

NEWSLETTER



ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH
5124 164TH ST. S.W. – EDMONDS, WA 98026
TELEPHONE: (425) 743-2323

March / April 2015 A.D. – THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Since this by-monthly issue of St. Timothy's newsletter begins a new approach, I'd like us to be thinking way ahead to April 5, 2015. This is the day that we will be celebrating Easter, Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead. Of course if we're going to proclaim that Jesus is risen and no longer dead in the grave, then there is 1st the celebration of Jesus' death on the cross on Good Friday (April 3rd).

Here's an assist bring the importance of Good Friday and Easter home for our journey with Jesus to our heavenly home. The following event might help us in our living as disciples of Jesus and preparing to celebrate again Jesus Christ's resurrection.

In the middle of February (2015) in San Antonio, Texas, I discovered from one of my relatives that there's a disease that is named after one side of my family. When he mentioned that, I told him that he must be kidding. But then he got out his tablet, goggled it, and there the disease was.

I quickly scanned through the comments about what the disease is all about. The symptoms and how it's passed on were interesting to read about. But there didn't seem to be any real cure for it, but then not very many people got it anyway. Never-the-less, I began to wonder about my family members and how many might have some component of this disease. I've told my kids and my sisters about this disease. But as I'm writing these thoughts, just a few days after learning about this disease, there's none much more that I can share at this time.

This brings our thoughts back to Good Friday and Easter. The whole human race is infected with sin. Sin is like a disease because it's passed on from parents to their children. All people have a sinful human nature and sin in one way or another. And the Word of God declares that the wages of sin is death -- all people die!!

When sin broke out in the Garden of Eden, God promised Adam and Eve that He had a cure for their and all their children's sins and their sins consequences. God so loved the world that He sent His Son, Christ Jesus, to be the cure for all sins of all times and of all people.

Jesus, who had no sin, had all our sins placed on Him and then went to the cross and suffer and died for all of them. God's Word informs us that the blood of Christ Jesus cleanses us from all our sins. But death is not the end. God brought Jesus Christ to life on the 3rd day. Jesus' victory over sin and death is now offered to all people as a free gift. We have receive Jesus' victory over sin and death through faith in the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

This is the good news that we celebrate not just at Good Friday and Easter, but all the time. This is the good news which our Savior desires that we share with people, any people, because our disease of sin has a cure -- it's Jesus Christ!!

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

Pastor Flath (pastor_r_flath@msn.com) H: 360-568-6580 W: 425-743-2323 C: 425-210-1795

Pastor Flath's work with Operation Barnabas

A number of the members of St. Timothy have asked me about what I've been doing as a representative on the Operation Barnabas Advisory Group. Since I've been working with this group for roughly 3 years now, I thought that a good way to let you know what we've been up to by sharing the report that I was asked to submit to the Northwest District by February 10, 2015. This report will be included in the material for the district convention in June 2015.

Note: RSO stands for Recognized Service Organization (these include our seminaries, the Concordia Universities, Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Lutheran Hour Ministries, Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, etc)

"Northwest District's Military Task Force Group Report

Throughout the past 3 years, the Northwest District's military task force working group has been relatively quiet in the district. It's members, though, continue to encourage congregations and RSOs in the district to remember in various ways those who are serving in our military on active duty and in the reserves, to remember the veterans in our midst, and to remember their families as well.

During this triennium, Northwest District military task force members Rev. Richard (Dick) Flath (St. Timothy - Edmonds, WA) and Rev. Bruce Rumsch (Trinity - Hillsboro, OR) were asked by the Synod's Ministry to the Armed Forces Board to participate in a 15 member group from around Synod. This group was charged with putting down into writing what Operation Barnabas is all about and how Operation Barnabas might benefit the congregations and other entities within The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS).

This work is still on going. But we can report at this time to the Northwest District that the things that many you have been doing with "military-connected" people have been shared and have helped shaped the "Operation Barnabas Strategic Plan" for the entire LCMS.

As a result, "the **vision** of Operation Barnabas is that every military-connected person lives in the hope and peace of God's love and mercy as revealed in the resurrection of Jesus Christ". We have defined "military-connected" people to include military members and their families, past, present, and future. However, in special circumstance, military-connected people may also include persons such as fiance's/fiance' of military service members, military contractors, military civilians, and so forth.

This vision leads to the **mission** statement of Operation Barnabas which we believe dovetails especially with congregations as they interact with people in their communities. Since we are "called by Christ's love, Operation Barnabas engages, empowers, and equips LCMS faith communities to provide hope, healing, and support to military-connected persons living in their community".

Remembering what many of you and others across Synod have done for and with military-connected people, we realized that there were guiding values that needed to be stated. We chose the following to be Operation Barnabas' guiding **values**:

"1. **Grace**: God's undeserved love and forgiveness with the power to heal brokenness, as expressed through the community of faith.

2. **Honor**: In gratitude and with respect, we demonstrate love for military members and the families, past, present, and future.

3. **Compassion:** Essential applications of God’s grace acknowledging, caring for, and walking alongside those needing hope, healing, and strength.”

May this brief outline of the Operation Barnabas Strategic Plan be helpful in all your endeavors with military-connected people.

On the district level both Rev. Richard (Dick) Flath (pastor_r_flath@msn.com or 425-210-1795) and Rev. Bruce Rumsch (padre@trinityhillsboro.com or 503-341-9542) continue to be available to talk with any of you about Operation Barnabas. At the Synod level, you can contact the Ministry to the Armed Forces (314-996-1346 x 1337) and ask for Operation Barnabas or visit the Synod’s website at <http://www.lcms.org> .

The Northwest District’s military task force working group has been around for over 10 years. With Synod’s Operation Barnabas Strategic Plan now in place, it might be a good time to re-name the Northwest District’s group. But by whatever name we’re known by, we’ll continue to encourage all the congregations and RSOs in our district to keep on reaching out to military-connected people with the love of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Richard E. Flath” If you have any questions, please speak with me. Thank You.

The Lenten Season on the church calendar began on Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2015. The Lenten Season is a 40-day preparation [not including Sundays] for Easter. The word Lent comes from a word that means “spring”. In a real sense this is a springtime for our soul -- a time of evaluation, planting, and nurture. Christians do this through the disciplines of Lent:

Repentance - facing honestly the evil in our lives and asking God to cleanse us.

Prayer - seeking times for meditation and reflection. Opportunities are given each Wednesday evening in this season; take time to listen to God’s Word and seek His intention for your life.

Self-denial - symbolically opposing our attraction to the things of this world and focusing instead on “treasures in heaven”.

Works of love - sharing our freedom in God’s grace with those around us who need our help.

By these Lenten disciplines, our faith and life are renewed. We become better prepared to fully celebrate Christ’s triumph over death at Easter [April 5, 2015].

Consider participating in the Wednesday evening services at 7:00 p.m.

Our weekly themes are:

- The Spirit of Calvary’s Climb - February 18, 2015
- The Mount of Temptation - February 25, 2015
- The Mount of Suffering - March 4, 2015
- The Mount of Loyalty - March 11, 2015
- The Mount of Sacrifice - March 18, 2015
- The Mount of Triumph - March 25, 2015

A soup supper beginning at 6:00 p.m. will be held before these services on March 11, 18, and 25.

Holy Week: Maundy Thursday Service w/ Holy Communion, April 2 -- 7:00 pm

..... Good Friday Service, April 3 -- 7:00 pm

Easter Festival Service w/ Holy Communion, April 5 -- 10:00 am

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
Pat Jones (425) 379-7077
Naomi Normington (1-314) 471-1055
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? 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; Suzanne; Merle; Terry & Jan;
Alex & Rose

Folks with Health Concerns:

Wilma; Gail; Glendale; Jack;
Neissa; Steve; Lynda; Patrick

Those with Birthdays:

March	13	--	Thirza Weber
	21	--	Millie Molenda
April	4	--	Terry Kohl
	5	--	Jim Weber
	14	--	Steve Kennedy
	15	--	Emma Suryan
	25	--	Delores Sparks

Those with a Wedding Anniversary:

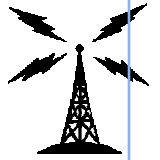
March	19	--	Jim & Thirza Weber
April	6	--	Mel & Ginny Suelzle

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

May / June NEWSLETTER

Newsletter Articles and Calendar information need to be submitted by

Tuesday, April 21, 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! 😊

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 March 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 March 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:

Health Kits: The Ladies Group is collecting travel size items by April 5th to be taken to the next LWML Joy Shop at Lamb of God Lutheran Church – Seattle on April 25.

The following items are requested to be placed in a zip lock gallon size bag:

Soap Washcloth Hand towel Razor Tooth paste Tooth Brush Shampoo
Deodorant Comb (no rat tails)

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 March 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.

Meal In A Bag: During the Lenten season from Ash Wednesday, February 18th thru Good Friday, April 3rd, please consider putting together a “meal in a bag” to be given to those in need. The instructions are posted by the Mission Post. Any questions? Call Pat Jones at 425-375-7077.

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.

Thought: May you always distinguish between the weeds and the flowers.

GOOD & FAITHFUL SERVANTS

~ March / April 2015 ~

USHERS:

- Mar. 1st** Lenn Gorsuch
Doug Spaulding
- Mar. 8th** Charlie Stewart
Willie Whitfield
Communion – Doug Spaulding
- Mar. 15th** Karl Simon
Steve Kennedy
- Mar. 22nd** Gary Eneberg
Doug Spaulding
Communion – Doug Spaulding
- Mar. 29th** Doug Spaulding
Carol Hauge
- Apr. 5th** Lenn Gorsuch
Easter Doug Spaulding
Communion – Gary Eneberg
- Apr. 12th** Charlie Stewart
Willie Whitfield
- Apr. 19th** Karl Simon
Steve Kennedy
- Apr. 26th** Gary Eneberg
Doug Spaulding
Communion – Gary Eneberg

READERS:

- Mar. 1st** Gary Normington
- Mar. 8th** Charlie Stewart
- Mar. 15th** Linda Gorsuch
- Mar. 22nd**
- Mar. 29th**
- Apr. 5th**
- Apr. 12th** Charlie Stewart
- Apr. 19th**
- Apr. 26th**

GREETERS:

- Mar. 1st** Linda Gorsuch
- Mar. 8th** Mary Stewart
- Mar. 15th** Ruth Walker
- Mar. 22nd** Carol Hauge
- Mar. 29th** Carol Hauge
- Apr. 5th** Linda Gosuch
- Apr. 12th** Mary Stewart
- Apr. 19th** Ruth Walker
- Apr. 26th** Carol Hauge

FLOWER CHART ~ March 2015 ~

3/ 1 – Mel Suelzle

3/ 8 –

3/15 –

3/22 – Lenn Gorsuch birthday

3/29 –

~ April 2015 ~

4/ 5 – Easter

4/ 12 –

4/ 19 – Emma Suryan

4/ 26 –

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.