



THE TIMOTHIAN

ST. TIMOTHY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

March 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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A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

“A Resurrection People”

The motto of the Upstate Synod of the ELCA is: **“We are a resurrection people who pray first, walk together and change lives.”**

I would be comfortable if it were St. Timothy’s motto as well.

I find it particularly relevant in this time of Lent to posit being a “resurrection people.” Certainly the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is this: not only was Christ raised from the dead, but God raises us from the dead as well. The joy of Easter resides in that fact.

However, embedded in the notion of resurrection is the presumption that something is dead and needs to be raised. Therein lays the relevance for Lent. In the Lenten Journey is the call to repentance and dying to our old self. It is for we who find ourselves dead in sin that the promise of resurrection takes on concrete meaning. We who are dead can be made alive! That is good news. It is also descriptive of the life in Christ. We who were once dead have been made alive.

On that basis we have a claim to be called “resurrection people.” St. Timothy’s people are resurrection people!

As such, it is appropriate that we “pray first,” that we “walk together” and get on with “changing lives” through being instruments of the One who brings us from death into life.

That is our calling. To that I am committed. How about you?

Pastor Dean

Dan & Renee Gietz
Speak on their experiences in Haiti

Dan and Renee Gietz will share some of the experiences of their January mission trip to Haiti at our church services on March 14th. Dan and Renee have been going to the Lutheran Church in Les Cayes with a group from First Trinity Lutheran Church in Tonawanda, since 2006. Each trip has been described as life changing. This year, with the unexpected earthquake experience was no exception. Join us to hear how God's presence was felt and learn about their continued efforts to support the Haitian people!

Spaghetti Dinner Update...

Due to circumstances beyond my control... We are postponing the Annual Spaghetti Dinner until October. I am going to tentatively book the dinner for September 19th. This will allow for the Spaghetti Dinner Committee to meet and properly prepare for a successful event. I will be providing more information in the months ahead about meetings and such. Thank you for your understanding and your support on this annual event. I look forward to making the 2010 Spaghetti Dinner a huge success.

Thank you
Peter



21 Days of Renewal has completed fifteen sessions and will resume on Wednesday, March 3. The theme for March will be Pray Like a Christian. New enrollees are being sought. People both within the parish and from outside are welcome. Child care is available. Call the church office to enroll.



A Big THANKS to all the women who participated in, and helped prepare in the setup, and the clean up, of the 7th annual salad potluck /pound auction. Thanks to all the bidders we raised \$642. An additional \$214 was supported by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans making a total of \$856. The proceeds were given to Family and Children's Services, a shelter for abused women and children. This was a fun afternoon of shared fellowship for a great charity.

The World Day of Prayer will be held at St. Martins in the Field, on Friday, March 5th at 10:00 a.m. The prayer study of Cameroon, Africa will be discussed.

Our congregation will be hosting the Lenten luncheon at Trinity United Methodist , 2100 Whitehaven Road on Wednesday, March 3rd , promptly at noon. We are asking for ladies to bake dessert bars, as well as help prepare lunch and clean up. If you can help, please call Esther Westfall at 775-0251.

The Synodical Ingathering project this year is HEALTH KITS, for people who flee their homes quickly and do not have time to pack the essential items. A box for these items is in the Narthex for the next two months, please help with a donation of any or all of the following items:

*ONE HAND TOWEL , WASHCLOTH, BATH SIZE BAR OF SOAP, ADULT TOOTHBRUSH IN PKG, COMB, NAIL CLIPPERS. NO OTHER ITEMS PLEASE. The cost of processing each kit is approximately \$2.00. If you would like to make a monetary gift you can leave it with Adrienne in the church office. Thank you for your generous support.

Spring Assembly will be Tuesday evening, April 13, at Holy Trinity, Buffalo. Day Apart will be Saturday, June 12, (9:00-3:00) at Christ The King , East Aurora

Respectfully,
Elaine Hardman, President



Worship
Schedule
For Lent & Holy Week

Lenten Lunch Series at Trinity UMC - Noon

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, 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