

# NEWSLETTER

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## **“They Fell Down And Worshiped Him.”**

(Read Matthew 2:1-12)

Often people will ask me, “How did you decide to become a pastor?” I tell them of how I, initially, did not want to be a pastor and how God sent people into my life to encourage me to consider and then to serve as a pastor. Sometimes, I wonder to myself, “My father is a pilot. How did I ever become a pastor? How did I, a Colorado boy, ever get to be serving as an I.I.M. here in Edmonds, WA?”

Carol and I enjoy telling the story of how the Lord brought us together. He walked with us, guided us, separately, through some blessed times and difficult times. God led us to a Christian website, to notice each other, to talk, to meet, to grow together, and to marry. What a surprising journey!

This month we are continuing in our “telling of the stories of the congregation” through our home dinner gatherings and a special pancake breakfast gathering. We will have opportunity to hear the different stories of how each of us has come to be a believer in Christ that worships here at Saint Timothy Lutheran Church. Maybe God used special friends or relatives to guide and encourage us. Maybe He used our interests and opportunities to bring us to Edmonds and to Washington.

Just as we all have our individual stories, so do the “magi” (wisemen) that are mentioned in Matthew’s gospel account. After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in the days of the Herod the king, the magi arrived in Jerusalem. These wise men were students of the stars from the East. They traveled a great distance from their home in order to find the “King of the Jews” that the stars and some writings from the Hebrew Scriptures (that they had come in contact with) had led them to discern would be born in Judah (southern Israel). When they worshiped the baby Jesus in Bethlehem, they had traveled many miles from a different culture, language group, and religious group of people. They had been spared (by God) any harm from Herod. Still, God had used their interest in Astrology, their partial knowledge of the Hebrew Scriptures (probably from the time when the people of Israel had been taken to Babylon as slaves), and their persistence to bring them to an encounter with the God-made-flesh, Messiah. Thus, here they were, non-Jewish men, to worship the promised Messiah. What a journey! They had traveled the journey, but truly, it was God who set them on the journey, led, guided, and protected them on the journey.

Originally, it was God who sent His Son into the world to seek and save that which was lost. All people have gone astray. All have sinned. Jesus, the Son of God, came to seek and to save all people. He has journeyed to us! God became a man for us!

God is still leading people on their journey to see, to know, and to worship His Son! As we share our stories of arrival at faith in Jesus and our current journey of faith in Jesus, may we be ready to welcome other “travelers” (some from quite a distance away from here) as they still seek to worship Jesus, the King of the Jews.

Happy and Blessed Epiphany (also, known as “The Gentile Christmas.”),

Rev. Craig A. Patterson

# Preschool Happenings

It is hard to believe we are at the start of another year. It is true what your elders tell you as a child, "The years go by faster and faster as you grow older." I didn't think it was possible as a kid. But they certainly do seem to be flying by. We are having a wonderful year so far.

We had a wonderful Christmas program. The Sunday School children participated and help us tremendously. The combined efforts helped to make a good service for all the church members and preschool families. Thank you to all of our staff who put in lots of time and heart to be able to make this a successful day.

We would like to thank the St. Timothy Men's Group. They spent Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup> redoing the bark in our playground. Thrivent paid for the bark and the Men's Group cleaned out the old and distributed the new. We greatly appreciate the help.

When we get back to class after the New Year, we will be starting a new fundraiser with Little Cesar Pizza kits. We will receive \$5 for each kit sold. The money will go toward special events and field trips for all preschool classes. Those purchasing the kits get a great meal at a reasonable cost - and just in time for the Super Bowl! Pizza kits will be delivered Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. What a great way to take care of those Super Bowl party needs and support the preschool at the same time! Be sure to bring the order forms to work, friends, family, and any other gatherings. If you would like to see an order form - contact any of the Preschool staff; Jean, Becky, Cindy or Michelle. To see the kits online - go to [www.pizzakits.com](http://www.pizzakits.com). From there you can see all they offer, even order for home delivery if you are not within driving distance. Our group number is 85753.

When the children return from Christmas break, the Pre-K class will be playing with penguins, the Pre-school class will be playing with polar bears, and our Mother's Morning Out will be playing with snowmen and learning about opposites. All of our students will be learning about Jesus as he grows up.

We are looking forward to another great year here at St. Timothy. We are still accepting students in all of our classes. If you know of anyone looking for a preschool, please let them know we would love to be their school.

Jean Volkmann *Jean Volkmann*  
Preschool Administrator

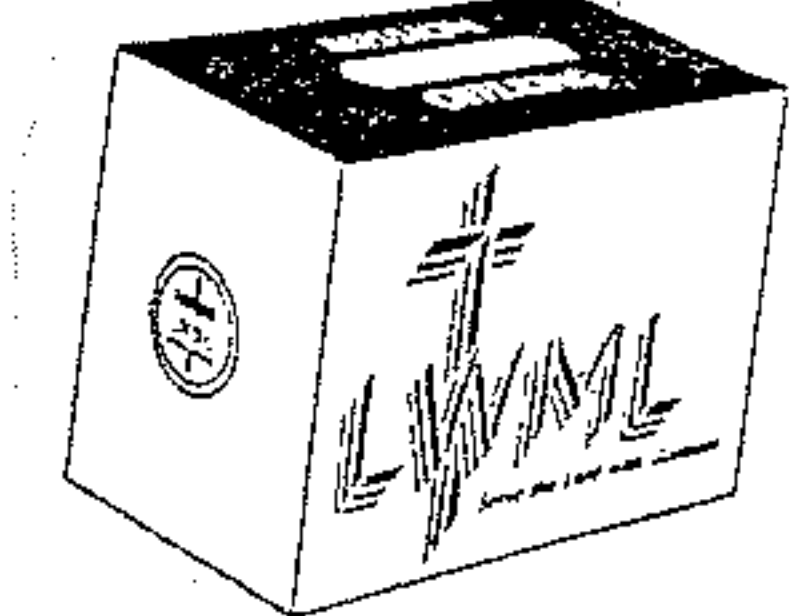


**LADIES GUILD NEWS**

The Ladies Guild purpose is to provide women of St. Timothy Lutheran Church an opportunity for in increase in knowledge of our Savior, and in fellowship and service.

**JANUARY BREAKFAST**

Ladies you are invited to the January breakfast on January 16.



**MITES**

Remember to bring your Mission Mites to Church on the fourth Sunday of each month.

**OLYMPIC ZONE LWML PRAYER SERVICE**

St. Timothy Ladies Guild will host the Olympic Zone Prayer Service on Saturday, February 6, at 10:00 a.m. Lunch will follow the service.

**CAMPBELL'S LABELS**

Please save the UPCs (bar codes) on Campbell products for Good Shepherd Homes. When cutting the UPC bar codes, be sure to include the area stating the point value.

For a current list of eligible products visit Campbell's web site: [www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com).

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**SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS**  
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**VETERAN'S CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS**

Thank you to all who were so generous in donating money for the wounded veteran's Christmas stocking. You may be sure many veterans will have a happier Christmas because of you.



I used to ask God if He would come and help me, and then I asked God if I might come and help Him, and then I ended by asking God to do His own work through me.

*James Hudson Taylor*

**COFFEE HOST**

You are invited to host coffee hour after the worship service on Sundays. A sign up sheet is in the narthex on the bulletin board.

The hostess would be responsible for bringing and serving cookies or breads, and clean up of coffee pot, hot water pot, and any utensils that need washing, and the general clean up after hosting, including putting everything back where it belongs.

Thank you!!

The coffee is made before Bible Class by a volunteer.

**MISSION POST FOR JANUARY**

Please donate any warm clothing items, (coats, sweaters, scarves, hat, mittens, gloves), new or used in good condition. All sizes—for children, women, and men are needed at the shelters these COLD days.

2010 will be a year long Mission Post project. We will collect coins on a monthly basis. More information will be forthcoming!

Pat Jones  
Mission Service Chairman

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*God's  
Love  
is  
eternal*

not just from day to day  
He's with us every moment especially when we pray  
He cares when we have problems when others let us down  
Life is like the ocean's tides that daily ebb and flow  
and we must turn in faith to God  
the only Rock we know.

Hereby know we that we are in Him.  
Whoso keepeth His Word  
in Him verily is the Love of  
God perfected.

1 John 2:5

# Messages from Your Council — Mel Suelzle



The busy schedule of preparing for the holidays, took its toll on our attendance for the December council meeting. With several members unable to attend, it was decided to cancel our December meeting and give everyone some free time to deal with the many extra activities preparing for Christmas and the new year. However, there is still much activity at Saint Timothy to cover in this issue of the newsletter that will be of interest to our congregation.

**TJ Mack's Eagle Scout Project** - TJ Mack is progressing well on this Eagle Scout project. Based on member input, the separation and location of the benches has been adjusted and TJ has submitted a revised plan for our approval. He is proceeding with the construction and needs our final approval before proceeding with the installation.

**Treasurer Report.** - Tom Smithson distributed our November financial reports and reported that our fiscal performance for the month was very close to budgeted levels. Our spending/income for the month was only \$39 off our budget plan. Our spending/income was \$589 better than budgeted levels for the first 5 months of our fiscal year. The preschool net income was \$379 worse than budget for the month and \$752 worse than budget for the first 5 months of the fiscal year. All groups continue to monitor and manage expense very well.

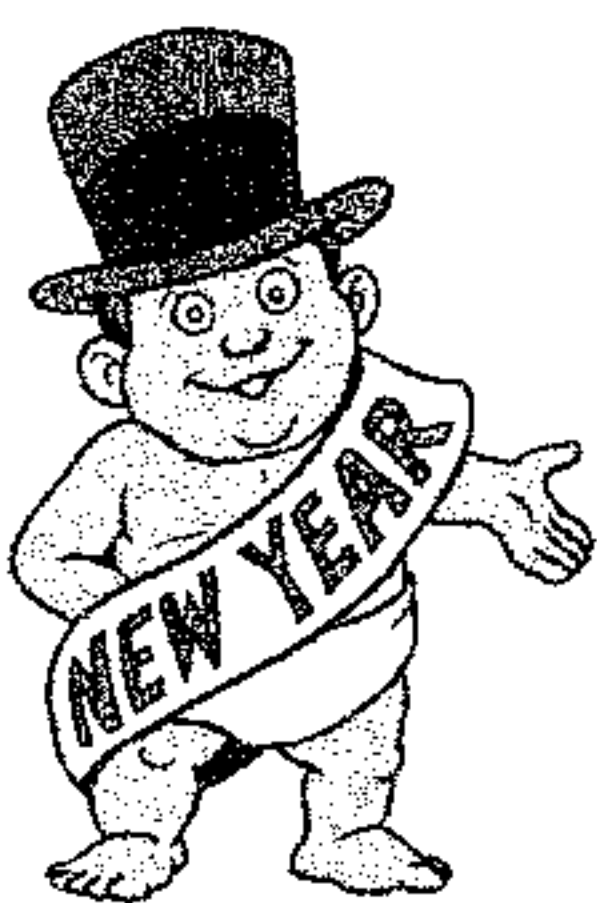
November was only the second month in which building fund contributions met our actual mortgage payment. While contributions were \$313 more in November, for the year contributions have been \$3,702 less than our total mortgage payment for the year. This shortfall means we have to reach further in our reserves than we had planned in order to meet our monthly mortgage payment obligations.

**Preschool** - The preschool had a number of special holiday celebrations in December. Registration is lower than we budgeted due to economic issues and H1N1 concern, but the preschool staff is adjusting expenses where possible in order to minimize the financial impact.

## **Special Activities at Saint Timothy**

**Men's Breakfast Project** - On December 5th, the Men's Breakfast group worked off their breakfast provided by the preschool teachers by spreading 10 yards of cedar chips in the play area behind the church. Not only did this provide a big cosmetic improvement to our back yard, it afforded additional protection to the children that use this area for their energetic activities. Funding for this project was largely provided by the Thrivent *Care in Congregations* program. Many thanks to all the guys that pitched in to make this happen and special thanks to **Cindy McEntire** and **Becky Newuert** who served up a great breakfast.

**Everett Herald Ad** - Some of you may have noticed that Saint Timothy has recently been listed in the Lutheran Church directory appearing in the Saturday edition of the Everett Herald. This ad is of modest cost to us and will help with our visibility in the community. Some discussion is underway to create separate listing of Missouri Synod churches.



**Out with the old and in with the new** - Few will argue that 2009 will go down as one of the more challenging years in the long, successful history of Saint Timothy. The events early in the year, posed serious challenges to Saint Timothy and served as a great challenge to us all. The positive events that followed were a strong testament to the character of the Saint Timothy members as well as the reassurance that God plans a great future for Saint Timothy. This was most evident in the events that blessed us with a strong Interim Minister being willing and available at our time of need. It is with great anticipation that we should all look forward to the increasing pace of the Interim Ministry Program during the coming year and make sure that we finish this opportunity that God has given us by laying a strong and solid new foundation that will strengthen and develop Saint Timothy for many years to come. We all should strive to make 2010 as a milestone year that will go down as the year that we all point to as the mark of a new era in God's plan for Saint Timothy Lutheran Church. - HAPPY NEW YEAR



# November Financial Report

## Budgetary Totals

### For the Month:

Income fell short of spending by \$589. This was \$39 worse than budget.

### Fiscal Year-to-Date\*:

Income fell short of spending by \$16,292. This was \$878 better than budget.

## Preschool Net Income/(Loss)

### For the Month: (\$379)

### Fiscal Year-to-Date\*: (\$752)

## Building Fund Contributions

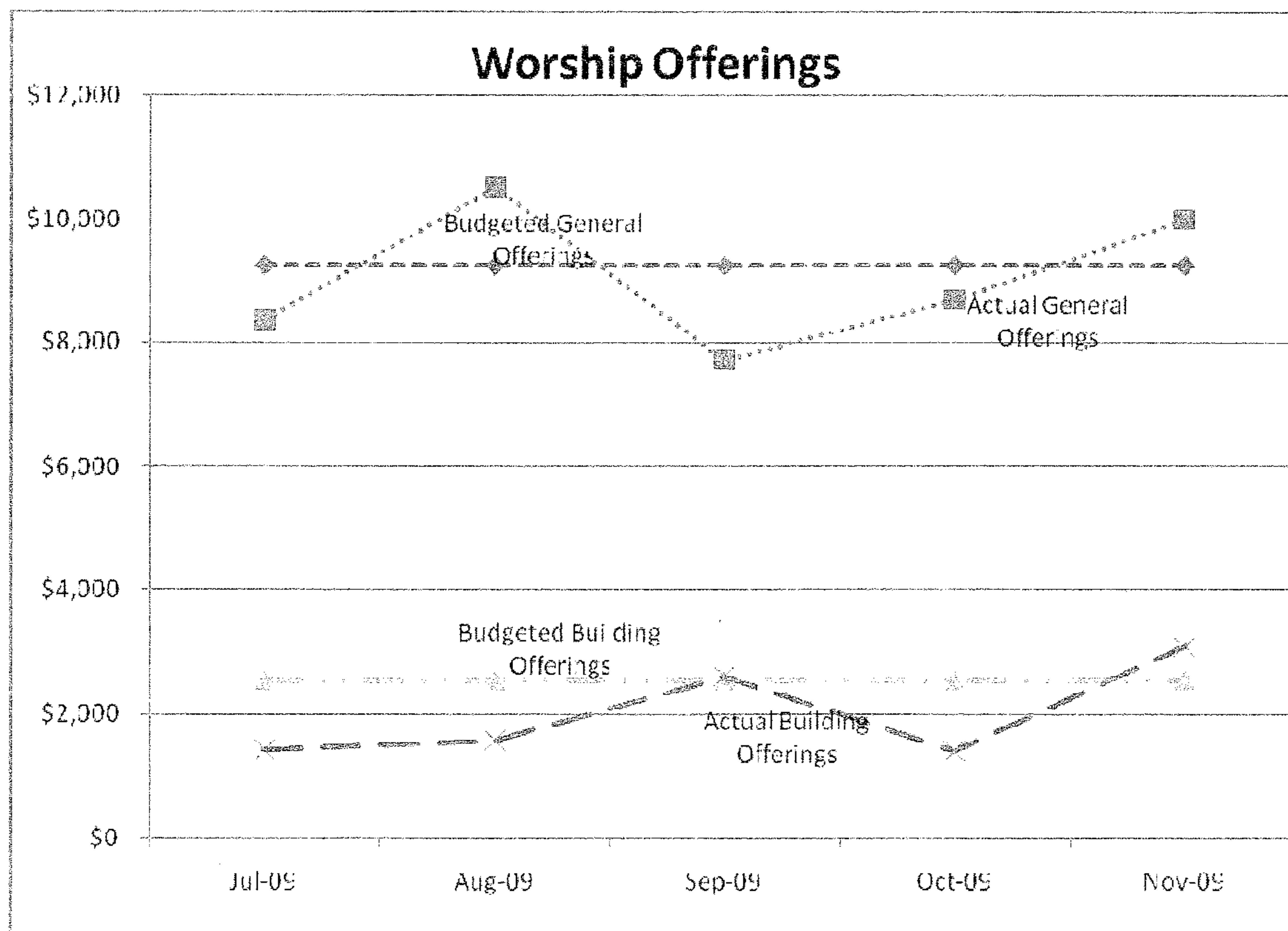
### For the Month:

Contributions exceeded the mortgage payment by \$313.

### Fiscal Year-to-Date\*:

Contributions fell short of mortgage payments by \$3,702.

\* Our fiscal year runs from July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>. For additional information contact Tom Smithson, Treasurer.



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When in sorrow, read John 14.

When men fail you, read Psalm 27.

If you want to be fruitful, read John 15.

When you have sinned, call Psalm 51.

When you worry, call Matthew 6:19-34.

When you are in danger, call Psalm 91.

When God seems far away, call Psalm 139.

When your faith needs stirring, call Hebrews 11.

When you are lonely or fearful, call Psalm 23.

When you grow bitter and critical, call 1 Cor. 13.

For Paul's secret of happiness, call Col. 3:12-17.

For Paul's idea of Christianity, call 1 Cor. 5:15-19.

When you feel down and out, call Romans 8:31-39.

When you want rest and peace, call Matthew 11:25-30.

When the world seems bigger than God, call Psalm 90.

When you want Christian assurance, call Romans 8:1-30.

When you leave home for labor or travel, call Psalm 121.

When your prayers grow narrow or selfish, call Psalm 67.

For a great invitation and a great opportunity, call Isaiah 55.

When you want courage for a task, call Joshua 1.

How to get along with fellowmen, call Romans 12.

When you think of investments and returns, call Mark 10.

If you are depressed, call Psalm 27.

If your pocket-book is empty, call Psalm 37.

If you are losing your confidence in people, call 1Cor. 13.

If people seem unkind, call John 15.

If you are discouraged about your work, call Psalm 126.

If you find the world growing small and yourself great, call Psalm 19.

If you are all out of sorts, call Hebrews 12.

WARNING!!!!!!

Emergency numbers may be dialed direct.

No operator assistance is necessary.

All lines open to heaven 24 hours a day.

