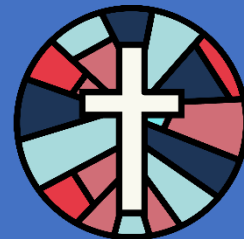


Saint Timothy Lutheran Newsletter

Word to be Passed



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June & July 2023

Pastor's Thoughts on the Passing Times

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I'm still in this stage of life where my friends are getting married. In fact, I am part of a wedding party at the start of June. To be honest, I thought the number of weddings I'm asked to attend or be a part of would slow down after my generation (millennials) started to reach our 30s. Yet, that is not the case. I still have many friends who are not married and, according to studies of my generation, it's not surprising. From a Pew Research study in 2019 only 44% of millennials (people born between the 1980s & late 1990s) were married. Less than any generation prior. While in 2023 the number has increased, it is not going up fast. But combine that with what you likely know about divorce rates and birth rates, then add the different views of sexuality and gender in American culture, we get an increasingly different picture of our communities that prior generations have not seen or experienced. Two parent families with children used to be a dime a dozen 50, 25, maybe even 15 years ago. Today, our mission field consists of more single people, more DINKs (Dual-Income-No-Kids), more single parents, more of both fathers and mothers working, and more children raised by institutions (day-cares, schools, sports, extra-curriculars etc.) rather than their parents.

As Christians, this information can likely make us upset, and we're even tempted to vent our frustrations. We may want to lament what used to be and even seek to encourage old traditional values to take place once more. Or perhaps we want to ignore the situations entirely, and "live and let live." These things are unhelpful. The reality is the makeup of our communities is drastically different and our ministry to these people must be drastically different and engaging. Complaining or enforcing a bygone era helps no one. Nor does ignoring the situation all together. But that does not mean we water down, or turn away from the good will, order and purpose God established for men and women in the creation. For even the early church dealt with all kinds of notions of marriage, sexuality, and gender identity in pagan Rome. What we need is a return to a robust understanding of God's created work, what he declared to be "very good" and awesome creation. A creation He loved and prepared for human creatures to inhabit. One in which His own Son became incarnate, a creature Himself, to take back a broken world and reclaim it for His Father. We need to reinvigorate our understanding of the image of God placed on His prized creatures in man and woman who are redeemed by the blood of the Son of God who became man Himself.

Over the summer, St. Timothy will have the opportunity to go back to the foundation of God's creation and who He created men and women to be. In this study, we may be tearing down some old presuppositions and idols that are not Biblical but rather human traditions. We will explore the order of creation and what we believe from Scriptures according to God's will on topics such as the place of singleness in the community of the church, the ever-popular topic on the ordination of women, sexuality, divorce, marriage, and the roles and responsibilities of each vocation. It's a necessary topic, and I encourage you all to join and participate with your questions. The class will be on Wednesday evenings at 7PM over the summer from June 28 to August 30. Please consider joining and growing in God's wisdom. Lastly, may God continue to bless your callings in life and be strengthened by His gifts in Word and Sacrament.

In Christ's love,
Pastor Berry

SAINT TIMOTHY NEWS

President's Corner

From The President's Desk –

In late 2019, the district president asked the St. Timothy Call Committee how we were planning to be a blessing to our community. The committee members looked at him and said we thought our Vision Addendum to the Congregational Self Study answered that question. He was underwhelmed; the committee members were not happy, he was underwhelmed. We decided to “make it happen.”

Fast forward to May 2023. I believe we are a blessing to our community. Our revised website is up and running – and it is getting hits. We are receiving emails that are generated from the website. We have active community involvement through the foodbanks, the grade school, Clothes for Kids, and our Scholarship Fund. We have some more ideas that we will be exploring in the last half of this year. So, yes, I believe we are a blessing to the Edmonds-Mukilteo-Lynnwood communities. I also think we can do more. So, I am asking that if you have any other ideas for us to pursue, please step forward and share those ideas with me so I can get them before the Church Council. Remember that we are a church of limited volunteer resources right now as we grow so we might not be ready to quite reach for the moon shot yet! But we can take those baby steps 😊 ...

I also have one more “ask” of you all. We have a nice compilation of messages for our church sign. We know it attracts readers. But I would like to add a few more possible sayings for the sign. When I set the schedule of sayings, I try to rotate between a theological thought and a somewhat more humorous secular saying. If you have a favorite Bible verse you think we should use on the sign board, or if you have a humorous saying or quote to use, please share those with me. Pastor and I will go through all the submissions and add those accepted to the “message library” for future use.

Finally, as we come to the time of year dedicated to honoring our country, I ask you to take a moment on Flag Day and especially on the Fourth of July. It is good for us to remember the sacrifices made by our Founding Fathers as they struggled to create something new and unheard of – a country founded on Judeo-Christian principles and acknowledging God-given rights, especially Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.

May your final spring days and your summer hours be filled with many blessings!

-Karen Haase Herrick

Lutheran Radio - KFUO

Interested in listening to and learning more about Lutheran-oriented topics. KFUO.org is a great resource you can listen to on your PC, Mac, Android or Iphone.

KFUO.org is a non-commercial AM radio station owned and operated by The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS). It has a Christian talk and teaching radio format. KFUO is one of the oldest continuous operating Christian radio stations in the United States, with its first broadcast on October 26, 1924; 98 years ago.

Much of the time is taken up by sacred music but between certain hours below you will find Christian talk and teaching (these are also available as podcasts that you can listen to at any time).

Here's an example of some things you can hear on KFUO (Monday through Friday, Central Standard Time):

8:00 a.m. – Sharper Iron

9:00 a.m. – The Coffee Hour

9:30 a.m. – Law and Gospel

10:00 a.m. – Daily Chapel from the LCMS International Center

10:30 a.m. – Sacred Music

11:00 a.m. – Thy Strong Word

12:00 p.m. – Midday Moments

12:30 -12:40 p.m.:

Monday: A Moment on the Lighter Side

Tuesday: A Moment in Creation

Wednesday: A Moment for the Family

Thursday: A Moment of Faith

Friday: A Moment in Scripture

1:00 p.m. – Sacred Music

3:00 p.m. – Issues, Etc.

5:00 p.m. – Evening Prayer

-John Bandur

What Lutherans Believe – Lutheran Hour Ministry

We may all be in different stages of our faith walk, but we understand that questions are worth answering. While it's impossible to address every question you might have, this overview may be a starting point.

About the Bible: It is God's message of love and hope for all people. It is reliable and without error. In it we learn everything we need to know about God's love and His gifts to us.

About God: There is only one true God - The Triune God - who exists in three separate but equal Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

About us: We all fall short of God's expectations because we are all born "sinful". Sin can be summed up as all the things we say, think, do, and don't do that fall outside of God's holy will for our lives. Yet God is a loving God. When we believe in Jesus Christ as our Savior, He bears our sin and gives us His forgiveness.

Please read more in Ephesians 2:8-9. And for free courses, and more information covering five faith-strengthening categories, visit lhm.org/learn today.

-LaVerne Gemar, LHM Ambassador

Jewel International Christian School – Christian Missions at St. Timothy

In March I had the opportunity to go back to Juaben, Ghana to see how things were going at Jewel International Christian School (JICS), the school I had worked with until Covid shut things down. The enrollment has increased and is now around 300, which includes students from 3-year-olds to grade 8. It was wonderful to see that each class learns a Bible verse each week and regularly hears Bible stories and the teachers gather twice a week for prayer and devotion time. Academics are also going well.

While I was there, I got to tell the Bible story at their Friday worship time, do some professional development with the teachers, and talk and sing with the students. Since English is the official language of Ghana it is used in the school, but my pronunciation is different than theirs so it took just a little bit for us to understand each other. They also enjoyed quizzing me to see what Twi (their language) words I knew.

When I am in Ghana, it is my privilege to work with Bishop Joseph, a very prayerful, humble man who oversees the school as well as pastors his congregation. So on Sundays I am involved with his church. I got to teach the Bible story for Sunday School and teach the adults during worship. The last Sunday I was there I went with him to the graduation and ordination of 62 pastors. It was a wonderful occasion for praise and prayer (all 5 hours of it 😊). He and his wife, Gladys, have invested a lot in JICS because they have a strong commitment to helping children grow both academically and spiritually.

The headmaster, Ernest, expressed his gratitude *often* for the supplies I was able to take over for the school, some of which came from St. Timothy members. The money we collected in the mission offering for JICS did not arrive before I left, but I told them it would be coming and he asked me to thank

you for that. Many of you also prayed for me and I thank you for that very important contribution. I heard many stories of God’s provision of basic necessities for people which reminded me not to limit my expectations of God nor forget to thank Him and give Him all glory.

If you ever want to know more, just ask me; I’ll be happy to talk about it with you.

-Peggy Haase



FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Saint Timothy Ascension Day Pageant

For the Ascension Day Service on May 21st at Saint Timothy, a brief three-minute play based on scripture was presented. It started with the two friends Cleopas and friend returning to the 10 disciples gathered in upper room, to report they had been with the risen Jesus. Then Jesus appears to the group and says He is not a ghost but he Himself and asks for a piece of fish to eat. He then explains what must be fulfilled in the Word. The next scene is on the Mount of Olives from which Jesus blesses the disciples and departs from them in the clouds.

Thanks to each of the players, Jessie and Brett Gigrich, Gary Eneberg, Linda Gorsuch, Marcel Miller, Karl Simon, and Rane Gigrich as narrator. Of course, with any production behind the scenes persons are so much a part of the big picture so thanks to Patsy Simon as stage manager, costume helpers Barb Kunkel and LaVerne Gemar, photographers Hope Menges and Debbie Zaske. -Patsy Simon



LADIES COFFEE TIME

Our Ladies Coffee Time will meet again on the 2nd and 4th Fridays in September. We take a break during the summer months. We are a Ladies Fellowship group and meet to encourage each other in our Christian faith, share our friendship, support, hope and inspiration together. In mid-July, Barb Kunkel will be collecting our charity donations for Clothes for Kids, (new to almost new children's clothing, money, or gift card), helping to ready them for the next school year. We hope you will enjoy your summer and consider becoming a part of our coffee group in the fall. If you have any questions, please 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 meet through June, then will be on hiatus until September.** 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:** Studying the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. Two books written by the same author describing Jesus' life and work as it began and extended into the early church. **Sunday, 9:00 AM.**



* **Wednesday EVENING Education Hour:** During the summer, St. Timothy will be doing a special summer evening class focused on **Man & Woman in Christ.** The culture around us is filled with tense conversations on sex and gender. Christians maintain a belief in the way God ordered and established his creation. We hope to reflect anew the order God established when he created, account for the mess sin made of this order, and how we as Christians can thoughtfully and lovingly engage in a culture dealing with these issues. Beginning **Wednesday, June 28 at 7:00 PM.**

Bible Study

***Confirmation:** Our confirmand continues to study the Catechism and learn the Christian teachings. Confirmation is a wonderful practice of the Lutheran church to help our children mature in the faith and prepare them for Christian adulthood. Confirmation is all about confirming the faith that these children were baptized and raised in. Through this process they take on the responsibilities of the faith as they become adults and go out into the world. Class time meets **1st & 3rd Wednesday, 6PM.**

***Tuesday Zoom Education Hour:** Pastor Frank Paine offers a weekly Bible Class in which he is going over various topics of the Bible on Tuesday evenings. If anyone is interested in attending via zoom please reach out and email Pastor Paine at fwpainejr@ieee.org. He will send you an invitation to join the zoom class. This a great opportunity for many who are unable to travel for class, but have a chance to still dig deeper in the study of the Scripture. **Tuesday, 7PM via Zoom.**

August & September 2023 NEWSLETTER

Articles and Calendar information need to be submitted by **Wednesday, July 25th** . 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, 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),
Esther (Grace Hundtoft's sister), 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).

Birthdays in June & July:

Susann Timmerman – June 7
Lois Mueller – June 24
Edna Watter – June 26
Linda Gorsuch – June 27
Karl Simon – June 28
Pr. Richard Flath – July 1
Janet Anderberg – July 10

Wedding Anniversaries in June & July:

Lenn & Linda Gorsuch – 43 years on June 7
Craig & Brenda Skrede – June 20
Chris & Cari (Wieben) Kahn – 2 years on June 26

Baptism Anniversaries in June & July:

Susann Timmerman – June 12
Carol Hauge – July 18

JUNE 2023

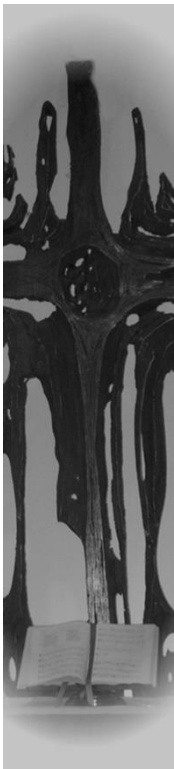
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SUNDAY

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



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