

NEWSLETTER



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October / November 2018 -- Thoughts From The Pastor

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

There are many individuals in the Bible whom God chose for "special work" for Him. In the Old Testament, many of the prophets tell how the LORD picked them out to bring God's word of judgment and hope to God's people. For instance, Jeremiah is told by the LORD that He chose him even before Jeremiah was born for the "special work" that God had for him to do.

In the New Testament, God chose the virgin Mary for some "special work" too. Mary was chosen by God to be the mother of the Savior of the world! That was a one-time assignment which only one person could do. Mary trusted in God and then took on God's "special work" willingly even though she had no real idea what would be in store for her.

Jesus Christ also willingly took on the special assignment that His heavenly Father gave Him to do. The Son of God was to be the Savior of all people. There is only one Savior! There is only one way to heaven and that is through faith in the redeeming "special work" of Jesus' life, suffering, death, and resurrection. Any other way to heaven is a lie!

Since you and I have been brought to saving faith in Jesus Christ, now God the Father has some "special work" for us to do for Him. This work is not to be secret or confidential like some of the assignments I was given in the military which I was not to speak about in any detail.

In our baptism God the heavenly Father has made us His own children, has forgiven all of our sins, has made us heirs of eternal life, and now desires that we continually share with other people the message of salvation through His Son, Jesus Christ. This is the same "special work" that Jesus has given us to be doing as a disciple of Jesus -- make disciples for Jesus of all nations.

What Jesus Christ has done for us and for all people is something that everyone needs to hear about. God doesn't want what Jesus has done to be a secret that just a few people know about. Therefore, no matter what our age or situation in life, God gives all of us opportunities to share the good news of Jesus' life changing work with other people!

By God's grace, the Holy Spirit can help each of us to "shout it from the mountain tops" that Jesus is the Redeemer of all people! We want our world to know about the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

May God the heavenly Father bless this "special work" we do by faith for Him!

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

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LWML NOTES

LWML MISSION MITES

are collected on the fourth Sunday of



every month. Please bring yours on
October 28 and November 25.

Donations will be collected during the
church service when you come to the
front for communion.



*SERVE THE LORD
WITH GLADNESS*

Psalm 100:2

Please note:

Items and events concerning the
Lutheran Women's Missionary League
will continue to appear in the newsletter
and in the Sunday bulletin

Fellowship News

Mites

Mites for projects of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League are still being collected during the worship service on the 4th Sunday of each month. An oversized Mite Box will be placed before our altar to receive our 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 over the years pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters (as well cash) have added up to accomplish much for the Kingdom of God.

Small Mite Boxes

If needed, small mite boxes are available in the Narthex for your monthly collecting of coins.

Red mesh stocking project

This monthly coin collecting project will be concluding in December 2018. Your coins will be gathered together with those of fellow church members. The funds will go to special Christmas donations to local charities.

Then in January of the new year 2019, the red mesh stocking project is scheduled to begin again! Ask Grace for a red mesh stocking if you would like to be a part of this social ministry project. Please put a few coins into your stocking each month.

1st Aid Kits

One 1st aid kit is kept in the draws near the mailboxes in the Narthex. The other is in the Fellowship Hall closet where kitchen supplies are stored. **Ice-packs** are in the basement

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Please Remember in Your Prayers:

Our homebound members:

Barbara; Millie; Gertrud; Emma;
Charlie & Mary; Alex; Liese

Folks with Health Concerns:

Major; Thirza; Liese

Family members and friends: Dona; Lee;
Fern; John; Bella; Ava; Hunter Rose;
Katie; Cyrus; Asha

Those with Birthdays:

October 1 – George R.
5 – Beatrice S.; 8 – Grace H.
10 – Doug S.; 11 – Sandy F.
21 – Debbie Z.; 31 – Mary S.
November 10 – Mike M.
20 – Alicia K.

Those with a Wedding Anniversary:

October – none recorded
November 28 – David & Joyce H.

Please inform Pastor Flath if any birthdays and/or wedding anniversaries have been overlooked. Thank you!

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

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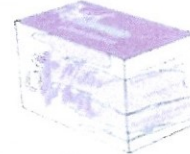
Sundays

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



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December / January NEWSLETTER

Articles and Calendar information needs to be submitted by **Tuesday, November 20th**. Please make sure that information that is printed or handwritten is placed in the **NEWSLETTER** mailbox, OR hand it to Pastor Flath. You may also send it via e-mail to

stlc.office@frontier.net.

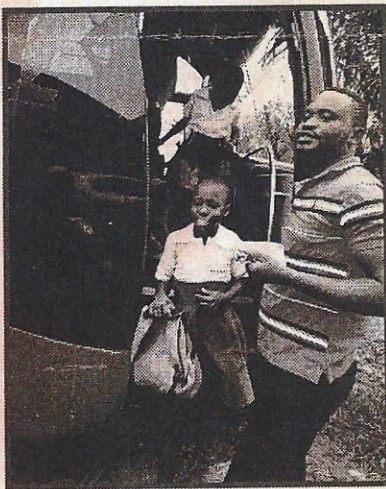
Please let us know if we have missed your birthday or anniversary. Thanks! ☺

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SEP. 4, 2018

Dear friends and family,

I hope all of you are safe from fire problems, weather issues, and health concerns. It is certainly easy to tell we live in a sin-infested world. While the specific problems are different in Ghana, the list is no shorter. Praise God we can all bring our concerns to Him who is Sovereign.

My time in Ghana was a wonderful, blessed experience that brought new Christian friends into my life, gave a different perspective on some things, and deepened my relationship with our Lord. It is always so powerful to be able to worship with believers thousands of miles away and to know that it is the same Bible and the same God. To those of you who supported me during that time or for other trips, thank you so much for being part of spreading God's Word.



Less than a week after I returned to the US I began training to go back to Ghana. Our team from the Sending Place will be going to Juaben on January 29. We will speak at a Muslim school, lead conferences for men and for women, and spend time with Jewel International Christian School and Grace Power Fellowship Church, Pastor Joseph Wayoe's congregation. It will be a very busy week of teaching about God and His love and encouraging the believers there while learning from their faith stories. When the team returns to America, I am excited to say I will stay behind for about a month to continue the work I was doing with that church and school during my longer stay.

I am offering you here a chance to be part of this ministry work by supporting me financially and/or in prayer. Even though not everyone can have the pleasure of actually going to Ghana to participate, you can be an integral part of this mission task by sending me. The total funds needed are \$4000 with the first half due Oct. 5 and the rest by Dec. 15. Included in this mailing is a coupon and an envelope for sending in your support. If you write a check and want tax credit, *do not write my name anywhere on the check.*



Thank you so much for taking time to consider this opportunity to follow the words of Psalm 96:3 "Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!" Please pray for Pastor Joseph and his church and the school. May God's strength and joy fill your heart as you serve Him right where you are.

Peggy

Clothing Drive

We need your help.

I'm chaplain Kirk Van Nata and I'm asking for your help in providing men's clothing and footwear for the inmates at

Mc Neil Island Special Commitment Center.



The inmates do not wear prison garments. They are responsible for their own clothing and footwear.

New or used men's clothing and footwear items would be greatly appreciated.

You can drop off items at your local church, and we will make arrangements to pick them up and deliver to McNeil Island.

I'm associated with Lutheran Ministry Services Northwest (LMSN).

Call Don Sundene (Executive Director of LMSN) at 425-219-3493 or email donsundene@hotmail.com for pick up arrangements. You may also call me directly. Kirk Van Nata 253-588-5281 EXT 0151.

Blessings on your day.

In Christ

Chaplain Van Natta, M.Div.

Mc Neal Island Special Commitment Center

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