

# NEWSLETTER

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## February / March 2020 A.D. – THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The Lenten Season this year begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26. There will be a special service here at Saint Timothy that evening at 7:00 p.m. One of the things that is often mentioned during Lent is pain – the pain that our Lord and Savior went through on our behalf. A familiar reading during Lent that speaks about the pain that Christ Jesus went through is Isaiah 53. We read in verses 4 and 5 the following:

**Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed.** (ESV)

Then we read or hear the accounts of Christ's crucifixion from the 4 Gospels. More about His pain, even His death on the cross. We need to hear and read about Jesus Christ's pain and what He went through to remind us that sin is no joking matter. At times we may think that sinning is nothing, but God doesn't. God laid all our sins (and the sins of everyone else) on His dear Son, Christ Jesus so that we would never have to face the holy wrath of God.

Why did Jesus go through all that pain?

In Hebrews 12:2 (ESV) we read this: "... **Jesus, the Author and Perfector of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, ...**". Jesus endured all that pain for the joy that would come through His suffering and death. Jesus' joy is in the fact that you and I believe that He died for us and paid the price for our sins, that by faith we believe in His as our Savior, and that we are now His brothers and sisters.

Jesus went through all those pains because He loves all people, and He is gracious and forgiving.

Therefore, we join with believers of all times and places to thank Jesus Christ for enduring all that pain so that we might live with Him eternally in heaven. As a hymn writer put it: "*Thousand, thousand, thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto Thee*" (LSB 420 refrain).

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

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## Council Report – Mel Suelzle

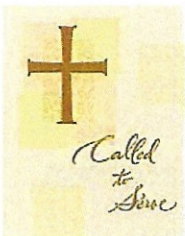


December 31<sup>st</sup> marked the end of the first half of our fiscal year 2020. *The financial results for this period are shown below. Our income was below our plan at 96% or \$2,115 less than we had budgeted. This income resulted from all types of contributions and income but EXCLUDES the income from the rental agreement for use of our parking lot on week days. Income also EXCLUDES \$6,040 contributed to our “New Strategy” dedicated fund during this period as well. Helping to offset the lower than expected income was our expenses were below our plan by almost 2%. As a result, our income after expenses was \$1,234 below our plan for the first half of the year. Most of this shortfall occurred during the summer months. Higher contributions than planned during Advent helped reduce our shortfall for the first half of the year. If you have any questions, or would like more details, please let me know.*

### Mid-Year End Financial Report for FY2020 July – December

Income	Budget	Actual		Remaining \$\$
Worship Service Offerings	38,577	35,711	93%	2,866
Other	11,260	11,994	107%	-734
Facility Use Income	1,060	1,040	96%	20
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>50,897</b>	<b>48,746</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>2,115</b>
Expense				
Elders	22,997	23,418	102%	-421
Trustees	7,855	8,725	111%	-870
Council	3,930	4,414	112%	-484
Administration	9,489	6,934	73%	2,555
Worship & Music	3,761	3,536	94%	225
Education	40	37	94%	3
Fellowship	80	64	64%	0
Social Ministry	0	0	0%	0
Stewardship	410	533	130%	-123
Evangelism	410	410	100%	55
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>48,687</b>	<b>47,770</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>917</b>
<b>Income Less Expense</b>	<b>2,210</b>	<b>976</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>1,234</b>

## Call Process Update



During this past December, as approved at this December 8th Voter's meeting, we issued a call to Rev. Ryan Roehrig currently serving the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Alta, Iowa. On December 29<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Roehrig informed us that he has decided to retain his call at St. Paul Lutheran and return our call. (A copy of his formal letter is included in this newsletter.) This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> call attempt we have made that included 2 calls to ordained pastors and one call to a seminary graduate. Our call committee will be meeting on January 29<sup>th</sup> to consider our next step in our quest for a full-time pastor. The committee meetings will yield a proposal for our next steps to be presented to the congregation for consideration and approval by Voters at a meeting scheduled during February.



## SAINT PAUL *Lutheran Church*

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1/6/20

**Dear Members of St Timothy Lutheran Church:**

In Nomine Jesu,

Greetings in the name of Jesus who is the Head of the Church and Shepherd of us His sheep,

After a few weeks of prayerful consideration with my family. I have decided to retain my call here at St Paul Lutheran Church in Alta. I pray that through this decision the Lord will do his will in his Church both here and at St Timothy. You all will remain in my prayers as you continue your search for a Pastor and that the Holy Spirit would continue to guide you through it all.

The Lord knows the needs of his Church and I pray that even now you will hold onto that promise in the days to come. May the Lord be with you all.

With you in His service,

**Pastor Ryan Roehrig**

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cc: Rev. Bradley Ketcham, Rev. Brad Malone





Since July, Laurie Jessen has worked in our office and assisted Pastor Flath on a part-time basis. During this time Laurie has also worked in the office of Zion Lutheran in Snohomish to fill in when their secretary was dealing with medical issues. As the situation developed, Zion's secretarial needs became more permanent and Laurie has decided to take a full-time position at Zion. Her starting date has been delayed to March 1<sup>st</sup> in order to allow us more time to find a replacement. Laurie has done very well in the short time she has been with us and we will definitely miss her. We appreciate her efforts and progress in our office, especially in the area of updating our member records that have been neglected for some time. We thank Laurie and wish her well in her new position at Zion.

Currently Pastor Flath and I are assessing our needs in the office to determine the level of services we should plan on for our search for a replacement to perform key tasks in our office. 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 January 27<sup>th</sup>. This is a make-up date for the January 13<sup>th</sup> date that was cancelled because of the snow. Life Screening has also scheduled another event for May 4<sup>th</sup> later this year. 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. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. To register for this event visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle). Certificates are available providing significant discounts to St. Timothy members and friends. Contact Mel Suelzle if you are interested in obtaining a certificate.

PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS

**Shepherding People to Heaven** is an important task for our congregation. We especially want to seek to bring back into Christ's flock those individuals who have drifted away from their Savior for one reason or another. We all know individuals like that. Therefore, may God grant us the desire to help those people reconnect with their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We also ask the Holy Spirit to help us in doing that. And of course here at Saint Timothy, we want to be as welcoming and friendly as we can be to everyone!



**1st Aid Kits** are available. One is kept in the drawers 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.

**Bible Study Opportunities** here at St. Timothy meet in the Fellowship Hall in the basement of the church -- everyone is welcome to participate in both.

**Sunday** mornings before the service from 9:00 – 9:45 a.m. – studying Revelation

**Wednesday** mornings from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. – studying the Miracles of Jesus





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 8:30a Men's B'fast (F)
2 9:00 a Bible Study 10:00 a Worship Service 10:45a Sunday School (4)	3 7:00p AA Meeting (1)	4 6:30p Elders Mtg. (3)	5 9:30 a Bible Class	6 7:00p AA Mtg. (1)	7 Key: Fellowship Hall (F) Room 1 (1) Room 3 (3) Room 4 (4)	8 7:30p AA Mtg. (1)
9 9:00 a Bible Study 10:00 a Communion Service 10:45a Sunday School (4)	10 7:00p AA Meeting (G)	11 9:00a Circuit Pastors Meeting 7:00p Council Meeting (3)	12 9:30 a Bible Class	13 7:00p AA Mtg. (1)	14 St. Valentines Day 10:30a Ladies' Coffee Time	15 8:30a Men's B'fast (F) 7:30p AA Mtg. (1)
16 9:00 a Bible Study 10:00 a Worship Service 10:45a Sunday School (4)	17 PRESIDENTS' DAY (Church Office Closed) 7:00p AA Meeting (G)	18	19 9:30 a Bible Class	20 7:00p AA Mtg. (1)	21	22 7:30p AA Mtg. (1)
23 9:00 a Bible Study 10:00 a Communion Service - MITES collected 10:45a Sunday School (4)	24 7:00p AA Meeting (G)	25	26 ASH WEDNESDAY 9:30 a Bible Class 6:00 p Soup Supper 7:00 p Service with Communion	27 7:00p AA Mtg. (1)	28 10:30a Ladies' Coffee Time	29 7:30p AA Mtg. (1)



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# March 2020 A.D.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 29 9:00 a Bible Study 10:00 a Worship Service 10:45a Sunday School (4) 11:15a 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Potluck	March 30 7:00p AA Meeting (1)	March 31 6:30p Elders Mtg (3)	9:30a Bible Class (F) No Midweek 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)
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8 9:00 a Bible Study 10:00 a Communion Service 10:45a Sunday School (4) (Daylight Savings Time Begins)	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	14 7:30p AA Mtg. (1)
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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; Lenn; Joyce;  
Rodger; Karl; Thirza; Alex

Family members and friends:  
Debbie; Rosa; Fern; John;  
Bella; Ava; Esther; Ginny

### Those with Birthdays:

February 18 – Annaliese S

21 – Lenn G

March 1 – Chris A

1 – DongSun S

6 – Major C

9 – Gerold H

16 – Bill H

17 – Thirza W

19 – Diane H

20 – Richard E

21 – Millie M

23 – Joyce H

26 – Gary E

### Those with a Wedding Anniversary:

February 12 – Chris & Jeanne A (20 yrs.)

March 6 – Gary & Barbara E (50 yrs.)

19 – Jim & Thirza Weber (60 yrs.)

## 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)

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](mailto: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



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## LWML MISSION MITES

are collected on the fourth Sunday of



every month. Please bring yours on  
February 23 and March 22.

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

## April / May NEWSLETTER

Articles and Calendar  
information need to be submitted by  
Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</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.com](mailto:stlc_office@frontier.com).

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