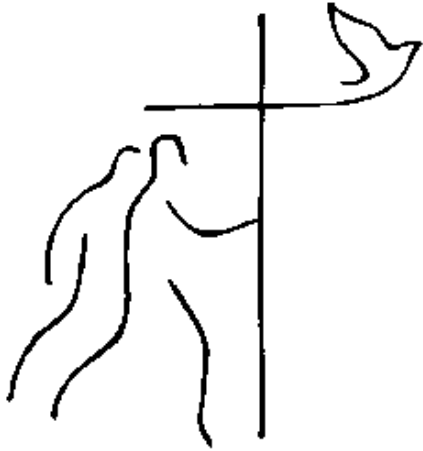


St. Timothy News September 2024



By Pastor Yukio Hamada

Lord, give me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference... - First line of Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr's Serenity Prayer

In Matthew's gospel (NLT), Jesus warned, "And you will hear of wars and threats of wars, but don't panic... There will be famines and earthquakes in many parts of the world. But all this is

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only the first of the birth pains... And many will turn away from me and betray and hate each other. And many false prophets will appear and will deceive many people. Sin will be rampant everywhere, and the love of many will grow cold..." Although Jesus said this in the First Century (CE), it certainly sounds like the world today. But, those who know history realize that same scenario could describe other times in the chronicle of human existence. It's out of times like this that change in the course of events transformed human society.

The transformation of human existence began with the death and resurrection of Jesus when God fulfilled the Mosaic Covenant that forgiveness of sins was effected with the blood of a perfect lamb. Jesus is that perfect Lamb through whom God has forgiven our sins. Then, fulfilling God's promise that Abraham was to be the father of all nations, Paul extended Christ's redemption beyond the children of Israel to Gentiles and to us.

To be honest, when the church strayed from Jesus' message, it often became the false messenger deceiving many. We have seen it in the Dark Ages and in the atrocities of the Crusades. We saw it when the church silenced Galileo for claiming that the earth was not the center of the universe.

In the Reformation tradition, we Lutherans remember that Martin Luther spoke out against abuses of the church and transformed the church by reclaiming that sinners are saved by God's grace and not by human works. Throughout history the church has been constantly reforming when **the hu-**



man institutional church strayed from the gospel by adhering to human traditions that hardened into legalism and rigid customs.

We know that many reforms in America came about because Christians had the courage and vision to change things that needed change. Public schools, hospitals, the end of slavery, and so many other reforms happened because Christ's gospel taught us to love God by loving our neighbor, and **we never asked who our neighbor was because we knew, when we helped even the least of those in need, we did it unto Christ himself.**

As Mordecai suggested to Esther that she had become queen for such a time like theirs, the Holy Spirit may be challenging Christians today, for such a time like this, with many turning away from Christ and hating each other, with false prophets deceiving people, and with sin rampant around us and the love of many growing cold... **For such a time like this, God may be challenging the Christian church - Lutherans, Catholics, Baptists, the entire Body of Christ - to change the things we cannot accept.**

Many of us feel powerless to combat the hatred and division and anger but God has blessed us to be Americans. We are not powerless; we have the power to vote. Unlike in totalitarian regimes like Russia or North Korea or Iran, we do have the opportunity to choose. **In this election season, my prayer is that every American Christian will be a faithful steward of our citizenship and vote. God bless America! And, God bless you!**



Achilles Ta'ale
Cassie Decker
Mary Fasciona
Joshua Whitford
Candace Olvera
Christa Reberry

Social Concerns

Food Pantry: We continue to be very busy at the food pantry, serving 119 people in July. August is proving to be very busy too. We were blessed with 5 volunteers on August 10th at the pickup site for Portland Food Project and 2 more when food was delivered to St Tims. More volunteers put the food away on Monday. We received over 1,000 pounds. Thanks to all the volunteers and all the people who have been shopping for items as well.

THE FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE FOR SEPTEMBER—We are looking for canned soup and veggies.

Snow-Cap: We continue to deliver empty egg cartons and will except clothing for all ages in good shape to deliver to them.

Sherry W.

Fifth Sunday Coats for Kids:



We once again are planning to purchase coats for kids from kindergarten through high school in the Centennial School District. This is the 5th Sunday offering for September. We earned \$105 through the treasure event at the picnic and have received another \$200 from a donor. Please consider giving for this worthy cause and becoming part of the purchaser team. I will reach out to CSD when school is in session. I still reflect on the good teamwork we had and the teamwork with the social workers for the district last year.

Sherry Willmschen

Candidates Forum:

On September 10th from 5-7 ECMA is sponsoring a forum for city council from District 1 in the city of Portland and mayoral candidates. It will be held at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 11560 SE Market St. Volunteers will be welcome to

set up and help and all are invited to attend even if you do not live in District 1. This is an effort to get information to citizens about candidates. No endorsements will be made.

Sherry Willmschen

The elevator work and lighting updates have been done as well as mounting the AED (defibrillator) to a wall in the office hallway. Sherry and Karen O. reported on the personal hygiene bags, the AED, the upcoming 5th Sunday offering for Coats for Kids and possible AED training for multiple churches. Stewardship noted that Temple Talks will be on Sunday, Sept. 22. Committees and other groups need to get your budget requests for 2025 to Karen R. by Sept. 30.

Jean Whitford



The new AED is in the office hallway. A class is offered on September 28 locally for training in AED,

CPR and First Aid certification. Two sessions are offered; 9-12:30 pm and 1-4:30 pm. It is at Parklane Reformed Church at 16001 SE Main St. The fee is \$25. Our contact person is Karen O. Health Ministry Sunday is October 20.

Stewardship Committee is Sending out Pledge Forms for 2025 Expect to receive the letter and form around the middle of September. Stewardship Sunday is October 13.

September Worship Services

If you are unable to make your scheduled Sunday, please contact another person to take your place.

	Sept. 1	Sept. 8	Sept. 15	Sept. 22	Sept. 29
Preacher	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada
Assistant	Sherry W.	Ray W.	Sherry W.	Ray W.	Sherry W.
Lector	Tim H.	Sherry W.	Shannon H.	Lisa S.	Karen O.
Usher	Steve & LeAnn T.	Gladys K. & Greta C.	Ernie R. & Allen P.	Allen P. & Mary F.	Steve & LeAnn T.
Sunday Sch. Helper	Daniel R.	Karen O.	Greta C.	Karen O.	Greta C.
Communion	Candace O. & Gladys K.	Elaine S. & Karen O.	Candace O. & Gladys K.	Elaine S. & Karen O.	Cathy H.
Video & Sound	Ray W.	Ray W.	Ray W.	Ray W.	Ray W.
Counters	Elaine & Tim H.	Jean & Mary	Ernie & Ray	Elaine & Ernie	Jean & Mary
Music	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.
Care Coordinator	Karen O.	Karen O.	Karen O.	Karen O.	Karen O.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

THE EAST COUNTY MINISTRY ALLIANCE
Centennial Christian, Covenant Presbyterian,
Gethsemane Lutheran, Parkrose UCC, Pilgrim
Lutheran, Toetu'u 'Ia Kalaisi Fellowship, Resur-
rection Lutheran, St. Timothy Lutheran, Trinity
Lutheran in Gresham.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

9 am **Commissioning Worship** at Cultivate Initiatives, 14625 SE Stark St. PDX
11 am - 1 pm **Assemble Health and Shower Kits; Make Sandwiches; or Get-out-the Vote Letter Writing** at C.I. as above
12 pm - 3 pm **General Clean-Up, Zarephath Kitchen & Pantry** at Trinity Lutheran, 507 W Powell Blvd, Gresham

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

4 pm - 5:30 **Assemble LifePax** Gethsemane Lutheran, at 11560 SE Market St PDX

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

10 am - 12 Noon **Assemble Quilt Cross Squares**, Pilgrim and St. Tim, at St. Timothy Lutheran, 14500 SE Powell Blvd, PDX

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

5:30 pm - 7 pm **Assessing Community Hunger Issues** at Covenant Presbyterian, 18630 SE Division St, Gresham

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

1 pm - 3 pm **Food Pantry clean up**, at St. Timothy Luth. 14500 SE Powell Blvd, PDX
4 pm - 7 pm Toetu'u 'Ia Kalaisi Fellowship **Community Dinner**, at Lents Park, SE 92nd Avenue and Holgate Blvd, PDX

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

9:45 am - 12:45 pm **Neighborhood Cleanup with SOLVE** starting at St. Timothy Lutheran, 14500 SE Powell Blvd, PDX

3 pm **COMMUNITY CELEBRATION & BBQ**

at Covenant Presbyterian, 18630 SE Division St, Gresham

ALL ARE WELCOME!!! A Time of Sharing and Fellowship and Joy

Jesus on a stick

St. Tim sends us out for the summer, wishing for pictures of Jesus on a stick which is a flat paper puppet that you can color and it is glued to a popsicle stick.

Take a picture of Jesus on a stick when on your vacation, or as you rest on a balmy evening. Maybe as you engage in God's Work, Our Hands activities.

**Email your picture to
sainttimothypdx@gmail.com**

We can print them out and share on Sunday, Sept. 22.

Jesus on a stick, a companion and palm style stick at the St. Tim pantry.



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Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 Pentecost 15 9:20 am Choir practice 10 am Worship Zoom available Coffee Time After church Bible Study at coffee time</p>	<p>2 10 am—1 pm Office & Food Pantry</p>	<p>3 11 am-1 pm Food Pantry</p>	<p>4 10—1pm Office & Pantry & Pr. H.'s hrs 5:30 pm Potluck meal before zoom on disruptive behavior</p>	<p>5 10am-1 pm Food Pantry 7pm Choir practice</p>	<p>6 10 am—1:30 pm Pr. Hamada's office hrs</p>	<p>7 9—noon Property Work Party if weather permits</p>
<p>8 Pentecost 16 9:20 am Choir practice 10 am Worship Zoom available Coffee Time After church celebrating birthdays Bible Study at coffee time</p>	<p>9 10 am—1 pm Office & Food Pantry</p>	<p>10 11 am-1 pm Food Pantry 5-7 pm Candidates Forum, Gethsemane Lutheran</p>	<p>11 10—1pm Office & Food Pantry 10—1:30 pm Pr. H.'s office hrs</p>	<p>12 10am-1 pm Food Pantry 7pm Choir practice</p>	<p>13 10 am—1:30 pm Pr. Hamada's office hrs</p>	<p>14 9—noon Property Work Party GWOH 9am At C. I. Commissioning & work 12 pm at Trinity: Pantry cleaning</p>
<p>15 Pentecost 17 9:20am Choir practice 10 am Worship Zoom available Coffee Time After church</p>	<p>16 10 am—1 pm Office & Pantry GWOH 4 pm Gethsemane: assemble lifePax</p>	<p>17 11 am-1 pm Food Pantry 6:30 pm Council meets</p>	<p>18 10—1pm Office & Food Pantry 10 am—1:30 pm Pr. Hamada's office hrs GWOH 10am St. Timothy: pocket quilt squares</p>	<p>19 10am-1 pm Pantry GWOH 5:30 pm Covenant Presbyterian 7pm Choir practice</p>	<p>20 10 am—1:30 pm Pr. office hrs GWOH 1 pm St. Tim: Clean pantry 4 pm Lents Park Community Dinner</p>	<p>21 9—noon Property Work Party GWOH 9:45 am St. Tim: SOLVE area clean up 3 pm Covenant Presb.: Community Celebration & BBQ</p>
<p>22 Pentecost 18 9:20am Choir practice 10 am Worship Temple Talks Zoom available Coffee Time After church <u>Bring a picture of Jesus on a stick</u></p>	<p>23 10 am—1 pm Office & Food Pantry</p>	<p>24 11 am-1 pm Food Pantry</p>	<p>25 10—1pm Office & Food Pantry 10 am—1:30 pm Pr. Hamada's office hrs</p>	<p>26 10am-1 pm Food Pantry 7pm Choir practice</p>	<p>27 11 am—Fourth Friday potluck lunch & bingo</p>	<p>28 9—noon Property Work Party AED, CPR Certification: Morning or afternoon \$25</p>
<p>29 Pentecost 19 9:20 am Choir practice 10 am Worship Zoom available Coffee Time After church 5th Sunday Coats for Kids</p>	<p>30 10 am—1 pm Office & Food Pantry</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sept 4 zoom on disruptive behavior Sept. 5 Choir practice on Thursdays returns Council meeting moved to September 17 Sept. 10 Candidates Forum; Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 11560 SE Market , 5-7 pm, see page 3 GWOH: See page 4 for details 				

BESIDES GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

September 4 at St. Timothy: De-escalation Training 101 by the Oregon Synod
5:30 pm. Potluck meal; Join as you can. Zoom is from 6:30 to 8 pm

September 10 at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 11560 SE Market St., 5-7pm
District One and Mayoral Candidate Forum

East Portlanders will elect 3 council members; more representation than we've
ever had on Portland City Council. Come hear what is important to your neighbors and
how candidates for District 1 plan to represent our interests at the City. Learn more
about Portland elections by visiting:
<https://www.portland.gov/vote>

September 22 at St. Timothy worship and coffee time starting at 10 am
Temple Talks and then sharing Jesus on a stick pictures at coffee time

September 27 at St. Timothy's Fourth Friday potluck lunch and bingo at 11 am

September 28 at Parklane Reformed Church, 16001 SE Main St.
First Aid, CPR, AED certification. Choose your time 9 am-12:30 or 1-4:30 pm
Register online (see Karen O. for help) and fee is \$25

September 29 at St. Timothy celebrating our 5th Sunday offering
For Coats for Kids in the Centennial School District

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