

NEWSLETTER

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MARCH 2013 A.D.—Thoughts from the Pastor

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

From time to time many of you have heard me say that a particular Bible verse is one of the “top 10 key verses in the Bible” for me. I find those key verses very important because of the spiritual teaching that each one makes.

For instance, in our Sunday morning study of the book of Genesis, I said that about Genesis 5:3. “When Adam had lived 130 years, he fathered a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth.” Just a couple of Wednesdays ago in our Bible study of the book of Acts, I mentioned that Acts 17:11 would fit into that ranking for me as well. “Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.”

With the approach of Easter, which we will celebrate this year on the last day of March, another one of my “top 10 key verses in the Bible” will be part of the Epistle reading for Easter Sunday morning. It is 1 Corinthians 15:20. “But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.”

This is really the key verse in the Bible for all of us. Our faith in Jesus Christ, and our hope for eternal life in heaven when we die, rests on Christ’s resurrection from the dead.

Imagine what it would be like for us if Christ had not been raised from death to life by the power of almighty God. Our proclaiming of a risen Savior would be a fraud. Our faith in Jesus would be fruitless. We would be misrepresenting God by saying that He did something that He didn’t do. Worse yet, all those who had died believing in Jesus would be lost forever. And you and I would still be unforgiven, having to face the wrath of God by ourselves.

But thanks be to God, Jesus Christ is risen from the dead!! He is alive. He is living. God the Father accepted His Son’s sacrifice and death on the cross for all people by raising Christ Jesus to life on the third day. “But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead.”

Christ’s resurrection from the dead is just the beginning. His is the first of many more resurrections. Those people who believe and trust and hope in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior will also be raised from death to life when Jesus returns in glory on the last day. And if it happens that Jesus returns before we die, we “will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.” [1 Thess. 4:17] That will take place at the end of time because Jesus Christ is risen from the dead!

The theme on Easter Sunday [March 31] this year is: “Jesus Speaks ... to Us in His Empty Tomb”. [Luke 24:2-3] May the blessings and joys of Christ’s resurrection fill you with hope. May the Holy Spirit help each of us to keep our spiritual eyes focused on the risen Savior, Jesus Christ.

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

Rev. Richard E. Flath



FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JANUARY

The report below reflects our financial performance for the January and our 2013 fiscal year, July through January.

January was a very good month financially. Our Worship offerings were slightly less (96%) than our plan, but more than made up in other income areas, as Total Income was 104%. The expense picture is also positive, as all significant expense categories were less than expected and overall expenses were 7% below our plan. These two positive factors combine to improved our financial performance and reduce our deficit by nearly \$2,000 so far this year. This trend is expected to continue for the next 5 months establishing a new baseline for our budget process that will begin in a couple of months.

Everyone is to be commended for their generosity on the contribution side and continued support to keep expenses at or below plan.

If you have any questions on any of this please don't hesitate to contact me.

- *Mel Suelzle*

St. Timothy Lutheran Church

January

July-January

Income	Budget	Actual	%	Budget	Actual	%
Worship Service Offerings	7,084	6,828	96%	55,745	55,415	99%
Preschool Income	0	0	--	-135	0	0%
Other	853	1,166	137%	6,022	5,627	93%
Mortgage Donations	1,657	1,974	119%	11,599	10,134	87%
Total Income	9,594	9,968	104%	73,231	71,176	97%
Expense						
Elders	3,322	3,101	93%	24,403	23,618	97%
Trustees	6,111	5890	96%	34298	34,026	99%
Preschool	0	0	--	10,108	10,214	101%
Council	315	361	115%	2,007	1,854	92%
Administration	1,248	845	68%	9,126	6,474	71%
Worship & Music	688	643	94%	4,733	4,605	97%
Education	0	18	74%	75	70	93%
Fellowship	0	0	--	200	133	66%
Social Ministry	0	0	--	0	0	--
Stewardship	0	0	--	200	227	114%
Evangelism	87	79	91%	557	488	87%
Total Expense	11,797	10,938	93%	85,708	81,710	95%
Income Less Expense	-2,202	-970	44%	-12,477	-10,533	84%

50th Anniversary Planning



*Do not worry about your Life. But seek first His kingdom
And His Righteousness, and all these things will be given
to you as well.*

Matthew 6: 27 and 33

Faithfulness. Love. Righteousness. These attributes of God are embedded in our theme song, in our anniversary emblem and in our chosen Bible verse. The theme song goes on to tell us about God who never changes, His compassion for us in the midst of all creation, His forgiveness and His peace, which is ours.

At our last planning meeting we finalized the selection of a caterer. It will be Rose's Classic Catering out of Everett, the same caterer who served us seven years ago at our kickoff meeting to build the church narthex. Invitations are being prepared. These will be sent to every member, former members, friends, associates and former co-workers of our congregation. Each one will be asked to respond by RSVP. This way we will obtain a good picture of how many we can expect to come to the banquet.

When we gather at the banquet on Saturday, May 4th, to celebrate Saint Timothy's 50th birthday, we will, among other things, take a look at national, state and local events, which took place 50 years ago and also will recall what happened in our individual lives during that time. I am sure many fun and memorable stories will be told. This will be a great family event!

Karl Simon, Elder
50th Anniversary Chairman

FELLOWSHIP NEWS



2 CHRONICLES 7:14 GROUP

The 2 Chronicles 7:14 Prayer Group meets each Sunday at 8:24 am.

We have a dedicated group of 4 or 5 people and wish to include as many of you as possible.

We meet to pray for the up-coming service, the Pastor and his message, others who will be serving, the Sunday School and teachers, LC-MS, all Christian churches, membership needs, or country and its government, the military, and whatever God lays on our hearts.

If you're wondering about our name, go to your Bible and read the passage of 2 Chronicles 7:14, *then* come a little earlier and join us in lifting our prayers to the Lord. Or let us know your prayer requests so that we may present them to the Lord for you. If you're not comfortable praying in a group, join us while we pray and add your thought to strengthen our prayers before God. We'll see you in the "Blue Room" – in prayer.

5TH SUNDAY POTLUCK BREAKFAST

Our next 5th Sunday potluck will be on Easter Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

Please bring your favorite breakfast dish, and plan to share some great food and fellowship with family and friends!



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You are invited to join **Pilgrim Lutheran Church – Bellevue** for their 60th anniversary celebration. Organist Helen Hollenbeck will present "Bach Through the Years – A Hymn Festival" with brass and bells on Saturday, **March 16th at 4:00 PM**. A reception with light refreshments will follow the concert. A free-will offering will support Pilgrims Missionary Program. They are located at **10420 SE 11th Street Bellevue, WA 98004**.

The Evergreen State Fair Ministry 2012

This was a very positive year for the fair booth. Our goal for having a booth at the fair is to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ (as a combined effort of the LCMS churches in Snohomish County), in a nutshell, John 3:16, and if someone needs a church home, preschool, or Bible study, let them know we have one for them!

To that end, we gave away 12 *Lutheran Study Bibles* by a daily drawing, 2,000 pencils with John 3:16 printed on them, 300 handmade wooden cross necklaces, 580 *Arch* books for children which contain many of the familiar stories of the Bible, many *Lutheran Prayer* booklets, *Portals of Prayer* in both English and Spanish, *Good News* magazines, and New Testaments. A tract rack was available, as well as brochures from individual LCMS churches and mission projects.

We thank all those whose combined efforts made this ministry possible this year: those who set up the booth the day before the fair opened and took it all down when the fair closed; those who procured and provided the carpet, refurbished the stools, table and table skirt, made the signs; those who donated the many gifts that were given away at the booth; and the many volunteers who staffed the booth, giving their time and witnessing to their faith that others may come to know our Lord Jesus.

We sow the seed and our God provides the increase. We pray that many seeds were sown and that there may be a rich harvest for His Kingdom.

Thank you, In His service,
The Evergreen State Fair Ministry Board

GOOD & FAITHFUL SERVANTS

~ MARCH 2013 ~

USHERS: March 3 – Lenn Gorsuch
Doug Spaulding
March 10 – Charlie Stewart
Willie Whitfield
March 17 – Karl Simon
Fred Starck
March 24 – Terry Kohl
Gary Eneberg
March 31 – Lenn Gorsuch
Doug Spaulding

LECTORS: March 3 –
March 10 – Charlie Stewart
March 17 –
March 24 –
March 31 –

GREETERS: March 3 –
March 10 – Mary Stewart
March 17 –
March 24 –
March 31 –

POST-A-NOTE

~ MARCH 2013 ~

Wednesday, Feb. 27th

7:00 p.m. - Lenten Service w/ Holy Communion

Saturday (3/2) & (3/16)

8:30 a.m. - Men's Breakfast (Blue Room)

Tuesday (3/5) 6:30 p.m. - Elder's Meeting

Wednesday, March 6, 13, 20

6:00 p.m. – Soup Supper in the Fellowship Hall

Supper Hosts: 3/6 - Men's Group;

3/13 - Ladies Guild; 3/20 - Church Council

7:00 p.m. – Lenten Service

Saturday (3/9) – 9:30 a.m. Crafter's Meeting

Tuesday (3/12) – 7:00 p.m. - Council Meeting

Tuesday (3/19) – 1:00 a.m. – Ladies Guild Meeting

Palm Sunday (3/24)

11:00 a.m. - Congregational picture after service.

Maundy Thursday (3/28)

7:00 p.m. – Service w/ Holy Communion

Good Friday (3/29) – 7:00 p.m. - Service

Easter Sunday (3/31) – 8:30 a.m. Potluck Breakfast

FLOWER CHART

~ MARCH 2013 ~

MARCH 3 -
MARCH 10 -
MARCH 17 -
MARCH 24 (Palm Sunday)-
MARCH 31 (Easter) -

Please consider placing
flowers on the
altar to the glory of
our Lord and the many
blessings we receive each day.

Sign-up Sheet is on the
"Service" Bulletin Board.

THE ELDER ON CALL FOR MARCH IS:

Lenn Gorsuch (425) 483-8770

COFFEE HOSTS

Any member or groups are invited to host coffee hour after the worship service on Sundays. A sign up sheet is in the narthex on the small bulletin board at the media center. Hosts volunteer to bring and serve: cookies, breads, and/or fruit; and clean up the fellowship hall and kitchen (coffee pot, hot water pot, dishes, any utensils that need washing and returned to their storage spaces).

COFFEE IS MADE BEFORE BIBLE CLASS

FELLOWSHIP NEWS (CONT.)

BIBLE STUDIES AT ST. TIMOTHY

Sunday Morning at 9:00 a.m. – Studying the book of Genesis, led by Pastor Flath.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study- Please come join us weekly from 9:30 to 11:00 am for Bible Study. This class is led by Pastor Flath, and will continue the study of the New Testament book of Acts. Both men and women are invited to dig deeper into the Word of God with their brothers and sisters in Christ.

CAMPBELL'S SOUP LABELS

Please save the UPC bar codes on Campbell products for Good Shepherd Homes.

Carefully cut the labels so barcode and points are intact, for they will not accept damaged labels.

Visit Campbell's web site for an updated list of eligible products
www.labelsforeducation.com

St. Timothy Prayer Team

Patsy Simon (425) 670-3354
Pat Jones (425) 379-7077
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Brenda Gonzalez (425) 245-3452
Sharon Starck H: (425) 609-3114
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Carol Hauge (425) 743-9430
Laura Washabaugh (425) 741-0517
Kim Reinig (206) 542-8050
Pastor Flath C: (425) 210-1795



Telephone Patsy Simon to begin the prayer.

Contact any member of the Prayer Team to request prayer support - confidentially or to one member of the team. No need is too small or answered prayer too little, to neglect to mention it to our Heavenly Father.

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

~ St. Timothy Crafters ~

The St. Timothy Crafters meet every second Saturday of the month in the Blue Room for crafting.

It is a time from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00p.m. when we enjoy encouraging each other along with handwork projects. Feel free to join us, and invite a friend!



Our Next Meeting is:

March 9th



Contact persons are:

Patsy Simon (425) 670-3354

AND

Lois Mueller (206) 265-2639

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

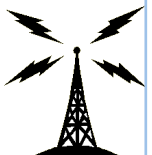
Listen to:



THE LUTHERAN HOUR

Sundays

6:30 a.m. - 880 KIXI AM
7:00 a.m. - 1380 KRKO AM
9:30 a.m. - 1180 KLAY AM



WOMAN TO WOMAN

With Phyllis Wallace

7:15 a.m.- KONP 1450 AM Port Angeles

Please Remember in Your Prayers:

Our homebound members:

Suzanne Kiner, Margaret Burrier, Ruth Staab, and Barbara Howe

Health Concerns:

Marie (Doug Spaulding's wife); Sherry Starck; Liese Whitfield; Kimberly (Karen Herrick's niece); Richard (Liese Whitfield's brother); others among us who are ill.

Other Requests:

People without faith in Jesus Christ, for those who are discouraged, and those who need a living faith for Jesus.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS (CONT.)

NOTES FROM PASTOR FLATH

Special Lenten midweek services continue in March

During the last 24 hours of Jesus' earthly life, He spoke to quite a few different folks. This Lenten season we ask the Holy Spirit to help us ponder what Jesus said to some of them. Then during Holy Week and Easter, we will think about what Jesus continues to say to us.

If you're not able to make it our 7:00 pm. services during Lent, I would invite you to read the scripture that we will be considering each evening. Then think about it for your life as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Our Lenten theme [which will carry over into the first part of the Easter season] is "Jesus Speaks to ...".

The Wednesday schedule includes:

2/13 "Jesus Speaks ... to His Father" - Matthew 26:36-46

2/20 "Jesus Speaks ... to Judas and Peter" - Matthew 26:47-54

2/27 "Jesus Speaks ... to the Crowd in the Garden" - Matthew 26:55-56

3/ 6 "Jesus Speaks ... to the High Priest" - Matthew 26:62-68

3/13 "Jesus Speaks ... to Pilate" - John 18:33-37

3/20 "Jesus Speaks ... to the Daughters of Jerusalem" - Luke 23:27-31

Maundy Thursday 3/28 "Jesus Speaks...to Us in Holy Communion" - Luke 22:19-20

Holy Communion will be celebrated during the worship service.

Good Friday 3/29 "Jesus Speaks ... to Us in His Death" - John 19:30

Easter Sunday: 3/31 "Jesus Speaks ... to Us in His Empty Tomb" - Luke 24:2-3

Holy Communion will be celebrated during the Festival Service

2nd Sunday of Easter: 4/ 7 "Jesus Speaks ... to Us in His Resurrection" - Luke 24:5b-8

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS will be before the Wednesday evening Lenten service beginnings at 6:00 pm. The Church Council, Ladies Guild, and Men's Group are scheduled to bring the various soups. Hope you can join us for fellowship and good food.

DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME begins on Sunday March 10. Please remember to set your clocks ahead 1 hour before you go to bed on Saturday night.

NEW BANNERS: Two new banners are now in use during our worship services. One banner has the theme for our 50th anniversary - "Great Is Thy Faithfulness". The second banner is a Holy Communion banner - "Do This In Remembrance Of Me". We thank the Ladies Guild for purchasing the banners and Mel Suelzle for making 2 banner stands.

EASTER SUNDAY BRUNCH: A special Easter potluck brunch will be held on Easter morning beginning at 8:30 a.m. Please look for more information in the bulletin as the date nears.

SPECIAL PROJECTS UPDATE



The work on the Fellowship Hall is nearly completed. The men's group painted the kitchen area on February 2nd. Only some final coats on the windowsills and replacement of the furnace vents remain and will be finished soon. Next on the task list is painting of the upstairs meeting rooms and possible the Narthex. This work is planned to begin on March 2nd.

The men's group can always use more hands on these projects. If anyone has some time to spare and would like to contribute give me a call at (206) 484-2974.

- Mel Suelzle

LADIES GUILD NEWS

The Ladies Guild purpose is to provide the women of St. Timothy Lutheran Church the opportunity to increase their knowledge of our Savior, and to benefit from fellowship and service to the Lord.



**SERVE THE LORD
WITH GLADNESS**

Psalm 100:2

Ladies' Guild Meeting

The next scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, March 19th at 1:00 p.m. All ladies of St. Timothy are encouraged to attend and join in the ministry of our Ladies Guild.

MISSION MITES
are collected on the fourth Sunday of each month. Please bring yours on March 24th, and it will be collected during the church service when you come up for communion.

MISSION POST

The money from the Red Christmas Stocking Fund for 2012 went to two local agencies, *Clothes for Kids* and *Lutheran Social Services*. Additionally, three families were identified from within our congregation and the remaining funds were divided between those families. This was once again a very successful program.

The Red Christmas Stocking Fund starts in January and continues throughout the year. This is a giving program that allows you participate throughout the year, not just at Christmas time. Many thanks to those who participated and contributed. If you would like more information about this worthwhile program, please contact Pat Jones.

We will be collecting "A Meal in a Bag" food items this year during the Lent season. We will be taking the foods collected to the area Food Bank. Bags were handed out on Sunday, February 17th. If you would like to contribute to this mission, but you did not get a bag, please contact Pat Jones, or just bring some food in any grocery bag. It will all be appreciated by the people that utilize the Food Bank.

- Pat Jones

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

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

MARCH 2013 NEWSLETTER

Newsletter Articles and Calendar information need to be submitted by

Tuesday, March 19th!

Please have all info in printed or handwritten;

OR sent via e-mail to Nicole Skrede at

skredenm@gmail.com.

Please let us know if we have missed your birthday or anniversary on the calendar.

Thanks! ☺