. If you would like to order, please contact the preschool at 425-741-8723 or e-mail stlc_preschool@verizon.net. Order forms will be available on the bulletin boards and in the preschool box.

Jean Volkmann

Preschool Administrator

LADIES GUILD NEWS

The Ladies Guild purpose is to provide women of St. Timothy Lutheran Church an opportunity for in increase in knowledge of our Savior, and in fellowship and service.



MITES

Remember to bring your Mission Mites to Church on the fourth

Sunday of each month.

CAMPBELL'S LABELS

Please save the UPCs (bar codes) on Campbell products for Good Shepherd Homes. When cutting the UPC bar codes, be sure to include the area stating the point value.

For a current list of eligible products visit Campbell's web site: www.labelsforeducation.com.

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COFFEE HOST

You are invited to host coffee hour after the worship service on Sundays. A sign up sheet is in the narthex on the bulletin board.

The hostess would be responsible for bringing and serving cookies or breads, and clean up of coffee pot, hot water pot, and any utensils that need washing, and the general clean up after hosting, including putting everything back where it belongs.

Thank you!!

The coffee is made before Bible Class by a volunteer.

MISSION POST

Thanks to everyone who gave clothing – a whole car trunk full – to the Lutheran Compass Mission and to a Women and Children's Shelter. It was ALL appreciated.

LENT is a time of reflecting on Jesus sacrifice for all the world.

During Lent, please consider "sacrificing" a meal or two, and add to the MISSION FOOD BASKET in the narthex.

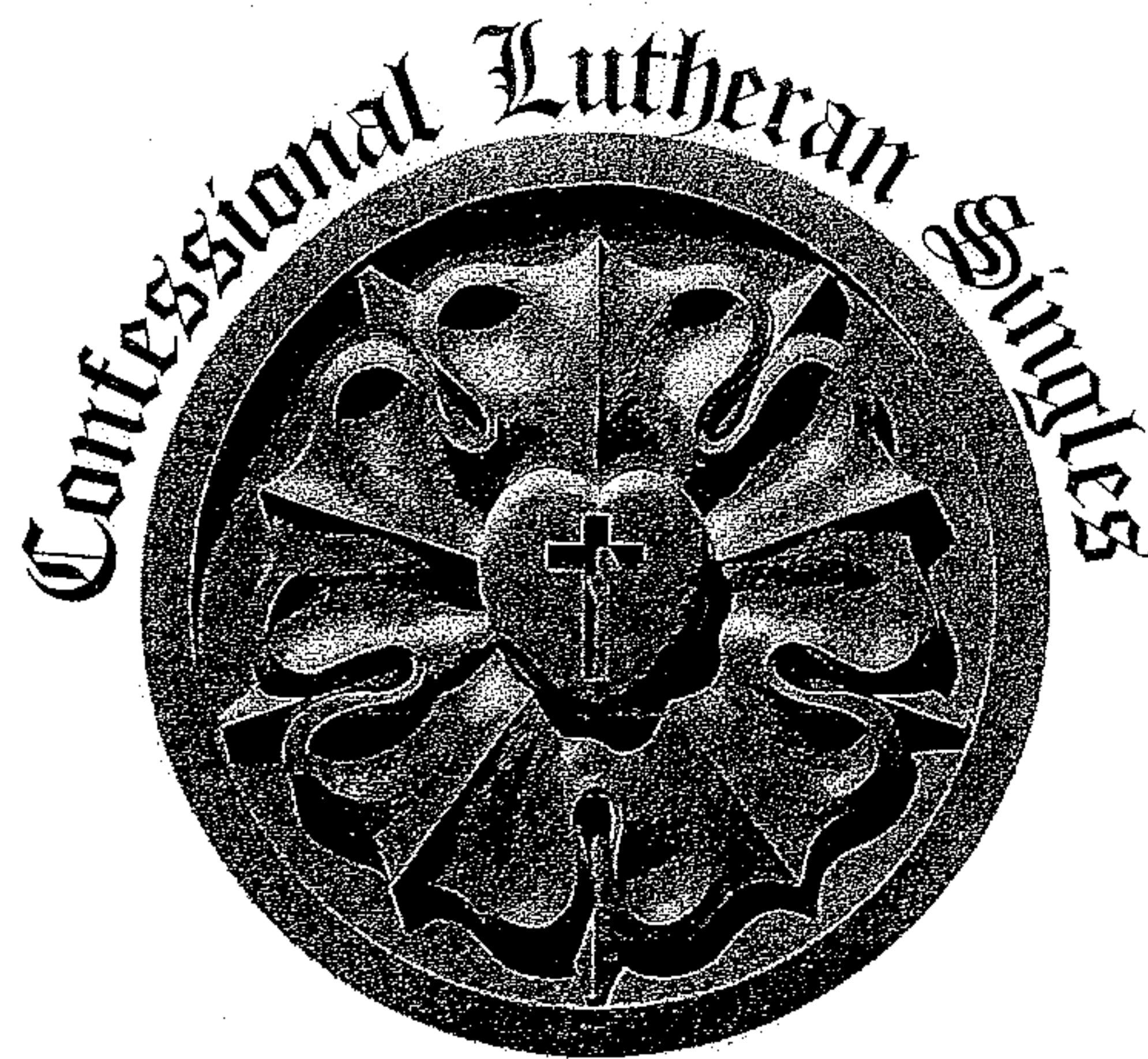
Pat Jones
Mission Service Chairman

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TRANSITION TEAM UPDATE

Phase Two – Knowing our Community. The Transition Team is setting up task groups to reach into our community in order to evaluate community information from: area churches, schools, social services, chambers of commerce and local businesses, service organizations, and individuals who live around St. Timothy. The goal is to complete our study of the community by the middle of April.

Members and/or friends who would like to assist in this process, especially those who have contacts with any of the listed objectives, contact Pastor Craig, Karl-Heinz Simon, Barbara Eneberg or Cindy McEntire to share your interest in this process.



Speed Gaming Night

Saturday March 13th at 7:00pm

Are you Lutheran and Single? Would you like to meet other single Lutherans in the Greater Puget sound area? Please join us for Speed Gaming Night and Dinner on Saturday, March 13th at 7:00pm. This kick-off event will be hosted by Messiah Lutheran Church. More information can be found on Facebook. You will need to search for Confessional Lutheran Singles. Please R.S.V.P. to Messiah

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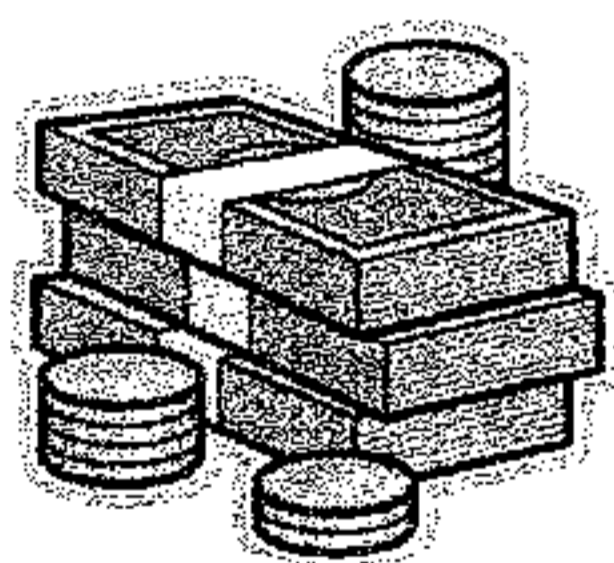
Messages from Your Council — Mel Suelzle



Our February 9th council meeting was attended by 7 members. Pastor Craig and Pat Jones submitted reports to the council as they were unable to attend. Our meeting agenda was well balanced from a administrative and spiritual viewpoints. A goal that we need to try hard to achieve. It is very easy to get so involved in pressing administrative issues and not devote the needed time and attention to items that help us all gather to worship and share the glory of God.

Some of the key agenda items are summarized below:

- We received some good news from Snohomish County. Apparently they feel they can proceed soon on the 52nd road improvements long delay due to financing issues. They have asked for our approval of their request for right away access on our property. The council agreed to additional terms and conditions including a fee structure for granting our approval.
- Pastor Craig has suggested we implement a prayer request program that was designed by the NCD committee and not implemented due to other priorities last year. This plan will involve request cards in the pews and a process to collect them prior to prayers of our worship service. Watch for more information on this new program in the bulletin.
- In response to some complaints, we have asked our pest control agent to add protection services for mice to their routine service. Janet Anderberg has also completed her review of food storage practices and set a policy that all food spills must be clean thoroughly and food storage done in plastic containers. Groups handing food are asked to cooperate and contact Janet if they have any questions.
- Patsy Simon recently attended a workshop at Epiphany Lutheran on *Equipping to share witnessing*. She was very pleased with the information and would like to share it with the congregation. It was agreed that she would present it in a series of newsletter articles.
- The council reviewed the Easter Season activities and it was decided to prepare for Easter with a Spring cleaning party on Palm Saturday, March 27th. Although we will not get financial help from Thrivent for a Easter Egg Hunt, we feel this is an important community outreach program that should be continued. We have offers of help and only lack someone to lead this process. Contact Mel if you wish to support this program.



Treasurer Report. - Tom Smithson distributed our January financial reports. Tom reported that our income fell short of expenses by \$\$2477 which was \$1353 worse than budgeted. For the year, we are \$1681 worse than we had budgeted. On the brighter side, the preschool has done a very good job in responding to lower income by controlling expenses and are meeting their budgeted goals for the year. More details are in the Financial Report elsewhere in this newsletter.

We are rapidly approaching the time we need to consider next years planning in preparation for our budgeting process. We will be discussing this strategy at upcoming council and voter meetings in May and June.

Thrivent Program Changes - Beginning in 2010 Thrivent has changed their program of providing support to congregations. In the past, this program has provided St. Timothy with over \$1000 each year to help fund special programs involving Thrivent members in our congregation. These funds have helped us with expenses for programs like Rally Day, VBS, LG Bazaar and Easter Egg Hunt. The new program will put Thrivent members more directly in control of contributions to charities they favor. Saint Timothy is registered as one of these charities. We will learn more on how this new program works in the coming weeks/months. I am concerned that in absence of a Thrivent coordinator (now called a Congregational Advocate), we may not get the full benefits we otherwise could. This will put added pressure on our budgeting process for this and next year.

New Information on our Web Site - We new information on our website. Our monthly newsletters are available on our website in case you lose track of your printed copy. Also a new online calendar of church and preschool activities in no on our website. These calendars contain all events of printed version plus any additions that occur after the printed copy was distributed. We will continue to distribute printed copy of newsletters and calendars. Also, Pastor Craig's sermons are being recorded each Sunday and can be heard on the website in addition to the outline text of his sermons.

January Financial Report

Budgetary Totals

For the Month:

Income fell short of spending by \$2,948. This was \$1,825 worse than budget.

Fiscal Year-to-Date*:

Income fell short of spending by \$21,096. This was \$2,252 worse than budget.

Preschool Net Income/(Loss)

For the Month: \$1,881

Fiscal Year-to-Date*: \$459

Building Fund Contributions

For the Month:

Contributions fell short of the mortgage payment by \$997.

Fiscal Year-to-Date*:

Contributions fell short of the mortgage payments by \$4,852.

* Our fiscal year runs from July 1st to June 30th. For additional information contact Tom Smithson, Treasurer.

