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October & November 2023

Pastor's Thoughts on the Passing Times

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Saint Timothy offers a lot to the neighborhood around us. You all know of the charities, food banks, and community services we support with our time and money. Whether it'd be the Lynnwood and Edmonds Foodbank, Clothes for Kids, Lutheran Ministry Services Northwest, and others we've supported in the past. We donate our time, talents, and money to many causes. You also know the groups we host in our facilities, providing our community a safe place to meet. This includes the Life Line Screening folks, the AA groups, Girl Scout Troops and Hula dance classes. In the past, our Easter Egg hunts, Oktoberfest's, midweek soup suppers and many other events served to reach out, celebrate, and enjoy one another's fellowship. St. Timothy offers a lot, and it is no small thing.

We rejoice in these acts of charity, grace, and love; especially as God's people following the command to love from our Lord Jesus Christ. Yet, the truth is any of these services and acts of love can be facilitated by any organization, institution or, frankly, anyone with a large enough building. Loving, serving, providing, and even opening our doors does not set us apart from other people who are kind and caring. Sure, we have "God on our side" and the promise of the Lord Jesus on our lips. But as far as meeting people's needs, serving people in their struggle, providing food and places of celebration; this does not uniquely belong to us.

What we as Christians have that the rest of the world cannot offer is the grace and love of our Lord Jesus Christ. A secure relationship with the Creator of the universe, life everlasting, and salvation belongs exclusively to Christ's church. Knowledge of what it means to be fully human, comfort in a world that at times endures intense suffering, and courage to live a life of meaning despite the culture can only be found amongst Christ's people. This is what sets us apart: we are called, gathered, forgiven, then devoted to worship the Lord of creation: Jesus Christ. What we offer is Jesus. And where He gives of Himself is clearly shown in our worship; in the services held regularly at St. Timothy.

The regular reception of Word and Sacrament in our time of worship can easily be taken for granted. But no other organization or institution offers it. Our worship is the best thing we bring to the Edmonds and Lynnwood area. Just imagine for a moment St. Timothy was strictly like any other business. Tapping into a certain market, selling a product, providing a service needed to the area. Wouldn't it be best to put all our effort into the product no other business is offering? For us, it is Sunday Worship. Of course, we are not a business but, we are about sharing the grace of God. God meets us in worship and strengthens us—giving meaning and purpose to life. Jesus Christ is assuredly present when we respond to God's call to gather and worship. We strive to give the best.

Soon, a new church organ will be installed at Saint Timothy and we will have a dedication service. Music is one of the beautiful ways we not only worship our God but receive comfort and strength in song. We express deep sorrow and sincere joy through the hymns of the church. You all have devoted time, money, and resources to see St. Timothy provide God's grace in this significant way. Excellent music with excellent instruments played by excellent musicians is one way we offer the best of what God gives. We do not short-change it or ignore the importance of it. We do not treat it as just "another thing we do here." Worship is central to who we are. It is why we put the time and effort to provide this church organ. An instrument of music not for us (though we will enjoy it), but it is for the community around us and the sharing of the Gospel through song. Luther said, "Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise. The gift of language combined with the gift of song was given to man that he should proclaim the Word of God through music."

From worship, all those other things we provide, serve, and give to our neighborhood is strengthened and directed like a symphony in harmony. From our worship, we go forth in joy and love, not to the beat of our own drum, but to the beat of God's Word. So may you be blessed in this way and keep on singing.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Berry

SAINT TIMOTHY NEWS

President's Corner

This is always a busy time of year – end of year plans to finalize, football to watch, new year planning to start, football to watch, budgeting for the next year, football to watch. You get the drift from this football fan, I hope. By the time you read this message, the Church Council will most likely have decided on the final plans for the organ installation, organ dedication, and the annual Special Offering for Organ Fund Sunday at the end of October.

October will find us working on the final “go live” for live streaming our services to our shut-ins and those unable to attend due to college, vacation, or other events that take us away from worship in person. We will also be starting the budgeting process as well as looking at how to manage some succession in officer and council roles for the church. We have a history of just letting the same people do the work that have been doing it because they are getting it done to everyone’s satisfaction. At some point, though, it is important to realize that that reliance on the past is keeping new ideas from percolating up and new faces from bringing gifted leadership to the benefit of our church community as well as our mission to share the Gospel with others. It is also unfair to those leaders who have served many years and have families and may desire to focus elsewhere for a while. Hence, some conversation on a plan to routinely change leaders is needed. As for budgeting, we do need ideas on programs or projects that members feel we should consider for 2024. I cannot promise all ideas will be added to the budget, but we do want input from you all. You may email your ideas to KarenHerrick@msn.com or slip them in my box at church.

Finally, I want to call your attention to the new lighting on the grounds of the church. It was a major project this year headed up by Paul Lutgen. The parking lot is now nicely lit in the dark. The walkways between the church and office are beautifully aglow with new fixtures; the back of the church is out of the dark now as well. All in all, the new lighting enhances the look of the church grounds. The improved lighting also creates a safer environment on our grounds. Many thanks to all who worked on this project.

Another thank you goes to the grounds crew for their faithful services in keeping the weeds down, the grass mowed and edged, and the plants trimmed, fed, and shaped to visual pleasure. Thank you all for your efforts in rain, heat, dust, smoke, and sun!

Enjoy the fall time of year!

In His love,

-Karen Haase Herrick, Church Council President

Adopt-a-Chaplain: CH (MAJ) Brad Boyer

I recently checked in with Chaplain Boyer to see if he had received the orders he thought might come in late August. I also shared with him that we were praising God that we had baptized a couple of people recently and that members had been busy improving the physical appearance of our property. Here is his response:

No orders. I think the Army's just taking its time figuring out where to fit me next. But I'm still getting paid (thank you, US taxpayers!), my family still has insurance, and...life is basically good.

Our kids started school 3 weeks ago. I think Sebastien (7th grade) has had the biggest adjustments. He impressed us by joining band this year; he was assigned the euphonium (basically a smaller tuba).

Chapel has been a special delight. For the first time in my career I'm working weekly with a fellow Lutheran chaplain, CH Wendel. He and I pretty much trade off preaching every other Sunday. The coming six weeks, starting September 10, we will have a fun time preaching through the three articles of the Apostles Creed. We actually will both preach back to back on each of the articles, but we're sure that we'll have different takes and insights. We're calling it 'the battle of the pulpit'!

I also was able to baptize two young Soldiers a few weeks ago. I am also preparing another young lady for baptism; she comes from a "holiness movement" background, and has been a believer for some time, but where she comes from baptism is so under-emphasized it has almost disappeared from practice (!!!). Peggy, the longer I'm a Lutheran, the more I appreciate what we have. That pretty much sums things up here.

Please remember to include Chaplain Boyer and the work he is doing in your prayers.

-Peggy Haase

Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Helps

There are many LCMS resources out there to help you in your faith:

LHM.org - Lutheran Hour Ministries. Here you can find many resources. Some examples:

- Daily Devotions - You can subscribe to daily devotions sent to your PC, Mac, Android, iPhone or any other electronic device.
- LHM Learn - offers equipping resources to help you reach out with the love and Good News of Jesus Christ in your everyday lives.
- Video-Based Bible Studies & Resources (free online).
- Gospel Adventures for children.

LCMS.org

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CPH.org – Concordia Publishing House

- The LCMS publishing house. You can buy books and resources on here. Many CPH items can be purchased also on Amazon.com and other online websites.

-John Bandur

Report on the 2023 Synodical Convention:

by Pastor Jacob Mueller and Harry Edmon, North Seattle & Lake Washington Circuit Representatives

"We preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God"

1 Cor. 1:23-24 ESV

The 68th Regular LCMS Synodical Convention was held in Milwaukee July 29-August 3. A Synodical Convention is more than just a business meeting, it is also a time for worship, study, presentations, and celebrations. The theme of the Convention was "We preach Christ Crucified". The essays and sermons during the convention centered around that theme. There were also four presentations exploring the Small Catechism.

One of the highlights of the convention is presentations on the work of our partner churches and foreign missionaries. Refugees from Ukraine are being ministered to by our German partner church (SELK) at the Old Latin School in Wittenburg operated by the LCMS and its partners. SELK is also

ministering to a number of Christians fleeing Iran. There is a growing underground Christian movement in Iran despite the oppressive Islamic regime currently in control.

The Convention approved altar and pulpit fellowship with five Lutheran church bodies in South Sudan and Sudan, Finland, Uganda, Ukraine, and Sri Lanka. There were some interesting stories from two of these churches. The bishop of the Finland church and a lay member who is also a member of their parliament have been facing prosecution for incitement against a minority for their support of the Biblical view of men and women. They addressed the convention with their account of this battle. The Synod has been providing helmets and flak jackets to the Ukrainian church. Their bishop brought a helmet back that saved his life and subsequently the life of another church member. He presented it to President Harrison who said it will be put in the LCMS museum.

The Convention also had the sad responsibility to recognize that the LCMS is no longer in altar and pulpit fellowship with the Japan Lutheran Church (JLC). The JLC has drifted away from our common doctrine by ordaining women into the ministry and other issues such as open communion. The Synod prays that the JLC will reconsider its decisions and come back into fellowship.

Elections are a significant part of the convention. Matthew Harrison was elected for another term as President prior to the convention. All six Vice-Presidents were reelected at the convention. The convention also voted for members of a number of the boards and commissions of Synod and the Concordia Universities.

The Concordia Universities were a major topic at the convention. New Synod bylaws were approved to strengthen the ecclesiastical oversight of the Universities and strengthen the connections between Synod and the Universities. The five University Presidents present at the convention had significant input into these bylaws and endorsed their approval. The Convention also gave thanks for the ministry performed at the now closed Universities at Portland and Bronxville.

The Convention also addressed the action the board of regents of Concordia University Texas took to unilaterally attempt to separate from Synod. The Convention affirmed that the attempted action by regents violates both the Commandments and the Synod bylaws and called upon the regents to repent of their actions.

A number of other actions were taken by the convention. They included:

- Commend use of the new Spanish Language Hymnal – Encourage in-person corporate worship
- Affirm in-person Communion and reject virtual Communion
- Ask for study on the uses of online technology
- Reaffirm close(d) Communion
- Reaffirm Biblical positions on marriage and sexuality
- Encourage residential seminary education while continuing the alternate routes to ordination
- Encourage the use of pastoral Winkels for theological study and growth
- Evaluate the current visitation and electoral circuit parameters
- Continue to reject all forms of racism including any claims of the superiority of one race, ancestry, or nationality over another or claims that individuals are racist because of their race, ancestry, or nationality
- Confess that the primary authority over and responsibility in providing for children belongs to the parents and not to the government

We were honored to serve the two circuits as your delegates. If you have any other questions, please contact Pastor Jacob Mueller (pastoriacob@epiphanyonline.org) or Harry Edmon (hedmon@aol.com). Lutheran Witness articles on the Convention can be found at <https://reporter.lcms.org/category/convention/national-convention/>.

Local Food Banks

Thanks to everyone for your generous donations to the local food banks. For the first 6 months of 2023 we have donated a total of \$965.00 and 70 food items. The food banks are very grateful for our donations. For any questions, please contact Kim Reinig.



The Lutheran Hour

The Lutheran Hour, in addition to weekly messages, provides time for discussion and reflections on the day's message. It is designed to give the listener a deeper appreciation of the message. When you google The Lutheran Hour, you will also find links to past sermons messages. A very wealth of material to enhance your faith walk.

-LaVerne
Gemar, LHM
Ambassador



The Lutheran Women's Missionary League

LWML is an official auxiliary of The LCMS.



Since 1942, the LWML has focused on affirming each woman's relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to support global missions. Every 4th Sunday St. Timothy collects a separate offering to continue supporting the LWML

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Summer Baptism—Owen Kahler

On July 30 Owen Kahler was baptized in the morning service by Pastor Berry. Gary Eneberg was his sponsor. Congratulations to Owen on his adult baptism!



Blessed 58th Anniversary—Jerry & LaVerne Gemar

St. Timothy celebrated with Jerry and LaVerne 58 years of marriage. They are a shining example of God's love and faithfulness, excellent role models for all who are married, and a beautiful glimpse of Jesus Christ and His bride, the church. May Jerry and LaVerne's joy and love for one another continue to encourage all of us. God's richest blessings!



St. Tims Scholarship Awarded and Church Celebration



There was much to celebrate on August 20 with a Texas twist. St. Timothy awarded Jessie Gigrich with a scholarship to support his continuing education post high school. It was a proud moment for Jessie and his church family. We also joined in celebrating all the things to be grateful for at St Tims with all the fixins. Doug and his 30 year marriage to Marie, the completion of different projects for the church, and the growth we've seen over the last couple years. God has certainly blessed St. Tims, and many thanks to Doug who provided the delicious Texas BBQ lunch.





Ladies Coffee Time—September 8th

The Ladies Coffee Time (LCT) fellowship has resumed their gatherings. For the first gathering on September 8th at St. Timothy's, Peggy Haase was honored for her birthday. Lois Mueller was invited to share her talent of making quilts with us. Lois, with the help of Kim Reinig held up two beautiful, intricate quilts for us to admire. See photos of the Clown quilt and the Cat quilt. -Patsy Simon



LADIES COFFEE TIME

Ladies Coffee Time's fall meetings will be on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of October 13th and 27th and on November 10th in St. Timothy's fellowship hall, from 10:30 a.m. – 12 noon.

We are a fellowship group that meet to encourage each other in our faith, share our friendship, talents, support, hope and inspiration together. All ladies are invited!

If you have any questions, call Barb Eneberg @ 425-743-0880.



Men's Group

St. Timothy Men's Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month from 8:30-10:00 AM. We are a casual group that shares highs and lows, begin and end with a prayer, and get to know each other. Sometimes we have a "Show and Tell" if one in our group has a neat hobby or interest they would like to share. This is not a Bible study, but a time for Christian men to hang out together and grow in our faith together. Newcomers are always welcome.

If you have any questions, please give me a call. Gary Eneberg at (206) 714-8442 or (425) 743-0880.

Education at St. Timothy

* **Sunday Morning Education Hour:** We are early on in the **Acts of the Apostles**. Acts moves from Jesus' life and work as it began in Luke's Gospel and how what Jesus started extended into the early church, "The Word of God continued to grow, and the number of disciples multiplied." Class is at **9:00 AM**.



Bible Study

***Wednesday Morning Education Hour:** Turning to the Old Testament to reflect on the book of Jonah, the same one swallowed up by the giant fish. Jonah, a minor prophet, with a supernatural story. Join every Wednesday morning at **9:30 AM** until November 15.

December 2023 & January 2024 NEWSLETTER

Articles and Calendar information need to be submitted by **Wednesday, Nov. 29th** . Please Email
OR hand to Pastor Berry. Email to:
pastor@stlc-edmonds.com or stlc_office@frontier.com.



Saint Timothy Prayer Team

Prayer Team takes prayer requests to provide prayer support for members of the congregation, friends and our community. Together, the team prays through the prayers requested at Saint Timothy. Contact confidentially Patsy Simon or any member of the team if you would like to offer up a petition. No need is too small or answered prayer too little to neglect to mention it to our Heavenly Father.

-Patsy Simon, (425)770-3354

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

On the right is a scanned copy of "Emergency Scriptures" provided by Linda Gorsuch. This can serve as a helpful tool in your own prayers. Encouraging Words from God in times of difficulty. Thank you, Linda!

When in sorrow.....call John 14
When men fail you.....call Psalm 27
When you have sinned.....call Psalm 51
When you worry.....call Matthew 6:19-34
When you are in danger.....call Psalm 91
When God seems far away.....call Psalm 139
When your faith needs stirring.....call Hebrews 11
When you are lonely and fearful.....call Psalm 23
When you grow bitter and critical.....call I Corinthians 13
When you feel down and out.....call Romans 8:31
When you want peace and rest.....call Matthew 11:25-30
When the world seems bigger than God.....call Psalm 90
When you want Christian assurance.....call Romans 8:1-30
When you leave home for labor or travel.....call Psalm 121
When your prayers grow narrow or selfish.....call Psalm 67
When you want courage for a task.....call Joshua 1
When you think of investments and returns.....call Mark 10
If you are depressed.....call Psalm 27
If your pocketbook is empty.....call Psalm 37
If you are losing confidence in people.....call I Corinthians 13
If people seem unkind.....call John 15
If discouraged about your work.....call Psalm 126
If self pride/greatness takes hold.....call Psalm 19
If you want to be fruitful.....call John 15
For understanding of Christianity.....call II Corinthians 5:15-19
For a great invention/opportunity.....call Isaiah 55
For how to get along with fellow men.....call Romans 12
For Paul's secret to happiness.....call Colossians 3:12-17



Please Remember in Your Prayers:

Our homebound members:

Sylvia Robinson; Gertrud Schulz; Mary Stewart, Thirza Weber, Edna Watters, Grace Hundtoft

Folks with Health Concerns:

Wayne Cluver; Joyce Hammond; Sylvia Robinson;
Thirza Weber; Gerold Herrick; Grace Hundtoft; Lois Mueller; Carol Hauge

Family members & friends:

Debbie (Pr. Flath's sister), Bella and Ave (Bill & Carol Hauge's granddaughters), Samantha (Laura Washabaugh's niece), Gisela (John Bandur's mother), Ellie (Gemar's daughter's niece), Roger (Grace Hundtoft's son), Elizabeth (LaVerne Gemar's niece), Thomas (Susann Timmerman's son).

Birthdays in October & November:

October 5 –Beatrice Simon
October 8 –Russ Armstrong
October 8 –Grace Hundtoft
October 10 –Doug Spaulding
October 11 –Sandy Flath
October 21 –Debbie Zaske
October 23 –Pr. Sean Berry
October 26 –Kim Reinig

October 28 –Pr. Frank Paine
October 31 –Mary Stewart
November 2 –Ranee Gigrich
November 14 –Jessie Gigrich
November 14 –Trenton Nebel
November 23 –Keith Kubie
November 30 –Kelli Armstrong

Baptism Anniversaries in October & November:

October 23 –Chris & Paige Allen
November 8 –Jason Gorsuch
November 28 –Sandy Flath

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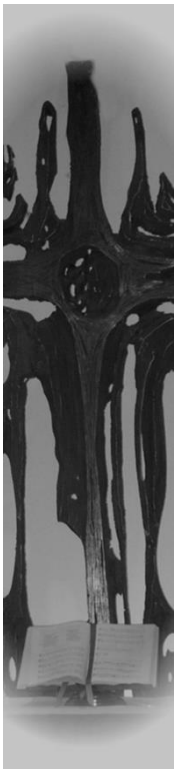
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20th Sunday after Pentecost 15 9AM Education Hour-FH 10AM Worship Service-CH	16	17 4:15-5:45PM Girl Scouts – PCR	18 St. Luke, Evangelist 9:30AM Morning Bible Class: Book of Jonah – FH	19 4:45-8:00PM Hula Lesson – FH 5:45-8:00PM AA Meeting – PCR	20 4:45-8:00PM Hula Lesson – FH	21
21st Sunday after Pentecost 22 9AM Education Hour-FH 10AM Worship Service-CH	23 St. James of Jerusalem	24 4:15-5:45PM Girl Scouts – PCR	25 9:30AM Morning Bible Class: Book of Jonah – FH	26 4:45-8:00PM Hula Lesson – FH 5:45-8:00PM AA Meeting – PCR	27 10:30AM-12PM Ladies Coffee Time – FH 4:45-8:00PM Hula Lesson – FH	28 St. Simon & St. Jude, Apostles 8:30-10AM Men's Group – FH 2-4PM Braiders Group – PCR
Festival of the Reformation 29 9AM Education Hour-FH 10AM Worship Service-CH	30	31 Reformation Day 4:15-5:45PM Girl Scouts – PCR	Key for building locations FH – Fellowship Hall PCR – P.S. Conference Room YR – Youth Room NR – Nursery CH – Church			

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Feast for All Saints 5 9AM Education Hour-FH 10AM Worship Service-CH 3PM Organ Dedication-CH 3:45PM Fall Fest Reception-FH	6	7	8	9	10	11
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25 th Sunday after Pentecost 19 9AM Education Hour-FH 10AM Worship Service-CH	20	21	22	23	24	25
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Last Sunday of the Church Year 26 9AM Education Hour-FH 10AM Worship Service-CH	27	28	29	30		
		4:15-5:45PM Girl Scouts – PCR		St. Andrew, Apostle		



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