



THE TIMOTHIAN

ST. TIMOTHY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

February 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
10:30 am

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

“Thus Saith the Lord”

In yesteryear that is the way it was said. “Thus saith the Lord.” We do not speak that way any longer, but the truth is the same:

God speaks!

That is our conviction.

Who is listening? That is the question with which I am most concerned. For our life as a Christian community and our lives lived day by day “in the world,” are we listening to God speak? The answer, I suspect, is “maybe yes” and “maybe no,” or “sometimes.”

I believe we need to listen more and listen better. We need to listen more because God’s speech is powerful and capable of transforming us and shaping our existence. We need to listen better so that His living, creative, powerful “address” can form and shape us.

In this day and age, no different than in prior ages, there is no end to speech. But as the writer expressed it so poignantly (see elsewhere in this newsletter the full text) “The world dies on the voice of man; his proclamations, his wishful thinking.” We need to be able to sort out what is from God and what is not.

I invite you to join me and others on Wednesday evenings of the “21 Days of Renewal” to explore God’s “living word” and to develop a heightened ability to listen and to hear God speak to you in your life and in the life of this faith community. I invite you Sundays at 8:00 and 10:30 to engage the Word in worship. I encourage you to be equipped to be a conduit of God’s speech in your homes and family and places of work.

Let’s travel this road together.

Pastor Dean M. Hunneshagen



The annual pound auction/salad bar luncheon will take place in the fellowship hall on Saturday February 7th promptly at Noon. This event will be chaired by Cheryl Wasson, and co-chaired by Elaine Hardman. Please bring any kind of salad to share, and a pound item cleverly wrapped, and \$ money \$ to bid with. Invite your friends, family and co-workers for a luncheon and a winters fun afternoon. The more the merrier. All women are welcome so spread the word. A sign -up sheet will be on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is helping fund the proceeds of this activity, as we designated to help outreach to Passage House, a shelter for abused women and children.

Thank you,
Respectfully
Elaine Hardman



There will be services on Ash Wednesday at 12:00 Noon and 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 17.

In Memoriam



On Sunday, January 17 Audrey Pollock entered into rest. There will be a memorial service and reception at St. Timothy on Sunday, February 14 at 2:00 pm.

NOTES ON THE ANNUAL MEETING

A record 71 members of St. Timothy gathered for lunch prepared by the LYO followed by a meeting and conversation with Pastor Hunneshagen.

Singing led by Music Director Peter Gates began the session.

Congregation president Paul Glassman chaired the meeting. After a brief "State of the Church" message, he brought to the floor committee reports. Lydia Shiposki, director of St. Timothy Childcare Center was introduced and thanked for her 13 years of service.

The work of the Nominating Committee was presented by the President. Cheryl Wasson was elected to a first term. Al Ackerman was elected for a second term.

Volunteers were solicited to serve on a possible audit committee.

Pastor Hunneshagen presented the audit performed by Amato, Fox and Company, Certified Public Accountants. This included a detailed review of the Management Letter.

The budget for September 2009 to August 2010 was presented by Treasurer Karen Sturniolo and adopted.

The meeting concluded with a visual presentation by Pastor Dean "The Faces of St. Timothy" along with an outline of his work during the first nine months and a conversation about the current state of affairs and future directions.

The meeting was concluded with the song "Bind Us Together" and prayer.



Worship
Schedule
For Lent
& Holy Week

Ash Wednesday Services -February 17, noon and 7:30 - 8:15 pm

Lenten Lunch Series at Trinity UMC - Noon

Wednesday, February 24 - The Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

Wednesday, March 3 - The Cleansing of the Temple

Wednesday, March 10 - Jesus Teaching and Confronting

Wednesday, March 17 - The Anointing of Jesus

Wednesday, March 24 - Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet

21 Days of Renewal - Wednesday February 17, 5:30 - 7:30 pm
and March 3rd, 10th, & 17th 5:30 to 8:00 pm

Passion Sunday - March 28th, services at 8:00 am, 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday - April 1st, service at 7:00 pm

Good Friday - April 2nd, service at 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday - April 4th, services at 8:00 am, 10:30 am

THUS SAITH THE LORD

In the opening days of my ministry, I came upon a poster with the following text. I placed it in a frame and posted it where I would view it just before going to the sanctuary to lead worship and to “preach.” For forty three years “Thus Saith The Lord” has been the touch stone of what I know I must seek to do. I know, “The world dies on the voice of man; his proclamations, his wishful thinking” and that “the preacher has nothing else that the ear of man must hear before the deafness of death encompasses him.”

Pastor Dean M. Hunneshagen



Let the preacher know that he stands on holy ground. Let him hear the word of the Lord. Let him say, “Thus saith the Lord”, or let his mouth be bound, his tongue tied. Let him fear no man. The world dies on the voice of man; his proclamations, his wishful thinking. Let not the preacher use his pulpit to convince others that he is a wise, prudent or holy man. God is not mocked. Let the preacher say, “Thus saith the Lord” for he has nothing else that the ear of man must hear before the deafness of death encompasses him.