

NEWSLETTER

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MAY 2014 A.D. – THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR

Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed -- hallelujah!!

Spring is a beautiful time of the year as many trees blossom and flowers bloom. One of the trees that some of you might have in your yard, or is in your neighborhood, is the dogwood tree. Its blossoms also fill the skyline with color. If its possible for you, take a closer look at the blooms of a dogwood tree after you read what follows:

“The Legend of the Dogwood Tree”

“At the time of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, the dogwood was the size of the oak and other forest trees. So firm and strong was the tree that it was selected as the timber for the cross.

To be used for such a purpose caused the tree great distress and grief. Jesus observed this and, in His gentle pity for all sorrow and suffering, made the tree this promise:

‘Never again shall the dogwood grow large enough to be used as a cross. Henceforth it shall be slender, bent, and twisted. Its blossoms shall be in the form of a cross with the print of the nails in each petal. In the center of the flower will be the crown of thorns, and all who see it will remember that it was upon a dogwood tree I was crucified. Therefore, this tree shall not be destroyed, but cherished as a reminder of My death upon the cross.’”

A legend is just that: a legend. But the story points out for us who believe in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior that many things in God’s world can help us remember some the great and mighty events of our salvation.

This spring, if you can, take a close look at a dogwood blossom in person or look at a picture of a dogwood blossom. If the dogwood tree can remind us of what Jesus Christ has done for us on the cross, think about these reminders (and others as well).

The Cross -- A reminder of where Jesus died to earn our redemption.

Our Baptism -- A reminder that our sins are washed away and we are heirs of heaven.

Our Congregation -- The family of God in this place, joined together by God’s love for us.

Keep looking for reminders. And keep reading God’s holy Word too!

A blessed Easter season to each of you!

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

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Opportunities at St. Timothy!

When Great-Grandpa Lars came over in 1895 he worked his way west until he found himself on a cattle ranch outside Reno, Nevada. There he learned to: read, write, and speak the English pretty good. He read about the Comstock load, which was the largest silver find in the world. The following year he told the ranch foreman that he was getting away from the hot, smelly, cows and would be going to Alaska to seek his fortune. The foreman asked what he was going to do in Alaska. Lars said he was going to go look for silver. He focused like a laser, but was unable to find any silver, just *worthless yellow metal* the size of beans.

We at St. Timothy are loaded with opportunities to volunteer. As head usher, we could really use another couple to usher one Sunday a month. This could also be a couple friends who sit together. Another opportunity is to read scripture. Karl is often begging for volunteers. There are also jobs not in the spotlight. The counters from our offering would love to add a new person. This is the short list.

This year marks the fourth year that I've worked the grounds of St. Timothy with Rodger. I started when Steve Wilson moved. He used to work the grounds of a cemetery. Rodger would say, "We need to _____." Steve would immediately pick up the appropriate tools and start working. I'd give Rodger a blank look as if Karl had given me the instructions in German. I like the job because there aren't a lot of members who can walk the grounds with a power blower on their back, or use a line trimmer, or have the backs that allow them to kneel and pull weeds. The grounds have also taught me that Rodger has the patience of a saint. I've broken a number of his old tools even though I thought I wasn't abusing them.

Remember, when God put Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden **THEY WERE TO WORK IT!** Moses was 80 when he saw the burning bush. He didn't want the job, and even tried to talk God into getting somebody *else*. ***If*** you have the skills to perform any of the tasks I've mentioned, or others, please consider stepping up! St. Timothy works best, when we have the highest number of people working.

Doug Spaulding

Groundsman 3rd class



FELLOWSHIP NEWS

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.



Issues, Etc.

Christ-Centered Cross-Focused Talk Radio

TALK RADIO FOR THE EASTER SEASON...

You can listen to teachings on: Is Easter a Pagan Holiday?, The Resurrection According to John's Gospel, The Easter Hymn "Christians to the Paschal Victim," Biblical Themes During the Easter Season 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 to what you want when you want at www.issuesetc.org.

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
Brenda Gonzalez (425) 245-3452
Sharon Starck H: (425) 609-3114
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Carol Hauge (425) 743-9430
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, no 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 KFUEO?

Reformation Rush Hour is an all new 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 us on:

www.facebook.com/KFUORadio.

Streaming and archived at www.kfuo.org.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Please Remember in Your Prayers:

Our homebound members:

Margaret Burrier; Barbara Howe;
Suzanne Kiner

Health Concerns:

Gail (Gary Eneberg's mother);
Jack (Millie Molenda's husband);
Marie (Doug Spaulding's wife);
Patrick (Bea Zaske's great grandson);
Eva (Laura Washabaugh's sister);
Raymond (Edna Watter's brother);
and others among us who are ill.

Other Requests:

For the families of those who died or are
missing in the Oso, WA landslide;
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.

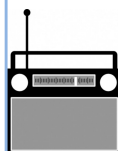
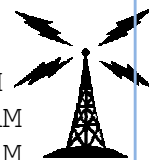
LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

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

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

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:
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JUNE NEWSLETTER

Newsletter Articles and Calendar
information need to be submitted by

Tuesday, May 20, 2014!

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.

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

Thanks! ☺

LADIES GUILD NEWS

Ladies' Guild Meetings

Meetings are held every third Tuesday of the month. Our next one will be on May 20th at 1:00 p.m. Then we will take a break for the summer.



*SERVE THE LORD
WITH GLADNESS*

Psalm 100:2

LWML MISSION MITES

are collected on the fourth Sunday of every month. Please bring yours on *May 25th*, and it will be collected during the church service when you come up 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.

MISSION POST FOR MAY:

CLOTHING DONATIONS NEEDED: Clean your closets for summer clothes! Donate the rest! Bring any good clothing to put in the mission basket (or drawer). They will be taken to local shelters.

THANK YOU for all the donated food during Lent! 200 lbs. was delivered to the Lynnwood Food Bank.

MAY SALAD LUNCHEON: All ladies are invited to the salad luncheon on May 3rd, at 12:00 p.m. We will eat, and then we have a speaker coming to tell us about some of our Native American Indians. Bring a relative or a friend!

LADIES GUILD MEETINGS: May 20th is our last meeting before summer break in June, July and August. Meetings will resume on September 16th.

LOOKING AHEAD:

-- November 1st is time for the bazaar. It is not too early to start making items for the November Bazaar. The bazaar has enabled us over the years to purchase things for the church.

-- The **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER PARTY** is scheduled for December 6th at noon!

ELECTED TO OFFICE:

President: Emma Suryan
Vice President: Carol Hauge
Secretary: Mary Stewart
Treasurer: Thirza Weber
Christian Growth: Pat Jones

MAY

Important News & Dates

GOOD & FAITHFUL SERVANTS

~ MAY 2014 ~

USHERS:

- May 4th** Lenn Gorsuch
Doug Spaulding
- May 11th** Charlie Stewart
Willie Whitfield
Communion – Karl Simon
- May 18th** Karl Simon
Steve Kennedy
Communion – Gary Eneberg
- May 25th** Gary Eneberg
Doug Spaulding
Communion – Karl Simon

LECTORS:

- May 4th**
- May 11th** Charlie Stewart
- May 18th**
- May 25th**

GREETERS:

- May 4th** – Linda Gorsuch
- May 11th** – Mary Stewart
- May 18th** – Ruth Walker
- May 25th** – Carol Hauge



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

POST-A-NOTE

~ May 2014 ~

- May 2nd – 10:00 a.m. Set up for Ladies' Luncheon
- May 3rd – 8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast
12:00 p.m. Ladies' Luncheon & Program
- May 13th – 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
- May 17th – 8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast [Green Room]
- May 20th – 1:00 p.m. Ladies Guild Meeting
- NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE TODAY!**
- May 22nd – Fair planning @ Zion LC in Snohomish
- May 26th – **Memorial Day** (church office closed)
- May 31st – 2:00 p.m. Memorial Service for
Richard Westover



**THE ELDER ON CALL FOR
MAY IS:
Karl Simon**



FLOWER CHART

~ MAY 2014 ~

5/4 – Laura Washabaugh

5/11 –

5/18 –

5/25 – Emma Suryan

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 in the Narthex.