



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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If I Could Have My Way

By

Pastor Dean M. Hunneshagen

It is silly for me to say: “If I could have my way.” Of course I cannot have my way! There is always someone who will prevent it.

But I can dream.

And if I were to dream of having my way at St. Timothy Evangelical Lutheran Church it would be this:

1. I would dream that every member worshipped every week...every week whether at St. Timothy's or not...every week interacting with fellow travelers in interaction with the Divine One...every week interacting with Jesus in the most intimate ways humanly possible.
2. I would dream that every member prayed every day...every day...whether coming or going...surrounding every thought ...every action with God...seeking to be in His will and doing His will.
3. I would dream that every member immersed himself or herself in scripture...the scripture of the Old Testament or New Testament...at least once per week...intellectually and emotionally delving into the scriptures with an eye for understanding and an ear to hear Him speak.
4. I would dream that every member viewed their life... in every aspect...as belonging to God and as such to be “stewarded” as a faithful caretaker would do...giving joyfully a proportionate share of their possessions to accomplish His work in the world.
5. I would dream that every member...at least once in their lifetime...engaged in a profound act of mercy like Jesus did...giving Christ-like service to those in need.
6. I would dream that every member, every week talked to someone about the love of God in Christ Jesus...that every member would be like one beggar giving to another beggar the bread of life.

If I could have my way, I would have us all doing these six practices of the Christian life. Then I would add a seventh (necessitated by the sixth):

7. I would dream that every member would gain at least the basics of a biblical world-view and a theological understanding so that the conversation with others about the love of God in Christ Jesus is sufficiently clear so as to be grasped.

If I could have my way.....Is it that unreasonable to think that it could happen?

Wondering,

Pastor Dean



Summer worship hours are 8:00 a.m. (Service is outdoors weather permitting. Please bring a lawn chair), and 9:30 a.m. (indoors).

Summer 2009 Worship Plans

Unless noted, Pastor Dean Hunneshagen is presiding Minster

- 7/5, 8 & 9:30am – Service of the Word
Art Morth, speaker
- 7/12, 8 & 9:30am – Holy Communion
- 7/19, 8 & 9:30am – Holy Communion
With baptism (9:30)
- 7/26, 8 & 9:30am – Holy Communion
- 8/2, 8 & 9:30am – Service of the Word
John Loss, speaker
- 8/9 8 & 9:30am – Holy Communion
- 8/16, 8 & 9:30 am – Holy Communion
- 8/23, 8 & 9:30 am – Holy Communion
- 8/30, 8 & 9:30am – Holy Communion

Baptisms

Mason James Miller son of David and Melissa Miller, grandson of David and Janis Miller will be baptized on July 19. Mason was born on March 8, 2009. Sponsors are Michelle and James Riley. May God continue to love, bless and keep Mason always.

Deacon's Gathering

Art and Nancy Morth will host an informal get-together of current and former Deacons on Wednesday, July 15 at 7:00 p.m. It will be an opportunity to meet Pastor Dean Hunneshagen.

Summer Sermon Series



at St. Timothy

- 7/12 – Ephesians 1:3-14
- 7/19 – Ephesians 2:11-22
- 7/26 – Ephesians 3:14-21
- 8/02 – Ephesians 4:1-16
- 8/09 – Ephesians 4:25-5:2
- 8/16 – Ephesians 5:15-20
- 8/23 – Ephesians 6:10-20



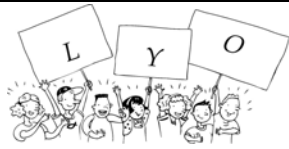
From the Editor

Please accept my apologies for the omission of page 2 of Pastor Hunneshagen's sermon "*The Line in the Sand*". To read this sermon in its entirety please log on to our website: www.StTimothygrandisland.org and click on Writings. You will find the complete copy plus four other of Pastor's sermons. Adrienne

Vacation Bible School

VBS season is upon us!! Trinity UMC will host VBS the week of July 20th- July 24th from 9:30am-11:30am. The program is called Camp Edge and looks like lots of fun.

If you wish your child to participate you may contact Trinity at 773-3322.



Have you seen the courtyard yet? The Jr./Sr. LYO have been busy! We finished the edging around the flower bed, trimmed the trees and painted the courtyard walls. Still a little more painting to do way up high, but we're getting there! Keep watching as we continue improving and designing the courtyard.

Several of our youth participated in the Refugee Experience which took place on Saturday, June 20th. This was a learning simulation that let the youth experience what the life of a refugee entails. One of the highlights was the **March to freedom** which took place from the Episcopal church to Trinity UMC.

Other events for our youth that are coming up are: Western New York's Premier Christian Festival "Kingdom Bound" which will take place August 2-5. Brochures are available on the credenza.

There are several events that are being planned through the Niagara Frontier Conference Lutheran Youth Organization. Look for more information to follow.



During the summer months 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. The Sunday School staff is preparing for fall and will continue using the Akaloo curriculum.



Listed below are several current matters which Pastor Hunneshagen has proposed and which Church Council is working on.

1. 21 Days of Renewal – The Theme is “Like a Christian” based on six disciplines. The schedule would be three Wednesday’s out of the month beginning in September and ending in April. The format would be: A lite supper, followed by singing, teaching, small group discussion, and closing with devotions.
2. A team is being formed to develop guidelines for interpersonal relations at St. Timothy.
3. Pastor has also suggested that we review and develop a board governance model that helps clarify roles, structures, leadership and ways of thinking.
4. An Interior Committee has been set in place to develop and implement a master plan for all future interior decorating decisions.

Thank you to everyone who came to celebrate worship with the Skyline Boys on June 21. I talked with the group and they felt very welcomed and wouldn't hesitate on coming back. Thank you for welcoming them with open arms.

Peter



**RENEW YOUR BAPTISM.
PARTICIPATE IN BIBLE STUDY,
WORKSHOPS AND WORSHIP.
SING, SING, SING.**

Where can you do all of these things? At the Women of Upstate New York Synod annual Convention October 2-4, 2009. This year the convention is being held at the Holiday Inn here on Grand Island. The theme is "Come To The Waters". Enclosed with this issue of the *Timothian* is the registration form for the convention.

The Convention begins Friday evening at 6:30 with a Formal Opening and the Keynote Address. Saturday is outlined below. Sunday morning begins at 9:00 AM and includes the Formal Closing followed by a worship service.

You will note that a Saturday only registration is available. The cost of \$50.00 includes the Saturday evening banquet. You would want to register by 9:00 AM. The day begins with a Bible Study, followed by a business meeting. After lunch, either at the hotel or on your own, you will attend two workshops. You will find an explanation of the workshops on the back of the registration form. After the workshops there is free time until 6:30 when the banquet begins.

I encourage each woman in the congregation to consider attending all or part of this event. Mothers, bring your daughter. Daughters, encourage Mom to attend with you. Come, join with others in fellowship and sharing.

If you wish to stay at the Holiday Inn overnight, you must register on the Hotel form available on the WELCA board. Please follow the instructions carefully.

Questions? Please contact Nancy Morth at 773-9187.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH



Yes, you can come! On alternating Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. we CELEBRATE the wonders of God in our everyday lives.

Colorful cloth imprinted with children's hands and feet make for a setting that is magical. Candles and plants finish off the setting.

The children join in happy song with the likes of "Rejoice to the Lord Always", "Amigos de Christo", "Good Morning Lord", "My God Is So Great", "This Little Light of Mine", and many, many more.

There is a weekly theme that lifts up a Bible story or item in the children's lives. We Pray. We celebrate our friendship with God and one another.

It's active. It's upbeat. Its for pre-schoolers and toddlers. It's all in twenty minutes. Leader is Pastor Dean.

Watch the calendar and drop in on us. Bring the little children!

Pink Love Treatment for Women

The WELCA women along with women of Trinity Methodist are participating in a program called “Pink Love Treatment for Women Vets” which makes up gift bags containing cosmetic items for the women as they are admitted to Veteran’s Hospital for surgery.

Items needed for these cheerful pink bags are: toothbrush and paste (medium size), deodorant, hand cream, bar of soap, lip balm, shampoo/conditioner (medium size), hairbrushes, moisturizer cream (medium size). Also needed are pink, white or lavender silk flowers to decorate the bags. If you wish to help, there will be a pink box marked Pink Love in the Narthex.

Deadline is July 24.



St. Timothy’s Now Has A Lending Library located in the Narthex and waiting for you to enjoy!

It’s simple... just: Make your selection, then, if it is a book, fill in the sign-out card located on the inside of the back cover and put the card in the white box. For all other items, find the sign-out card for your selection in the black file box (they’re in alphabetical order by title), fill in the sign-out card, and put the card in the white box. That’s all there is to it! You have your selection for one month, at which time, if it has not been returned, you will receive a reminder call to return or renew your item. All items return should be put into the brown box. (Please do not borrow any items from that box until they have been returned to the shelf.) We hope you will use this library often, and we will gladly accept any suitable donations to add to our title selections for your enjoyment! We are still in need of one bookshelf. Please contact Kathy Bates at (773-5327), or the office if you can help out with this request. Thanks!

SYNOD ASSEMBLY 2009

Report by Shari and Bob Miller

Where do we begin...

Awesome opportunity!

Bishop Jerge reaffirmed we are a Resurrection people, who pray first, walk together and change lives.

For us personally it was solid affirmation that God's mission is larger than St. Timothy's and Grand Island...it is inclusive, diverse and multicultural...and it is worldwide...66 million Lutheran worldwide. We met a Christian Palestinian born and raised in Jerusalem-an Arab—his family has been Christian for 2000 years. His name is Rani Abdulmasih which means "servant of the Master". He is a Lutheran Pastor in Detroit—Alleluia in Arabic...Pastor Jordan Long is an African man who completed seminary in Rochester. He taught us to sing in Sudanese.

We heard from Pastor Mark Hanson via video hook-up describing where we are as a church and perhaps as a culture...at the intersection of fear and hope. We face issues in God's church just as we do in our personal lives. Finances are huge...as we all know...but perhaps even larger is the Human Sexuality---Gift & Trust Dialogue which has been under discussion for years. Our Synod overwhelmingly voted 85% to 15% to approve in inclusion document and to send it to the National Assembly in MPS in August for consideration for vote. And yes...even with these difficult issues to discuss we listened, were polite and used our "inside voices"... and stopped to pray at the difficult moments...and prepare to step faithfully into tomorrow. Isn't that a great strategy for all of us in our everyday lives??

It was awesome...I would encourage any of you to consider this opportunity.

Bishop Hanson left us with one more thought. Some of us may march to a different drum beat, but because we serve the Living Christ, we all walk in rhythm together.

