

St. Timothy News June 2025



Is this a time for a change? Last month I participated in the Oregon Synod's workshop for Effective Transitional Leadership and the premise was that change is a constant. The ancient Greek philosopher Heraclitus supposedly implied that change was inevitable when he said, "No man ever steps in the same river twice, for it's not the same river and he's not the same man." The workshop pointed out that every church, whether it has a pastor or is waiting for one, should be aware that American society is changing and the church needs to adjust and adapt accordingly. Nobody likes change. As that old joke goes, "**How many Lutherans**

does it take to change a lightbulb? None, because Lutherans don't like change." Also, Mark Twain supposedly said, "The only person who likes change is a baby with a wet diaper."

We all know that we are in a changing time in America. And, some voices are clamoring to take things back to the "good old days" which have encouraged a resurgence of attitudes which divided America in the 1960s - race and prejudice, women's rights, and unresponsive government officials. The so-called "Hippy Revolution" didn't think the 1960s were all that great. **But, now the pendulum is swinging back and race and prejudice, women's rights, and unresponsive government are again the focus, but with a different perspective, but they're still divisive.** As Bob Dylan sang in 1964, "Come gather 'round people Wherever you roam And admit that the waters Around you have grown... And you better start swimmin' Or you'll sink like a stone For the times they are a-changin'." But, it ain't 1964 and the current impulse of some is to return to what it was like in the 1950s. As I wrote last month, "Winston Churchill paraphrased Spanish philosopher, George Santyana in a 1948 speech to Parliament, '**Those that fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it.**' And, when we look back through history, humankind has kept repeating the chaotic patterns of history in violence, oppression, hatred, and fear. Will it ever end?"

The Christian hope is that God will end the chaos. The times they are a-changing. So, as American society keeps changing, the challenge for St. Timothy is to grow because of the changes. That was challenge given to all the participants in the Transitional Leadership workshop. And, like myself, most pastors were not trained to minister to the changing context of this present age. We were trained to be pastors in traditional parishes, like the church was like in the 1970s. To this changing time, the Christian pastor-motivation speaker, John Maxwell, said, "**Change is inevitable. Growth is optional.**"

Is this a time for St. Timothy (and me) to grow? Is God calling us to ask questions for ministry differently? Instead of what can we do to minister, the workshop encouraged us to ask

"Why is God calling us to minister today?" The answers vary with every congregation, of course. But, **why is God calling St. Timothy to minister here where our neighborhood is changing?** Our neighbors are more ethnically diverse. Single family homes are declining and more apartments are being built. Hunger and houselessness are more visible. The senior population is becoming more isolated. So, why is St. Timothy here in this time of change? The workshop's premise was that when we can answer the "Why?" question. then God will empower St. Timothy to minister with renewed purpose. **Is this a time for change?**

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70th Anniversary Celebration

The first meeting for planning the 70th Anniversary Celebration of St. Timothy was on May 25th. The date and time for the celebration are set for Saturday, September 20th, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Various tasks were discussed, and the leadership for each task was decided. The next meeting will be held on June 22nd during coffee hour. If you are interested in helping, please join us at the next meeting. All ideas and insights are welcome.

Karen O. and Marie R.

PROPERTY



Thank you to Shane, Kitty, and Roy for their hard work. Our sign has been repaired and stands proudly in the front yard of the church once again.

Synod News

Synod Assembly: Your representatives: Sherry Willmchen, Ray Whitford, and Pastor Hamada will be attending the 30th of May through June 1st. Major decisions are the election of our Bishop and the budget. Information will be shared via announcements and the bulletin.

Social Concerns

Food Pantry: With the increase in the cost of living due to increase in the cost of rent, food, etc. and more to come, we have seen a dramatic increase in visitors to our food pantry. School will be out in 3 weeks which could mean an increase in visitors. In the hope of better coordination with other food pantry's including Zarephath and Snow-Cap, a small group is meeting to work together. We currently continue with our shopping brigade, donations, and Portland Food Project. A review of total costs minus anonymous donations indicates we spent \$1809 on food for April. We served 223 people at \$8.11 per person (note some come weekly) in April. We will have PFP pick up on June 14th. We served 168 people in May.

SnowCap: Clothes for families can be brought to St Timothy and will be delivered. We continue to collect egg cartons for them.

Fifth Sunday for June: We will be sponsoring Lutheran Community Services with your donations. Watch for information regarding their services at church. Services provided include Asylum Seeker Assistance, Citizenship, Crime Victim Assistance, ESL, Multicultural Counseling, PCC Justice Partnership, Refugee Resettlement, and Safe Route Immigration. Any donations will help this organization continue.

The next 5th Sunday is in August. We will be raising funds for Relay for Life/American Cancer Society. This year we will be honoring Jean Whitford and we could designate to our donations to research and/or services.

Cultivate Initiatives: We continue to support this organization monthly with a donation. We provide shower schedules and services to food pantry recipients who might need the services. They held a community event on May 23rd in the area next to their Rest Village. It was packed with free food, petting zoo, children's activities and so much more. Parking was tight. It was a joy to see. Used clothes for singles are gladly accepted and delivered to them.

Sherry Willmschen

EASTER JUBILEE REPORT Our community event was attended by 45 kids. Total attendees were 77. We had 13 volunteers to set up. The task was completed early. Available to participants were egg hunts (age specific and last one for all), balloons with Chacha the clown, arts and crafts, and face painting. An evaluation is available for volunteers, participants and others to complete. Thank you to all who helped.

Data supplied by Daniel Ropar

CRAFT DAY & POTLUCK



Thanks to all who came. We had a lot of fun creating these beautiful boxes and sharing a yummy potluck meal. Plans are under way for another craft project in the Fall.

Volunteers for June Worship Services

If you're unable to make your scheduled Sunday, please contact another person to take your place.

	June 1	June 8	June 15	June 22	June 29
Preacher	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada
Assistant	Ray W.	Shannon H.	Sherry W.	Ray W.	Shannon H.
Lector	Tim H.	Twila R.	Lisa S.	Tim H.	Shannon H.
Usher	Gladys K. & Greta C.	James G. & Jayce	Gladys K. & Greta C.	Skip E. & Marcia E.	Allen P. & Tim H.
Communion	Cathy H.	Elaine S. & Karen O.	Candace O. & Gladys K.	Elaine S. & Karen O.	Cathy H.
Tiny Tims Aide	Amanda M. & Michelle G.	Bridgett D. & Cathy H.	Amanda M. & Cathy H.	Bridgett D. & Michelle G.	Amanda M. & Monica G.
Video & sound	Ray W.	Ray W.	Ray W.	Ray W.	Ray W.
Counters	Elaine S. & Cathy H.	Candace O. & Ray W.	Elaine S. & Cathy H.	Tim H. & Ray	Elaine & Candace
Music	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.
Care Coord.	Sherry W.	Sherry W.	Sherry W.	Sherry W.	Sherry W.

The family of Herb Bartling
Invites you to an Open House
Celebrating his birthday



Saturday, June 21, 2025
2:00-4:00pm
In the Parlor
8709 SE Causey Ave.
Happy Valley, OR. 97086



Birthdays

Herb Bartling
Marylin Hamada
Karen Ropar
Ernest Rippe
Monica Gordon



CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Monday, June 23, 7:30 pm to 9 pm

Please join us in celebrating
the life of our beloved



Janet Elizabeth Shannon
(November 23, 1952 – January 23, 2025)

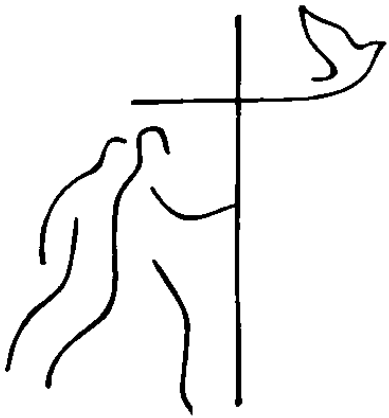
with memories, music, and desserts

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Recipes and more at
www.voice-mentor.com/Janet

Donate in Memoriam at
Donate.BroadwayCares.org/fundraiser/6392879

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:20am Choir practice <u>10 am Worship</u> <i>Zoom available</i> <i>Coffee Time After church</i> <i>Usher training after service</i>	2 10 am to 1 pm Office & Food Pantry	3 11am 1pm Food Pantry hours	4 10 am to 1 pm Office & Food Pantry 10 am-1:30 pm Pr. Hamada's office hours	5 10am-1 pm Food Pantry	6 10 am—1:30 pm Pr. Hamada's office hrs	7 9—noon Property Work Party if weather permits
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