

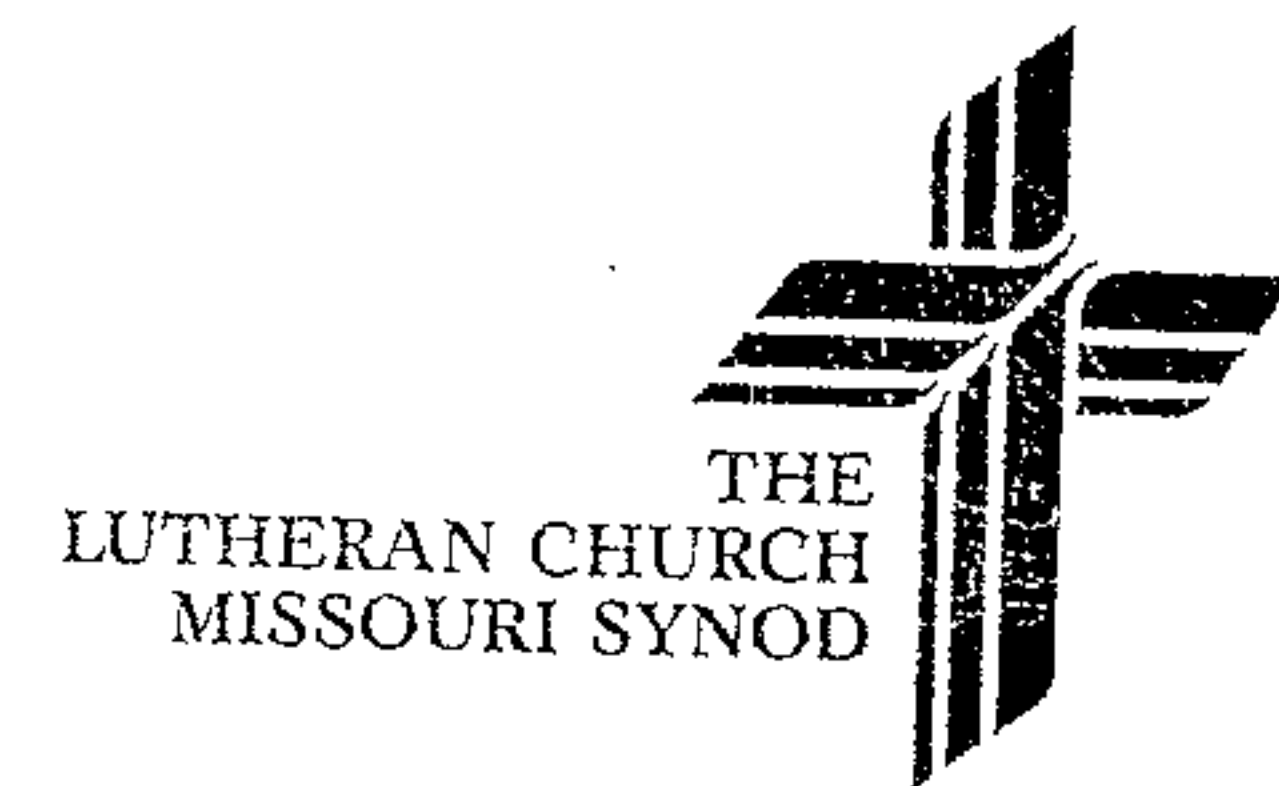
NEWSLETTER

ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL

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"What Is A Pastor?"

(See I Timothy 3: 1-7; Ephesians 4:12)

When I was a young pastor serving in Fitchburg, Massachusetts (a small city 40 miles northwest of Boston), I was encouraged to wear my white collar so that I might have a better opportunity to find a parking spot closer to the always busy hospitals. So, when I drove to Boston to make a hospital call, I would indeed wear my clergy shirt and collar. Here's what happened: "Faatha! Over hear, Faatha! You can park right in here, Faatha!" the parking attendant kept yelling at me as I approached the parking lot in down town Boston. He kept calling me "Faatha" (that is "Father" with a New England accent). "Doesn't he know that I am a Lutheran pastor?" I thought to myself. "O, but this is New England. The Roman Catholics are dominant here. If one is garbed in a clerical collar, one must be a Catholic priest who is to be addressed as "Father." What is the difference between a "Father" and a pastor?

When asked by her son, "What does Craig do?" a childhood friend of mine told her son, "Well, he's the boss of a church?" "O, if she only knew," I remember thinking. That was my childhood friend's idea of what a pastor must do.

Historically, Lutheran Christians have preferred to call their clergymen "pastors." The word "pastor" refers to the shepherding role of the one who cares for a group of Christians. Just as a shepherd of sheep might lead his sheep with a sweet tune from his flute, "shepherds" of God's people lead their flocks with the sweet tune of the Gospel. Sometimes a shepherd of sheep might have to poke the sheep with his rod or staff in order to warn or guide them. A pastor might use the stern word of God's Law to do the same thing. A good shepherd stays with the sheep when danger looms. So it is with the true pastor of believers. He stays with them through hardship since God has sent him to that group of sheep.

Other terms that the Bible uses for the same office or calling are: "overseer" (I Timothy 3:1-7) and "elder" (Acts 20:28).

What does a pastor do? What qualities are good for pastors to have? We plan to focus upon the answers to these questions in this month of May.

As Saint Timothy Lutheran congregation discusses what the Lord of the Church would want us to do here in Edmonds, we will study God's Word with this in mind. We will ask God to bless us as we look to find answers in His Word to the question, "What shall we be doing to do the works of God, in this place?" and "What kind of pastor would God want us to have?" Are there some special abilities needed by our future pastor that would help him and us to achieve the work set before us here at Saint Tim's?

Pastor Patterson will offer a special series of sermons in the month of May that will, hopefully, make us all more aware of how a pastor comes into our midst, what qualities are needed for serving as a good and well-balanced pastor, and to Whom the pastor is, ultimately, accountable. Here are the texts and themes of the upcoming sermons in May:

May 2nd – "The Pastor: Called & Placed By God." (Acts 20:28; Jeremiah 1:5-10).

May 9th – "The Pastor: Made To Be An Overseer & Shepherd Of Souls." (Acts 20:28; Heb. 13-17)

May 16th – "The Pastor: Equipped By God With Certain Attributes." (I Timothy 3:1-7)

May 23rd – "The Pastor: A Servant Of God Who Edifies The Church." (Ephesians 4:12)

May 30th – "The Pastor: Part Of, Yet Separate From The Priesthood Of All Believers." (I Peter 2:9; Titus 1:5-9).

Join us for this special series of sermons. Serving Christ with you, Pastor Craig Patterson

Preschool Happenings

It is hard to believe that another school year is coming to a close. May is our last full month, and a busy one at that. The month starts with our last Skate Night of the year on Tuesday May 4th at Lynnwood Bowl and Skate from 6-8pm. Cost is \$6 and includes quad skate rental, in-lines are \$2 more. We hope to see you there.

Our annual Silent Auction, BBQ and Game night will be on Friday, May 14th from 6-9pm. Please contact any staff member of the preschool if you have any items, gift cards, services, homemade crafts or anything else you would like to donate. If you know of any business that would be willing to make a donation -we would appreciate that too. We are hoping everyone can attend! Hamburgers, hotdogs and fixings, plus potato salad and beverages will be provided. We are asking guests to bring a dessert.

At the end of May all of our classes will be heading down to the Edmonds Marina Beach for a day of exploring the tidal life during low tides. This is always a fun field trip, and we are hoping for nice weather.

Enrollment for the 2010-2011 school year continues. We offer classes for children age 2 ½ to 5 years old. Please let families you know with preschool age children about our preschool ministry

We are starting a new year-round fund raiser with Terracycle, a company that recycles plastic products and makes new items. We will be collecting drink pouches, (Capri Sun and the like), candy bar wrappers, Chip bags, Cookie wrappers (any brand and size), yogurt containers (wide mouth, 6oz or 32oz- similar shape to Dannon or Tillamook), and used pens, pencils, markers, highlighters (any brand or size, they just need to be plastic.) We will have a drop off container in the preschool; we just ask that all food/drink has been removed. For drink pouches just cut the top ¼" to ½" off and rinse them out. You can view their website at www.terracycle.net.

Finally, we continue to collect used ink cartridges. We are able to recycle these to receive \$3 each for the preschool. This year alone we have been able to offset our office supply budget by over \$600 through this program! There is a basket in the preschool entry-way for you to deposit your spent cartridges. Thank you so much for your support.

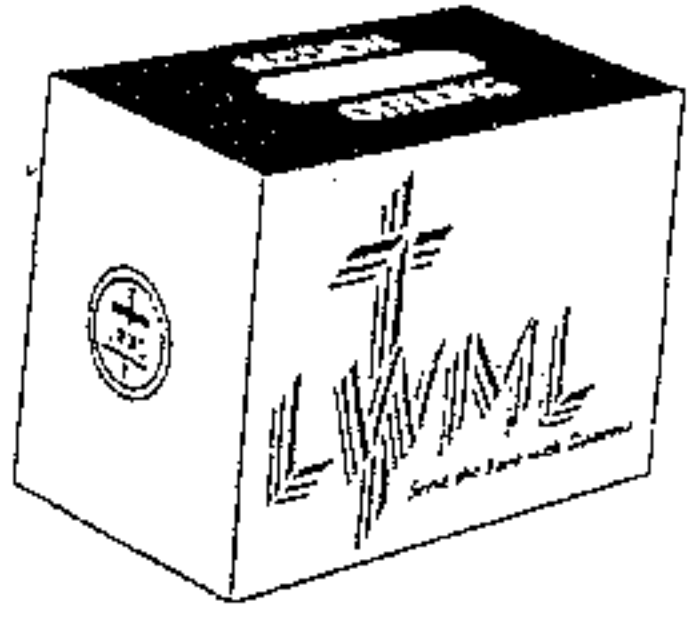
Jean Volkman
Preschool Administrator

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.

SALAD LUNCHEON – MAY 1

All the ladies and friends of St. Timothy are invited to attend the Ladies Salad Luncheon on May 1, at 12:00 noon. Bring a salad to share.



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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SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS
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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.

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**LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE
WASHINGTON-ALASKA DISTRICT CONVENTION
JUNE 18-20, 2010
Red Lion Hotel, Spokane, WA**

"WE ARE GOD'S TAPESTRY"
The theme is based on 1 Peter 4:10, 11b

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**LWML WA-AK DISTRICT 2010
CONVENTION INGATHERING**

Recipient: Lutheran Community Services, Spokane
Boys and girls Ages 5-10

Toiletries such as shampoo, bubble bath, lotion, body wash, body sprays Christian bedtime books, pajamas, slipper, hair accessories.

Please help with this ingathering. Bring items to basket in church narthex.

PRESCHOOL ITEMS

The Preschool will again be offering Little Caesar Pizza Kits. The orders are due Friday, April 16th, and the kits will be ready to be picked up Monday, April 26th in the morning. This was a wonderful fundraiser for us in February. We are hoping to sell 100 kits this time around. There is an order form in the preschool mailbox. Checks are to be made out to St. timothy Preschool and can be given to any staff member or slid under the Preschool office door.

The Preschool is starting to collect items for the annual BBQ and silent auction, which will be on Friday, May 14. If you have any items, gift cards, services or anything else you are able to donate, please just contact anyone from the Preschool. If you know of any business that would be will in to make a donation, we would appreciate that, too. Also, be sure to mark your calendars now so we have a good turn out again this year. We are hoping everyone can attend!

The Preschool would like to put out a request for your used ink cartridges. We are able to recycle these and receive \$3 each for the Preschool. This year alone we have been able to offset our office supply budget by over \$600! There is a box in the hallway to Preschool for you to deposit your spent cartridges.

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PRAYER TEAM

Those who indicated they wanted to be on the Prayer Team are as follows:

- Carol Hauge (425) 743-9430
- Brenda Gonzalez (425) 742-1159
- Shirley Howell (425) 778-8391
- Laura Washabaugh (425) 741-0517
- Delores Sparks (425) 743-4388
- Pat Jones (425) 379-7077
- Patsy Simon (425) 670-3354
- Kim Reinig 206-542-8050

Church families are encouraged to contact any of the members of the Prayer Team to request prayer support. Confidentiality is maintained and prayer requests can be limited to one prayer or shared with the team. We seek to uphold all needs, short term and long term of the Church body. There is not a need to small or answered prayer too little, to neglect to mention to the Heavenly Father.

Patsy Simon (425) 670-3354 to begin the prayer.

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." Romans 12:12.

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**MAY 15 IS THE DEADLINE
FOR THE JUNE, 2010
NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR ITEMS.**

The solemn saints discourage
Many folks from being good,
While the gaiety of sinners
Makes more converts than it should.

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THANK YOU

Dear Ones At Saint Timothy Lutheran
Our hearts were touched by your thoughtful and kind gift to our new grandson, Everett. The stuffed animal "Noah's Boat" is such a wonderful gift as Everett's parents and grandparents have the privilege of teaching Everett about our loving and faithful God who promises good things to us and then keeps His promises. Thank you so much.
In Jesus, Pastor Craig and Carol.

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God made wrinkles to show
where smiles have been.

EASTER EGG HUNT NEWS

On Saturday, April 3rd, the Lord provided good weather, happy children and parents and lots of fun for St. Timothy Lutheran's annual Easter Egg Hunt. There were about 30 children with their parents who eagerly arrived to the festivities. Pastor Craig opened with an explanation of Easter and gave a blessing, then the five different age groups of children scattered through the church grounds to search for some of the 750 hidden eggs. The kids who found a golden egg got a special big basket. Every child had a chance to choose a door prize and also go home with a party bag.
A big thank you to the Easter Egg Hunt Committee: Cindy McEntire, Stephen and Nicole Wilson, Brenda Gonzales and Adel Gonzales and Patsy Simon.

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BARNAUS PROJECT

They put their lives on the line for those they don't even know. Some pay the ultimate price. Who are they? They are our military men and women, (and their families). How can we care for those who have and are caring for us? "Project Barnabas" is an LCMS project that does just that. Learn more as Pastor and Carol share information with us Saturday, May 8 at 10:00 a.m. at church. Register in the church office.

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A GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Japanese students need short-term host families – July 22- August 11.
Sixteen Japanese high school girls are coming from Tokyo to visit Seattle for three weeks this summer. Compass USA is enrolling host families through April. Any kind of family is welcome to participate. For more information call Sara Graves at (206)335-8203 or e-mail at sgraves@seattleschools.org.

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Compassionate volunteers for Providence Hospice and Home Care next information session will be:

Wednesday, May 19, 2010 from 1-4 p.m.
Providence Hospice & Home Care of Snohomish County
2731 Wetmore Ave., Everett WA 98201
Call (425) 261-4815 by May 17 to pre-register

