

# NEWSLETTER

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## JANUARY 2014 A.D. – THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR

Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

As we enter the new year of 2014, may our Lord continue to bless each of you with faith in Jesus Christ that holds tightly to our Savior no matter what may happen in the days ahead.

Sometimes people made resolutions before a new year begins. Often times those resolutions are silly or are made with tongue and cheek. But some resolutions are very meaningful, and we should attempt to faithfully care for them out.

Consider the following resolutions that I came across not long ago. They are not silly. May they be of great benefit (Lord willing) to all of us in 2014.

### **Day By Day Resolutions For the New Year**

A Little Less Impatient with those who seem to slow;

A Little Less of Arrogance because of all we know;

A Little More Humility seeing our worth is slight;

We Are Such Trivial Candles compared to stars at night;

A Little More Desirous the word of praise to find;

A Little More Forgiving and swifter to be kind;

The Word of Praise to Utter and make the heart rejoice;

A Little Bit More Careful to speak with gentle voice;

A Little More True Eagerness to understand each other;

A Little More Striving to help a shipwrecked brother;

A Little More High Courage to each task that must be done;

These Are Our Resolutions – and God help us everyone!

May our Lord grant to each of you a very blessed and happy New Year in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior!

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

Rev. Richard E. Flath

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# Lutheran Ministry Services

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**"YOU VISITED ME"**  
*Matthew 25:35*

Established 1938

LMS is a pastoral extension for all Lutheran congregations in the Puget Sound area.

LMS provides Christian pastoral care to patients, families and staff at area hospitals and care centers. Chaplains and volunteers are available to care for those who are hurting in body, soul or spirit.

LMS is the hands, feet and heart of Jesus for the hurting in our community.

Contact LMS at (206) 450-7128 for Pastoral Care or any further information



*December, 2013*

**"And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant ... He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers ...'" (The Magnificat, Luke 1:46b-48a, ESV)**

"Lord, you promise that not even the sparrows fall from the sky without your knowledge and even number the hairs on our head (Cf. Mat. 10:29-30). You rule the whole universe, yet you are concerned even more about each and every one of us and the big and small things that happen in our lives. Because you know us and care about us, we call out to you for help." Prayers like that one have been said many times in ministering to people in tough circumstances. Such prayers serve as a reminder of God's promises and offer a faith-filled cry for God's help, a plea that God is sure to hear and answer in accordance with his will.

*The Magnificat* is in many respects Mary's song of praise for God's faithfulness in answering the cries, the fervent prayers of His people and fulfilling His promises. Mary sang *The Magnificat* after Jesus had been conceived, when she had gone to visit her cousin Elizabeth. Both women were expecting, and as Luke's Gospel recalls Elizabeth's baby (John the Baptist) leapt in his mother's womb at the sound of Mary's greeting (Cf. Luke 1:39-45). That combined with Elizabeth's assurance that God was fulfilling His promises through Mary inspired one of the most sublime songs of praise in the whole Bible.

Yet we would do well to remember that, as Martin Luther once put it, Mary was not made of stone. Her faith and faithfulness are exemplary, to be sure, but she was a human being. It would be tempting to think that she angelically rode through the trials she faced, but that is probably not the case. Think of what she went through - Joseph, her betrothed, being informed of her pregnancy before their marriage, traveling to Bethlehem late in her pregnancy, finding the inns full, and finally giving birth in a stable - far from the comforts of home and family. Those trials were decades before Jesus' public ministry and journey to Calvary's cross and the empty tomb. We can be sure that all along the way, Mary's faith was tested and tried. Yet God's promises and God's faithfulness never failed. The Messiah accomplished his mission of bringing salvation to Israel, even the whole world.

As we celebrate Advent and Christmas, we do so with the benefit of history. In other words, we know the story of our Lord's life from his birth to his ascension at the right hand of God the Father. Until the Lord's Second Advent, the course of world events and the events that each of us will face in life have yet to come to pass.

Each Advent and Christmas serves as an opportunity to recall God's promises and God's faithfulness until Jesus comes again. Each Advent and Christmas is also a reminder that God still regards the "lowly estate" of his people, hears their prayers, and comes to their help in every time of need. Even more, God allows each and every one of us to have a part in making His goodness and faithfulness known as we live out our faith by sharing Christ's love with those around us.

Your support of LMS helps us comfort the hurting people we meet with the message that God hears us when we cry out in faith and that God is faithful to help in every time of need. We may not know what lies ahead, what each new day holds for each of us, but we know and praise the One who will keep our lives through life in this world to the life of the world to come. For that we offer praise and thanks to God! Thank you for your partnership with us. *May God bless your Advent and Christmas celebration!*

Chaplain Arthur Wertzner



# FELLOWSHIP NEWS

## A Message from Pastor & Sandy:

"Sandy and I wish to thank you for all the wonderful cards, kind words, and gifts that we received during the 2013 Advent/Christmas season. It was kind of you to remember us in those ways. We also wish each of you a blessed and joyous New Year through Jesus Christ!"

-Pastor & Sandy

## BIBLE STUDIES AT ST. TIMOTHY

**Sunday Morning at 9:00 a.m.** – Studying the book of Genesis, led by Pastor Flath.

### Wednesday Morning Bible Study –

Please come join us weekly from 9:30 to 11:00 am for Bible Study. This class is led by Pastor Flath, and will continue the study of the New Testament book of Acts. Both men and women are invited to dig deeper into the Word of God with their brothers and sisters in Christ.

## 2 CHRONICLES 7:14 GROUP



The 2 Chronicles 7:14 Prayer Group meets each Sunday at 8:30 am.

We have a dedicated group of 4 or 5 people and wish to include as many of you as possible.

We meet to pray for the up-coming service, the Pastor and his message, others who will be serving, the Sunday School and teachers, LC-MS, all Christian churches, membership needs, or country and its government, the military, and whatever God lays on our hearts.

If you're wondering about our name, go to your Bible and read the passage of 2 Chronicles 7:14, *then* come a little earlier and join us in lifting our prayers to the Lord. Or let us know your prayer requests so that we may present them to the Lord for you. If you're not comfortable praying in a group, join us while we pray and add your thought to strengthen our prayers before God. We'll see you in the "Blue Room" – in prayer.

## St. Timothy Prayer Team



Patsy Simon (425) 670-3354  
Pat Jones (425) 379-7077  
Shirley Howell (425) 778-8391  
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Laura Washabaugh (425) 741-0517  
Kim Reinig (206) 542-8050  
Pastor Flath C: (425) 210-1795



**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**

## ~ St. Timothy Crafters

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The St. Timothy Crafters meet every second Saturday of the month in the Green Room for crafting.

It is a time from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00p.m. when we enjoy encouraging each other along with handwork projects.

Feel free to join us, and invite a friend!

Our Next Meeting is:

January 11<sup>th</sup>

Contact persons are:

Patsy Simon (425) 670-3354

AND

Lois Mueller (206) 265-2639







**You are Cordially Invited to Attend a  
Special LMS Family Reunion:  
The Story of LMS Through Faithful  
Servants**

- \***Come** and Celebrate 75 Years in God's Service.
- \***Come** to greet current and former LMS Chaplains, Deacons, Deaconesses & Volunteers.
- \***Hear** their stories and be inspired.

*Sunday, February 9, 2012*

*Pilgrim Lutheran Church 1420 SE 11<sup>th</sup> Street Bellevue, WA 98004  
1:00-3:30 ~ The Board of Directors will be providing a complete dinner~*

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**Casting our net for Members of the  
LMS Board of Directors**

**Are you passionate about the ministry of LMS?  
Do you have a vision to help this ministry thrive?  
Openings for 2014 -2017 are available for you to  
prayerfully consider.**



Please contact [donsundene@hotmail.com](mailto:donsundene@hotmail.com) or 425-885-5889

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**Fall Giving \*In Memory of: Fred Bauer, Ed Kaiser, and  
Wally Quammen      \*In Honor of: All former and current  
LMS Chaplains, LMS' Ministry, In grateful thanks for  
Chaplain Arthur Werzner and the Care Center  
Volunteers, and Marie Sundene**



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# LADIES GUILD NEWS



**SERVE THE LORD  
WITH GLADNESS**

Psalm 100:2

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.

**LWML MISSION MITES**  
are collected on the fourth Sunday of every month. Please bring yours on *January 26<sup>th</sup>*, and it will be collected during the church service when you come up for communion.




**Ladies' Guild Meetings**  
Meetings are held every third Tuesday of the month. Our next one will be on **January 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 p.m.**

## JANUARY MISSION POST

A BIG Thank you to everyone at Saint Timothy Lutheran Church for participating in all the Mission Post activities during the year 2013. The money from the Red Stocking will be distributed by the council. We collected 51 pairs of socks and they were given to the men's shelter, as well as the women and children shelter, and the YMCA.

The Lynnwood Food Bank was always glad to get our food donations, and the shelters for the clothes. May we be as generous in our giving in the year to come!

- Pat Jones

 Carol, thank you! Please share this information with St. Timothy's members so they will continue to save Campbell's products UPC's. J.G.

**Thank you** for your package of Campbell's UPCs for Good Shepherd/Bethesda Homes in the Renton area. We recently redeemed almost 35,000 points for some terrific items for the clients: a windowsill herb garden, paint and brushes, several soft balls, a large exercise ball, a music table, rhythm instruments, hand bells and desk bells, and a box of craft foam.

Your help saving Campbell's UPCs, V8 caps, UPCs from BIC pens, Pop-Secret popcorn, Post cereal products, newsstand magazines, and bonus points given at the cash register all help to get items which enrich the GS/B clients' lives. Please continue to collect, trim, and send me the UPCs from your congregation, friends, and family members. Please affix proper postage when mailing the UPCs. Thank you again for doing your part to assist those we serve. Trudy Glassett [glassett.gang@juno.com](mailto:glassett.gang@juno.com) or 360-293-1108



**TALK RADIO FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON...** You can listen to teachings on subjects like: The Christmas Hymn "Where Shepherds Lately Knelt," Galatians 4:4-6: In the Fullness of Time, Bach's Christmas Oratorio, The Promises of God and more. Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen at your convenience at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org).



**LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES**

Listen to:

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR**

Sundays

6:30 a.m. - 880 KIXI AM

7:00 a.m. - 1380 KRKO AM

9:30 a.m. - 1180 KLAY AM



**WOMAN TO WOMAN**

With Phyllis Wallace

7:15 a.m.

KONP 1450 AM Port Angeles

**JANUARY NEWSLETTER**

Newsletter Articles and Calendar information need to be submitted by

**Tuesday, January 21, 2013!**

Please have all info printed or handwritten and place in the *NEWSLETTER* mailbox, OR sent via e-mail to Nicole Skrede at [skredenm@gmail.com](mailto:skredenm@gmail.com).

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

Thanks! ☺



**COFFEE HOSTS**



Any member or groups are invited to host coffee hour after the worship service on Sundays. A sign up sheet is in the narthex on the small bulletin board at the media center. 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**

**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.sainttimothylutheran.net](http://www.sainttimothylutheran.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](mailto:stlc_office@frontier.com)

*Please Remember in Your Prayers:*

**Our homebound members:**

Barbara Howe;  
Suzanne Kiner; Margaret Burrier

**Health Concerns:**

Terry Kohl; Gail (Gary Eneberg's mother);  
Jack (Millie Molenda's husband);  
Patsy Simon;  
Marie (Doug Spaulding's wife);  
Liese Whitfield;  
Albert Mueller (Lois's Dad);  
Sophia (Craig & Brenda Skrede's neice);  
Carolyn McLaughlin;  
and others among us who are ill.

**Other Requests:**

People without faith in Jesus Christ, for those who are discouraged; those who need a living faith for Jesus; and for outreach into our community.



# JANUARY

Important News & Dates

## GOOD & FAITHFUL SERVANTS

~ January 2013 ~

### USHERS:

- Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>** Lenn Gorsuch  
Doug Spaulding
- Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>** Charlie Stewart  
Willie Whitfield  
Communion – Doug Spaulding
- Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>** Karl Simon  
Steve Kennedy
- Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>** Gary Eneberg  
Steve Kennedy  
Communion – Doug Spaulding

### LECTORS:

- Jan. 5 –**  
**Jan. 12 –** Charlie Stewart  
**Jan. 19 –**  
**Jan. 26 –**

### GREETERS:

- Jan. 5 –** Carol Hauge  
**Jan. 12 –** Mary Stewart  
**Jan. 19 –** Ruth Walker  
**Jan. 26 –** Carol Hauge

## POST-A-NOTE

~ January 2014 ~

- Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> New Years Day – Church office closed
- Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> - 8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast [Green Room]
- Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 p.m. Elder's Meeting
- Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 a.m. Crafters Meeting [Green Room]
- Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting [Youth Room]
- Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> – 8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast [Green Room]
- Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> – 11:15 a.m. Annual Voters Meeting
- Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> – Church office closed
- Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> – 9:00 a.m. – Circuit Pastors' Meeting  
Newsletter Items due today!

## FLOWER CHART ~ January 2013 ~

- 1/5 -  
1/12 -  
1/19 -  
1/26 -

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

THE ELDER ON CALL FOR  
JANUARY IS:

**Karl Simon (425)670-3354**