



# THE TIMOTHIAN

ST. TIMOTHY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

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*“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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September 28, 2009

A Message from the Pastor

The last Sunday in September is customarily the date for the annual CROP Walk held on Grand Island. The funds raised, I was told, go to stamp out hunger and poverty internationally and locally. In a moving introduction, this year's walkers were reminded that "walking" is a necessity for many who have to walk great distances to get water, firewood and food for their very survival. Those of us participating elect to walk to show solidarity with those who have to walk.

St. Timothy Lutheran Church had a strong showing. Upwards to thirty people or more walked. John and Sue Loss led the way, as they did for arranging St. Timothy's response. The youth of the parish were the largest contingency along with quite a few of their parents. I got a healthy workout walking the six mile route from Kaegebein Elementary School to Beaver Island State Park and back. Except for a brief shower, it was a very pleasant day for a walk.

The walk netted over \$3000. St. Timothy contributed \$535.

On the walk down to the Park, we passed another group of walkers going the opposite direction. They were walking to raise money for Melanoma cancer research. Conversation among several of the adults on the way down acknowledged just how many appeals citizens are faced with these days. It requires some responsible choices being made.

The choices are not limited to community appeals. They apply also to our giving through the local parish and denomination. Our money and how we spend it says a lot about who we are.

I aspire to be a generous person in all aspects of my life. The same applies to my giving. I also want my giving to grow out of gratitude to my Lord who provides it all. I want it to be reflective of my support for ministry in which I believe. I want it to accomplish goals that God has laid before me. I want it to be non-manipulative, expressing a dissent or disapproval. I want my giving to reflect God being the one I trust, not my money or wealth.

As you ponder these things in the days, months and year ahead, perhaps these remarks will be helpful to you. I would also commend for your consideration the sermon printed elsewhere in this issue of the Timothian entitled "Christian Giving." It was preached at the end of June on the text from II Corinthians 8.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Dean M. Hunneshagen



Under the theme “Like a Christian,” our **21 Days of Renewal** was launched in September. Over 58 people enrolled. There were 44 people present at each of the three sessions of Unit I entitled “Think Like a Christian.”

The focus of the first unit was developing a biblical worldview with special emphasis upon learning the outline of Ephesians 2:1-10. The worldview is captured in sixteen points. In addition to the teaching and small group sharing, a meal was served, there was a sing-along and Evening Prayer.

The second unit begins Wednesday, October 7. The theme is “Witness Like a Christian” and will build on the notion of testifying to the truth we know (as is required in a courtroom of law) and will utilize the teachings from the unit “Think Like a Christian.”

The third unit, which begins in November, entitled “Serve Like a Christian” will be built under the titles “Dirty Hands Learning,” “Global Impact” and “Reversed Roles.”

New enrollees are being sought. People both within the parish and from outside are welcome. Call the church office to enroll.



The annual Grand Island Ministerium Ecumenical Thanksgiving service will take place **at St. Timothy Lutheran Church on Sunday, November 22, at 7:00 pm. The Community Choir will be performing.**

Please bring a dessert for our annual dessert smorgasbord. Sign up sheet is in the Narthex.



A new design for St. Timothy’s confirmation ministry has been completed. It is based upon goals that have been selected from a historical review of practices within Lutheranism along with current goals. They are a guide for going forward. They reflect our faith development aspirations for our youth. They will not be fully realized in any given case. The prayers and support of the entire congregation are requested.

Elsewhere in this issue of the Timothian, you can read “Confirmation Program Priority Goals” and “Two Year Plus Confirmation Program”.



Handchime rehearsal is on Wednesday evenings at 8:00 pm. Choir rehearsal meets on Sunday mornings at 9:15 AM. We are always looking for new members, so please join us!!



All Saints' Day

**November 1, 2009**

All Saints' Sunday will take place on Sunday, November 1, 2009. On this day, we will give thanks for the lives of all of God's people who have died in Christ over the past 12 months. If you would care to have a friend or loved one remembered in the worship service, please fill out this form and return it to the church office no later than Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>.

Name of Person Remembered:

Date of Death:

Person(s) making request:



As the cooler weather begins keep in mind the need for any warm clothing for women, men and children for Vive La Casa, an organization for world refugees in Buffalo. We will hold a clothing drive beginning in October through November 1<sup>st</sup>. Items needed include but not limited to the following. Blankets, towels, washcloths, socks, hats, gloves, boots, or warm shoes, suitcases, linens, pillows, and any toiletries.

Please place items in the coatroom where they can later be picked up. Thanks again for your support.

**Shoe Gifts for the Lutheran Church**

**Home** The women of St. Timothy are continuing the tradition of providing the St. Nicholas Eve "Shoe Gifts" for the residents of the Lutheran Church Home. This year we are asking for emery boards, pocket tissues and small bars of soap, like those from a hotel. Please put them in the box in the narthex no later than Oct. 25.

Our next meeting is October 5 at 7 pm. Please join us!

Elaine Hardman  
President

## CROP Walk Appreciation

The 2009 Grand Island CROP Walk turned out to be the most successful for St. Timothy in terms of the numbers of participants and dollars raised. We had 18 church members walk including 15 of these being our youth and their parents. Thank you to Karen Rose and Karen Sturniolo for doing this. At the "oasis" at the halfway point we had water and apples manned by the parents of girls from the Step in Time Studio. This was part of their required community service time that they are to do. Special thanks to Renae Duck for stepping forward and organizing this for our Church's participation in it.

We raised a total of \$535.00, the most ever, for this year's CROP walk. The St. Timothy LYO contributed \$200.00 and the pledges for Sue and John Loss totaled \$335.00. We walk because they walk. We thank all of you for your generosity and support. Way to Go!

John Loss



Please contact the church office to submit names of people who need prayers. The prayer request list located outside the sanctuary doors can also be used for submission of names. The St. Timothy prayer chain ministry normally offers prayers for one month. Please let the church office know if an individual needs prayers for a different period of time. The name will be dropped from the prayer list at the end of the specified time period unless the office is notified of a need for continuation of prayers.