# NEWSLETTER



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#### July / August 2015 A.D. – THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The 64<sup>th</sup> convention of the Northwest District of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod was held in Portland, OR on June 11 - 13, 2015. The convention was centered around Joshua 1:9. There God said to Joshua: "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." (ESV) The words "**strong**" and "**courageous**" were emphasized.

One of the things that the delegates did was to listen to 4 presentations on the end policies of the district as they revolve around the Synod's emphasis of "Witness, Mercy, Life Together". I was at a table that had delegates from eastern Washington, Alaska, and Idaho. It was interesting to hear how St. Timothy is not unique to the fact that other congregations too have challenges facing them when it comes to sharing the love of Jesus in their community.

I have included the Northwest District's "End Policies April 2013" for you to read over and to think about. Perhaps they can help us as we work on into the future as we reflect on what we are doing now and can do in the future.

As I mentioned at the June 14<sup>th</sup> Voters Meeting, one of the resolutions that passed was "to encourage our congregations to study the practice of every Sunday communion". This resolution also asked that the District Office to provide some resources to help congregations study their practice of how often they celebrate Holy Communion. From past experiences with resolutions like this, the study material will come in 2 or 3 years!

A full report of the "happenings" of this District Convention should be on the District's web site: www.NOWLCMS.org. Our re-elected District President Rev. Paul Linnemann chaired one of the most peaceful conventions that I have been to in my 35 years as a pastor in the Northwest District. For that I am thankful! However, this was also the convention that had the least number of youth delegates in many years -- only 17.

Our district president summed it up this way:

"Being a Christian in today's world can be a daunting proposition, too [as it was for Joshua]. We are faced with challenges and obstacles we couldn't envision even a few years ago, but God speaks the same words to us that we might go about our mission with courage and strength. God is with us ... always ... wherever we should go."

To that end, may our good and gracious Lord bless our work for Jesus and our summer time activities!

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 **in September** 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.



#### 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 <u>www.issuesetc.org</u>.

# St. Timothy Prayer Team

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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 <u>your</u> 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: <u>www.facebook.com/KFUORadio</u>. Streaming and archived at <u>www.kfuo.org</u>.

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# **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 <u>www.labelsforeducation.com</u>

# 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: <u>www.sainttimothylutheran.net</u>

Let us know if you prefer to read your St. Timothy news online, and we will print one less copy – email us at: <u>stlc\_office@frontier.com</u>

## September / October NEWSLETTER

Newsletter Articles and Calendar information need to be submitted by

## Tuesday, August 25, 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 <u>stlc.office@frontier.net</u>.

Please let us know if we have missed your birthday or anniversary. Thanks! ③

# LADIES GUILD NEWS

Ladies' Guild Meetings Meetings are held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 1:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for <u>September 15, 2015</u>. All ladies are welcome!

LWML MISSION MITES are collected on the fourth Sunday of every month. Please bring yours on July 26<sup>th</sup> and August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Donations will be collected during the church service when you come to the front for communion.



SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS Psalm 100:2

**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:

**Next Meeting:** Our next meeting will not meet again until September. 15<sup>th</sup>. Have a wonderful summer!

**Fall Bazaar:** We are planning our annual bazaar for November 7<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**PORTALS OF PRAYER** now come in 3 sizes. If you would like the 8.5 x 11 version with the largest print and you are not picking up one of the 2 that we receive at this time, please tell Pastor Flath. We are about to change the number of copies that we are receiving quarterly of the small and medium sizes.

### **GOOD & FAITHFUL SERVANTS**

~ July / August 2015 ~

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July 12	Charlie Stewart					
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July 26	Laura Washabaugh					
August 2	Mel Suelzle					
August 9	Charlie Stewart					
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July 5	Linda Gorsuch					
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July 19	Ruth Walker					
July 26	Carol Hauge					
August 2	Linda Gosuch					
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# **FLOWER CHART** ~ July 2015 ~ 5 – Normington anniversary 12 – Mel Suelzle 19 -26 -~ August 2015 ~ 2 - Gary & Naomi Normington 9 -

- 16 Charles Stewart birthday
- 23 Emma Suryan
- 30 -

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.

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#### **MISSION POST:**

St. Timothy Lutheran Church has been very supportive and generous in contributing to the various activities of the Mission Post these past nine years. Please consider taking over an activity or two of this ministry of St. Timothy.

The "duties" of the Mission Post in the past have been:

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.

Hang posters and signs on the MISSION POST in the Narthex.

If you might be interested in assisting with any of these activities, pray about it. If you would like to give one a shot, please speak with Pastor Flath for more details.

#### ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Our next "5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Potluck" on August 30<sup>th</sup> after our Sunday morning worship service will be an ice cream social. Our last ice cream social was a big hit. Maybe by the end of August we'll have a warm day left to make the event even more special. More information about this event will be coming in the bulletin as the date gets closer.

As a familiar voice on TV says: "Ice cream!!!!!!!!"