



THE TIMOTHIAN

ST. TIMOTHY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF GRAND ISLAND (ELCA)

September 2011

“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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Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9am-1pm

Sunday Worship

Holy Communion

8:00 am (outdoors)

9:30 am – June 19 – Sept. 4

10:30 AM beginning Sept. 11

Sunday School

10:45-11:15 am

Resumes Sept. 11

St. Timothy Child Care Center

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Director

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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

“Education”

How we learn, what we learn, where we learn are hot topics at this time of the year. I am mindful of how much attention these subjects get as I hear stories of families’ efforts and decisions on behalf of their children, youth and young adults. One child goes off to this school because it offers the best special services, another goes off to that school because of the breadth of its academic offerings, another goes away to a certain college because it offers the best path to a particular career.

Education is a serious endeavor with long term consequences.

So it is with Christian education. Only in Christian education we are dealing with eternal matters as well as day to day practical matters. We are dealing with things essential to life itself.

Being conscientious about these matters, it is encouraging to see so many adults at St. Timothy taking an interest in not only their own personal spiritual growth but also in the spiritual growth of our children and youth. Parents, grandparents and fellow members are committing themselves to the cause of Christian education. There could not be a wiser use of our time and energy.

In fact, one of the “dreams” several people have been articulating since we have been considering “What’s In a Name?” is that St. Timothy congregation mimic the young, vibrant, faithful discipleship of our namesake. One step toward realizing that dream is to pay close attention to how we disciple the young in our midst. We have a holy trust. We must do whatever it requires!

Love,

Pastor Dean

From a Year Ago

A Message from the Pastor

Priorities and Diversions

“Martha, Martha,” said Jesus, “you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing.” (Luke 10:41) Martha, naturally, thought she was doing the “one thing.” Under normal circumstances, Martha probably was tending to what was priority. But, under these circumstances, she was not. Sitting at the feet of Jesus was priority. Her other duties, at that moment, were a diversion.

Discerning what is priority is not always a simple task. Competing responsibilities or desires often make it very hard to decide which should take precedence.

When it comes to matters affecting our relationship with Christ, it is easy to push them aside temporarily thinking that “I will make it a priority some day.” The trouble is, the “some day” often never comes. Before long one is consumed by seemingly “important activities,” while neglecting what is essential.

Our culture has no end to the ways it influences what we consider important. The endless opportunities it affords easily get viewed as “priorities” when in reality they are no more than diversions.

We see this no more evident than when it comes to finding time and energy for worship and religious education. Enrichment activities like after school programs and organized sports demand so much from us that there is often little discretionary time for anything else.

The beginning of finding your way is discerning what is of ultimate importance and what is not. What is not becomes a “diversion” if it crowds out what is of ultimate importance.

The beginning point to the beginning point is sensing that Christ is of ultimate importance.

Love,

Pastor Dean

August 2010



Beginning September 11 we will resume our fall worship hours which are 8:00am and 10:30 am.

Music in Ministry

Choir rehearsal will begin on September 18 at 9:30 AM

Handchimes rehearsal will begin on September 18 at 11:30 AM

RALLY DAY

Be Ready - SEPTEMBER 11
Looking forward to seeing you back!!

10:45 – 11:15 AM and after Worship

Hot dogs and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass. All families welcome.

PARENT SEMINAR

Sunday, September 18, 9:15-10:15 AM

Parents, Grandparents, Teachers, Youth Leaders meet with Pastor Dean for a survey of this year's goals, opportunities and the theory of Christian education for our children and youth.

CRASH COURSE

“Accessing Scripture”

Wednesday, September 21, 7:00-9:00 PM

Join Pastor Dean in a 2 hour condensation of his 7 hour workshop. Improve your skills in “handling” scripture for the benefit of yourself and others.



Pre K – Grade 5

Children's Ministry is planning three classes this year: 3 and 4 year olds, kindergarten and first grade, and second through fifth grade. If you are interested in volunteering to help in any of these classes please contact Sarah Sweeney at 909-8767 or sarswny@aol.com, Terri Glassman at 694-7342 or you can contact the church office. Any help is appreciated and can be a very rewarding experience!

TOGETHER IN FAITH

Grades K-5

Topics for 2011-2012
Sundays 9:15-10:15 AM

- I. First Article Apostle's Creed
Oct. 9 a. God- Creator
Oct. 16 b. God- Provider
- II. Second Article Apostle's Creed
Nov. 13 a. Jesus-Revealer
Nov. 20 b. Jesus-Redeemer
- III. Third Article Apostle's Creed
Jan. 15 a. Holy Spirit
Jan. 22 b. Church, Forgiveness, Eternal Life
- IV. Ten Commandments Part 1
Feb. 12 a. Preamble – God's Choice
Feb. 19 b. #1-#3
- V. Ten Commandments Part 2
March 11 a. #4-#6
March 18 b. #7-#9/10

Leadership Team: Alison Cummings, Mark Steck, Todd Sweeney

FAITH FOUNDATIONS

Grades 6-8

Sundays 9:15-10:15 AM

9/25	Lectionary Text Study	Matthew 21:23-32
10/2	Lectionary Text Study	Matthew 21:33-46
10/9	Worship Workshop with Pastor Dean	
10/16	Worship Workshop with Pastor Dean	
10/23	Worship Workshop with Pastor Dean	
10/30	Lectionary Text Study	Romans 3:19-28, John 8:31-36
11/6	Lectionary Text Study	Matthew 5:1-12
11/13	Lectionary Text Study	Matthew 25:14-30
11/20	Lectionary Text Study	Matthew 25:31-46
11/27	Lectionary Text Study	Mark 13:24-37
12/4	Lectionary Text Study	Mark 1:1-8

Leadership Team: Carol Kraft, Karen Rose, Jayne Webb, and Sarah Ardalan, Pear Instructor

August 23, 2011

**St. Timothy Children and Youth Ministry
BIBLE TEXTS FOR FALL 2011**

Child Care Plus

Infant to Age 4

Steppin' Through the Bible

K-Grade 4

<u>Session</u>	<u>The Beginner's Bible</u>	<u>The One Year Bible</u>	<u>Good News Bible</u>	<u>Subject</u>
1. 9/11	Page 7	P. 13	Gen. 1-2	The Beginning
2. 9/8	Page 14	P. 14	Gen. 1-2	Adam & Eve
3. 9/25	Page 18	P. 15	Gen. 3:1-1	Sin
4. 10/2	Page 111	P. 75-78	Exod. 12,14	Deliverance
5. 10/9	Page 120	P. 82-84	Exod. 19-20	Ten Commandments
6. 10/16	Page 124	P. 102,103	Numbers 13	Twelve Spies
7. 10/23	Page 128	P. 114-116	Joshua 2-4	Joshua & The Spies
8. 10/30	Page 132	P. 118	Joshua 6	The Battle of Jericho
9. 11/6	Page 136	P. 127	Judges 4	Deborah
10. 11/13	Page 140	P. 128-130	Judges 6-7	Gideon
11. 11/20	Page 152	P. 137-139	Ruth 1-4	Ruth & Naomi
12. 11/27	Page 156	P. 145	I Samuel 1:1-20	Hannah
13. 12/4	Page 160	P. 146	I Samuel 3	Samuel

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1. The Beginner's Bible: Timeless Children's Stories
2. The One Year Bible Story Book
3. Good News Bible, Today's English Version (TEV)

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BIBLE TEXTS FOR Winter-Spring 2012
Child Care Plus Infant to Age 4
Steppin' Through the Bible K-Grade 4

<u>Session</u>	<u>The Beginner's Bible</u>	<u>The One Year Bible</u>	<u>Good News Bible</u>	<u>Subject</u>
1. 1/8	Page 453	P. 346	Matthew 28:1-10	Jesus Is Risen
2. 1/15	Page 459	P. 347	John 20:19-20	Jesus Returns
3. 1/22	Page 462	P. 348	John 21:1-14	A Net Full of Fish
4. 1/29	Page 466	P. 349	Matthew 28:16-20	Jesus Goes to Heaven
5. 2/5	Page 473	P. 350	Acts 2	The Holy Spirit
Comes				
6. 2/12	Page 480		Acts 2:42-47	The First Church
7. 2/19	Page 484	P. 351	Acts 3:1-10	The Lame Man
8. 2/26	Page 488	P. 355-357	Acts 9:1-19	A Changed Man
9. 3/4	Page 494		Acts 9:20-43	Paul's Journey
10. 3/11	Page 540	P. 363-364	Acts 16:24-34	Earthquake in Prison
11. 3/18	Page 504	P. 377	Rev. 1:1-2, 21:2-4	Jesus Is Coming
12. 3/25	Page 437-459	P. 334-346	John 13:3-30;	Holy Week & Easter Story
13. 4/1	Page 437-459	P. 334-346	Matthew 26-28	Holy Week & Easter Story
14. 4/8	Easter – No Class			
15. 4/15	ELW Page 1162			The Apostle's Creed
16. 4/22	ELW Page 1162			The Apostle's Creed
17. 4/29	ELW Page 1163-1164			The Lord's Prayer
18. 5/6	ELW Page 1163-1164			The Lord's Prayer
19. 5/13	ELW Page 1160-1161			The Ten Commandments
20. 5/20	ELW Page 1160-1161			The Ten Commandments
21. 5/27	ELW Page 1160-1161			The Ten Commandments

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WELCA Project – Joan Buchanan will lead us in making Iris Paper Folding crosses for St. Nicholas gifts for the Lutheran Home. The date is October 3 at 7 pm in the parlor.

Little Dresses for Africa – Esther is collecting the dresses and dolls. Please have them in by October 23 as they will be shipped on October 29. There is a basket in the Narthex to put the completed dresses in.