

NEWSLETTER

ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL
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July/August, 2011



July / August 2011 A D -- Thoughts From The Pastor

Dear friends in Christ,

Since I wrote for the June newsletter in mid May, your call for me to be your pastor was received with joy. As many of you know by now, the Holy Spirit has led me to accept your call to be pastor of Saint Timothy Lutheran Church.

Plans are under way at this time [June 17] for an installation service at Saint Timothy on Sunday, July 17, 2011, at 3:00 p.m. I hope that many of you will be able to attend as we continue together to do the work that Jesus lays before us of making disciples of all nations by baptizing and teaching people, and doing that especially in the greater Lynnwood - Edmonds area. The Holy Spirit has gathered and brought us together into this congregation with the various talents, treasures, and time that we individually have to do this work together.

As your called pastor, I am an under-shepherd of the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ. But I am also a part of Jesus' flock of lambs and sheep for whom He died just like you are. Another way of saying that is that we who believe in Jesus as our Savior are part of the body of Christ. Then from His flock Jesus gives His church pastors *"for the building up the body of Christ"* [Eph 4:11-12].

Jesus' disciple Peter [1 Peter 5:2-4] describes the role of the pastor this way. *"Shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory."*

My on going prayer to the Lord Jesus is that He helps me to accomplish that during my ministry as your pastor. To that end, I would ask that each of you would remember me to the Lord in your prayers. With the Lord's help, I will continue to remember you in my prayers to our gracious Lord and Savior.

Because of the financial situation that our congregation finds itself in at this time, I will only be considered "part time", usually working 30 or less hours per week beginning August 16th. This does not mean that I will not be available when situations arise for you and your family, and you need your pastor. Whatever those situations might be - including things like an accident, a hospitalization, a death, or just a need to talk - please contact me your pastor day or night.

May the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ continue to be with us and bless all our work done in His name!

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

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Preschool Happenings

July~August 2011

The 2010-11 school year ended on June 3rd. We said "see you later" to the eight students who graduated from the Pre-Kindergarten program and will attend kindergarten next fall. Half of this class spent three years at St. Timothy's preschool, and several of them had siblings who also were part of our Preschool. Our prayers of thanks and blessings go with all our departing and returning families who will forever be part of the St. Timothy Preschool family.

September will be here before we know it and so will returning and new students, along with their families. We welcome them all into Christ's family at St. Timothy as we continue to serve the Lord who leads us to teach of His grace through our Savior Jesus Christ.

The preschool office will be open for appointments of scheduled tours during the summer break. If you know anyone who needs to reach us have them call the Preschool phone line at 425 741-8723 and leave a message or me at 425 478-8584. Families have been touring our facility and gathering information on our program; and registrations for next year are coming in.

We have scheduled two Open House events this summer on Saturday, August 6th from 11:00am-2:00pm and Tuesday, August 23rd from 6:00pm-8:00pm. Classes begin on Wednesday September 7th.

If you know of families who are looking for a place where their children can learn and develop in the nurturing love of Jesus, please share our Preschool Ministry information. Registration and information forms are available in the Narthex and outside the church office door.

Our "Let's Get Cooking" camp was attended by six children who took delight in eating their daily projects and were eager to come back for more! Thank you to Annaliese Simon who volunteered her time and talents as an assistant to the camp, and to Miss Becky for all her preparation and instruction. Our next camp is "Practicing for Preschool" and runs from August 29th - September 1st.

Our first fund raising event is coming soon. Look and listen for more information on the *Entertainment Books* that will go on sale in August.

The Preschool ministry will be represented along with all the St. Timothy ministries at this year's Western Washington State Fair in Monroe. St. Timothy Lutheran has signed up for the whole day of Friday, August 26th to help operate the booth of the *Missouri Synod Lutheran Churches of Snohomish County*. Please talk to Pastor Flath, Fred Starck, Karl Simon, or me - Cindy McEntire about your interest in manning a two hour shift. There will most likely be times available on any of the twelve days of this year's fair event if Friday, August 26th doesn't fit into your summer schedule.

Thank you again for supporting your Preschool ministry and activities. Keep this and all of our ministries in your prayers as we work together as one body in Christ.

Blessings 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.

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 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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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:
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.

REV RICHARD FLATH will be installed as Pastor of St. Timothy Lutheran Church on July 17 at three o'clock in the afternoon. Rev. Ted Werfelmann, Third Vice-President of our District and Pastor of Light of Christ in Federal Way will be presiding. Pastor Flath has been pasturing in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod for over 30 years and has also been a military chaplain serving in the U.S Army Reserve for over 30 years. He currently resides in the city of Snohomish with Sandra, his wife of 40 years. A reception will follow the installation service.

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LANDSCAPE PROPOSAL

At the June Council meeting, I presented a landscape design for the re-landscape of the area around the office and wet sides of both the office and Fellowship Hall. The landscape will be mostly evergreen plant material, matching the existing gardens leading to our narthex. All the old plant material north of the office will be removed, including the overgrown rhododendron! Our new design will include 5 pink rhododendrons behind the cross, that will get just 5-6 feet high. The primary focal point in the garden is, of course, the "cross". For added convenience, we will have stepping stones leading from the office entry to the office door through the new garden! Besides the beautification of the landscape, it will be a much easier area to mow around for our father and son team, Art & T J Mack. This project will coast \$1,500 – \$2,000 to complete, with most of the cost being for plant material and bark-mulch. A blueprint of this proposed project is on the bulletin board in the narthex. All comments are welcome— unless they are negative! We will be discussing this proposal at our July 10 congregation meeting, Any questions you may have will answered!

Sincerely, Rodger Reinig

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THE ELDER ON CALL FOR JULY IN LENN GORSUCH.

THE ELDER ON CALL FOR AUGUST IS GARY ENEBERG.

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LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

Listen to
THE LUTHERAN HOUR
Scheduled for
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

sainttimothy.lutheran.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

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
Pat Jones (425) 379-7077
Patsy Simon (425) 670-3354
Kim Reinig 206-542-8050
Sharon Starck (425) 609-3114
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 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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**AUGUST 15 IS THE DEADLINE
FOR THE SEPTEMBER, 2011
NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR ITEMS.**

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.

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Thompson, David & Dee

Corrected Address
8516 196th St SW Unit 214
Edmonds, WA 98026

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.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE JUNE COUNCIL MEETING.....

The June Council Meeting was held on Wednesday, June 15th.

The Elders are making arrangements for the Installation Service for Pastor Flath on July 17th at 3 pm. Rev. Ted Werfelmann, Third Vice-President of our District and Pastor of the Light of Christ in Federal Way will preach at the Service. A reception with dessert and coffee will follow.

The Council and Committee members are in the final stages of completing the 2011/12 budget. See the financial report for further details.

Mel is continuing to gather information for the repair/cleaning of the church roof. Once he has all of the information it will be presented at a Voter's Meeting.

Vacation Bible School is coming up on July 25th through July 29th. Volunteers are needed, please contact Cindy for information.

The 45th Anniversary of St. Timothy Lutheran Church's affiliation with the LCMS is coming up on June 26th. There will be a short presentation of STLC history.

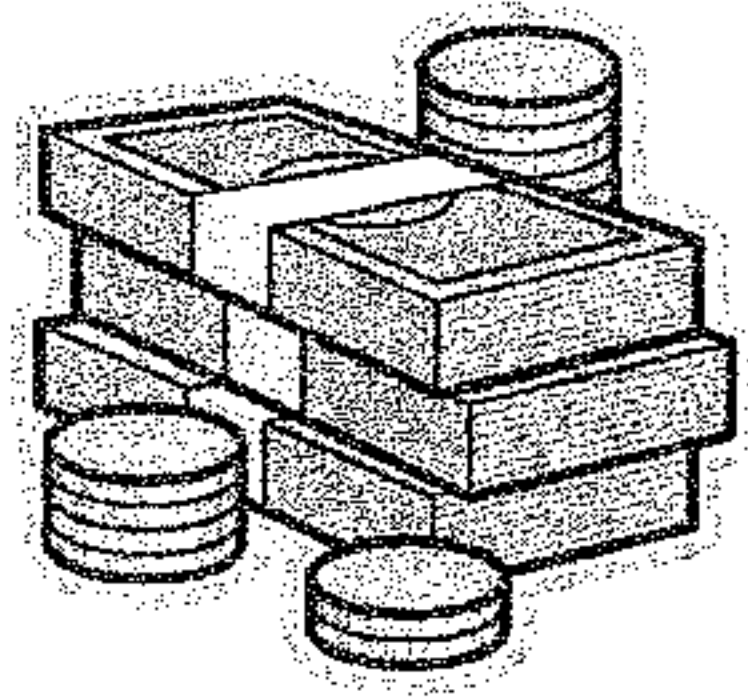
STLC will participate in a booth at the Evergreen State Fair in August to provide information about our Church and Preschool. Volunteers will be needed. Anyone who is interested can contact Patsy or Cindy.

Pat will be collecting pillows/pillow cases for the month of June and twin bed sheets for July. All items will be donated to a local women's shelter.

Rodger Reinig presented a plan for re-landscaping of the area around the office.

Council Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 pm. Anyone is welcome to attend.

FINANCIAL REPORT - Mel Suelzle



June contribution performance was off the mark with Service offerings down 5.9% of plan and Mortgage contributions only 73.1% of our plan. For the first 11 months of this year, our contribution level is 94.5% of our plan. Overall not too bad considering the lower preschool registration and general economic trends. While expense spending was not excessive, our pastor expense budget error continues to be cause the Elder budget to be too low. Next month's performance will be much improved as we have significant guest pastor budget that will help eliminate this problem. Our mortgage donations are very low this month at \$1,279. This is only 46% of our mortgage payment of \$2765. Overall income exceeded our expenses by \$1,954 for May and \$24,236 for the 11 months of our fiscal year.

At our Council meeting on June 15th, we reviewed our near final budget for the 2012 year that starts in July. This budget will be presented to the Voter's on July 10th for approval. While our new year begins July 1st, we will limit our spending to non-discretionary expenses until after Voter approval is obtained.

St. Timothy Lutheran Church and Preschool

	May			July-May		
Income	Budget	Actual	%	Budget	Actual	%
Worship Service Offerings	9,275	8,730	94.1%	93,696	90,366	96.5%
Preschool Income	4,733	2,893	61.1%	41,200	30,016	72.9%
Other	1,075	1,523	141.7%	11,825	16,113	136.3%
Mortgage Donations	1,750	1,279	73.1%	19,250	20,416	106.1%
Total Income	16,833	14,425	85.7%	165,971	156,910	94.5%
Expense						
Elders	389	2,476	636.4%	17,507	20,874	119.2%
Trustees	4,535	4,815	106.2%	55,648	55,315	99.4%
Preschool	3,831	3,027	79.0%	36,633	30,178	82.4%
Council	676	424	62.7%	11,105	7,811	70.3%
Administration	691	565	81.8%	9,054	9,037	99.8%
Worship & Music	685	734	107.2%	7,808	7,204	92.3%
Education	67	157	235.1%	1,233	431	35.0%
Fellowship	47	10	21.0%	600	263	43.8%
Social Ministry	8	0	0.0%	92	0	0.0%
Stewardship	0	0	--	275	345	125.4%
Evangelism	100	264	263.8%	1,100	1,216	110.6%
Youth	50	0	0.0%	550	0	0.0%
Total Expense	11,079	12,471	112.6%	141,605	132,675	93.7%
Income Less Expense	5,754	1,954	34.0%	24,366	24,236	99.5%

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When in sorrow, read John 14.

When men fail you, read Psalm 27.

If you want to be fruitful, read John 15.

When you have sinned, call Psalm 51.

When you worry, call Matthew 6:19-34.

When you are in danger, call Psalm 91.

When God seems far away, call Psalm 139.

When your faith needs stirring, call Hebrews 11.

When you are lonely or fearful, call Psalm 23.

When you grow bitter and critical, call 1 Cor. 13.

For Paul's secret of happiness, call Col. 3:12-17.

For Paul's idea of Christianity, call 1 Cor. 5:15-19.

When you feel down and out, call Romans 8:31-39.

When you want rest and peace, call Matthew 11:25-30.

When the world seems bigger than God, call Psalm 90.

When you want Christian assurance, call Romans 8:1-30.

When you leave home for labor or travel, call Psalm 121.

When your prayers grow narrow or selfish, call Psalm 67.

For a great invitation and a great opportunity, call Isaiah 55.

When you want courage for a task, call Joshua 1.

How to get along with fellowmen, call Romans 12.

When you think of investments and returns, call Mark 10.

If you are depressed, call Psalm 27.

If your pocket-book is empty, call Psalm 37.

If you are losing your confidence in people, call 1 Cor. 13.

If people seem unkind, call John 15.

If you are discouraged about your work, call Psalm 126.

If you find the world growing small and yourself great, call Psalm 19.

If you are all out of sorts, call Hebrews 12.

WARNING!!!!!!

Emergency numbers may be dialed direct.

No operator assistance is necessary.

All lines open to heaven 24 hours a day.

