



Pastor's Thoughts on the Passing Times

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When you read this, we have just finished celebrating Easter and Holy Week. So lately, my mind has been consumed by the story of Jesus. In our Lent series, in my reading of the Gospels, in my sermon preparation and Holy Week observance; Jesus's story is on the mind. I get excited seeing the patterns of his story, a connection that wasn't so obvious but is there, the coherence of each story, how it builds and culminates and each Gospel writer offers their own angle. It's all so beautiful.

All this got me thinking about our own stories and how we tell our own stories. So often, when I hear someone answer questions about their life or talk about their life they tell it like a story. Many will point out connections they didn't see at the time but see it now. Or, how their life progressed like building blocks to create something beautiful. The highs and the lows, the trouble, and the triumphs; they are so fascinating.

The Bible is a story, not a textbook, not a contract, not "Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth." The Bible is fundamentally *a story of God and his people*. Or for our sake, a story of a people's journey with God. In Scripture, we see that God is taking the disconnected elements of people's lives and pulling them together into a coherent story. A story that means something.

When we lack such a truthful coherent account, life is likely to be perceived as disconnected. When we lack a coherent narrative, life is a little more than a lurch to the left, and a lurch to the right. It's a world seen through the eyes of the news outlets: disaster here, non-solvable problem there, then inevitable breaking news followed by an advertisement that helps us recover our sense that our world is all right. It's no wonder humanity, even when it loudly proclaims freedom and power to choose, is paralyzed by the disconnectedness of it all.¹

Early Christians did not begin to grow into a church by speculating about the metaphysics of God or thinking about intellectual abstracts and concepts. They began with stories about Jesus, and about those whose lives got caught up in his life. The Gospel writers trained Christians to situate their lives like his life. Early Christians were under the impression that to know Jesus and who he is was a path people take together, not by downloading information and facts about him. We cannot know Jesus without following Jesus and his people. In a sense, we follow Jesus before we know Jesus. Furthermore, we know Jesus before we know ourselves.² Because, how can we know the truth of ourselves as sinful but redeemed people without first being shown?

By telling these stories of the Scripture, we come to see the significance and coherence of our lives as a gift, as something not of our own heroic creation, but as something that must be told to us. We would not have known this story without the community of faith who tells it and lives it. It is in the community of faith that the little story I call my life is given cosmic, eternal significance as it is caught up within God's larger account of history. The significance of our lives is frighteningly dependent on the story of another: Jesus Christ and his people. The good news is Christians are those who hear this story of Christ and can tell it as our salvation through our lives. To be saved then, is to be on the road again.

Too often, we depict salvation as providing a meaningful existence *to me* and new *self*-understanding. Truth is, salvation is never about me. Salvation is baptism into a community that has so truthful a story that we forget ourselves and our anxieties long enough to become part of that story. A story God has told in Scripture and continues to tell in the church.

Easter reminds us of the one who died to save, and rose from the dead to take us up into his story. Jesus Christ is the perfect story, the only story that matters. We don't always know what we have gotten ourselves into when we said yes to the invitation of Jesus. And that is part of what makes salvation so exciting! The community of faith gives us all sorts of new opportunities to experience the depth of God's love, giving our lives direction we would otherwise lack. It is our privilege to invite others to be part of this great adventure called church. A people of God who do not let the world determine how they respond to tomorrow.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Berry

¹ Postman, Neil. *Amusing Ourselves to Death*. New York: Penguin Books, 1986.

² Hauerwas, Stanley & William Willimon. *Resident Aliens*. 25th Anniversary Edition, Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2014.

SAINT TIMOTHY NEWS

President's Corner

Whew!!! That task is done – the sorting, shredding, and filing. It was a big task led by Kim Reinig who got us across the finish line quite handily on March 14th. Many thanks to all the women who helped and whose time mattered greatly to the end result. Our church historical records are now far easier to access. This work culminated a job begun by Mel Suelzle and Janet Anderberg over five years ago.

Also, a shout out to the men and women of the “yards crew” who have begun the annual process of keeping our grounds mowed, trimmed, weeded, and representing a “clean face” to the community. It does make an impression on the community as we learned last year from an email from someone in the area who wrote to comment on our grounds.

As you read this newsletter, the members will be starting the abatement project, which we hope will finish by mid-May. Your help is needed on the following days so mark your calendar:

- **April 1 – 4: Move out pack up**
- **April 8 – 12 Abatement Area strip down**
- **May 6 – 8 Abatement Area re-install**

The painting has begun already. The conference rooms look so much brighter. New windows and coverings are in process for these rooms as well.

Remember – many hands make light work!

May the Son- rise of Easter brighten your April and May!

--Karen Haase Herrick, Council President

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



Christian Mission Donation

Thank you all who gave and support Christian Missions recently. At the end of January we collected **\$1,260** for Christian Mission. These donations is a great way to remind ourselves and keep our eyes on God's Mission for all creation. We are not isolated to our neighborhood or alone in our mission work that continues through Christ's church. We are part of an ever bigger story, and participate in a much larger church than just the four walls of St. Timothy. God bless your contribution!

Based on suggestions from the congregation the Board of Elders decided to split 2 ways (\$630 each) and send funds to support **International Lutheran Society of Wittenberg for Ukrainian Refugees** and **Lutheran Indian Ministries**.

International Lutheran Society of Wittenberg manages The Old Latin School and is a German non-profit organization in partnership with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Over the last few years, they have become quite pivotal in care and support of Ukrainian refugees who have entered the area. This donation will help continue to care for them.



Lutheran Indian Ministries comes alongside Native Americans and Alaska Native people to reach out in Jesus Christ to understand God's created purpose and salvation in Jesus Christ. They seek to embrace the uniqueness of each tribe's heritage and share and learn from each other centered around God's love in Christ and his Word of truth. Our donation will go to support their offices in Neah Bay, WA.

Juaben, Ghana Mission Presentation



Pastor Berry and Peggy Haase want to thank you for your support of our busy and wonderful time in Ghana in early February. We were able to speak/teach at 3 schools, a Bible college, and 5 different churches. We also joined in early morning prayer time with our host's church. **Your opportunity to see and hear more details is coming up on April 14 after church** when we will be sharing pictures and stories of our experiences. God be praised for the opportunities He gave us to talk about Him and to see how He is at work in Ghana.



FELLOWSHIP NEWS

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



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 Rane Gigrich (360)421-3027



LADIES COFFEE TIME

Ladies Coffee Time will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Fridays in April and May, **April 12th and 26th**, and **May 10th and 24th**. Because of the abatement project in the fellowship hall in April, we will meet in a couple different homes. In May, we should be back meeting in the fellowship hall. May 24th is our last LCT group meeting until fall.

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.**



***Wednesday Morning Education Hour:** For the Spring on Wednesday mornings starting **April 17** we will dive into the **3 letters of John**, with focus on **1 John**. In total, the letters amount to a few pages in the New Testament. Yet, in our worship, we often recite words from the 3 letters and the texts appear often especially on All Saints Day and Christmas. Come and learn the significance of John's letters April 17-May 22 at **9:30 AM.**

***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.

June & July 2024 NEWSLETTER

Articles and Calendar information need to be submitted by **Wednesday, May 29.** 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; Doug Spaulding

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 April & May:

April

5 – John Bandur
5 – Jim Weber
7 – Luka Martin
16 – Jeanne Allen
23 – Chris Kahn
25 – Cari Wieben Kahn
26 – Carol Hauge

May

7 – Adel Gonzalez
11 – Patsy Simon
13 – Wayne Cluver
20 – Paige Allen
21 – Dorothy Anderson
24 – Sylvia Robinson

Wedding Anniversaries in April & May:

April 25th – Karl and Patricia Simon 32nd Anniversary
May 10th – Bill and Carol Hauge 58th Anniversary
May 24th – Jess and Laura Washabaugh 38th Anniversary

Baptism Anniversaries in April & May:

April 6 – Bill Hauge
April 7 – Sylvia Robinson
April 10 – Paul Lutgen
April 18 – Barb Hammerand
April 24 – Monica Lutgen
April 25 – LaVerne Gemar

April 28 – Lenn Gorsuch
May 3 – Diane Herrick
May 4 – Richard Eaton
May 8 – Debbie Zaske
May 9 – Joyce Hammond
May 25 – Gerold Herrick

April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 5PM-6:30PM Girl Scouts –PCR	2 4:15-5:45PM Girl Scouts –PCR 6:30PM Elders' Meeting – PCR	3	4 4:45-8:00PM Hula Lesson – FH 5:45-8:00PM AA Meeting – PCR	5 4:45-8:00PM Hula Lesson – FH	6 7:00-9:00PM AA Meeting – PCR
MOVE OUT PREP & MOVING OUT						
7 2 nd Sunday of Easter 9AM Education Hour-FH 10AM Worship Service-CH	8	9 4:15-5:45PM Girl Scouts –PCR 7:00PM Council Meeting – PCR	10	11 5:45-8:00PM AA Meeting – PCR	12 10:30AM-12PM Ladies Coffee Time – Off Campus	13 8:30-10AM Men's Group – PCR 7:00-9:00PM AA Meeting – PCR
ASBESTOS ABATEMENT AREA PREP						
14 3 rd Sunday of Easter 9AM Education Hour-PCR 9AM Sunday School Day-YR 10AM Worship Service-CH	15 5PM-6:30PM Girl Scouts –PCR	16 4:15-5:45PM Girl Scouts –PCR	17 9:30AM Bible Class – PCR	18 5:45-8:00PM AA Meeting – PCR	19	20 7:00-9:00PM AA Meeting – PCR
ASBESTOS ABATEMENT PROCESS						
21 4 th Sunday of Easter 9AM Education Hour-PCR 10AM Worship Service-CH	22	23 4:15-5:45PM Girl Scouts –PCR	24 9:30AM Bible Class – PCR	25 St. Mark, Evangelist 5:45-8:00PM AA Meeting – PCR	26 10:30AM-12PM Ladies Coffee Time – Off Campus	27 8:30-10AM Men's Group – PCR 7:00-9:00PM AA Meeting – PCR
ASBESTOS ABATEMENT PROCESS						
28 5 th Sunday of Easter 9AM Education Hour-PCR 10AM Worship Service-CH	29 5PM-6:30PM Girl Scouts –PCR	30 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			
FLOORING INSTALLATION						

May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Key for building locations FH – Fellowship Hall PCR – P.S. Conference Room YR – Youth Room NR – Nursery CH – Church		1 St Philip & St James Apostles 9:30AM Bible Class – PCR	2 5:45-8:00PM AA Meeting – PCR	3	4 7:00-9:00PM AA Meeting – PCR
		FLOORING INSTALLATION				
5 6 th Sunday of Easter 9AM Education Hour-PCR 10AM Worship Service-CH	6	7 4:15-5:45PM Girl Scouts –PCR 6:30PM Elders' Meeting – PCR	8	9 The Ascension of our Lord 4:45-8:00PM Hula Lesson – FH 5:45-8:00PM AA Meeting – PCR	10 10:30AM-12PM Ladies Coffee Time – FH 4:45-8:00PM Hula Lesson – FH	11 8:30-10AM Men's Group – PCR 7:00-9:00PM AA Meeting – PCR
	ABATEMENT AREA REINSTALL			MOVING IN, UNPACKING & SETUP		
12 7 th Sunday of Easter Ascension Sunday 9AM Education Hour-PCR 9AM Sunday School Day-YR 10AM Worship Service-CH	13 5PM-6:30PM Girl Scouts –PCR	14 4:15-5:45PM Girl Scouts –PCR 7:00PM Council Meeting – FH	15 9:30AM Bible Class – FH	16 4:45-8:00PM Hula Lesson – FH 5:45-8:00PM AA Meeting – PCR	17 4:45-8:00PM Hula Lesson – FH	18 7:00-9:00PM AA Meeting – PCR
19 The Day of Pentecost 9AM Education Hour-FH 10AM Worship Service-CH	20	21 4:15-5:45PM Girl Scouts –PCR	22 9:30AM Bible Class – FH	23 4:45-8:00PM Hula Lesson – FH 5:45-8:00PM AA Meeting – PCR	24 10:30AM-12PM Ladies Coffee Time – FH 4:45-8:00PM Hula Lesson – FH	25 8:30-10AM Men's Group – PCR 7:00-9:00PM AA Meeting – PCR
26 Feast of The Holy Trinity 9AM Education Hour-FH 10AM Worship Service-CH	27 5PM-6:30PM Girl Scouts –PCR	28 4:15-5:45PM Girl Scouts –PCR	29	30 8AM-5PM Life Line Screening – FH 4:45-8:00PM Hula Lesson – FH 5:45-8:00PM AA Meeting – PCR	31 Visitation of Mary & Elizabeth 4:45-8:00PM Hula Lesson – FH	



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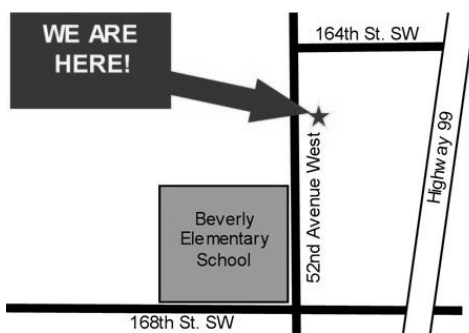
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SUNDAY

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

