

NEWSLETTER

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October 2019 / November 2019 A.D. – THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

For many years, Sandy and I have taken a drive in the fall to enjoy the beautiful Fall leaves. We started doing this when we lived in Arizona and went up into the Huachuca and White mountains. When I was on my vicarage in New York City, we were able to get up into New England in the Fall. Each time we do this we see first-hand the wonders of God's creation as the seasons change.

The hymn writer Henry F. Lyte wrote about change in his hymn "Abide With Me". He put down in words that we can sing what we all know to be true -- "*change and decay in all around I see*". Change is indeed around us in all areas of life. As we live from day to day, we discover that nothing in the world stays the same forever.

All of us have also seen enough changings in our life that we know that most of the time things are going to change (happen) whether we are for them or not. Change is one of those things that we can like, or we can dislike. Change can bring us joy or sadness. Most of us have known for a long time that we usually have no say about the changes that take place around us. However, there are times when we can work to bring about change -- good change and/or bad change.

Henry Lyte reminds Jesus' disciples that Jesus is the exception to all the changes that are going on around us. So we're encouraged to sing: "*O Thou who changest not, abide with me*". In the midst of changes, in the midst of the uncertainties of life, in the midst of the unknowns, our Lord Jesus Christ is changeless. We can count on Jesus to always be good to His word and to His promises. As the writer of Hebrews write: "**Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever**" (Hebrews 13:8 NIV).

You and I don't have to wonder what Jesus thinks about us. You and I don't have to fret if Jesus loves me today, or if He to going to forgive me again -- because He does in both!

Jesus' love, mercy, forgiveness, peace, righteousness, salvation, Word, and truth for you and me doesn't change. In the world full of change and change in our life, Jesus remains the constant, the changeless -- we can always count on Jesus to abide with us, to be with us, in all the changes that are happening or will happen in the future.

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

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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; Joyce;
Rodger; Thirza; Alex

Family members and friends:
Bob and Lee; Debbie; Fern; John;
Bella; Ava; Esther; Judy

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 20 – Mel S

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 over
looked. 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

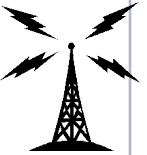
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LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

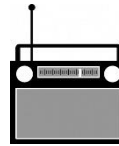
Listen to:

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
October 27 and November 24.

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

October / November NEWSLETTER

Articles and Calendar
information need to be submitted by
Tuesday, November 19th. 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! 😊

Council Report – Mel Suelzle



August 31st **marked** the end of the first two months of our new fiscal year, 2020. The financial results for the first two months are shown below.

Unfortunately early months of the new year are below expectations. Income for July and August is down by 7% or \$1038. Preliminary results for September indicate a continued shortfall for income. Our approved plan for this year assumed we would use approximately 50% of our parking lot income and none of our “New Strategy” dedicated fund.

On the plus side, expenses for July & August were below our plan by 6% which helped reduce the impact of the lower contributions. Our income after expenses was only \$246 below our plan for this point in our fiscal year. Overall the impact of our decline in contributions is minimal but if nothing changes, the year continues the shortfall will continue to grow to higher levels. While St. Timothy members have always been generous, we urge everyone to review your contribution levels and consider if you are able to make increases in their contributions. If you have any questions, or would like more details, please let me know.

Income	Budget	Actual		Remaining \$\$
Worship Service Offerings	11,456	10,021	87%	1,435
Other	2,840	3,397	126%	-1,696
Facility Use Income	520	360	69%	2,055
Total Income	14,816	13,778	93%	1,038

Expenses	Budget	Actual		
Elders	5,889	6,279	106%	-390
Trustees	2,440	2,457	101%	-17
Council	1,310	1,521	116%	-211
Administration	3,213	1,840	57%	-1,373
Worship & Music	1,161	1,053	91%	108
Education	20	0	0%	20
Fellowship	40	15	38%	25
Social Ministry	0	0	0%	0
Stewardship	125	133	106%	8
Evangelism	142	250	175%	-163
Total Expense	14,340	13,548	94%	792

Income Less Expense	476	230	48%	246
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Council Report (Continued)

Call Committee Update

On June 29th we request nominations for our next phase of our call process. As of this writing we are told the District's nomination is finalized and is being processed for distribution of the list. In order to initiate this next step, we scheduled a meeting for September 25th to resume meetings of the Call Committee. This main agenda was to review the makeup of the committee consider changes and discuss the process we follow for considering the nominations. We also invited members of the congregation to attend and possibly join the call committee going forward. We also would expect to have the nominations list for preliminary review and discussion. Additionally, we would plan for the process and a meeting plan that we follow to evaluate and report to the congregation for a final call decision. Periodic reports of the progress of the committee will be reported to the congregation the Sunday following each meeting, Voter's meetings and newsletters.

Neighborhood Development Plans

Recently we have received notice from Snohomish County that they are considering plans for developing the two properties to the north that were previously owned by St Timothy. The first property and house was sold many years back and the second property was sold to the same owner in 2016. The property also has a County posting and is open for questions and review until mid-October. The plan being considered is for a 29 unit Townhouse Unit Details of the plan are available for public review at:

<https://www.snoco.org/app/pds/Postcard/default.aspxims5124> then search for File#. 19113495PSD an easier way is to select "Advanced Search" and enter "Meadowdale Townhomes".

I will report the general details of the plan to the congregation and we likely will want to prepare a list of concerns for the developer to respond to. We will finalize our concerns and this report at the October 8th Council meeting. We will have more info after services on September 29th and October 6th.

2019 Red Mesh Stocking Project is Underway

This monthly coin collecting project is underway 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. Then you will be asked to bring it to church in December. Your coins will be gathered together with those of fellow church members. The funds will go as special Christmas gifts to those in need as the Church Council decides.

Grounds Keeping Update

The grass project on the East side of the church building is coming in great!

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.



← Patsy Simon with two photos in the Evergreen State Fair - the Black and White of the Snowmageddon scene and the Tulip fields.

Ladies Brunch gathering at Kim Reinig's home with a lovely table setting. All ladies are invited the 2nd and 4th Friday mornings of the month.





Pastor is given peanut brittle by his granddaughter, Katy, and promises to eat it during fellowship time.



Pastor keeps his promise to Katy and eats the peanut brittle down in the fellowship hall!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:30p Elders Mtg.(3)	2 9:30a Bible Class (F)	3 7:00p AA Meeting (1)	4	5 8:30a Men's B'fast (F) 7:30p AA Meeting (1)
6 9:00 a Bible Study 10:00 a Worship Service 10:45a Sunday School (4)	7 7:00p AA Meeting (1)	8 7:00 p Council Meeting (3)	9 9:30a Bible Class (F)	10 7:00p AA Meeting (1)	11 10:30a Ladies' Coffee Time	12 10:00a LWML Fall Rally at Messiah LC - Seattle 7:30p AA Meeting (1)
13 9:00 a Bible Study 10:00 a Communion Service 10:45a Sunday School (4)	14 7:00p AA Meeting (1)	15 <u>Puget Sound Pastors' Conference</u> Aberdeen, WA	16 NO Bible Class	17 7:00p AA Meeting (1)	18	19 8:30a Men's Breakfast (F) 7:30p AA Meeting (1)
20 9:00 a Bible Study 10:00 a Worship Service 10:45a Sunday School (4)	21 7:00p AA Meeting (1)	22	23 9:30a Bible Class (F)	24 7:00p AA Meeting (1)	25 10:30a Ladies' Coffee Time	26 7:30p AA Meeting (1)
27 Reformation Sunday 9:00 a Bible Study 10:00 a Communion Service – MITES collected 10:45a Sunday School (4)	28 7:00p AA Meeting (1)	29	30 9:30a Bible Class (F)	31 Reformation Day 7:00p AA Meeting (1)	Key: Fellowship Hall (F) Sunday School (SS) Room 1 (1) Room 3 (3) Room 4 (4)	



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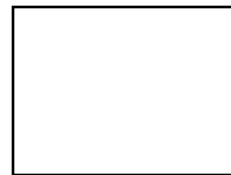
November 2019 A.D.

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					1	2 8:30a Men's B'fast (F) 7:30p AA Mtg. (1)
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10 9:00 a Bible Study 10:00 a Communion Service 10:45a Sunday School (4)	11 Veterans Day Holiday Church Office Closed 7:00p AA Meeting (G)	12 9:00a Circuit Pastors 7:00p Council Meeting (3)	13 9:30 a Bible Study (F)	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 10:00 a Worship Service 10:45a Sunday School (4)	18 7:00p AA Meeting (G)	19 Newsletter Items Due	20 9:30 a Bible Study (F)	21 7:00p AA Mtg. (1)	22 10:30a Ladies' Coffee Time	23 7:30p AA Mtg. (1)
24 Thanksgiving Sunday 9:00 a Bible Study 10:00 a Communion Service – MITES collected 10:45a Sunday School (4)	25 7:00p AA Meeting (G)	26	27 9:30 a Bible Study (F) No Thanksgiving Eve or Day Service	28 Thanksgiving Day Holiday (Church Office Closed) 7:00p AA Mtg. (1)	29	30 7:30p AA Mtg. (1)

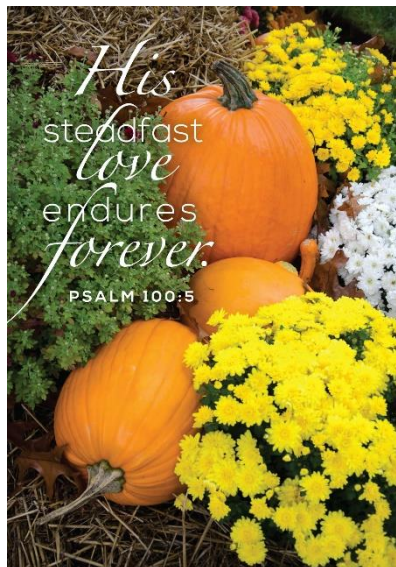


On June 22nd, Pastor Flath's granddaughter, Emily Oval, gave a Senior Vocal Recital for family and friends in her Everett Church, Immanuel Lutheran. She sang 13 songs in her beautiful soprano voice. She will be pursuing a degree in Music Education at Western Washington University in the Fall.

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SUNDAY'S FOR FAMILIES

9:00 a.m. Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
10:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:15 a.m. Fellowship in Fellowship Hall



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