



# THE TIMOTHIAN

ST. TIMOTHY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

July 2010

*“Called, gathered, enlightened and made holy by God, we strive to live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Through worship, education, prayer, study, outreach and our Child Care Center, we share the love of Jesus Christ with all people.”*

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## Sunday Worship

Holy Communion  
8:00 am (outdoors)  
9:30 am

## St. Timothy Child Care Center

Phone 716-773-9249

## Director

Lydia Shiposki

The Timothian is sponsored this month by Shirley Taylor in loving memory of her Son-in-Law Mike Moore of Irving, Texas.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Being one who genuinely enjoys working in the yard caring for the trees, shrubs, flowers and lawn, I have been particularly impressed this season with the lushness of the plants. The temperatures and rain fall undoubtedly have played a leading role in producing this effect. It is a joy to lay my eyes on the surroundings and bask in their natural beauty.

I have had a similar experience watching St. Timothy “green up.” In a little over a year being with you, I have seen a metamorphous taking place which is both encouraging and heartwarming.

One but has to view the exterior surroundings of the building to see big changes in freshness of appearance and signs of TLC. The more telling story is what is not seen on the surface, but is present beneath the surface.

Spiritual awakening is occurring. Improved financial strength is emerging. Movement to shorten our debt service so as to free-up needed resources for ministry has taken an encouraging leap. Planning is going on to map out and implement interior renovations. Leadership is rising to the challenges and taking effective steps in behalf of the congregation. Work is underway to strategize the fall program.

All of this is a beauty to behold.

I am excited to be a part of this and grateful to the Father for watering the field with His Spirit and warming the ground with His Son.

Love,  
Pastor Dean



**Summer worship times are 8:00 am** (Outdoors weather permitting. If the temperature is at least 55 degrees at 7:30 AM and it is not raining we will be going outside. Please remember to bring a sweater and a lawn chair.), **and 9:30 am** (indoors).

## Exterior Painting Project



### **JOB WELL DONE!!!**

With the weather cooperating and many volunteers of both genders and all ages, we were able to complete the exterior painting project. The church (except the north side which was stained two years ago), the day care wing, bell tower, atrium area, and the back of the fellowship hall received a fresh coat of stain. Sidewalk and parking lot light standards were scraped, primed, and painted. The top section of the 3 taller parking light standards will be finished once high lift equipment is available.

All the work was accomplished in just two Saturday mornings in June. There were 17 members helping the first work morning and 13 on the second. The project could not happen in such a short time span without all the support and enthusiasm everyone put forth... Thank you!

Stu Savory, Coordinator

## Thank you to our "Green Thumbs"



**Thank you to Bill and Mary Ann Kemp and Stu and Bonnie Savory for all the loving, and long hours they have spent on landscaping the church entryways!!!!**



The annual summer picnic for the women of WELCA was held on Thursday, June 24. It was a beautiful evening with good food, good conversation, and lots of laughter with great friends. A good time was had by all! We thank Carolyn Doebert for her warm hospitality and inviting us in to her home.



Four very bright and impressive young ladies are in the final phase of their preparation. The rite of Confirmation is scheduled for the second or third Sunday of August. A way is being devised for them to share their witness at that service. It is hoped that a good number of the congregation will be present to receive what surely will be a blessing.



A task force is being organized to meet this summer to think through Children's Ministry for the coming school year. Individuals with a vested interest in our young people and their development as disciples of Christ are invited to participate. Please contact Terry Glassman or Pastor Dean if you are interested.

### **Summer Experience for Sunday school Age Children**

**During the summer month's** when Sunday school does not meet, children are invited and encouraged to join in the worship experience with their families. A **TOTE PROJECT** has been developed for the children. Children can pick up a tote bag on their way in to church that has projects to keep them occupied, happy and still be able to participate in worship. Totes are on the bench outside the church office.

Pastor Dean will also continue with the Children's Message during both services throughout the summer months.



The team of Art Morth and Grand Island computer consultant Ron Stipp are designing and installing a new computer system for St. Timothy. It is a server-based network capable of supporting new accounting and daycare management software. This installation is a key ingredient to our being able to create a much stronger business component for our ministry. The initiative is in response to recommendations in last year's external audit management letter.

Funding for the project is covered by an anonymous gift received a few years ago earmarked for use to benefit both the church and childcare ministries.



As a major step toward improving the financial circumstances of the congregation, an initiative has started to retire the church mortgage three years in advance of the current schedule. Annual payments are equivalent to the amount needed to be able to afford full-time pastoral services. The goal is to eliminate the debt by May of 1013.

An initial amount of \$30,000 has been applied to principle in June and lead gifts totaling \$34,000 are currently being solicited. The first of the gifts have already been promised. Everyone is invited to consider helping out at any level possible.

For further details and to find out how you can help, please contact Pastor Dean.

## **An Invitation to Attend Fall 2010 Lay Education Event**

Saturday, September 25 – 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Grand Island.

“Hosea the Prophet” – Werner Weinreich

“Leadership and A Way of Thinking” – An intro to “Thinking About How We Think as Leaders in the Church: Integrating Biblical, Theological, & Leadership Thought” - **Dean Hunneshagen**

To register contact Adrienne at the office (773-4400).



## **RECENT ACTIONS BY CHURCH COUNCIL**

At the June meeting, two major topics were covered.

First, the request of the congregation to reconsider the amount of the Emergency Reserve fund being established was processed at considerable depth. The scope of all the projects (including the mortgage reduction plan) was carefully reviewed. Matters of risk tolerance were considered. In the end, the Council voted to restrict \$25,000 for emergency use.

Second, assistant to the Bishop, Pastor Neil Kattermann was received warmly for a half hour conversation regarding the ministry of Pastor Dean at St. Timothy. The Council expressed strong support for and appreciation of his work among us. Pastor Kattermann reported a very favorable impression of the Council and the Synod's appreciation of the work being accomplished by St. Timothy under Pastor Dean' leadership.

Annual contact between the congregation and the Synod will continue. The Bishop's office stands ready, when the time comes, to process future needs for pastoral leadership.

## **Interior Renovation**

Under the leadership of Carolyn Doebert and Esther Westfall, planning for interior renovations is advancing. The entrance renovation is complete except for the installing of an appropriate light fixture. In the near future work will begin on renovation of the church office, women's and men's lavatory, kitchen floor, narthex, coat room and hallway to the fellowship hall. The sanctuary painting will round out Phase I of the renovation projects.

Approximately \$10,000 is currently available. Additional funds will likely be needed in the future and will have to come from special donations. Projects will be released as funds are available.

## **Child Care Ministry Finances**

The Child Care Ministry Committee has recently adopted new rates and spending plan for the September, 2010 to August 2011 fiscal year. The plan takes into account all known costs including the rental value of the facility and the utilization of the Pastor/Chief Administrator function.

New management and accounting software will be implemented this summer. Meanwhile enhancement of management practices begun a year ago will continue.

The CCC ministry has had a good year and is in a relatively strong position.





