

Oregon Synod Assembly Comes to Portland in May

By Pastor John Beck

Each year the 120 ELCA congregations in Oregon gather for our annual meeting. (May 28-30, 2010) The event moves around the state and this year it will be in Portland, at Jantzen Beach. All pastors and two lay leaders from each congregation are delegates.

What happens at the "Assembly?"

The budget for the next year is approved; elections for leadership slots are held; discussions on important issues facing the church are ongoing; workshops are interspersed; a keynote speaker offers several major presentations; we honor those in ministry for 25 and 50 years; we worship together; we learn about resources available to congregations.

Last year Betty C. and Karen K. were our representatives. They have said they are willing to go again, but will be glad to step aside if others would like to have the experience. If you want to think and pray about this, please talk to President Ray W.

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Editor's Note: In addition, this year there will be a presentation by Sara Miles on Friday morning, May 28. She is the author of Jesus Freak: Feeding, Healing, Raising the Dead and Take This Bread: A Radical Conversion. Here is a quote from the prologue of Take This Bread: "In this book I look at the Gospel that moved me, the bread that changed me and the work that saved me, to begin a spiritual and an actual communion across the divides."

This will be open to the public and free of charge. But, wait, there's more! Workshops will be offered at 10:15 am and 11:15 am for everyone and also free of charge. Details at www.oregonsynod.org or ask Jean W.

Welcome Our New Community Members

In March we welcomed 11 new members to the St. Timothy community. These included:

Tom J.; Michael and Lora R. with Spencer; Karen A. with Abby; Fasa M.; Tim J. with Mylie; Linda D. with Cassie.

If you have not had a chance to meet any or all of these good folks, please say hello. We are going to emphasize wearing name-tags over the next several months so that it is easier for everyone to get familiar with one another's names.



Please Help Recognize St. Timothy Volunteers on April 18

A special potluck after worship will help us say thank you to all those who keep our church moving forward. If it were not for the literally hundreds of tasks that are done by volunteer hands and hearts, we would not have a church or be much of a community. A mini-sample of ministries and tasks includes acolytes, counters, food bank, lectors, quilters, home communion servers, prayers, and on and on. When I made a list of the many categories of volunteers the list went to two pages.

On the 18th we will eat together, thank those who serve, and have a brilliant and brief program. You will get a chance to share with others what you love to do and what you are good at. Please help us honor our volunteers.



Food Bank Ministry Reaches Out In Love



Over the last two months St. Timothy has become the official agency that picks up and distributes food through the Oregon Food Bank. The Oregon Food Bank is the largest dispenser of food to those in need in our state. The ministry at St. Timothy was begun 7 years ago by the

Independent Samoan 7th Day Adventist congregation that uses the Hospitality House on Saturdays. Because of a series of changes that congregation was no longer able to continue coordinating the ministry. About three years ago St. Timothy became a partner in the food distribution, providing hospitality to those who waited for the food to come. Instead of keeping people waiting outside, often in the rain, we opened the Hospitality House, provided access to shelter, bathrooms and the universal beverage, coffee. Through this ministry St. Timothy workers began to become familiar with many of the food recipients. Often there would be spontaneous singing among the 8 language groups that would wait for food. So it was with some trepidation and excitement that Betty C., Food Bank coordinator, suggested that St. Timothy respond by trying to be the new coordinating agency. This means we need more people helping on Fridays. Folks are needed who have trucks or large vehicles and can pick up food at the Food Bank on NE 33rd. Others are needed to help with hospitality at the church. Still others are needed to help with the food distribution and clean-up. Finally, we need enough people so that we can have a ministry rotation, so people are able to help as they are able, and not every week.

St. Timothy Web Site Rocks

It is hard to keep up with the technological advances surrounding us all. One new possibility that Daniel R. has made possible has huge implications for our congregation and our outreach and care for members. This new possibility involves our web page and Sunday worship.

As of this week Daniel (with help from Elaine S.) makes it possible to watch our worship service on your home computer, simply by logging on to the web page (sainttimothypdx.org) Imagine you were out of town on Sunday, couldn't make it to church. Well, by Tuesday (after after each Sunday worship) Daniel hopes to have the video available for you to watch and listen to with a couple clicks of your mouse.

The process starts when Elaine takes the VHS tape home after church on Sunday and converts it to a DVD format with a special player/recorder she has. Then she ships the DVD files to Daniel who "rips them" and posts them on the web page through YouTube. When you use YouTube your videos are divided into 10 minute segments. So as you click on the date you want you watch as the video comes on your screen and you simply watch the section of the worship service you want.

Through the web page you can also read the newsletter, the calendar for the month, and even Sunday's bulletin, before you come to church. WOW! Another new feature is a section that highlights recent photos taken at various events.

We have just begun to tap the potential that the web offers as we seek to connect to one another and our community. Check it out at sainttimothypdx.org.



Community News

Benefit Concert for My Sister's House

Special Guest: Michael Allen Harrison

April 11, 2010 2-4 pm

Refreshments Silent Auction at 1:30 pm

\$20 Admission

Ticket Sales—Ruth Vandenbos

503-260-3479

Gresham United Methodist Church

620 N.W. 8th Street

Health Matters

We are celebrating!!! our Volunteers on **April 18th** with a potluck and slide show of our volunteers following the church service. Come prepared to share fellowship and your passions for things you love to do, things you are good at, and what you might like to learn!! Should be great fun! Please come with your favorite healthy dish to share as well.

Watch for our May celebration of our ladies on Mother's Day. We will have a bake sale benefit for our team members fundraising for the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer on May 2nd at the coffee hour. Karen K. and Sherry W. and others, if you wish to join us, will be walking on Saturday, May 8th, at the Rose Quarter. Registration information is in the Narthex. We also plan to have some members walk in the Heart Walk on May 22nd. Stay tuned for more information.

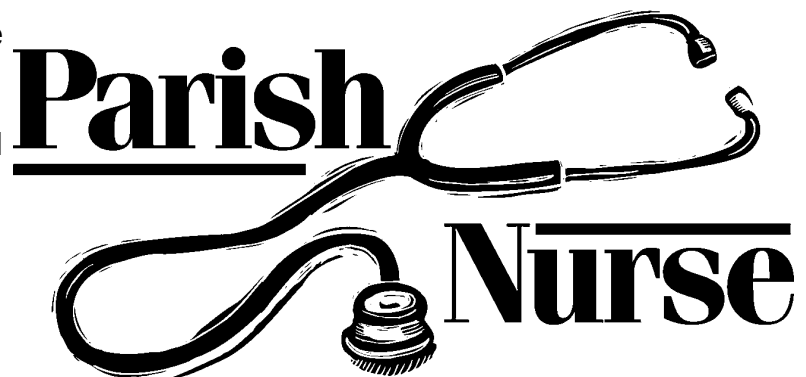
Relay for Life Gresham update:

Well ,still no ideas for the name of the team in the Carnival theme. Those of you with ideas need to come forward with your suggestions so the prize can be claimed. The event is on July 31st from noon to Aug 1st at 8 am. Some of you have joined the team!!! and others have completed the survivor information so you can come and be honored at the event! I still have more forms for you survivors and can sign up new members. I also have luminaria to honor those we know who are survivors or those we wish to honor. We have donations of \$200 so far with a goal of \$1000. Come on team and other supporters and give donations of items for

the Chinese auction event on June 6th. It was fun when we did this last year and is painless. Get those items out of your home you no longer want and will become someone else's treasure! It is a win-win for all and funds are for fighting cancer through research and programs provided by the American Cancer Society.

Sherry W., Chair of Health Ministry

ALERT ALERT; We are missing the journal book started to provide support for Willie Leeman's sister, Helen B., in her completion of Parish Nurse training in California. Karen K. started the book some months ago and has not had it returned and we do not think it has made it to Helen. Any information about this contact Karen at 503-667-2319.



Good Spirit Community

By Pastor Chuck H.

St. Timothy congregation and Good Spirit people met in a special joint gathering on Thursday, March 11, in the fellowship hall. Pastors John and Chuck presided and people from both groups participated in the sharing. Tim H. and Lois C. shared, standing side by side. Powerful testimonies of Creator's grace! All those in the circle had opportunity to share in smaller groups about "How being a part of St. Timothy or Good Spirit has been good for me." I heard comments from both groups about the significance of the evening together, the spiritual presence of Christ and a desire to do this again sometime.

Good Spirit in the Gorge started a little over a year ago through two Native women and the pastor of Shepherd of the Hills church in Stephenson, Washington. Some good things have happened, but it has been a struggle getting under way. Up and down the Columbia River are "in lieu sites" where people gather in the fishing seasons and fish on the river. During the winter months only a few of the people remain at the sites. Please pray for Marva (Siletz Tribe) and Marilyn (Cherokee) as they minister to the people of the river. It is a challenging undertaking.

Esther is recovering from her recent surgery, and all seems to be going well. Thank you all for your prayers, cards, and love.

Recently during a conversation with a Good Spirit person, we talked intently about the need for the inner healing from past wounds that have come from historical trauma, but also from how people were raised in families that have not done well in their own responses to the suffering. Often they have self-medicated through the use of alcohol or drugs, or passed on oppressive behaviors that they have learned from the dominant society. Thus, children have struggled as they face what can seem like hopeless circumstances. And we talked about healing, and discussed the application of Native spiritual ways that help, and Western ways that can help. It struck me deeply, as we talked of the tremendous need for the healing power of Jesus within our community. Please pray to that end—that His healing will touch the lives of Native men and women as they deal with all the perplexities they face.

On a lighter note, Delta Park Powwow planning has already begun. Good Spirit will have a table there, including our raffle—a fundraiser for us—and dispersing information about Good Spirit. Thousands of people pass by the table each year, which makes this an important outreach for us.



News from George Bucholz

(Received via email. Edited for space limitations)

My Dear friends at St Timothy

I am so glad you have kept in touch with me for all the years I have been gone from St Timothy

I remember the years Edie and I spent at St Timothy as if they were just yesterday, and I feel much sorrow when I see in the bulletin a long time friend has passed on to Christ. I also read with much interest when I see a long time friend still active in the daily duties of St Timothy

I also see how Pastor JOHN HAS REVIVED ST TIMOTHY What a man

I was 70 years old when I left St timothy for what became a total life of adventure

I lived in Alaska for about ten years St Timothy's bulletin followed me there I lived in New Zealand and Australia and St Timothy's bulletin still followed me there.

I spent my 81st birthday in the steamy hot jungles of northern Australia on a small boat with a guide and 2 other people looking for salt water crocodiles on the Adelaide river. Quite an adventure

Since I left St Timothy I spent some time in the Opal mines of South Australia 90 feet under ground digging for Opals

I have had some adventures

But now St Timothy bulletins are finding me in a retirement center in Texas

Getting old has finally caught up to me. I am now 86

My back and right leg are not letting me walk around very well any more I have had recent MRI's done on my back and it seems I have a cancer of the spine It is what is laying me low

I just want to tell you people at St Timothy I cherish the years I spent with you, and the friendships my Edie and I made with so many of you I love every one of you,

You people will be forever in my heart

God has certainly blessed me with the love I received from you

Thank you for keeping me in touch

George Bucholz

April 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Worship Times for Holy Week: <u>Maundy Thursday</u> at <u>1 pm</u> , Soup supper at <u>6 pm</u> , and worship starts in basement at <u>6:45 pm</u> <u>Good Friday</u> at <u>1 pm</u> and at <u>6:45 pm</u> <u>Vigil Service</u> at <u>5:45 pm</u> Easter Breakfast at <u>8:15 am</u> Egg Hunt at <u>9:30 am</u> <u>Easter Festival Service</u> at <u>10 am</u>				1 1 pm Maundy Thursday 6 pm Soup Supper and Service 7:45 pm Choir	2 1 pm Good Friday Service 6:45 pm Good Friday Service	3 10 am Set up for Breakfast 5:30 pm Easter Vigil with Baptism
4 8:15 am Easter Breakfast 9:30 am Egg Hunt 10 am Festival Service	5 9–Noon Census Questionnaire Answer Center	6 9–Noon Census Q. A. C.	7 9–Noon Census Q. A. C. 10 am Quilters	8 9–Noon Census Q. A. C. 7 pm Choir 6:30 pm Good Spirit Gathering	9 9 am Food Bank Welcome 9–Noon Census Q. A. C.	10
11 9:15 am Choir 10 am Worship 11:30 am Baptisms Celebration Meal! Everyone is invited!	12	13 7 pm Council Meeting	14 10 am Quilters 10 am Office Volunteers meeting at Village Inn	15 7 pm Choir	16 9 am Food Bank Welcome	17 9:30 am Mt. Hood Cluster Women's Meeting and Lunch
18 FOOD DRIVE 9:15 am Choir 10 am Worship 11:30 am Volunteer Appreciation Potluck	19	20	21 10 am Quilters	22 7 pm Choir	23 9 am Food Bank Welcome	24
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Worship Ministry Schedule

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	April 4	April 11	April 18	April 25
Table	Dorothy C.	Sherry W.	Tim H.	Ray W.
Lector	Barb V.	Elenore K.	John Bu.	Betty Cara.
Acolyte	Julius O.	John Bu.	Ato T.	Ricky S.
Greeter	Elenore K.	Hummingbird & Skip	Greta C.	Hummingbird & Skip
Usher #1	Steve T.	Pat B.	Mike T.	Greta C.
Usher #2	LeAnn T.	Gary M.	Pam T.	Grace D.
Announcer	Don W.	Karen K.	John B.	Frances C.
Video & Sound	Ray W.	Dorian W.	Ray W.	Dorian W.
Counters	Don W & Gene K	Jean & Teddy	Shannon & Mary	Fran & Deanna
Percolators	Wayne & Betty C.			
Lockup	Jean W.	Ray W.	Jean W.	Ray W.
Plant Care	Georgia Vogele			
Care Coordinators	John B. & Karen K.			

Can't be at church on your assigned day? Call one of the other volunteers and ask to switch Sundays. Then leave a message on the church office phone, 503-761-8202, to get the right names in the bulletins.

Mt. Hood Elsie's Cluster Gathering "5 Doors into the Kingdom"

Calling all St. Tim Ladies!

Do you "hunger" for Bible Study, and fellowship with other women?

Then, please plan to spend Saturday morning, April 17, from 9:30AM to 12:30, at our regional luncheon and Bible study. The theme will be borrowed from the Book of Faith, with a special added emphasis on the Native American perspective. "We all look at the Bible through separate lens," says Pastor Chuck H. He, and Esther too, if she is feeling up to it, will be on hand to shed light on the view through the Native American lens. Also, we will have an interactive study of scripture, entering from traditional Book of Faith "doors:" Devotional, Historical, Literary, and Lutheran Theological.

This promises to be a lively and uplifting event, hopefully providing inspiration and comfort to all who attend.

We will need a lot of help with salads and set up from all women!

Come! Share! Rejoice!





Birthdays

April

- 5. Lorraine J.
- 6. Keith M.
- 7. Mark P.
Etienne L.
Jeff B.
- 8. Julie G.
- 9. Matthew G.
- 11. Melinda L.
- 12. Ramona K.
Diane M.
- 13. Bill H.
- 15. Heaven Anne D.
- 19. Alice P.
- 20. Sherry W.
Joanne D.
- 21. Gladys W.
- 23. Jana L.
Brita Z.
- 24. Emmy Lou W.
Daniel R.
Skip S.
- 26. Marcia S.
- 27. Mike D.
Mary S.
- 28. Joan B.
Robert R.

COOKBOOK IN PROCESS: SIMMERING

Many Thanks from your Cookbook Committee
Greta C., Karen BK., Shannon H.

We are so grateful to all of you who gave us "goodies" orders for Christmas and purchased "Valentine Samplers" for Valentine's Day. Your response was overwhelming! Both baking events, plus the impromptu bake sales we held to sell the extras brought in almost \$800! Thanks to your patronage, we are inching our way toward the \$2,500 we need to publish the St. Timothy Cookbook. We look forward to taking more ORDERS from you soon!

In Christ,
The Cookbook Committee and friends

Attention St. Timothy's Youth!!

We need you for the Talent Showcase for our spring Tea on May 22nd.

- If you are younger than 18 years old
- If you want to share your talent
- If you just want to have fun

Then call Greta C. at 503-760-0823 or sign the Talent Roster and Sign-up Sheet that is circulating.

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Can you help us make the St. Timothy Cookbook bigger and better?

We are looking for

- 50+ cooks — they do not have to attend St. Tim's
- 200+ recipes
- 20+ Organizations (churches, youth groups, sewing circles, etc.) who want to fundraise through cookbook sales

P.S. Recipe forms are available in the Narthex of church office.

You are Invited

To the 2nd Annual Spring Tea and Talent Showcase

Mark your calendars for May 22nd at 2:30 pm in our Fellowship Hall. This year, our program will feature talented and gifted youth from our congregation. This is a great opportunity for you to invite a friend or two to an afternoon of "civilized" fun and entertainment.

Tickets and invitations will be on sale starting April 25th and are \$10 per person in advance or \$12.50 at the door.

See You There!

Come Celebrate The Book of Faith With Us!!!

Women's Spring Mt. Hood Cluster Meeting

April 17, 2010

St. Timothy Lutheran Church

14500 SE Powell Blvd., Portland, Oregon



9:30 am Registration

10:00 am Opening and Devotions

10:30 am Meeting and Program "The Book of Faith"

Devotional, Historical, Literary, Theological, Native American

11:30 am Lunch

Free will offering to Good Spirit Community

Serving and Worshiping with the Native American Community

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