

NEWSLETTER

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September 2014 A.D. – THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

As I was putting together these “Thoughts From The Pastor”, it was the sunny, warm afternoon of August 19th. The loggers with their chain saws and the heavy equipment operators with their large machinery were hard at work. Theirs is the beginning work on a new development that’s starting to take shape west of St. Timothy. It was noisy and dusty that afternoon.

One of the things that I noticed was that I had a hard time concentrating on what I was doing. I had the urge to look out my church office window and see which tree they were falling next. I actually stopped what I was doing to watch as one of the loggers cut down one of the trees near the edge of the road. A bit later on, everything was silent and no dust was flying -- it must have been break time. After a few minutes, the noise and dust filled the air once again.

In the evening when I looked at what I had written, I saw that it didn’t flow very well.

I got to wondering how many distractions the men who wrote down the books of the Bible must have been tempted with. The devil, his forces of evil, and the sinful world of people around us are no friends to God’s Word. But we thank the Lord that it isn’t up to sinful people to simply write down what they thought might be on God’s mind or what they hoped God may have wanted people to know.

The Word of God that we have and cherish, and that tells us what we must do to be saved, is all from God -- from beginning to end. God’s Word itself tells us in 2 Timothy 3:16 that “all Scripture is breathed out by God”. And 2 Peter 1:20-21 inform us that “no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit”.

Isn’t that comforting to know?

God used various individuals with their own abilities and styles to put down for everyone God’s plan of salvation through His Son, Jesus Christ. That’s why the scriptures from start to finish are all about Christ Jesus, the Son of God and the Savior of the world.

So, continue to spend some time each week with the Word of God -- hearing it, reading it, studying it, and sharing it. It’s trustworthy. And the same Holy Spirit who helped the writers put down God’s Word will be with us when we do this. The Spirit will help us to grow in our faith in Jesus Christ and get the most out of God’s Word.

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

Pastor Flath

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P.S.: Sunday worship continues at 10:00 a.m.

P.P.S.: Sunday Bible Class begins at 9:00 a.m. as we study Exodus. The morning Wednesday Bible Class is from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. starts up again on September 3rd with the study of the gospel of Matthew. Everyone is welcome to participate!

June 29, 2014 Bulletin Insert

June 22nd Voter's Meeting

Following services last Sunday, a Voter's meeting was held in our fellowship hall. The primary agenda items of this meeting were to approve a FY2015 budget and consider a proposal to approve a project to create a new parcel of approximately 2/3 acre of the Northwest corner of our property. For several years this proposal has been considered as a way to retire the mortgage we assumed in order to build the Narthex in 2007. The pending 52nd street road project and soft real estate market prevented us from moving forward on this proposal for several years. However, with the improved market and completion of the road project, we now wanted to present the project to the voter's for consideration. A proposal was submitted that would provide for a new driveway off of 52nd Avenue, a quality fence on the 320' northern boundary of our parking lot would extend west to 52nd Avenue.

Much discussion ensued on this important topic during the meeting. The general feeling of those in attendance as well as several members unable to attend was that while they regretted this was necessary, they saw no alternative and none was offered as way to cover the shortfall in mortgage contributions and the actual mortgage payment. Additionally, this area posed a significant workload to the grounds crew that already had a heavy workload. Several members noted that we should plan for a tree line to screen any unsightly buildings that might be placed on the property.

After the discussion, ballots were distributed to each member. The final vote tallied, 22 in favor, 1 opposed and 2 abstentions. The vote was declared to be valid and a true will of God and the congregation.

The project will require significant management and oversight. As Janet Anderberg assumes the role of Council President beginning in July, she will represent the Council in guiding the project. The day to day management and coordination of the project activities will be handled by Roger Reinig. Roger has previous experience in projects of this type and will manage the vendor relationships as necessary to complete this project. Roger and Janet will keep the Council and Congregation informed on the project progress and be responsible to obtain approvals as appropriate.

Mel Suelzle

Achtung - Attention - Achtung - Attention

OKTOBERFEST IS COMING SOON!

Saturday, September 27th, 2014, 12:00 to 3:00 pm

Preparations are underway for our annual Oktoberfest Celebration. It will be held on Saturday, so friends from other congregations can make plans to come. We hope for nice weather so the event could possibly be held outdoors. We are inviting sister congregations from our circuit and of course our friends and neighbors. The German word "fest" means celebration and this is what we want it to be: A Joyful autumn celebration!

Oktoberfest's are being celebrated in many places at this time of the year. We at St. Timothy want to come together to fellowship, to enjoy the blessings of our Lord, how abundantly He has given to us and in our privilege to bless others. The tradition of Oktoberfest is over 200 years old. Crown Prince Ludwig of Bavaria, an independent country then, was married to Princess Therese on October 17, 1810. The citizens of Munich were invited to attend the festivities held on the fields in front of the city gates to celebrate the happy royal event. This is how the Oktoberfest tradition started.

We are glad to have the Bavarian Village Band come to be with us again. No one knows how to play the Bavarian and German Folks songs better than they do. We will enjoy their oom-pah-pah melodies, are invited to sing along and the brave-hearted will get their chance to do some dancing. And, of course, we want to see children and young families come and enjoy the event. One popular German hiking song, called der lustige Wanderer, or the happy hiker (to hike = wandern) has a joyful catchy melody and these are the words to it (you may memorize them or even practice in German):

I love to wander by the stream,
that dances in the sun,
so joyously it calls to me,
come join my happy song.
Valeri, valera, valeri,
Valera ha ha ha ha ha, valeri, valera,
my knapsack on my back.

Das Wandern schafft stets frische Lust,
erhält das Herz gesund;
frei atmet draußen meine Brust,
froh singet dann mein Mund.
Valeri, valera, valeri,
Valera ha ha ha ha ha, valeri, Valera,
froh singet dann mein Mund.



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 – Classes will start up again this month after a long summer break. Our first meeting is September 3rd. Please come join us weekly from 9:30 to 11:00 am for Bible Study. 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: The Teachings of Joel Osteen, 19th Century American Revivalist Charles Finney, The Scofield Reference Bible, Preaching Christ vs. Preaching About Christ 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



Patsy Simon (425) 670-3354
Pat Jones (425) 379-7077
Shirley Howell (425) 778-8391
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, 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? **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.kfu.org.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

*Please Remember in
Your Prayers:*

Our homebound members:

Barbara Howe;
Suzanne Kiner

Health Concerns:

Shirley Howell; Rose Webster;
Gail (Gary Eneberg's mother);
Jack (Millie Molenda's husband);
Marie (Doug Spaulding's wife);
Neissa (Doug Spaulding niece);
Patrick (Bea Zaske's great grandson);
Raymond (Edna Watter's brother);
Corinne (Laura Washabaugh's mother);
and others who are ill.

Other Requests:

For 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:
stlc_office@frontier.com

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Newsletter Articles and Calendar
information need to be submitted by

Tuesday, September 23rd, 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! ☺



Lutheran Ministry Services

N O R T H W E S T

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“YOU VISITED ME”

Matthew 25:36

Established 1938

LMS is a pastoral extension for all Lutheran congregations in the Pacific Northwest.

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

July 22, 2014

St. Timothy Lutheran Church
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Dear Friends at St. Timothy Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gracious welcome as I had the privilege of filling in for Pr. Flath while he was on vacation. It was a joy to be in your midst!

Thank you, also, for your support of Lutheran Ministry Services Northwest through the special offerings that were taken. Your support of LMS allows us to keep reaching out to those who are in hospitals and care centers - especially those who travel from all over the Northwest United States to receive specialized care in Seattle hospitals. LMS' presence serves as a reminder that they are not alone. LMS offers reminders that God and God's people still care.

May Christ, our Savior, bless you and keep you!

Sincerely,

Chp. Arthur Werzner
Phil. 1:3-6



LADIES GUILD NEWS

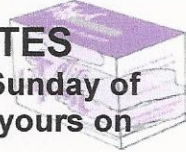
Ladies' Guild Meetings
Meetings will be resuming this month. They are held every third Tuesday of the month. Our next one will be on September 16th at 1:00 PM



**SERVE THE LORD
WITH GLADNESS**

Psalm 100:2

LWML MISSION MITES
are collected on the fourth Sunday of every month. Please bring yours on September 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.

{ Note: this letter was received too late to be included in the July/August 2014 newsletter }

June 18, 2014

Dear Pastor Flath and St. Timothy Lutheran Church congregation,

I feel very blessed to be part of St. Timothy Lutheran Church for 27 years. I have fond memories of Sunday School teaching, Preschool teaching, singing in the choir, playing my flute with the organist and brass/violin, being on the Board of Education, a member and Board member of Ladies Guild, and finally helping in the church office.

At this time I have a new chapter in my life and have moved to Marysville, WA. It is a blessing for me to have moved into a brand new apartment where I feel very comfortable and safe.

My mother is needing lots of care and I help her do chores and grocery shopping. She is still able to go to church at Immanuel Lutheran Church on Sunday mornings with my help. It is time for me to transfer my membership to Immanuel Lutheran Church where I grew up and where my mother is a 50+ years member. I feel this is a necessary transfer to continue taking my mother to Immanuel Lutheran Church while she is still able to go to church; and it is less miles from Marysville to Immanuel versus St. Timothy. I do plan to visit St. Timothy from time to time, and would like to continue getting newsletters and invites to Ladies Guild events as well as special church events.

Finally, I want to give many thanks to Pastor Flath and St. Timothy Lutheran Church congregation for all of the prayers, staying in touch with me by phone calls and cards, and the support these last 4 years with my medical illnesses and life changing challenges!

Matthew 5:16: "In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."

Many blessings to Pastor Flath and family and St. Timothy Congregation,

Brenda Gonzalez

{ Note: the Immanuel Lutheran Church Brenda mentions is in Everett, WA }



PRESS RELEASE

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE
WASHINGTON-ALASKA DISTRICT CONVENTION
WENATCHEE, WASHINGTON, June 20-22, 2014

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Washington-Alaska District met June 20-22, 2014, in Wenatchee, Washington with the theme "Filled with HIS Will" from Philippians 2:13 "...for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure." Convention attendees were blessed and delighted to have Rev. Dr. Victor Belton, Decatur, Georgia, as the worship service proclaimer as well as the keynote speaker, emphasizing how God works in us for His purpose.

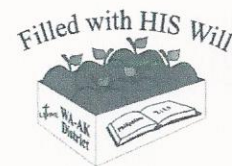
271 members registered at the convention to enjoy worship services, a mission walk, mission speakers, inspiring Bible study by Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Northwest District President Paul Linnemann, servant events, *Gifts of the Heart* ingathering of hygiene kits, school kits, Phil's Friends bags of hope for cancer patients and cash donations. The local Wenatchee Valley Applearies choir was a real entertainment treat. LWML Representative Pastoral Counselor Rev. Dr. Robert Roegner served as Master of Ceremonies at our Saturday Evening Dinner Banquet and "shined" in his love for Christ and LWML in his report.

The mission grant goal for 2014-2016 is \$89,000, and the total mite goal is \$170,000. The following missions were selected by vote to be paid in this order:

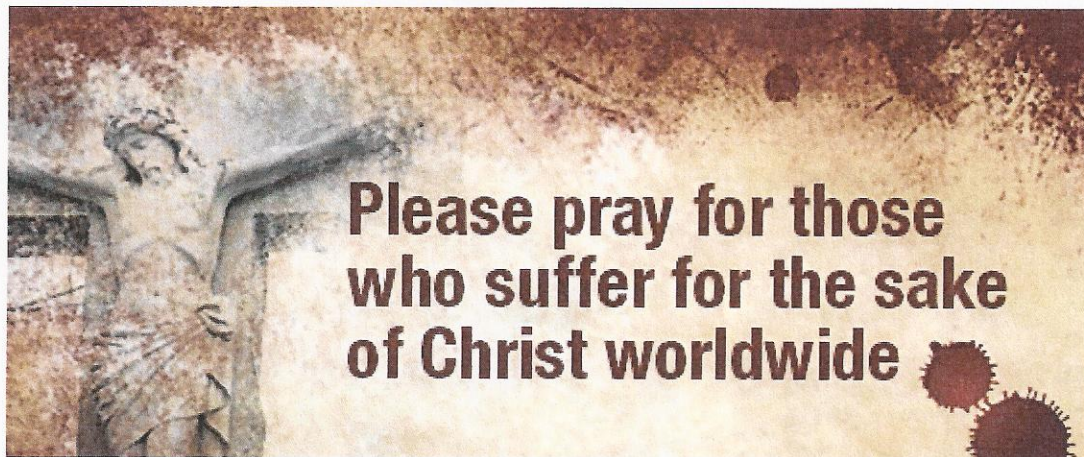
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| Aid to the WA-AK District Scholarship Fund | \$17,800 |
| Clean Water & Mattresses for Malagasy Lutheran Hospital | \$ 7,500 |
| Alaska Ministry for Christ | \$ 7,500 |
| Elwha Ministry – Hope House | \$ 4,000 |
| Concordia Seminary Food & Clothing Co-op, Fort Wayne | \$ 5,000 |
| Opportunity Mission Outreach, LWML WA-AK District | \$ 5,000 |
| Trinity/HOPE Foundation Lutheran School Feeding Program in Haiti | \$ 5,000 |
| Coffee 4 Kids Honduras Ministry | \$ 7,500 |
| Mighty Fortress Mercy House, Lima Peru | \$ 5,000 |
| Bethesda Lutheran Communities | \$ 4,000 |
| Lutheran Heritage Foundation, "Sunday Sermons for South Africa" | \$ 4,250 |
| Lutheran Library for the Blind | \$ 5,000 |
| Rev. Dave Horn: Burning Bush League | \$ 4,000 |
| Transforming Campus Ministry | \$ 4,000 |
| Light of Christ Community Garden | \$ 3,450 |

The following candidates were elected by the voting delegates: Marie Chow, District President; Sandy Geisler, Vice President of Organizational Resources; Elizabeth Cook, Vice President of Special Focus Ministries; Donna Chow, Financial Secretary; Rev. Tim Winterstein, Pastoral Counselor (East). The Nominating Committee members elected: Pam Rafferty (Chairman), Marilyn Schaefer, Judy Jeffery, Cristina McAnulty, Judy Ikerd. Thank them all for their willingness to serve their Lord in the LWML Washington-Alaska District.

For more information on the LWML Washington-Alaska District, visit the website www.wa-aklwml.org.



Washington-Alaska District
Lutheran Women's Missionary League



Greetings in the name of Christ:

As so many have no doubt seen and heard, the ancient Christian community in that part of Iraq and Syria controlled by ISIS has been told to convert to Islam, leave, pay a massive tax that no one can come up with or die. And from pictures that have made the rounds on Facebook, the killings have begun. This is an attack on one of the oldest continuous Christian communities in the world. Would you take a moment right now to join with me, my brothers and sisters in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, in a prayer to our heavenly Father on their behalf and on behalf of all throughout the world who suffer for the precious name of Jesus?

All-merciful Father, You gave Your Son into the flesh to experience hatred and violence and to conquer them with His unending love. Remember in compassion Your children, our sisters and brothers in Iraq and elsewhere, who suffer now for the sake of Christ. Strengthen them for a good confession, and give them grace to entrust themselves entirely into Your loving care, knowing that You will never leave them or forsake them and that death is no match for the life that You have given in Your Son and Spirit. According to Your wisdom, bring an end to the bloodshed and violence. Open the hearts of Your people in all places to stand with these hurting members of Christ's body and provide any earthly aid we can to them. We ask it all in the name of Him whose cross is the triumph over all hatred, violence and death and whose resurrection is our everlasting hope, even Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

For a bulletin insert, hymn suggestions and additional reading on the subject, go to <http://www.lcms.org/president/persecution>.

With you, under the saving blood,

Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison
President, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod



SEPTEMBER

Important News & Dates

GOOD & FAITHFUL SERVANTS

~ SEPTEMBER 2014 ~

USHERS:

Sept. 7th Lenn Gorsuch

Doug Spaulding

Sept. 14th Charlie Stewart

Willie Whitfield

Communion – Karl Simon

Sept. 21st Karl Simon

Steve Kennedy

Sept. 28th Gary Eneberg

Doug Spaulding

Communion – Karl Simon

LECTORS: Sept. 7th –

Sept. 14th – Charlie Stewart

Sept. 21st –

Sept. 28th –

GREETERS: Sept. 7th Ruth Walker

Sept. 14th Mary Stewart

Sept. 21st Linda Gorsuch

Sept. 28th Carol Hauge

POST-A-NOTE

~ SEPTEMBER 2014 ~

Sept. 2nd – 6:30 p.m. Elder's Meeting

Sept. 6th – 8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast [Green Room]

Sept. 11th – Evergreen State Fair wrap-up meeting @
Zion Lutheran Church in Snohomish

Sept. 16th – 9:00 a.m. Circuit Pastor Meeting

1:00 p.m. Ladies Guild

7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

Sept. 20th – 8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast [Green Room]

Sept. 21-23 – Rev. Flath @ Operation Banabas Board
Meeting in St. Louis

Sept. 23rd – October Newsletter Items due today

Sept. 27th – 12:00-3:00 p.m. Oktoberfest Celebration
[Fellowship Hall]

Sept. 28th – MITES received during service today.

3:00 p.m. Installation @ Trinity LC in Seattle

FLOWER CHART

~ September 2014 ~

9/7 –

9/14 – Stewart anniversary

9/21 –

9/28 –

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.

**THE ELDER ON CALL FOR
SEPTEMBER IS:**

Karl Simon

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www.sainttimothylutheran.net

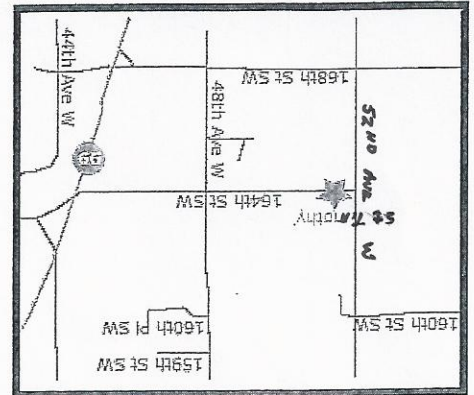
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9:00 a.m. Sunday school and adult Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
11:15 a.m. Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY'S FOR FAMILIES



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