

# NEWSLETTER

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## June 2019 / July 2019 A.D. – THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Please keep the following section of the Word of God in mind as you read through my thoughts:  
**And (Paul and Silas) went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. And when they had come up to Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them. So, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas.** (Acts 16:6-8 ESV)

The end of May and the first part of June has been traditionally set aside in our country to graduate students finishing their high school years, community college time, and / or their days at a college or university. For many of these students it will be off to the next faze of their life. It might be anything, like taking a trip to a far off country, going off to college, joining the military, getting married, moving out of the home they grew up in, getting a job that is way below their education level, getting involved in something that could end them in jail or maybe even dead.

I found it interesting how the Lord sometimes uses events to get us (like He did with Paul and Silas) into position to do some things we might never have dreamed of doing. When I graduated from college during the Vietnam War, there was a draft notice waiting for me. After the military, I went back to school! This time it was to the seminary to study to become a pastor. I completed the required work and graduated in 1976 at which time I received my first call to the public ministry. And then it was "OJT" = "on the job training" in the parish.

While at the seminary, one day I received an invitation to have lunch with the speaker of the Lutheran Hour who was at that time Rev. Dr. Oswald Hoffmann. I arrived to discover that only 4 or 5 of us had been invited to lunch. We were those who had been in the military before we came to the seminary. He got right to the point. He wanted each of us to consider becoming a chaplain in the military because we had a special insight into what military life was all about. We also knew the need for Christian chaplains to share the message of hope that comes through Jesus Christ which service men and women and their families need.

By God's grace (after I went in Army school), I served 30 years as an Army chaplain. The Lord blessed me with interactions with individuals whom I would normally never have any dealings with and with opportunities to share the love of Jesus with a wide variety of individuals. But then Uncle Sam's rules and regulations kicked in and at age 60 I had to retire from active military service.

In May 2018, my brother pastors in our circuit encouraged me to run for the fire commissioner position that the incumbent was retiring from. I filled out the paper work to put my name on the ballot. Then I received the needed votes in both the primary and general elections from the citizens of my fire district to be elected as their fire commissioner. And now it's "back to school again" as I am learning the ins and outs in the realm of fire departments.

At whatever age or situation that we're in, a disciple of Jesus Christ might be able to see how the

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Holy Spirit has brought us to this time in our life. By God's grace, we might also be able to see how the Spirit has used us to do some things for Jesus. Of course, even if we don't recognize the Spirit's actions in our life of leading us do this and not that, we thank and praise our loving God for our saving faith in Jesus Christ.

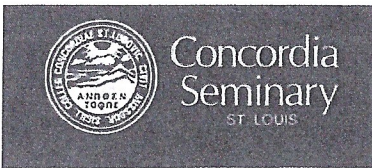
May the love of the risen Lord Jesus always be in your heart!

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### Call Process Update



On April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>, the Seminaries announce the calls for the 81 graduates from the seminaries in St. Louis and Ft Wayne. Unfortatly St Timothyis call was declined. Interestly our call was the only call issued from Washington State. None from Alaska and Idaho. Three calls were from Oregon churches and only the call from The Dallas was filled.

St Timothy needs to continue our discussions on what are the next best steps for us to follow now that we have gone down the paths of considering and calling nominations from candidates currently serving and the process of calling a seminary graduate or differed vicar. On March 25<sup>th</sup> the Call Committee met to discuss possible alternatives in the case our call was declined. On May 1<sup>st</sup> we knew with certainty that we need to continue the process of considering our alternatives. On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, we have scheduled a call committee meeting for this purpose. To help us in the process, we are very pleased that our District President, Rev. Linnemann will visit St Timothy on May 29<sup>th</sup>. We have scheduled a meeting at 7 pm on this date and invite all the members of the congregation to attend. This is an excellent opportunity to hear directly from the District President his thoughts, ideas and suggestions pertaining to the future of St. Timothy. Every member is strongly encouraged to attend to ask your questions and hear the answers to the questions of others so that everyone can help us decide the best course of action for St. Timothy.

### ITS BUDGET TIME!

Our fiscal year 2020 begins on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Our council will be working hard to developing operating budgets for expense and income levels for the new year. They will be planning for expenses as necessary to support our current operational plans for our church starting in July. Depending on our call startegies our budget may require signifacatnt revisions. However until these are better known, we will budget for a contiuation of our current status. When our future plans are clear we will revise our budget accordingly.

Every member is encouraged to participate in our planning process. We budget for our plans and therefore we need to develop plans for the next year. Every member can have input into the planning process. Before July 1<sup>st</sup> we will have a Voter's meeting to consider our plans and ongoing levels of expenses. Voter's will be asked to approve a budget at this meeting. We are anxious and willing to fund the best ideas to build on the future of St Timothy. Your support and suggestions are most welcome. Let a council member hear about your thoughts so we can consider the best ideas in our upcoming budget cycle. You are welcome to join our June council meeting if you wish to present your ideas to the entire council.

## Council Report – Mel Suelzle



April 30<sup>th</sup> was the end of the 10<sup>th</sup> month of our fiscal year 2019. The financial results for this period are shown below. Our income for the year so far remained at 95% or \$3,953 below our plan for budget for contributions and all other income. 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% for the year to date. Actually expenses were less than our budgeted level by a small amount. The significant income shortfall has resulted in our income after expenses to be \$4,002 below our plan for the year so far. If you have any questions, or would like more details, please let me know.

### Financial Report for FY2019 July – April

Income	Budget	Actual		Remaining \$\$
Worship Service Offerings	67,197	63,784	95%	3,412
Other	5,108	5,042	99%	66
Facility Use Income	2,300	1,825	79%	475
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>74,605</b>	<b>70,652</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>3,953</b>
Expense				
Elders	38,367	39,276	102%	-909
Trustees	15,338	14,830	97%	508
Council	7,350	6,886	94%	464
Administration	4,455	4,762	107%	-306
Worship & Music	6,658	6,571	99%	87
Education	110	56	56%	54
Fellowship	200	147	74%	53
Social Ministry	600	600	100%	0
Stewardship	125	125	100%	0
Evangelism	693	693	100%	0
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>73,896</b>	<b>73,946</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>-50</b>
<b>Income Less Expense</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>-3,293</b>	<b>-464%</b>	<b>\$4,002</b>



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. We posted a message on our sign a couple of days and receive two responses. Unfortunately neither response proved to be appropriate for our needs. We will continue our efforts to fill the position and ask our members to be alert for friends or acquaintances that might be interested. Please have

anyone interested contact Mel Suelzle at [mel@suelzle.com](mailto:mel@suelzle.com) or call 206 484-2974.

# Inclement Weather or Emergency Policy

In the event of church event closures, we encourage all church members, guests, and staff to observe all safety precautions and follow prudent travel policies by staying off the roads during icy or especially stormy weather. We will make every effort to notify members to avoid having anyone arrive at our church that is closed.

What type of circumstances does this apply to?

- If road conditions are unsafe in the area of the church and the parking lot is unsafe for driving or walking.
- If the electricity is out at the church facilities
- If the furnace is out and the expected temperatures would make attendance uncomfortable
- When local or state government has declared a state of emergency and/or people are being warned to stay off the road.

The decision to cancel a church service due to inclement weather conditions will be made by the pastor and one or more elders with input from the head trustee as needed.

If a decision is made to cancel or delay a Sunday worship service or other event, we will post such notice on our website, [www.sainttimothy.lutheran.net](http://www.sainttimothy.lutheran.net) by **8 am on Sunday morning** or the **day of a scheduled event**. This decision will consider road conditions, safety of travel and access to our church, and whether power & heat is available.

Additionally, if power and access permits, we will update our office voicemail greeting (425-743 2323) with this information and notify our members by email\*.

If no such notice is announced, then you should assume the worship service or event is being held as planned.

\*If you attend St Timothy Lutheran Church and are not on our email list and would like to be, please send an email to our church office ([stlc\\_office@frontier.com](mailto:stlc_office@frontier.com)).

# FELLOWSHIP NEWS

**Please Remember in Your Prayers:**

**Our homebound members:**

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

**Folks with Health Concerns:**

Major; Rodger; Thirza; Alex

Family members and friends:  
Lee; Fern; Hunter Rose; Bella;  
Ava; Esther; Judy; Mary; Cyrus

**Those with Birthdays:**

June 4 – Sharron K  
5 – Roman T  
24 – Lois M  
26 – Edna W  
27 – Linda G  
28 – Karl S  
July 1 – Pastor Flath  
10 – Janet A

**Those with a Wedding Anniversary:**

June 7 – Lenn and Linda G  
July – 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](http://www.sainttimothy.lutheran.net)

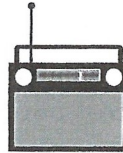
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## LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

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



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## LWML MISSION MITES

are collected on the fourth Sunday of



every month. Please bring yours on  
June 23 and July 28.

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

## August / September NEWSLETTER

Articles and Calendar information needs to be submitted by **Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>**. 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](mailto:stlc.office@frontier.net).

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

## LISA (ANDERBERG) BASU IS OFF & RUNNING!



Late reports confirm that Janet Anderberg's daughter successfully completed a 100+ mile race in Utah. Lisa, was a long time member of St Timothy until her recent marriage and relocation to the east coast.

Lisa's parents and husband were part of her support team during the 30 hour race and helped Lisa achieve a great result by finishing with the 2<sup>nd</sup> fastest finishing time of all women competitors. Below is a summary of the event from the perspective of the Lisa's mother Janet Anderberg

*This 100 mile race was pretty amazing. (It was actually 101.6 miles!) Lisa not only finished (a pretty big accomplishment) but... she got 2<sup>nd</sup> place! She was 20<sup>th</sup> overall but the second woman. Yay!*

*She finished in 29:42:12.8. That's 29 hours, 42 minutes! There were 127 in the race and 23 were women. Only 12 women actually finished the race. They dropped out at various points in the race because the conditions were pretty harsh and had to drop out (some well into the race) because of injuries, blisters, etc. So, in the end, only 108 total were able to finish. I*

*hear this is fairly typical of these longer ultras. Lisa looked strong the whole way. Her support crew (Bilin (her husband), Mike and I) were at each of the aid stations. So, we were also up and active the whole time. The race started at 5am.*

*During the race it was sunny (we all got sunburned), it rained, it snowed hard, it hailed, there were 20-40mile per hour winds and the temps at night were in the mid-20s. It was also at elevation as the race started at about 7500 feet and the highest peak was nearly 9000 feet but there were a lot of ups and downs along the way. Most of the trails were single lane trails on ridges, over rocks and roots and through some meadows too. There was more than 13,700 feet of elevation gain!! It was pretty extreme. That's like running from Marysville to Tumwater while running up and over the top of Mt Rainier along the way!! Yikes!*

*We stood at the aid stations all layered up and waited for her to come in. We gave her water, food and any changes needed with clothes. Adding and subtracting her layers too. Mostly we waited around; got stuff prepared and tried to stay warm. She just powered through it. Running and power walking the whole time. Didn't even sit down until it was over. Here's some pictures taken during some of the better weather stints. Thanks for asking and for letting me share this info. My little girl is a tough cookie. Janet Anderberg*



# Fellowship News

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## Lutheran Witness Renewal

The Lutheran Witness magazine is the official publication of The Lutheran Church –Missouri Synod. Over the years a variety of interesting and timely articles have been featured in its pages.

The renewal or starting month is the September 2019 issue. The subscription for one year (11 issues) is \$15.96. Please let Pastor Flath know by June 23, 2019, if you would like to continue receiving it or if you would like to give it a shot for one year.

There is an offering envelope for The Lutheran Witness if you so wish to use it. Mark your check in the memo line "The Lutheran Witness". Thank you.

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Kits

They are available. One 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 refrigerator's freezer in the Fellowship Hall kitchen.

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## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Potluck

A special 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday potluck and/or ice cream social will be held on the last Sunday of June -- June 30, 2019 -- following the worship service. More information to follow. Please check the Sunday bulletins as the date draws nearer.

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## Mites

Mites for projects of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League are still being collected during the worship service on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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