

NEWSLETTER



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May / June 2015 A.D. – THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

At the Puget Sound Pastors Conference held April 14-16 at North Bonneville, WA, in reply to a fellow pastor asking me how things were going at St. Timothy, I casually mentioned to him that St. Timothy had a new address. I was surprised by his reply. He asked me, "Where has St. Timothy moved?" That answer might surprise you too!

Of course, I answered that the congregation hadn't move and was still in the same location. What had changed was our mailing address. Then he wanted to know why our address had changed. I went through the whole story with him about how we are attempting to sell off a piece of our property to pay off the outstanding debt we owe on the narthex addition.

I mentioned to him that with a new driveway on a different avenue there came a new address from the Post Office. However, the Post Office gives the congregation a certain amount of time for us to notify vendors and others of our new address.

This new address will begin to appear in the bulletin and is on the new membership directory that was published at the end of April. It will also be sent to the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod headquarters in St. Louis for the 2016 Lutheran Annual. This annual includes the addresses of the congregations in our synod.

As other pastors asked me how things were going here at St. Timothy, I was more conscience as to how I went about sharing with them what was happening at St. Timothy and our change of address.

In thinking about how I spoke about our address change, I thought again that this is a good reminder for us when it comes to talking about Jesus with other people. When we speak to other people about Jesus, we are clear in our mind what we are saying. But sometimes what we are thinking just doesn't come out of our mouth in the clearest way -- like my comment about St. Timothy's new address.

Therefore, we should be on the alert for the reactions and listen carefully to the responses that we get as we talk to others about Jesus. A person may give us a puzzled look. They may make a comment that you are not expecting. These then can become further opportunities for us to continue to talk about our faith in Jesus Christ.

May the Holy Spirit help us to follow up in loving and winsome ways with words and actions that express our faith in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior!

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

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FELLOWSHIP NEWS

**Please Remember in Your Prayers:
Our homebound members:**

Barbara; Suzanne; Merle;
Jan; Alex & Rose

Folks with Health Concerns:

Jan; Wilma; Gail; Bill; Glendale;
Jack; Jess; Lynda; Patrick

Those with Birthdays:

May 7 -- Adel Gonzalez
14 -- Barbara Howe
24 -- Sylvia Robinson
June 4 -- Sharron Kennedy
4 -- Ruth Walker
5 -- Emily Anderberg
9 -- Pat Jones
24 -- Lois Mueller
26 -- Edna Watters
27 -- Linda Gorsuch

Those with a Wedding Anniversary:

June 2 -- Alex & Rose Webster
7 -- Lenn & Linda Gorsuch
19 -- Charles & Edna Watters
28 -- Steve & Sharron Kennedy

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

July / August NEWSLETTER

Newsletter Articles and Calendar information need to be submitted by

Tuesday, June 23, 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! ☺

Received
4-22-2015

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
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CHRIST THE SON OF GOD LUTHERAN CHURCH
1720 S. Forest Street + Seattle WA 98144

Dear Partners in Christ's Mission:

I am writing to tell you about an open door to the kingdom which God has provided here in Seattle, to ask for your prayers, and to invite your support. This letter is being sent out with the knowledge and permission of District President Paul Linnemann.

Christ the Son of God Lutheran Church is a new mission congregation which currently operates as a satellite site of The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. Located in the Beacon Hill area of Seattle, the congregation reaches out in the Amharic language to the large multi-ethnic Ethiopian and Eritrean population of the metro area.

The Pastor of this new mission is the Rev. Beniam Habthemariam. It was my privilege to serve as Pastor Beniam's mentor in the colloquy process. Together we studied the Lutheran confessions, the history of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and the Christ-focused, Law/Gospel, means-of-grace theology which empowers our mission. From this experience I can testify that he has a heart for mission, a gift for teaching the Word, and extensive experience as a church-planter and missionary pastor in Ethiopia, Kenya and South Africa. Having completed his prescribed course of study, Pastor Beniam was recently certified for call by the LCMS Colloquy Committee. We look forward to his formal installation as Pastor as soon as Christ the Son of God is received as a member congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod at the Northwest District Convention in June.

THE STORY

Pastor Beniam and his wife Mekdes were active members of Emanuel Ethiopian Lutheran Church (LCMS) in Dallas, Texas when Mekdes' career path led them to the Seattle area. Convinced that the Lord was calling them to plant a new church in their new home town, the two of them conducted the first Service of the Word in their apartment in Renton on September 9, 2012. ***That day, a new church was born!***

Each Sunday after that, the fellowship grew in numbers. From the beginning, the focus was on evangelism, and the target groups were people who never knew the Lord and people who had become estranged from the church. After four months of steady growth, there was no longer room for the growing congregation in the Habthemariam's small apartment, so the couple walked to the nearest LCMS church, King of Kings. After pausing at the door for prayer, they went inside and found a warm welcome from Interim Pastor David Reinke. King of Kings welcomed Beniam and Mekdes into their membership and provided space for the new fellowship to meet for worship and Bible Study on Sunday evenings. During this time, Pastor Reinke introduced Beniam and Mekdes to District President Paul Linnemann. Impressed by their vision for mission, he encouraged Beniam to seek ordination in the LCMS through the colloquy process.

After four months at King of Kings, it became apparent that the group needed to relocate in central Seattle, where the Ethiopian population was concentrated. The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Seattle's Central District welcomed the group to hold Sunday afternoon Services in its sanctuary. Beniam was appointed as a Deacon at Good Shepherd and licensed by the Northwest District to provide

ministry of Word and Sacrament to the new congregation. The District, seeing the mission opportunity, made the building formerly occupied by Beacon Lutheran Church available to Good Shepherd for use by the new mission. The group chose the name "Christ the Son of God Lutheran Church," and on September 9, 2015 - the anniversary of that first Service in the Renton apartment - they held their opening Service in their new home.

CHRIST THE SON OF GOD LUTHERAN CHURCH – Today and Tomorrow

Today Christ the Son of God is a vital, growing mission congregation with an active core of 25 members and a much larger group of inquirers and visitors. Three times a year the church hosts a 3-day evangelistic conference as a concentrated, city-wide mission outreach. In addition to Sunday Services, the church has three Bible study gatherings weekly plus a Wednesday evening Prayer Meeting. A vibrant music ministry attracts young people and adds to the beauty of Sunday services. The congregation has a five-year plan for growth and outreach, including the addition of English Services for the sake of second-generation Ethiopians and as a springboard to outreach to the larger population of central Seattle.

THE NEEDS

As Pastor Beniam concentrates on leadership formation in the congregation, there is steady growth in stewardship. While the congregation hopes by God's grace to be self-supporting in five years, financial needs are pressing at the present time. Pastor Habthemariam works full time with only token financial support; and there is the cost of expanding the church's ministry in the areas of Christian education, evangelism, worship and music, and human care. (We can provide you with a copy of the church's budget at your request.) A reliable new or used car would allow Pastor Beniam to devote more time to his ministry, and also to transport members to Bible Studies and Prayer Meetings.

THE OPPORTUNITY

We are inviting you to partner with us in this beautiful new ministry! There are several ways in which this can be done:

- Make a budget commitment to Christ the Son of God Lutheran Church
- Make an annual or one-time gift to Christ the Son of God
- Invite Pastor Beniam and Mekdes to speak to your congregation, LWML, prayer or Bible study group
- Adopt Christ the Son of God as a mission project for your Sunday School, Christian Day School, or Vacation Bible School
- Become a prayer partner with us by upholding this mission, Pastor Beniam and Mekdes in daily intercession
- Visit Christ the Son of God for worship at 11:00 on Sunday morning.
- If you are located in the Seattle metro area, join the Seattle Urban Lutheran Coalition (SULC), a fellowship of congregations dedicated to prayer, planning, and support of mission outreach in central Seattle. The regular meeting is at 7 P.M. on the fourth Monday of the month at Christ the Son of God; for information, contact the chairman, Rev. Roger Dallman, 425-881-2925.

Thank you for letting us share with you the story of what God is doing by the power of His Spirit to extend the Kingdom of His Son in central Seattle!

Steven W. Olsen

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UPDATE!
Christ the Son of God's
Conference on Palm Sunday Weekend
drew almost 500 people!
Two adult Baptisms were
celebrated!

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 May 19, 2015. All ladies are welcome!



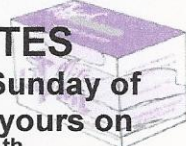
*SERVE THE LORD
WITH GLADNESS*

Psalm 100:2

LWML MISSION MITES

are collected on the fourth Sunday of every month. Please bring yours on May 24th and June 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.

LADIES GUILD NEWS: (submitted by Emma)

Salad Luncheon: The Ladies Group of St. Timothy is having their annual Salad Luncheon on May 2 (Saturday), beginning at 12 noon. Bring a salad and a friend to enjoy Christian fellowship.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting is May 19th. We will then not meet again until Sept. 15th.

Fall Bazaar: We are planning our annual bazaar for November 7th. Everyone is invited to bring items to sell at the bazaar. Over the years we have earned enough to purchase items for the members to use and enjoy in the church.

Officers for the coming year: President – Naomi Normington; Vice-President – Emma Suryan; Secretary – Mary Stewart; Treasurer – Thirza Weber; Christian Growth – Sylvia Robinson.

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 in the Fellowship Hall after our morning worship service.

MISSION POST NOTE: (on the next page)

MISSION POST NOTE: (submitted by Pat)

The congregation of St. Timothy Lutheran Church has been very supportive and generous in contributing to the various activities of the Mission Post these past nine years. As I am leaving the area, I pray that someone(s) will take over this ministry of St. Timothy.

The "duties" of the Mission Post:

During Lent: meals in a bag (QFC donated bags) to the Lynnwood Food Bank.

November food to replenish shelves at the food bank after Thanksgiving.

Clothes collected and taken to homeless shelters.

Red mesh stocking: a monthly coin collecting project that is brought in December and that goes to special Christmas gifts to needy in the congregation and /or other charities.

Large red stocking at Christmas time to collect new socks (men, women, children) to go to homeless shelters and Clothes for Kids.

Collections at other times of the year for various charitable projects.

Put notices in newsletters.

Please prayerfully consider this service to the Lord.

If you have questions, contact Pat Jones at 425-379-7077

- I have posters and signs to hang on the MISSION POST.

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.

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.





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 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

Challenge!

Our campaign is off to a great start. See page 3 for details.

April, 2015

“A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”

(John 20:26, NIV)

“I don’t know what I believe anymore ...” Over the years, I have come to realize that statements like that can reflect honest feelings that come from a place of deep despair – a time when circumstances test our faith and leave us shaken to the core.

Life’s tragedies and trials can shake the best of us. The account of Thomas from John 20 is an illustration of that. If you have heard good sermons on Thomas, you may recall that the moniker “Doubting Thomas” isn’t a balanced depiction. In John 11:7, Jesus had told his disciples “Let us go back to Judea.” Most of the disciples respond, “...the Jews tried to stone you, and yet you are going back there.” Yet it is Thomas who responds to the rest of the disciples by saying, “Let us also go, that we may die with him [Jesus]” (Jn. 11:16). Thomas’ love and zeal for Jesus had been as great as anyone else’s. Yet the events of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday had tested Thomas’ faith and had left him shaken to the core.

Thomas’ famous words “unless I see ... and touch ... I will not believe it” (Jn. 11:25) reflect his honest feelings at that moment. For Thomas, everything changed when his honest feelings were confronted by God’s *Truth*, i.e. the Risen Lord himself. Jesus was there in person - able to be seen and touched. Like a gentle shepherd, he guided Thomas back to faith. We shouldn’t let familiarity with the story keep us from taking Jesus’ words to Thomas and disciples through the ages to heart, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed” (Jn. 20:29).

At LMS, we often meet people whose circumstances and experiences leave them shaken to the core. We allow them to express honest feelings. All the while, our ministry (whether it is sharing Scripture or offering a quiet, reassuring presence) serves as a testimony and a reminder of the Risen Christ’s presence – even to the end of the age (Mt. 28:20). Thank you for partnering with us in this ministry. Chaplain Arthur Werzner

LMSN in Action- Sharing More Words of Thanks

Dear Chaplain,

Thank you for taking the time to be with me when my mom died. Your presence was like an island of calm in the midst of that dark stormy night of despair. I felt the peace of God through you. You are a very special person.

May God continue to bless you in your work.

Thank you.

(Name Withheld)



Challenge Campaign to Raise \$50,000.00 +
By May 15, 2015

The campaign is off to a great start! \$25,000.00 has been pledged toward our campaign. Raising an additional \$25,000.00 results in a guaranteed total of \$50,000.00 toward the support of Lutheran Ministry Services Northwest.

LMSN is an outreach ministry to hospitals and care centers. We are an outreach of the Body of Christ. Our hospital ministry serves patients who live locally as well as people who come to Seattle from all over the Northwest (sometimes from all parts of the United States and internationally) for specialized treatment. Our care center ministry brings Christ's love and joy to the people we serve.

Lutheran Ministry Services NW is only made possible by your continued financial support.

Ways to help:

- Using the attached pledge sheet with a **check**,
- Using a **credit card** (See below as well as the *Simply Giving* section under the "How to Help" tab on our LMSN website www.lmsnw.org)
- **Thrivent Choice®!** Go to www.thrivent.com and log-in to designate Choice® dollars quarterly or annually.

This mailing was made possible by a grant from The LCMS.

LMSN does not release its mailing list to any other persons or organizations.

LMSN is a 501(c)3 nonprofit tax exempt organization. Your contributions are tax deductible.

-----Tear on Perforation and fold slip for inclusion in the return envelope. Thank you!-----

Challenge Drive Offering

- My check payable to LMSNW is enclosed
- At this time, I'm pledging _____ in payments of \$ _____ over the next _____ months.
- Please charge my gift to my credit card
- VISA MasterCard Discover American Express
- Name of Cardholder (as it is written on the credit card) _____
- Account Number _____ Expiration Date _____
- Signature _____ Amount \$ _____
- Phone Number _____ E-mail Address _____
- I have set up monthly giving in the amount of \$ _____ via the Simply Giving® option at www.lmsnw.org.

Thank you for your generous support! E-mail: lms@lmsnw.org, Phone – 206-450-7128



SERVING THOSE
WHO SERVE

GOOD & FAITHFUL SERVANTS

~ May / June 2015 ~

USHERS:

May 3 Lenn Gorsuch
Doug Spaulding
May 10 Charlie Stewart
Willie Whitfield
Communion – Karl Simon
May 17 Karl Simon
May 24 Gary Eneberg

Communion – Karl Simon
May 31

June 7 Lenn Gorsuch
Doug Spaulding
June 14 Charlie Stewart
Willie Whitfield
Communion – Lenn Gorsuch
June 21 Gary Eneberg
June 28 Karl Simon

Communion – Lenn Gorsuch

READERS:

May 3
May 10 Charlie Stewart
May 17
May 24
May 31
June 7
June 14 Charlie Stewart
June 21
June 28

GREETERS:

May 3 Linda Gorsuch
May 10 Mary Stewart
May 17 Ruth Walker
May 24 Carol Hauge
May 31 Carol Hauge
June 7 Linda Gosuch
June 14 Mary Stewart
June 21 Ruth Walker
June 28 Carol Hauge

FLOWER CHART

~ May 2015 ~

5/3 –

5/10 – Patsy Simon birthday

5/17 –

5/24 – Jess & Laura Washabaugh .
29th wedding anniversary

5/31 –

~ June 2015 ~

6/7 –

6/14 – Lenn & Linda Gorsuch
wedding anniversary

6/21 –

6/28 – Charles & Mary Stewart

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.