

NEWSLETTER



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December 2016 / January 2017 A.D. – THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

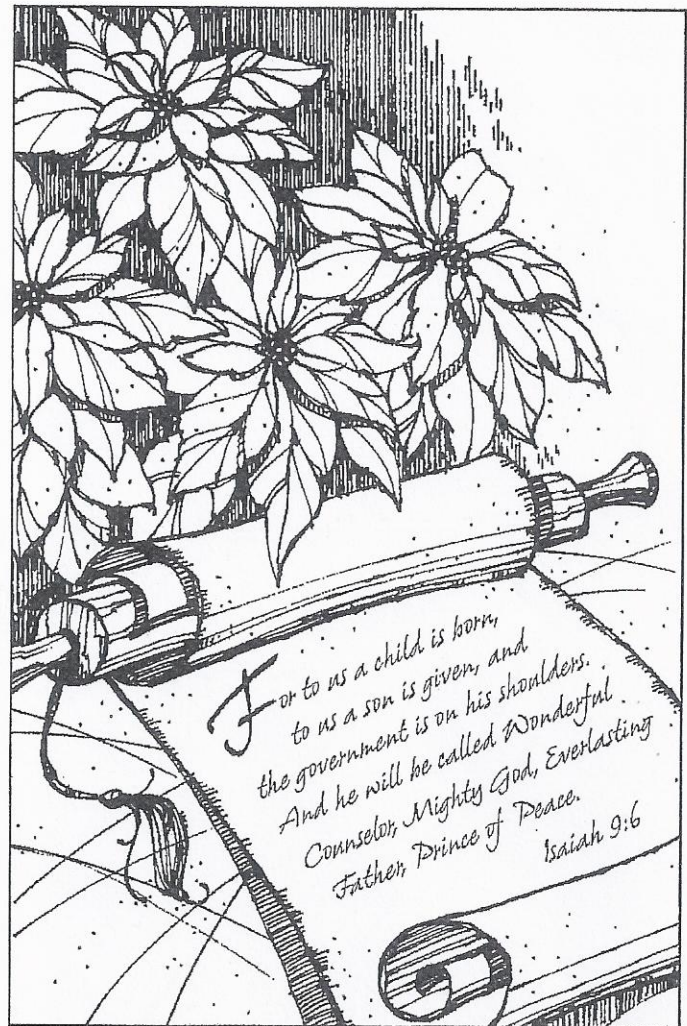
With our new format here at St. Timothy with a newsletter every other month, this is the first time that our newsletter will be for the December and January time frame. In some ways that's good for me as the pastor. It's good because there is so much of Christ Jesus' life that gets packed into the first part of the church year that we could share some thoughts about. However, it's not so good because there's always something important that we just don't have time to really thinking about.

Since Christmas falls on a Sunday this year, we will miss the Gospel readings for the 1st and 2nd Sundays after Christmas. Those Gospel readings tell of "the flight to Egypt by the Christ Child" (Matthew 2:13-23) and "the 12 year old Jesus in the temple" (Luke 2:40-52). But on the other hand, because January 1st is a Sunday this year, we will celebrate the Circumcision and Name of Jesus that day (something we usually don't celebrate because it doesn't fall on a Sunday!).

The next Sunday (January 8th) our scripture readings take us to Jesus' baptism at the age of 30 in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. How time flies by!! But wait!! The Holy Spirit only moved Luke to record one event in Jesus' life from the time Joseph, Mary, and the child Jesus returned from Egypt and settled in Nazareth and Jesus' baptism.

In those first 30 years of His life, "**Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man**" (Luke 2:52 ESV). Jesus physically grew up as a boy and then as a young man in such a way that He wasn't a trouble maker. He was a model citizen who was very smart. Jesus spiritually grew up during those 30 years as well as He learned the scriptures of the Old Testament. This was pleasing to His heavenly Father who had sent His only Son to be the Savior of all people.

For most of us who are reading these "Thoughts From The Pastor", our physical growing days are behind us -- we are in the maintaining stage of life now. Even so, we ask our heavenly Father to continue to watch over us and care for our physical well-being according to His good and gracious will. However, there are still many "things" in the universe which God created that we all can



continue to learn and become more knowledgeable about.

Yet when it comes to spiritual things, no matter what our age or our condition in life might be, God the Father through His Word directs His children, those who the disciples of His Son, to keep on growing. The Word of God in 2 Peter 3:18 encourages us to **“grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen”** (ESV)

This **“growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ”** is our challenge for the new church year which began on November 27, 2016 A.D. and for the new calendar year that begins on January 1, 2017 A.D. Therefore, we disciples of Jesus Christ ask the Holy Spirit to assist us, to help us, to move us, and to bless us in our spiritual growth when it comes to Jesus.

Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would help His disciples to grow spiritually. For that reason, Spirit will help us spiritually grow in our Lord and Savior through such things like reading our Bible; worshipping together with other disciples of Jesus; having devotions; receiving Holy Communion often; talking to others about our faith; visiting others who are homebound or recuperating; studying God’s Word with others; and in many other ways.

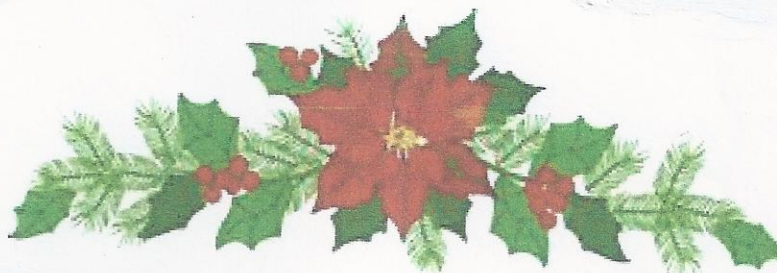
This time of the year can get pretty busy for most of us as Christmas is fast approaching. But this is also a very good time for us to grow some more spiritually. Take a few moments to reflect on the reason for this season -- the birth of the Savior, Christ the Lord.

Without Jesus Christ in Christmas, there is no hope! With Jesus Christ in Christmas, there is life and salvation for all those who believe!! The Son of God came and did what He was sent to do through His life, suffering, and death. Then Christ Jesus rose in victory over sin, death, the devil, and the grave so that all who believe in Him might celebrate eternally in heaven with Him!

Remembering the Christ of Christmas bring us joy, peace, and hope no matter how we are doing in life or where we might be.

A may the love of the Lord Jesus always be in your heart!

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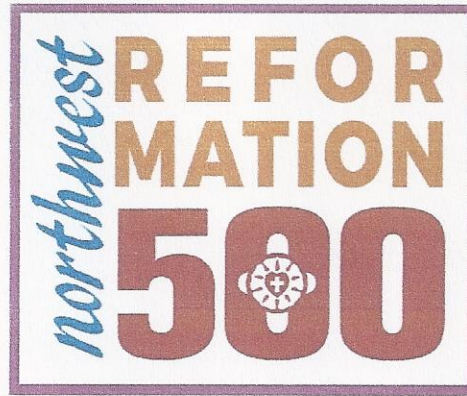
Flower Sign-up Calendar for 2017 is now up in the Narthex. When you sign-up, if there is a special occasion for that day, please include that with your name.

Bible Study Opportunities at St. Timothy meet in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend both that we have going at this time.

Sunday mornings before the worship service from 9:00 - 9:15 a.m.: new study of James.

Wednesday mornings from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.: studying the Gosepl of Matthew

Sunday School is meeting Sunday mornings from 9:15 - 9:45 a.m. in Room 4

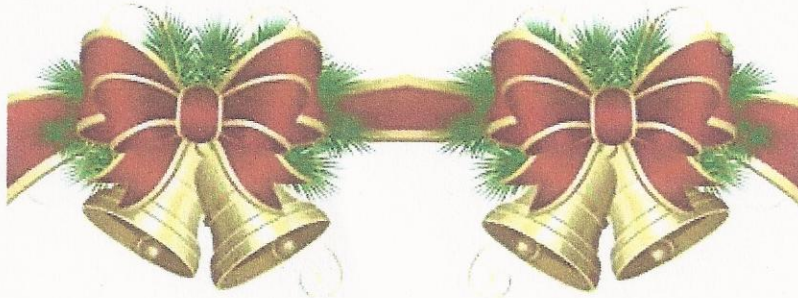


SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, October 29, 2017

Celebrate the **500th anniversary of the Reformation**
with Lutherans and fellow Christians
from across the Puget Sound region and beyond.

It's still all about Jesus.

<http://nwreformation500.com/>



St. Timothy Lutheran Church

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Saturday, December 24th
at 6:00 P.M.

Christmas Day Worship Service
Sunday, December 25th
at 10:00 A.M.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

BIBLE STUDIES AT ST. TIMOTHY

Sunday Morning at 9:00 AM -

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

Wednesday Morning Bible Study -

We continue a study of the Gospel of **Matthew** Wednesdays at 9:30 - 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. 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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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**



3 Midweek Advent Services at 7:00 P.M.

based on Isaiah 9:6

November 30 - "Wonderful Counselor"

December 7 - "Mighty God"

December 14 - "Everlasting Father"

"Prince of Peace" - Christmas Day

Soups Suppers will be held before each service in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 6:00 P.M.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Please Remember in Your Prayers:

Our homebound members:

Barbara; Wilma; Millie; Gertrud; Alex

Folks with Health Concerns:

Wayne; Karen; Wilma; Naomi; Liese

Members family and friends:

Gail; John; Jenae; Joel; Todd; Raymond

Those with Birthdays:

December 12 - Gertrud Schulz

23 - Orville Bodenstab

January 14 - Karen Herrick

Those with a Wedding Anniversary:

December 28 - John and Karen Herrick

30 - Pastor and Sandy Flath

January - not listed

Please inform Pastor Flath if any birthdays and wedding anniversaries have been overlooked.

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

Listen to:

THE LUTHERAN HOUR

Sundays



6:00 a.m. – 1320 AM KXRO

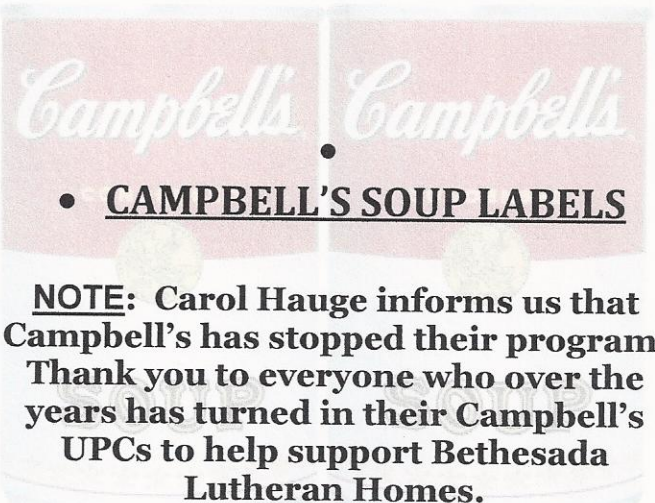
6:30 a.m. – 880 AM KIXI

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

NOTE: Carol Hauge informs us that Campbell's has stopped their program. Thank you to everyone who over the years has turned in their Campbell's UPCs to help support Bethesada Lutheran Homes.

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

February / March NEWSLETTER

Newsletter Articles and Calendar information need to be submitted by

Tuesday, January 24, 2017!

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

Meetings are held every 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 1:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2017. All ladies are welcome!

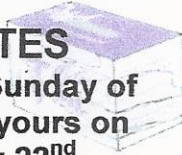


*SERVE THE LORD
WITH GLADNESS*

Psalm 100:2

LWML MISSION MITES

are collected on the fourth Sunday of every month. Please bring yours on December 25th & January 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 Notes:

Lunch at Olive Garden on December 13th at noonish instead of a meeting in December.

Socks of various types and styles are being gathered by the Ladies Guild for Pathways for Women. If anyone in the congregation is able to help, please leave the socks you bring in the basket in the Narthex between now and Sunday, December 18.

Mites for projects of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League are collected during the worship service on the 4th Sunday of each month. An oversized Mite Box is placed before our altar to receive your generous donations. For over 60 years, mites have been gathered in many congregations across our Synod to support various mission ventures locally and around the world. We thank the Lord that pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters (as well cash) have added up over the years to accomplish much for the Kingdom of God.

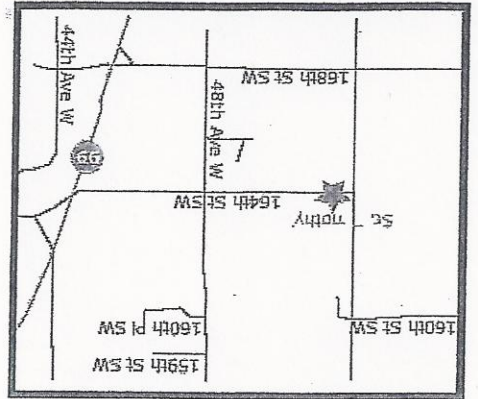
Small Mite Boxes are available in the Narthex for your monthly collecting of coins.



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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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