



THE TIMOTHIAN

ST. TIMOTHY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

June 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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8:00 am
9:30 am

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Center**

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The Timothian is sponsored this month by Lois Schneider in loving memory of her husband Eugene Schneider

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR**A Blessing**

A dozen or so children, ranging in age from three to eleven, reached out and placed their hands on the heads and shoulders of Mark and Evan and said: “Mark (Evan), I love you. Mark (Evan), we love you. Mark (Evan), Jesus loves you. Mark (Evan), receive the Holy Spirit.” [Mark and Evan, along with their parents, were being received into membership at St. Timothy on Pentecost, the birthday of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit which gave birth to the Christian Church.]

Earlier in the service at the children’s lesson, I had enlisted their help for that moment in the Rite when there would be the laying on of hands. I taught them what I would like for them to say and do. Then I had them practice on me. They reached out and placed their hands on my head and shoulders and said: “Pastor, I love you. Pastor, we love you. Pastor, Jesus loves you. Pastor, receive the Holy Spirit.”

It felt strangely warming. Here I was hearing my own name. I was hearing what I had felt from them before and what I knew was true of Jesus. Yet I was hearing it in a new way. Then, even more strangely, I heard them say: “Pastor, receive the Holy Spirit.” The Holy Spirit of God!

“Do I need to receive the Holy Spirit?” I thought. “Why, of course; I need to receive the Holy Spirit! But through the touch of little children?”

The next day I pondered what had taken place. I pondered how without exception all of us need to hear our name. All of us need to hear that we are loved. All of us need a fresh in-pouring of the Holy Spirit...no matter how old (or young) we are, no matter what station in life we come from, no matter how many times we have experienced it before.

I needed a blessing. Thankfully, I received it.

Pastor Dean

PENTECOST

May 23, 2010

On the birthday of the Christian church, St. Timothy's congregation gathered for worship and to renew the covenant God made with them in baptism.

Using the words of the Rite in Evangelical Lutheran Worship called "Affirmation of Baptism" (**sixty people**) came to the altar rail to declare themselves and to receive a blessing with the laying on of hands.

These individuals declared publicly that they:

- renounced the devil and all the forces that defy God;
- renounced the powers of this world that rebel against God;
- renounced the ways of sin that alienates us from God;
- believe in the triune God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
- intend to continue in the covenant God made with us in Holy Baptism;
- intend to live among God's faithful people;
- intend to hear the word of God and share in The Lord's supper;
- intend to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed;
- intend to serve all people, following the example of Jesus; and
- intend to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

A PENTECOST PRAYER

God of tempest, God of whirlwind, as on Pentecost descend: drive us out from sheltered comfort; past these walls your people send! Sweep us into costly service, there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!

God of blazing, God of burning, all that blocks your purpose, purge! Through your church, Christ's living Body, let your flaming Spirit surge! Where deceit conceals injustice, kindle us to speak your truth, kindle us to speak your truth.

God of earthquake, God of thunder; shake us loose from lethargy! Break the chains of sin asunder, for earth's healing set us free! Crumble walls that still divide us; make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!

God of passion, God unsleeping; stir in us love's restlessness! Where the people cry in anguish, may we share your heart's distress. Rouse us from content with evil; claim us for your kingdom's work, claim us for your kingdom's work!

- Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr.



Summer worship hours will begin on June 6th. **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.**

WE WELCOME INTO MEMBERSHIP

Liz Tucker
Jerry Peete
Mark, Lauren, Mark Jr., Evan and Thomas Steck



Outcome of Stewardship Campaign

59 Commitments totaling \$ 118,044.

Of the 59 Commitments:

4 students

10 pledges new in 2010

45 pledged previously in 2009

The average commitment by those who attended Parlor Presentations and/or 21 Days is 115% over the prior year. There was a pledge increase over last year of \$18,472.

THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU

The BBQ realized a profit of around \$700. (More sprucing up of the kitchen will be done in the near future.) A big thank you to everyone who helped sell tickets, baked, cleaned up, served, attended, or bought leftovers. We couldn't have done it without you.

The BBQ Committee

Congratulations to our High School Graduates

Class of 2010

Kayla Fermoile

Exterior Painting Project



Scheduled SATURDAY MORNINGS... June 12th, 19th, and 26th. TIME... 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Rain will cancel a scheduled work morning. Hopefully work can be completed within or less than the scheduled dates.

If you can find any time to volunteer, it would be greatly appreciated.

Also, if possible, bring **paint brushes** (1", 2", 3", or 4"), **paint roller kit**, **putty knife**, **wire brush**, **scrapping tool** and **clean container** to hold paint. If you have drop cloths, we can use them to cover concrete sidewalks, etc. Water base paint, some brushes, and roller kits will be available the scheduled work mornings. The last request is do you have a **step ladder** or **extension ladder** that can be used?

This project is an important preventative maintenance project. Low and high areas on the church need to be painted.

Please let me or Adrienne know if you can help. Stu Savory 773-6106, Adrienne Neutz (church office 773-4400)



The annual summer picnic for the women of WELCA will be held on Thursday, June 24 at 6:00 PM at the home of Carolyn Doebert. Please sign up in the Narthex to bring a salad or a dessert. All women of the church are welcome to attend.



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.

RECENT ACTIONS BY CHURCH COUNCIL

Appointed Chris Rose, a high school student, to fill the unexpired term of Michelle Riley.

Children's Ministry reported that Tote Bags with materials for children will be available at morning services during the summer months and that Children's Message by Pastor will continue.

Youth Ministry reported ongoing activities with youth preparing for their Confirmation.

Worship and Music reported reviewing the Holy Week services and mapping out plans for the summer outdoors services.

Stewardship reported on the outcome of their 2010 campaign.

Council advised using Services of the Word led by lay people on Sundays Pastor is away.

Received and reviewed an analysis of facility usage by Church and the Child Care Center Ministry. This will be used in the future for arriving at a rational basis for the sharing of costs.

Received an analysis of the impact of current debt service that could affect the congregation's financial capacity to fund adequate pastoral leadership services.

Received and recommended for adoption a budget of income and expenses for fiscal year September 2010 to August 2011.

Processed a series of seven proposals for submission to the congregation at their meeting May 23, 2010.

Pastor Neil Kattermann, assistant to the Bishop, is scheduled to meet with council on June 21. The purpose is to maintain open communications with the Synod office throughout the tenure of Pastor Hunneshagen's engagement with St. Timothy.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING HI-LITES

May 23, 2010

1. Reviewed the church's mission statement.
2. Received a report on the outcome of the recent stewardship campaign. We were reminded that the goal of the campaign was to raise up givers who give as an act of worship; give as an act of trust; give as an act of stewardship, together with "closing the gap" between receipts and expenses.
3. Received and processed a proposal that would enable St. Timothy in three years to be able to fund fulltime pastoral services. This involves plans for eliminating the debt within three years.
4. Processed plans for setting aside a specific amount of reserves as an "emergency fund."
5. Authorized expenditures over \$5000 for a new computer system and software, re-roofing the CCC building, interior renovations, renovation of the Bell Tower and the construction of a CCC Vestibule. These are to come from existing reserves.
6. Was notified of approval given to the CCC Ministry to solicit funds to install air conditioning in their primary units.

