

**NEWSLETTER**  
**ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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**February 2019 / March 2019 A.D. – THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR**

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Sandy and I want to say a huge thank you for all of the letters, gifts, treats, and the monetary gift from members of the congregation that were given us this past Christmas season. We are so blessed by a loving and generous congregation! Again, from the bottom of our hearts, thank you!!

As many of you have already know, shortly after Christmas we headed down to the Los Angeles area to be part of The Lutheran Hour Ministries "Pedal Pushers" group. This group of volunteers helps to get many of the flowers and other vegetation (like Brussel spouts) ready to be placed, and then actually places them, on to some of the floats that were in this year's Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California on New Year's Day. (There were 19 floats in the building we worked in.)

Much of this work with the flowers is in the last few days before the parade in order to keep the flowers as fresh as possible. We began our 8 hour shift at 8:00 am on Saturday December 29<sup>th</sup>. Sandy mainly worked with 100's of other people placing single roses into 3 or 4 inch vials filled with water. On the other hand, I was part of a 3 person detail that cut bundles of 12 long stem roses down to 8 inch lengths for people like Sandy to work with. Someone calculated that the 3 of us may have handled close to 220,000 roses that day (mainly hot ink and yellow). The day before (Friday) white and red roses were cut – and there were still more roses of various colors to be cut by the groups that followed us!!

We enjoyed viewing the Rose Parade in person on January 1. We saw how the things that we had worked on helped to make beautiful floats and especially The Lutheran Hour Ministry with the message: "Joy To The World, The Lord Has Come". Jesus Christ is the melody of life that brings the joy of forgiveness to sinners. The parade was seen by over 1 billion people – a wonderful way to get the Gospel of Jesus Christ into areas where it's hard to get in missionaries.

We were then told that for a day or two after the parade the floats would be on display for people to look at up close. But by the 2<sup>nd</sup> day many of the flowers would begin to wilt and fade away. So, the floats would be taken back to the buildings where they were decorated in and dismantled!! The flowers would be gathered up, ground up, and used for pig feed!

That whole process reminded me of a number of different Bible passages about flowers and plants. In a number of the parables that Jesus spoke, He included something about flowers and other vegetation. The sower sows the seed and the wheat grows. Certain flowers of the field are more lovely than king Solomon. And one of the names given to Christ the Lord in the Old Testament is "the Rose of Sharon" (Song of Solomon 2:1).

Isaiah the prophet writes this in Isaiah 40:8 (ESV) – "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever". Peter (1 Peter 1:24-25 (ESV)) repeats those words of Isaiah: "The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever". And Jesus said, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away" (Luke 21:33).

Jesus' word brings with us hope for today, and hope for all our tomorrows; hope until we are called to our eternal home with Jesus in heaven, because "the Word of God stands forever". Therefore, the 4<sup>th</sup> verse of the hymn "Abide With Me" is a powerful, comforting verse to the disciple of Jesus. "Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away; change and decay in all around I see; O Thou who changest not, abide with me". And Jesus does abide with us always!!

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

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*Save the Date:*  
*February 24, 2019 - 1:30pm*  
*Lutheran Ministry Services NW*  
*Annual Gathering*

**Location: Pilgrim Lutheran Church**  
10420 SE 11<sup>th</sup> St.  
Bellevue, WA 98004  
(North Lot Entrance)  
**1:30-3:30pm**

**We will gather at 1:30pm to hear updates on our outreach ministry. Cake and refreshments will be served. If you have a favorite dessert to share, please do!**

Also, we will reach out in service to the homeless by assembling "care packs." The packs will include:

- Scarves, mittens (or gloves), socks, hand warmers, caps (warm hats), energy bars (granola, protein, snack packs), bottled water, Chapstick®, Kleenex®, & "A Simple Explanation of Christianity" (supplied by LMSN).



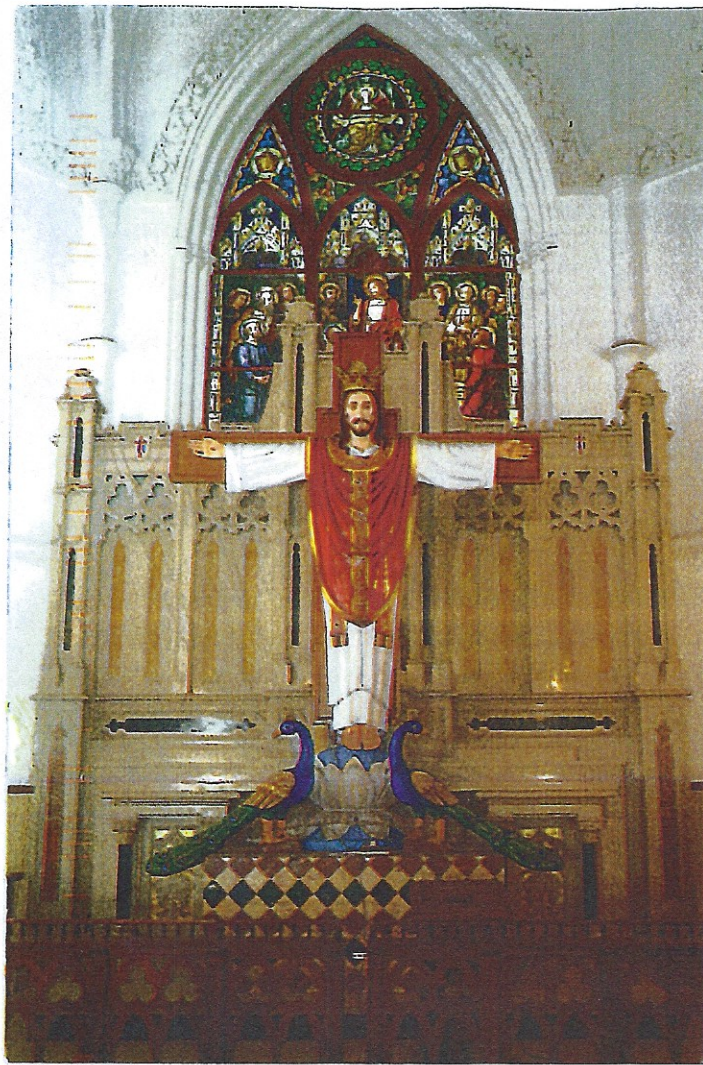
The "care packs" are tried and tested outreach items. Don Sundene reports, "I gave a care pack to a homeless person the other day. She received it with tears in her eyes and said 'Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!'"

We hope that we can assemble 100+ care packs. We will have some material pre-purchased, but we also hope that you can help by bringing the items noted above which can be purchased through Good Will, Costco, or the discount store of your choice.

Once the kits are assembled, keep one or more in your car with you. When you meet someone at the corner with a cardboard sign, you can give them a care pack to let them know of Jesus' love.



Rev. Shin has sent the congregation a post card and a picture from the country of India. They are on the next 2 pages of the newsletter. Please remember him in your prayers as he shares the Gospel of Jesus Christ among the people he meets as he travels by train from place to place in India. He plans to be back with us around March 1<sup>st</sup>.



Main Altar, Jesus as Priest, King and Prophet. Lotus and peacock are eastern Symbols of prophecy.

**Praise the LORD**

*It is a wonderful time for me,  
we are in;*

*Hope, peace, Love, Joy, and  
Jesus Christ &*

*From Dorsey's Hill, Chennai, India*

St. Thomas, one of the twelve apostles of Jesus Christ, came to India in A.D. 52, died as a martyr in A.D. 72 and was buried at Mylapore, Santhome, Chennai, India. The Basilica is built over the Tomb of St. Thomas.

National Shrine of St. Thomas Basilica

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*Delivered to St. Thomas' Pastor  
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**MY LORD AND MY GOD**

## Council Report – Mel Suelzle



December 31<sup>st</sup> marked the end of the first half of our fiscal year 2019. The financial results for this period are shown below. Our income was slightly below our plan at 98% or \$476 less than our budgeted income. This resulted from all types of contributions and income but EXCLUDES the income from the rental agreement for use of our parking lot during the week. Income also EXCLUDES \$4,253 contributed to our “New Strategy” dedicated fund. Expenses were 100% and only \$44 above our budgeted amount. As result our income after expenses was \$843 below our plan for the first half of the year. This shortfall is entirely attributed to the lower contributions for the first half of the year. Strong December contributions helped reduce this shortfall caused by weak contributions of the summer months

. If you have any questions, or would like more details, please let me know.

### Mid-Year End Financial Report for FY2019 July – December

Income	Budget	Actual		Remaining \$\$
Worship Service Offerings	40,821	40,345	99%	476
Other	3,282	3,139	96%	143
Facility Use Income	1,330	1,150	86%	180
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>45,433</b>	<b>44,633</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>799</b>
Expense				
Elders	22,098	22,875	104%	-777
Trustees	8,169	8,169	94%	485
Council	4,086	4,086	94%	254
Administration	2,985	2,985	111%	225
Worship & Music	3,869	3,869	95%	28
Education	37	37	58%	36
Fellowship	64	64	64%	0
Social Ministry	600	600	100%	0
Stewardship	125	125	100%	26
Evangelism	410	410	100%	55
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>43,176</b>	<b>43,221</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>-44</b>
<b>Income Less Expense</b>	<b>2256</b>	<b>1,413</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>843</b>



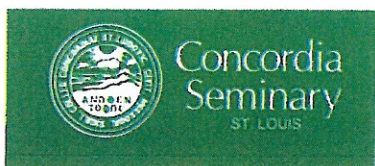
For some time now we have not had any clerical help in our church office. This has placed an undue burden on Pastor Flath by requiring him to perform clerical tasks that takes time away from him being able to perform more appropriate and important pastoral duties. Also, there are important filing and record maintenance tasks that are left undone that need to be performed on a more regular basis. If you have some time or know someone that is interested in helping in this area, please contact me directly. The hours are flexible and we are willing to compensate one for their time.



Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at **St Timothy Lutheran Church on 3/21/2019**. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle) or text the word circle to 797979**

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### Call Process Update



When we received notice that our Call sent out in November was declined, our Call Committee met and decided to recommend we submit a call for a seminary graduate. This recommendation was approved by the Voters on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. The call documents were forwarded to the NW District office for approval and forwarding to the seminary. Given the size of this year's graduating class

we were asked if we would expand our call to include students serving their 4<sup>th</sup> and last year as Vicars. Our Call Committee unanimously voted their approval of this change on January 20<sup>th</sup>. We gave tentative approval to the District for communication to the Seminary so as to not further delay our call submission. Final approval is subject to final approval by the Voters at a meeting scheduled for February 3<sup>rd</sup>. We hope to have a good attendance at this meeting to review, discuss and approve this change to our Call.



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Since the last photo of our congregation was taken in 2013, it is time for us to take a new one. On February 10<sup>th</sup> we will take a photograph in the Sanctuary following our service. We hope to have a full attendance at this service so we can have a most complete and current photograph available. Please try to attend so you and your family can be included. Copies will be made available to the congregation later in February.

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**The Prayer Ministry of St. Timothy includes the Prayer Chain. Right now it consists of 5 members and Pastor Flath. We pray for the needs of the church, church members, and family and friends of members. We are looking to expand. Please consider joining the prayer chain. Let Pastor Flath or the coordinator Patsy Simon (425-670-3354) know if you are interested. Thank you.**

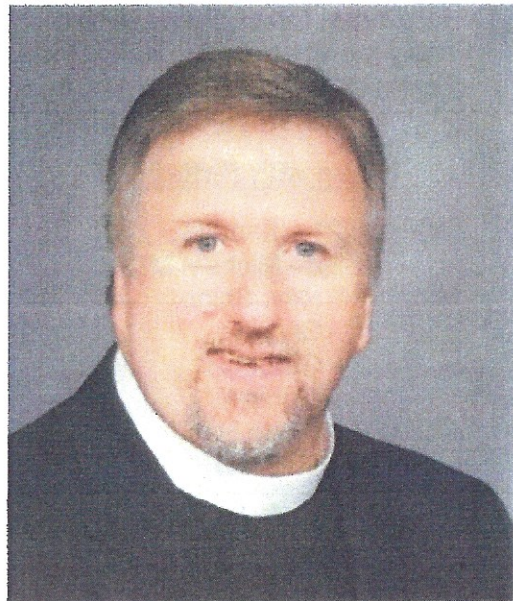
**Pasty Simon**

# SAVE THE DATE - February 16, 2019

## St James Lutheran Church

Missouri Synod  
Theological Seminar

**Presenter:** *Rev. Dr. Robert Bennett*  
*Executive Director of Luther Academy*  
<http://lutheracademy.com/executive-director/>



**Place:** St. James Lutheran Church  
Meeting at North Creek Grange:  
19510 Bothell Everett Highway  
Bothell, WA  
Phone: 425-745-9859

**Topic:** "I Am Not Afraid -  
Demon Possession and Spiritual Warfare"

**Date:** Saturday, February 16, 2019

**Time:** 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM  
Registration 8:00 Am  
Lunch Provided by St. James

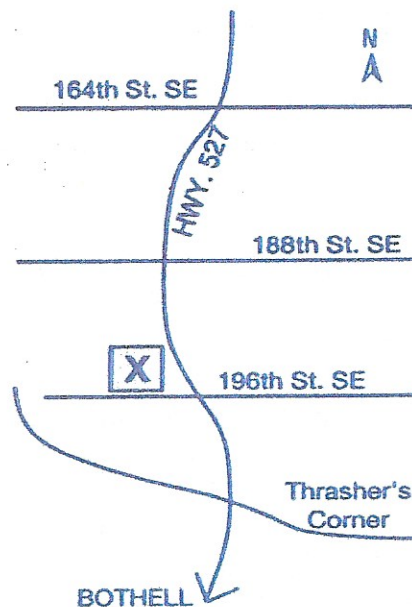


**Cost** Free will offering  
Suggested: \$20.00 Individual, \$30.00 Family  
Registration Includes Lunch at St. James

**RSVP:** Through your congregation  
Email: [stjamesrsvp2019@gmail.com](mailto:stjamesrsvp2019@gmail.com)  
Cheryl L. Beyer - 425-359-9897  
Sean Poe - 425-346-2537

### Directions

From N 405 take exit 26, turn left and  
Go over the top of the freeway  
From S 405 take exit 26, turn right.  
From both North & South  
you are now traveling on the  
Bothell Everett Hwy  
Go past Thrashers Corner and  
After the stoplight on 196<sup>th</sup>,  
Turn left into the  
North Creek Grange driveway  
Hwy 527=Bothell Everett Hwy  
For more information Contact our web site at <http://stjames-lcms.com/>



Church is on the west side of  
Hwy. 527 on 196th SE.

**ALL ARE WELCOME - PLEASE JOIN US!**

**Please Remember in Your Prayers:**

**Our homebound members:**

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

**Folks with Health Concerns:**

Orville; Major; Sylvia; Thirza  
Family members and friends: Dona; Lee;  
Fern; Raymond; Rosa; Bella; Ava; John;  
Hunter Rose; Judy; Cyrus

**Those with Birthdays:**

February 21 – Lenn G  
                  21 – Michael M  
March 1 – Rev. Shinn  
          1 – Chris A.  
          9 – Gerold H.  
         17 – Thirza W.  
         19 – Diane H.  
         21 – Millie M.

**Those with a Wedding Anniversary:**

February 12 – Chris & Jeanne A.  
March 19 – Jim & Thirza W.

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

**BIBLE STUDIES AT ST. TIMOTHY**

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

We will be studying the book of Revelation  
next, 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. Both men and women are  
invited to dig deeper into the Word of God with  
their brothers and sisters in Christ.



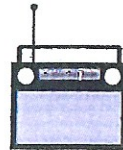
**LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES**

Listen to:

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR**

Sundays

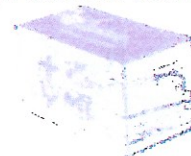
6:00 a.m. – 1320 AM KXRO  
6:30 a.m. – 880 AM KIXI  
7:00 a.m. – 1380 AM KRKO  
7:00 a.m. – 107.3 FM KAWZ  
7:00 a.m. – 105.3 FM KCMS  
9:30 a.m. – 1180 AM KLAY



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**LWML MISSION MITES**

are collected on the fourth Sunday of



every month. Please bring yours on  
February 24 and March 24.

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

**St. Timothy Prayer**

**Suggestions**



- 1) Pray for those without saving faith in Jesus Christ
- 2) Pray for those who are traveling to visit loved ones and friends
- 3) Pray that St. Timothy may continue to be a light of hope in this world of sin and death
- 4) Pray for the spread of the Gospel all over the world
- 5) Pray for a thankful heart for of the blessings that God has blessed you with
- 6) Pray for those who serve in the Armed Forces and in all the other protecting agencies in our land

*“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction,  
faithful in prayer.”* **Romans 12:12**







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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
						8:30a Men's B'fast (F) 7:30p AA Mtg. (1)
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9:00 a Bible Study (Sunday School - 4) 10:00 a <b>Worship Service</b> 11:10 a Special Voters Meeting	7:00p AA Meeting (1) <b>6:30p Elders Mtg.(3)</b>	9:30 a Bible Study (F)		7:00p AA Mtg. (1)		7:30p AA Mtg. (1)
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9:00 a Bible Study (Sunday School - 4) 10:00 a Communion Service Congregational Picture	7:00p AA Meeting (G)	9:00a Circuit Pastors <b>7:00p Council Meeting (3)</b>	9:30 a Bible Study (F)	7:00p AA Mtg. (1)	Key: Fellowship Hall (F) Room 1 (1) Room 3 (3) Room 4 (4)	8:30a Men's Breakfast (F) 7:30p AA Mtg. (1)
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9:00 a Bible Study (Sunday School - 4) 10:00 a <b>Worship Service</b>	<b>Presidents' Day Holiday</b> (church office closed) 7:00p AA Meeting (G)		9:30 a Bible Study (F)			7:30p AA Mtg. (1)
24	25	26	27	28		
9:00 a Bible Study (Sunday School - 4) 10:00 a Communion Service - <b>MITES collected</b>	7:00p AA Meeting (G)		9:30 a Bible Study (F)	7:00p AA Mtg. (1)		



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# March 2019 A.D.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 9:00 a Bible Study 10:00 a Worship Service 11:10 a 5 Sunday Potluck					1	2 8:30a Men's B'fast (F) 7:30p AA Mtg. (1)
3 9:00 a Bible Study (Sunday School - 4) 10:00 a Worship Service	4 7:00p AA Meeting (1)	5 6:30p Elders Mtg.(3)	6 9:30 a Bible Study (F) 6:00p Soup Supper (F) 7:00p Ash Wednesday service - Holy Communion	7 7:00p AA Mtg. (1)	8	9
10 9:00 a Bible Study (Sunday School - 4) 10:00 a Communion Service	11 7:00p AA Meeting (G)	12 9:00a Circuit Pastors 7:00p Council Meeting (3)	13 9:30 a Bible Study (F) No midweek service	14 7:00p AA Mtg. (1)	15 Key: Fellowship Hall (F) Room 1 (1) Room 3 (3) Room 4 (4)	16 8:30a Men's Breakfast (F) 7:30p AA Mtg. (1)
17 9:00 a Bible Study (Sunday School - 4) 10:00 a Worship Service	18 7:00p AA Meeting (G)	19 Newsletter Items Due	20 9:30 a Bible Study (F) No midweek service	21 Life Screening Event 7:00p AA Mtg. (1)	22	23 7:30p AA Mtg. (1)
24 9:00 a Bible Study (Sunday School - 4) 10:00 a Communion Service - MITES collected	25 7:00p AA Meeting (G)	26	27 9:30 a Bible Study (F) No midweek service	28 7:00p AA Mtg. (1)	29	30 7:30p AA Mtg. (1)

## Call for Ushers

Doug Spaulding [dcs009@aol.com]

Sent: Sunday, January 13, 2019 9:21 PM

To the Members of St. Timothy,

This marks my 10th year as a Member of St. Timothy. When I started, the second Sunday of each month was ushered by Charlie Stewart and Willie Whitfield. Charlie would read scripture the second Sunday. I loved his Oklahoma accent. Charlie's health no longer allows him to leave home, and Willie has put his house up for sale. He wants to be closer to his family.

To be an usher isn't a bad gig. Pastor puts up the hymn numbers, takes care of PA system, opens our Lectionary to the right scripture, etc. It is mostly passing out the bulletin, lighting the Alter candles, collecting the offerings, and putting the candles out after the service. If there is Communion, the big thing is to **not** have more than 10 at the Alter, and **NOT** to break up families (or friends).

Our numbers are now so small that the *idea* a person can do just one thing doesn't work. Gary, for example, is Trustee (which is the right job for him as he is loaded with mechanical knowledge), Elder, Communion Assistant, and usher. Rodger, Carol and I are sort of grounds trustees. Being an usher is sort of nice in that you don't have to deal with the hot sun in the summer, or walking the grounds with a blower or line trimmer. You also don't need to know how to operate a riding mower. When I learned to operate the riding mower, the first thing Rodger taught me was where the brake was. He told me, "If you are anywhere near Carol or I, **HIT THE BRAKE!**" Smart man!

Being an usher allows you to meet members, help the pastor with the service, and is a low stress job. I've never heard Pastor Flath complain. Sometimes, he will have us add something to the bulletin, but many times he does that himself. Please consider adding yourself to usher a Sunday. Carol and Linda are my newest ushers. They can verify that everyone is leery of anything the first time, but after a few Sundays, you know what needs to be done, and it's no big deal.

Doug Spaulding  
Head Usher