

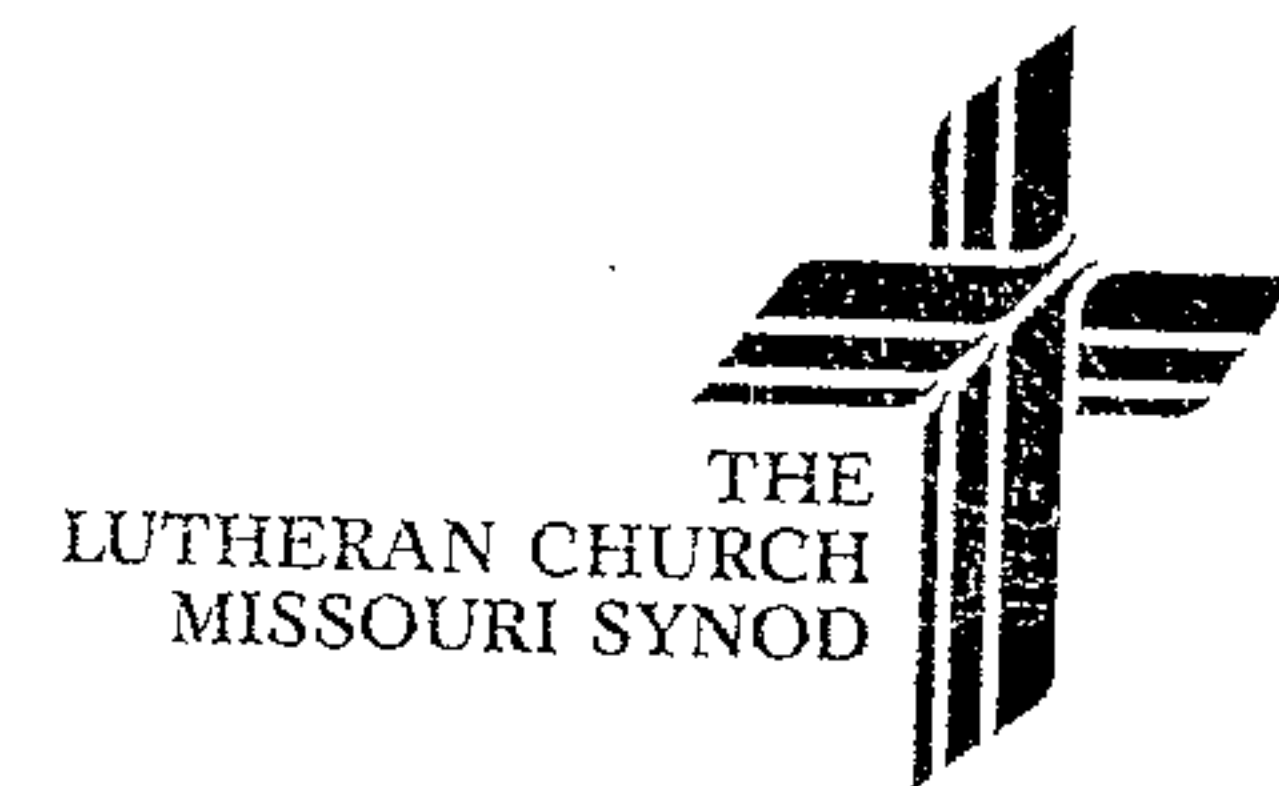
# NEWSLETTER

ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL

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## **"What Is A Pastor?"**

(See I Timothy 3: 1-7; Ephesians 4:12)

When I was a young pastor serving in Fitchburg, Massachusetts (a small city 40 miles northwest of Boston), I was encouraged to wear my white collar so that I might have a better opportunity to find a parking spot closer to the always busy hospitals. So, when I drove to Boston to make a hospital call, I would indeed wear my clergy shirt and collar. Here's what happened: "Faatha! Over hear, Faatha! You can park right in here, Faatha!" the parking attendant kept yelling at me as I approached the parking lot in down town Boston. He kept calling me "Faatha" (that is "Father" with a New England accent). "Doesn't he know that I am a Lutheran pastor?" I thought to myself. "O, but this is New England. The Roman Catholics are dominant here. If one is garbed in a clerical collar, one must be a Catholic priest who is to be addressed as "Father." What is the difference between a "Father" and a pastor?

When asked by her son, "What does Craig do?" a childhood friend of mine told her son, "Well, he's the boss of a church?" "O, if she only knew," I remember thinking. That was my childhood friend's idea of what a pastor must do.

Historically, Lutheran Christians have preferred to call their clergymen "pastors." The word "pastor" refers to the shepherding role of the one who cares for a group of Christians. Just as a shepherd of sheep might lead his sheep with a sweet tune from his flute, "shepherds" of God's people lead their flocks with the sweet tune of the Gospel. Sometimes a shepherd of sheep might have to poke the sheep with his rod or staff in order to warn or guide them. A pastor might use the stern word of God's Law to do the same thing. A good shepherd stays with the sheep when danger looms. So it is with the true pastor of believers. He stays with them through hardship since God has sent him to that group of sheep.

Other terms that the Bible uses for the same office or calling are: "overseer" (I Timothy 3:1-7) and "elder" (Acts 20:28).

What does a pastor do? What qualities are good for pastors to have? We plan to focus upon the answers to these questions in this month of May.

As Saint Timothy Lutheran congregation discusses what the Lord of the Church would want us to do here in Edmonds, we will study God's Word with this in mind. We will ask God to bless us as we look to find answers in His Word to the question, "What shall we be doing to do the works of God, in this place?" and "What kind of pastor would God want us to have?" Are there some special abilities needed by our future pastor that would help him and us to achieve the work set before us here at Saint Tim's?

Pastor Patterson will offer a special series of sermons in the month of May that will, hopefully, make us all more aware of how a pastor comes into our midst, what qualities are needed for serving as a good and well-balanced pastor, and to Whom the pastor is, ultimately, accountable. Here are the texts and themes of the upcoming sermons in May:

May 2<sup>nd</sup> – "The Pastor: Called & Placed By God." (Acts 20:28; Jeremiah 1:5-10).

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Join us for this special series of sermons. Serving Christ with you, Pastor Craig Patterson



# Preschool Happenings

It is hard to believe that another school year is coming to a close. May is our last full month, and a busy one at that. The month starts with our last Skate Night of the year on Tuesday May 4<sup>th</sup> at Lynnwood Bowl and Skate from 6-8pm. Cost is \$6 and includes quad skate rental, in-lines are \$2 more. We hope to see you there.

Our annual Silent Auction, BBQ and Game night will be on Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm. Please contact any staff member of the preschool if you have any items, gift cards, services, homemade crafts or anything else you would like to donate. If you know of any business that would be willing to make a donation -we would appreciate that too. We are hoping everyone can attend! Hamburgers, hotdogs and fixings, plus potato salad and beverages will be provides. We are asking guests to bring a dessert.

At the end of May all of our classes will be heading down to the Edmonds Marina Beach for a day of exploring the tidal life during low tides. This is always a fun field trip, and we are hoping for nice weather.

Enrollment for the 2010-2011 school year continues. We offer classes for children age 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 5 years old. Please let families you know with preschool age children about our preschool ministry

We are starting a new year-round fund raiser with Terracycle, a company that recycles plastic products and makes new items. We will be collecting drink pouches, (Capri Sun and the like), candy bar wrappers, Chip bags, Cookie wrappers (any brand and size), yogurt containers (wide mouth, 6oz or 32oz- similar shape to Dannon or Tillamook), and used pens, pencils, markers, highlighters (any brand or size, they just need to be plastic.) We will have a drop off container in the preschool; we just ask that all food/drink has been removed. For drink pouches just cut the top  $\frac{1}{4}$ " to  $\frac{1}{2}$ " off and rinse them out. You can view their website at [www.terracycle.net](http://www.terracycle.net).

Finally, we continue to collect used ink cartridges. We are able to recycle these to receive \$3 each for the preschool. This year alone we have been able to offset our office supply budget by over \$600 through this program! There is a basket in the preschool entry-way for you to deposit your spent cartridges. Thank you so much for your support.

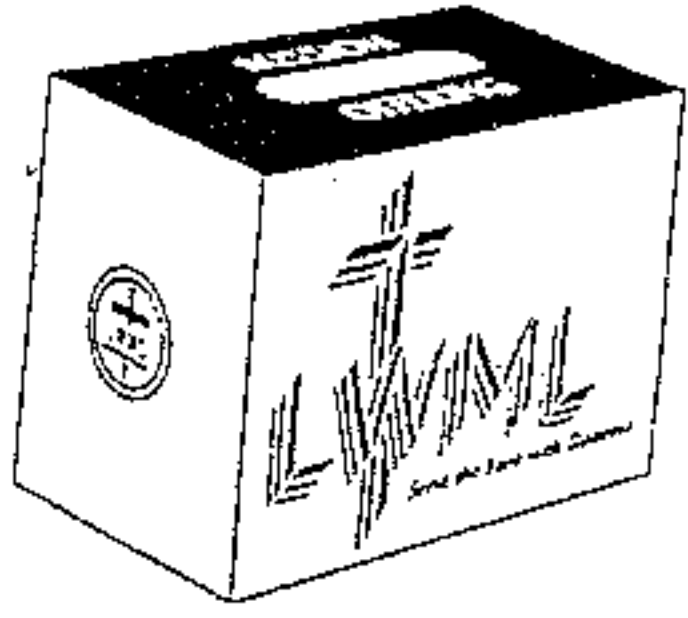
Jean Volkman  
Preschool Administrator

**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.

**SALAD LUNCHEON – MAY 1**

All the ladies and friends of St. Timothy are invited to attend the Ladies Salad Luncheon on May 1, at 12:00 noon. Bring a salad to share.



**MITES**

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

**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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**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.

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**LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE  
WASHINGTON-ALASKA DISTRICT CONVENTION  
JUNE 18-20, 2010  
Red Lion Hotel, Spokane, WA**

**"WE ARE GOD'S TAPESTRY"**  
The theme is based on 1 Peter 4:10, 11b

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**LWML WA-AK DISTRICT 2010  
CONVENTION INGATHERING**

**Recipient:** Lutheran Community Services, Spokane  
Boys and girls Ages 5-10

Toiletries such as shampoo, bubble bath, lotion, body wash, body sprays Christian bedtime books, pajamas, slipper, hair accessories.

Please help with this ingathering. Bring items to basket in church narthex.

**PRESCHOOL ITEMS**

The Preschool will again be offering Little Caesar Pizza Kits. The orders are due Friday, April 16th, and the kits will be ready to be picked up Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup> in the morning. This was a wonderful fundraiser for us in February. We are hoping to sell 100 kits this time around. There is an order form in the preschool mailbox. Checks are to be made out to St. timothy Preschool and can be given to any staff member or slid under the Preschool office door.

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The Preschool is starting to collect items for the annual BBQ and silent auction, which will be on Friday, May 14. If you have any items, gift cards, services or anything else you are able to donate, please just contact anyone from the Preschool. If you know of any business that would be will in to make a donation, we would appreciate that, too. Also, be sure to mark your calendars now so we have a good turn out again this year. We are hoping everyone can attend!

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The Preschool would like to put out a request for your used ink cartridges. We are able to recycle these and receive \$3 each for the Preschool. This year alone we have been able to offset our office supply budget by over \$600! There is a box in the hallway to Preschool for you to deposit your spent cartridges.

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**PRAYER TEAM**

Those who indicated they wanted to be on the Prayer Team are as follows:

- Carol Hauge (425) 743-9430
- Brenda Gonzalez (425) 742-1159
- Shirley Howell (425) 778-8391
- Laura Washabaugh (425) 741-0517
- Delores Sparks (425) 743-4388
- Pat Jones (425) 379-7077
- Patsy Simon (425) 670-3354
- Kim Reinig 206-542-8050

Church families are encouraged to contact any of the members of the Prayer Team to request prayer support. Confidentiality is maintained and prayer requests can be limited to one prayer or shared with the team. We week to uphold all needs, short term and long term of the Church body. There is not a need to small or answered prayer too little, to neglect to mention to the Heavenly Father.

Patsy Simon (425) 670-3354 to begin the prayer.

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

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**MAY 15 IS THE DEADLINE  
FOR THE JUNE, 2010  
NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR ITEMS.**

The solemn saints discourage  
Many folks from being good,  
While the gaiety of sinners  
Makes more converts than it should.

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**THANK YOU**

Dear Ones At Saint Timothy Lutheran  
Our hearts were touched by your thoughtful and kind gift to our new grandson, Everett. The stuffed animal "Noah's Boat" is such a wonderful gift as Everett's parents and grandparents have the privilege of teaching Everett about our loving and faithful God who promises good things to us and then keeps His promises. Thank you so much.  
In Jesus, Pastor Craig and Carol.

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God made wrinkles to show  
where smiles have been.

**EASTER EGG HUNT NEWS**

On Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Lord provided good weather, happy children and parents and lots of fun for St. Timothy Lutheran's annual Easter Egg Hunt. There were about 30 children with their parents who eagerly arrived to the festivities. Pastor Craig opened with an explanation of Easter and gave a blessing, then the five different age groups of children scattered through the church grounds to search for some of the 750 hidden eggs. The kids who found a golden egg got a special big basket. Every child had a chance to choose a door prize and also go home with a party bag.  
A big thank you to the Easter Egg Hunt Committee: Cindy McEntire, Stephen and Nicole Wilson, Brenda Gonzales and Adel Gonzales and Patsy Simon.

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**BARNAUS PROJECT**

They put their lives on the line for those they don't even know. Some pay the ultimate price. Who are they? They are our military men and women, (and their families). How can we care for those who have and are caring for us? "Project Barnabas" is an LCMS project that does just that. Learn more as Pastor and Carol share information with us Saturday, May 8 at 10:00 a.m. at church. Register in the church office.

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**A GREAT OPPORTUNITY**

Japanese students need short-term host families – July 22- August 11.  
Sixteen Japanese high school girls are coming from Tokyo to visit Seattle for three weeks this summer. Compass USA is enrolling host families through April. Any kind of family is welcome to participate. For more information call Sara Graves at (206)335-8203 or e-mail at [sgraves@seattleschools.org](mailto:sgraves@seattleschools.org).

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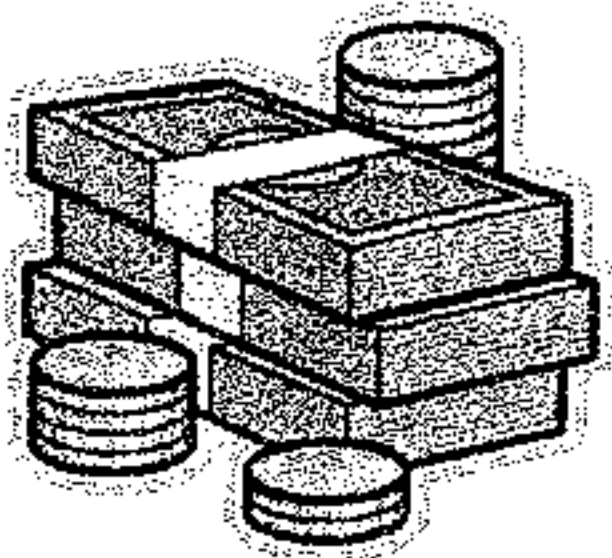
**Compassionate volunteers for Providence Hospice and Home Care** next information session will be:

Wednesday, May 19, 2010 from 1-4 p.m.  
Providence Hospice & Home Care of Snohomish County  
2731 Wetmore Ave., Everett WA 98201  
Call (425) 261-4815 by May 17 to pre-register

# Messages from Your Council — Mel Snelze



Our April 13th council meeting was attended by 7 council members plus Fred Starck. Pastor Patterson was attending a Circuit meeting and submitted a written report on his activities. Pat Jones was unable to attend as she is still recovering from her knee surgery. Our meeting was productive and focus on the following key agenda items:



**Treasurer Report.** - Tom Smithson recapped the financial performance for March. March reports were distributed and the key items reviewed and discussed. It was noted that our income fell short of expenses by \$324. This improved performance was only possible due to the anonymous donation of \$5000 we received in March. We thank God and those others that bless Saint Timothy in such a generous and wonderful way.

However, Tom expressed his concern for the trend in contributions. Our offering continue to fall significantly below our budgeted levels for this year. We are thankful for the continued efforts of the preschool and all groups for their help in controlling expenses. This reduced spending in response to our lower income levels is very necessary and appreciated. More details of the financial trends are elsewhere in this newsletter.

One major topic of the meeting was the preliminary discussion regarding our budget or next fiscal year beginning in July. Tom distributed worksheets to all and asked for their preliminary budget input by the end of April. We will review these at the May meeting and prepare for a final presentation to the voters in June.

**Preschool** - Janet Anderberg discussed the current preschool events. They are planning a silent auction fund raiser on May 14 to include a barbeque. Preschool parent and congregation members are invited to attend. Preschool staff is working on 2 summer camps during to be held during August.

**Elders** - Gary Eneberg reported on Elder group activities during the month. He welcomed its newest member Fred Starck to the group. Gary reported on the plans for the group to be more proactive in working with the membership or our congregation. The Elder group is very active in our men's breakfast group that meets every other Saturday. This group is growing and welcomes all men of the congregation.

**Trustee** - Art Mack reported on matters regarding the trustee activities. Art has finished the doorway to the Narthex storage area and is working on getting keys distributed to those who have requested them. The parking lot lights are being worked and progressing. Missing globes have been replaced thanks to a designated offering from Doug Spaulding. Art and Mel will continue working this issue.

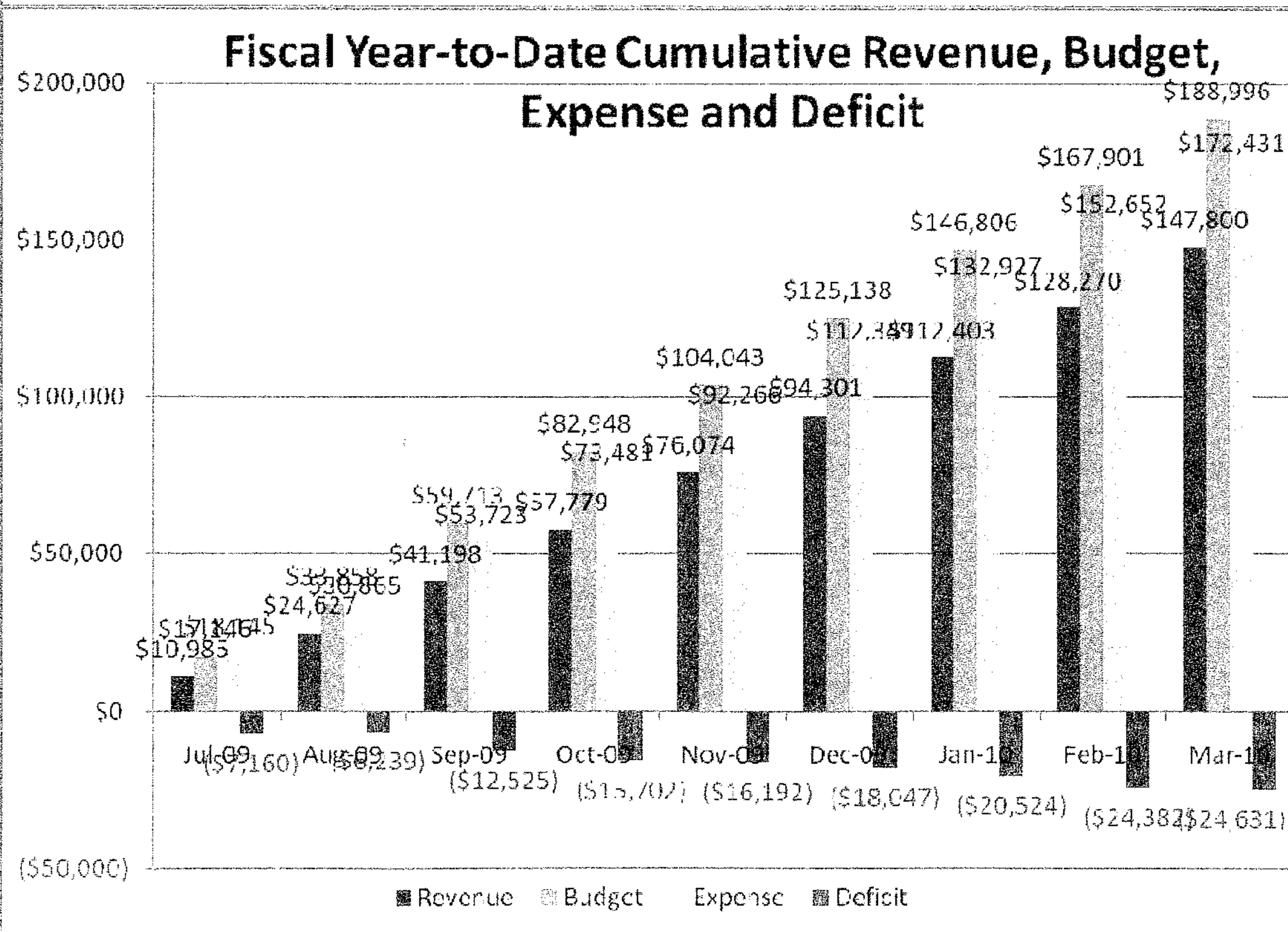
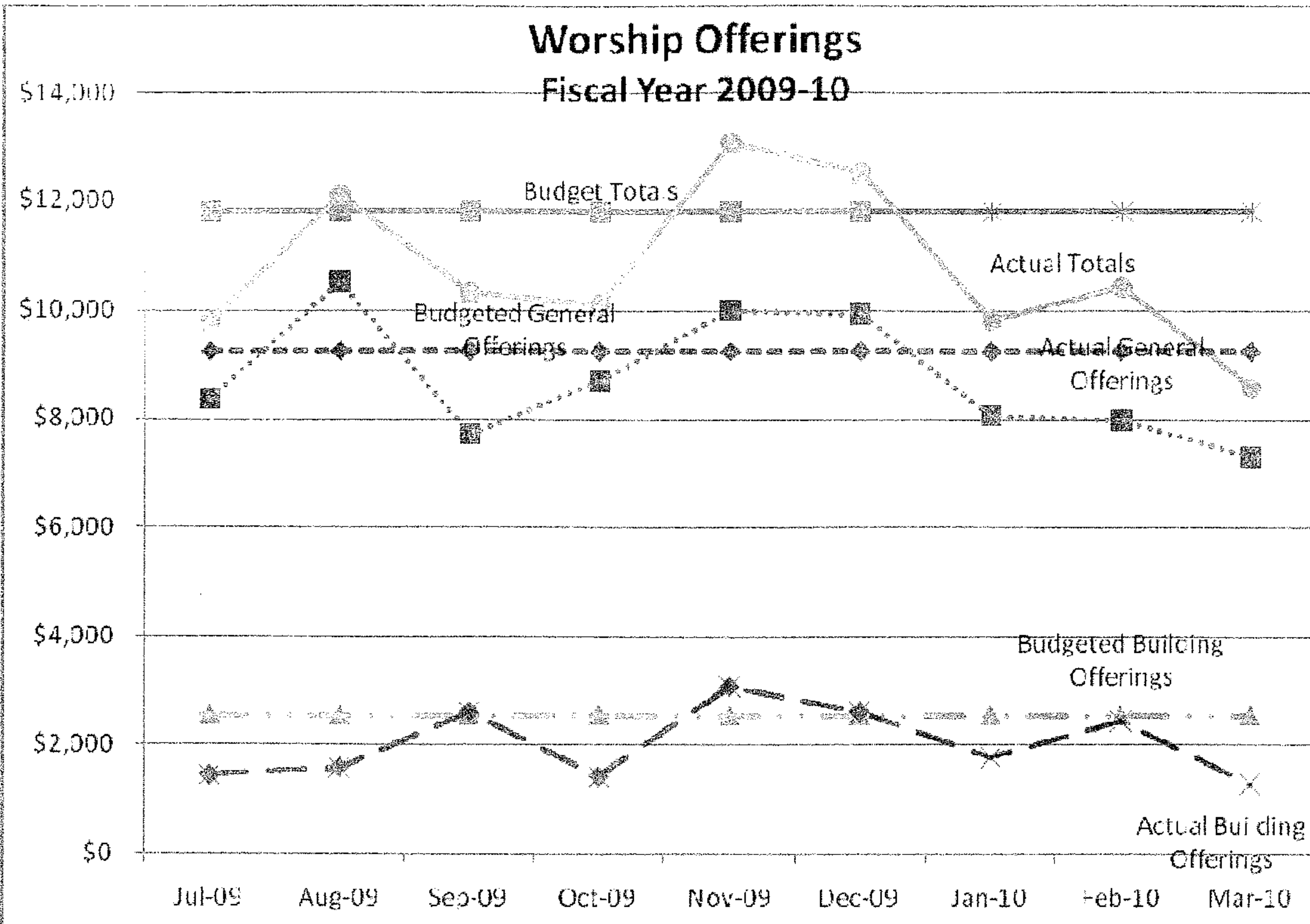
Art reported that T. J. is close to moving forward on the bench project in the entrance area of the Narthex. He plans for a crew to be on hand on April 24th to start the installation. Once this project is completed, T.J. can move toward achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout. St Timothy plan a special service to recognize his accomplishment soon after he is awarded this promotion.

## Next Years Budget.

Our crystal ball is a little clouded as we look into the future and plan for our expenses for the next twelve months. This task is normally a combination of guesswork and prayers even in a normal year. As we look forward to the coming period there is much uncertainty. Our guesswork and prayers will have a great deal of uncertainty than usual. But budget, we must! We will make our best guess and pray that the Lord will guide us to make good decisions and allow us to make adjustments as His plan become more visible to us. We pray for His guidance and the will and financial resources for our membership to enable us to realize His plan for us. We should all look to future with a great deal of excitement and confidence that the Lord will lead us and help us move His church forward in a way that pleases Him.



# March Financial Report





## Everyday Witnessing... Part 1

Many Christians are shy or feeling unqualified to share their faith. Some think that they do not know enough, or not perfect enough, or have tried and felt like they have failed. All these drawbacks are barriers that a Christian can overcome in the process of learning to share or witness of what God through Christ Jesus has done for him or her, and can do through anyone else who places their trust in Christ.

A witness is someone who simply gives an account of what they have personally experienced, seen, heard or has evidence about. 1 Peter 3:15 says "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect." We are requested to give a reason for the hope we have in Christ. Thank God, He always enables us to speak as it says, "For God did not give us a spirit of fear but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline." 2 Timothy 1:7

God can help us overcome our fear of witnessing. We can claim His power as we pray over our fears. The Holy Spirit is promised to those who are Christ's.

"But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you."

John 16: 13-15

We all have family and friends we are concerned about for their eternal destiny or at least that they know God's forgiveness and love. The Holy Spirit will guide us as we pray for our concerns.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

Philippians 4:6

"...if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by My Father in Heaven."

Matthew 18:19

Methods for engaging in an evangelical conversation in a beneficial way involve respect and listening. At the Equipping to Share Workshop, put on by Lutheran Hour Ministries, we were encouraged to learn to be a good listener. A witness is cautioned from getting into a debate because in a debate, one wins and the other loses. We want to share the life giving news of the gospel where every person who believes in Christ wins! We want to follow James 1:19: "Be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry."

In Christ's following,

Patsy Simon, Evangelism Board Chair

This May Pastor Patterson will be delivering a sermon series on the *Pastoral Ministry and the Divine Call*. Just as Saint Timothy Lutheran turns its attention to the future, which would involve the issuing of a call to a new pastor, it is appropriate that we hear what God's Word has to say on this topic. What does a pastor do? What qualities best equip a pastor to do his job? How does God place pastors in parishes? How do parishioners best work with their pastor to carry out the ministry that God would have them do together in that place? Join us for this special sermon series as we grow together in our awareness of the office of the pastor.

**The Pastoral Ministry & The Divine Call.**  
(A Sermon Series)

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All Believers."  
(Text: I Peter 2:9; Titus 1:5-9)

**"Transition Team Plans Events for Phase III – Setting Future Ministry Goals."**

**Round One: "The Biblical Foundation For Future Ministry."**

Sun., May 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 11:20 a.m. A Brief Orientation in small groups around tables.  
This will be held in the fellowship hall after the worship service.

Sun., May 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 4:00 p.m. - A home gathering (Study & Discussion)

Wed., May 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m. - A home gathering (Study & Discussion)

Sat., May 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m. - A home gathering (Study & Discussion)

\* Choose one of the round one events to attend as we desire to have everyone involved.

**Round Two: "Setting Future Ministry Goals."**

Sun. June 6<sup>th</sup> @ 11:20 a.m. Small groups around tables.

Sun. June 6<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 p.m. - A home gathering (Brainstorming, discussion, consensus)

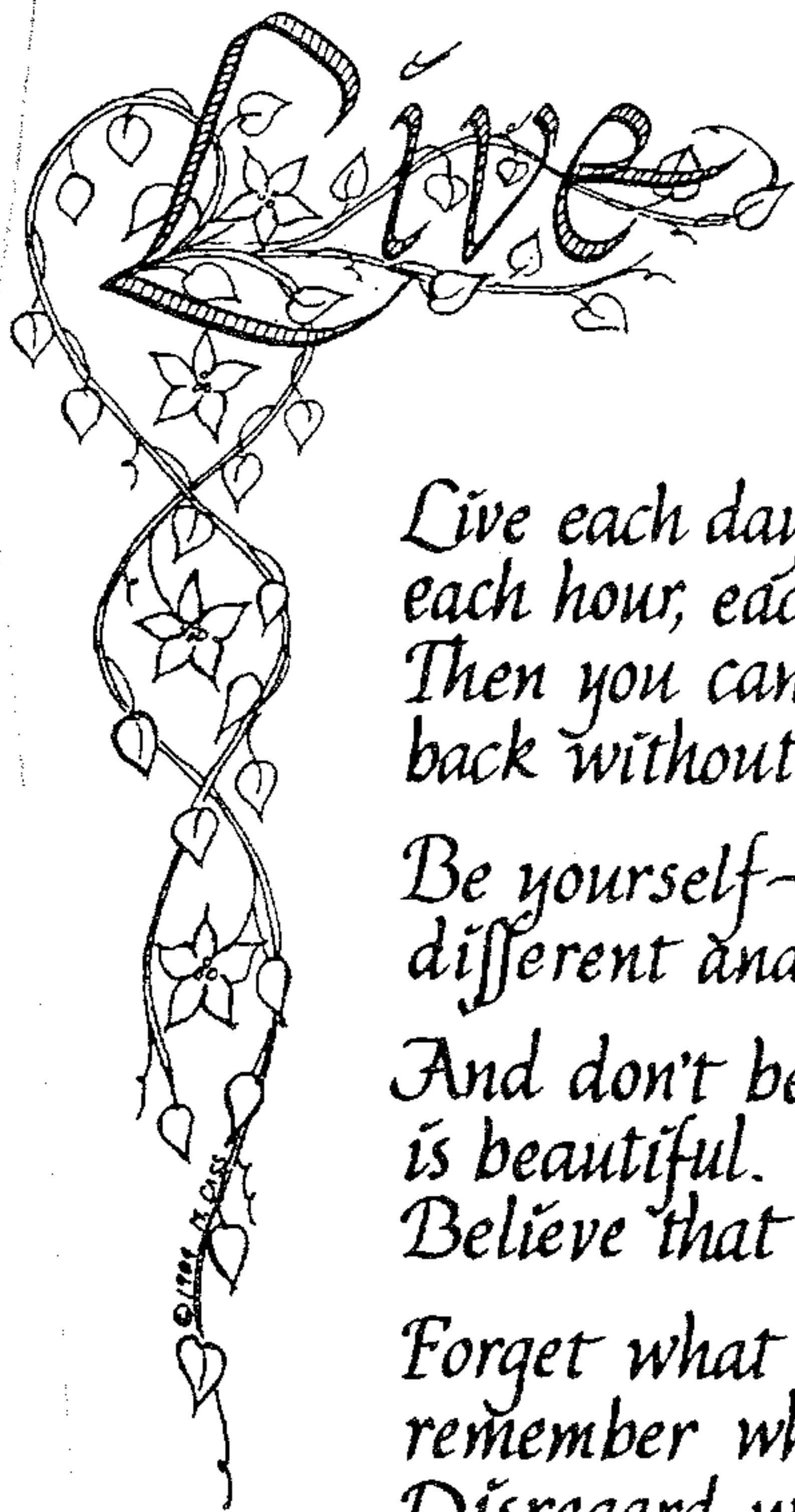
Wed. June 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m. - A home gathering (Brainstorming, discussion, consensus)

Saturday June 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m. - A home gathering (Brainstorming, discussion, consensus)

\*Choose one of the round two events to attend as we desire to have everyone's input.

Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> - Special Worship Service w/ guest preacher Rev. Paul Linneman, President of the Northwest District of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.





# each day to the fullest

Live each day to the fullest. Get the most from each hour, each day and each age of your life. Then you can look forward with confidence, and back without regrets.

Be yourself— but be your best self. Dare to be different and to follow your own star.

And don't be afraid to be happy. Enjoy what is beautiful. Love with all your heart and soul. Believe that those you love, love you.

Forget what you have done for your friends, and remember what they have done for you.

Disregard what the world owes you and concentrate on what you owe the world.

When you are faced with a decision, make that decision as wisely as possible — then forget it. The moment of absolute certainty never arrives.

Above all remember that God helps those who help themselves. Act as if everything depended upon you, and pray as if everything depended upon God.