

NEWSLETTER

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

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus:

A phone call we received at home around 11:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 15, 2011, changed what I was working on for this issue of "Thoughts From The Pastor". The phone call was not unexpected, but it came when we were already asleep.

This was not the first, nor will it be the last, phone call we receive of this type. I am sure that many of you have received a phone call similar to the one we received. My cousin Vicky's husband Don called to let me know that my Uncle Kenny Flath had died about 20 minutes before.

No matter when you receive the news of the death of a loved one or someone close to you, or when you are there with them when they die, there seems to be an instant void in your life. There are now no more times to visit with that person, phone them, send them a card, or pray for them. We certainly want to continue to pray for their family and loved ones at this time of their loss.

What made this phone call even harder for me to receive was that Uncle Kenny was also my godfather, my sponsor from my baptism as an infant. As my sponsor, he did those things that a sponsor intends to gladly and willingly do with the help of the Lord God. Over the last few months he continued to be concerned about my faith in Jesus Christ. Now he was also asking about how I was doing as your pastor, as pastor of St. Timothy Lutheran Church.

I knew that his death was near as I spoke with him the day before [Tuesday]. He was getting very weak and sounded tired, but his mind was still very sharp. We spoke a bit about the Lord Jesus and then we said what turned out to be our final good-byes this side of heaven.

After telling me how Uncle Kenny's last hours went, Don told me that he died peacefully. *"He's now in heaven with Jesus!"*, Don boldly stated. That was the good news that I needed to hear once again! For Jesus Himself promises, *"Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life... The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death"*. [Revelation 2:10b,11b] That's the good news that we all need to hear each and every day.

My Uncle Kenny is now in heaven. He joins all those who have died over the years who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Listen to what you and I are to doing now and in the days ahead. *"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith..."* [Hebrews 12:1-2a]

By God's grace through faith, today you and I believe that Jesus loves us and all people and that Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. Therefore, may the Holy Spirit help us speak encouraging and comforting words about Jesus to each other today and in every situation of life. The peace of Jesus be with you all!

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

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Preschool Happenings

October 2011



Our preschool students have settled in to the class routine with ease and enthusiasm. We have a great group of nine children in a combined Pre-K and Preschool class. Miss Becky is our teacher with Miss Cindy's assistance. The class schedule is Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings. I am in and out of the preschool office on class days, until 2:00 p.m. and in the office on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. This schedule will continue until God blesses us with increased enrollment, and I am teaching. Please share our Preschool ministry with people that God puts in your lives.

This month the children will learn about the small world of creepy-crawly Bugs & Insects. Our special events in October include a fire drill and our second field trip. We are going to *Bob's Corn* in Snohomish and we'll take a hayride to the pumpkin field where we will pick pumpkins and gourds, and wind through the corn maze. Before leaving the farm the children will ride the *Cow Train* and enjoy their snack.

In addition to the world of God's multi-legged creepers, the children will be learning about God's servants Abraham, Jacob, Moses, and Joshua, and how they too can be servants for God, to their family and each other. The students have enjoyed the weekly chapel with Pastor Flath. Chapel is on Wednesday at 11:15 a.m. – right after the Wednesday Bible study group. All members of Saint Timothy are encouraged to join the children in a short lesson.

There will not be a on October 19th because preschool staff will be attending the Early Childhood Leadership Seminar in Seaside, Oregon on that day. We will return on Thursday and have a "teacher in service day" on Friday, October 21st.

Our Entertainment books are selling! You can get yours- and some for gifts - from preschool staff at the low price of \$25 each book. Your investment is quickly returned when you use two or three of the discount opportunities offered. You can also purchase Entertainment books on-line for friends out-of-town at www.entertainment.com/ent2012 and still earn fundraising credit for St. Timothy Preschool by using our ID #964347 under the "Seller Section." The sale goes through December 10th.

Thank you to Roger Reinig and Doug Spaulding for clearing the thistles and blackberries out of the fire pit area and pea gravel; and thank you to T.J. and Art Mack for keeping the lawn trimmed up. We get a lot of complements on our playground area, which is a point of interest to families looking for a safe and secure preschool. Again, please share information on our Preschool.

May peace of the Lord always be yours to share,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Cindy McEntire".

Cindy McEntire, Director

Mission Emphasis for October

Often families who live in the Women's shelter are able to move on to other places to live. They have *nothing* to start a "home" with. Their needs and our mission emphasis for October are "eating utensils" (please no plastic ware), and "dishware" (plates, cups, bowls, etc.)

If you find usable items at garage sales or have some of your own that you are replacing, please put them into the Mission Basket during the month of October. Thank you - from many people. 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.



Articles for the November Newsletter and Calendar need to be submitted to the Church Office via: E-mail @ stlc_office@frontier.com, printed copy, or hand written by Monday, October 24th.
Thank You

Vacation Bible School 2011

St. Timothy volunteers gave their very best in service the week of July 25-29 to present *The BIG Jungle Adventure VBS*.

Twenty-six children visited our adventure, and enjoyed making new friends, eating yummy snacks, creating fun crafts, and playing "wild" games.

The kids brought \$70 in offerings for the mission project. The congregation of Saint Timothy nearly matched this with \$60 in offerings. We sent \$130.00 to the Lutheran Malaria Initiative Project. These funds will help purchase and provide mosquito nets to families in Africa.

Thank you to the members of our VBS team: Bea Zaske, Debbie Zaske, Sherry Starck, Alicia Knoth, Emily Anderberg, Becky Neuert, Patsy Simon, Taylor Chase, Lili Simon, Spencer Chase, Gertrud Schultz, Carolyn McLaughlin, Carol Hauge, Brenda Gonzalez, Lois Mueller, Fred Starck, and Pastor Flath. St. Timothy is blessed to have so many helping hands. May the Peace of the Lord be with all of you.

Cindy McEntire

PLEASE HELP OUR FUNDRAISER

The 2012 Entertainment books are now available from the Preschool staff for \$25 (\$10 less than retail), until December 10th. The return on your investment is easily recovered with the available discounts. The books also make great gifts for family and friends.

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.



St. Timothy will celebrate the Lutheran Women's Missionary League on Sunday, October 9th. Members of our Ladies Guild will serve the congregation in the roles of lector, greeter, and ushers. The theme ***Being with Jesus – Living on the Edge*** continues from the LWML National Convention held this past June, and challenges us to "praise the Triune God, encounter Him in His Word, and live boldly as His children."



**Mission Mites are collected on the fourth Sunday of each month
Bring yours on October 23rd.**

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

LWML WA-AK Olympic Zone Fall Rally

Saturday October 8, 2011

Messiah Lutheran Church

7050 35th Ave. NE

Seattle

Being With Jesus – Living on the Edge

Acts 4:13b-20

Registration & Cost

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

\$4.00 includes morning coffee & lunch

Car Pool Sign – Up

Posted on the bulletin board above the media center counter in the Narthex.

Annual Holiday Bazaar

Ladies Guild is collecting items for the November 5th Holiday Bazaar. Please bring goodies you have canned, baked, and/or crafted to the fellowship hall at St. Timothy before or on Friday, November 4th. Your donations are a blessing to the mission efforts of the Ladies Guild ministry.

Available Publications

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



SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS



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 has been moved to October 16th for OKTOBERFEST!

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

January 29th April 29th
July 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.



OKTOBERFEST - 2011

Please join St. Timothy Lutheran Church in a celebration of this year's sufficient harvest on Sunday October 16th from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall at 5124 - 164th St SW. ~ Edmonds.

Live music and pot luck buffet lunch will be served, directly following our 10:00am service.

Please bring your favorite German salad, hot dish, or dessert to share. German brauts and dogs with all the fixings and beverages will be provided.

For more information please call:
Church Office: 425 743-2323
Or Lisa Tangen 425 640-7319



Biblical Garden Dedication

A service of thanksgiving for all the work done to develop this peaceful garden, redevelop the landscaping and refurbish the building will take place at the conclusion of our worship service on
Sunday, October 2, 2011

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Come join us for some homemade soup, salad, & pies

At our Annual

Soup & Salad Supper
Friday, October 28th
4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

2521 Lombard Ave.
Everett, WA

Sponsored by the Fidelia Guild
Free will offering will be taken

Call 425 252-7038 for more information, or visit us at
www.ImmanuelEverett.org

+++ 100th ANNIVERSARY +++

Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Lebanon, Oregon is celebrating their 100th Anniversary on Sunday, October 9, 2011 with a special service at 3:00 p.m. There will be a morning service at 10:30 a.m., a luncheon following, and a Celebration Service at 3:00 p.m. with cake and reminiscences. Everyone is invited to attend, or to send a letter of memories.

Mail your letters to:
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