

NEWSLETTER

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April 2019 / May 2019 A.D. – THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Many people in the greater Puget Sound area are just loving it that it is now springtime once again! Most of us will gladly put cold and snowy February 2019 in the past. It is just a memory as we are now enjoying some record high temperatures. As I write this (3-19-2019), day light savings time is back giving us more daylight in the evening. There is even talk about making it year around.

There is “new” life all around us too. Many of the trees that have been dormant for 3 or 4 months are coming to life once again. The bulbs planted last fall, or that we forgot to dig up, are sending up little green shoots. Can beautiful flowers be far behind?

It has often been said by many people who live in the northern hemisphere that springtime is a wonderful time of the year for Easter with so many things coming back to life after a long winter. Disciples of Jesus can point to the new life that God the Father offers to all people through His Son Christ Jesus. The Savior Jesus Christ who was “planted” in the earth after His death of Good Friday, “sprang” to life 3 days later on Easter morning with His resurrection from the dead.

No matter where a follower of Jesus Christ lives on earth, and on the space-station circling the earth, we share many things in common. Chief among them is that Jesus shares His victory of sin, the devil, hell, death, and damnation with us. This victory came through Jesus’ suffering and death on the cross and through His resurrection from the dead.

This is the good news that all the followers of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, can share in winsome ways with family members, friends, and neighbors as opportunities come our way. But this is challenging for us to do in this area. God has blessed most people with numerous things. Many people do not think that they need anything else, not even God. If something is missing in their life, they attempt to fill that hole with stuff that usually does not bring lasting joy or peace. May the Holy Spirit assist us to be ready to share the love of Jesus with people who are searching.

Often you and I are hurting individuals. We suffer from illness and pain. We sorrow at the death of loved ones. God has placed us where we are in order that His children can pray for us, help us, and encourage us who are their brothers and sisters in Christ. And with God’s help, we can do the same for them. All of Jesus’ disciples share the hope that one day we will be with our Lord in heaven where the weather is always great!

Jesus Christ is our living and reigning Lord and Savior. As you have opportunity, celebrate the joys of His resurrection on Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019, and on every day of the year!

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

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FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Please Remember in Your Prayers:

Our homebound members:

Orville; Barbara; Millie; Gertrud; Emma;
Charlie and Mary; Alex

Folks with Health Concerns:

Orville; Major; Wayne; Sylvia; Thirza; Alex
Family members and friends:
Lee; Fern; Raymond; Hunter Rose; Bella;
Ava; Esther; Judy; Mary; Cyrus

Those with Birthdays:

April 5 – Jim W
15 – Emma S
16 – Jeanne A
May 7 – Adel G; 8 – Josh T
13 – Wayne C; 14 – Barbara H
20 – Paige A; 24 – Sylvia R

Those with a Wedding Anniversary:

April 6 – Rodger and Kim R
6 – Mel and Ginny S
25 – Karl and Pasty S
May – none recorded

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

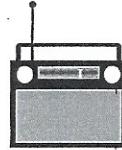
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LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

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



LWML MISSION MITES

are collected on the fourth Sunday of



every month. Please bring yours on
April 28 and May 26.

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

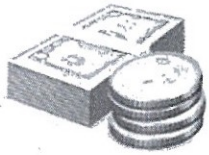
June / July NEWSLETTER

Articles and Calendar information needs to be submitted by **Tuesday, May 21st**. 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! ☺

Council Report – Mel Suelzle



February 28th was the end of the 8th month of our fiscal year 2019. The financial results for this period are shown below. Our income was below our plan at only 95% or \$2,589 less than our budgeted income. This income shortfall is largely due to the cancelation of services on February 10th due to the heavy snowfall on the 9th. Some of this shortfall will be made up in the March results as next month's income is expected to be improved. Once again, I need to point out that the contribution income EXCLUDES income from the rental agreement for use of our parking lot as well as contributions to our "New Strategy" dedicated fund. On the expense side, expenses were 100%. \$52 less than our budgeted amount. The significant income shortfall has resulted in our income after expenses to be \$2,538 below our plan, but expected to improve in March. If you have any questions, or would like more details, please let me know.

Financial Report for FY2019 July – February

Income	Budget	Actual		Remaining \$\$
Worship Service Offerings	52,521	50,042	95%	2,479
Other	3,652	3,632	99%	20
Facility Use Income	1,690	1,600	95%	90
Total Income	57,863	55,274	96%	2589
Expense				
Elders	29,834	30,709	103%	-875
Trustees	12,053	11,541	96%	512
Council	5,720	5,271	92%	449
Administration	3,548	3,821	108%	273
Worship & Music	5,203	5,028	97%	175
Education	90	56	62%	34
Fellowship	150	120	80%	30
Social Ministry	600	600	100%	0
Stewardship	125	125	100%	26
Evangelism	551	551	100%	55
Total Expense	57,875	57,823	100%	-52
Income Less Expense	-12	-2,549	1020%	\$2,538



We are continuing our effort to hire someone to work in our office. No one from the congregation came forward so far and our contact with other churches was unsuccessful as well. Soon we will place an ad on Craig's List which is a free website for item for sale and also they have a popular Help Wanted section. Hopefully this will yield some positive results. We continue to ask our members to keep this need in mind should any of your acquaintances express an interest in a part time, flexible hour job. Please have anyone interested contact Pastor Flath or myself directly.

Call Process Update



In the last issue of this newsletter we reported that our Call for a seminary graduate was expanded to include Differed Vicar candidates... At our Voter's meeting on February 3rd, our Call was expanded to include these candidates as well. This was thought to improve our chances for receiving a positive response to our Call. This change was communicated to the District and Seminary. However, we were recently advised that the Differed Vicar opportunity was not an option for St. Timothy. While our Call for a seminar graduate is still pending, our Circuit Visitor, Pastor Malone recommends we give some thought to planning our strategy should our Call go unanswered. As a result, we have scheduled a meeting of the Call Committee on March 25th to consider what our options might be should this be the case. This will give us some preliminary idea of possible moves that can be researched and more fully considered for eventual presented to the congregation for approval.

We don't expect to have final information until after Easter as the Seminary Call Day is on May 1st. We will keep the congregation informed as any further information becomes available.



Our congregation photo plans for February 10th, fell victim to the winter storm that disrupted everyone's lives and cancelled many events during February. As the snow impact continued, it was decided to reschedule our photo taking for Palm Sunday on April 14th. Hopefully this will prove to be a day we will have much better attendance and get a more complete photo of our membership of 2019. Please try to attend so you and your family can be included. 8X10 copies will be made available to the congregation early in May.

Confirmation Pictures

The pictures of the confirmation classes from many years ago are now hanging in the Narthex. As you enter the sanctuary, they are hanging on the wall to your left. However, you will see that there are many years when we had a confirmation class but there is no picture of the class for that year.

If your family has a picture for a year that is not hung on the wall, please consider making a copy of it for the congregation – or the church can make a copy of it. We would like to have as a complete picture record as we can have.

Please speak with Mel Suelzle or Pastor Flath if you are able to help with a picture or two. Thank you.

Easter Sunday Potluck Breakfast

There will be no 5th Sunday Potluck on March 31st. Instead, there will be an Easter Potluck Breakfast on Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019. The potluck will begin at 9:00 a.m. Please look for a signup sheet by the elevator so that we all do not bring hard boiled eggs.

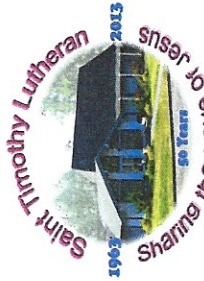
Note: there will be no Bible Class on Easter Sunday morning.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00p AA Meeting (1)	2 6:30p Elders Mtg.(3)	3 No Bible Class No midweek service	4 7:00p AA Mtg. (1)	5	6 8:30a Men's B'fast (F) 7:30p AA Mtg. (1)
7 9:00 a Bible Study 9:15 a Sunday School 10:00 a Holy Communion Service	8 7:00p AA Meeting (1)	9 9:00 a Circuit Pastor's Meeting 7:00 p Council Meeting (3)	10 9:30 p Bible Class No midweek service	11 7:00p AA Mtg. (1)	12	13
14 9:00 a Bible Study 9:15 a Sunday School 10:00 a Worship Service	15 7:00p AA Meeting (1)	16	17 9:30 p Bible Class	18 MAUNDY THURSDAY 6:00p Soup Supper (FH) 7:00p Communion Service 7:00p AA Mtg. (1)	19 GOOD FRIDAY 7:00 p Worship Service	20 8:30a Men's Breakfast (F) 10:00a Easter Egg Hunt (F) 7:30p AA Mtg. (1)
21 EASTER SUNDAY 9:00 a Easter Breakfast (F) 10:00 a Holy Communion Service	22 7:00p AA Meeting (1)	23	24 9:30 p Bible Class	25 7:00p AA Mtg. (1)	26	27 7:30p AA Mtg. (1)
28 9:00 a Bible Study 9:15 a Sunday School 10:00 a Worship Service - MITES collected	29 7:00p AA Meeting (1)	30		Key: Fellowship Hall (F) Room 1 (1) Room 3 (3) Room 4 (4)		



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:00 a Bible Study (Sunday School - 4) 10:00 a Worship Service	6:30p Elders Mtg (3) 7:00p AA Meeting (1)	Pastor at Puget	9:30a Bible Class (F)	7:00p AA Mtg. (1)	8:30a Men's Breakfast (F) 7:30p AA Mtg. (1)	8:30a Men's Breakfast (F) 7:30p AA Mtg. (1)
9:00 a Bible Study (Sunday School - 4) 10:00 a Communion Service	6:30p Elders Mtg (3) 7:00p AA Meeting (1)	9:00 a Circuit Pastor's Meeting 7:00 p Council Meeting (3)	No Bible Class Sound Pastor (May 7 - 9)	Conference 7:00p AA Mtg. (1)	7:00p AA Mtg. (1)	7:30p AA Mtg. (1)
9:00 a Bible Study (Sunday School - 4) 10:00 a Worship Service	7:00p AA Meeting (G)	9:00 a Circuit Pastor's Meeting 7:00 p Council Meeting (3)	9:30a Bible Class (F)	7:00p AA Mtg. (1)	7:00p AA Mtg. (1)	7:30p AA Mtg. (1)
9:00 a Bible Study (Sunday School - 4) 10:00 a Worship Service	7:00p AA Meeting (G)	Newsletter Items Due Today	9:30a Bible Class (F)	7:00p AA Mtg. (1)	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> Key: Fellowship Hall (F) Sunday School (SS) Room 1 (1) Room 3 (3) Room 4 (4) </div>	7:30p AA Mtg. (1)
9:00 a Bible Study (Sunday School - 4) 10:00 a Communion Service - MITES collected	Memorial Day Holiday (church office closed) 7:00p AA Meeting (G)		9:30a Bible Class (F)	7:00p AA Mtg. (1)		June 1 8:30a Men's Breakfast (F) 7:30p AA Mtg. (1)



2017 – 2019 National Mission Grants

Nursing Students Serving with Mercy Medical Team — \$25,000



How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? Romans 10:14

As God's children, we are called to tell our neighbors the Good News of Christ's salvation, given for all. A short-term mission through the LCMS provides an opportunity to share God's grace with our brothers and sisters, wherever they are located.

Seeking to expand their educational exposure, nursing students in the Concordia University System would be afforded the opportunity to participate in a short-term mission trip to Madagascar with a Mercy Medical Team. This service opportunity for students to work with medical professionals in providing medical and/or spiritual care to the under-served would be invaluable.

2018 – 2020 Washington/Alaska District Mission Grants

Worker Wellness for Chaplain Families – LCMS — \$3,000

Funding will assist the rising need of wellness training and support to our military chaplains and wives. Ministry to the Armed Forces wants to expand the existing program to include Chaplains wives. The Worker Wellness Retreat for Chaplain Families would provide a real break from the hectic and stressful ministry lifestyle and provide a time for renewed energy and joy in ministry.

BIBLE STUDIES AT ST. TIMOTHY

Sunday Morning at 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

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

Wednesday Morning Bible Study continues to study of the book of Proverbs from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This class is led by Pastor Flath.

Men and women are invited to dig deeper into the Word of God with their brothers and sisters in Christ.

