

# NEWSLETTER

June, 2011

ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL

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June 2011 A.D. -- Thoughts From The Pastor

Christ is risen! [He is risen indeed, alleluia!]

We celebrate Pentecost 50 days after Jesus' resurrection from the dead on Easter. Pentecost this year is June 12<sup>th</sup>. It is sometimes called the birthday of the New Testament church since around 3,000 people were brought to saving faith in Jesus by the Holy Spirit through the preaching of the Gospel by our Lord's apostles.

Without the Holy Spirit's work in your life and in my life through the good news about Jesus, we would not believe in Jesus as our Lord and Savior. As a matter of fact, it's only because of the on going work of the Spirit in our life that you and I are kept in the one true faith.

The Holy Spirit would not have come on Pentecost without one last, glorious event in Jesus' life. Jesus had told His disciples even before He died on the cross that He had to leave them. But He would then send to them His special gift of a Comforter, a Councilor. The Holy Spirit would be sent to guide us into all truth.

With Jesus' resurrection to life on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day after His death, the disciples may have thought that Jesus was going to be visibly present with them forever. But after 40 days of giving many proofs that He was alive, Jesus visibly left this world and was received into heaven as the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. [Ascension Day is celebrated June 2<sup>nd</sup> this year.]

Even so, Jesus continues to be present with His church and all of His disciples of every century. Jesus comes to us in His Word and in the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper. And because Jesus is no longer confined by time and space, He has promised to be with His followers always, to the very end of time. That means that Jesus is with you as you read this and me as I write this.

At the Lord Jesus' ascension into heaven, one final promise was given to the Lord's disciples of all times and places. It is a promise that you and I are still waiting to have fulfilled by Jesus. Those who were with Jesus on ascension day watched Him rise up before their eyes and then be hidden by some clouds. Then they were told by some angels that one day Jesus would return again. [Acts 1:6-12]

No one knows when that day will be except God the Father - and He's not telling. Over the years a few people have predicted various dates for Jesus' 2<sup>nd</sup> coming. Those days have come and gone.

The importance of not knowing the date of Jesus' return is so that you and I are ready for His return each and every day of our lives. With the Holy Spirit's help as He works through the Word of God and the sacraments, you and I faithfully wait for Christ Jesus' return in glory.

Like the early church, as we wait, we too "devote (ourselves) to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, the breaking of bread and the prayers" [Acts 2:42]. We "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that (Jesus has) commanded (us)." [Matthew 28:19-20]

May our waiting for Jesus' return to productive for the kingdom of God! Christ is risen! [He is risen indeed, alleluia!]

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

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# Preschool Happenings

## June 2011

The last day of classes and our Closing Ceremony are two weeks away on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. We changed the time for our evening event to 6pm-9pm beginning in the church with the ceremony. Our program includes the children singing and receiving their certificate of completion for the year. The Pre-Kindergarten students will graduate to kindergarten. The ceremony will be followed by a small reception in the fellowship hall. Please help us celebrate evening of recognition of our students' achievements and their families for being a part of our Preschool Ministry.

In these last two weeks we will have had Lil' Buckaroos here to dress the children in western clothes, give them a ride on a pony, and take their photo; and we will have taken our annual field trip to the Edmonds' Beach for some exploring. Summer birthdays will be celebrated when we return from the long weekend.

To our disappointment we had to cancel the Family Game Night on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. Nearly all our preschool families had other commitments. We plan on scheduling this event a few times next year, and hope that you too can make plans to join us.

We have started receiving registrations for next year. Information and registration forms for the 2011-2012 school year are available in the Narthex on and outside the church office door. Please take and share the information with anyone you know who may be interested in our ministry.

The first of our four Open House events was held on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. Our next three are scheduled for Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm, Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> from 11a-2p, and Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6-8pm. School resumes on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you again for supporting our Preschool ministry and activities this year. Keep this ministry in your prayers, and continue share our preschool mission with people looking for a place where their children can learn and develop in the love of Jesus.

Blessings of Our Lord to all,

  
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](http://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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**REMINDER – ALL NEWSLETTER ITEMS ARE DUE BY THE 15<sup>TH</sup> OF THE MONTH**



**45<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ST. TIMOTHY**

June 21, 2011, marks the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Timothy being a member of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod and of the Northwest District. On June 26 we will remember the many blessings that our Lord has bestowed on us over the years in song and prayer.

**SUNDAY HOLY COMMUNION SCHEDULE**

The Holy Communion schedule for June will be slightly different since Pastor Flath will be gone on Sunday, June 12, celebrating his mother's 99<sup>th</sup> birthday that weekend. Holy communion will be offered on June 5 and June 26. Guest preacher on the 12<sup>th</sup> will be Rev. Donald Koenig of Everett, WA.

**ASCENSION DAY SERVICE**

There will be no Ascension Day service at St. Timothy on June 2. Check the bulletin for LCMS services in our area.

**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY POTLUCKS**

The Fellowship Board has planned to have 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Potlucks through 2011. This is in the spirit of increasing all church fellowship and community. Mark your calendars for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays:  
May 29  
July 31  
October 30  
If you would like to be a part of planning and serving, please contact Patsy Simon, Fellowship Chair, 425-670-3354  
Barb Eneberg, Sharon Starck and Lisa Tangen also are members.

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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) 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 seek 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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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS...  
ST. TIMOTHY MARKS 45 YEARS THIS MONTH**

**THE 2011 LENTEN SEASON**

The Lenten season was very special for St. Timothy. Pastor Flath presented a series of Easter story themes for the Wednesday evening worship services. Before each service there was a meal provided to anyone who wanted to participate. The following groups are to be thanked for putting on the Soup Suppers: Men's Group, Ladies Guild, Evangelism, Elders, Council and Fellowship.

**THE EASTER EGG HUNT**

The Easter Egg Hunt was a big success with 46 children ages 1-12 attending along with their parents. It was a sunny morning on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. over 800 plastic eggs with wrapped candy inside were set out to hunt all over the lawns of St. Timothy. The kids had a cross craft to start out with and snacks were available downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Flath said a blessing prayer and off went five different age groups to find eggs. There were baskets for those who found the Golden Egg in their age group. The grand prize of a "family night basket" was won by Levi Neuert. The closes guess on the number of eggs in the glass jar was Blake Knoth.

Many hands make light work from the egg and gift bag filling, to decorations, to egg hiding, greeting the kids, registration, leading the kids and cleanup. Thanks for all who helped make this year's Easter Egg Hunt a wonderful outreach even: Bea and Debbie Zaske, Carolyn McLaughlin, Kim Reinig, Patsy, Li Li, and Beatrice Simon, Becky and Levi Neuert, Cindy McEntire, Devyn and Makya Thompson, Sherry Stark and grandchildren Taylor, Spencer and Hunter. A special thanks to Cindy for M.C.ing the event.

**THE EASTER BREAKFAST** was well attended. About 50 members enjoyed egg-sausage casserole and hot cross buns. Thanks to Roger Reinig, Lisa Tangen, Sherry Starck, Cindy McEntire, Karl and Patsy Simon who provided casseroles.

**UPCOMING EVENT – 45<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF  
ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH WILL BE  
CELEBRATED ON JUNE 26.**



## MISSION POST FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR

**JUNE** - Pillows and/or pillow cases

**JULY** – Twin bed sheets – clean, used ones  
In good condition

**AUGUST** – School supplies and paper products  
for Preschool

**SEPTEMBER** – School supplies – backpacks for  
shelter's children

**OCTOBER** – new or good used dishes and table  
ware for shelter occupants

**NOVEMBER** - Food bank donations

**DECEMBER** - coffee mugs – (any kind) and items  
for making "snowman soup" -  
(cocoa mix, small candy canes,  
chocolate kisses", mini  
marshmallows) for the  
homeless shelters –as many as  
possible.  
Socks for our BIG stocking –  
To go to homeless shelters –  
All kinds and all sizes

Look for these items at "white sales" at the stores,  
at garage and yard sales and thrift stores, when  
you go shopping. EVERY SINGLE item is  
needed.

Questions? Call Pat Jones – 425-379-7077

**GOD'S BLESSINGS** to Devyn Thompson  
and Levi Neuert, who were confirmed this  
past month.

### Lutheran Witness for Members of St. Timothy



The Lutheran Witness publication is a popular with many of our members and is a good way to keep current with information on our faith. St. Timothy maintains a few subscriptions in order to make complimentary copies available for members. Copies are located in the Narthex and are free to members.

If you would like a personal subscription delivered to your, or a friends home address, you can order a subscription at a substantial discount through the Church during June. Your contribution envelope box contains a special envelope that you can use to request your personal subscription. The cost to the church is \$15 for an annual subscription. Members joining St. Timothy since June of last year will automatically receive a free, one year, subscription.

Your envelope can also be used to provide a gift subscription to another person as you indicate on the back of envelope. If you check "gift subscription" on your envelop and you do not provide an address, your contribution will be considered as donation to support others. Your envelope can be placed in the plate during any of the services during June"

## Vacation Bible School

Plans are being made for

July 25 - 29, 2011

Volunteers are needed to help  
plan and put into action VBS

2011

We will need help with:

Teachers	Kitchen Helpers
Crafters	Registrars
Stage Hands	Marketing

Please call

Cindy McEntire 425 774-7984

Or

Patsy Simon 425 670-3354

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MAY COUNCIL MEETING.....

The May Council Meeting was held on Tuesday, May 10th.

The Council and Committee members are busy finalizing the 2011/12 budget. See the financial report for further details.

Mel is continuing to gather information for the repair/cleaning of the church roof. Once he has all of the information it will be presented at a Voter's Meeting.

Information on Preschool Summer Camps is available in the Narthex on the east-wall bulletin board. Vacation Bible School is coming up the week of July 25<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed for VBS.

The Easter Egg Hunt was a big success with 47 children and their parents present. Thanks to everyone who helped to make it a success.

The Ladies Guild held a luncheon on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Twenty four ladies attended and enjoyed some great salads and fellowship. Watch for the next up-coming event and come and join the fun. Thanks to the Ladies Guild for the luncheon.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Potluck will be held on May 29<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to come enjoy the great food and fellowship. If your last name begins with A-M bring a main dish and N-Z bring a salad/dessert.

The 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Timothy Lutheran Church's affiliation with the LCMS is coming up on June 26<sup>th</sup>. There will be a short presentation of STLC history. Stay tuned for more details.

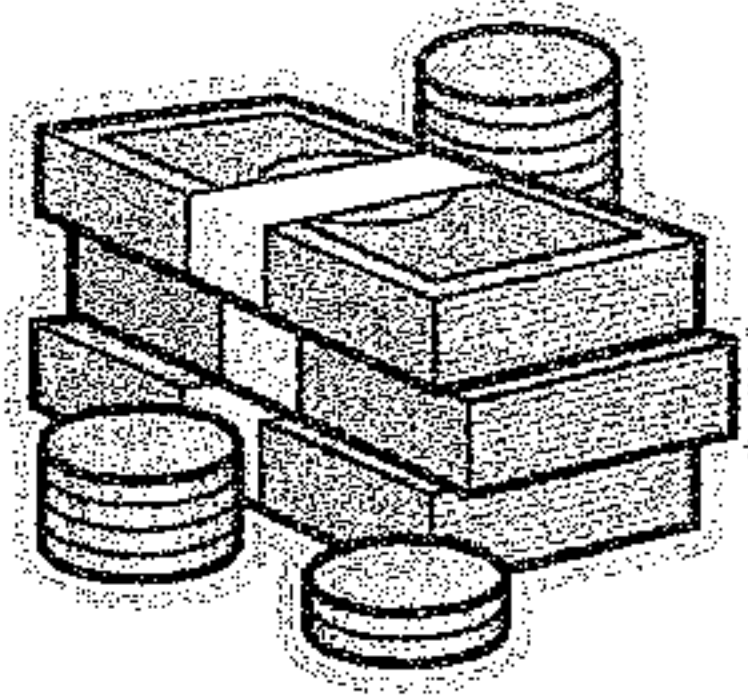
STLC will participate in a booth at the Evergreen State Fair in August to provide information about our Church and Preschool. Anyone who would like to volunteer to help can contact Patsy or Cindy.

Pat will be collecting bath towels/wash cloths for the month of May, pillows/pillow cases for the month of June and twin bed sheets for July. All items will be donated to a local women's shelter.

Council Meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7 pm. Anyone is welcome to attend.



## FINANCIAL REPORT - Mel Suelzle



April contribution performance was very good at almost 113% of our budget. Preschool tuition was lower than planned and our total income for the month was 94.7% of plan which is close to the trend for the entire year of 95.5%. While expense spending was not excessive, our budgeted pastor expenses were not adjusted to reflect our decision last Fall to pursue a Vacancy Pastor position with the appropriate expense budget levels. As a result, our budget was incorrect and our Elder budget performance looks very poor. This will continue for the month of May and to a smaller degree in June, as we have significant budget for Guest Pastor services. Our mortgage donations were well above plan at 133%, but still only 84% of our mortgage payment. Overall income fell short of our expenses by \$582 for April but for the 10 month of the year, we have a surplus of \$22,118.

Your Council is well into the 2011/12 budget process. Preliminary budgets are being consolidated and will be adjusted during the June 14<sup>th</sup> council meeting as we work towards final revision and presentation to the Voters later in June.

### St. Timothy Lutheran Church and Preschool

	May			July-May		
<b>Income</b>	Budget	Actual	%	Budget	Actual	%
Worship Service Offerings	7,304	8,240	112.8%	84,421	81,636	96.7%
Preschool Income	4,433	2,243	50.6%	36,467	27,122	74.4%
Other	1,075	972	90.4%	10,750	14,590	135.7%
Mortgage Donations	1,750	2,332	133.3%	17,500	19,137	109.4%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>14,562</b>	<b>13,787</b>	<b>94.7%</b>	<b>149,138</b>	<b>142,486</b>	<b>95.5%</b>
<b>Expense</b>						
Elders	851	2,685	315.6%	17,118	18,398	107.5%
Trustees	5,575	5,638	101.1%	51,113	50,500	98.8%
Preschool	3,838	3,184	83.0%	32,802	27,151	82.8%
Council	1,026	315	30.7%	10,429	7,387	70.8%
Administration	699	1,513	216.5%	8,363	8,637	103.3%
Worship & Music	600	797	132.8%	7,124	6,470	90.8%
Education	67	9	13.9%	1,167	275	23.5%
Fellowship	50	0	0.0%	553	253	45.7%
Social Ministry	8	0	0.0%	83	0	0.0%
Stewardship	0	0	0.0%	275	345	125.3%
Evangelism	100	227	226.8%	1,000	953	95.3%
Youth	50	0	0.0%	500	0	0.0%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>12,863.85</b>	<b>14,369</b>	<b>111.7%</b>	<b>130,527</b>	<b>120,368</b>	<b>92.2%</b>
<b>Income Less Expense</b>	<b>1,698.48</b>	<b>-582</b>	<b>-34.2%</b>	<b>18,611</b>	<b>22,118</b>	<b>118.8%</b>

## Shirley Bodenstab Retirement

After more than 35 years of loyal and dedicated service in our Church office, **Shirley Bodenstab** has decided to retire. I am sure everyone will agree that no one could be more deserving of a retirement than Shirley, having given of her time and talent to the Lord's work for such a long time. For many years she has been the "go to" person for matters in the office. Only through her effort and diligence have we kept the office matters in good order. Shirley plans to continue working in the office during June and possibly July if necessary. We all wish her the very best and look forward to her continued support to the Church on a more casual or occasional manner. Thank You Shirley for all your hard work and contribution to St. Timothy.

With this announcement, comes the challenge of finding someone that can assume some of the tasks that that Shirley performed. In recent months we have been fortunate, to have **Brenda Gonzalez** working in the office and assuming some of the office tasks as her time permits. Brenda is unable to assume any other duties so it is necessary to find other that can assume some of the office tasks. One key task that Shirley performs is producing the monthly newsletter as well as general office duties on day or two each week. Much of the newsletter work could be done on a home computer with minimal time at the office. If anyone is able to help out with some of these important Church services, please contact Pastor Flath or Mel Suelzle.

### DIRECTORY CHANGE INFORMATION

This information is provided to keep our members up-to-date on changes to our congregation. Please note these changes in your directory for future reference.

Roy Robinson	Removed (deceased)
Irene Lenz	Removed (deceased)
Tom & Susan Smithson	Removed (by transfer)
Leslie Smithson	Removed (by transfer)
Anderberg Household	Change email to: <a href="mailto:Jlanderberg@comcast.com">Jlanderberg@comcast.com</a>
Simon Household	Change email to: <a href="mailto:karlheinz.simon@frontier.com">karlheinz.simon@frontier.com</a>
Gonzalez Household	Removed Alicia from Brenda and Tony Gonzalez household
Andres Gonzalez	Added as a household 16120 2 <sup>nd</sup> PL W, Lynnwood, WA 98087
Adel Gonzalez	Added Marcel Miller Child
Hash Household	Corrected spelling error for Chris Hash
Kennedy Household	Added phone #(360) 668-8953
Knoth Household	Corrected spelling error for Brandon
Williams Household	Corrected spelling error for Chris Hash

Please communicate any changes you would like to make to your household to the office staff or your Elder. To avoid misunderstandings, please submit your changes in writing.