



Faith in action is love, and love in action is service. By transforming that faith into living acts of love, we put ourselves in contact with God Himself, with Jesus our Lord." - Mother Theresa

The month of October has become most churches' annual stewardship month. But, for St. Timothy, **every one of our ministries is about stewardship and evangelism.** Those things are in the DNA of Lutherans. Mother Theresa's quote almost sounds like what Martin Luther said in his lecture on Paul's epistle to the Galatians:

"...true faith is not a passive intellectual assent but an active force that manifests through love, good works, and service to

others, flowing naturally from a believer's relationship with God." Luther emphasized that faith must be active, lively, and courageous, and that this active nature naturally leads to deeds of love for one's neighbor.

In September we celebrated **St. Timothy's 70 years of ministry** on Powell Blvd. But, most people do not think about that as an example of stewardship. But, **any project which glorifies God is stewardship.** So, 70 years here on SE Powell Blvd is evidence to our neighborhood that God's people care about this community in which we live.

Unfortunately too many Christians think stewardship is about money. That may be an indication that such a mindset is where those people's hearts are. In my newsletter article last year, I borrowed the idea that there are four pillars of stewardship from Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church in Halstead, KS. Those pillars are Hospitality, Prayer, Faith Formation, and Service. It's interesting that money was not one of their pillars of stewardship.

St. Timothy has shown those four pillars in various ways in our ministry. Our Food Pantry, "Trunk or Treat," Easter Jubilee, partnerships with Cultivate Initiatives, Snowcap, Lutheran Community Services NW, the American Cancer Walk, and the Community Thanksgiving Dinner at Pilgrim Lutheran Church are some ways that **St. Timothy has been a faithful steward ministering to many needs in our community.**

But, let's be honest! **All of our ministries do need our members' time and talents and financial support.** St. Timothy needs money to have the freedom to serve others while still keeping the lights on and to pay our staff. But, **thanks to the generosity and vision of our members St. Timothy we have been able to remain financially sound** and not struggled just to keep our doors open.

As we begin our 71st year of ministry, we will be facing some new challenges and opportunities. **The Oregon Synod has activated our Call Committee which may be an indication that St. Tim will be blessed with new pastoral leadership.** But, if not, Marilyn and I are committed to stand with St. Timothy through this transitional time.

As we focus on stewardship this month, we know that God has blessed us and, as God told Abraham in Genesis,

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"I will bless you... and you shall be a blessing. . . . and all the families of the earth shall be blessed through you" And, because God has blessed us, the most important thing to remember is what Jesus told us in the gospel of Luke, **"From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded."** May we give in proportion what God has given us.
Pastor Yukio

Trunk or Treat October 25th

4:30 to 6pm inside.

Come one come all to help invite the community and volunteer with a table and treats, set up and clean up. Look for a sign up sheet and/or see Bridgett, Monica, Daniel, Michelle, or Amanda. This effort is led by the listed members. Please support and help with this outreach to the community and fun.



St. Timothy
Lutheran Church Council
meets October 14th at
6:30pm in the basement.

****Did you take photos at the
70th Anniversary celebration?**

Karen O is requesting that
everyone send in their photos
to St. Timothy for photo
albums! Contact Karen O with
questions or concerns!



Social Concerns

by Sherry Willmschen

Fifth Sunday offering for November will be our Coats for Kids for Centennial School District. Please have your shopping skills ready and donations in hand. We also will accept hats, gloves, and socks for our Community give away in the pantry and others who stop by in need.

Food Pantry

Food Pantry: We served **203** individuals through September 26th. Watch your bulletins for an updated count after the end of the month. Thanks again to all our shoppers who visited Winco especially with their new ad for Sept. We also wish to thank the individual who donated Winco cards to shop. The needs of our visitors vary quite often but the core staples continue. Our next pick up at

Portland Food Project is October 11th so we have 2 weeks to go shoppers.

Lutheran Community Services

NW: This organization we helped with our Fifth Sunday in the past is having their Fall Fundraiser on October 4th.

Snow-Cap

Egg cartons and clothes were delivered.



October Worship Services				
If you are unable to make your scheduled Sunday, please contact another person to take your place.				
	October 5th	October 12th	October 19th	October 26th
Preacher	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada
Assistant	Shannon H	Sherry W	Ray W	Sherry W
Lector	Twila R	Lisa S	Cathy H	Mary F
Usher	Gladys K & Tim H	James G & Jayce	Skip & Marcia E	Allen P & Tim H
Communion	Marie R & Karen O	Candace O & Gladys K	Cathy H	Marie R & Karen O
Tiny Tims	Daniel R	Monica G	Briget D	Michelle G
Video & Sound	Ray	Ray	Ray	Ray
Counters	Candace O & Ray W	Cathy H & Mary F	Tim H & Candace O	Cathy H & Ray W
Music	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.
Care Coordinator	Karen O.	Karen O.	Karen O.	Karen O.

A Note from your Parish Nurse!

IT'S HAND SANITIZER
AND HANDWASHING
AND COVER YOUR COUGH SEASON!

With the fall season and start of a new school year comes an increase in respiratory viruses.

Handwashing is the single best preventative measure for decreasing and preventing the spread of illness.

Encourage kids to keep a small hand sanitizer in their backpack and use it often. Keep a spare in your car or tote. Tuck a small pack of Kleenex in backpacks and totes and car. **Cover that cough and sneeze and sanitize hands!**

Fist bumps and elbow bumps are acceptable alternatives to shaking hands.

Allow some extra space between you and the person next to you or in front of you in line.

Stay home if you are ill and take care of yourself.

Get your annual flu shot and keep current with recommended immunizations.

HANDWASHING IS PRIME!!!

Karen Olomua
Parish Nurse



ST. TIM CRAFT DAY!

Please join us for the
Holiday Craft Box Decoration.

We'll be decorating boxes with a Fall or Christmas theme on Thursday, October 23, 2025 from 1:00 - 4:00.

FEE:
Donation as desired for your 1st box.

Additional supplies will be available for purchase if you would like to make more boxes on your own at home.



Please contact Shannon Holley or Twila Reis if you plan to attend. You can text Twila at 206-595-1900.

Annah Reberry
Richard Johnson
Gladys Kandel
Jeffery Strutz
Justin Tobias



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St. Timothy News October 2025

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10 am-1pm Office & Food Pantry	2 10am-1pm Food Pantry 7—8:30pm Choir Practice	3 Office Hours 10am-3pm	4 Property Work Party 9am-12pm*
5 9:20am Choir Practice 10am Worship	6 10 am-1pm Food Pantry Office Hours 10am-3pm	7 11 am-1pm Food Pantry	8 10 am-1pm Office & Food Pantry	9 10am-1pm Food Pantry 7—8:30pm Choir Practice	10 Office Hours 10am-3pm	11 Property Work Party 9am-12pm* Food Project Pick-Up
12 9:20am Choir Practice 10am Worship Pledge Sunday	13 10 am-1pm Food Pantry Office Hours 10am-3pm	14 11 am-1pm Food Pantry 6:30pm Council Meeting	15 10 am-1pm Office & Food Pantry	16 10am-1pm Food Pantry 7—8:30pm Choir Practice	17 Office Hours 10am-3pm	18 Property Work Party 9am-12pm*
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Past—Present—Future Memories

70th Anniversary Celebration



Blessings, hugs, memories abounded at the September 20th celebration of 70 years in ministry at St. Timothy!

Many former pastors, members and their families joined in the celebration, fellowship and worship. We have been so blessed over the years with so many memories of outreach, trips, youth, weddings, baptisms, and...



We continue to make new memories.

Many thanks to everyone who helped to coordinate and set up and serve this event!

Blessings-

Karen O & Marie
Chief Co-Chairs



Sunday School Update

Beginning October 5th there will be one Sunday School helper assigned to Sunday School with the lead teacher. If there is an increased number of students an additional helper will be assigned.

You do not have to have children/youth in Sunday School to be a helper!

YOU CAN DO IT! Additional helpers means that each helper is only scheduled every 4-6 weeks.

Contact Karen O if this is something you might like to do.



Supporting St. Timothy in creative ways!

DDHS Annual Holiday Bazaar

9:00-1:00 Saturday, December 6, 2025 at David Douglas High School
1001 SE 135th Ave Portland, OR

I have a table at the bazaar, selling ornaments and other small hand-made items (under \$10 only). **All proceeds will be donated to the St. Timothy food pantry.**

All congregation members, especially children and youth, are invited to provide items to sell.

Goal 1: advertise our church and food pantry

Goal 2: raise some money

Goal 3: our children/youth recognize their contributions are important

I hope you can join me!

Lisa Sanders

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Many Gratitudes.

What a wonderful, empowering, reflective and fun event. In my role as the inviter, I was blessed with the lists I started with and then added to particularly by Kathy Krueger.

Here is a list of some of the attendees from far and near; Linda Wabs, Brian Warren and Fred Warren, Chris and Sandy Nolte, Karen Burger (Lebanon), Gary and Annette Biornstad (Monmouth), Pastor Dave and Kathy Krueger from Arizona, Pastor Erik Post and wife and son (Springfield), Shar and Don Giard (Gresham), Bill Haase (Milwaukie), Randi Bateman (Gresham), Pastors Joan and John Beck (Portland), Becky Sprecher (LCSNW), Sylvia Maier and sons Ben and Joel (Seattle) and daughter in law Tini Maier (Portland), Rich and Chris Sternbergs, and so many more!

Thanks so much to Shannon, Twila, and Cheryl for the decorations on the tables and serving tables. Thanks to Karen Olomua and Marie Robinson for co-chairing. Thanks to Candace for obtaining vendors for the food. Thanks to Mary Sam, Sherry Willmschen, and Marilyn Hamada for the welcoming table. Thanks to Chas for music, and Mau and Achille for duties as assigned. Conversations on Saturday were enhanced by the photo albums and displays by Marie and Monica. We were so blessed on Sunday to have some of our guests worship with us. The sanctuary was filled with beautiful singing and the message by Pastor Krueger focused on our Mission Statement of caring daring and sharing.

My heart was filled and I felt so blessed. -Sherry Willmschen

October 2025 Newsletter for Fellowship

As you can imagine, coffee hour is a busy time. Fellowship helpers make set up and clean up easy. Many thanks to Ernie, Twila, Shannon, Marie, Candace, and Greta, Georgia and Karen O for their help this year.

Would you like to participate in Fellowship Activities? You are more than welcome to come join the fun! Fellowship is more than about serving food, eating food, and cleaning up after food. Not everyone is standing in line to do that, although the help would be appreciated. You can create sign up sheets for some of the events, you can participate by decorating the Fellowship hall for the church events, holidays, birthdays, seasons, etc, or you can help with the planning and publicity of the event. The ideas are endless. Hope you choose to join in the fun.

The 2025 Church Picnic is done. What an event! We have received a few critiques regarding the church picnic. Thank you to those who returned their critiques. Rather than addressing each of these here, they will be filed with the Church Picnic information and addressed as the 2026 Church Picnic is planned.

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