

NEWSLETTER



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December 2014 A.D. – THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Here it comes again! Thanksgiving and that “way too full feeling” are just behind us. Advent, Christmas, and the New Year are just around the corner. The thought of holiday preparation, gifts, cards, parties, and hectic days, is enough to make a person get anxious.

Where has the time in 2014 gone? This year seems to be whizzing by rapidly, then a few weeks ago I was reading about the year 1752. That was a very short year for England and her colonies. 1752 was the year when England finally changed from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar which the rest of Europe was using (and which we continue to use today).

In 1752, when the English folks went to bed on September 2nd, the next morning when they woke up it was September 14th. Those folks lost 12 days in one shot. Sometimes that’s the way the Advent and Christmas seasons seems to us -- they come and they go like a shot.

Time, like PAC MAN in the computer game, will gobble up our hours. But life is more than a game, so we must not allow the battle for time to take over. If you haven’t done so, set your Christmas season priorities today! Set them carefully and don’t lose those things which are most important to the wonderful days ahead. Focus in on that which counts the most -- namely the celebration of the birth of Christ the Lord, the Savior of all people!

It’s possible for people to waste their entire lives by neglecting to focus in on the thing which really counts. Therefore, we ask the Holy Spirit help each of us focus this Christmas season on our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ so that our faith in Him might grow stronger!

Sandy and I wish each of you a blessed and merry Christmas as we celebrate Jesus’ birth!

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

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FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Please Remember in Your Prayers:

Our homebound members:

Barbara; Suzanne; Merle; Alex & Rose

Folks with Health Concerns:

Shirley; Wilma; Gertrud; Liese; Karl;
Gail; Jack; Neissa; Patrick

Those with December Birthdays:

12 -- Gertrud Schulz
16 -- Shirley Bodenstab
23 -- Orville Bodenstab

Those with a Wedding Anniversary:

1 -- Jack & Millie Molenda
28 -- John & Karen Herrick
30 -- Pastor & Sandy Flath

OUR CHURCH NEWSLETTER IS ONLINE

The St. Timothy monthly newsletter and calendar is available online! To catch up on current news, events, and see what we have scheduled in this month's calendar, please visit:

www.sainttimothy.lutheran.net

Let us know if you prefer to read your St. Timothy news online, and we will print one less copy – email us at:
stlc_office@frontier.com

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

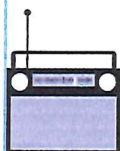
Listen to:

THE LUTHERAN HOUR

Sundays



6:00 a.m. – 1320 AM KXRO
6:30 a.m. – 880 AM KIXI
7:00 a.m. – 1380 AM KRKO
7:00 a.m. – 107.3 FM KAWZ
7:00 a.m. – 105.3 FM KCMS
9:30 a.m. – 1180 AM KLAY



CAMPBELL'S SOUP LABELS

Please save the UPC 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 labels. Place all UPCs in the box on the counter in the Narthex.

Visit Campbell's web site for an updated list of eligible products
www.labelsforeducation.com

JANUARY NEWSLETTER

Newsletter Articles and Calendar information need to be submitted by

Tuesday, December 23, 2014!

Please have all info printed or handwritten and place in the *NEWSLETTER* mailbox, OR sent via e-mail to stlc.office@frontier.net.

Please let us know if we have missed your birthday or anniversary in the calendar.

Thanks! ☺

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

BIBLE STUDIES AT ST. TIMOTHY

Sunday Morning at 9:00 AM -

We are studying the book of Exodus, led by Pastor Flath.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study -

Please come join us weekly in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. as we continue a study of the Gospel of Matthew. This class is led by Pastor Flath. Both men and women are invited to dig deeper into the Word of God with their brothers and sisters in Christ.



Issues, Etc.

Christ-Centered Cross-Focused Talk Radio

TALK RADIO FOR RECOVERING EVANGELICALS....

You can listen to interviews on various topics, groups, individuals, and more. Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. You can listen to what you want when you want at www.issuesetc.org.

St. Timothy Prayer Team



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Telephone Patsy Simon to begin the prayer.

Contact any member of the Prayer Team to request prayer support - confidentially or to one member of the team. 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**



REFORMATION RUSH HOUR

Have you listened yet on your Lutheran Radio Station Worldwide KFUO? One of their programs is *Reformation Rush Hour*. This program discussing religious news items, what's going on around the various organizations and districts of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, a little church history, a segment that host Rev. Donofrio calls "Lutheran on Purpose" in which you will hear stories from people around the world who converted to Lutheranism from other churches and religions, and much, much more. Weekdays at 5 pm CST (3 pm PST)!

Follow KFUO on: www.facebook.com/KFUORadio. Streaming and archived at www.kfu.org.

To help us all prepare to celebrate with joy and wonder the birth of Christ Jesus, the 4 Sunday Advent worship services at 10:00 a.m. will zero in on the Old Testament readings:

Isaiah 64:8

Isaiah 40:3

Isaiah 61:1

2 Samuel 7:16.



The 3 midweek Advent services at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, December 3, 10, and 17. The themes are:

“Jesus as Prophet” --- Luke 7:16-17

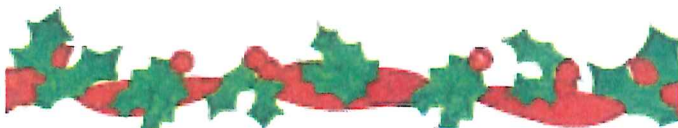
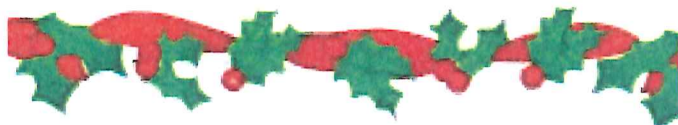
“Jesus as Priest” --- Hebrews 5:5-10

“Jesus as King” --- John 18:36-37

A soup supper before each service will begin at 6:00 p.m. We thank all those who will help to make these suppers wonderful!

On December 24th, a Christmas Eve Candlelight service will begin at 7:00 p.m. with the theme “Good News of Great Joy”. This service will feature the Christmas story from Luke 2 and the singing of many of the great carols of Christmas.

On December 25th, Christmas Day, the festival service to celebrate Jesus’ birth will begin at 10:00 a.m. with the theme “Christmas Never Gets Old”. The sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated during this service in glorious remembrance that Jesus completed the work that His Father sent Him into the world to do for all people!



LADIES GUILD NEWS

Ladies' Guild Meetings

Our meetings are held every 3rd Tuesday of the month in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 1:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2015. All ladies are welcome!



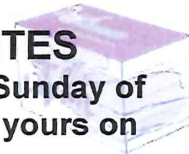
*SERVE THE LORD
WITH GLADNESS*

Psalm 100:2

LWML MISSION MITES

are collected on the fourth Sunday of every month. Please bring yours on December 28th.

Donations will be collected during the church service when you come to the front for communion.



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.

ALL WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY:

The annual Ladies Guild potluck Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 6th, beginning at 12 noon. All the women of the congregation are invited. A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board by the elevator. Please bring a friend or two and your relatives. Christmas carols will be sung during the party!

At the potluck, the Ladies Guild will be collecting items to keep people warm – hats, gloves, scarves, used sweaters & blankets. The items will then be taken to a local shelter.

LADIES GUILD NEWS:

The next regular meeting will be January 20, 2015, at 1 p.m.

MISSION POST DECEMBER NEWSLETTER:

The large red stocking will be hanging in the Narthex to collect new socks for men, women, and children. These will be delivered to homeless shelters. Please bring them thru December 21st.

The red mesh stockings that have been collecting money all year long can be brought by December 14th. The Church Council will decide where the money will be distributed. Any suggestions?? Tell a council member or Pastor Flath.

MORE NEWS FOR THE CONGREGATION

As a service for our members, the Ladies Guild will be providing Blood Pressure checks on the second Sunday of the month, beginning on January 11, 2015, in the Fellowship Hall after our morning worship service.



DECEMBER

Important News & Dates

GOOD & FAITHFUL SERVANTS ~ DECEMBER 2014 ~

USHERS:

Dec. 7th Lenn Gorsuch
Doug Spaulding
Dec. 14th Charlie Stewart
Willie Whitfield
Communion – Gary Eneberg
Dec. 21st Gary Eneberg
Steve Kennedy
Dec. 28th Karl Simon
Doug Spaulding
Communion – Gary Eneberg

READERS:

Dec. 7th Naomi Normington
Dec. 14th Charlie Stewart
Dec. 21st
Dec. 25th Mel Suelzle
Dec. 28th Laura Washabaugh

GREETERS:

Dec. 7th Linda Gorsuch
Dec. 14th Mary Stewart
Dec. 21st Ruth Walker
Dec. 28th Carol Hauge

POST-A-NOTE

~ DECEMBER 2014 ~

Dec. 2nd -- 6:30 p.m. Elder's Meeting [Y]
Dec. 3rd -- 6:00 p.m. Soup Supper [F]
""7:00 p.m. Advent Service
Dec. 6th -- 8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast [F]
Dec. 9th -- 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting [Y]
Dec. 10th -- 6:00 p.m. Soup Supper [F]
""7:00 p.m. Advent Service
Dec. 17th -- 6:00 p.m. Soup Supper [F]
""7:00 p.m. Advent Service
Dec. 20th -- 8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast [F]
Dec. 23rd -- JANUARY NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE
Dec. 24th -- 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight
Service with carols
Dec. 25th -- Christmas Day (church office closed)
10:00 a.m. Festival Service with
Holy Communion

FLOWER CHART ~ December 2014 ~

12/ 7 – Laura Washabaugh
12/14 –
12/21 –
12/25 – Poinsettias
12/28 – Poinsettias

Please consider placing flowers on the altar to the glory of our Lord and the many blessings we receive each day. 2015 sign-up Sheet is on the "Service" Bulletin Board in the Narthex.

