

Saint Timothy Lutheran Church

Newsletter



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Pastor's Thoughts on the Passing Times

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

There are a number of ways we address each other, or names to describe ourselves: Christians, Brothers and Sisters, the Body of Christ, Saints, Children of God. But there's one I don't hear often and was reminded of it again this last month—Truth-tellers. For that is who we are as people claimed by God, we are claimed by the truth. And so, we are made into truth-tellers.

We believe, teach, confess and think of the Gospel of Jesus Christ above all and at no matter the risk, as a word that speaks the truth concerning the way things are. The Gospel is news, and more profoundly good news. As truth-tellers, we simply speak the truth about the way things are and the Gospel message of Jesus Christ is news for us and to the world about the way things are.

But we find there is a strange tension with the Gospel. The Gospel is bad news before it is good news. Bad news, because the tragedy we face of being a sinner. A sinner before God and our opposition to the way the Father made his creation. The Gospel is bad news because it means our way of seeking security, assurances, happiness, joys and overcoming suffering is wrong thinking. The Gospel is bad news because what we think is purposeful and meaningful to life is not actually true to the way things actually are. The Gospel is bad news because it reveals that my truth is not the truth.

On April 4 we celebrated and remembered the Resurrection of Our Lord and were able to gather as the church for the first time since 2019, to hear the truth. The news of Jesus being raised from the dead is just that: news. But it is good news for us because while the tragedy of being a sinner is revealed, we also receive the news that we are loved anyway, cherished, forgiven, bleeding from our wounds, but also bled for. That's the good news, the truth that God in Jesus Christ has forgiven us and claimed us to take part in his rule and reign. The truth has been revealed to us. And now we speak that news in the way we conduct our lives.

To speak the Gospel is not just to tell the truth but to tell the truth in love. To tell the truth in love means to tell it with concern not only for the truth that is being told but with concern also for the people it is being told to. We must always try to feel what it is like to live inside the skins of the people we are speaking to, to hear the truth as they hear it. That is not as hard as it sounds because, of course, we ourselves are hearers of truth as well as truth-tellers. We listen out of the same emptiness as they do for a truth to fill them and make them true. So if the truth is worth telling, it is worth making a fool of yourself to tell. Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

In Christ's love,
Pastor Berry

UPCOMING DATES AND SERVICES – MAY

5/2/2021 -	9:00 AM: Bible Class – Gospel of John
	10:00 AM: Worship Service – 5 th Sunday of Easter
5/9/2021 -	9:00 AM: Bible Class – Gospel of John
	10:00 AM: Worship Service – 6 th Sunday of Easter
5/14/2021 -	10:30 AM: Ladies Coffee Time
5/15/2021 -	8:30 AM: Men’s Group
5/16/2021 -	9:00 AM: Bible Class – Gospel of John
	10:00 AM: Worship Service – The Ascension of Our Lord (observed)
5/23/2021 -	9:00 AM: Bible Class – Gospel of John
	10:00 AM: Worship Service – The Day of Pentecost
5/28/2021 -	10:30 AM: Ladies Coffee Time
5/29/2021 -	8:30 AM: Men’s Group
5/30/2021 -	9:00 AM: Bible Class – Gospel of John
	10:00 AM: Worship Service – The Holy Trinity Sunday

SAINT TIMOTHY NEWS

Office Administration



We are pleased to announce that Brenda Segovia has agreed to accept a part time position in our office. Brenda and her husband Adam, recently moved to the Northwest and have attended St Timothy on a regular basis for the past several months. Brenda is a graduate of Concordia University in Irvine, CA. She has a degree as a Director of Christian Education. Brenda will bring some much need administrative skills to our office in keeping the office up to date while meeting the needs of St Timothy’s congregation and staff. Brenda will begin work on May 6th.

COVID 19 REOPENING PLANS

Several changes have been made to our services and meetings in response to Washington State guidelines as Snohomish County has move to Phase 3. Here is a summary of the current COVID measures we are following.

- We are continuing to observe masking and spacing guidelines during a meetings or services.
- We are allowing ONE person in the altar area to be unmasked for speaking (pastor & readers)
- Communion settings are being covered prior to distribution to congregants.
- Normal pre-Covid readings during worship service has been resumed.
- Smaller fellowship groups (men’s & women’s) are permitted as long as masking and spacing requirements are observed.
- AA meetings are allowed as long as size allows 6’ spacing.
- Larger after service fellowship gatherings is under review.

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- We have discontinued surface cleaning as allowed by state guidelines.

We will continue to monitor WA State guidance and revise our practices as appropriate.



On May 7th St Timothy will host another Lifeline Screening event. If you are interested in any of the test performed by this event call (800) 636-0186 for more information or to make reservations.

Parking Lot Maintenance

During our March council meeting, the bids for sealing and striping of our parking lot were reviewed. Three bids were received that ranged from \$7,188 to \$12,417. Gary Eneberg and Mel Suelzle met with the lowest bidder and we felt he was the best choice. All bids were higher than either of us expected. All bidders noted that we had a large number of cracks (over 2000') that would need to be specially cleaned and filled prior to seal coating and striping.

We have been advised that the lease of our parking lot will be resumed in July. Therefore, we need to have the parking lot maintenance completed by the end of June. This project is weather dependent AND the construction project on the north side of our lot may be a scheduling problem as well.

NEEDS of SAINT TIMOTHY

For the last 5 years, our congregation has been planning for the future. The trends we were experiencing were not positive and, if continued, would result in a rather bleak future. As a congregation we decided that we would not accept this result and needed to make changes that would support our growth and be more appealing to the community we wish to serve. We spent many hours of working out our future plans and beginning to prepare the way for our new vision. We have completed some very major tasks to prepare us for these new challenges. Last Spring, we received a great blessing when our Call for a full-time pastor was answered and Pastor Berry came to St Timothy.

Our call was successful at least in part due to the guidance we received from NW District that challenged us to answer the question, "How are you a blessing to the community?". We accepted this challenge and worked to identify ways that St Timothy could serve as a blessing to our community and better serve and instill our Christian values to others. The challenge from the District resulted in a major change to our Vision Statement which became part of our call document. Truly this statement is a stretch and challenge to us all. But it is exciting to read and imagine new ways for the future. COVID has impacted our schedule a great deal, but as COVID restrictions subside, it is time for all of us to revisit the 2-year-old document and become familiar with the vision.

As with any vision or project, we need to assess what our needs are or will be in order to be successful. That process was the basis for addressing our financial needs with the property sale in 2018 so we could afford a full-time pastor that was fulfilled last year. We have other more major needs both material and human resources needed to implement and manage the programs we feel will help us achieve our vision. Now is the time for all members to give thought on what needs we have and what are the priorities associated with each. When COVID measures allow, we will need to have discussion voters meetings and work groups to more fully define and discuss the needs and

program priorities. Until then, we will have to meet in smaller groups and be better prepared when full gatherings of members are possible.

The Vision is two years old and perhaps some updating is appropriate to consider changes. Review copies of this three-page document will be available to members soon.

Mel Suelzle

Saint Timothy Holy Week & Easter Celebration



Holy Week was well celebrated at St. Timothy this year. Pastor Berry lead Maundy Thursday service with a communion time. Good Friday evening service was in Tenebrae form. Many persons helped decorate the church for Easter service and new bows were placed on the aisle candle posts as well as a new banner in the narthex. Easter lilies graced the altar making for a lovely, welcoming worship experience for the 39 who attended. He is Risen! Hallelujah.



Submitted by Patsy Simon

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

After Church-Fellowship Walks

The Fellowship Walks have continued to happen with parishioners at St. Timothy. Through cool weather, even rainy drizzle a group of walkers have enjoyed our local parks and beaches while getting to know each other better. Fortunately, our last walk was along the Edmonds Waterfront April 11 on a beautiful day. We have attempted to walk every other Sunday after worship hour. Our next walks will be May 9th (Mother's Day) and May 23rd. For June we will see if our Fellowship Hall will open for sit down fellowship or otherwise, we will readjust for a summer schedule. Submitted by Patsy Simon



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 meets the 2nd & 4th Fridays of the month from 10:30am - 12:00pm. We are 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.

LCT will meet on May 14 & May 28. Then the next month, June 11 & June 25.

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

Education at St. Timothy

* **Sunday Morning Bible Class:** On Sunday morning we continue to study the **Gospel of John**. We are in the latter half of John's Gospel and will be finishing our study around the beginning of June. Sunday Morning Bible Class during the summer will focus on an important Christian teaching: **Christian Stewardship**. A great way for all of us to grow in God's Word and mature in our faith.

* **Wednesday Morning Bible Class:** Began studying **the Word** of the Word of God. Every Wednesday morning we are talking about what constitutes the Word of God and the modern view of the Bible. We are rethinking how we talk about the Word of God particularly as it relates to the Scriptures. The study will end sometime in early to mid-June and Wednesday Morning BC will take off for the Summer.



Bible Study

June/July 2021 NEWSLETTER

Articles and Calendar information needs to be submitted by **Wednesday, May 26**. Please Email OR hand to Pastor Berry. Email to:

pastor@stlc-edmonds.com
stlc_office@frontier.com

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

**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.santtimothylutheran.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:

Major Clay; Wayne Cluver; Sanda Ewalt; Rev. Richard Flath; Joyce Hammond; Sharron Kennedy; Sylvia Robinson; 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)

Birthdays in May:

- May 7 Adel Gonzalez
- 8 Josh Teuscher
- 11 Patsy Simon
- 13 Wayne Cluver
- 14 Barbara Howe
- 20 Paige Allen
- 24 Sylvia Robinson

PRAISE BE TO GOD!

Wedding Anniversaries in May:

- May 10 Bill & Carol Hauge
55 years
- 24 Jess & Laura Washabaugh
35 years

PRAISE BE TO GOD!

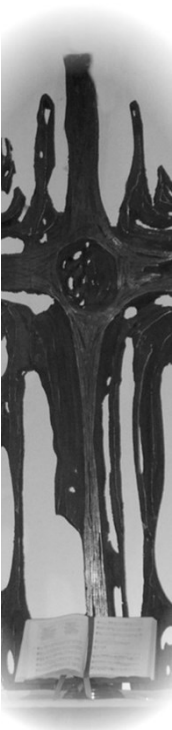
Baptism Anniversaries in May

- May 3 Diane Herrick
- 4 Richard Eaton
- 8 Debbie Zaske
- 9 Joyce Hammond
- 25 Gerold Herrick
- 28 Josh Teuscher

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



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SUNDAY

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



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