

# NEWSLETTER

ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL  
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May, 2011



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

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

As I write these thoughts in the days right before Easter, the fact that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead is good news no matter what day it might be. Easter is God the Father's loud "amen" to all that His dear Son did for all the people of the world. God the loving Father accepted the work His Son did for sinful people by raising Him to life on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day.

If it weren't for the resurrection of Jesus Christ, there would be no need for St. Timothy Lutheran Church or any other Christian congregation. But as Paul was moved by the Holy Spirit to tell the Corinthian disciples, Jesus is the 1<sup>st</sup> fruit of those who have died with saving faith in Him as their Lord and Savior. We too will be raised to life on the last day to live with our Redeemer forever in heaven.

In the meantime the risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ has given His living disciples, His followers, something to do. And you don't have to have an account on face book to be a follower of Jesus. All a person has to do is to believe in the good news of what Jesus Christ has done for all people through His suffering and death on the cross, and then you're one of His followers like we are.

You and I have been brought together as followers of Jesus Christ here at St. Timothy Lutheran Church to do things that Jesus desires His followers to do. One of those things is to make other disciples for Jesus by baptizing individuals and teaching people the things that Jesus did and taught.

To help assist you in doing that, the Lord also provides pastors, under shepherds of the Good Shepherd Jesus Christ. I have been assisting you for the last 6 months as your vacancy pastor. In the first half of March 2011, the members of St. Timothy came together and called me to be your pastor. As I write this, I do not have any firm details about your call to me or any documents for me to prayerful consider.

The risen Savior, Jesus Christ, is the Lord of His church. Therefore, we confidently ask Him to continue to guard, protect, and provide for His flock of sheep and lambs here at St. Timothy Lutheran Church. We boldly ask Him to continue to use us as His disciples to share His love and forgiveness with our family, friends, community, and world. We humbly ask Him for the Holy Spirit to keep us faithful to Jesus and bold proclaimers of Jesus' work of redemption.

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

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

Rev. Richard E. Flath  
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# Preschool Happenings

## May 2011

We jumped out of April with our Hop-A-Thon for Muscular Dystrophy on Wednesday April 20<sup>th</sup>. Each student hopped for two minutes to raise money for children who cannot hop. They gained awareness about the blessings of a healthy body and helping children affected with the diseases of muscular dystrophy.

May is going to be a busy month for Preschool and is really the last month; the two class days the first week of June are included in our May curriculum. Closing Ceremonies are on June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5:00-7:00pm. All the children will receive their certificate of completion for the year, and our Pre-Kindergarten students will graduate. Please join us on this evening of celebration in acknowledgment for our students' achievements and their families for another blessed year of our Preschool Ministry. This will be followed by a small reception.

We dig right into May with our lessons about all things that are the seashore. Miss Becky's Pre-K class will explore "Tide pools & Treasures", while Miss Cindy's Preschool class will play with "All you Need for a Beach."

In addition to our sand & sea projects the children will get to ride a pony and have their photo taken when Buckaroo Bob returns for his annual visit on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Our Pre-K children will have graduation photos taken (in the Narthex) on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. The Preschool annual Beach Field Trip is on Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> to the Edmonds Beach, and our last day of school is on Friday, JUNE 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Our weekly Bible lessons will teach about: "The Amazing Catch of Fish", "Breakfast on the Beach", "Jesus' Ascension", "Pentecost", and "Peter Teaches of Jesus." Our Chapel Time is at 11:15am each Wednesday - except the week of May 23<sup>rd</sup> we will have a Friday chapel. The St. Timothy family is welcome to join us.

St. Timothy members and families are also encouraged to spend time with our Preschool families at Family Game Night on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-9:00pm in the fellowship hall and on the playground. We will play some indoor games and hope to have the weather for a game of kick-ball. PLEASE JOIN US!

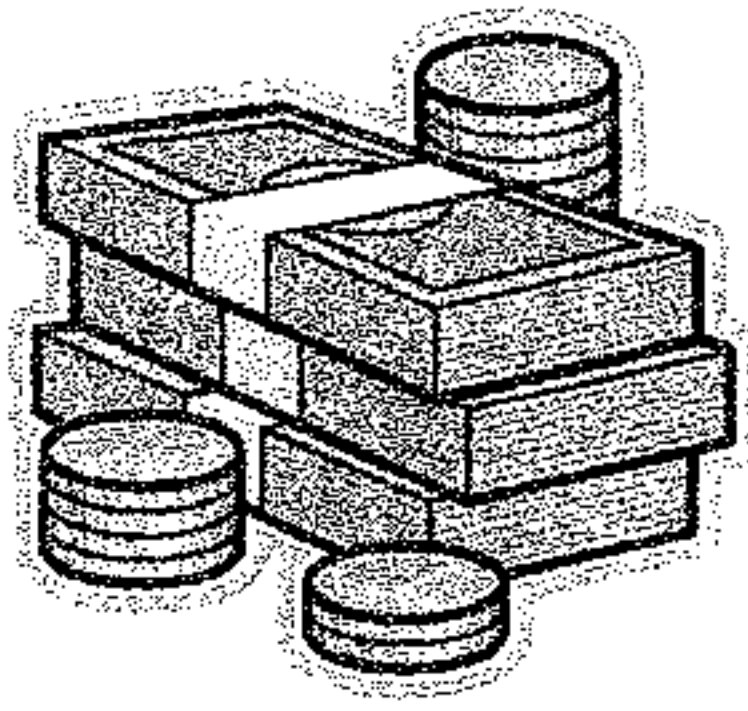
Information and Registration for the 2011-2012 school year and Summer Camps is available in the Narthex on the east-wall bulletin board and outside the church office door. Included on the Summer Camp flier is information for Vacation Bible School the week of July 25<sup>th</sup>. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED for VBS.

Thank you for all your support of Preschool activities this year. We are excited to continue this ministry when school starts again on September 7<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for and share our preschool mission with people who might be 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

## FINANCIAL REPORT - Mel Suelzle



March financial performance was not as strong as our normal 2011 trends. Service offerings were 70% of our plan for March, but still a respectable 95% for our fiscal year. Our mortgage donations were only sufficient to cover 67% of our mortgage payment. Preschool income is below plan due to lower than expected enrollment, but, expenses are also well below plan resulting in preschool income exceeding expenses by a small amount. Overall income exceeded expenses by over \$1600 for the March and \$26,013 for the 9 months of our current fiscal year.

Your Council is beginning the 2011/12 budget process. Planning by all of the groups is underway with preliminary budgets due at the May council meeting. Members are encouraged to share their thoughts as to how we set our priorities for our financial resources that God has given. Our schedule is to finalize the budget early June and present it for Voter approval on June 26<sup>th</sup>.

<b>St. Timothy Lutheran Church and Preschool</b>						
	March			July-March		
Income	Budget	Actual	%	Budget	Actual	%
Worship Service Offerings	10,188	7,082	70%	77,117	73,397	95%
Preschool Income	4,433	3,180	72%	32,033	24,879	78%
Other	1,075	1,280	119%	9,675	13,432	139%
Mortgage Donations	1,750	2,173	124%	15,750	16,805	107%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>17,446</b>	<b>13,716</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>134,575</b>	<b>128,513</b>	<b>96%</b>
Expense						
Elders	2,714	2,415	89%	16,267	15,713	97%
Trustees	4,823	5,058	105%	45,538	44,862	99%
Preschool	3,590	2,981	83%	28,964	23,967	83%
Council	676	315	47%	6,403	3,572	56%
Administration	699	317	45%	7,664	7,124	93%
Worship & Music	1,135	919	81%	6,524	5,673	87%
Education	67	18	28%	1,100	265	24%
Fellowship	50	0	0%	503	253	50%
Social Ministry	8	0	0%	75	0	0%
Stewardship	0	0	--	275	345	125%
Evangelism	100	63	63%	900	726	81%
Youth	50	0	0%	450	0	0%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>13,911</b>	<b>12,087</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>114,663</b>	<b>102,499</b>	<b>89%</b>
<b>Income Less Expense</b>	<b>3,535</b>	<b>1,629</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>19,913</b>	<b>26,013</b>	<b>131%</b>

FROM THE COUNCIL....

The April Council Meeting was held on Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.

On Palm Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> two young men in the congregation <sup>Dewyn</sup>Thompson and <sup>Levi</sup>Newert will be confirmed. *Congratulations.*

STLC was invited to participate in a booth at the Evergreen State Fair in August to provide information about our Church and Preschool at a cost of \$250. The council voted to participate.

The Budget Planning process for 2012 is about to begin. Mel will be providing work sheets to all committees to assist in this process.

Mel is still working on bids for the repair/cleaning of the church roof. There will be an upcoming Voter's Meeting to finalize this project.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10 am. Bring your children, grandchildren and neighbors and have a great time.

There will be an Easter morning breakfast from 8:30 – 9:30 on April 24th. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the fellowship.

The 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of STLC is coming up on June 12<sup>th</sup>. A time to celebrate. Stay tuned for further details.

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

VOTER'S MEETING HIGHLIGHT'S – MARCH 13th

Amendments to the Synod Constitution were reviewed, discussed and both were voted to approve.

The Elders have completed the review of the membership rooster at STLC. Fred provided a list of members who will be removed from membership at STLC for various reasons. A vote was taken and it was approved to remove the former members from the rooster.

Mel provided information on the options to repair/clean the sanctuary roof and skylight. The motion was unanimously approved to reroof the entire skylight and provide other options for lighting in the sanctuary.

STLC received a request from Messiah Lutheran Church for a donation to assist Berhanu with legal cost for his green card and legal status in the US. A \$500 donation was approved by the voters.

Gary gave an update on the progress of the Call Committee. Pastor Rienke and Pastor Flath will be interviewed for the Pastor position at STLC.

Janet discussed the many opportunities available for Leadership at STLC. She asked everyone to prayerfully consider their roll at STLC.

#### VOTER'S MEETING HIGHLIGHTS'S – APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>

The one topic of discussion was the selection of a Pastor. The Call Committee led by Gary Eneberg discussed their process, interviews and general conclusions. Pastor Flath and Pastor Rienke were interviewed for the position. The vote was taken and Pastor Flath was selected by the members of the congregation. Pastor Flath and the Elders will be negotiating a contract in the upcoming weeks.

**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).

Thank you was received for the recent labels that were sent. These items were redeemed for clients: 2 windowsill herb gardens, paint, brushes, and paint cups, a book on voting and one about Earth, an international cookbook.

**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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**QUILTERS**

The Quilters will have completed 33 quilts by the end of the month.

**REMINDER - ALL NEWSLETTER ITEMS ARE DUE BY THE 15<sup>TH</sup> OF THE MONTH**

**LADIES SPRING SALAD LUNCHEON**

All ladies are invited to attend the ladies salad luncheon on Saturday, May 7, 2011, at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Bring your favorite salad (and the recipe) share.

**KITCHEN CLEANING AND INVENTORY  
MAY 12, 9:00 a.m.**

The Ladies Guild has designated May 12 for kitchen cleaning and inventory.

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**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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**BAPTISM**

Lauren Grace Kollar, daughter of Joshua and Barbara Kollar was baptized on April 2, 2011 at St. Timothy Lutheran Church.

Sponsors are Jason and Teresa Stone.

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**LUTHERAN HOUR**

Lutheran Hour broadcasts in the Seattle area:

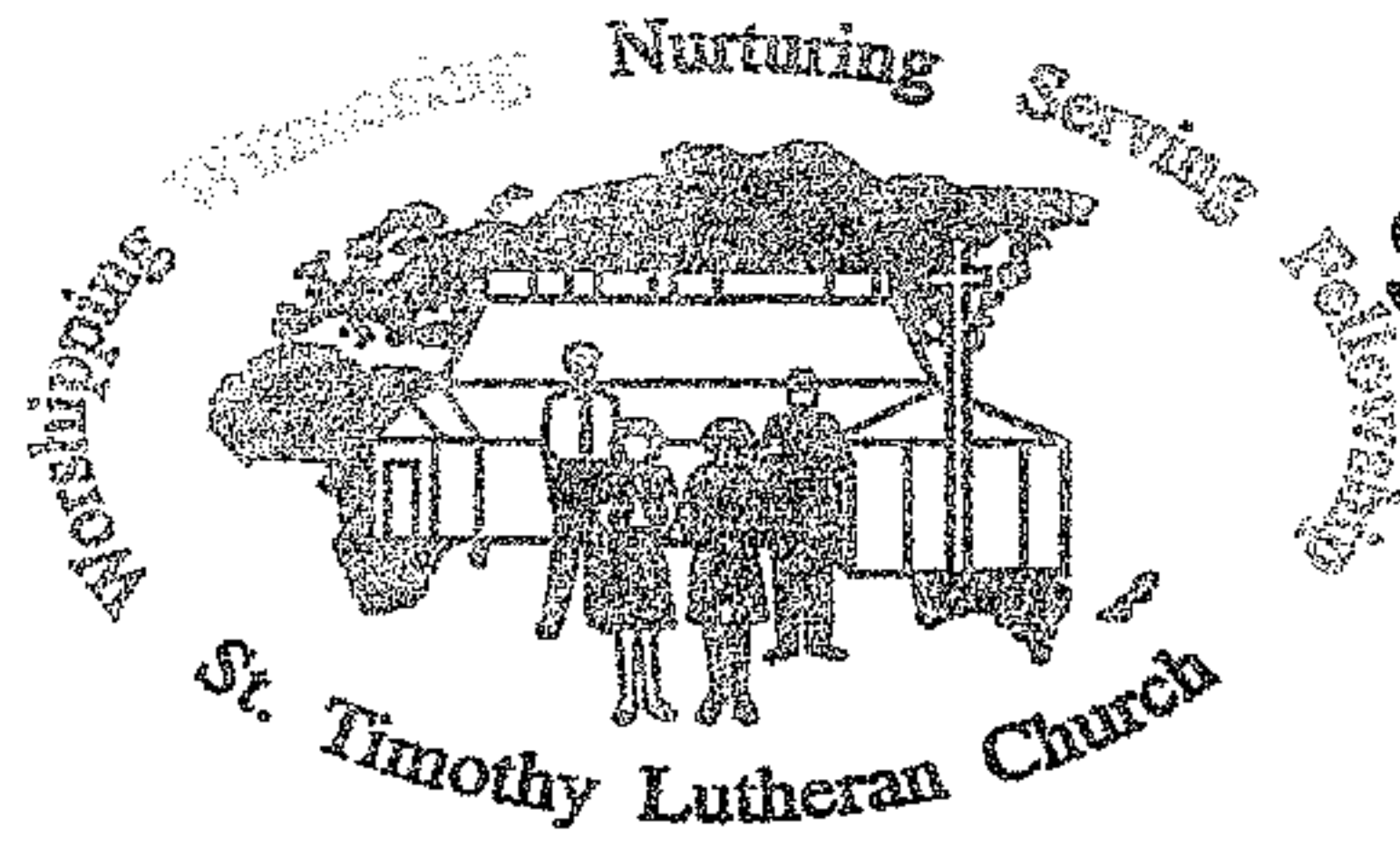
KIXI AM 880 (Bellevue) @ 6:30 a.m. on Sundays

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 IN JUNE**



# Saint Timothy Lutheran Church and Preschool

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Sanctuary = S    B= Blue Room    F = Fellowship    Y = Youth Room

May 2011						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 8:24a-8:54a Prayer Group 9a-9:45a SS & Bible Class 1:30p-4p NWSBC Worship	<b>2</b> 7p-9p Boy Scouts 7p-8:30p AA Meeting - (B)	<b>3</b> 6p-8p NWSBC - Prayer Meeting 6:30p-8p Elders Meeting	<b>4</b> 9:30a-11a Bible Class - (F) 11:15a-11:45a Preschool Chapel 7p-8:30p AA Meeting - (B)	<b>5</b> 7:30p-9p AA Meeting - (B)	<b>6</b> 7p-10p NWSBC Meeting 8p-9:30p AA Meeting - (B)	<b>7</b> 8:30a-10a Men's Breakfast Mtg - 12p-4p Ladies Guild Luncheon 7:30p-9p AA Meeting - (B)
<b>8 Mother's Day</b> 8:24a-8:54a Prayer Group 9a-9:45a SS & Bible Class 10a-11a Communion Service 1:30p-4p NWSBC Worship	<b>9</b> 7p-9p Boy Scouts 7p-8:30p AA Meeting - (B)	<b>10</b> Pastor Flath at Conference 6p-8p NWSBC - Prayer Meeting 7p-9p Council Meeting	<b>11</b> Pastor Flath at Conference 11:15a-11:45a Preschool Chapel 7p-8:30p AA Meeting - (B)	<b>12</b> Pastor Flath at Conference 7:30p-9p AA Meeting - (B)	<b>13</b> 6p-9p PS Family Game Night (F) 7p-10p NWSBC Meeting 8p-9:30p AA Meeting - (B)	<b>14</b> 7:30p-9p AA Meeting - (B)
<b>15</b> <b>Newsletter items due</b> 8:24a-8:54a Prayer Group 9a-9:45a SS & Bible Class 10a-11a Worship Service 1:30p-4p NWSBC Worship	<b>16</b> 7p-9p Boy Scouts 7p-8:30p AA Meeting - (B)	<b>17</b> 9a-12p Circuit Pastors Mtg 6p-8p NWSBC - Prayer Meeting	<b>18</b> 11:15a-11:45a Preschool Chapel 7p-8:30p AA Meeting - (B)	<b>19</b> 7:30p-9p AA Meeting - (B)	<b>20</b> 7p-10p NWSBC Meeting 8p-9:30p AA Meeting - (B)	<b>21</b> 8:30a-10a Men's Breakfast 7:30p-9p AA Meeting - (B)
<b>22</b> 8:24a-8:54a Prayer Group 9a-9:45a SS & Bible Class 10a-11a Communion Service 1:30p-4p NWSBC Worship	<b>23</b> 7p-9p Boy Scouts 7p-8:30p AA Meeting - (B)	<b>24</b> 6p-8p NWSBC - Prayer Meeting	<b>25</b> 9:30a-11a Bible Class - (F) 11:15a-11:45a Preschool Chapel 7p-8:30p AA Meeting - (B)	<b>26</b> 7:30p-9p AA Meeting - (B)	<b>27</b> 7p-10p NWSBC Meeting 8p-9:30p AA Meeting - (B)	<b>28</b> 7:30p-9p AA Meeting - (B)
<b>29</b> 8:24a-8:54a Prayer Group 9a-9:45a Bible Class 10a-11a Worship Service 11:30a-2p Pot Luck 1:30p-4p NWSBC Worship	<b>30 Memorial Day</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b> <b>No Preschool</b> 7p-9p Boy Scouts 7p-8:30p AA Meeting - (B)	<b>31</b> 6p-8p NWSBC - Prayer Meeting	Notes <b>May Birthdays</b> 1 Dee Thompson 7 Adel Gonzalez 15 Nicole Skrede 24 Sylvia Robinson		Elder on call for the month of May Gary Eneberg- Phone 425-743-0880  Pastor Flath at Puget Sound Conference Portland, OR May 10-12	

## 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)
Simon Household	Change email to: <a href="mailto:karlheinz.simon@frontier.com">karlheinz.simon@frontier.com</a>
Gonzalez Household	Added " " household ???! Gonzalez Address etc

McEntire Household    Corrected spelling error for Chris McEntire

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.

### 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.

St. Timothy Prayer Chain  
February 18, 2011

Patsy Simon 425 670-3354  
Pat Jones 425 379-7077  
Shirley Howell 425 778-8391  
Brenda Gonzales C-425 245-3452  
Carol Hauge 425 743-9430  
Laura Washabaugh 425 741-0517  
Kim Reinig 206 542-8050



## 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