

NEWSLETTER

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December 2019 / January 2020 A.D. – THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

SNOW!

Snow can be a nasty four-letter word for many people in the lowlands around Puget Sound. “Snow should only be up there in the mountains” say many folks when it falls at sea level and they have to face driving or commuting with people who are “challenged” getting around in the snow. The snow events of last February around our area are still fresh in many people’s memories.

How much **snow** will we get this December thru February here in the lower elevations? Or will we get any at all?

What does **snow** mean for kids:

Thoughts of no school
Making snowmen and women and snow dogs
Snow ball fights
Sledding
Snow angels

What does **snow** mean for parents and grandparents:

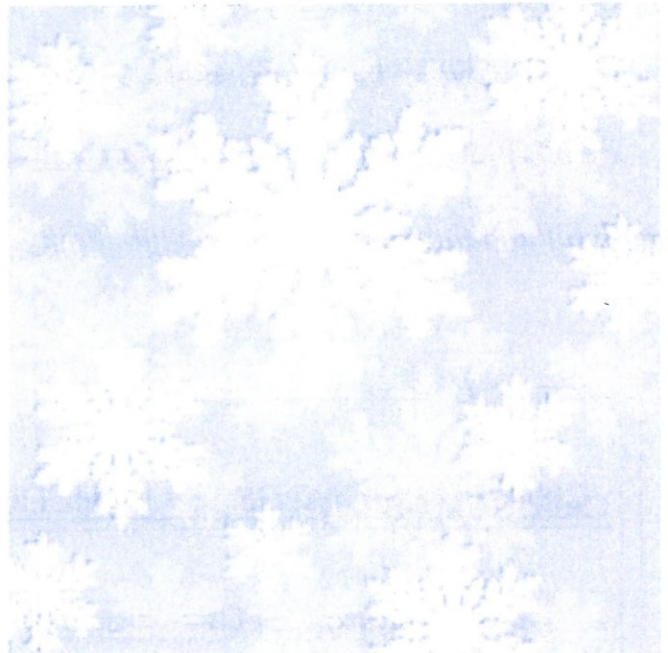
Wet clothing
Hard commuting
Memories of the past

What does **snow** mean for everyone:

Not having to go to the mountains for snow
Being a bit more careful driving and walking or just staying at home
Watching or listening to weather reports
Mixed feelings when the snow is gone (like having to make up missed school days or missed work)

What does **snow** mean for us disciples of Jesus Christ?

One of the other things that came to my mind is how God the Holy Spirit uses the word **snow** in the Word of God to tell us something very important. For instance, in Isaiah 55:10-11 the word **snow** is used to help us understand how the Word of God does the things that God sends it to do.



In the holy land there are times during their winter when it snows even in Jerusalem and the hills around Bethlehem in Judea where David grew up. Therefore, being familiar with snow, in Psalm 51, after David was confronted by the prophet Nathan with David's sins with Bathsheba and the murder of her husband Uriah, David confessed his sins.

David then asked God to **“purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow”** (Psalm 51:7 ESV). David was asking God to forgive him all his sins and to make him purer and cleaner than the fresh fallen snow. And God did forgive David.

Because the Son of God came that 1st Christmas and did the work that God the Father sent Him into the world to do, God promises forgiveness of sins to all who confess their sins and believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior from sin, death and hell. God promises us the forgiveness of sins using the word **snow** to tell us this in Isaiah 1:18 (ESV):

“Come now, let us reason together”, says the LORD: “though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.”

We are **“white as snow”** through the blood of Jesus Christ which cleanses us from all our sins!

We don't know how much snow we will get this winter or if we will get any. But through the grace of God you and I are **“whiter than snow”** all year round because of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Sandy and I wish all of you a joy filled Christmas and Christ's peace in the new year!

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

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CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve – December 24th

6:00 p.m. – Candlelight Service

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Christmas Day – December 25th

10:00 a.m. – Festival Service
with Holy Communion



ADVENT

Sunday sermons during Advent this year will be based on 1 Timothy 3:16 which is:
Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory. (ESV)

We will be using the following 4 Christmas hymns (one each week) to center the message around:
December 1 -- "A Great And Mighty Wonder"
December 8 -- "Of The Father's Love Begotten"
December 15 -- "O Come, All Ye Faithful"
December 22 -- "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear"

If you have time, please read through each hymn before the service.

Our only midweek Advent Service this year is on Wednesday, December 4 at 7:00 pm. A soup supper will be served in the Fellowship Hall before the service beginning at 6:00 pm.

Advent Devotion Booklets provided by Lutheran Hour Ministries are available in the narthex.



Special Voters' Call Meeting December 8th, 2019

On September 25, 2019, the Call Committee met to consider the nominations received from our District President for a full-time pastor. On November 13th & 14th, the committee interviewed the 3 candidates that agreed to consider a call from St. Timothy. After the interviews, the committee met on November 18th to consider the candidates and discuss the merits of each candidate having benefit of the interviews.

The Call Committee was very unified in feeling that we were truly blessed by the Lord to send 3 very good candidates for us to consider for our next pastor. Each would be a good fit for St Timothy and would serve us well in pursuing our vision for the future.

The primary objective of the November 18th meeting was to determine the best choice based on independent views of each committee member in order to make a recommendation to the Congregation at a Call Meeting. I am pleased to report that we have unanimous agreement of the Call Committee on the best choice for St. Timothy.

Earlier we had planned for a Call Meeting on November 24th. [Note: this meeting has been cancelled.] However, it was decided by the committee that additional time is needed to thoroughly evaluate the financial and other aspects of our Call before presenting it to the Congregation. This is a major step for St. Timothy and we feel we should allow adequate time to address all aspects of our next steps.

Our Constitution requires a 2 week notice. Therefore, we are rescheduling the **Special Voters' Call Meeting for December 8th**, in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30 a.m. following the worship service.

There have been few, if any, Voters' meetings of greater importance to the long-term future of our Church. We sincerely hope and pray that all of our members take this opportunity to participate by attending this meeting and help guide this critical step in our process of calling a full-time pastor.

Mel Suelzle
St. Timothy Lutheran Church
Call Committee

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Please Remember in Your Prayers:

Our homebound members:

Barbara; Millie; Gertrud;
Charlie and Mary; Thirza; Alex

Folks with Health Concerns:

Major; Pastor Flath; Lenn;
Joyce; Rodger; Thirza

Family members and friends:

Debbie; Fern; John;
Bella; Ava; Esther

Those with Birthdays:

December 6 – Laura W
8 – Amanda N
12 – Gertrud S
13 – Craig S
January 2 – Pam R
14 – Karen Herrick

Those with a Wedding Anniversary:

December 28 – John & Karen H
30 – Pastor & Sandy F
January - 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

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

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

Listen to:

THE LUTHERAN HOUR

Sundays



Sat. 4:30 a.m. – 550 AM KARI
Sun. 7:00 a.m. – 1380 AM KRKO
7:00 a.m. – 89.1 FM KAWZ
11:30 a.m. – 550 AM KARI



LWML MISSION MITES

are collected on the fourth Sunday of



every month. Please bring yours on
December 22 and January 26.

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

February / March NEWSLETTER

Articles and Calendar information need to be submitted by **Tuesday, January 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.com

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



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December 29 9:00 a Bible Study 10:00 a Worship Service 10:45a Sunday School (4) 11:15a Potluck	December 30 7:00p AA Meeting (1) 6:00p Call Committee Meeting 7:00p AA Meeting (1)	December 31 No New Year's Eve Service 6:30p Elders Mtg (3)	9:30a Bible Class (F) 6:00p Soup Supper 7:00p Advent Service	7:00p AA Mtg. (1)	Key: Fellowship Hall (F) Sunday School (SS) Room 1 (1) Room 3 (3) Room 4 (4)	8:30a Men's Breakfast (F) 7:30p AA Mtg. (1)
8 9:00 a Bible Study 10:00 a Communion Service 10:45a Sunday School (4) 11:30a Voters Call Mtg	9 7:00p AA Meeting (G)	10 9:30a Circuit Pastors meeting 7:00p Council Meeting (3)	11 9:30a Bible Class (F) No midweek service	12 7:00p AA Mtg. (1)	13 10:30a Ladies Coffee Time Christmas Brunch	14 7:30p AA Mtg. (1)
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February 1 8:30a Men's Breakfast (F) 7:30p AA Mtg. (1)	29 9:30a Bible Class (F)	28 7:00p AA Meeting (G)	30 9:30a Bible Class (F)	31 7:00p AA Mtg. (1)	Key: Fellowship Hall (F) Sunday School (SS) Room 1 (1) Room 3 (3) Room 4 (4)	February 1 8:30a Men's Breakfast (F) 7:30p AA Mtg. (1)
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Oktoberfest 2019

Roger Reining coordinated this year's event and a happy crowd enjoyed brats and fixings along with music by the Bavarian Country Band. Guests participated in the Cylinder Hat Dance led by Karl Simon and of course the iconic Chicken Dance.

9/28/19

Pastor Don Schatz is Retiring!!! Pastor Schatz began his ministry in 1980 at, what was then a dual parish, St. John's Lutheran/Centennial Lutheran in Minnesota. In 1984, Pastor Schatz and his wife, Lois, moved to Tucson, Arizona to serve at Fountain of Life Lutheran. Moving again in 1987, they served Trinity Lutheran in Bellingham, Washington, until 1994. From 1994 – 2007 Pastor Schatz served Trinity Lutheran in Seattle, Washington. But, he wasn't done yet! In 2007, Pastor Schatz and Lois moved to Arcata, California to minister to the Lutheran Church of Arcata. Finally!!!...Epiphany nabbed him!!! Pastor Schatz and Lois moved back to Washington and have been ministering to their Congregation, Epiphany Lutheran, in Kenmore, Washington, since 2014.

Epiphany Lutheran invites you to join them for Pastor Schatz' Open House to celebrate his ministry and their new adventure. Here are the details!:

Open House
Sunday, January 26, 2020
12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.
At
Epiphany Lutheran Church
16450 Juanita Dr. NE
Kenmore, Washington 98028

They encourage you to send your memories, cards, or pictures if you have some! They want to let him know how much he has been cherished and loved wherever he has been. Your cards and memories will be given to him at his celebration. Please send them to:

Lynne Junke
4112 133rd Street SE B211
Mill Creek, Washington 98012

Thank you so much! If you have any questions, please call Lynn Brown at 425-821-4553.

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Red mesh stocking project

This monthly coin collecting project will be concluding on December 8, 2019. Your coins will be gathered together with those of fellow church members beginning on December 1st. Please place your coins in the green collection box in the back of the sanctuary on those two Sundays. The funds will go to special Christmas donations to local charities.

Then in January of the new year 2020, 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.



5th Sunday Potluck

Come help us celebrate the New Year of 2020 at a potluck on Sunday morning, December 29th, after the morning service at 11:15 a.m. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex for you to bring a hot dish, salad or dessert.

Ladies' Coffee Time

All ladies are invited to Ladies' Coffee Time the second and fourth Friday mornings of the month from 10:30 a.m. to noon. There will be time for fellowship, a short devotion, prayer, and of course coffee. Please see the bulletin for location information.

Our December Coffee Time will be a special Christmas Brunch on the second Friday (see your bulletin on December 1st and 8th for details) and there will be no Coffee Time on the fourth Friday of December. We will resume in January on the second Friday.



Lovely time at Barb's Fall table
setting for coffee with the ladies.

10-11-19

Submitted by Patsy Simon