

# NEWSLETTER



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## FEBRUARY/MARCH 2016 A.D. – THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Right after the season of Lent begins on February 10<sup>th</sup>, Valentine's Day is celebrated on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Valentine's Day is often a day in which "love" is the key word for the day. There are many ways that are suggested through which we can show "love" to our spouse, our children, our parents, and others whom we'd like to remember in a loving way on that day. But what about the other days of the year?

The Lenten season of the church year zeros in on how much God loves us each and every day of the year. It all has to do with Jesus! It has to do with Jesus' perfect life and innocent suffering and death on the cross. This He did willingly out of love for all people. Jesus did that because all people sin and come up short of what God expects of them in life.

By God's grace, those of us who have been brought to saving faith in Jesus by the work of the Holy Spirit are thankful to the Lord for the forgiveness of our sins and for our salvation. One of the ways we show our thankfulness to God for His gifts to us of the forgiveness of all our sins and eternal life is to love other people not only on special days (like Valentine's Day or a birthday) but each and every day of the year. God's Word tells us of the only reason this loving of others is possible on our part. 1 John 4:19 declares that "we love because [God] first loved us".

Since we will not have a full slate of midweek Lenten services this year (see note below), I will be using the Sunday sermons in Lent to help us zero in on those who wanted Jesus to die and on Jesus' loving response to each. Even though Jesus knew all that was going to take place in His passion, and He also knew all those who would want Him to die, Jesus continued to love them all even in the worst possible times. In so doing, Jesus has set the perfect example for us to follow in how to love other people.

However, our love for other folks will never be able to match Jesus' perfect love. Nevertheless, let's continue to ask the Holy Spirit to assist us to follow Jesus' example as we love others (including our foes) with loving thoughts, words, and actions -- and seek the Lord's forgiveness when we don't. Lord, grant that to us all!

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

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**MIDWEEK EVENING LENTEN SERVICES FOR 2016**

The Board of Elders approved the following schedule for midweek services during Lent this year:

Ash Wednesday -- February 10: 7:00 p.m. service with Holy Communion  
Maundy Thursday -- March 24: 7:00 p.m. service with Holy Communion  
Good Friday -- March 25: 7:00 p.m. service

Soup suppers only on Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> and Mar. 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

**EASTER SUNDAY -- March 27, 2016:**

10:00 am festival service with Holy Communion

(Newsletter printed on 1-21-2016)



# FELLOWSHIP NEWS

## Please Remember in Your Prayers:

### Our homebound members:

Barbara; Jan; Glen; Wilma;  
Millie; Gertrud; Alex; Bea

### Folks with Health Concerns:

Wilma; Millie; Alex; Liese; Bea; Gail;  
Gabe; Glendale; Jack; Patrick

### Those with Birthdays:

February 8 -- Bonnie Kulas  
21 -- Lenn Gorsuch  
21 -- Michael Miller  
March 17 -- Thirza Weber  
21 -- Millie Molenda

### Those with a Wedding Anniversary:

March 19 -- Jim and Thirza Weber

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

**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](http://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](http://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](mailto:stlc_office@frontier.com)

## April / May NEWSLETTER

Newsletter Articles and Calendar information need to be submitted by

**Tuesday, March 15, 2016!**

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](mailto:stlc.office@frontier.net).

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

## Council Report – Mel Suelzle



December 31<sup>st</sup> marked the end of our second quarter of fiscal year 2016. The financial results for this halfway point of the fiscal year are shown below. Our contribution income is off our plan at only 96% or \$2,019 less that we had expected. This is WITH \$3,000 of income from our anonymous donor. Expenses, being more stable, were slightly below our plan at 98%. This helped to offset some of our lower income result, but still left us with a net shortfall of income after expenses of \$1,390 for the first half of our fiscal year.

### Mid-Year Financial Report for FY2016 July – December

Income	Budget	Actual		Remaining \$\$
Worship Service Offerings	42,844	39,101	91%	3,743
Building Fund Donations	7,470	6,150	82%	1,320
Facility Use/Other Income	1,143	4,187	366%	-3,044
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>51,457</b>	<b>49,438</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>2,019</b>
Expense				
Elders	21,394	21,335	100%	-59
Trustees	7,728	7,629	99%	99
Council	20,830	20,706	99%	-123
Administration	2,801	2,813	100%	-12
Worship & Music	3,817	3,761	99%	56
Education	38	19	49%	19
Fellowship	850	45	5%	805
Stewardship	225	186	83%	39
Evangelism	420	576	137%	-156
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>58,103</b>	<b>57,070</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>1,033</b>
<b>Income Less Expense</b>	<b>-6,241</b>	<b>-7,631</b>	<b>122%</b>	<b>1,390</b>

**PROPERTY SALE UPDATE** Our sales agreement is still in place and we have no reason to believe our schedule to close this sale will not occur mid-June. This will be in time for our FY2017 budget that will reflect the sale proceeds and retirement of our Narthex mortgage.



**SANTA STOCKING SUMMARY** Our Santa Stocking program for 2015 was concluded during December. The contributions from the congregation totaled \$538. This amount was added to the Thrivent contribution and \$350 from remaining memorial funds to total \$1006 for distribution. At the January 12<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, it was decided to distribute \$200 to each of the following:



- Lutheran Community Service – Lynnwood
- Lutheran Ministries – Seattle
- Kid for Clothes
- Everett Gospel Mission
- Heating assistance to a congregational member

With changes to the Thrivent programs we may not receive funds as we have in the past. However, the generosity of the members of St Timothy has always been strong and there is no reason that we could not continue the program regardless of any changes to the Thrivent programs.

The Santa Stocking program has supported \$5600 for social ministry programs in the past 5 years. This program is one of several social ministry programs that Pat Jones championed at St Timothy. The people of St Timothy are generous and need only a leader to produce bring this generosity to aid the needy in our community. We need someone to step up to take this leadership position to keep Pat's programs going forward. Please give some thought to giving or your time and talent to keep this important program continuing.

# 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 -

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](http://www.issuesetc.org).

## 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**



## \* EASTER EGG HUNT \*

Where: St. Timothy Lutheran Church grounds

When: March 26, 2016 (Saturday)

What time: 9:00 a.m. until finished

Who's invited: the children of our neighborhood

(watch the Sunday bulletins for more details)

# 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 February 16, 2016. All ladies are welcome!

## LWML MISSION MITES

are collected on the fourth Sunday of every month. Please bring yours on February 28<sup>th</sup> and March 27<sup>th</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 be February 16 at 1:00 p.m.

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

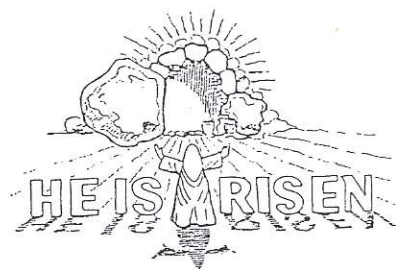
**Prayer Service:** A special prayer service before Lent begins -- sponsored by the circuit Lutheran Women's Missionary League for all the congregations in our circuit -- will be held here at St. Timothy on Sunday January 31<sup>st</sup> (after the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday potluck) beginning at 1:00 p.m. Our extra potluck food will be available for those coming to the service who haven't had a chance to eat. This service is for everyone, both men and women. We hope that many of our own members will be able to attend.

**Mites** for projects of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League are collected during the worship service on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## WITH SINCERE SYMPATHY

We wish to express our sympathy to the family of Suzanne Kiner. Suzanne was called to be with our Lord on January 5, 2016.

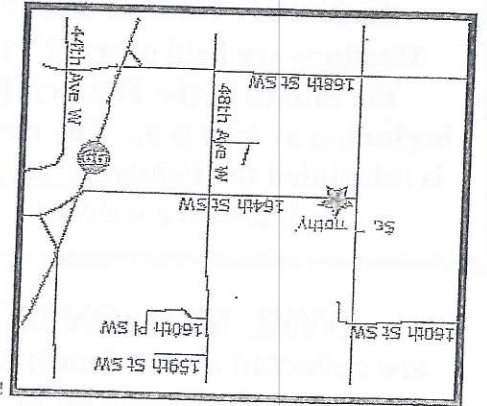
May the Lord who passed from death to life comfort all who mourn with the sure hope of the resurrection.



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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

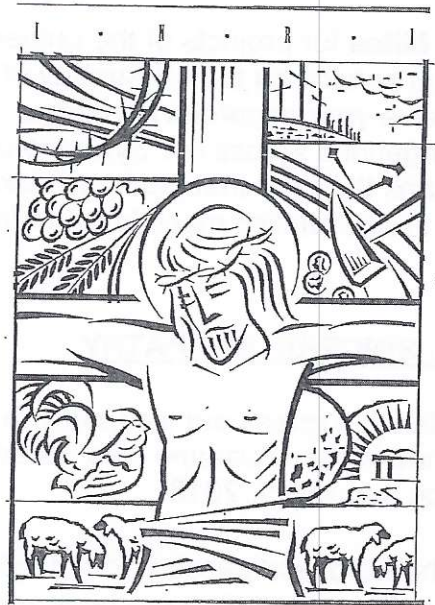
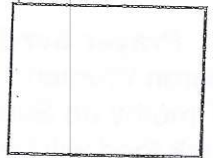
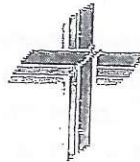
**SUNDAY'S FOR FAMILIES**



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