



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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A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

“For all the Saints”

“For all the saints who from their labors rest...” is the opening line of the much beloved hymn we sing on All Saints Day/Sunday. Verse 3 begins “Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine, we feebly struggle, they in glory shine...”

It does not take a special day for most of us to call to mind loved ones who have been conduits of God’s grace, who have helped shape us into the persons we are today. With them we have a tight bond. We will always feel close.

On All Saints Day we make special note of their memory and honor them for what they are and have been to us. Appropriately we celebrate their lives.

We are told that “the custom of commemorating all of the saints of the church on a single day goes back at least to the third century. All Saints Day celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ.”

At St. Timothy on Sunday, November 1, according to a long standing tradition, we will remember the faithful who have died during the past year. We invite you to join us for this moving service.

The scripture for the day include Isaiah 25:6-9. Isaiah sees a vision of the end of days, when the Lord will gather all God’s people on God’s holy mountain and will prepare for them a rich feast. At this banquet the Lord will wipe the tears from all eyes. And there will be no more sorrow, for God will destroy death itself.

Revelation 21:1-6a presents a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God’s people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated.

In John 11:32-44, through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.

On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears.

For All The Saints

By
William W. How
1823-1897

**For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
All are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave, again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blessed.
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on His way.
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
And singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, Alleluia!**



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.” Attendance in October averaged 36.

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 presented in October was under the theme “Witness Like a Christian”. It was built on the notion of testifying to the truth we know (as is required in a courtroom of law) and utilized the teachings from the unit “Think Like a Christian.”

The third unit, which begins in November, entitled “Serve Like a Christian” will be built around the themes “Global Impact”, “Dirty Hands Learning,” and “Reversed Roles.” Pastor Gary Steeves of Resurrection Lutheran in Buffalo will be a special guest on November 7. Other guests will present on November 14 and 21.

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. Pastor Hunneshagen will be preaching. The Community Choir will be performing.**

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

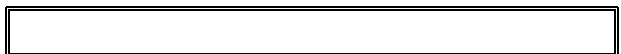
In Memoriam



Please continue to keep Carolyn Doebert her daughter Beth, and son David and their families in your prayers. Carolyn’s daughter Lisa Geisenhoff died on October 13, 2009 after a courageous battle with cancer. There will be a memorial service at St. Timothy on November 7 at 10:00 am.



November 1





**Thankoffering Ingathering, Sunday,
November 22**

For a year, women of St. Timothy have been using Thankoffering boxes as a visual reminder to "give thanks in all circumstances" (1Thessalonians 5:18). Now it is time to empty those boxes. On Sunday, November 22, we will have an Ingathering of the Thankoffering boxes. You are encouraged to pick up a Thankoffering envelop on Sunday Nov. 1st, 8th or 15th, convert the cash in your Thankoffering box to a check made payable to "Women of the ELCA" and return the envelop at either service on Nov. 22nd.

With our Thankofferings we show gratitude for God's blessings. This expression of thanks can be for something significant, a child's first steps, or an ordinary event such as safe travel to and from work. It's whenever you say, "Thank you God". Thankofferings are not about how much you put in the box. It's that you are combining your prayer of thanks with an offering gift.

Thankofferings are sent directly to the churchwide organization. They are used to support the total outreach of the ELCA, including congregational and global ministries, and specific programs of the women's organization.

Submitted by Nancy Morth

Christmas Poinsettias and World Hunger Appeal



Once again, you will have the opportunity to order Christmas Poinsettias to grace our sanctuary on Christmas Eve. You may order poinsettias in honor of or in memory of someone. The cost for the poinsettias this year is \$6.75. Orders must be placed by Sunday, December 6th.

If you do not want to order Poinsettias, you can make a contribution to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal in honor of or in memory of someone.

Fill out the information below and leave it with your contribution in the church office.

Name of donor: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

No. of plants _____ x \$ 6.75 _____

Red____ White____ Pink _____

World Hunger Contribution: \$ _____



Things are happening here at St. Timothy's! Can you feel the excitement? Even the colors in the sanctuary keep changing!! OK, there is a liturgical reason for that. The look and atmosphere in our sanctuary changes as we celebrate special Sundays and seasons. We finished October with the rich red used to celebrate Reformation Sunday. The mood changes to somber reflection on the first Sunday in November, All Saints Day. White paraments, white flowers are intended to remind us of our baptismal garment and funeral pall. These are symbols that mark the journey of the saints that have gone on before us. Green paraments and vestments mark our return for the last two Sundays of The Season after Pentecost. Autumnal colors are added as we also celebrate the harvest season. It all builds to the last Sunday of the liturgical year; Christ the King Sunday. You will see white paraments again to draw our focus to Jesus, our King that begins and ends all time. November ends with the beginning. The beginning being Advent. This is where our liturgical year starts. Now you will see blue reflected in wall banners and paraments. We are reminded of the waiting for the infant Jesus. Let the warm blue colors, bare branches bring hope as we wait too for Christ to come again. The Advent candle wreath helps us mark this time of waiting. Waiting with Hope.

The Stewardship Committee has announced that the annual Fall Pledge Drive is being moved to Spring of 2010. Watch for an explanation in an upcoming mailing and "Congregational Conversation" following both worship services on November 22.

Women's Christmas Party

All women of st. Timothy are invited to share in a pre-Christmas holiday party which will take place on Monday, December 7th at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall. Please bring an appetizer, light dish for our main meal. We will also have a \$5.00 gift exchange.

If you are able to join us, please sign up in the Narthex on the sheet posted on the bulletin board.

Hope to see all of our ladies and enjoy the start of our holiday season.

Submitted by,
Elaine Hardman



Thank you to the youth who participated in the CROP Walk. After the walk the youth enjoyed watching the movie "Pay It Forward".

