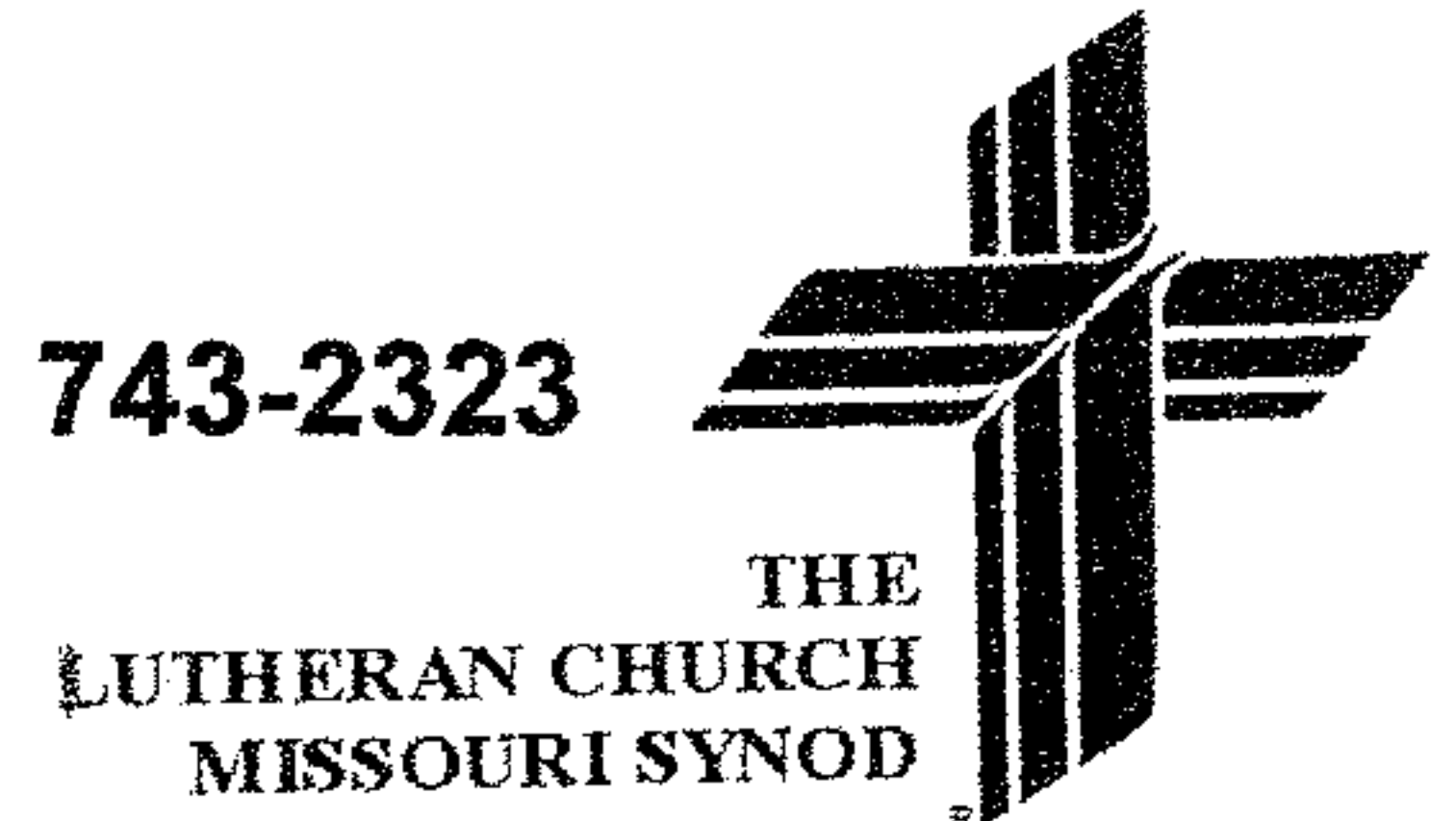


NEWSLETTER

ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL
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November, 2010



Thoughts From The Pastor

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ. From month to month I will be sharing some of my thoughts with you. These thoughts will be varied in nature and cover all sorts of topics. My pray is that they may be beneficial for our life together here at St. Timothy Lutheran Church.

Your Elders and I met again the other evening and discussed a number of things. Let me highlight two of our areas of conversation as I am writing on October 20th.

First of all, at this present time our membership list needs to be worked on. We need to have just one list that is as accurate as we can make it. One of our Elders has volunteered to attempt to contact everyone who's name appears on one of our lists, ask a few questions, and write down your responses. This will happen over the next few weeks.

Our questions and your responses should help the Elders and me in our task of caring for the sheep and lambs who are in Jesus' flock here at St. Timothy Lutheran Church. In order to do soul care for those entrusted to our care, we believe that this information from you will help us do that.

A side benefit in doing this will be a new membership directory. It will be published and given to those who desire one.

The second area that I wish to highlight is the schedule for special services over the next 2 months.

In November on Sunday the 7th, there will be a special recognition as the service begins of those who are veterans in our congregation. We should continue to thank the Lord for all those men and women who have served and who are now serving in our armed forces.

It should be noted that veterans as a whole are one of the largest un-churched groups in our country. May the Lord help us to be a welcoming place for everyone, and in particular to those who have served our country in the military services.

A Thanksgiving celebration is scheduled for Sunday November 21st. There will no Thanksgiving Eve or Day services this year.

The season of Advent begins on Sunday November 28th this year. Midweek Advent services will be offered on Wednesdays, at 12 noon and 7:00 pm, on December 1st, 8th, and 15th. The noon service will be the same as the evening service. It is offered especially for those who may not wish to come out at night.

Sunday December 5th will be a special service as our Sunday School and preschool children join together to share Jesus' birthday with us. The Friday Christmas Eve candlelight service will be at 7:00 pm on the 24th. Our Saturday Christmas Day Festival Service with Holy Communion will be held at 10:00 am. [There will be no New Year's Eve or Day services.]

As I mentioned in the letter from me last month, please feel free to contact me at any time, especially in emergencies. My home phone is 360-568-6580. At other times you can email me at pastor_r_flath@msn.com.

May the love of the Lord Jesus always be in your hearts!

Rev. Richard E. Flath
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Preschool Happenings

November 2010

Fall is definitely in the air and in the class rooms. Leaves, pumpkins, and bugs that make us squirm are surrounding us. We have completed our first full month of classes AND our annual field trip to the pumpkin patch and corn maze. October will end with a costume party, complete with games and treats. Please come by on October 29th and share in the fun.

In November the children will learn about the people who help them in their community, and a faithful celebration of Thanksgiving. Our big event will be a fire drill on November 15th at 10:25am - complete with sounding the ALARM - followed with a visit from Fire District 1. We will also be getting ready for Christmas! There are songs to sing and verses to learn, and practice - practice - practice. The program will be part of our December 5th church service in coordination with our Sunday School.

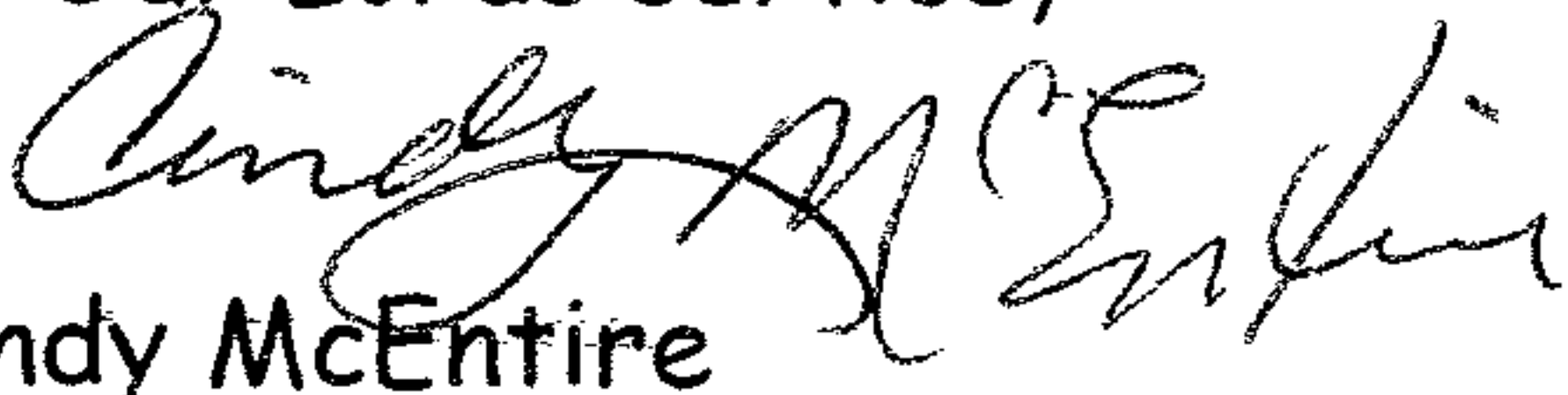
Miss Becky and I will end October and begin November with professional development workshops. On October 30th Edmonds School District has a follow-up workshop with David Matteson on literacy development. Then we are attending our District's annual Lutheran Teachers' Conference November 3rd-5th in Seaside, Oregon. We'll spend the first day in the Early Childhood Leadership Seminar. Presentations will be with Lenetta Colbert on "Strengthening Families" and Mary Widenhofer on "Curriculum...building and maintaining". Thank you to our St. Timothy family for your support of the preschool staff's continued learning opportunities which benefits the growing of our preschool.

Both of our classes have growing room for more children to come and learn about the love of Jesus for them and their families. Our best advertising is word of mouth. So spread the Word about Jesus' instruction to "bring the children", so we can teach them in the ministry of our Preschool.

We continue to sell Entertainment Books until December 12th. Your \$25 investment will be easily recovered with 1 or 2 uses from the great savings opportunities you'll get in dining, entertainment, travel, and/or retail. Your purchase will also help raise extra funds to help operate our Preschool. You can purchase your book from Miss Becky, me or any preschool family.

You can also help with fund raising by bringing in all and any used ink cartridges that we recycle for office supplies, and recyclables for the Teracycle project. Items include: ALL brands and sizes of chip bags, candy and cookie wrappers; ANY plastic pens, marker, highlighters, and mechanical pencils; 6 & 32oz wide-mouth yogurt containers; and "butter" spreads tubs & lids. You bring it - we will sort it. Thank you for your support!

In Our Lords service,


Cindy McEntire
Preschool Director

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.

QUILTING – The quilting ladies have completed 27 beautiful quilts to ship to Lutheran World Relief. Thank you to Delores Sparks, Thirza Weber and Sylvia Robinson for your faithful work. Job well done!



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. Please cut carefully, so barcode and points are intact for they will not accept damaged ones.

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



COFFEE HOUR

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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SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS
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ST. TIMOTHY'S ANNUAL

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6,

9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Come to check out our crafts and delicious baked goods.

The ladies also will serve chili, hot dogs and pies for dessert.

Coffee is free!

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St. Timothy Church News

Our June **college graduates** Bryan McEntire and Lisa Anderberg have located in their new positions. Bryan, who graduated with a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Music Performance from Pacific Lutheran University, is working with the Christian organization World Vision. He plans to continue his music education in the future. Lisa, who graduated summa cum laude from Seattle Pacific University in Global Economics, left the end of August for Laos to serve a year doing development with the Mennonite Central Committee. We pray for good success and safety to these two members of St. Timothy.

The Ladies Guild project of the **Biblical Garden** has drawn a lot of attention to our front lawn. Margaret Schuessler drew up the plans and Roger Reinig headed up the preparation and planting of the specimens, which one would find in the Holy Lands. Thanks goes to Gary Eneberg who built the cross in the garden, and Mel Suelzle who made the Arbor and to the Men's Group and Stephen Wilson who did so much of the labor to create a place of beauty. We understand there are more items will be added in the future, so keep a look out.

We give congratulations to these **newly weds**. Cari Weiben married David Nebel July 24 at Zion Lutheran Church. They make their residence in Brier. Amanda Washabaugh married Matt Nisbett on August 21 at St. Timothy Church. They left September 15 for a delayed honeymoon to Disneyland. They will live in Everett.

Charlie and Edna Watters celebrated 61 years of **marriage** in June. Charlie and Mary Stewart celebrated 63 years of marriage in September. Congratulations to these two couples.

Alyce Bralley-Nichols passed away September 1 and her funeral was held September 7 at Purdy & Walters in Everett. Interment took place in Parshall, North Dakota. We extend our condolences to her husband of 26 years Tim Nichols.

Baby boy Tristan Kaimana Kunzmann was born July 31 to Colleen Ramos and Erik Kunzmann. Father Erik is in training to become a police officer. We welcome them and their son to our fellowship.

Doug Spaulding, the newest member of our church, came in under Pastor Patterson's ministry. Doug is a retired public school librarian. His wife is Marie. Doug attends the Men's Group.

The Karl Simon Family spent 5 weeks in **Germany** over the summer. They attended a niece's wedding, had a family reunion with 56 persons gathering and saw the world famous Passion Play in Oberammergau. It was a memorable trip.

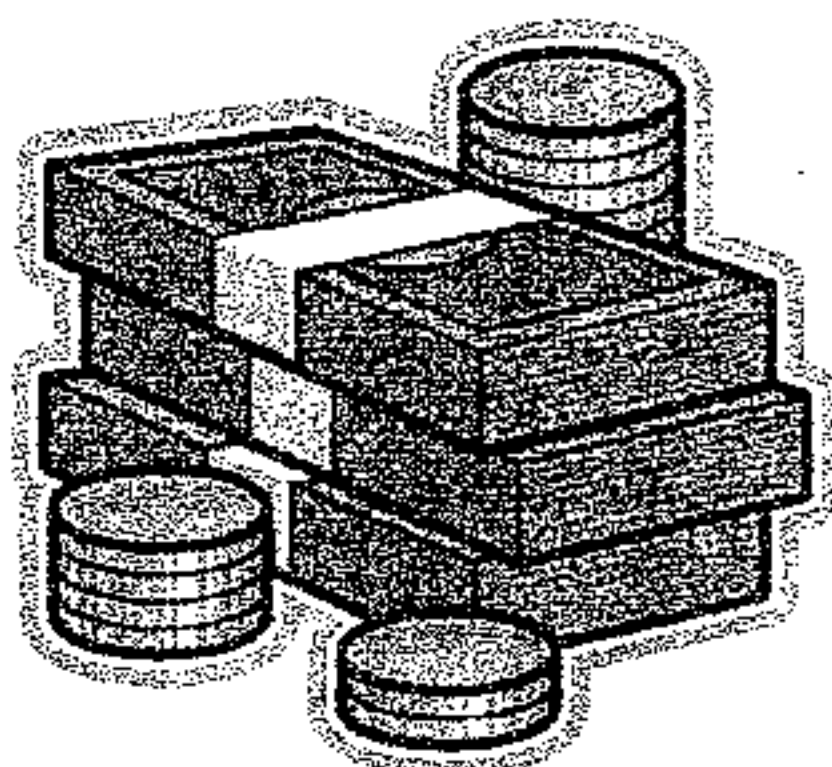
Lois Mueller and Patsy Simon exhibited their **crafts**; quilts, braided rugs, sewing articles and dolls at the Evergreen State Fair in Monroe and Puyallup Fair this summer. Several received blue ribbons.

Messages from Your Council — Mel Suelzle



Our October council meeting was attended by council members Tom Smithson, Gary Eneberg, Janet Anderberg, Patsy Simon, Kim Reinig, Mel Suelzle and Pastor Flath. Also attending was Fred Starck. The meeting was opened with a prayer followed by an agenda. Key agenda items are summarized below.

Treasurer Report Tom Smithson distributed financial reports and reviewed the summary of our income/expense performance for September and the first quarter of our fiscal year. Income for the month was almost 120% of our plan thanks to high levels of prepaid preschool tuition and strong Building Fund contributions. Monthly expenses were 89% of budget so our month net income was almost \$4500 more than budgeted. For the quarter, income was 101% of plan and expenses were 89%. Our cash position for the quarter improved by \$10,246 which was almost \$4000 more than budgets. Members are to be commended on their strong contribution levels. All council chairs and the preschool continue to do an excellent job in controlling expense levels in their respective areas of responsibility. More information on our financial performance for September is reported separately in this newsletter.



Elders - Gary Eneberg and Fred Starck updated the council on Elder activities including visits to shut in members and the ongoing effort to update our membership. Fred and Mel will coordinate the address information for the new member directory.

Preschool - Janet Anderberg reported that we have 17 preschool students registered and classes continue to operate smoothly. There are some building security issues that need to be addressed. Members with keys need to insure that any doors they open, are checked and locked before they leave the building. Mel will review this issue with the AA groups and the NWSBC.

Trustee - Art was unable to attend the meeting. Mel reported that he is planning to contact a roofing contractor to obtain another quote on repair/replacement of the skylights in the sanctuary. The men's breakfast group is planning to take care of the Fire Marshall's request that all combustible material be moved away from the office building and portions of the narthex that have wood surfaces close to landscaping bark.

Social Ministry - Pat Jones filed a report that she plans to promote the "meals in a bag" donation program in November. The sock donation program is also planned for December. Members are reminded that food donations are always needed. Especially during the holiday season.

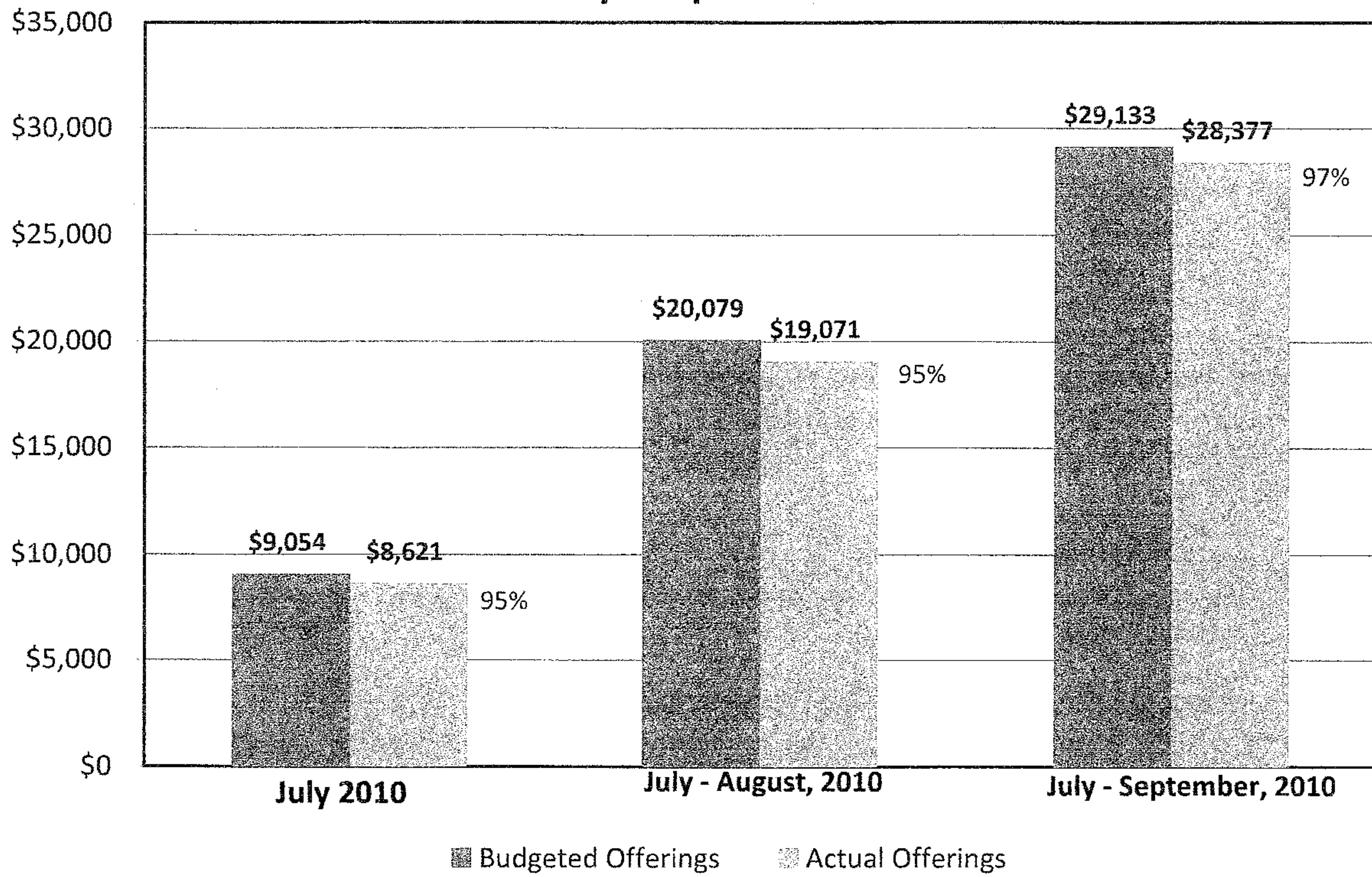
Pastor Report - Pastor Flath reported on his recent trip to attend a pastors conference. He is also been traveling to the Portland area to visit his mother who is recovering from a fall. Pastor Flath is working on his coordinating his work schedule to provide regular hours in the office and coverage of the activities he plans to support.

Elections - Prior to the meeting Karl Simon had reported that he has not had much success in finding candidates for our upcoming elections. A treasurer candidate has declined to accept a nomination and failing any others stepping forward, this function will be assumed by Mel Suelzle. A replacement President candidate(s) will need to be identified. Until such time, Janet Anderberg will fill in if needed. The treasure function is critical and a candidate must begin the training process soon in order to take over at the end of December.

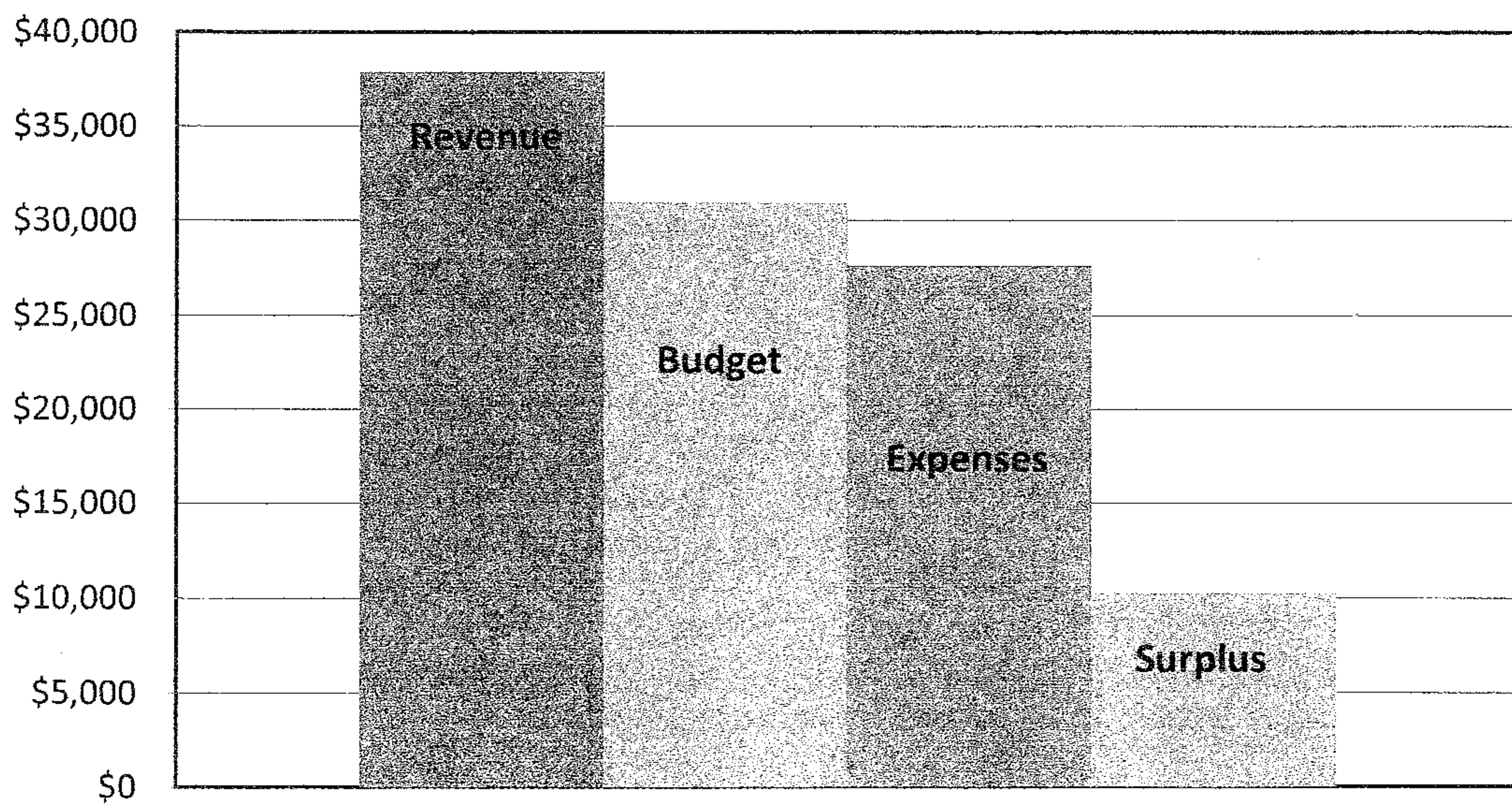
This discussions took a more serious tone as much concern was expressed for the lack of candidates willing to take a position on our council. Pastor Flath expressed his concern that if this trend continues it may impact our ability to function and even impact our call process. Members will continue the effort to identify leadership candidates for Saint Timothy.

Financial System Review - On October 6th, Kathy Lassman attended our Finance Committee meeting to discuss the scope and direction of the planned review of our financial procedures and processes. Prior to the meeting, Kathy had reviewed the information provided by Tom Smithson as requested. Based on her preliminary review, she felt that our detailed accounting processes were very much in order and her time would better be spent in reviewing procedures and processes. This redirection was welcomed and approved by the committee. To date, we have received her summary comments expect a more detailed report in November. This report will be useful in updating our procedures and training the new Treasurer.

Fiscal YTD Cumulative Worship Offerings July - September 2010



Fiscal YTD Revenue, Budget, Expense and Surplus July - September 2010



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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THE LUTHERAN HOUR

Lutheran Hour broadcasts in the Seattle area:

- KIXI AM 880 (Bellevue) @ 6:30 a.m. on Sundays
- KRKO 1380 AM (Everett) @ 7:00 a.m. on Sundays
- KLAY 1180 AM (Tacoma) @ 9:30 a.m. on Sundays

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2 CHRONICLES 7:14 GROUP

A Prayer group will meet every Sunday promptly at 8:24 AM in the "Meeting Room" (blue room). We are seeking God's guidance for our church and country and our individual lives. Everyone interested in participating in prayers for St. Timothy and our community is welcome to join us.

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STOP AND LISTEN

Faith is "not seeing."

How often do we live out of our own reality, because that is the only one we can bear?

So it is that we do not listen to one another, and make harsh judgments, because we are afraid to see things differently.

God has not ordered things so that truth is easily discernible, or even totally within our grasp in this life.

Blessed are they who have the courage and the faith to live by only seeing through a glass darkly.

Ann Siddall

What I Could Do If I Wanted To:

1. If I wanted to, I could help make this church the most wide-awake and working church in all the world.
2. If I wanted to, I could visit members who are sick or shut-in and possibly find other ways of helping them.
3. If I wanted to, I could attend Bible classes regularly and encourage others to attend.
4. If I wanted to, I could show more devotion in worship services and receive much more good from them myself.
5. If I wanted to, I could profit more from the sermon by not resenting the truth when it reveals some of my weaknesses.
6. If I wanted to, I could tell others about Christ and His church and lead them to salvation—at least my actions could always speak of Him!

Of course this all depends on what I want to do about it. I have the ability to be an honored servant of the Greatest of all Kings, but the question is "What do I really want to do?"