



THE TIMOTHIAN

ST. TIMOTHY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

September 2009

“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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Sunday Worship

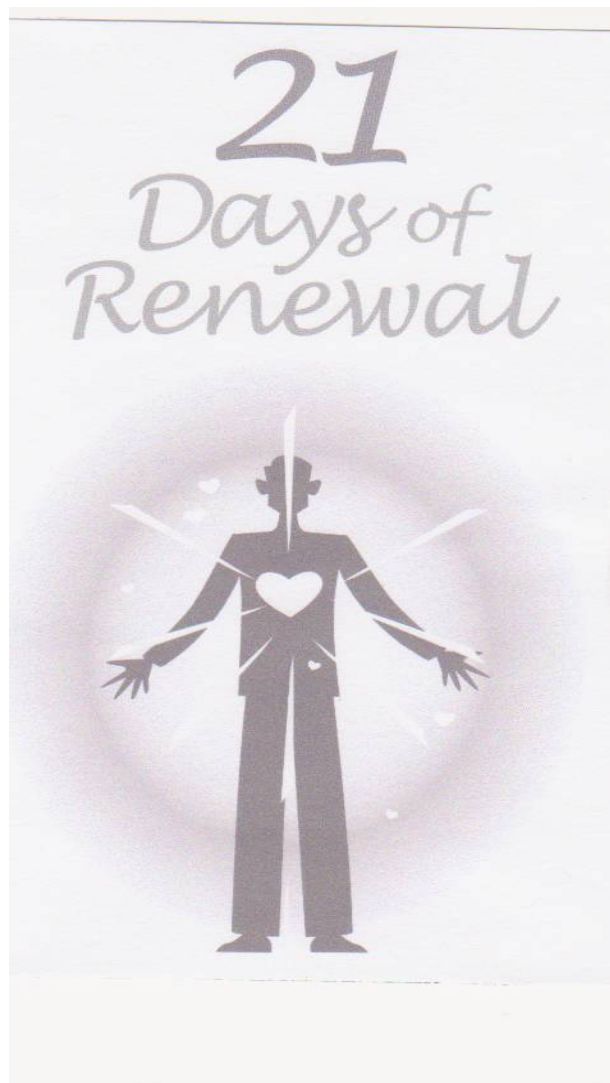
Holy Communion
8:00 am
10:30 am

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Director

Lydia Shiposki



WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 16, 23
5:30 – 8:00 pm

THEME: “LIKE A CHRISTIAN”

Sisters and Brothers:

What do we want for our children? What do we, St. Timothy, want for our children?

That question became important to me shortly after I came to St. Timothy in April of this year. A request from the Church Council to help with some remaining confirmation classes triggered the question. Ever since, the question has been in the forefront of my mind.

What **do** we want for our children?

To begin to address the question, I assembled three dedicated ladies who work with our youth and then some twelve sets of parents of junior high youth. Together they gave me input based upon an historical reading of what Confirmation Ministry has sought since the Reformation.

Among the top twelve priority goals that St. Timothy parents felt strongest about are the following:

1. Bring the child into the presence of the living Christ.
2. Enable them to know and understand what they are confessing and to be able to confess their faith.
3. Equip them to live with the Lord intelligently.
4. Explore the significance of Christianity for life situations.
5. Develop the regular practice of personal Bible reading and prayer.
6. Guide them into becoming whole persons – blending emotions, understandings, actions and human will.

To achieve those goals is a challenge of high order. Yet, they are fully worthy of our effort and resolve. In fact, we might ask ourselves: “What else do we exist for?”

It has been said that the measure of a people is what they do with and for the youngest and oldest. Of course, what happens for all those in between is critical to making good on a promise as high minded as the goals stated above.

My hope for St. Timothy, at this moment in history, is that they will take advantage of the opportunity that is presented in the **“21 Days of Renewal”** and in the **Sunday morning season** that lies before us.

In Christ,

Pastor Dean Hunneshagen

Fall Worship Schedule

begins

Sunday, September 13
Early service – 8:00 AM
Late Service – 10:30 AM



RALLY DAY

Be Ready - **SEPTEMBER 13**
Sunday School classes resume at 10:30 AM
Looking forward to seeing you back!!



FAMILY PICNIC

September 20

Please put in on your calendar now! Festivities will begin following our 10:30 am worship service. There will be games and face painting for the children. Hot dogs and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass. Join us! Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex.



Excitement is building as we approach the beginning of our “21 Days of Renewal” on Wednesday, September 7. Over 35 people have enrolled but we are just beginning. Now is the critical time for many more to step forward and plan to participate. Even if you are uncertain about 21 days, sign up now for the first three sessions entitled “Think like a Christian”. You will be enriched... and so will St. Timothy! Return the enrollment slip to the Church Office.

Baptisms

Olivia Faith Lange daughter of Aaron and Roberta Lange will be baptized on September 20th. Olivia was born on May 27, 2009. May God continue to love, bless and keep Olivia always.



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.



Choir Rehearsals Resume

Handchime rehearsal will resume on Tuesday, September 15. at 7:00 pm. Choir rehearsal will resume on Sunday, September 20 at 9:15 AM. We are always looking for new members, so please join us!!



The annual CROP Walk for hunger relief will take place at 1:00 pm on Sunday, September 27th beginning at Kaegebein School. There is a Golden Mile for those who are unable to walk the full distance.

For more information please contact John Loss our congregational representative.

ELCA Conference

The Rev. Dr. John Scarafia will be speaking on Liturgy at the ELCA Conference on September 26, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at All Saints in Hamburg. Pastor Dean and Art Morth will be attending. If anyone is interested in attending please speak to Pastor Dean.



As you can see, not much has changed with our LYO courtyard project this past month. Summer is such a busy time with family vacations and commitments that we decided to wait until things start to settle down and school gets underway to finish our project. Thank you for your support.

Also, I am hoping that the Jr./Sr. LYO group will consider committing (partially or fully) to Pastor Dean's "21 Days of Renewal" with us. The groups are age appropriate so the Jr./Sr LYO will stay together with their youth leaders.



Listed below are several current matters which Church Council dealt with at the August meeting.

1. In Service on Board Governance.
2. St. Timothy policy regarding seating members on standing committees.
3. 21 Days of Renewal enlisting.
4. Confirmation Program goals, program, and procedures.
5. Worship & Music Committee proposals.
6. Finance reporting procedures.



All women are invited to attend a general meeting Monday, September 14th at 7pm at church. At this time we will be making plans for the coming year. We really would like your ideas on events/activities that you feel are important. Our programs focus on service to the church and community, fellowship with each other and biblical educations.

If you cannot come to one of our meetings, you can learn about Women of the ELCA through several publications. *Café* is a free, monthly online magazine for young (your definition of young) women. Visit www.boldcafe.org and learn about this resource. Another resource is the award winning magazine *Lutheran Women Today*. It features faith-in-life articles, devotions, human interest stories and a bible study. The bible study can be done by yourself, or we can form a group that meets monthly to do the study. The 2009-2010 Bible study is

“To God’s Beloved: Paul’s letter to the Romans.” If you would like to see a copy of *Lutheran Women Today* contact Nancy Morth at 773-9187.

It is not too late to register for Synodical Convention to be held October 2-4 at the Grand Island Holiday Inn. There are forms available on the bulletin board or you may contact Nancy Morth at 773-9187.



On August 19 the rain stayed away as 16 members of our congregation took to the field and 10 spectators cheered them on. All age groups were well represented. It was a fun evening with lots of laughs and reminiscing of the softball games played years ago.

Thank you to John Loss and Jeff Richard for organizing the event.

