

NEWSLETTER

ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL

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November 2011 A.D. -- Thoughts From the Pastor

Dear friends in Christ Jesus!

In past years, the month of November has been traditionally the time when congregations have zeroed in on the topic of stewardship - the management and care of the blessings that individuals and congregations have received from the Lord God. It followed then that folks were encouraged to make a pledge of time, talents, and financial giving for the next calendar year since that was also the budget year for most congregations.

But times have changed. Many congregations [St. Timothy included] have budget years that don't match the calendar year. Therefore, the whole topic of Christian stewardship is often hard to fit into the conversation or is not even brought up.

November, though, still seems to me to be a natural month to bring up the topic of Christian stewardship. This year we will have a special opportunity to thank our good and gracious Lord for all His blessings and benefits to us. This will take place at St. Timothy's Thanksgiving Eve Service at 7:00 p.m. on November 23, 2011.

I'm told that the following story is true. Two well-to-do Christians, a doctor and a businessman, joined a group that was going around the world. In Korea they stopped by the side of the road next to a field. In the field a boy was pulling a crude plow while an old man held the plow handles. "That's a curious sight," they said to a missionary who was their interpreter there.

"Yes," was the reply. "That is the family of Chi Noyu. When the church building was built, they were eager to give something, but they had no money. So they sold the only ox they had and gave the money to the church. This spring they are pulling the plow themselves."

The doctor and the businessman were silent for a few moments. Then the businessman said, "That must have been a real sacrifice." The missionary replied, "They did not call it that. They thought it was fortunate that they had an ox to sell."

The two tourists did not have much to say; but when they reached home, the doctor took the picture he had taken of that scene to his minister and told him of the incident. "I want to double my pledge to the church," he said, "and give me some plow work to do. I've never known what sacrifice for the Lord really meant. I'm ashamed to say that I never have given Him anything that really cost me something."

The motivation for all of our giving of our time, talents, money, and stuff for use in the Kingdom of God most always be the Lord God's love and sacrifice for us. *"God shows His love for us in this, while we were yet sinners Christ died for us."* When you and I first give ourselves to the Lord, then all other giving comes easily and joyfully.

May the love of the Lord Jesus Christ move you and me to continue to do "plow work for Jesus" in the coming months and years here at St. Timothy Lutheran Church.

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

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Preschool Happenings



November 2011



Preschool grew with the enrollment of one student in October. We now have ten children in our combined Pre-K and Preschool class. Lesson plans this month will teach the children about their community. We will have visits from the Firefighters of Fire District 1 on Wednesday the 9th and Lynnwood Police Officer Rob Robeson – who is one of our preschool parents – on Wednesday the 16th. The children will begin learning songs they will be singing for the Friday, December 9th Preschool Christmas program.

Preschool will be closed on Friday, November 11th in recognition of Veteran's Day. Themes around the autumn season continue this month including our Thanksgiving Feast on Wednesday, November 23rd during our class time. There also is NO School on Friday, November 25th as part of the Thanksgiving Break.

Bible lessons this month will teach the children about how God cares for them through the His-tory of Samuel and Daniel, and the power of prayer. We will also begin Advent lessons on Gabriel's visits, announcing the miracles of the birth of John and Jesus to Elizabeth and Mary.

Each month Preschool sends Scholastic book order packets home with our students. These packets are available at the Media Center in the Narthex for anyone who would like to shop with convenience for affordable children's books between the ages of 2 years – preteens. Or you can place an order on-line at Schoolasticbooks.com under our "User Name" – sainttimothy and "Class Activation Code" GMJVH. Log in under parent. Each order of books helps the Preschool build up our library.

Our preschool staff was unable to attend the Early Childhood Leadership Seminar in Seaside, Oregon due to a family emergency for one of the staff. That week was worked as a "teacher in service day".

Preschool continues to sell the Entertainment coupon Books until December 10th. Editions for the N. Sound, S. Sound, and Seattle are conveniently available for the discounted price of \$25/book. Your investment is quickly returned when you use two or three of the coupons offered. You can also purchase Entertainment books on-line at www.entertainment.com/ent2012 in all but six states, Canada, and Puerto Rico. You'll still earn fundraising credit for St. Timothy Preschool by using our ID #964347 under the "Seller Section".

Thank, thank you, thank you to the angel who replaced the broken bar in the geo-climber on the playground, without us sharing that it was broken.

May the peace of the Lord always be yours to share,

Cindy McEntire, Director

Q1 FINANCIAL REPORT - Mel Suelzle

Our first quarter of our new fiscal year ended on September 30th. Our results were generally positive as our contributions were 102% of our plan, but overall income was only 90.1% of our plan as Mortgage Donations were 76.5% of our plan. Also, lower than expected enrollment has sharply reduced Preschool income to only 46.4% of our income plan.

A significant portion of the income shortfall was made up by reduced expenses in several other areas. While we hope to add to the preschool enrollment by the end of the year, it is apparent that we will need to make an adjustment to our budget for the second half of our fiscal year. This budget revision will be presented at the next Voters meeting in November.

Combined income and expense results show that we expected a \$425 shortfall for this period with the actual shortfall being \$2141 or \$1716 more than we planned.

| St. Timothy Lutheran Church and Preschool | | | | |
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| Q1 Financial Report | | | | |
| July - Aug - Sept | | | | |
| Income | Budget | Actual | Difference | % of Plan |
| Worship Service Offerings | 21,954 | 22,384 | 430 | 102.0 |
| Preschool Income | 5,630 | 2,614 | -3,016 | 46.4 |
| Other | 2,942 | 3,237 | 295 | 110.0 |
| Mortgage Donations | 5,435 | 4,156 | -1,279 | 76.5 |
| Total Income | 35,961 | 32,391 | -3,570 | 90.1 |
| Expense | | | | |
| Elders | 9,453 | 9,438 | -15 | 99.8 |
| Trustees | 17,481 | 16,200 | -1,281 | 92.7 |
| Preschool | 4,023 | 3,866 | -157 | 96.1 |
| Council | 1,045 | 946 | -99 | 90.5 |
| Administration | 1,692 | 1,714 | 22 | 101.3 |
| Worship & Music | 1,703 | 1,687 | -16 | 99.1 |
| Education | 285 | 120 | -165 | 42.2 |
| Fellowship | 85 | 0 | -85 | 0.0 |
| Social Ministry | 75 | 0 | -75 | 0.0 |
| Stewardship | 224 | 231 | 7 | 103.1 |
| Evangelism | 320 | 330 | 10 | 103.0 |
| Youth | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Total Expense | 36,386 | 34,532 | -1,854 | 94.9 |
| Income Less Expense | -425 | -2,141 | -1,716 | |

Voter's Meeting

On **November 13th** there will be a Voter's meeting after the worship service. The agenda for the meeting will include:

1(a) Select a Delegate, and an Alternate Delegate to attend the District Convention in June 2012, in Portland, Oregon. The St Timothy Lay Delegate will not only represent us at that District Convention but that person, or their alternate, will also cast a vote for a President in the Synod elections in 2013. The voting for Synod President will be done electronically. A youth delegate can also be nominated for the District Convention. The Youth Delegate should be a high school student.

(b). Nominate pastors for District President; District First Vice-President, Regional Vice-President and Circuit Counselor.

(c). Suggest and consider any Overtures we might want to submit to the Synod Convention. These are the "Whereas" and "Therefore" statements to be considered at the Synod Convention.

2. Consider whether or not we want to purchase new hymnals. We received a generous monetary gift that will cover most of the cost of new hymnals, but there may be some impact on our general fund as well. We will discuss the pros and cons of getting new hymnals at this time. Then we will vote.

3. Review revised Preschool Budget proposal, then vote to have the revised budget adopted. This revision is necessary because the planned number of students that we budgeted for is different than the actual number of students that registered. This re-budgeting will likely be an annual event as the budget normally needs to be prepared before actual enrollment numbers are available.

4. Discuss office staffing and general office needs, including volunteers and organizing official church records. There has also been a request to discuss the possibility of reorganizing the office and hiring someone to perform tasks not covered by volunteers.

5. Update on building and landscape projects.

6. Treasurer's Report

As you can see, there are many topics to cover in a short amount of time. It should be a good time to come together as a congregation and continue to move forward together.

If you have any questions about any of the topics, feel free to contact me at church or with email at: jlanderberg@comcast.net

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Voter's Meeting,

Janet Anderberg, Acting President

Mission Emphasis for November

November is the month to celebrate THANKSGIVING and “Thanks Living” by donating non-perishable food to the local food bank. Last year they served 400 people for Thanksgiving Day.

Pat Jones will take any food items donated throughout November to restock their shelves after the holiday. Put food in bags in the basket under the Mission Post Cross.

Blessings, Pat Jones

MISSION POST SCHEDULE FOR 2011

MARCH - Meal in a bag. Give up a meal or two during Lent. (Cloth bags provided)

APRIL – Easter treats and children’s books for Easter baskets for homeless shelter.

MAY – Bath towels and wash cloths.

JUNE – Pillows and pillow cases.

JULY – Twin bed sheets.

AUGUST – School supplies and paper products for our Preschool.

SEPTEMBER – School supplies for Preschool and/backpacks for the children in the women’s shelter

OCTOBER – New or good used dishes and tableware for homeless shelter.

NOVEMBER – Food to restock shelves after Thanksgiving, at food bank.

DECEMBER – Coffee mugs (any kind) and items to make “snowman soup”, (packages of cocoa mix small candy canes, Hershey’s chocolate “kisses”, nine marshmallows) for homeless shelter.

Socks of all kinds that will go to the shelters, for our big Christmas stocking.

Many of you go to garage sales or replace your own household items and can donate items for the homeless shelter that houses numerous families in transition situations. They really need our help. Every little bit adds up to a lot of love and caring for these folks from St. Timothy Lutheran Church.



December Newsletter Articles and Calendar

Information need to be submitted by

Monday, November 21st – via: E-mail

To: Cindy @ cjmcentire@comcast.net;

To: the Church Office @ stlc_office@frontier.com,
in printed, or hand written copy,

Thank You

*“We think of you and give thanks.”
Ephesians 1:16 NJV*

Dear St. Timothy Quilters,

*Thank you for your generous gift of
material to use in making quilts for
Lutheran World Relief, Veterans Hospital,
Matthew House, Women’s Shelter,
and Christmas House.*

God Bless You For your thoughtfulness.

*You are all welcome to join us every
Wednesday morning at 9:30 A.M.*

We’d love to have you.

Zion Lutheran Church Quilters

The St. Timothy Quilters, *Thirza Weber and Delores Sparks*, would like to thank everybody who contributed time or supplies to us over the years that we were making quilts.

Special thanks to *Emma Suryan* for making son of the tops for us; and *Sylvia Robinson and Lois Mueller* for helping us put them together when they had time. And lastly, thanks to the congregation for taking the quilts downstairs after they were blessed.

Thirza Weber and Delores Sparks

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

Listen to
THE LUTHERAN HOUR

Sundays

- 880 KIXI AM, 6:30 a.m.
- 7:00 a.m. 1380 KRKO AM Radio
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday KLAY 1180 AM

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WOMAN TO WOMAN

With Phyllis Wallace
KONP 1450 AM Port Angeles
7:15 AM

GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANTS

~ November ~

USHERS: Nov. 6 – Lenn Gorsuch
Doug Spaulding
Nov. 13 – Charlie Stewart
Willie Whitfield
Nov. 20 – T.J. Mack
Art Mack
Nov. 27 – Karl Simon
Fred Starck

LECTORS: Nov. 6 – Cindy McEntire
Nov. 13 – Charlie Stewart
Nov. 20 –
Nov. 27 –

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**THE ELDER ON CALL FOR November Is
Lenn Gorsuch @ 425 483-8770**

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Our homebound members: Margaret Burrier,
Herb Freise, Barbara Howe, Tim Nichols, Ruth Staab

2 CHRONICLES 7:14 GROUP

The 2 Chronicles 7:14 Prayer Group meets each Sunday at 8:24 AM. We have a dedicated group of 4 or 5 people and wish to include as many of you as possible. We meet to pray for the upcoming service, the Pastor and his message, others who will be serving, the Sunday School and teachers, LCMS, all Christian churches, membership needs, our country and its government, the military, and whatever God lays on our heart.

If you're wondering about our name, read the passage of 2 Chronicles 7:14 in your Bible and then come join us. Or let us know your requests so we may present them to the Lord for you. If you're not comfortable praying in a group, join us while we pray and add your thoughts to strengthen our prayers before God.

We'll see you in the "Blue Room" – in prayer.

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PRAYER TEAM



St. Timothy Prayer Team is as follows:

Patsy Simon (425) 670-3354
Pat Jones (425) 379-7077
Shirley Howell (425) 778-8391
Brenda Gonzalez (425) 245-3452
Sharon Starck H:(425) 609-3114
C: (206)0418-8968
Carol Hauge (425) 743-9430
Laura Washabaugh (425) 741-0517
Kim Reinig 206-542-8050

Pastor Flath C (425) 210-1795

Telephone Patsy Simon to begin the prayer

Church families are encouraged to contact any member of the Prayer Team to request prayer support. Prayer requests can be confidentially shared to one member or with the team. We seek to uphold all needs, short and long term of the Church body. No need is too small or answered prayer too little, to neglect to mention it to our Heavenly Father.

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

LADIES GUILD ITEMS & NEWS

The Ladies Guild purpose is to provide the women of St. Timothy Lutheran Church the opportunity to increase their knowledge of our Savior, and to benefit from fellowship and service to the Lord.



Mission Mites are collected on the fourth Sunday of each month. Please bring yours on November 27th.

CAMPBELL'S LABELS

Please save the UPCs (bar codes) on Campbell products for Good Shepherd Homes. Carefully cut the labels so barcode and points are intact, for they will not accept damaged ones. Visit Campbell's web site for an updated list of eligible products. www.labelsforeducation.com



COFFEE HOSTS



Any members or groups are invited to host coffee hour after the worship service on Sundays. A sign up sheet is in the narthex on the bulletin board by the media center - counter. Hosts volunteer to bring and serve – cookies, breads, and/or fruit; and clean up the fellowship hall and kitchen – coffee pot, hot water pot, dishes, any utensils that need washing and returned to their storage spaces.

COFFEE IS MADE BEFORE BIBLE CLASS

Annual Holiday Bazaar

IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO BRING YOUR ITEMS for Ladies Guild November 5th Holiday Bazaar. Please bring goodies you have canned, baked, and/or crafted to the St. Timothy fellowship hall on or before Friday, November 4th. Thank you for your kind donations to the mission efforts of the Ladies Guild ministry.

Available Publications

The Fall 2011 edition of the **Lutheran Woman's Quarterly** and a copy of **Evergreen Echoes** are available on the media information counter in the Narthex for your convenience.



SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS



PLEASE HELP OUR FUNDRAISER

Preschool continues to sell the 2012 Entertainment coupons books, available now from the Preschool staff until December 10th. Books sell for \$25 each (\$10 less than retail), and are available in N. Sound, S. Sound, or Seattle editions. The return on your investment is easily recovered in one or two purchases with the available discounts, and they also make great gifts for family and friends.

5TH SUNDAY POTLUCKS

The Fellowship Ministry continues to sponsor our 5th Sunday Potlucks, in the spirit of increasing all church fellowship and a strong sense of community.

Our next 5th Sunday Potluck is January 29th.

Reserve the following Sundays on your calendar for our 2012 - 5th Sunday Potlucks.

July 29th, April 29th, September 30th
AND December 30th

Please contact Lisa Tangen, Fellowship Chair at 425-670-3354, or Fellowship members Sharon Starck, Barb Eneberg, and Cindy McEntire to be a part of planning and serving.



Advent dinners

Put down that pan



If you're planning to attend Advent Services
leave the cooking to us.

Come early-6 p.m.-for a bite to eat and a little
fellowship before the service at 7 p.m.

The Fellowship Committee is organizing the
dinners, but is looking for groups to
host each meal in the church fellowship hall.

Wed., November 30

Wed., December 7

Wed., December 14

Wed., December 21

Please call Lisa Tangen at 425-640-7319
and reserve a date for your group
to serve dinner this joyous season.



OKTOBERFEST - 2011

It was Wunderbar!

Oktoberfest is now a wonderful memory of tasty
dishes, fantastic music and wonderful fellowship!

It was a great event because of everyone's
generosity in sharing their time, talents and
goods. Thanks to everyone who brought goodies
and stayed to join the festivities, to Karl Simon
for buying the brauts, Patsy, Beatrice and
Anna-lisa for set-up and serving, Karl, Mel and
Gary for slaving over the stove, Fred, Sherry,
Spencer, Hunter, Barb and Pat for working on the
tables, chairs, decorations and apples, Lois and
Doug for clean-up help, Pastor Flath for prayer
and leadership, and everyone else who pitched in
to make the day so special. As always, the
Bavarian Village Band in full regalia had our hearts
dancing. We're looking forward
to next year! *Lisa Tangen*



T.J. Mack's Eagle Court of Honor was held at St. Timothy
on Tuesday, October 25th. The photo above is of T.J.'s
father Art Mack as he presents T.J. with the special
neckerchief that Eagle Scouts wear. Several members of St.
Timothy attended the ceremony along with over 100 of T.J.'s
fellow Scouts, friends and supporters as he was officially
recognized in achieving a Scout's highest honor of Eagle
Scout. Following the ceremony, everyone enjoyed
refreshments, fellowship and viewed exhibits
of T.J.'s scouting achievements. Congratulations T. J.



My family and I would like to
express our gratitude for all your
kind and sympathetic words,
prayers, and cards during my
father's struggle and last fight with
his health. He is the man who
inspired strength in my faith and
desire to serve the Lord.

Thank You.

Cindy McEntire & family

