

ST. TIMOTHY'S MISSION STATEMENT:

St. Timothy's Lutheran Church is a house of prayer for all people. We are a family of believers inspired by God's word blending tradition and innovation with passionate service to our community.

Statement adopted by the Church Council – 2008

St. Timothy's Lutheran Church
52nd Annual Meeting – Part II
February 6, 2011 – 10:30 a.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

(Subject to change)

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. APPOINTMENT OF RECORDING SECRETARY
3. CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM
4. INVOCATION
5. MINUTES FROM THE 51th ANNUAL MEETING-PART II (2/7/10)
6. MINUTES FROM THE 52nd ANNUAL MEETING-PART I (12/5/10)
7. BISHOP CRAIG JOHNSON'S REPORT
8. GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS COLLEGE REPORT (12/109)
9. LUTHER PARK CAMPING & RETREAT CENTER REPORT (2010)
10. PARISH STATISTICS
11. RECOGNITION OF STAFF REPORTS, COMMITTEE REPORTS,
OTHER REPORTS
12. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2010
13. BUDGET FOR 2011
14. PREPARED RESOLUTIONS FOR 2011
15. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - a. Proposed changes to Endowment
16. NEW BUSINESS
17. CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT
18. BENEDICTION
19. DOXOLOGY-HYMN IN ANNUAL REPORT FOLDER JACKET

Let us pray for guidance during these deliberations and the willingness to follow it:

SOLI DEO GLORIA

St. Timothy's Lutheran Church
51st Annual Meeting – Part II
February 7, 2010

Call to Order - Bruce Sherve

Recording Secretary - Kay Hay

Roll Call – Pat Goetz, Beverly Knapp, Mark Hanna, Barbara Gavic, Eva Shear, Carol Miller, Glenn Cates, Chris Hay, Kari Schlotfeldt, Mary Ann Kennedy, Will Henjum, Marge & Al Turnquist, Mary Moore, Lois & Dick Knode, Kay Hay, Dawn & Pete Awsumb, Dick & Ellen Bebus, Thespo Hams, Barb Tollakson, Lisa Norgaard, Jacob Norgaard, George & Laura Fix, Dorothy Rither, Laura Fedje, Dirk Norgaard, Dave Knapp, Jo Haugan, Pastor Tom Stutelberg, Alice Quale, Jean Anderson, Delores & Donald Zbikowski, Andrew Fedje, Dean & Verna Corbin, Betty Barott, Nancy Hoekstra, Ruth & Wilbur Henjum, Lori & Wayne Frederickson, Delores Douglas, Dick Lindman, Kaye & Dave Bergstrom, Bob Fedje, Betty Thomas, Marilyn Vaughan, Jim & Jean Magnuson, Dave Kerkow, Heidi Fedje, Joan Anderson, Shirley Hartley, Kay & Bruce Danielson, Crystal Edstrum, Joann Rockstad, Judy Schelde, Margie Hay, Andra Fione Stutelberg, & Sharon Hamen

Certification of Quorum

Invocation – Pastor Tom Stutelberg

Minutes from 50th Annual Meeting - Part II (2/1/09) Motion made, seconded, and approved.

Minutes from 51st Annual Meeting – Part I (12/6/09) Motion made, seconded, and approved.

Bishop Craig Johnson's Report – Accepted as presented.

Luther Park Camping and retreat Center Report (2009) – Accepted as presented.

Annual Report of the Office of Church Relations (12/09) – Accepted as presented.

Parrish Statistics – Motion made, seconded, and approved.

Recognition of Staff Reports, Committee Reports, and Other Reports – Motion made, seconded, and approved.

Treasurer's Report for 2009 – Motion made, seconded, and approved.

- Mary Ann Kennedy reported that the 2009 Budget has a deficit of \$214 total after all money is in. The biggest savings is in utilities. We also saved some by closing the office on Friday p.m. during the summer.
- Bruce Danielson reported that the Endowment Fund had a better 2009 than 2008. \$18,240 interest will be paid out. \$4,400. will be paid to the budget to balance. Dave Kerkow raised a question about the payout that will be looked into.

Budget for 2010 – Motion made, seconded, and approved.

- Kari Schlotfeldt reported that pledges for the year are down, budget items are down as much as possible.
- Montessori has requested that rent be held at the same rate for 2010.

Resolutions for 2010

- Continue to dedicate Sundays to SACA, World Hunger, and Global Missions
- 10% of fund raising goes to Benevolence
- Recognize the memory of those who have moved closer to God in 2009

New Business

- Bev Knapp presented a survey for all in attendance to take about having 1 service on Sunday.
 - There will be an Open Forum if there is enough interest indicated in the survey.
 - Information from the survey will be reported in the monthly newsletter, Tim's Tidings.
- Adult Education
 - It is a concern of the Church Council.
 - Can it be incorporated with Sunday Church School?

Call For Adjournment – Motion made, seconded, and approved

Benediction by Pastor Tom Stutelberg

Doxology – Hymn in annual report folder jacket

St. Timothy Lutheran Church
52nd Annual Meeting – Part I
December 5, 2010

CALL TO ORDER - President Bruce Sherve

APPOINTMENT OF RECORDING SECRETARY - Kay Hay

ROLL CALL – Laura & George Fix, Margaret Hanna, Bob & Laura Fedje, Dave Knapp, Crystal Edstrom, Nancy Hoekstra, Betty Barott, Carol Miller, Kay Hay, Barry Sandford, Mark Hanna, Al & Marge Turnquist, Jan Jolly, Barb Gavic, Jean Wellman, Ellen Bebus, Bruce Sherve, Richard Bebus, Heidi Fedje, Tony Fedje, Kari Schlotfeldt, Wilbur & Ruth Henjum, Chris Hay, Gilbert Holter, Jerry & Carol Machlitt, Norm Petersen, Don & Arlene Siegel, Dean & Verna Corbin, Pat Goetz, Jean Anderson, Alice Quale, Wayne & Lori Frederickson, Pastor Tom Stutelberg, Bruce Danielson, Beverly Knapp, Shirley Hartley, Betty Thomas, Thespo Hams, Ida Krtnick, Amy Holter, Eva Shear, Kay Danielson, & Marilyn Vaughan

CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

INVOCATION - Pastor Tom Stutelberg

ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS - Motion made to approve Rita Daniels, Kay Hay, Bruce Sherve, Margaret Hannah, Dave Knapp, seconded and approved.

ELECTION OF ENDOWMENT MEMBER - Motion made to approve Norm Peterson, seconded and approved.

PRESENTATION OF PRELIMINARY 2011 BUDGET - Budget gives everyone what they asked for. We may not be able to do that with the final budget in February.

WHAT GOES INTO MAKING OF A BUDGET - Barry Sanford

To make up a preliminary budget for 2011:

77 pledges for \$123,924.00

Unpledged and plate is a variable - \$39,306.00

Expenses for the building

No salary increases will continue

Budget is not balanced and that will probably continue for the next couple of years

STATUS OF THE CHURCH MORTGAGE - Norm Peterson

Mortgage balance is currently \$230,469.00.

Pay down contributions for 2010 were \$2,125.00

Monthly payment is \$2,236.00. That is at 7.25%

Mortgage can be reopened again in 2012 with no penalty

To refinance the mortgage now would cost 1% of the balance

If reopened now at a lower interest rate the savings could be made up in less than a year

This is a commercial loan so the interest rate is higher than that for a home loan

ORGAN FUND - Norm Peterson

\$30,000.00 was borrowed from the Endowment Fund

\$19,679.00 is the balance to date

\$3,483.00 was contributed in 2010

ENDOWMENT FUND - Kari Schlotfeldt

A task force has been created to clarify the Endowment section of the Constitution
Their presentation will be made at Open Forums on January 9, and January 16, 2011

NEW BUSINESS - On January 30th, 2011, we will honor Mary Ann Kennedy for her many years of financial work at St. Timothy's.

Chris Hay has accepted the position of St. Timothy's Church Treasurer.

CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT - Motion made to adjourn the annual Meeting Part 1, seconded and approved.

BENEDICTION - Pastor Tom Stutelberg



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**Annual Report to Minneapolis Area Synod Congregations
From Bishop Craig E. Johnson
January 2011**

In this winter of 2010 as darkness envelopes our wonderful Minneapolis area as it does every year, we are beginning to see flickers of light and hope as we begin to emerge from a long economic winter that began in 2008. Our church has been hit hard by this economic crisis the likes of which only the elderly have seen before.

Even in these times our congregations have continued to follow the witness of Christ and served their neighbors and provided wonderful care for the people of God and for so many that come through our doors.

We continue to look forward to better times for even as congregations are some of the last entities to suffer in a downtown. We are also some of the last to emerge from challenging economic times.

Last year, I reported to anticipate that about 5% of our congregations would leave our denomination. To date, nine congregations have left, of those congregations, all but one had a very marginal relationship with their denomination and I have noticed that the rostered leaders were also very marginally involved. I am deeply disappointed that we could not all live together with our differences but our constitution gives our congregations the right to secede and we wish all churches well as we continue to serve our Lord and Savior.

Leadership

One of the most satisfying parts of synod work is to assist congregations in calling new rostered leaders. In 2010 we completed 45 call processes which comprised of 33 congregational calls and 12 specialized ministry calls. Currently, we have 35 congregations in the call process. I am thrilled to tell you that for almost every vacancy there are 10-15 candidates of remarkable talent and faithfulness that wish to serve. No other synod in this church has so many fine leaders to share with their congregations. A great thank you to Patricia Hansen our call process administrator that keeps track of so many candidates in our call process.

This last summer our candidacy program, which walks with people who wish to become pastors or lay professionals, has seen a surge in numbers with about 140 candidates to manage. My great thanks to Glenndy Ose, Kristin Raymakers, Doris Buerkle, and our candidacy committee for outstanding work and for making difficult decisions as they work for our whole church in raising up healthy leaders.

Mission

Rev. Susan Tjornehoj, director of evangelical mission, is deployed staff supported by our churchwide organization. Susan has a great passion for ministry to those most vulnerable in our midst and for new communities emerging in the city, rural, exurban and suburban areas and congregations who are engaged in development asking how can we be the people of God in 2011. To date, almost 30 ministries are being supported, incubated, and nurtured in the

Minneapolis Area Synod.

A gathering of leaders, “A Community of Leaders: Gathered by Christ, In Mission, for the Sake of the World,” has been formed who work to sustain and encourage these mission outposts and imagine where the Spirit is leading. Examples of these new ministries are Elk River Lutheran Church, Elk River; Swahili Congregation, Minneapolis; Jacob’s Well Longfellow, Minneapolis; Public Safety Ministries, Inc., Excelsior; and Puerta Abierta, Shakopee.

Many thanks to all the partner congregations who have a heart for mission and give mightily so that the Gospel is proclaimed in new places. More partners are always needed.

The Immediate Future

I am mindful that my successor will be elected in 2013 and it is particularly important to begin preparing for that transition. I believe what would have been most helpful 10 years ago when I took office, is to have a flexible strategic plan for mission in place. With that in mind, we are beginning this year to create that plan. From my perspective, it is extremely important that this mission plan is not a top-down tool created uniquely by me, the synod staff or synod council. A plan that comes from shared leadership is important because stakeholders, lay and professional leaders in our synod can impart their input so that a broad spectrum of ideas will be homogenized and employed. To do this work we have retained with grant money (not from the budget), Dr. Mo Fahnestock of Authentic Leadership Inc., and he will be helping staff, council, deans, rostered leaders and lay leaders to begin this process. I look forward to this work with great anticipation and hope because we will be building our mission together with God’s help.

Blessings to you and your parish.

Bishop Craig E. Johnson
Minneapolis Area Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



• **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OFFICE OF CHURCH RELATIONS — DECEMBER 2010** •

Greetings from your colleagues in ministry at Gustavus Adolphus College! There is a new air of excitement on campus as preparations are beginning for the Sesquicentennial celebration, with the official kick-off event on September 30, 2011. In 2012, Gustavus will celebrate 150 years since its founding, and Christ Chapel will celebrate its 50th anniversary. Special events will be held over the period of a full year celebrating both the past and the future of the College, culminating at homecoming in 2012.

There is a new construction site just west of the campus library for a new academic building—a three-story learning center that will house the communication studies, economics/management, history, psychology, and sociology/anthropology departments. Scheduled opening of this facility will be fall 2011. As your partner in ministry and seeking foundational ways to more fully live out our vocation as a college of the Church, we are excited to announce that in 2011 the Office of Church Relations will become the Gustavus Center for Servant-Leadership, fully joining the work of Church Relations with the Center for Vocational Reflection, Community Service and Career Center. The Center for Servant-Leadership has deep roots in the College's mission and offers a strong expression of who we are and what we are called to be as a liberal arts, church-related college. This new Center will be the place where students, faculty, staff, alumni and the wider relational network of congregations, friends and community partners can turn for practical ways to develop the capacity for the alignment of the inner and outer life.

We are proud of our heritage as a College of the Lutheran Church. We will continue to provide countless resources to members of our Gustavus Adolphus College Association of Congregations. This Association is important as the place where official governing boards of the College are elected each April. Within this Association, key relationships are formed that help us maintain and grow this connection. We continue to provide and offer an ever-expanding menu of resources to congregations. To access a full listing of resources we offer please visit www.gustavus.edu/churchrelations.

PLEASE MARK YOUR 2011 CALENDARS AND JOIN US FOR THESE SPECIAL EVENTS:

- **Trinity Institute @ 41st National Theological Conference— JANUARY 19-21, 2011** *“Reading Scripture Through Other Eyes,”* webcast live from the Trinity Institute, New York, with Walter Brueggemann among the featured presenters. The on-campus event will include on-line interaction and theological reflection groups.
- **Gustavus Association of Congregations 2011 Convention—APRIL 9, 2011**
The theme for the 2011 gathering will be *“A Year of Living Purposefully: Savoring Life Through Servant-Leadership.”* Richard Leider of The Inventure Group, and Larry Spears of The Spears Center for Servant-Leadership, will bring the keynote address. Events include the grand opening of the Center for Servant-Leadership.
- **Student Leadership Day—also APRIL 9, 2011,** a separate event and a great opportunity for congregations to bring 3 to 5 key student leaders for this festive, fast-paced and special leadership development event. Tiger McLuen of Youth Leadership will bring the keynote address.
- **MAYDAY! Peace Conference—MAY 4, 2011** *“Executing Justice: Debating the Death Penalty”*
- **Official Sesquicentennial Celebration Kick-Off Event, Homecoming—SEPTEMBER 30, 2011**
- **Annual Nobel Conference@—OCTOBER 4-5, 2011** *“The Brain and Being Human”*
- **Christmas in Christ Chapel—DECEMBER 2-4, 2011**

For more information about these events and the resources we offer congregations, please contact the Office of Church Relations (507-933-7001) or visit us on-line at www.gustavus.edu/churchrelations.

Thank you for your partnership and prayers!

Grady St. Dennis Director of Church Relations

MAKE YOUR LIFE COUNT

Luther Park's 2010 Annual Report to Member Churches

The Search Institute conducted research that showed kids around the world develop faith in similar ways, and that the great outdoors was a significant factor in furthering their faith. It makes sense that Bible Camps continue to be the number one place where youth remain active even after confirmation. It's one of the reasons people in their 20's and 30's remain active in their faith life. As a partner with you, we help congregations address one of their biggest challenges: engaging youth in the life of the church.

Thank you for your support of Luther Park in 2010. Congregations have provided campers and retreaters, dollars and donated items, counselors, board members and volunteers. Even with a wellspring of support, Luther Park experienced what a number of our congregations have experienced in the economic downturn. You may recall that in 2009, Luther Park made reductions in budget totaling about \$100,000. This included downsizing staff and reducing remaining staff positions to a part-time status for much of 2009 and 2010. Operating expenses were cut as well. The result? Our staff has done more with less, worked harder and smarter, and the ministry is as strong as it ever has been.

Highlights of 2010 include:

- Three thousand people served through Summer Camp, Day Camp, and Retreat Ministry!
- Hope Lutheran Church in Brule, Wisconsin, is now a Luther Park corporate church. Pastor Scott Stai and his wife, Tia, served on Luther Park's staff a number of years ago.
- Two successful Bike-a-thons raised \$20,000; our Quilt Auction raised over \$12,000; Ole & Lena Spaghetti Dinner raised \$8,000; and the Glad Tidings Advent Dinner raised over \$2,000. Special thanks to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for providing matching grants for each of our events.
- Many volunteers and Luther Park Staff have worked on Fit for the Next 50 projects: Fir Cabin is renovated; the house at the end of the driveway is reroofed and open for retreats; the front four cabins are primed and painted; the staff house has been removed; the commercial water heater in the lodge has been replaced; Welcome Center garage, pump house, sports shed, and garage at the top of the hill all have new roofs, and the pump house and the sports shed have been painted as well. Gifts have been received from individuals and congregations, including \$7,500 from Lord of Life and \$5,000 from the Mount Calvary Foundation.

Staffing Changes:

- Anna Treague, who served Luther Park for 15 years, including 10 years as Program Director, resigned to spend more time as a mom to her three beautiful children. She did amazing work for us, and was even married here at the point. She will remain active as a volunteer, and is known for her fantastic scrapbooking retreats (the next one is Feb. 13-16, 2011).
- Kevin Schommer joined us as Retreat Host. He and his wife Rebekah live on site. Kevin was on our summer staff in 2001 & 2004, and says that Luther Park has been a part of his life since Confirmation. We are in the process of conducting interviews for Program Director.

We invite you to use your camp for summer camp and retreats. You can go to www.lutherpark.com for more information about summer camp and booking a retreat. We continue to need your prayers, as well as gifts of time and financial help in 2011. If you have questions or comments or would like to be involved in some way, feel free to call me at 612-987-6628 or send an email to Jlegred@lutherpark.com.

Yours in Christ,

Joel Legred
Executive Director

IN MEMORY

Many of our members have suffered various degrees of sickness, hardship and loss during the past year. Listed below are those members who have moved to the closer presence of God.

*“The eternal God is thy refuge,
and underneath are the
Everlasting arms.”*
Deut. 3:27

*“The Lord is my light and my
salvation; who shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my Life,
of whom shall I be afraid.”*
Psalm 27:1

Gerald Griep
Norma Higgins
Raymond Hoffman

William (Bill) Palmer
Virginia Olson
Ruth Ann Peterson

Robert Soderholm

I. PASTORAL ACTS

BAPTISM - 3
CONFIRMATIONS - 2

MARRIAGES - 0
DEATHS - 7

II. MEMBERSHIP

		<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
TOTAL BAPTIZED MEMBERSHIP	12-31	433	431	385	372	355
TOTAL CONFIRMED MEMBERSHIP	12-31	369	374	333	322	311
TOTAL COMMUNING MEMBERSHIP	12-31	210	225	224	216	210

I. MONTHLY SPECIAL OFFERINGS

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Southern Anoka Community Asst. Plus food items each year	\$2300.27	\$4,515.67	\$2,730.22	\$2,446.71	\$2,044.25
ELCA World Hunger Appeal	\$1,148.96	\$1,073.56	\$ 880.31	\$ 798.72	\$ 788.20
Global Missions	\$ 471.00	\$5,715.00	\$2,332.00	\$ 417.04	\$ 403.00
10% Benevolence to Synod	\$ 103.51	\$ 701.22	\$ 168.40	\$ 189.38	\$ 161.91

IV. ST. TIMOTHY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF IN 2010

Tom Stutelberg.....Pastor
Daniel Lloyd.....Director of Worship & Music
Dean Corbin..... Custodian
Jean Turcotte..... Office Manager
Donna Schmitt..... Administrative Assistant

CHURCH COUNCIL AS OF 1-1-11

Rita Daniels	2012	Dave Knapp	2012
Laura Fedje	2011	Jerry Machlitt	2011
Pat Goetz	2011	Kari Schlotfeldt	2011
Margaret Hanna	2012	Bruce Sherve	2012
Kay Hay	2012		

Tom Stutelberg, Pastor

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE

MEMBERS: Pete Awsumb, Dave Bergstrom, Dean Corbin, Bryon Daniels, Jerome Griep, Ruth Henjum, Dave Knapp, Jim Magnuson, Barry Sandford, Kari Schlotfeldt, Paul Tjosvold, Al Turnquist, & George Fix.

PROJECTS WORKED ON THIS YEAR:

- ❖ **ROOFS** – New roofing shingles were applied on the center building (Narthex area). Also, roofing was replaced on the entrance of the West building. This project was made possible because of ½ financing through Bruce Sherve’s business connection. We thank Bruce for his donations. We also did some roof patching on West building main roof. Financing was possible through special donations. We thank everyone who made this project possible.
- ❖ **WINDOWS** – Because of fogging of the thermo glass in the West building, 11 window glasses were replaced in the LVMS area. Financing for this project was given through the Kitchen/Bake Sale committee, for which we thank them. LVMS also greatly appreciated the fact that they could actually see outside.
- ❖ **NURSERY** – The center wall was removed to create a more open space. This was removed by Building & Maintenance. New furniture, painting, etc. were included in the updating in this area. Most of the project was in the care of Margie Hay. We thank her for her work and time. There are still some things to be completed in this area.
- ❖ **MEDIA/LIBRARY ROOM** – In progress.

As always there are projects around the church building that need repairing or replacing. The following are the ones we hope to give some attention this coming year.

- A/C units in church offices
- Replace outside wall panels on entrance of West building.
- Replace carpet in LVMS area. (Room next to boiler room)
- Repair of sidewalks in certain areas
- A few more thermo glass windows to replace.

Dave Knapp is in charge of lawn mowing crew. Any questions in this area, please call Dave at 763-571-5023 or call church office at 763-571-9721.

Thanks to all who contribute their time and talents to keep our church an inviting place to worship and enjoy fellowship.

Thank you & God Bless
Dean Corbin, Chairperson

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

There were eight students of Sunday school during the first half of 2010. Our curriculum was the Augsburg Witness series until May of 2010. As part of their education, the students learned hymns and sang them during worship once each month. Four of those students went on to Confirmation in May of 2010. This resulted in a reduction in size of our classes for fall of 2010.

In fall of 2010, we began to follow the lectionary so the children have the same lesson in Sunday school as was heard in worship that morning. The curriculum we are using to do this is called the Spark Activate Faith series.

A Christmas program called Looking for the Light took place in 2010. It was the result of collaboration between Sunday church school students, youth choir members and Confirmands. Thanks to Kay Hay and Daniel Lloyd for their work with this.

Fall of 2010 brought a new group of small youngsters together as we began a nursery class for the 2-3 year olds of our church. Using the Spark Activate Faith curriculum, these children come to the nursery after the children's sermon and have a short lesson, activities and play appropriate for their age until the end of the worship service. The goal of this program is to give their parents a better opportunity to enjoy worship, and to give the children an opportunity to learn more about Jesus in a setting with their peers. We plan to continue this program through May of 2011. It takes place on the third and fourth Sundays of each month. Thanks to Margaret Hanna for her help with this project and for her flexibility and service as Sunday school teacher.

Thanks to parents for bringing your children to God's house. We are grateful for the opportunity to teach them.

Sandy Sherve

CONFIRMATION AND YOUTH

The following experiences and opportunities were held for the youth of St. Timothy's in 2010.

The youth had opportunities to take part in the worship service as acolytes, readers, greeters and ushers. They also had roles and sang in the Christmas program of 2010.

The youth had confirmation class each Wednesday evening from September thru April except during Lent. The curriculum we used is the Road Trip series by Rev. Hans H. Wiersma from Seraphim Communications. It incorporated a lesson, a worksheet, activities and a video into the class session. Pastor Tom gave a background introduction to each class, and then we continued with the Road Trip lesson.

The youth had fellowship opportunities during the Easter egg hunt, during the carnival and Vacation Bible School. The youth attended the Confirmation Celebration event in November, and decorated the narthex for Christmas. They enjoyed fellowship during those activities. The youth had a lock-in at the church at which they played games, ate snacks, did Bible study, watched the movie, "Rudy" and discussed ideas of perseverance and determination and how God plays a part in them.

The youth participated in the following service opportunities: They served a soup and sandwich meal to the congregation, they made and delivered Thanksgiving baskets to homebound members, they went caroling to Crestview nursing home, and several members homes, and they assisted with the worship service at Crestview in September 2010. The youth also walked around Sullivan Lake to raise money to help with the Malaria Initiative.

Thanks to parents and church for the support of our young people as they take part in the Confirmation journey.

Sandy Sherve

COUNCIL REPORT

Thank you to Bruce Danielson, Bev Knapp, Barry Sanford, and Betty Thomas, who completed their service on Council this year. Thank you to those people who agreed to serve and continue to serve for the coming year, Rita Daniels, Laura Fedje, Pat Goetz, Kay Hay, Jerry Machlitt, Kari Schlotfeldt, and Bruce Sherve.

Council Retreat - January 2010 - Goals for the year accomplished.

- Began an email newsletter to members and friends of the church
- Start a Once a Month Free Community Dinner (This is a work in progress, but ground work has been done)
- Update the Nursery (This is also a work in progress and the room is being used frequently)

We hosted another successful National Night Out for members of the neighborhood.

A new roof was put on the narthex, and lower level windows were repaired/replaced on the north side of the building.

We decided to have one church service at 9:30 on Sunday morning year around. Sunday Church School for young people and adult forums are held following the service. A class for 3 year olds is held on the 3rd and 4th Sundays each month in the nursery during the sermon time.

We are in the process of refinancing the church mortgage and revising the St. Timothy's Constitution.

Kay Hay
Secretary

ENDOWMENT FUND REPORT

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Norm Petersen, Tim Hay, Pastor Tom Stutelberg, Barry Sanford and Bruce Danielson (Norm Petersen replaced Mary Ann Kennedy at mid year) (Norm Petersen and Chris Hay, who replaced Barry Sandford, will serve in 2011 along with the other members)

The Endowment Committee continued its oversight duties for 2010. The stock market continued to rebound in 2010, which will allow us to make possible distributions for 2010. Several distribution requests were submitted to the committee and they will make their recommendations to the church council. A full report will be presented at the annual meeting – part #2.

Meetings were held on an as needed basis.

Endowment Committee

FELLOWSHIP REPORT

The Fellowship Committee again enjoyed sponsoring some of St. Tim's favorite yearly activities.

For 2010, we changed from coordinating Lenten Soup and Sandwich Dinners to having Lenten Meals. The new twist brought the opportunity for the group doing the serving to choose what they wanted to serve. We had some soups dinners but also items like hot dishes, chicken tetrazzini and stew.

Mille Lacs Lake welcomed our Fishing Trip/Sunset Cruise. Our launch was again from Fisherman's Wharf. Grilling is always a challenge on the boat but the food always tastes so good no matter how many fish have been caught.

The community was again welcomed to St. Tim's for National Night Out. We gathered for a potluck dinner and enjoyed the opportunity to talk with Columbia Heights Police and Fire Departments. We also welcomed talking with candidates running for various offices.

October Fest brought the return of "The Three of Us" to St. Tim's. We followed the music and song with a great dinner and time for fellowship.

In December, our trip to the Seasons Restaurant included dinner and a play entitled "Casa Flamingo Christmas". The event brought an end to the Christmas Dinner and Play at the Seasons. The restaurant is being torn down and contracts weren't continued for the future. HOWEVER, we were given the exciting news that the Christmas Dinner and Plays will continue at a new location.

Thank you to everyone that attended and participated in any and all of these events.

New members to the Fellowship Committee are always welcome. Come and join our current members:

Dave & Kaye Bergstrom
Betty Thomas
Dave & Bev Knapp

POSITIVE DIRECTIONS/SOCIAL MINISTRY

Pat Goetz and Betty Thomas continued to be co-chairs of the Positive Directions ministries group. From January to June, the group held monthly meetings. The last meeting was only attended by the chairs. In the fall because of personal commitments, the chairs were unable to hold meetings. An attempt will be made again beginning in January 2011.

The Positive Directions Ministries group, will continue to look for ways to broaden our views and commitment to the diverse community we are a part of; and try to find a way for us to bridge ourselves to the community. We would like to bring in persons to share their viewpoints/ethnicity values and perceptions with us, so we can better understand our community.

This past year, we had AED training for members who were interested.

A nut fund raiser was done in connection with the bake sale, however with the bad weather sales were not what we expected. The proceeds are to go into a fund to be used for members in need. Additional fund raisers will be planned for this purpose.

Feed My Starving Children continues to be a viable project. Laura and George Fix continue to set up times, and sign ups for this worthwhile project.

Ron Hamen, chair, Sharon Hamen and Joan Anderson are working on a monthly community dinner project.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

On Sunday we have gone back to one worship services with choirs and with communion on the 1st two Sundays.

Daniel Lloyd is the Director of Worship and Music. He writes all the worship services, arranges music for worship, and for weddings and funerals.

Kay Hay directs the Youth Choir.

Sandy Sherve is Sunday School Superintendent and directs the music for Sunday School.

Altar Guild – There are four teams that serve three times a year plus special services. It is an honor to prepare and set the Lord’s Table. **Please consider serving on this committee. We really need more members.** This committee also does some light cleaning. We want to thank Will & Ruth Henjum for buying the eternal lights and the wine for communion. Thanks to Arlen Patten and Shirley Hartley who sew the baptismal capes. Thanks to Amy Holter who makes the baptismal napkins.

Ushers – There are six ushering teams serving four times per year plus special services. We are in need of ushers.

As you read this report, there are opportunities for you to serve your Lord and church. Make a commitment. Call the office at 763-571-9721 or make a check on your attendance card if you are interested in helping.

Yours in Christ,
Ruth Henjum

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DIRECTOR OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC

I want to thank all those wonderful people in all our choirs. They really work hard and they are purpose driven to do the best they can for our church.

I also want to thank all those who haven given to the organ fund—it is beyond description and truly amazing.

Thank you for all your kindness.

Daniel Lloyd
Director of Worship & Music

PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

Pastor Susan Tjornehoj has led two workshops here at St. Timothy's, one in the fall of 2009 and one this past spring in 2010. She is the Director for Evangelical Mission in our synod. Both of these workshops attempted to move us towards being a mission congregation. We're not there yet. I spoke with her the other day about this and she suggested we read the story of the Magi. This story is an Epiphany journey about leaving the familiar and heading out in faith, guided only by a star. I've added ideas from a book by Robert Schnase on the five practices of a mission congregation. This is my report.

Five Practices of a Mission Congregation as Seen in the Story of Magi.

Read Matthew 2:1-11 The Magi

Paraphrased it goes like this.....

After Jesus was born, Magi came from what is now Iran to Jerusalem to ask King Herod if he might know where the King of the Jews was born. The Magi mentioned a star and said they had come to worship the newborn.

This didn't sit well with King Herod. It was political dynamite. Herod was disturbed. Another translation says he was frightened. Still another says he was upset. What an understatement! Matthew tells us that Jesus is the true king and Herod is but an imposter. Herod did not take kindly to anyone else claiming to be king of the Jews beside himself.

So Herod called together all the chief priests and teachers of the law. He gathered up all the experts and they compared notes and read what the prophets had written. They determined that this 'king' was born in Bethlehem.

Then Herod commissioned these Magi to go and search carefully for this child and when they found him they were to report back to Herod so he could go and worship this king too. I don't know how Herod could say that he was going to go and worship his political rival and do it with a straight face because, in fact, that was the biggest lie in the bible.

The Magi set out on this risky, politically tense journey and followed the aforementioned star until 'it stopped over the place where the child was'. Today the Magi would probably have had star GPS. The sight of the star made the Magi overjoyed. They went into the house (Jesus was probably two years old by now, and the Holy Family had long since moved out of the stable) and saw the child and his mother, Mary. They bowed and worshiped him. Then they offered expensive, symbolic gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Then having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod and his lies, they returned to their country by another route.

Mission Practice #1. Radical Hospitality

Mission churches constantly learn from other churches, how to do better with hospitality, visitor follow-up, and new member assimilation. They focus on how to communicate better with greater numbers of people. In the same way the Magi met with the chief priest and teachers of the law and checked with the writings of the prophets so they could make the best decision on how to proceed. All this conversation led to a group consensus and they saddled up to follow the star to Bethlehem.

Mission Practice #2 Passionate Worship

Worship defines God's people. Through worship God pardons sin, restores relationships, and changes lives. We may not ordinarily use the word *passionate* to describe our practice of worship but perhaps we should. Dan Lloyd does. Twice the Magi speak of passionate worship. First they tell Herod that they have been following a star, of all things, and they want to worship this newborn king. Then when they finally

tracked down the holy baby they were overjoyed; the first thing they did before even taking off their coats was they bowed down or fell down or knelt down and worshipped. That's passionate.

Mission Practice #3 Intentional Faith Development.

Vibrant, fruitful, growing congregations practice Intentional Faith Development. Mission churches offer studies in bible, Sunday School for all ages, short term topical studies and support groups, VBS, camps and retreats and most mission church members are involved in one or more classes. The Magi studied scripture before they went on their journey. In this story they read Micah 5: 2. They listened to the teachers of the law. They asked the priests questions. It gave them resources to finally say, "What would the God of Israel have us do?"

Mission Practice #4 Risk-taking Mission

The Magi took on several huge risks. First they told Herod what they were up too. He could have had them killed for following a star, looking for the King of Jews and making plans to worship him. Then they took another great risk by defying Herod's command to tell him the location of this king, and not returning to Herod, but rather secretly sneaking home by another route. Like risk-taking mission congregations the Magi were rewarded for their risks. Like the Magi, Mission churches are always leaving their comfort zones to change lives.

Mission Practice #5 Extravagant Generosity

The Magi are most known for the unusual gifts that they brought to Jesus. Gold is precious and in today's market gold is worth about \$900 an ounce. Frankincense oil is \$10 an ounce and myrrh in resin form is \$14 an ounce. Even in Jesus' time, they were very generous gifts. Extravagant generosity describes a church that practices sharing and giving that exceeds all expectations and extends to unexpected measures. It describes lavish sharing, sacrifice, and giving in service to God and neighbor.

In Conclusion

The story of the Magi says to me that God is not limited by or obligated to work within the structures of anything human-made. Religious institutions included. It also says to me that when we feel drawn to follow some star, even a fairly flickering one, we might do well to follow it. Mission congregations follow stars and they are willing to change and grow, take risks and journey away from home rather than stay where they have always been, embrace the status quo, and sacrifice the church for their own wants and needs.

How would St. Timothy's look if we committed to performing these five practices with excellence? It is my goal that we begin to find out in 2011.

Pastor Tom Stutelberg

Core Values for St. Timothy's Lutheran Church

Adopted by Council, September, 2003

Why identify and establish values? Clear values help us understand how we can contribute. They affect every aspect of our church's life. Individuals and committees demonstrate the values of St. Timothy's in how we work, how we make decisions, and how we treat each other.

1. We value graciousness

"From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace." John 1:16 (NRSV)

"And now I commend you to God and to the message of God's grace, a message that is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all who are sanctified." Acts 20:32 (NRSV)

Graciousness is the primary way that God relates to the world. In grace, Jesus was sent. In grace, we are given the Holy Spirit. In grace, God chooses us to be God's people... Grace is God's love freely given. It is by grace that our lives are transformed and we are empowered to live in harmony with each other.

Graciousness, therefore, is our primary value in how we live our lives. We are both inspired and challenged to treat one another (and ourselves!) as graciously as God treats us. We also know that perfection is impossible for us. We deal graciously with one another's failings.

2. We value living God's Word

"But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves." James 1:22 (NRSV)

We value not just the words of the Bible, but making it a part of our lives – internalizing it. We believe that God wants truth in action. We believe that God wants doctrine turned into deeds. God's Word was not given to increase our knowledge. It was given to change our lives. Christianity is a lifestyle. Therefore we value the application of scripture – living God's Word. You only believe the part of the Bible that you do. We may say we believe a lot of things but if we don't do it we don't really believe it.

3. We value developing people's gifts

"God has given each of us the ability to do certain things well." Rom. 12:6 (LB)

"Serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." 1 Peter 4:10 (NRSV)

"The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ." Eph. 4:11-13 (NRSV)

Part of the tasks of leadership – of pastors, lay pastors, lay leaders, everybody – is to help people discover and develop their strengths. We value people giftedness. At St. Timothy's we believe in people. We believe that everybody has something to contribute. Churches grow to the extent that they empower the people in the church to be what God meant them to be. The task of leadership is to enable others to express their gifts. Leadership task is finding, freeing, releasing, and liberating the gifts that God has already given people.

4. We value commitment

“You shall have no other gods besides me.” Exodus 20:3 (NRSV)

“They gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us.” 2 Cor. 8:5 (NRSV)

We challenge people to follow the commitments of scripture:

- to give all their life to Christ,
- to have a daily quiet time,
- to share their faith in a tangible way,
- to give sacrificially,
- to get involved a small group, committee, or other ministry

We challenge people to deeper and deeper commitment. We become what we're committed to. The fact is, the world is constantly asking you and everybody else for your time, your money, and your energy. God asks for your first and deepest commitment. God has demonstrated that commitment time and time again, carrying that commitment all the way to the cross. Our commitment is simply a response to the promise that God first made to us.

Another reason why we call for commitment is because we have a mission that matters. There's nothing more significant in the world than what we're doing – building the dominion of God. The Bible says *“Without a vision, the people perish.”* So when you call for commitment, when you ask people to serve with you in your area of ministry, challenge them. Call forth the highest dreams and hopes in them. Ministry that doesn't cost anything accomplishes nothing.

5. We value compassion

“Your attitude must be like My own, for I did not come to be served but to serve...”

Matt. 20:28 (LB)

“...Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” Matt. 25:40 (NRSV)

Compassion is the quality of putting yourself in the “shoes” of another, to experience what they are experiencing, to feel what they are feeling. Our faith compels us to look to the needs of others – to work to insure that basic needs are met (for food, clothing, shelter, etc.). St. Timothy's is not just here to survive or to meet our own needs – we are a service organization. We exist to serve. The highest title that you can be given is to be called a servant of God. The most Christ-like thing you can do is to serve others. Jesus said, *“Your attitude must be like my own. I did not come to be served but to serve”* (Mark 10:45).

6. We value respect

“Pay to all what is due them...respect to whom respect is due, honor to whom honor is due.” Romans 13:7 (NRSV)

We respect every individual that God has made. We don't just accept people who are different. We value differences. That's the key to a successful marriage, for example – not just accepting your husband's/wife's differences but actually learning to celebrate them, to appreciate them, and to recognize that God put them in your life for a specific reason. God has shaped everybody differently for a purpose, for a reason, for significance. In a church, you can have unity without uniformity. The value of respect allows us to have differences without division. God has called us to respect and appreciate the people that God has created and put in our lives.

RESOLUTIONS FOR 2011 (2-6-11)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT -

1. We continued to set aside the first Sunday of each month to contribute special offering of food or money to South Anoka Community Assistance (SACA), we set aside the third Sunday of each month to contribute special offering money for Global Missions (mission support), and that we set aside the fourth Sunday of each month to contribute special offering money to the Lutheran Church's World Hunger Appeal.
2. We pause in these deliberations for a time of prayer in memory of those members who have moved to the closer presence of God during 2009.
3. We adjourn the 52nd Annual Business Meeting – Part II.