

Saint Timothy Lutheran Church

Newsletter



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Pastor's Thoughts on the Passing Times

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Elders and I have been working through a book by David Kinnaman called *You Lost Me*. In the book he discusses why young Christians leave the church and offers guidance for the church to rethink how we live faithfully in our changing culture. Kinnaman suggests that the church ought to reorient focus toward our relationship with God's wisdom and our vocations. He says, "In a culture skeptical of every kind of earthly authority, where information is dirt cheap and where institutions and leaders so often disappoint, we need God-given wisdom." Wisdom is the spiritual, mental, and emotional ability to relate rightly to God and relate to others. The Proverbs say, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." Wisdom from God allows us to live as Christ-followers in the world, by what we were put on earth to do as Christian individuals and a Christian community, embracing our vocations.

To illustrate what this actually means he tells the story of the architect who built the Pittsburgh Pirates ballpark: PNC Park. The ballpark was to replace the aged and outdated Three Rivers Stadium. Three Rivers Stadium was the standard, cookie cutter field used by many other cities around the nation. It was the perfect ring-shaped stadium, sturdy and practically built to accommodate hundreds of seats for one purpose: to squeeze as many people in as possible. Opposed to the old way of designing and building stadiums, the architect instead spent weeks on the ground walking downtown Pittsburgh and thought about how the new field could belong to the city. In the end, he succeeded in making a beautiful ballpark that offered fans glimpses of the iconic skyline and bridges of Pittsburgh.

Why is this story helpful? Because Jesus Christ and the church does not have a shortsighted pragmatic view of the world. Kinnaman observes that over the past century American Christianity has mass produced disciples. The vision of the Christian life only demanded church attendance while ignoring the opportunity to understand the adventure of following Jesus and genuine fellowship in the church. Church was practical, focused on providing the right information and expecting that to be enough reason to do the right thing. Over the years, young and brilliant Christ-followers become adults filled with loads of information and unfortunately, many have since moved on from their faith because all the church offered them was information with no wisdom or purpose. Kinnaman encourages the church to turn back to God's wisdom and Christian vocation. Wisdom from God empowers us to live faithfully in a changing culture. Vocation is a clear mental picture of our role as Christ-followers in the world, of what we are put on earth to do.

In Jesus Christ, we are offered the Father's heart. Through his life, ministry, death and resurrection, Jesus pulls back the curtain of heaven to show us the very face of a gracious God who forgives and renews our lives with wisdom and purpose. St. Timothy is called to follow our Lord Jesus Christ, to be claimed and taught by God's Word and conform to God's reality of grace and love, to live in the Spirit, and practice community with the saints. The point being: Jesus knew his followers in his time on earth and Jesus knows you today. Mass disciple production does not equal a better church and the practical way is not always the best way. Instead, our metric is defined by the quality of our relationships. Our relationship with God restored and renewed by the blood of the Lamb who we receive wisdom from, and our relationships with others. If we pay attention to the quality of our relationships, with God and with others, not only will we gain wisdom, but we will be more apt to perform our vocations faithfully in love toward whoever God places in our life.

Prayerfully, the world will begin to let us be closer than six feet apart. As the distance between us lessens, take mind to improve the quality of your relationships with your brothers and sisters at St. Timothy and across multiple generations.

In Christ's love,
Pastor Berry

UPCOMING DATES AND SERVICES – August

8/1/2021 -	9:00 AM: Bible Class – Christian Stewardship
	10:00 AM: Worship Service – 10 th Sunday After Pentecost
8/8/2021 -	9:00 AM: Bible Class – Christian Stewardship
	10:00 AM: Worship Service – 11 th Sunday After Pentecost
8/14/2021 -	8:30 AM: Men’s Group
8/15/2021 -	9:00 AM: Bible Class – Christian Stewardship
	10:00 AM: Worship Service – 12 th Sunday After Pentecost
8/22/2021 -	9:00 AM: Bible Class – Christian Stewardship
	10:00 AM: Worship Service – 13 th Sunday After Pentecost
8/28/2021 -	8:30 AM: Men’s Group
8/29/2021 -	9:00 AM: Bible Class – Christian Stewardship
	10:00 AM: Worship Service – 14 th Sunday After Pentecost

SAINT TIMOTHY NEWS



LCMS Youth Gathering News

The LCMS Youth Gathering is set for July 9-13, 2022 in Houston, TX. While, St. Timothy will not have a high school youth group attending, there are other opportunities for our congregation to participate! Young adults between the ages of 19-25 are encouraged to apply as a Young Adult Volunteer (YAV). If you would like to know more about the LCMS Youth Gathering and Young Adult Volunteers please speak to Brenda Segovia, who is on the planning team for next year’s Gathering. Brenda has served as a YAV in the past and would love to share all about “Orange Nation” and the Youth Gathering!

What is a Young Adult Volunteer (YAV)?

Young Adult volunteers serve as role models and servant leaders while working in all corners of the Gathering. These teams are also a place where YAVs meet other Young Adults as they are supported physically, mentally, and spiritually.

Young Adult Volunteers are fun, friendly and flexible. They’re ready to help engage participants and aid in traffic flow and safety from early morning to late at night.

Gathering provides: housing. YAVs are responsible for registration costs (\$395) and travel arrangements to Houston, TX.

Dacha Theatre— *Dears in Headlights*

St. Timothy is hosting a Dacha Theatre production, *Dears in Headlights*, in the parking lot on Thursday, August 5th, 2021 at 8:30pm.

Dears In Headlights. Dacha’s summertime spectacular, DEARS IN HEADLIGHTS, invites audiences back to the drive-in theatre for an evening of movie magic—only this time, with a troupe of live actors instead of a silver screen. Accompanied by an FM radio soundtrack, this fully devised and larger-than-life love letter to classic cinema combines pastiche, clowning, vignettes, and physical theatre to create a playful immersive experience for viewers with and without cars. Whether you’d rather scare yourself silly with a horror movie or laugh along to a rom-com, you’ll be delighted by this original new take on a beloved summer pastime.

Tickets are available at dachatheatre.com/summer. The show can be watched either from inside a parked car (with soundtrack on the FM radio) or from outside on a folding chair or picnic blanket. There are only 8 car spaces available, but unlimited outside tickets. Dacha Theatre has offered a discount code for the members of our community (they also have pay-what-you can tickets on their site). Please use the discount code “EDMONDS” when purchasing your tickets online.



On June 21st, Beatrice Simon was given the St. Timothy Scholarship award at the morning service. Janet Anderberg, on behalf of the Scholarship Committee, presented Beatrice with an award letter and a check of \$5,000. Beatrice is the daughter of members Karl and Patsy Simon. Beatrice plans to attend Northwest University in Kirkland, WA where she will study humanities (major undecided currently) and play on the women's basketball team. Afterwards the church had a reception for the Grads and recognized the Dads with a special reception hosted by Kim Reinig and Carol Hauge. This was a nice first conversation and refreshment time since the pandemic closure of 2020. It was a good thing to happen! –Patsy Simon



PSALM 9:1

i will praise You, LORD, with all my heart; i will tell of all the marvelous things You have done!



Dear members of St. Timothy -
 i'd like to thank all of you for always welcoming me when i come to church and supporting me. i cannot express my gratefulness ^{enough} to the anonymous donor who gave \$5,000. it will assist me so much in pursuing my goals! i'll definitely keep all of you updated on what's happening in my life. thank you for your kindness to me - all the words of congratulations, generous gifts, and most importantly, your prayers. with God on my side, i'll be good for the future! each one of you has a special place in my heart, and even though i might not see you every week anymore, i just want to say thank you and God bless you all!
 love, Bea! ♡ P.S. thank you for the tickets to baseball - it was so fun

-Beatrice Simon Thank You Note to St. Timothy

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

A big thank you to everyone who came to the AquaSox baseball game in June and to St. Timothy for sponsoring our tickets! We had a great time meeting new friends and enjoying a fun evening at Funko Field in Everett!



Oktoberfest- Saturday, September 25th

Be sure to save the date for this year's Oktoberfest!



Men's Group

St. Timothy Men's Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month from 8:30-10:00 AM. We are causal group that share highs and lows, begin and end with a prayer, and get to know each other. Sometimes we have a "Show and Tell" if one in our group has a neat hobby or interest they would like to share. This is not a Bible study, but a time for Christian men to hang out together and grow in our faith together. Newcomers are always welcome.

If you have any questions, please give me a call. Gary Eneberg at (206) 714-8442 or (425) 743-0880.

LADIES COFFEE TIME

Ladies Coffee Time usually meets the 2nd & 4th Fridays of the month from 10:30am - 12:00pm. For the summer months LCT will not be meeting, but looking to come back in the fall. Stay tuned for more information in the coming month.

LCT is a ladies fellowship group, sharing coffee and life together, the lows and highs in our lives, encouraging one another in the faith, and ending with a devotional and prayer at the end. Every lady is welcome to bring a bread, pastry, fruit or other morning treat.

You may call Barb Eneberg @ (425) 745-0880, if you have any questions.

Education at St. Timothy

* **Sunday Morning Bible Class:** On Sunday mornings we continue to study Christian Stewardship. For a long time Stewardship has been a difficult topic for Lutherans to discuss for many reasons. In this study we will explore what God has called his people to be and do: to take responsibility over the creation, to care for it and cultivate it. Stewardship looks at how Christians can be faithful stewards in various ways of God's creation. Join us every **Sunday** morning at **9 AM**.

* **Wednesday Morning Bible Class:** Wednesday morning will start up again in September.



Bible Study

September 2021 NEWSLETTER

Articles and Calendar information needs to be submitted by **Wednesday, August 25th**. Please Email
OR hand to Pastor Berry. Email to:

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

The Curious Christian: Learning Lutheran Liturgy

We all have habits. Habits acquired over time whether good or bad, but they are things we just tend to do automatically. Brushing our teeth every morning and evening (hopefully), set times for each meal, setting the thermostat at work every morning, using the exercise machines in the same order at the gym each week, reading for 30 minutes before bed each night, and even something as mundane and simple as putting your pants on with your right leg before your left leg.

If you think about it, these habits are rituals; a liturgy we perform. They are rituals that prepare us throughout the day that also help us avoid negative outcomes down the road like cavities, weight gain, or falling behind on work or feeling tired throughout the day. On the occasions we miss performing our ritual like brushing our teeth, missing a meal, or skipping a workout we can't help but feel that something is missing, because we didn't perform our liturgy. Our ritual was out of whack.

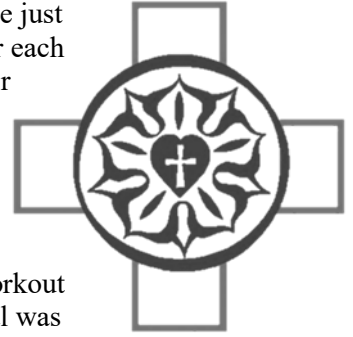
Christian Worship on Sunday morning is also ritual and a habit. For Christians, attending worship is not simply a way to fill our Sunday morning before brunch, a "nice" thing to do, or a form of entertainment. It's habit for growing in God's Word and finding direction for the Christian life in a confusing and messy world. Simply put, it's good for you, orients your day and week. Christian worship forms you into a certain type of Christian; receiving the gifts God gives not only in the Gospel of Jesus Christ as a redeemed and forgiven child but in his Word of instruction and guidance for faithful lives. Our habits, and what we do in worship says something about us. Worship is formational.

Yet, as a church we have not done a great job at explaining or instructing Christians in why we do what we do. The criticism is often the same—it's too traditional, it's too Roman Catholic, it's emotionless, it's the same thing every week. My hope over the next year, through these Newsletter pieces, is that we will explore our Lutheran Liturgy and our Lutheran habits for "the curious Christian." Why do we do what we do? What does this all mean? The elements of worship are purposefully there and not meaningless motions of tradition for the sake of "tradition." My prayer is that these short essays will open our eyes to understand the meaning and purpose behind our rituals. The history and theology behind each element is purposeful and perhaps can help us appreciate the act of worship and how it informs our lives here today.

Why I love Lutheran Liturgy: John Bandur

At the center of our Lutheran worship is a dialogue between God and me: God speaks and I respond. It is a gift to me personally as a sinner. God comes down to me and gives me his grace through the church. Early Christian worship services were liturgical in nature, so our Lutheran liturgy brings that history alive and connects us with our faithful fathers and mothers who came and laid the path before us. I've found that many of the more contemporary churches tend to format their Sunday morning with a simple "praise and worship" session at the beginning, which is full of music and songs, followed by a watered-down message.

Our liturgy intersperses songs throughout the Divine Service. There is meaning behind every aspect of the Lutheran Service. For example, when the pastor turns to face the altar it means he is joining the congregation in addressing God. When the pastor is facing the congregation he is addressing the congregation on behalf of God. Everything leads to or connects with the next thing in the liturgy, helping to prepare us for what comes next in the liturgy. We are prepared for the sermon and then the Lord's Supper. I love the fact that the LCMS has specific hymns we sing based on the time of year and which church season we are in. I also love the fact that the colors we use in church reflect the church seasons, such as green for Pentecost and growth. No matter the denomination, each church service follows a certain liturgy in one way or another. Ours tends to be one of the most traditionally liturgical, but that is what makes the LCMS so great!



RECORDED SERMONS & SERVICES ARE ONLINE

We have been doing things to try and make sure the people at St. Timothy continue to be in the rhythm of God's Word to connect, hear, and receive. We have a way for sermons and worship services to be listened online.

visit:

www.santtimotheylutheran.net

Click the link on the right that says "Pastor Berry's Services & Sermons" and you can listen to the sermon, or listen to the whole service from Sunday.

Saint Timothy Prayer Team

Prayer Team takes prayer requests to provide prayer support for members of the congregation, friends and our community. Together, the team prays through the prayers requested at Saint Timothy. Contact confidentially Patsy Simon or any member of the team if you would like to offer up a petition. No need is too small or answered prayer too little to neglect to mention it to our Heavenly Father.

-Patsy Simon, (425)770-3354

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." -Romans 12:12



Please Remember in Your Prayers:

Our homebound members:

Barbara Howe; Millie Molenda; Sylvia Robinson; Gertrud Schulz; Mary Stewart; Alex Webster

Folks with Health Concerns:

Wayne Cluver; Rev. Richard Flath; Joyce Hammond; Sharron Kennedy; Sylvia Robinson;
Mel Suelzle; Thirza Weber; Alex Webster

Family members & friends:

Debbie (Pr. Flath's sister), Bella and Ave (Bill & Carol Hauge's granddaughters),
Esther (Grace Hundtoft's sister), Samantha (Laura's niece)

Birthdays in August:

5th- Barb Eneberg

Baptism Anniversaries in August

3rd- Pastor Flath
23rd- Edna Watters

Wedding Anniversaries in August:

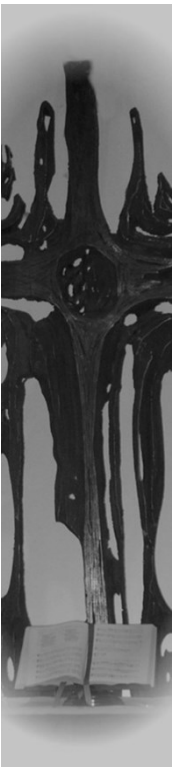
20th- Mike & Janet Anderberg (43 years)
20th- Doug & Marie Spaulding (28 years)
21st- Matt & Amanda Nisbet (11 years)

Please inform Pastor Berry or the office if any birthdays, baptisms, or wedding anniversaries have been overlooked.

Thank you!



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9:00 a.m. Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Worship Service



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