



NEWSLETTER

April, 2011

ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL

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-- Thoughts From The Pastor

Many people just love springtime after a long winter. As I write this [3-16-2011] we have just switched to daylight savings time. The days are getting longer. The sun [when we see it] feels warmer. And there is "new life" all around us.

It's amazing how so many of the trees that have been dormant for the past 4 or 5 months are now coming to life once again. The bulbs we planted last fall, or left in from the year before, are starting to shoot up a beautiful flower for us to enjoy.

We often times have heard or read or even said that springtime is a wonderful time of the year for Easter with so many things coming to life. We can point to the new life that God the Father offers to all people through His Son Jesus. The Lord Jesus Christ who was "planted" in the earth after His death on Good Friday, "sprang" to life on Easter morning.

I've heard it many times before, but this year as the first day of spring arrives, the words "the southern hemisphere now begins their fall season" caused me to do a bit of reflecting again.

For those people who celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ in the southern hemisphere, Easter comes after their long summer. Many the kids are just starting back to school after "summer holiday" [vacation]. The crops are being harvested. Their days are getting shorter and cooler. The leaves are changing color and will begin to fall soon.

When you and I look at Easter during their season of the year [fall], there might be a few different spiritual gems for us to think about.

Do you suppose that those Christians in the southern hemisphere think more about the "new life" that awaits them in heaven after this life is past? Christ is risen for them now, even as their life may reflect the fall season. Though they might not be able to do as much as they use to do, one day they will be raised to new life with their Savior.

Do you suppose Christians south of the equator think more about the resurrected Lord as a "light" for their life as they celebrate Easter in the fall? With their days getting shorter, the need for more light grows. The risen Lord our Light, and His Word, is a lamp to our pathway as we live in this dark world of sin and death. Do you suppose ...? Can you fill in any others for our brothers and sisters in Christ in the southern hemisphere?

What we followers of Jesus Christ share in common, no matter where we live on earth, is the victory that Jesus Christ has won over sin, the devil, hell, death, and damnation. This victory came about through His suffering and death on the cross on Good Friday and through His resurrection from death to life on Easter morning.

This is the good news that all the followers of the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, can share with our neighbors and friends and family wherever we live. For in our hearts we believe that "Christ is risen!" He is our living and reigning Lord and Savior! This year come celebrate the joys of Easter at 10:00 a.m. on April 24, 2011 here at St. Timothy Lutheran Church..

A blessed Easter to you wherever you might be!

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

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Preschool Happenings



April 2011

Your preschool finished March with our celebration of Lutheran Schools during Preschool Sunday on March 20th. Six of our sixteen students were present to sing songs of worship and praise at our regularly scheduled church service. Thanks and praise to our Lord who inspires the children to share God's message of L-O-V-E ~ LOVE, and the promise fulfilled in our Savior Jesus.

We begin April taking the first week off, for Spring break; classes will resume on Monday April 11. Miss Becky's Pre-K class will have fun with "Chicks & Butterflies", while Miss Cindy's Preschool class will enjoy "Bunnies & Chicks".

We will celebrate the excitement of Easter with our weekly Bible lessons: "*Jesus' Triumphant Entry*", "*Jesus Washes the Disciples Feet & The Last Supper*", and "*He Has Risen!*" Please join us in the church for *Chapel Time* at 11:15am each Wednesday.

We are introducing a community service program to teach the children about the disability of Muscular Dystrophy diseases. During the week of April 18th we will discuss how children and adults lose physical abilities, and how we can use our legs and bodies to help them. We are having a Hop-A-Thon on Wednesday April 20th during our scheduled class time. The children will set a number of hops goal, ask for pledges from family and friends, and then set to hopping.

In addition to teaching the children about God's blessings of our healthy bodies, our goals are to teach the children about such disabilities and help raise funds for the Muscular Dystrophy Association's efforts to increase awareness, help send kids to camp, and support research efforts. Please call or talk with me if you are interested in helping us with this program.

We have started the enrollment process for the 2011-2012 school year. Applications and information is available in the Narthex and outside the church office door.

In addition to fall registration we will begin registration for our two summer camps to be held June 13-16 and June 20-23 from 9:00am - 12:00pm. Fliers for camp registrations will be available soon. Included on the flier will be information for Vacation Bible School the week of July 25th. Volunteers are needed for VBS.

Please share our preschool mission with people who might be looking for a place where their children can learn ABC, 123, AND Jesus loves me!

Blessings of Our Lord to all,

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.

Remember to bring your Mission Mites to Church on the fourth Sunday of each month.

ST. TIMOTHY QUILTERS

St. Timothy Quilters made 27 beautiful quilts. They were sent to Lutheran World Relief. Thank you Delores Sparks, Thirza Weber and Sylvia Robinson for their faithful work. Job well done!

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.

Thank you was received for the recent labels that were sent. These items were redeemed for clients: 2 windowsill herb gardens, paint, brushes, and paint cups, a book on voting and one about Earth, an international cookbook.

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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MISSION POST FOR APRIL

We will be collecting items and goodies to go in Easter baskets for the homeless shelter – about 30 children and 30 women.

Small toys, balls, books, and small cosmetics for women.

If you have any questions, call Pat Jones, 425-379-7077.

Items are needed by 3rd Sunday in April.

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5TH SUNDAY POTLUCKS

The Fellowship Board has planned to have 5th Sunday Potlucks through 2011.

This is in the spirit of increasing all church fellowship and community.

Mark your calendars for the 5th Sundays:

- May 29
- July 31
- October 30

If you would like to be a part of planning and serving, please contact Patsy Simon, Fellowship Chair, 425-670-3354

Barb Eneberg, Sharon Starck and Lisa Tangen also are members.

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HELP NEEDED FOR LENT AND EASTER EGG HUNT

Volunteer groups are needed for hosting the Lent Soup Suppers before services on April 6 and 13. Easter is on April 24 of this year. Let Patsy Simon or the office know of your availability.

Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday morning, April 23. Volunteers are needed for organizing and conducting the event. If you are interested in helping contact Patsy Simon, Evangelism Board chair, 425-670-3354. Pastor Flath in the office, 425-743-2323.

It has been a well received event for the community in years past and a chance to speak of the real reason for celebrating new life in Christ Jesus.

VOTERS MEETING APRIL 10 TO VOTE ON CALL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR PASTOR

FINANCIAL REPORT - Mel Suelzle

This month's financial report is different than previous reports. As we approach the end of our fiscal year, it is time to think about our budget for next year starting in July, I thought is best to show more detail on how we allocate our income to the various expense categories. This will help prepare members with setting priorities for next year and the eventual approval of our new budget for the new fiscal year.

February results were somewhat weaker than our plan as offerings were only 90% and Total Income was short of our plan by 14%. Fortunately, our expenses were also less than our plan at 87%. As a result, our gain (Income less Expense) was close to plan for the month and for the first 8 months of the year is totaled \$24,385 which is 149% of our plan.

St. Timothy Lutheran Church and Preschool						
	February			July-February		
Income	Budget	Actual	%	Budget	Actual	%
Worship Service Offerings	7,304	6,602	90%	66,929	66,314	99%
Preschool Income	4,733	2,798	59%	27,600	21,699	79%
Other	1,075	954	89%	8,600	12,152	141%
Mortgage Donations	1,750	2,389	136%	14,000	14,632	105%
Total Income	14,862	12,743	86%	117,129	114,797	98%
Expense						
Elders	2,589	2,317	90%	13,553	13,298	98%
Trustees	5,056	4,566	90%	40,716	39,804	98%
Preschool	3,519	2,991	85%	25,374	20,986	83%
Council	676	315	47%	5,727	3,256	57%
Administration	1,382	1,547	112%	6,965	6,807	98%
Worship & Music	600	441	73%	5,388	4,754	88%
Education	67	0	0%	1,033	247	24%
Fellowship	50	0	0%	453	253	56%
Social Ministry	8	0	0%	67	0	0%
Stewardship	0	0	--	275	345	125%
Evangelism	100	79	79%	800	663	83%
Youth	50	0	0%	400	0	0%
Total Expense	14,097	12,257	87%	100,752	90,412	90%
Income Less Expense	765	486	63%	16,377	24,385	149%

LAMB OF GOD LUTHERAN CHURCH

invites you to the installation service of its new pastor, Bradley Malone, on Sunday, April 3 at 3:00 p.m. District President, Rev. Paul Linnemann, will be the guest preacher. A reception meal will follow.

**COUNT
YOUR
BLESSINGS**

Vacation Bible School

Plans are being made for

July 25 - 29, 2011

Volunteers are needed to help plan and put into action VBS 2011

We will need help with:

Teachers Kitchen Helpers
Crafters Registrars
Stage Hands Marketing

Please call

Cindy McEntire 425 774-7984

Or

Patsy Simon 425 670-3354

DIRECTORY CHANGE INFORMATION

This information is provided to keep our members up-to-date on changes to our congregation. Please note these changes in your directory for future reference.

Roy Robinson	Removed (deceased)
Irene Lenz	Removed (deceased)
Tom & Susan Smithson	Removed (by transfer)
Leslie Smithson	Removed (by transfer)
Anderberg Household	Change email to: Jlanderberg@comcast.com
Simon Household	Change email to: karlheinz.simon@frontier.com
Gonzalez Household	Removed Alicia from Brenda and Tony Gonzalez household
Andres Gonzalez	Added as a household 16120 2 nd PL W, Lynnwood, WA 98087
Adel Gonzalez	Added Marcel Miller Child
Hash Household	Corrected spelling error for Chris Hash
Kennedy Household	Added phone #(360) 668-8953
Knoth Household	Corrected spelling error for Brandon
Williams Household	Corrected spelling error for Chris Hash

Please communicate any changes you would like to make to your household to the office staff or your Elder. To avoid misunderstandings, please submit your changes in writing.