

The Epistle

February 2022

Are You a Team Player?

It's that time of year when we hear about team sports...the Super Bowl, The Winter Olympics, basketball, ice hockey, etc., etc., etc. These teams are made up of individuals that come together for a common cause, namely, to win games and competitions. But have you ever thought of yourself as a team player? Do you realize that the Bible calls us to be team players?

1 Corinthians 12 provides a clear and simple statement about teamwork. We are all made of many parts: head and shoulders, knees, and toes to name a few. Together they make up one body. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it. As individuals we are also part of the body of Christ. God has appointed us to be apostles, prophets, teachers, workers of miracles, healers, administrators, and speakers. To each of us God has given different gifts and talents.

Ecclesiastes 4 tells us that two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: If one falls, their friend can help them up. If two lie down together, they will keep warm. If overpowered, two can defend themselves better than one. *Vs. 7: "A cord of three strands is not quickly broken."*

In *1 Peter 4:8-10* we are told to love one another because love covers a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. We

are challenged to use whatever gift we have to serve each other, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.

So, what do these Scripture passages have to do with teamwork? We are called to work together with our gifts and talents. By doing so we build the body of Christ. Here at St. Timothy we recently lost our pastor, but that does not mean that we lost our heart. It means that WE ALL NEED to step up to the plate, the batter's box, the scrimmage line or whatever sports analogy you care to use and let our talents shine. Now is not the time to sit back and be spectators. How? We can do this through service to our faith community.

There are many opportunities at St. Timothy that need team players. The Worship Team needs assisting ministers, cantors, choir members, Audio & Visual members. The Altar Guild needs to be restructured to provide Holy Communion, altar care, and floral arrangements. The Church Council needs new members. There are upcoming opportunities to clean long-neglected storage spaces, wash windows, etc. And the list goes on. What will you do to help the Body of Christ at St. Timothy?

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Thank You

Thank you to everyone that was able to attend Pastor Clark's final service at St. Timothy's on January 9th. Your show of loving concern, support, and fondness was well appreciated. After 21 ½ years with us, we are truly sad to see him move on, but know it is best for he and his family.

Volunteer to feed I-Help Women

Provide dinner for 7 women on Wednesday February 2 - deliver to St Timothy at 5:15 pm (Debby Love-Sudduth 408-499-4984)

Property Committee

On Saturday, February 12, 2022, the Property Committee will be sponsoring the first Work Day of 2022 at the church beginning at 11:00 a.m. and lasting until 3:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to participate for some or all of the scheduled time.

The focus of the day will be planting, trimming, and weeding of the beds bordering the Upper Parking Lot, as well as general property cleanup. Tools, food, and refreshments will be provided. It is intended that future Work Days will be held the second Saturday of each month beginning at 10:00 a.m. Come join us!

Volunteer to help Thomas Carman Food Pantry

You can provide food for needy households and individuals! Pass out bags to drive through customers.

Tuesday February 15 from 3:00 - 6:00 pm

Epiphany Lutheran and Episcopal Church

425 Carmel Avenue

Marina, CA 93933

Need 4 people (Debby Love-Sudduth 408-499-4984)



Updates and Reminders

Thomas Carman Food Pantry— Will be the 3rd Tuesday, February 15 at 3:00 pm. Four people are needed. Debby-Love-Sudduth at: rd-sudd@comcast.net or 408-499-4984.

I-Help Women—Provide dinner for 7 women on Wednesday February 2 - deliver to St Timothy at 5:15 pm (Debby Love-Sudduth 408-499-4984)

Property Committee— The Property Committee will meet at 10:00 on February 10th. Members of this committee are: Ida Barber, Jody Emerson, Jim Helgason, Bob Johannsen, Jeff Nagel, and Susan Smith.

In The Loop

The Church Council is in contact with Pastor Manda Truchinski of the Bishop's office. She will facilitate us while we move towards calling a new pastor. This process has already been started, with Pastor Manda looking for an Interim Pastor at St. Timothy's. Much as we would love to see a pastor here sooner than later, the council cannot give you an estimated timeline of an interim pastor arriving. In the meantime, the Church Council will continue to serve the members of St. Timothy. The next council meeting is February 15th at 4 PM. Please let any of the council members know of your concerns or questions.

Worship At St. Tim's

We will have live streamed services on January 29 with Pastor Tony Rhodes of St. Philip's leading us in worship. Live streamed services are recorded and will be available at www.sttim.org. In-person worship is currently planned for the following Sundays, February 6, 13, and 20 (depending on the status of the omicron variant in our area). These too will be live streamed and recorded if you prefer to stay home. Please watch for updates on the church's website.

Pastoral Needs or Concerns

If you have any pastoral needs, please contact our Administrative Assistant, Melody Burgess. She will be able to get in contact with Pastor Tony Rhodes from St. Philip's Lutheran Church in Carmel Valley. If you have any concerns or questions about St. Timothy, your council members will be able to help you.

Flowers Wanted

Have you considered donating a floral arrangement or plant to beautify the Sanctuary? Please call or send an email to our administrative assistant, Melody Burgess if you would like to bring flowers or a plant. They are always a beautiful way to remember a special day like an anniversary or birthday or remember a special friend or relative. Melody's email is melody@sttim.org.



1 Black History Month Give thanks for the gifts, accomplishments, influence and witness of our African-descent neighbors — we stand together as siblings in Christ and partners in the gospel, doing God's work in the world together. Pray that God will guide our church as it strives for racial justice, socioeconomic equity, racial reconciliation and an end to racism in our church, society and institutions.

2 Give thanks for the small and subtle ways in which the Spirit encourages and deepens our faith each and every day.

3 Pray for parish nurses who serve in ministries of health and healing and for the ELCA-affiliated Evangelical Lutheran Parish Nurse Association, which supports parish nurses and promotes a culture of health, healing and wholeness in Lutheran congregations, agencies and communities.

4 Pray for those who lost homes and were displaced during the December wildfires in Boulder County, Colo. Give thanks for the partnership of Lutheran Disaster Response, the Rocky Mountain Synod and Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains as they work together to provide food, temporary shelter, emotional and spiritual care, and assistance with recovery work.

5 Pray that our anxieties about the future will be quieted by the assurance that the Spirit's gifts of hope and peace are more powerful and enduring than the threats and uncertainties we face in life.

6 Pray that, just as the fishermen Simon Peter, James and John dropped everything they were doing to follow Jesus, we, too, with all our gifts and flaws, might respond to God's call to spread the good news of Jesus Christ, serve our neighbors in need and do God's work in the world.

7 Remember in prayer those impacted by severe weather, especially Typhoon Rai in the Philippines and the recent tornadoes, flooding and winter storms across our country. Pray that God's presence will bring healing and hope during recovery, comfort those grieving the loss of loved ones, and strengthen the people and organizations that respond to crises and help with recovery, including Lutheran Disaster Response.

8 Remember and give thanks for siblings in Christ of every generation who have shared the gospel, inspired others to believe, and borne God's grace, peace and hope into the world through their words, example, service and sacrifice.

9 We live in a time of war, conflict and unrest in many regions of the world. Pray for the safety of people living amid turmoil, the well-being of refugees and immigrants fleeing threats, and the protection of children and youth living in circumstances unimaginable to us. Ask the Spirit to guide us as courageous and compassionate advocates, peacemakers, companions and bearers of hope in the world.

10 Pray for the leaders of youth and family ministries and for outdoor ministry professionals as they participate in the ELCA Youth Ministry Network Extravaganza in Minneapolis, an event that provides them with encouragement, support, education and networking opportunities.

11 “I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart” (Psalm 138:1). Pray that every aspect of our life, service and generosity will reflect our gratitude for God’s awesome, undeserved love and blessings.

12 Give thanks and praise to God for the companion-synod relationships that connect our synods and congregations with Lutheran churches around the world, blessing, nurturing and strengthening them for their ministry together.

13 Give thanks that God teaches us something new every day and equips us so well to share the good news of Jesus Christ, care for neighbors in need and reflect God’s gracious love through our words, actions and interactions with people.

14 Pray for immigrants and refugees, in our country and around the world, who seek safety, relief and a place to rebuild their lives. Ask that God’s compassion, wisdom and desire for justice guide us in resolving the problems and crises that displace people from their homes and nations.

15 “Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green” (Jeremiah 17:7-8). Praise God for the work of the Spirit, which renews and nourishes us when we feel uncertain, weary or anxious.

16 Thank God for our special relationship with the Moravian Church in America, a full communion partner with the ELCA since 1999. Pray for the church, its members and its leaders, that together we will find strength and resources for the work of sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor, especially in these challenging times.

17 Pray that the Spirit will help us understand and follow the ways, desires and commandments of God that protect our well-being in daily life.

18 Give thanks that our faith and hope are grounded in Christ’s resurrection and the promise of one day being raised to eternal life as God’s children. Pray that the Spirit will help us articulate — in our own imperfect words — our joy, our faith and the good news of Jesus Christ for all people.

19 Pray that our seminaries and Lay Schools for Ministry program will grow, thrive and prepare our church leaders for ministry in diverse and changing contexts, in the present and with insightful anticipation of the future.

20 “Love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as [God] is merciful” (Luke 6:35-36). Ask the Spirit to help us do what seems difficult or impossible and live as willing disciples of Christ.

21 Reflect on what God is stirring in us right now, and pray that we might discern what God calls us to be: bearers of love, hope, healing, reconciliation and the good news of Jesus Christ.

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Pray that the story of Joseph forgiving his brothers, which mirrors God's love and forgiveness of us, will inspire us to forgive those who have caused us offense, anger or distress, and that we might seek forgiveness and grace from people we have hurt.

23 The theme of the ELCA Youth Gathering and our camps' summer curriculum is "boundless: God beyond measure." Pray that we will live into this theme, growing in faith and gratitude for God's infinite power, presence, love and wisdom.

24 Thank God for hearing and responding to our prayers — spoken and silent — and for tending to our needs, easing our worries, calming our anger and providing refuge in time of trouble. Ask the Spirit to guide and inspire us as we do God's work in the world, caring for our neighbors in distress.

25 Pray for the Deaconess Community of the ELCA, a diverse body unified in its commitment to proclaim the gospel, show mercy, demonstrate servant leadership and bring healing and reconciliation to the world.

26 Look into the vast night sky at the stars, planets, meteors and comets, and praise God for stirring our awe, wonder, curiosity, humility and imagination.

27 "And all were astounded at the greatness of God" (Luke 9:43). Give thanks that in Jesus Christ we glimpse and experience the glory and power of God poured out upon humanity for our healing and salvation.

28 Give thanks for the evolving technology that helps us with everyday tasks, connects us with people around the world, provides new tools for treating the sick and injured, and helps us reach more people with the gospel. Pray that we will consider the impact of technology and use it equitably and justly for the well-being and benefit of all people.

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		1	2 Bible Study 2 pm I-Help Women 5:15 pm	3	4	5
6 Worship Service 10:00 am	7	8	9 Bible Study 2 pm via Zoom and at St. Philips	10 Property Committee 10:15 am	11 Game Day 1:00 pm	12 Work Day 10-3
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Racoosin, Charles

Nelson, Charlotte

February 7

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