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August & September 2023

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

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We often compartmentalize our life. Work life is work life, and Family life is family life; neither the two shall meet. It's a uniquely American skill to compartmentalize our life into neat boxes. Why? Well sometimes it's for reasons such as this part of my life just has no relevance to this other part. But more than likely, the incentive might be to keep the problems or issues that may arise in their own box. Such as not letting work problems influence your family or keeping family issues outside of work. This compartmentalizing extends passed just work and family life. Groups, Social clubs, politics, shared hobbies, other relationships—all these make up a web of boxes we individually interact with and rarely integrate into these other boxes. Sociologists have observed the life of an American is one which is uniquely compartmentalized.

Unfortunately, the uniquely American skill to compartmentalize infiltrates the Christian faith. Church life is church life. The time for practicing faith occurs on Sunday morning. Church clothes and church talk are for Sunday church life. Then it's out of the church box into the work box and family box for the week. Even Christians find little integration of their faith to these other areas of life. It could be for lack of relevance. But more than likely, the incentive might be to keep the problems or issues that may arise away from others. Keeping a private faith private.

Despite what you might think about the millennial generation, Pastors Gene Veith and Trevor Sutton recognize the millennial generation have accurately diagnosed a serious problem in modern society: the lack of work-life integration. Millennials have a nagging sense that modern life is overly compartmentalized and suffers from a lack of overall integration. From this an important question is being raised: How do we bring the disparate pieces of life together into purposeful order?

St. Paul writes, "Christ is the visible image of the invisible God... He existed before all things, and He holds all creation together.... So, He is first in everything... through Him God reconciled all things to himself. He made peace with everything by the blood of the cross," (Col. 1:15-20).

One of the great gifts of the Lutheran Reformation is the doctrine of vocation. Vocation is not another word for "occupation." Rather, it was originally about the Christian life fully integrated, meaningful, and teeming with purpose. This doctrine shows Christians how to live out their faith in the world. It is about God's presence in the world and how He works through human beings for His purposes. According to Luther, vocation is a "mask of God." Luther says that God milks the cow through the vocation of the milkmaid. So, looming behind lab coats, overalls, smocks and suits—God is genuinely present and active in what they do for us. Similarly, as we carry out our various vocations, we, too, are masks of God.

Fundamentalists and Evangelicals often talk about what God is doing "in" their lives. Vocation encourages reflection on what God is doing "through" our lives. Luther insisted that the Christian life requires not withdrawal from the world but rather engagement in the world. "God does not need our good works," Luther said, "but our neighbor does." Your relationship with God is based completely on His work for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Although we may speak of serving God in our vocations, strictly speaking, we do not serve God. He always serves us.

Vocation discloses the spiritual significance of everyday life. Our spiritual and moral lives are to be found in our relationships and in our tasks in our families, the workplace, the Church, and the Society. Vocation is far more than work-life integration, bridging the chasm between personal and professional; it is the integration of heaven and earth, God's work and our work, family and faith, daily life and divine power, culture and the Christian life. If Christ is the visible image of the invisible God, the church is the visible image of the Savior.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Berry

# **SAINT TIMOTHY NEWS**

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## **President's Corner**

It seems like I just wrote a few paragraphs for the newsletter...funny how time moves along even when we think it should not. We are about to head into the summer “quiet times” – even your Church Council has decided not to meet in July and August but to take care of business via email as needed. I do have several super news items to share with you:

- Peggy Haase has volunteered to re-set our communications with and support for our adopted chaplain, Chaplain Boyer. She has connected with him. I think she shares news from him in this newsletter also.
- During the July 4th week, I emailed Rose City Organs to ask for an update on the organ build. I learned we have a ship date of September 15. Apparently, it takes about 5 days to get organs to our area. So, watch here for further information on installation of the organ.
- John Bandur has agreed to lead the planning for the Dedication Service & Concert to celebrate the new organ. More news as well on that in the coming months.

I am still looking for more phrases to use on our electronic sign so don't hesitate to put your ideas in my box or text me at 206-618-031 or email me at KarenHerrick@msn.com. As I have learned throughout my time on earth thus far that you never know when a simple favorite phrase or gesture you share with someone might make all the difference to her/his life.

Finally, it is mid-year so it is a good time to say Thank You to all of you who step forward in so many different ways to help St. Timothy be and grow as a loving and friendly community of faith – our grounds, our fellowship, our worship times all speak to the joy we have in our shared faith. May we continue to keep our senses of humor intact, our caring spirits in “high active mode” and our joy in Lord always obvious. Happy summer!

*-Karen Haase Herrick, Congregational President*

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

A while back our St. Timothy family decided to get involved in the Synod's Adopt-a-Chap program to provide support for one of our military chaplains. There is no financial aid involved, but rather we are offering a relationship and prayer support as we learn about his particular ministry in the Army.

We have been paired with Chaplain Brad Boyer who is currently stationed at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. He has a wife, Chie, and 3 children, Serendipity (16), Sebastien (12), and Isaac (8). He returned to OK about a year ago after being assigned to Korea for a year. His family stayed in the States so his wife could heal from back surgery. He has greatly enjoyed the opportunity to spend time with his family since his return.

In 2020 he established a Lutheran Chapel at Ft. Sill. A couple of LCMS pastors in the area kept it active while he was in Korea. Now it serves about 75 soldiers each week, mostly basic trainees; he says they come as a break from barking drill sergeants and because there are snacks and goodies available that are otherwise forbidden them. Many of them do not have a church background so it is a wonderful opportunity for him to share the love of God as he establishes relationships with them.

He and his family will probably be moving to Ft. Cavazos (formerly Ft. Hood) in TX at the end of the summer but he doesn't actually have those orders yet. He hopes to enroll in the Family Life Chaplain program there in the fall of 2024.

Here are the thanks and prayer requests he sent:

- Thanks that my duties this last year have allowed me lots of family time. Especially welcome after a year away in Korea.
- Thanks for health, good academics, etc. for all.
- Pray that God watch over our (probable) move and all that entails. Pray for patience and wisdom as we transition.
- Please pray for a godly Lutheran chaplain to pick up the Ft Sill Lutheran Chapel when I move. It took a lot of work to get this off the ground, and especially our basic trainee troops need to know that there are godly Lutheran chaplains to serve their specific needs.
- Pray that God prepare the hearts at my new assignment to not be hostile but receptive. I cannot underline this more. Spiritual warfare is real and is the toughest challenge. I have seen some answers to prayers along these lines this last year that are quite revealing, but it would take too long to get into that now.
- Pray that God work on our hearts, too, that we have total peace and confidence in our victory through Christ. And that the fruits of the Spirit be evident in everything we do.

Please give thanks to God for Chaplain Boyer and include these petitions in your prayers.

*-Peggy Haase*

### **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**

Go online and google the Lutheran Hour. You will find a wealth of information. It is an outreach of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod that provides radio programs, daily devotions, help topics, booklets, training, and resources for churches. The message is conversational, providing comfort and reassurance, addressing today's life and death issues.

*-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 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday St. Timothy collects a separate offering to continue supporting the LWML

# FELLOWSHIP NEWS

## Baccalaureate Service

Several significant events happened in June and July at Saint Timothy's. A full Baccalaureate Service conducted by Pastor Berry was held for graduating Shorecrest High School Seniors on the evening of June 15. Our own Jessie Gigrich was honored. Ranee hosted a nice reception following. (see photos)



## Godspeed Elder Karl-Installing Elder John

On Sunday, June 25 Karl Simon was honored for his years of service as Elder and John Bandur was installed as new Elder. A lovely reception for both of them was held after worship service. (see photos)



## Ladies Coffee Time: Home Luncheon

Barb Eneberg invited the Ladies Coffee Time women to her home July 21<sup>st</sup> for a relaxing time on her deck having a luncheon together. (see photos) submitted by Patsy Simon



## Special Services

In June St. Timothy welcomed in Holy Baptism Luka Martin as a new child of God. Elders Lenn and Karl joined Pastor Berry in a visit with member Grace Hundtoft for a special Prayer with anointing of oil followed by sharing in the Lord's Supper.



## **LADIES COFFEE TIME**

Ladies Coffee Time will begin meeting again on the 2nd and 4th Fridays, **September 8th and the 22nd**, 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, support, hope and inspiration together. Please join us as we begin a new season 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of each month from 8:30-10:00 AM. **We start meeting again in 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:** We are coming to the end of our study in the Gospel according to Luke and moving into the second volume of the evangelist Luke's writings; the **Acts of the Apostles**. Acts moves from Jesus' life and work as it began 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**.



\* **Wednesday EVENING Education Hour:** St. Timothy is finishing their summer special evening class focused on **Man & Woman in Christ**. Still a chance to join the class and learn the way God established creation and the implications for our lives. Classes at **7PM** until **August 30**.

\***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. Beginning **September 27, 9:30 AM**.

### **October & November 2023 NEWSLETTER**

Articles and Calendar information need to be submitted by **Wednesday, Sept. 27th** . 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, 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 August & September:**

August 5 –Barbara Eneberg  
September 1 –Peggy Haase  
September 10 –Brenda Skrede  
September 12 –Marcel Miller  
September 17 –Heather Gorsuch  
September 29 –Jason Gorsuch  
September 29 –Luke Washabaugh

**Wedding Anniversaries in August & September:**

August 20 –Doug & Marie Spaulding, 30 years  
September 4 –Jerry & LaVerne Gemar, 58 years  
September 19 –Jason & Jennifer Gorsuch, 14 years  
September 24 –Paul & Monica Lutgen, 40 years  
September 26 –Gerold & Diane Herrick, 58 years

**Baptism Anniversaries in August & September:**

August 3 –Pr. Richard Flath  
August 23 –Edna Watters  
September 11 –Peggy Haase  
September 19 –Annaliese Simon

## AUGUST 2023

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday    | Saturday                             |
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|   | <p><u>Key for building locations</u><br/>                     FH – Fellowship Hall<br/>                     PCR – P.S. Conference Room<br/>                     YR – Youth Room<br/>                     NR – Nursery<br/>                     CH – Church</p> |   | <b>7PM Summer Bible Class:<br/>                     “Man &amp; Woman in Christ” -<br/>                     FH</b> | 5:45-8:00PM AA Meeting -<br>PCR  |           |                                      |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after<br>Pentecost <span style="float: right;"><b>6</b></span><br><br>9AM Education Hour-FH<br>10AM Worship Service-CH  | <b>7</b>   | <b>8</b>  | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b>  | <b>11</b> | 2-4PM Braiders Group – PCR           |
|   |  |   | <b>7PM Summer Bible Class:<br/>                     “Man &amp; Woman in Christ” -<br/>                     FH</b> | 5:45-8:00PM AA Meeting -<br>PCR  |           |                                      |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after<br>Pentecost <span style="float: right;"><b>13</b></span><br><br>9AM Education Hour-FH<br>10AM Worship Service-CH | <b>14</b>  | <b>15</b><br><br><span style="color: red;">St. Mary, Mother of Our<br/>                     Lord</span>       | <b>16</b>   | <b>17</b>  | <b>18</b> | 19                                   |
|   |  |   | <b>7PM Summer Bible Class:<br/>                     “Man &amp; Woman in Christ” -<br/>                     FH</b> | 5:45-8:00PM AA Meeting -<br>PCR  |           |                                      |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after<br>Pentecost <span style="float: right;"><b>20</b></span><br><br>9AM Education Hour-FH<br>10AM Worship Service-CH | <b>21</b>  | <b>22</b>   | <b>23</b>   | <b>24</b><br><br><span style="color: red;">St. Bartholomew, Apostle</span> | <b>25</b> | 26<br><br>2-4PM Braiders Group – PCR |
|   |  |   | <b>7PM Summer Bible Class:<br/>                     “Man &amp; Woman in Christ” -<br/>                     FH</b> | 5:45-8:00PM AA Meeting -<br>PCR  |           |                                      |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after<br>Pentecost <span style="float: right;"><b>27</b></span><br><br>9AM Education Hour-FH<br>10AM Worship Service-CH | <b>28</b>  | <b>29</b><br><br><span style="color: red;">Martyrdom of St. John the<br/>                     Baptizer</span> | <b>30</b>   | <b>31</b>  |           |                                      |
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**SEPTEMBER 2023**

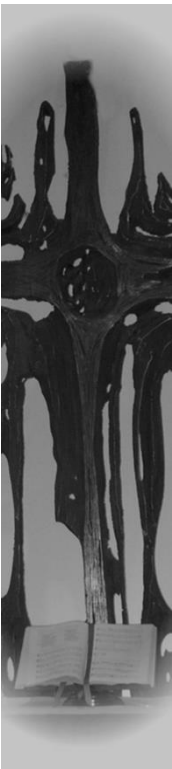
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| <b>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> <span style="float:right"><b>3</b></span><br><br>9AM Education Hour-FH<br>10AM Worship Service-CH  | <b>4</b><br><br>Labor Day | <b>5</b><br><br>6:30PM Elders' Meeting – PCR       | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b><br><br>5:45-8:00PM AA Meeting - PCR   | <b>8</b><br><br>10:30AM-12PM Ladies Coffee Time - FH                                      | <b>9</b><br><br>8:30-10AM Men's Group – FH<br><br>2-4PM Braiders Group – PCR  |
| <b>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> <span style="float:right"><b>10</b></span><br><br>RALLY DAY<br>9AM Education Hour-FH<br>10AM Worship Service-CH  | <b>11</b>                 | <b>12</b><br><br>7:00PM Council Meeting – PCR/Zoom | <b>13</b>   | <b>14</b><br><br>Holy Cross Day<br><br>5:45-8:00PM AA Meeting – PCR  | <b>15</b>   | <b>16</b>   |
| <b>16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> <span style="float:right"><b>17</b></span><br><br>9AM Education Hour-FH<br>10AM Worship Service-CH   | <b>18</b>                 | <b>19</b>  | <b>20</b>   | <b>21</b><br><br>St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist<br><br>4:45-8:00PM Hula Lesson – FH<br>5:45-8:00PM AA Meeting – PCR | <b>22</b><br><br>10:30AM-12PM Ladies Coffee Time – FH<br><br>4:45-8:00PM Hula Lesson – FH | <b>23</b><br><br>8:30-10AM Men's Group – FH<br><br>2-4PM Braiders Group – PCR |
| <b>17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> <span style="float:right"><b>24</b></span><br><br>9AM Education Hour-FH<br>10AM Worship Service-CH   | <b>25</b>                 | <b>26</b>  | <b>27</b><br><br>9:30AM Morning Bible Class: Book of Jonah – FH | <b>28</b><br><br>4:45-8:00PM Hula Lesson – FH<br>5:45-8:00PM AA Meeting – PCR  | <b>29</b><br><br>St. Michael and All Angels<br><br>4:45-8:00PM Hula Lesson – FH           | <b>30</b><br><br>All Day: Life Line Screening – FH                            |







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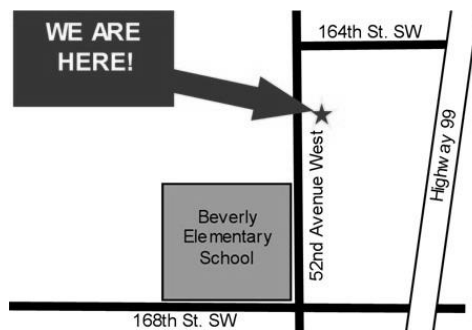
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## SUNDAY

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



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