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December 2023 & January 2024

## *Pastor's Thoughts on the Passing Times*

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Advent is *the* season of expectation. This season of anticipation is marked by Advent calendars counting down the days till Christmas. Each Sunday a new candle around the Advent Wreath is lit drawing us closer to the birth of Jesus. You expect to hear stories of Mary and Joseph, John in the Jordan River baptizing, or his parents Zechariah and Elizabeth. Our expectation is a sentimental story of the birth of Jesus on a quiet night, with shepherds kneeling and angels singing, praises and soft lullabies. The threat of Herod and danger seem far away as we reflect on a child wrapped in swaddling clothes. The Gospels of Matthew and Luke are our guides from Advent into Christmas. Even John reminds us of the universal significance of this child's birth, "The Word of God became flesh," God Himself with us in this baby.

Advent readies us for Christmas, and we have certain expectations in our anticipation. Yet, we don't hear much from Mark's Gospel. In this new season of the church year, the gospel readings in worship will primarily draw from Mark's account of Jesus' life. In the 4 Sundays of Advent we get two readings from Mark: First, Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem with celebrations and palms. Second, Jesus' baptism in the Jordan. Then we return to the familiar texts of Luke and John. We don't come back to Mark's Gospel until well into the month of January.

The reason for this is obvious enough; if we are readying for birth of the Savior, then our expectation is to focus on the events leading to Christ's birth. In Mark's Gospel Jesus enters the narrative as an adult. In the space of some 7 verses Jesus is anointed with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, tempted for 40 days, then begins his ministry of proclaiming the in-breaking of the reign and rule of God. There is no mention of Jesus as a child in Mark's narrative. So, it seems, there is not much use for this Gospel in the season when many focus upon the birth of a baby.

I find the best stories are the ones that subvert our expectations. God does this often in his plan of salvation. So, during our midweek series during Advent, St. Timothy is invited to reflect on the arrival of the Son of God through the lens of Mark's Gospel. Not just to subvert our expectations but realize first century Israel viewed Jesus' arrival in a very different way. The people of Israel were not looking for a baby, but for a mighty ruler who would crush their enemies. This Messiah would pose a deadly threat to all the enemies of God—including those within Israel itself.

Advent means *arrival*, and Jesus certainly arrives in the Gospel of Mark. When He arrives in Mark, there is no doubt who Jesus is. Here is the Spirit-anointed Son of God, our Lord who has come to deliver the nations of Israel, all people, and even fallen creation itself. Not only as humble Savior, but Lord of creation. In the Large Catechism Luther asks the question: "what is it to become a lord?" in response, "it means that he has redeemed and released me from sin, from the devil, from death... those tyrants and jailers have now been routed, and their place been taken by Jesus Christ, the Lord of life, righteousness, and every good blessing."

You are invited to see how Jesus continues to graciously reign and rule in your life as Lord, and then through your life. He defeats the enemies of God; the devil, sin and death. We are freed, and Jesus alone is Lord. Jesus' own life subverts all expectations, bringing forgiveness, *life*, and salvation to people like us. We too are invited to subvert expectations in the world. In a world that expects you to seek personal gain and comfortability, we show one of meaning and purpose. A family identified by faith and not by blood, a life lived for the other not for ourselves, and a love for what is good and beautiful not what is expedient and cheap. During this busy and joyous season may God bless your preparations now and into the new year.

Blessed Advent and Merry Christmas,

Pastor Berry

# SAINT TIMOTHY NEWS

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## President's Corner

The end is coming! The end of the church year. The end of the calendar year. A time to take stock but also a time to prepare.

On the taking-stock side of things: The live-streaming project is becoming a 2-year long journey of stops and starts. But we are now a presence on YouTube.

### **St. Timothy channel on YouTube = stlc5723**

On this channel, you will see our weekly services from September 2023 forward posted. A few older services are on the channel as well. I do try to get each week's service posted by 5 p.m. the Sunday it is recorded. We are getting looked at – each service runs about 30 hits by mid-week. That is good! Feel free to share this channel identity with family and friends. Encourage them to view the services to hear The Good News. We continue to work on live-streaming and hope to have it functional by sometime in January, if not before.

We have dedicated our new organ through a wonderful service of dedication and music. Many thanks to John Bandur for organizing the service, Pastor for the great meditation, Peggy and Elliott for the beautiful music, and the members of Ladies Coffee Time for the lovely and tasty Fall Fest after the service.

The other taking-stock thing I want to share is the depth of our volunteer work here at St. Timothy. I have found this year to be a year filled with “yes” from people when I ask the favor of some help with a project, a year filled with “yes” when I suggest a new project or new support for someone or something. As a community of believers, you have generous hearts – Thank You!

In the preparation realm, we are in the middle of budget preparations to bring a document to the congregation for approval on December 10. It will be a different looking budget this year as the church council has been trying to do some forward planning on identified maintenance projects around the building. But it will be grounded in the reality that we are growing and need to grow even more to continue bringing the news of salvation through Christ to the Lynnwood and Edmonds communities.

The rest of our church and secular years at St. Timothy are both replete with the joyous activities of the Advent and Christmas seasons. Reflecting, decorating, sharing time with family and friends, worshipping together. And this year we get to listen to old favorites and new songs on our new organ as we sing out with gusto – Joy to the World! The Lord is come!

Humbly,

Karen Haase Herrick

### **Local Food Banks**

Thanks to everyone for your generous donations to the local food banks. Every month we switch between Edmonds and Lynnwood. The food banks are very grateful for our donations. For any questions, please contact Kim Reinig.



### **The Lutheran Hour**

Lutheran Hour Ministry offers equipping resources to help you reach out with the love and Good News of Jesus Christ in your everyday life. These outline courses will cover 5 faith-strengthening categories and use an array of multimedia elements to help you gain a hearing for the Gospel message.  
-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. Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday St. Timothy collects a separate offering to continue supporting the LWML



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## **St. Timothy Church Organ Installation**

After much deliberation, consulting, planning and financing the new Allen organ was installed in early October. Here are photos of the installation. Further in the Newsletter are photos from the Dedication service and Fall Festival that followed.



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

Here are new praises and prayer requests from Chaplain Boyer:

- Praise God for the baptism on October 1 of a 63-year-old woman, the “oldest young person” Chaplain Boyer has ever baptized.
- Pray for his work on his Doctor of Ministry degree. He is studying the best pastoral care approaches for the thousands of young women who join the Army each year as survivors of sexual trauma.
- Pray for the family and unit of Sergeant Major “G” who took his own life right before Thanksgiving, leaving behind a wife and children. Praise God for the new opportunities Chaplain Boyer had as he ministered to the first responders.
- Praise God that his presentation on suicide prevention was another time for sharing the Gospel.
- Pray for the boot camp trainees he is working with to be safe as they travel home for Christmas, be refreshed by the time with loved ones, and return with renewed zeal.

Praise God for two trainees that joined the music team at Lutheran Chapel Fort Sill and are using their God-given talents to a high degree to give Him glory.

*-Peggy Haase*

If anyone would like to send cards or notes they can reach out to the chaplain here:

Chaplain Brad Boyer  
812 E Lake Rd  
Lawton, OK 73507

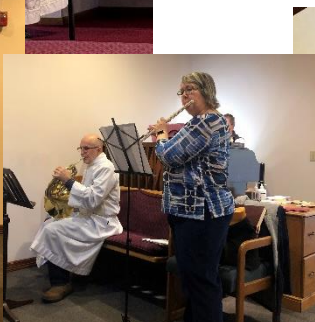


# FELLOWSHIP NEWS

## A Special Reformation Celebration: Confirmation for Marcel Miller



In a special Confirmation service held on the Sunday of the Reformation on October 29, Marcel Miller confirmed his faith in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Joining the full fellowship of Christians and participating in the Lord's Supper with his congregation. Many of us who grew up Lutheran know how special this is for Marcel. Continue to encourage him and his family, as he continues to mature in faith and into Christian adulthood.



## St. Timothy Church Organ Dedication & Fall Fest Reception

On November 5 at 3PM St Timothy dedicated her new church organ. Member organist, Peggy Haase, played the first half of the service and prepared a special voluntary. The second half of the service was performed by former organist, Elliot Sander who arranged and performed a voluntary. Many thanks to all who helped. Special thanks to John Bandur who lead organizing and planning the event. Below are photos of the Fall Fest reception, beautifully decorated by the ladies of Ladies Coffee.





## Welcome Saint Timothy New Members

As a congregational family we are pleased to introduce these new members to St. Timothy. Below are simple introductions prepared by members of St. Timothy to welcome them to our family. Please take time to reach out, connect and welcome them into our congregation. As Jesus reminds us in the Gospel of John after washing the disciples' feet and St. Paul echoes in 1 Corinthians 12; we have responsibility to each member of the body of Christ to care for and support one another—in love and sharing of burdens, and speaking Christ's word to each other. May the new members of Christ's church found at St. Timothy be a time to connect and develop our relationships with one another.

We invite you to join with us in welcoming **Russ and Kelli Armstrong** into St. Timothy's church family. Russ and Kelli were raised in the Lutheran faith and first visited St. Timothy's three years ago. They have been regularly attending since 2022. They were drawn in by the sense of community and friendship along with the solid teaching of God's Word. They immediately began to serve at St. Timothy through Scripture reading, hosting after service fellowship, and participating in the Advent and Lenten suppers.

Russ grew up in Poulsbo and Kelli in Edmonds. They enjoy many outdoor activities along with fly fishing. Kelli especially enjoys training and showing their 5-year-old golden retriever, Isla, in obedience trials.

Russ served 20 years in the navy and is currently a civilian contract specialist. Kelli is an accountant/payroll specialist for Silver Lake Water & Sewer District.

Russ was inspired by a previous pastor and said he felt his faith was "revitalized." A friend of Kelli's reminded her that in hard times, "never lose sight of your faith." A good reminder to each of in our daily walk with the Lord to keep our focus on HIM.

We are blessed to have Russ and Kelli in our church family. Please greet and welcome them along with us.

*-submitted by Paul & Monica Lutgen*

**Sandi Woodside** and **Owen Kahler** started attending Saint Timothy's in February 2023. They had been searching for a new church that would be a good fit for them. The search was an easy one and they immediately felt a sense of belonging here at Saint Timothy's. They appreciated the warm welcome and enjoy building new relationships within the congregation and serving the community.

They both grew up in the Lynnwood area and attended school locally. Sandi is a caregiver and Owen transports building supplies locally. Owen enjoys working on cars, Sandi enjoys walks with her dog and reading. Together they enjoy mountain biking, boating, camping, hiking and travel.

*-submitted by Craig & Brenda Skrede*



Many people might consider **Barbara Hammerand** a brave woman because after living her whole life near Chicago, she packed up a couple of years ago, said good-bye to her siblings, and moved out here to be near her son and grandchildren. She also has twin daughters that live in Arizona. After raising her children and having a variety of jobs that helped her acquire many skills, she decided to go into teaching. In Illinois she chose to teach math and science in schools that served students from the lower socioeconomic levels. Now she is working as a substitute teacher.

Barbara loves to learn but that hadn't included much about the Bible until she started volunteering as a Sunday School teacher for the preschoolers at the church she was attending. She is well beyond that point now, but enjoys continuing to learn with us in Bible class and through Pastor Berry's sermons. Her life has had its share of twists and turns, as happens in this world, but Barbara

recognizes many ways God has been at work through all of that, growing her and using her to bring Him glory. We welcome her into our St. Timothy family and look forward to learning alongside her.

*-submitted by Peggy Haase*

**Olivia Martin** is one of our newest members to transfer to St. Timothy Lutheran Church. She started a new job in July, having moved from Daytona Beach, Florida where she studied at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Olivia started work for the Boeing Company as an Avionics Project Manager.

Olivia comes from a family of two girls and her parents run their own grocery store in a small town in central Illinois. Her boyfriend Tyler, whom she met while in school, works in Houston, Texas. Olivia visited neighborhood churches but was pleased by the welcome at St. Timothy and her connections with people here. "I felt like I was at my home LCMS church when I visited, the sanctuary, the stained glass, hymnals, and liturgy. This is all comforting to me."

Olivia believes her confirmation set the foundation for her faith, but she senses the need to continue learning. She hopes to attend the Bible class in the future. Since moving to Washington, Tyler and her parents have all visited Olivia in her new home. Let us welcome Olivia Martin to St. Timothy and wish her well in her career.

*-submitted by Patsy Simon*

### **LADIES COFFEE TIME**



Ladies Coffee Time will be only meeting on the 2nd **Friday, December 8th**, for December, celebrating our Savior's birth at our Christmas Party Brunch from 10:30 am - 12 noon in St. Timothy's fellowship hall. In January, we will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th **Fridays, January 12th and 26th, 2024.**

We are a fellowship group that meet to encourage each other in our faith, share our fellowship, talents, support, hope and inspiration

together. All ladies are invited! If you have any questions, please call Barb Eneberg @ 425-745-0880."



### **Men's Group**

St. Timothy Men's Group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of each month from 8:30-10:00 AM. **In December there will be one meeting on December 9<sup>th</sup>.** 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 continuing the study on the book of **Acts** in the New Testament. 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 Sunday Morning.**



\***Sunday School Day:** Every 2nd Sunday of the month, St. Timothy has an intentional Sunday school offered for kids. At **9 AM**, everyone will meet in the Fellowship Hall for brief devotion before beginning Sunday School in the upstairs preschool building.



**February & March 2024 NEWSLETTER**

Articles and Calendar information need to be submitted by **Wednesday, Jan. 24th** . Please Email  
OR hand to Pastor Berry. Email to:  
[pastor@stlc-edmonds.com](mailto:pastor@stlc-edmonds.com) or [stlc\\_office@frontier.com](mailto: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*



**Please Remember in Your Prayers:**

**Our homebound members:**

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

**Folks with Health Concerns:**

Wayne Cluver; Joyce Hammond; Sylvia Robinson;  
Thirza Weber; Gerold Herrick; 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), Elizabeth (LaVerne Gemar's niece), Thomas (Susann Timmerman's son), Jan (Eneberg's family friend) Jody (Barb Eneberg's relative).

**Birthdays in December & January:**

December

6 - Laura Washabaugh  
8 – Amanda Nisbet  
12 – Gertrud Schulz  
13 – Craig Skrede  
18 – Jerry Gemar

January

2 – Pam Rudy  
14 – Karen Haase Herrick  
14 – Barbara Kunkel  
26 – Brett Gigrich


**Wedding Anniversaries in December & January:**

December 28 – John & Karen Herrick, 46 years  
December 30 – Rev. Richard & Sandy Flath, 53 years

**Baptism Anniversaries in December & January:**

December 13 – Marcel Miller  
January 1 – Jerry Gemar  
January 29 – Heather Gorsuch

DECEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Key for building locations</b>                      FH – Fellowship Hall                      PCR – P.S. Conference Room                      YR – Youth Room                      NR – Nursery                      CH – Church</p>					1	2
<p>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent 3</p> <p>9AM Education Hour-FH 10AM Worship Service-CH</p>	4	5	6	7	8	9
		<p>4:15-5:45PM Girl Scouts – PCR 6:30PM Elders' Meeting – PCR</p>	<p>6:00PM Soup Supper - FH 7:00PM Advent Evening Prayer Service - CH</p>	<p>4:45-8:00PM Hula Lesson – FH 5:45-8:00PM AA Meeting – PCR</p>	<p>10:30AM-12PM Ladies Coffee Time – FH 4:45-8:00PM Hula Lesson – FH</p>	<p>8:30-10AM Men's Group – FH</p>
<p>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent 10</p> <p>9AM Education Hour-FH 9AM Sunday School Day -YR 10AM Worship Service-CH 11AM Congregational Meeting-FH</p>	11	12	13	14	15	16
	<p>5PM-6:30PM Girl Scouts – PCR</p>	<p>4:15-5:45PM Girl Scouts – PCR 7:00PM Council Meeting – FH</p>	<p>6:00PM Soup Supper - FH 7:00PM Advent Evening Prayer Service - CH</p>	<p>4:45-8:00PM Hula Lesson – FH 5:45-8:00PM AA Meeting – PCR</p>	<p>4:45-8:00PM Hula Lesson – FH</p>	
<p>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent 17</p> <p>9AM Education Hour-FH 10AM Worship Service-CH</p>	18	19	20	21	22	23
			<p>6:00PM Soup Supper - FH 7:00PM Advent Evening Prayer Service - CH</p>	<p><b>St. Thomas, Apostle</b></p> <p>5:45-8:00PM AA Meeting – PCR</p>		
<p>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent 24</p> <p>10AM Worship-CH</p>	25	26	27	28	29	30
<p><b>Christmas Eve</b></p> <p>7PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service</p>	<p><b>Christmas Day</b></p> <p>10 AM Christmas Day Service with Lord's Supper</p> 	<p><b>St. Stephen, Martyr</b></p>	<p><b>St. John, Apostle</b></p>	<p><b>Holy Innocents</b></p> <p>5:45-8:00PM AA Meeting – PCR</p>		
<p>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas 31</p> <p>New Years Eve</p> <p>9AM Education Hour-FH 10AM Worship Service-CH</p>						



## JANUARY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> New Years Day <b>Circumcision &amp; Name of Jesus</b>	<b>2</b> 6:30PM Elders' Meeting – PCR	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 4:45-8:00PM Hula Lesson – FH 5:45-8:00PM AA Meeting – PCR	<b>5</b> 4:45-8:00PM Hula Lesson – FH	<b>6</b> The Epiphany of our Lord
<b>7</b> The Baptism of our Lord 9AM Education Hour-FH 10AM Worship Service-CH	<b>8</b> 5PM-6:30PM Girl Scouts –PCR	<b>9</b> 4:15-5:45PM Girl Scouts –PCR 7:00PM Council Meeting – FH	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 4:45-8:00PM Hula Lesson – FH 5:45-8:00PM AA Meeting – PCR	<b>12</b> 10:30AM-12PM Ladies Coffee Time – FH 4:45-8:00PM Hula Lesson – FH	<b>13</b> 8:30-10AM Men's Group – FH
<b>14</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany 9AM Education Hour-FH 9AM Sunday School -YR 10AM Worship Service-CH	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 4:15-5:45PM Girl Scouts –PCR	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Confession of St. Peter 4:45-8:00PM Hula Lesson – FH 5:45-8:00PM AA Meeting – PCR	<b>19</b> 4:45-8:00PM Hula Lesson – FH	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany 9AM Education Hour-FH 10AM Worship Service-CH	<b>22</b> 5PM-6:30PM Girl Scouts –PCR	<b>23</b> 4:15-5:45PM Girl Scouts –PCR	<b>24</b> St. Timothy, Pastor & Confessor	<b>25</b> Conversion of St. Paul 4:45-8:00PM Hula Lesson – FH 5:45-8:00PM AA Meeting – PCR	<b>26</b> St. Titus, Pastor & Confessor 10:30AM-12PM Ladies Coffee Time – FH 4:45-8:00PM Hula Lesson – FH	<b>27</b> 8:30-10AM Men's Group – FH
<b>28</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany 9AM Education Hour-FH 10AM Worship Service-CH	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 4:15-5:45PM Girl Scouts –PCR	<b>31</b>	<b>Key for building locations</b> FH – Fellowship Hall PCR – P.S. Conference Room YR – Youth Room NR – Nursery CH – Church		



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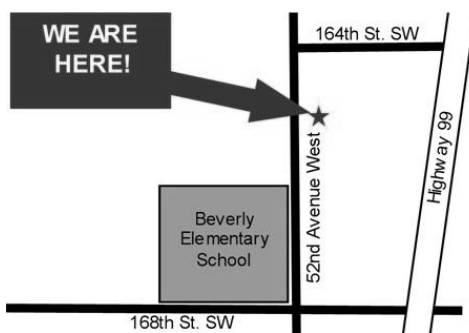
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**SUNDAY**

**9:00 a.m. Education Hour  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service**

