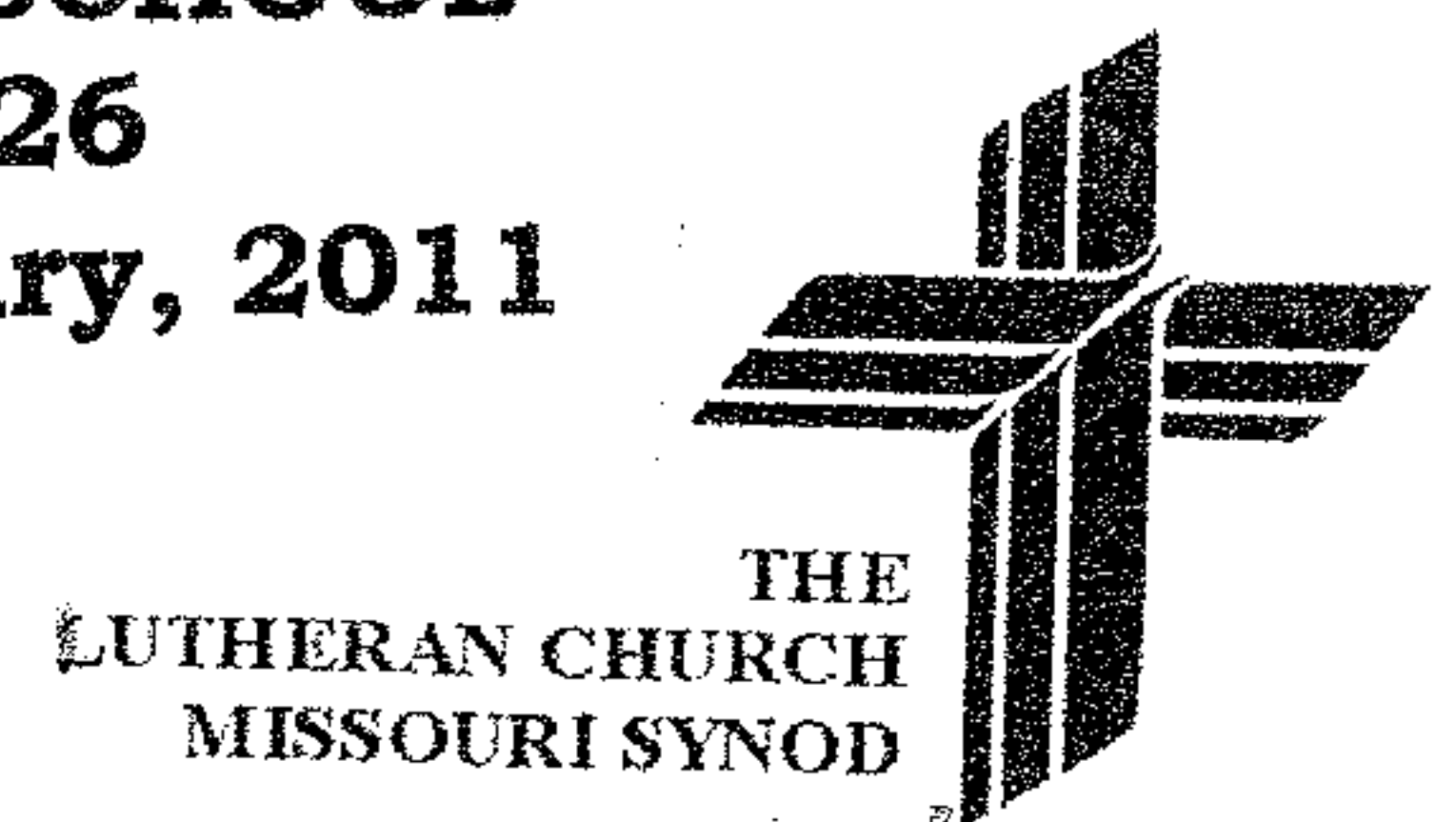


NEWSLETTER

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-- Thoughts From The Pastor

The last of our Christmas presents are being put away as I write this on January 17th. One of the gifts that we received was a little book entitled "Laughing with Lutherans", edited by Julie B. Sevig. It's a small book of only 144 6" x 6" pages. It has a smiling Rev. Dr. Marlin Luther on the cover.

This little book shares some Lutheran congregation's bulletin and newsletter "bloopers" along with some humorous things that Lutheran people [usually kids] have said. I found myself often smiling as I read such things as: "The ... choir anthem: 'Surely, He Hath Borne Our Briefs'".

It brought to mind some of the bulletin and newsletter "bloopers" from my nearly 35 years as a pastor. One of my secretaries once discovered - after all the Sunday bulletins were printed - that she had left a letter out of a word. She had written: "The choir will sin from the balcony this morning." She added by hand a "g" to "sin" in every single bulletin!

One year I was in a hurry to get an article out for the newsletter with what we were going to be doing on Easter Sunday morning. I had read over what I had written, but still I missed that I had substituted one word for another. I wrote: "We will be serving snakes after the Sunrise Service". A lady came up to me after receiving the newsletter and asked in all sincerity, "Pastor, are we really going to have snakes on Easter?" (I had meant to type "snacks".)

These sorts of errors can bring a smile or make us laugh. And I guess that they will continue to happen as long as we send messages to each other with words, text, code, etc.

The message that the Lord God has for all people in the scriptures [the Holy Bible] has a few things that can bring a smile to your face as you read them or when you hear them read. Jesus once spoke about a person with a log in their eye trying to help get a speck out of another person's eye - what an image! And how about Peter who put back on the clothes he had taken off to fish, and then he jumped into the Sea of Tiberias.

The good news that God the Father loves all people and that He sent His Son to be the Savior of the world should also bring a smile to our face. This smile is a smile of joy! Someone once said: "Smile, God loves you!" By faith you and I know that's true.

Each of us knows and believes personally that Jesus really loves me! Jesus really died and rose for me! Jesus forgives all my sins! Jesus is really with me at all times! Jesus will one day returning to take me body and soul to heaven forever!

I am hoping that I didn't leave any "blooper" in what I have written this time. But please keep on smiling because we disciples of Jesus Christ have a lot to be thankful for!

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

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Preschool Happenings

February 2011

On Saturday, January 22nd Miss Becky and I represented the preschool at Edmonds School District's - Families And Communities Engaged - F.A.C.E. information fair. We had the benefit of talking with parents looking for a preschool to fit their needs. St. Timothy was one of nine (that I counted) schools participating at the fair, that are involved in the school district's Early Learning Connections funded by the Bill and Malinda Gates Foundation.

Also in January, we welcomed two new students in our Preschool class. We are continuing to accept enrollments through the year until our classes fill up. Enrollment for the 2011-2012 school year will begin in March. Please be on the look-out for future students of St. Timothy's preschool.

We finished our Little Caesars pizza fund raiser on January 24th. Your pizza orders will be available mid-afternoon of Tuesday, February 1st.

Our February lessons will be about taking care of ourselves, and travel with planes, trains, and automobiles. Our Bible lessons will be the parables of *The Wise and Foolish Builders*, *The Sower*, *The Hidden Treasure*, and *The Prodigal Son*. We will begin learning songs for Preschool Sunday, to be held on March 20th, and we'll have a celebration in our rooms on Monday, February 14th for St. Valentine's Day.

On Saturday, February 12th we are hosting an early childhood education seminar presented by our Northwest District from 9am - 1pm in the fellowship hall. We will have a speaker and lunch - assisted by our Ladies Guild.

Our end of the year social gathering set for Friday, May 13th will not be an auction this year. We will hold a Family Game Night in place of the auction. St. Timothy members are included in the family. So, please join us in closing out our year. You are welcome share our ministry by inviting your friends and neighbors.

In Our Lord's service,



Cindy McEntire
Preschool Director

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.

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. Please cut carefully, so barcode and points are intact for they will not accept damaged ones. For a current list of eligible products visit Campbell's web site: www.labelsforeducation.com.

COFFEE HOST

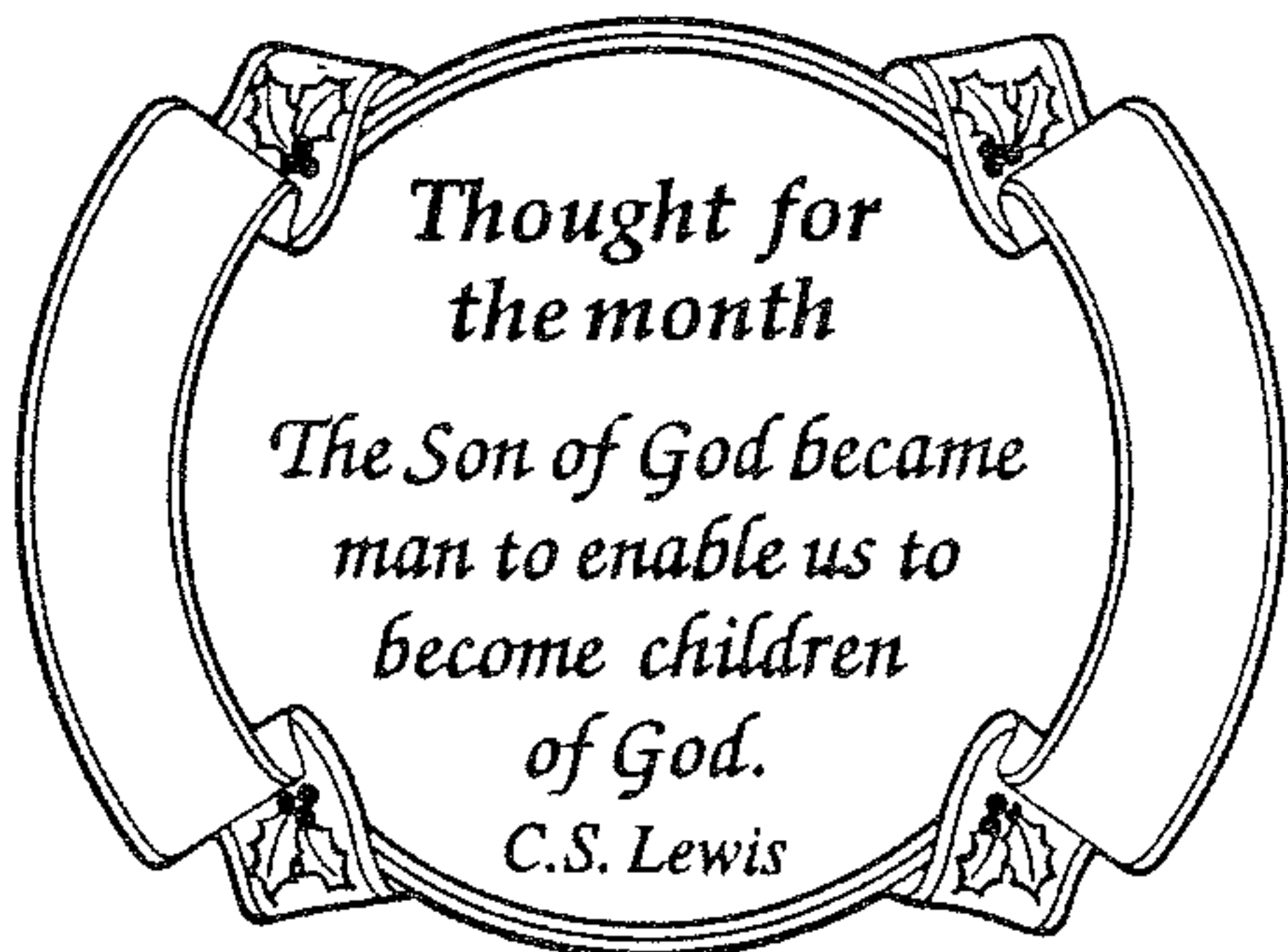
You are invited to host coffee hour after the worship service on Sundays. A sign up sheet is in the narthex on the bulletin board.

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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SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS
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FEBRUARY....

February 13 – Ladies Guild Bake Sale



MISSION POST REPORT FOR 2010

Please support the Ladies Guild bake sale on February 13. You may bring baked goods, or be sure to purchase something. Proceeds go to Good Shepherd Home.

Also bring used greeting cards and put them in mission basket for future mission project.

LADIES BREAKFAST

A nice group of ladies attended the Ladies Breakfast on January 22. The guest speaker was Sylvia Anderson from the Everett Gospel Mission. A free-will offering was taken for the Gospel Mission.

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SAY A PRAYER

Little Johnny and his family were having Sunday dinner at this Grandmother's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Little Johnny received his plate, he started eating right away. 'Johnny! Please wait until we say our prayer.' Said his mother. 'I don't need to,' the boy replied 'Of course, you do,' his mother insisted. 'We always say a prayer before eating at our house.' 'that's at our house,' Johnny explained. 'but this is Grandma's house and she knows how to cook!'

A PREPARED HEART

I often think: "A life is like a day; it goes by so fast. If I am so careless with my days, how can I be careful with my life?" I know that somehow I have not fully come to believe that urgent things can wait while I attend to what is truly important. It finally boils down to a question of deep and strong conviction. Once I am truly convinced that preparing the heart is more important than preparing the Christmas tree, I will be a lot less frustrated at the end of a day.

Henri J.M. Nouwen in the New Oxford Review (Nov. 1986)

Highlights - January Church Council Meeting

The January Church Council meeting was well attended. Our Council members are doing a great job and the year is off to a wonderfully good start! The following is a *brief* summary of the meeting highlights:

1. This year's Christmas tree was provided with the stellar work of our Trustee Chair and a generous donation from the tree seller. After Christmas, the tree was recycled too.
2. We discussed the need for a common calendar that is available both in the office and electronically. The calendar on the website should be the most current information that we have about church, small group and committee activities as well as a record of who is using our building and when.
3. Our financial situation is mostly positive. We had a generous donation and good contributions in December.
4. On Jan 22nd there was a memorial for Pastor Peterson's wife.
5. On Jan 24-28th Pastor Flath will be in San Diego working with LCMS Operation Barnabus.
6. Confirmation classes are again underway. There are two confirmands this year.
7. The best time to reach Pastor Flath is on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in the office. He is in the office by 9am and is usually here until late in the day.
8. The Elders are working on a follow-up plan for our visitors. The Elders will be working closely with the office staff on this project.
9. Our District office would like a current copy of our By-Laws. Our By-Laws are now on our website if anyone would like to read them. Just go to our web page StTimothyLutheran.net then in the blue box on the left side click on the "About St Timothy" link. Once there, click on the Documents and Procedures link at the very bottom of the page. You will find all kinds of interesting things on our web page!
10. Mel and the office staff are working on the Directory. Everyone should have one by now.
11. We received a request to again donate to the Jeremiah Center. Since the first donation was made at the Voter's Meeting, the Council decided to allow the Voters to decide whether or not to again donate to this local youth organization. This topic will be on the next Voter's Meeting agenda.
12. Another topic for the next Voter's Meeting will be the roof repair. A recent, generous donation helps keep the cost of this project within our reach financially. There are several options for the project.
13. Creekside Korean Church is in need of a new facility as they are no longer able to worship in their current building. The needs of this congregation were discussed to see if there was a way that we could help them through their immediate space needs. With our busy calendar we were only able to offer them some limited use of our sanctuary. This did not meet their needs, however so they will not be using our building.
14. Finally, the Council received a report from the Call Committee. The candidates and the Call Committee process were discussed. No decisions were made, but a good sharing of information and ideas is moving us closer to finding a good fit for our congregation. More to come...

As you can see.... A lot happens at Council Meetings! All of our meetings are open door and you will be welcomed. Please consider attending to see what happens and more importantly, come and provide some input. The more we hear from members – the better we are able to meet the needs of members. Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 8, 2011.

Respectfully submitted by:

Janet Anderberg, Acting President

Thanks for all your hard work!

Thanks Kim for going above and beyond this month. Your work on the 'specialized Minutes' project was just right and really appreciated. From Janet and Mel

Thanks Art for getting the tree again this year and for recycling it too!

Thanks Shirley, Bea and Brenda for all the time you put into making things work around here!

Thanks Sharron for making beautiful music on both the organ and the piano. It is really wonderful!

Thanks Mel for the new Member Directory and for becoming our new Treasurer. We needed you and you stepped up!

There are many more people to give a shout out to. (I can think of at least 10 more people that should be recognized for their hard work this month!) If you want to share your gratitude with someone who has gone the extra mile around here..... We are hoping that this space will be available each month so use this format to share your "Thank you".

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible - Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the chapter. Little Rick was excited about the task - but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line. On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Ricky was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, 'The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know.'

2011 Directory Now Available

A 2011 member directory is now available. Copies were distributed to member mail boxes in the Narthex on January 21st. This new directory was made possible by many who helped qualify and gather current member information and those who lent a hand with the assembly and distribution. A lot of effort has been made to make this new directory as accurate as possible. Many thanks to everyone involved with special appreciation for the efforts of Fred Starck who contacted virtually everyone on our older lists to determine those who consider themselves members of St. Timothy. Also we appreciate the assistance of Pastor Flathe and the Elder group for helping set some new guidelines to better manage our membership list in the future.

Since it has been a while since a directory was issued, it was necessary to conduct a very thorough review of our member lists. During this process, a number of previous members have left and have been removed from our membership directory. In keeping with the terms of our Constitution, we will review this list and the Voters will have an opportunity to approve any members being removed from our membership roles.

In order to keep this list accurate, we will be using the Shepherd Staff system to record member information and produce future directories. If you have any changes or corrections you would like made, please communicate them (preferable in writing) directly to Brenda Gonzalez in the office. Brenda will be maintaining our membership information on the Shepherd Staff system to make future directories easier to produce and provide ongoing, accurate information for those needing information about our membership. *Mel Snelze*

CHURCH COUNCIL

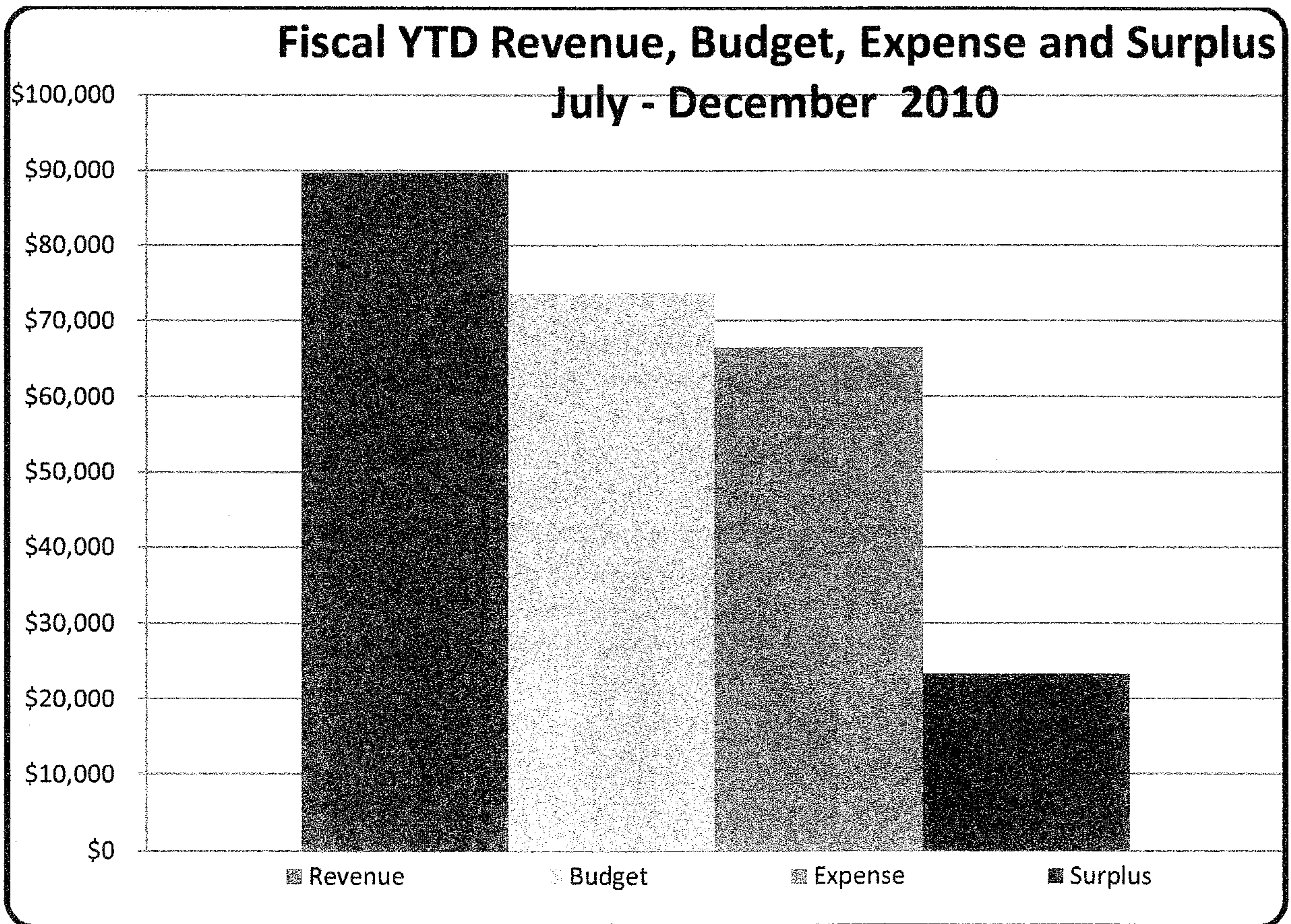
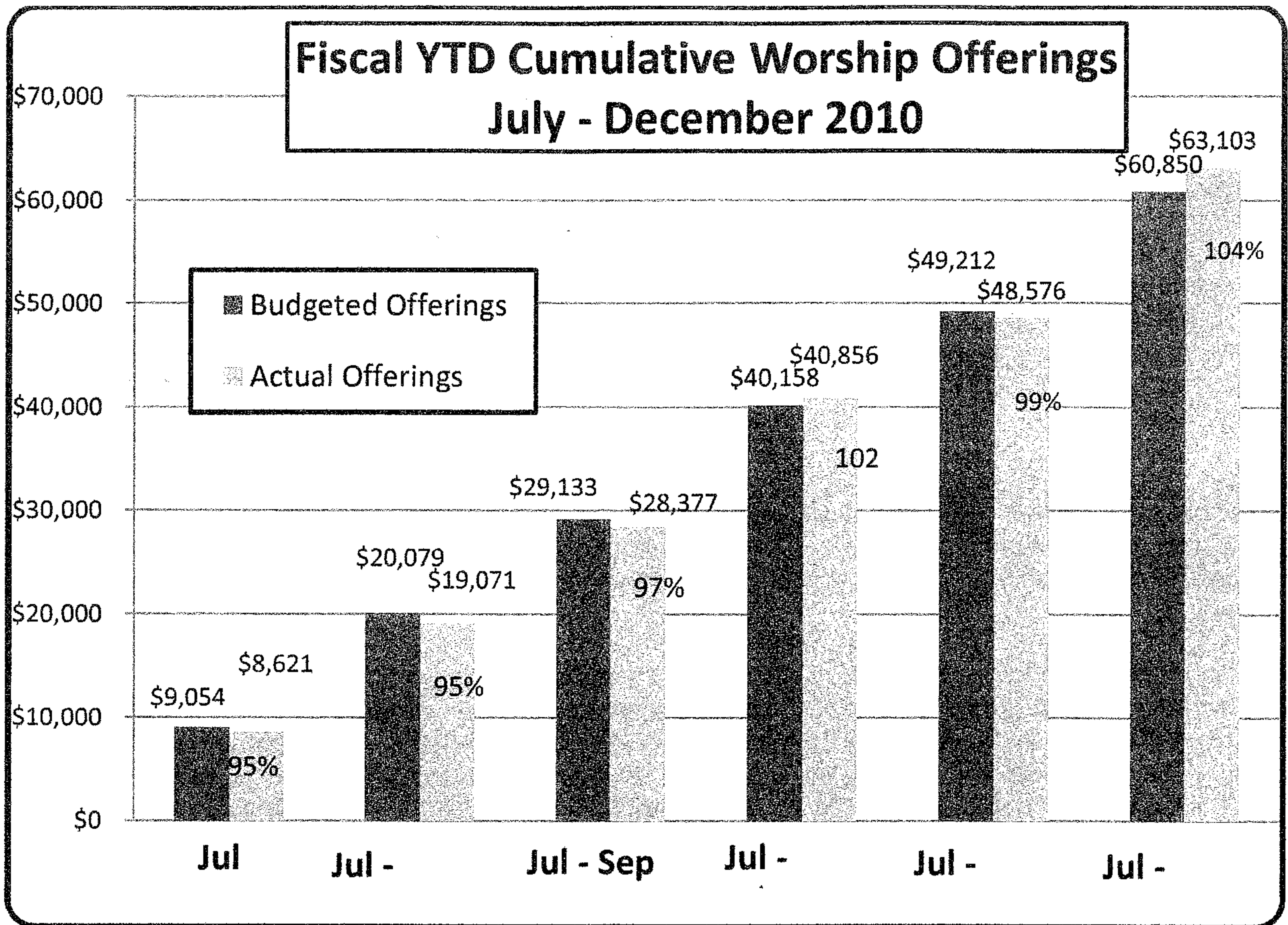
As the new year begins, the look of our Church Council will be changing. Some of us will take on new roles and some of us are stepping aside for others to participate. Others will remain in our current positions in congregational leadership. Mel has served as our President for several years now and has done a terrific job, but he is needed now to take on the duties of the Treasurer and he has accepted the challenge. I am one of the people that will be taking on a new role. As the Council Vice President, I will be taking on the role of Acting President for January – March 2011. I will retain my role as the Chair of the Preschool Ministry as well. So, this will be a busy time of volunteering for me.

I am very optimistic about our future. This is still a time of transition in our congregation, but we have many wonderful people and our plans for the future are so exciting!. From my perspective, this change in leadership, simply reflects our continued efforts to keep things moving forward in a positive way.

As the Acting President, I welcome your input and suggestions. I also welcome your cooperation, participation and support. Your prayers would also be much appreciated. I will be asking some of you for specific support or assistance with projects during this time. You can reach me by phone at 425-745-5028 or by email at:

jlanderberg@comcast.net .

Janet Anderberg



PRAYER TEAM

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

- Carol Hauge (425) 743-9430
- Brenda Gonzalez (425) 245-3452
- 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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**THE
2 CHRONICLES 7:14 GROUP**

A Prayer group will meet every Sunday promptly at 8:24 AM in the "Meeting Room" (blue room). We are seeking God's guidance for our church and country and our individual lives. Everyone interested in participating in prayers for St. Timothy and our community is welcome to join us.

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LUTHERAN HOUR

Lutheran Hour broadcasts in the Seattle area:

- KIXI AM 880 (Bellevue) @ 6:30 a.m. on Sundays
- KRKO 1380 AM (Everett) @ 7:00 a.m. on Sundays
- KLAY 1180 AM (Tacoma) @ 9:30 a.m. on Sundays

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THANK YOU!

Members and friends of St. timothy Lutheran Church:

Sandy and I are humbled and blessed by your kindness and generosity this past Christmas. Thank you for your cards, gift, support, and prayers. Pastor and Sandy Flath

>>>P.J Flanigan wishes to thank the people of St. Timothy for their warm welcome upon his return to the parish and for expressions of generosity and concern for his health.

Prayers:

Please remember in your prayers Rev. David Peterson and his family and the members of Lamb of God Lutheran Church at the death of wife, Judy on December 27, 2010. A memorial service is planned for January 22. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord!" Pastor Flath

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...
St. Timothy celebrates 45 years on June 19.

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I had been teaching my three -year old daughter, Caitlin, the Lords Prayer for several evenings at bedtime. She would repeat after me the lines from the prayer. Finally, she decided to go solo,. I listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word right up to the end of the pray: "Lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us some E-mail. Amen."

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A Sunday school teacher asked her children, as they were on the way to church service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One bright little girls replied, "Because people are sleeping."

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