Saint Timothy Lutheran Newsletter

St. Tims Tidings



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Pastor's Thoughts on the Passing Times

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The St. Timothy newsletters are not usually themed. They often are smatterings of pictures, the happenings, and articles about St. Timothy over the course of the previous months. But I think this edition does keep to a common theme. That theme is the Mission of God, Christian Missionaries and Christian Outreach. Prayerfully, the photos and stories you read will be encouraging and strengthening of faith. Especially as you consider your own role in God's mission.

As I write, Peggy and I are making final preparations for our own journey to Juaben, Ghana through a Christian Missions organization called The Sending Place. In the past, St. Timothy has generously supported the Jewel International School in Ghana. I pray this experience will not only support the continued proclamation of the Gospel to "the ends of the earth," but strengthen our bonds with brothers and sisters in the faith across seas.

You will also notice a significant piece from June Johnson, a relative of St. Timothy member Keith Kubie and a missionary we supported in the past. She does significant work for Ukraine. An excellent testimony to God's compassion and providence over creation. God working through means like nurses and medical professionals to bring about healing and relief through those who are compassionate and able.

Stories of Missionaries overseas and the important work to send Christians with the message of the good news is a reminder that the primary work of the church is to bring the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and reveal God's truth to the world. It's easy for congregations to become accustomed to a routine and are tempted to be isolated from the body of Christ that exists outside the four walls of the church building. Looking outward, and sometimes far outward, puts in perspective not only our own work but even the frustrations in our time and place. We are connected to a family of faith beyond time and place. Perhaps our own problems and issues, however important they are, redirect us to something more significant and truer within the full body of Christ. Jesus Christ is more certain and assured, and he is the way of salvation.

At the same time, I think it's easy to take for granted the Mission of God taking place in our own backyard. While we may have a new perspective from distant Christian missions, we are tempted to forget the mission that go on here. In our newsletter you will see the artistry of Ladies Coffee Time, the new members who joined the congregation, an emerging youth group, our special Santa Stocking donation to the community and wise words from Karen. So, I think it's fitting to say our "newsletter theme" is focused on Christian Mission.

We take part in the mission of God not only by supporting and sending Christian missionaries. We take part by living out the reality of God's truth here and now where we are. We witness the saving work of Jesus not only in how we conduct ourselves, but in the opportunities that arise to share a better way, the way of salvation found in Jesus Christ. We live out the Christian mission when we pray with our families and raise our children through instruction and correction according to God's Word. We are on God's mission when we live as good examples for fellow Christians or respond to a brother or sister's burden and trouble with consolation and prayers. Often the "outsider" we desire to reach with God's Word is in our own household, and being faithful in our vocations and manifesting the joy in the way of salvation found in Jesus Christ serves as the best witness we might offer for now. Praying for the opportunity and time when we can speak the saving Gospel for the first time, and for the first time they hear and receive it. It's good to remember our place in God's mission.

So, may your lives of faith, wherever you are called, be strengthened and assured in Jesus Christ, and may the promises of God continue to be accomplished in your time and place.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Berry

SAINT TIMOTHY NEWS

President's Corner

The other day I found a photo I had taken on my phone of lichen, moss, and another type of wood fungus. I took the photo because, as much as it makes the tree ugly in my eyes, it is such a stunning example of differences existing together and making a better whole.

As a church community, we have many differences among ourselves – our artistic bent – or not; our love of music – or not; our introversion or our extroversion; our liking for different Bible verses and stories. It is what makes us unique and a more complete whole unit. We are completely different – but we are joined in one common thing. Our faith – and what a remarkable thing by which to be connected.

Let us connect in a special bond as a church as we send off Pastor Berry and Peggy Haase for their mission trip to Ghana. May what binds us together in our sending of them be the gift that brings them new opportunities to share God's love with those in Ghana. And may that trip be a blessing to all whose lives they touch.

--Karen Haase Herrick, Congregational President

Treasurer Report, 2023

We had a good year at St. Timothy's! Here is a quick summary of our General Fund income and expenses for 2023. This does not include dedicated offerings:

	Budget Estimate		Actual	Difference	
Total Income	\$	139,500.00	\$ 155,602.13	\$ 16,102.13	
Total Expenses	\$	166,525.00	\$ 170,804.89	\$ 4,279.89	
Income less Expense	\$	(27,025.00)	\$ (15,202.76)	\$ 11,822.24	

In summary, we took in \$16,102.13 more than we expected, spent \$4279.89 more than we expected, but our planned deficit (paid from savings) was \$11,822.24 less than expected.

We have many blessings here at St. Timothy and the generosity of our members is just one! --Laura Washabaugh, Treasurer

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

As you begin entering 2024, check out the "Outreach Planner" for 2024 as a tool for resources to reach people for Jesus. lhm.org/lhmsunday. People are often surprised to learn how many countries LHM works in, from Ghana and Sir Lanka to Russia and Guatemala. LHM has a host of staff and volunteers doing vital work on the ground that benefits thousands of people who live in these countries. -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 4th Sunday St. Timothy collects a separate offering to continue supporting the LWML



Saint Timothy New Members Sunday, December 3

Please continue to introduce yourself, get to know and welcome the new members of Saint Timothy.



From Left to Right:

Olivia Martin, Russ Armstrong, Kelli Armstrong, Sandi Woodside, Owen Kahler, and Barb Hammerand

Santa Stocking Donation

Santa Christmas Stocking Donation amounted a total of **\$855** from members at St. Timothy. Based on suggestions from the congregation the Elders decided to split 3 ways (\$285 each) and send the funds to Christmas House Snohomish, Next Steps Pregnancy Center and Clothes for Kids.

Christmas House Snohomish provides toys and essentials to low-income families during the holidays. "Operated by 100% volunteer staff, who put their lives on hold to help others at one of the busiest times of the year." Snohomish county parents select free holiday gifts for their children age infant-18 years old. Their operation is in Everett, Washington.

Next Steps Pregnancy Center in Lynnwood helps women and men who are facing an unplanned pregnancy. They offer free pregnancy testing, diagnostic ultrasounds, and information on different options outside of abortion. They are a medical pregnancy clinic with qualified licensed personnel and are dedicated to serving the immediate and long-term needs of those facing unplanned pregnancies with compassion and dignity. They also offer supplies, counsel, medical follow up, referrals and addressing concerns, questions, suggestions, and overall care.

Clothes for Kids mission statement says, "Clothes for Kids cultivates confidence and a readiness to learn by providing students the opportunity to choose personalized wardrobes at no cost to their families." They meet the needs of low-income children in Snohomish County and the Northshore School District. In a retail like environment, students (from Preschool to High School) can shop for a school wardrobe and take home approximately 24 articles of clothing.

Thank you to everyone at St. Timothy for your generosity and support of the local neighborhoods and communities of St. Timothy!

Mission Trip to Juaben, Ghana

Jan. 29-Feb. 12, 2024

Pastor Berry and Peggy Haase (along with Pastor Steve Becker)

What will we be doing?

- ✓ Visiting Jewel International Christian School, leading chapel, working with teachers
- ✓ The pastors will be teaching for 3 days at a Bible college
- ✓ We will be speaking at 3 evening worship services open to the whole town
- Leading Bible class and preaching at Sunday worship with Bishop Joseph's churches and assisting in baptisms
- ✓ Whatever other opportunities we are not yet aware of
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Please pray for:

- Safety in all travels, air and land
- Good health and acclimation to heat and different food
- Strength for Bishop Joseph as he hosts our team
- That we would stay a unified team (Satan likes to mess with this)
- That people who are already Christians will be strengthened in their faith by what we say and do
- That hearts of unbelievers would be softened to receive God's grace and love as they hear it from us
- That we would set ourselves aside and let God use us as He has planned
- Our families, friends, and churches



Sunday Worship



Bishop Joseph Wayoe, wife Gladys, & Peggy





FELLOWSHIP NEWS

St. Tim's KISS—Knights In Savior's Service



You may have noticed the bulletin board on the east side of the narthex received a redecoration. This is part of an effort to establish a youth group at St. Timothy. The small group chose the name "KISS, Knights In Savior's Service." Our youth group is open to all students; elementary, middle school and high school. We will be meeting every Sunday evening from 6-8pm in the youth room starting February 4th. So far, we have had a clothing drive by teaming up with the works, donations given to clothes 4 kids. Also participated in a Seattle Rugby day

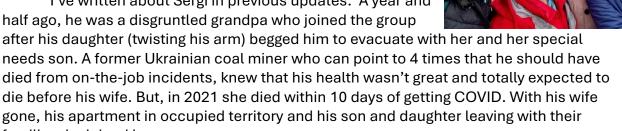
camp with 2 guest appearances by the Seattle Seawolves. Our mission is to share the good news of Jesus, but especially provide a safe place for youth to openly discuss the many issues they face today. If anyone has questions, concerns or interest in KISS please contact Ranee Gigrich 360-421-3027

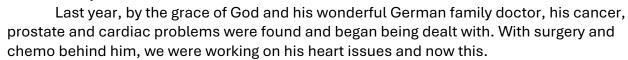
June Johnson, CMF International

June(wearing red in the photo below) is a relative of St. Timothy members Keith & Kim Kubie. St. Timothy has supported her in the past for her mission work in Ukraine through CMF International. June is currently in Germany, providing medical attention to Ukrainian refugee patients, many of whom she knew while in Ukraine. June works to equip national Christians who are actively pointing people to Christ. As a registered nurse and wound care specialist, she does this medically by teaching, providing humanitarian aid and limited leadership at two church clinics and one Christian rehabilitation center for spinal injuries. She lectures on wound and ostomy care at Christian medical conferences for medical students. She updated her supporters in December with these messages below alongside photos.

It was something I've been scared of since I came; having to call the ambulance in the middle of the night. However, language barrier or not, I understood it was what I had to do and at 4:30 am I dialed. God bless the dispatcher on duty who spoke English and about 10 minutes later they arrived. I and the medics suspected a kidney stone and before 5 am, we were at the local hospital.

I've written about Sergi in previous updates. A year and half ago, he was a disgruntled grandpa who joined the group





After waiting in the ER for about 13 hours, we got news that they were transferring him to another hospital an hour away. It made sense. By now I know that this other





families, he joined her.

hospital has an excellent urology team. Besides, I had watched the ambulance bring in a new patient about every 20 minutes the whole day.... our local hospital was overwhelmed.

A Red Cross van took us onward and the 2 'kids' (both younger than 26) who were in charge of us, were just plain fun. They were interested in the fact I was an American nurse, and I had the chance to ask a slew of questions about the German medical system. When we arrived, the urologist on call recognized me and that helped pave the way for Sergi's care.

About 8 pm, I felt that I had done all I could and knew Sergi was in good hands. My



close friend, Katharina, had made the trip to meet me, feed me and take me home. The next day I called Sergi and learned he was doing well. "Finish up the IV antibiotics and I should be home in a couple days."

Then the miracle happened. While saving his life, his things had been left forgotten in some corner of the hospital. His daughter called her dad for 2 days without a response. Why wasn't he picking up the phone? She asked one of the others in the group to help her

call the hospital directly. After much persistence she learned that he had been transferred to a third hospital.

Not knowing what had happened we got into the car and headed 23 kilometers east. By God's grace we found Sergi alive in

the ICU. With his personal items still lost he could not call us. The head doctor took the time to come and explain to all of us what happened.

The way I see it, is that God used the kidney infection to get Sergi into the hospital on Friday so that when he had a full-blown heart attack late on Sunday, he was in good hands. In the middle of the night, he was sent to this third hospital (that is the best for cardiac problems in our district) and they put in 5 stents. Had his heart attack happened at home, I could not have saved him. Once more, God chose to spare his life.

I am very grateful to God for how he saved Sergi's life. And, I am equally grateful that all the other days since I have written have been much more routine. In general, life has settled to a rhythmic pace of getting the guys ready in the morning (dressing changes, medications, catheter care), heading out with someone to their doctor's appointment. Then returning to catch up on desk work. As impossible as it feels, learning German remains on the To Do list.

"Gratitude is a quality similar to electricity: It must be produced and discharged and used up in order to exist at all."

—William Faulkner

As they are able, the ministries we support in Ukraine communicate with me. Recently I received this report – At the end of October, we had the opportunity to give a women's camp in the western mountains of Ukraine. On behalf of our team, as well as the women who participated, we want to sincerely thank you for this opportunity! For several days, mothers, wives and daughters of the wounded, dead and those still fighting gathered.

I want to tell you about Natalya (she is standing in the photo). She went to our first Sunday school in Popilna in 1996!!!!! And then life took a turn... But when her son was called to the

front, she started coming to prayer every Saturday. When she heard about it, she said, "I really wanted to go to camp!" She was the first to sign up!!!

Then her son was injured on the eve of leaving for the camp!! Thank God, the injury was not fatal. She was going to cancel the trip, but her son called her and said: "You so dreamed of going there!!! You will not be allowed to see me anyway! Go for me!" Natalya is so grateful for this camp!! How much we cried, prayed and rejoiced together!!! How I thank you for every such woman!!!

It was an extraordinary time, getting to know the Lord and His laws, searching for answers to questions that worry... and it was also a time of enjoying fellowship, food, getting medical help, art therapy, singing, and most importantly - a time of love and acceptance!!! Seeing sincere smiles on their faces is such a rarity, such a pleasure!!! May God bless you beyond measure!!! Thank you!! Thank you all!!!

After 2 years of war, so much death, hate and loss has accumulated. Even if the fighting stopped today, the proportion of grief & rage far outweighs the sum of peace, comfort & joy that could be found. So, to hear of such retreats blows my mind. With the hell happening all around them, the exhaustion of the intense pace, emotions and unknown – these events should not be happening. But they are! God has given them the vision, desire and strength and you provided the resources. Even now, in the messy middle place, God is calling more people to Himself and healing hearts. Thank you!

"I think ...true thankfulness toward our all-glorious, all-powerful, all-providing Creator includes humble, dependent, glad trust." --John Piper

I don't know what is going on in your life right now, but may God give you eyes to see what He is doing in it and how He invites you...and everyone who will answer His invitation...to be a part of His eternal story.

-June Johnson



Ladies Coffee Time, a very Merry Christmas

The Ladies Coffee Time had a nice Christmas Brunch on December 8th. Afterwards Susann Timmerman helped each of us make a painted Christmas card. *-Patsy Simon*





Lent Series: You meant it for Evil, but God meant it for Good



The passion account in Luke gives us something to consider this season of Lent. The devil enacts evil on God's Son. One of Jesus' own apostles betray him and Christ's own people kill him. Through the events in Luke, we see a seemingly helpless Savior be overpowered by his own brothers and sisters he came to save. Then on the other side of the cross and to the resurrection, God was ordering a plan all along meant for the good of many more people.

Our series this Lenten season will focus on the passion week in Luke's Gospel. Our aim is to hear the singular story Luke tells, and how at many times the evil meant for the Savior, the stomping out of God's salvation plan, broke

through on the other side to resurrection. "You meant it for Evil, but God meant it for Good." The people of Israel said "no" to God's Savior and killed him on a cross. God in his grace and love said yes to his people and raised Jesus from the dead. So that in repentance and faith many more people will be saved.

You are invited during this penitential season to reflect on a God who reverses the intent of evil men. Jesus as the sacrificial lamb on the cross and the deliverer to your own resurrection reveals a God who can accomplishes this in your life. Then through your life bring about goodness today on account of Jesus name.

LADIES COFFEE TIME

Ladies Coffee Time will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Fridays in February and March:

February 9th & 23rd and March 8th and 22nd.

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 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 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.

April & May 2024 NEWSLETTER

Articles and Calendar information need to be submitted by **Wednesday, March 27th**. 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

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 February & March:

February	<u>March</u>
7 – Kim Kubie	1 – Chris Allen
18 – Annaliese Simon	1- Dongsun Shinn
12 – Gertrud Schulz	4—LaVerne Gemar
21 – Lenn Gorsuch	9- Gerold Herrick
	17- Thirza Weber
	19- Diane Herrick
	20- Richard Eaton
	21-Barb Hammerand
	23-Joyce Hammond
	26-Gary Eneberg

Wedding Anniversaries in February & March:

February 12th - Chris & Jeanne Allen, 24 vears March 6th – Gary & Barbara Eneberg, 54 years March 19th – Jim & Thirza Weber, 64 years

Baptism Anniversaries in February & March:

February 5th – Trenton Nebel February 9th – Karen Haase Herrick February 18th – Ranee` Gigrich February 24th - Pam Rudy March 20th – Beatrice Simon March 21st- Linda Gorsuch March 30th – Rev. Sean Berry



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