

NEWSLETTER



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February 2015 A.D. – THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

By the time February 1st gets here, 1/12 of the year 2015 will “be in the books” as the saying goes. Many of us wonder just where January has gone. And many of us marvel at all the changes that just keep coming our way in life -- all ready in 2015 too!

One of the changes that came out of the January 2015 St. Timothy Church Council meeting is that for the foreseeable future the monthly newsletter will now become a bi-monthly newsletter beginning with the March/April 2015 newsletter. This change will also mean that we will have to be thinking 2 months out for some of the events that we want to make sure get into our newsletter. A case in point for me will be thinking about Easter (which is on April 5th this year) as the deadline for the March/April newsletter approaches on February 17. Of course, we will still have the weekly bulletin to announce events that come up in between newsletters.

With the month of February comes the celebration of Valentines Day on the 14th. There are an assortment of ways that we can express and communicate love for another person. But if we're running to the store at the last minute, and buying a card without much thought, just because it's expected, what does that tell us about our self and what we think about love?

Though there are many changes around us in our lives, God's Word does not change. Therefore, when God Word tells us that He loves us, we read that God backed up His statement of loving us by sending His Son into the world to be our Savior. Jesus loves us to the point that He died for us on the cross. And by God's grace, we have been brought to faith in Jesus as our Savior and now bask in God's love. The scripture tells us that the love of the Lord for all people now flows out of Jesus' disciples [that's you and me too] to many other people who already know Jesus as their Savior like we do and to folks who don't believe in Jesus.

In the future, how are you going to communicate love to those you care about and as well as to those you are concerned about?

With the example of the Lord before us, we see that showing love means more than just “going through the motions” or doing something for someone just because it's expected. Maybe there's some changing with us that needs to take place this year when we're showing love to the Lord God and to those around us.

Here's 6 (six) loving things that can be done that can communicate love in action: 1) write a letter of appreciation to someone; 2) send a note to the shut-ins or the sick; 3) express sympathy to those in sorrow; 4) make the way easier for Christians who are trying to live right; 5) offer to bring someone to church with you; 6) pray for them.

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

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FELLOWSHIP NEWS

BIBLE STUDIES AT ST. TIMOTHY

Sunday Morning at 9:00 AM -

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

Wednesday Morning Bible Study -

Please come join us weekly in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30 to 11:00 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



Patsy Simon (425) 670-3354
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Naomi Normington (1-314) 471-1055
Carol Hauge (425) 743-9430
Laura Washabaugh (425) 741-0517
Kim Reinig (206) 542-8050
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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.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Please Remember in Your Prayers:

Our homebound members:

Barbara; Shirley H.; Suzanne; Merle;
Terry & Jan; Alex & Rose

Folks with Health Concerns:

Shirley H.; Terry; Wilma; Gertrud; Liese;
Gail; Glendale; Jack; Neissa; Steve; Lynda;
Patrick

Those with February Birthdays:

8 -- Bonnie Kulas
21 -- Lenn Gorsuch
21 -- Michael Miller

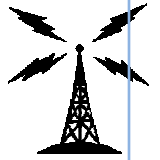
Those with a Wedding Anniversary:

(none that office is aware of)

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

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

March/April NEWSLETTER

Newsletter Articles and Calendar
information need to be submitted by

Tuesday, February 17, 2015!

Please have all information printed or
handwritten and place in the
NEWSLETTER mailbox, OR hand it to
Pastor Flath, OR send it via e-mail to
stlc.office@frontier.net.

Please let us know if we have missed your
birthday or anniversary. Thanks! 😊

Council Report – Mel Suelzle



December 31st marked the end of our first half of fiscal year 2015. Our financial results for this 6 month period is shown below. Our contribution income is well off our plan at only 92% or \$3,759 less that we had expected. This is largely due to attrition of members without a corresponding level of new members. Expenses were slightly below our plan at 99%. This helped to offset some of our lower income result, but still left us with a net shortfall of income after expenses of \$3,321 for the first half of our fiscal year.

Financial Report for First Half of FY2015 July – December

Income	Budget	Actual		Remaining \$\$
Worship Service Offerings	48,854	44,694	92%	3,759
Other	3,600	3,399	94%	201
Building Fund Donations	7,620	7,485	98%	135
Facility Use Income	960	975	101%	-15
Total Income	60,634	56,553	93%	4,081
Expense				
Elders	20,846	21,508	103%	-662
Trustees	8,292	7,873	95%	419
Council	21,252	21,536	101%	-284
Administration	3,981	2,987	75%	995
Worship & Music	3,980	3,889	98%	91
Education	0	58	--	-58
Fellowship	625	357	57%	268
Social Ministry	0	0	--	0
Stewardship	225	232	103%	-7
Evangelism	408	409	100%	-1
Total Expense	59,610	58,850	99%	760
Income Less Expense	1,024	-2,297	224%	3,321

PROPERTY SALE UPDATE



The planned sale of our corner section of our property is progressing well. We have already received three offers and are expecting more. Our BLA (boundary line adjustment) plan was submitted and quickly approved by the County on January 12th. Once it is recorded, we will officially have a new tax parcel that can be sold. We will be requesting updated sales offers and hope to have a sale pending by the end of January or early February. It is customary in land sales for there to be a period in which a potential buyer can seek County approval for a development plan. If this is successful, then the process moves on to the closing and completion of the sale. This entire process can take significant time depending on the time needed for approval from the county. We hope this time can be limited to no more than 90 days from the initial acceptance of an offer.

SANTA STOCKING RESULTS 2014



was the fourth consecutive year that St Timothy has used the SANTA STOCKING program to raise funds for needy causes. During 2014, \$642 was contributed. Adding the \$500 Thrivent matching funds, our congregation was responsible for \$1142 for 2014. Collectively, the generosity of our congregation's support of this program has raised \$4,714 for the 4 years. This year's contribution was distributed to 4 charities that were selected by the Church Council. This year's charities were:

- Lutheran Community Services in Lynnwood
- Clothes for Kids
- Lutheran Ministry Services
- Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County

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 February 17, 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 February 22nd.



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.

LADIES GUILD NEWS:

Bake Sale for Good Shepherd Lutheran Home for those with special needs will be held on Sunday February 8th after the worship service in the Fellowship Hall. Please consider supporting this project that helps many with special needs know about their Savior Jesus Christ.

Prayer Service - a special prayer service will be held on February 22 at 1:30 p.m. at St. James Luther Church. Lunch will be served beforehand. Please see the poster by the elevator for more details.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

As a service for our members, the Ladies Guild will be providing Blood Pressure checks on the second Sunday of the month. This service will begin on February 8, 2015, in the Fellowship Hall after our morning worship service.

MISSION POST NOTE:

Please continue to collect money monthly in the red mesh stockings all year long. If you need a stocking or a bag, please speak with Pat Jones.

During the Lenten season which beginnings on Ash Wednesday, February 18th, please consider putting together a "meal in a bag" to be given to those in need.

During the summer months of June, July, and August, we are planning to collect lines which will be given to the Cocoon House.

Keep looking in the Newsletter and on the Mission Post in the church Narthex for the latest projects as they come along in 2015.

LUTHERAN MINISTRY SERVICES – SEATTLE: The annual membership meeting is Sunday, February 22, 2015, from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church (1200 10th Avenue East in Seattle). Special guest speaker is Rev. Roger Sylwester an expert in the liturgical artwork of Dr. Ernst Schwidder (1931-1998).

MEN'S BREAKFAST is held on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month at 8:30 a.m.

FEBRUARY

Important News & Dates

GOOD & FAITHFUL SERVANTS

~ February 2015 ~

USHERS:

Feb. 1 st	Lenn Gorsuch Doug Spaulding
Feb. 8 th	Charlie Stewart Willie Whitfield Communion – Lenn Gorsuch
Feb. 15 th	Karl Simon Steve Kennedy
Feb. 22 nd	Gary Eneberg Doug Spaulding Communion – Lenn Gorsuch

READERS:

Feb. 1 st	Mel Suelzle
Feb. 8 th	Charlie Stewart
Feb. 15 th	Doug Spaulding
Feb. 22 nd	Emma Suryan

GREETERS:

Feb. 1 st	Linda Gorsuch
Feb. 8 th	Mary Stewart
Feb. 15 th	Ruth Walker
Feb. 22 nd	Carol Hauge

POST-A-NOTE ~ FEBRUARY 2015 ~

Feb. 3 rd	– 6:30 p.m. Elders Meeting (3)
Feb. 4 th	– 9:30 a.m. Bible Study (F)
Feb. 5 th	– 7:00 p.m. Fair Mtg @ Zion (Snohomish)
Feb. 7 th	– 8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast (F)
Feb. 8 th	– 11:15 a.m. Bake Sale for Good Shepherd Ministry
Feb. 8 th	– 11:15 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks
Feb. 10 – 12	pastor @ Operation Barnabas meeting
Feb. 10 th	– 7:00 p.m. Church Council
Feb. 11 th	– no Bible Study (F)
Feb. 16 th	– Presidents Day (church office closed)
Feb. 17 th	– 9:00 a.m. Circuit Pastor Mtg
Feb. 17 th	– 1:00 p.m. Ladies Guild (F)
Feb. 17 th	---- March/April Newsletter Items Due
Feb. 18 th	– 9:30 a.m. Bible Study (F)
Feb. 18 th	– 7:00 p.m. LENTEN SERVICE
Feb. 21 st	– 8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast (F)
Feb. 22 nd	– LWML Mites received during service
Feb. 25 th	– 9:30 a.m. Bible Study (F)
Feb. 25 th	– 7:00 p.m. LENTEN SERVICE

FLOWER CHART ~ February 2015 ~

2/ 1	– Mel Suelzle
2/ 8	–
2/15	–
2/22	– Lenn Gorsuch birthday

Please consider placing flowers on the altar to the glory of our Lord and for the many blessings received each day.

2015 Flower Chart is on the "Service" Bulletin Board in the Narthex.