

SAINT TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL

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Our Ministry Goals

In July of last year we formed a Transition Team to work with Pastor Patterson as he guided us through the Intentional Interim Ministry program. After many hours of dedication and hard work by our Transition team members, we have established a set of Future Ministries that will guide us as we look to the future days of Saint Timothy. These goals are the result of several meetings of congregational groups meeting at the Church and home gatherings for the purpose of discussing and setting key goals to guide us in the future.

Future Ministry Goals for Saint Timothy Lutheran

- **Strong and Vital Worship Service**
 - Strengthen Music Ministries
 - Strong Pastoral Role
- **Attitude of a Mission Congregation**
 - Promote small groups (Bible study & Social)
 - Connect with sister churches
 - Collaborate with neighbor churches
 - Strong pastoral leadership which supports these goals
- **Attract young couples and young families**
 - Grow preschool with increased congregational interaction
 - Start Mothers of Preschool Students (MOPS) program
 - Create an atmosphere that supports families
- **Retire Narthex Mortgage Early**
 - Renew dialog among members
 - Explore options

We thank the many members that contributed to developing these goals. Special appreciation goes out to the Transition Team members that did the heavy lifting necessary to bring us to this stage. Several families hosted group meetings in their homes in order to provide a more social and creative environment for the discussion groups to perform this important process.

These are the goals that we should use to guide all of our actions and initiatives going forward. Yet to be developed are the "how tos" for each of these goals. Like the goals, we want the "how tos" to be determined and developed by many or even all of our congregational members. All of our significant actions in the future should in some way, contribute to at least one of these goals.

As Saint Timothy concludes the Intentional Interim Ministry program, we must now look toward the future and with

God's guidance, make decisions that will determine the future of Saint Timothy Lutheran Church.

During the last year, we have made significant progress in looking beyond the recent past and focusing our attention on our hopes and dreams that are included in our prayers. As God's plan reveals itself to us, our prayers also need to ask for the wisdom and courage we will need to determine and then to take the next but deliberate steps that form our future ministry at Saint Timothy. *Mel Snelzle*

Changes in the Office - Changes are underway at many places at Saint Timothy. Shirley Bodenstab has



decided to retire from the mainstream office duties in our office. For longer than most can remember, Shirley has the "go to gal" in our office for any question regarding just about anything going on at St Timothy. While Shirley has been a blessing to us all, we are also blessed to have someone willing to takeover the duties in the office. Brenda Gonzalez has offered to take over the office duties. While Shirley is stepping aside, she assures us she will be there to help us as needed. Please express your appreciation to Shirley for the many years of faithful service to our Lord and our Church. Also welcome longtime member Brenda as well and



give her your thanks for her commitment for continue support in this key role at St Timothy.

Preschool Happenings

Another school year has come to an end. We had our closing ceremonies and Pre-K graduation on June 4th. St. Timothy still has room in next year's preschool classes. We offer classes for children age 2 ½ to 5 years old. Please tell your friends with preschool age children about our preschool ministry. Please give our information with anyone you know who might be looking for a loving preschool that teaches ABC's and 123's through "Jesus loves me".

We offered a DVD-annual of the year's activities for \$10 to preschool families. There are some DVD's left for sale. Let us know if you would like to purchase one, and we will deliver!

After a week off, we held a summer camp on exploring the musical sounds. The children had a good time playing with different ways to make "Sounds of Music." We will be holding another summer camp August 24-25-26 - "Practicing for Preschool." This is a great way to get the students re-acclimated to classroom routines, and those who are new to be able to explore the classroom, which makes the first day of school more exciting than scary. Our "Practicing for Preschool" camp is open to past/current and new students.

We started a new year-round fund raiser with Terracycle, a company which recycles plastic products and makes new items. We are 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), used pens, pencils, markers, highlighters (any brand or size, they just need to be plastic.), gum wrappers (foil and packaging), Elmer's glue, both liquid and glue sticks, "spread" containers, butters and such both the bucket portion and lid. We 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 ¼ to ½ inch off and rinse them out. You can view their website at www.terracycle.net for more information.

Finally, we continue to collect used ink cartridges. We are able to recycle these and receive \$3 for each. This year alone we have been able to put \$600 towards our office supply budget 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 Volkmann
Preschool Administrator

