

NEWSLETTER



ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL

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Thoughts From The Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus,

This summer has brought with it a number of *changes* around St. Timothy Lutheran Church. In July I became your new pastor. Even though I had been with you already for a number of months, now I am your called pastor. One of the things that I would like to do over the next months, as I work under the “less than 30 hours per week” guidelines of my call, is to visit many of you where you live. I do hope that this is one way for us to get to know each other better and that you will be willing to have a visit with the pastor.

Some of the *changes* that many of our neighbors and those who drive and walk by the church might see have to do with our church building and the grounds around the church campus. From the inside, the church interior brings new lighting into our sanctuary as we gather for worship. On the outside, the new windows on the roofline add a certain brightness to our house of worship.

The grounds also have a *changed* look to them. Tall plants that we have seen for many years around the church office area have been replaced with a pattern of different and smaller plants. And more *changes* will be coming as the roof is treated and the moss slides away in the fall rains.

Another *change* that is coming from the Ladies Guild is a *change* from meetings at night to meeting during the day. This *change* should help those who do not wish to be out at night.

After some time off this summer, we are planning to *change* back to what we were doing last May. Sunday School will start up on September 11th which is Rally Day (and also the 10th anniversary of 9-11-2001 that brought many *changes* to our nation and world). Wednesday morning Bible Class will be starting up on September 14th and runs from 9:30 am to 11:00 am. And the Church Council will meet again on Tuesday, September 13th after taking August off.

When the topic of *change* is mentioned, we discover that many people have difficulties with any type of *change*. We are people with habits, and we like having things a certain way. *Change* may even bring with it some apprehension and fear. Talk about *changing* to the Lutheran Service Book hymnal for our worship services may do this too.

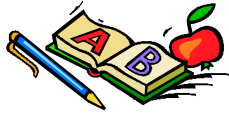
One area that Christians don't have to be concerned about when *change* is mentioned is their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. God's Word assures us that “**Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever**” [Hebrews 13:7]. This means that all the Lord's promises to us concerning forgiveness of our sins, life with the Lord, and salvation in heaven *never change!* The Gospel of Jesus Christ remains the solid rock of our faith.

Therefore, we can pray with the hymn writer Henry F. Lyte: Lord, “*I need Your presence every passing hour; what but Your grace can foil the tempter's power! ... Change and decay in all around I see, O Thou who changest not, abide with me*”. Amen. [LSB 878.2.4]

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

Rev. Richard E. Flath
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Preschool Happenings



September 2011

St. Timothy Preschool kicks off the 2011-12 school year on Thursday, August 30th with the parents and children attending Preschool orientation, followed by the traditional family ice cream social. Classes begin Wednesday, September 7th.

September lessons are built on literacy through *Rhymes and Repetition* with Dr. Seuss and Mother Goose. Our first field trip of the school year will be to the Lynnwood Library on Friday, September 30th. Chapel is scheduled for each Wednesday at 11:15am. We will have Chapel on the first day of school to welcome the children and their families with a blessing.

St. Timothy members are invited to join us at all Chapels and Preschool special events. Our scheduled special occasions are the Christmas program on Friday, December 9th, Preschool Sunday on March 18th, and the Closing Ceremonies on Friday, June 3rd. We encourage our members to greet and have fellowship with our Preschool families as you see them around the church on class days and at special occasions.

St. Timothy members are also welcome and encouraged to spend time as a volunteer in the classroom and/or on field trips. Let Cindy know if you would be interested in getting involved and we will get things set up. Mentoring is a wonderful way to share Jesus with the little ones of His flock.

Thank you to those who have made donations to the preschool through the Mission Post, and kept the ministry in your prayers. Your generosity is a blessing.

Your first opportunity to continue supporting the Preschool this year is now here. We are selling the Entertainment Books again this year. They are still \$25, which is \$10 under the retail price and they are available now for your entertainment. They also make wonderful gifts. Please talk to Cindy if you would like to buy an Entertainment Book (or two). Money raised will help fund field trips and such.

Preschool office hours are from 9:00-1:00pm M/W/F and 9:00am-12:pm T/Th during the school year.

May the peace of the Lord be with you all,

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

Cindy McEntire, Director
St. Timothy Lutheran Preschool

LADIES GUILD NEWS

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

Remember to bring your Mission Mites to Church on the fourth Sunday, September 25th, 2011.

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 HOSTS

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 by the counter. Hosts volunteer to bring and serve – cookies, breads, and/or fruit; and clean up – the kitchen, coffee pot, hot water pot, dishes, and any utensils that need washing and return items to where they were found.

Coffee is made before Bible Class by a volunteer.



SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS



The annual Holiday Bazaar is drawing near. Think of items you would like to stitch together or bake something up to donate to this fund raising effort.

Save the DATE!

Saturday, November 5th, 2011

Your craftiness is a blessing to the Ladies Guild Ministry that serves one another.

Ladies Guild meetings have been rescheduled for the third Tuesday of the month at 1:00pm. Please join us for our afternoon meetings. Rides are available if you are in need of transportation. Call Brenda Gonzalez at (425) 245-3452 or Cindy McEntire at (425) 478-8584 to schedule a ride-share.



An Invitation to All Ladies

The annual "TEA" held by the Ladies Guild is on Tuesday, September 20th at 1:00pm in the in the fellowship hall of St. Timothy Lutheran Church.

GRAB your favorite hat and join us for some special treats and tea as we gather for "Sister" fellowship with each other.

Please call Brenda Gonzalez at (425) 245-3452 or Cindy McEntire at (425) 478-8584 if you have any questions or need a ride.

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.

Reserve **Sunday, October 30th** on your calendar for our next 5th Sunday Potluck.

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

THANK YOU

Thank you very much to the congregation for the wonderful reception, gift certificate and the music box I received after my retirement from the church office. It is very much appreciated to receive your kind words and gifts.

Shirley Bodenstab

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 October Newsletter and Calendar
Need to be Submitted to the Church Office
via E-mail, printed copy, or hand written
by Monday, September 19th
Thank You

News Headlines

~~ LANDSCAPE PROJECT ~~

Roger Reinig, Doug Spaulding, and other volunteers completed the landscaping project around the church office on August 22nd. Our new design flows nicely down the hill and wraps around the west end of fellowship hall, and matches beautifully with the landscaping in front of the church.

Roger verbally thanked everyone for their help and/or support of this project during announcements on Sunday, August 21st.

THANK YOU ROGER FOR YOUR
DEDICATION AND SUPERVISION OF THIS
BEATIFUCATION PROJECT!

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~~ SKYLIGHT PROJECT ~~

The two weeks of August 8th-19th we watched the rough looking peak of the church roof skylight come down and be replaced with a new roof line that holds a total of eight new skylights paired together to look like four, from inside, and increases the natural light inside the sanctuary to a wonderful radiance. In fact the sun light is so brilliant that Pastor may have to wear sun glasses at the pulpit.

The outside of the roof was done the week of August 8th and the inside of the church ceiling was replaced during the week of August 19th. The contracting crew used extra care in doing the job. They dusted the beams while they were finishing the new ceiling, and they cleaned out some paper airplanes from 1995 (??) that had been flown up into the space at the back of the sanctuary which houses two speakers.

You can view photos of the project progression on our web-site. It is nice to have a glow at the top of our church roof, both inside and out, which reflects the love of our Lord who blesses us each day.

~~ROOF CLEANING PROJECT~~

The finishing touches to the "new & improved" roof began August 22nd, the week following the work to replace the skylights, St. Timothy had all the roofing surfaces cleaned and treated for moss control. Now we wait for rain to wash of anything left behind.

The look of things at St. Timothy is truly showing how our God cares for us all.

*These projects were all made possible
through a generous donation to
St. Timothy from a foundation that wishes
to remain anonymous.*

Bless YOU and Thank YOU!

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

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WEBSITE

www.sainttimothylutheran.net

This is a "work in progress", and we invite your comments and suggestions as to how we can make the website more useful to the congregation and the community.

Mel Suelzle [-mel@suelzle.com](mailto:mel@suelzle.com)

+++ 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:
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
900 Cleveland St.
Lebanon, OR 97355

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**THE ELDER ON CALL FOR SEPTEMBER IS
FRED STARCK at 206 419-9249**

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GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANTS

~ September ~

- Ushers: Sept. 4 – Lenn Gorsuch
Doug Spaulding
Sept. 11 – Charlie Stewart
Willie Whitfield
Sept. 18 – Karl Simon
Fred Starck
Sept. 25 – T.J. Mack



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

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 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.

Telephone Patsy Simon to begin the prayer.

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

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THE 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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Messiah Lutheran church – 7050 ~ 35th Ave. NE Seattle – invites you to attend the ordination and installation service of Trevor Mankin as the assistant pastor on Sunday, September 18, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. A reception will follow in Messiah's Fellowship Hall. Parking can be found on 35th Ave. or in the parking lot behind the church – entrance is on NE 70th & 36th Ave. NE