

## MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

### “Birth Day”

To bring life into the world is truly an amazing thing. It is joyous, it is humbling, it is awesome.

So must have been the way God felt when through the power of his Holy Spirit he gave birth to the Church that first Pentecost Day.

Full of potential, the Church was brought into existence as a breathing, heart pulsating entity.

Although merely an infant, and not matured, it would come to be known as “the body of Christ.” God had given birth to a somebody!

So He continued through the centuries as He brought expressions of “the body of Christ” into being.

We call them “congregations.”

The birth day of one of those congregations came in the year 1953. It was named **St. Timothy Evangelical Lutheran Church of Grand Island, New York.**

It is a joyous, humbling, awesome thing to celebrate a birth day, especially our own. June 12, 2011, on the festival of Pentecost when red is the liturgical color, we will give thanks, renew our commitment, and pray...pray for birth...re-birth as a people of God.

WEAR RED! I would be thrilled to see a red “full house” as a hopeful sign of our re-birth even as we celebrate anew the birth day of the Church universal.

Love,  
Pastor Dean