

By Pastor Yukio Hamada

God does not need our good works. He is God, after all. Our neighbor, however, does need our good works, and so the neighbor becomes a mask of God by which we serve the Lord. God is served in our service to the neighbor. - Martin Luther

Our Epistle lessons recently have featured the letter of the brother of Jesus, James. Although Martin Luther called James' epistle "a letter of straw" because of his Roman inquisitors' use of "faith without works is

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dead," **Luther did not deny that Christians ought to do good.** The inquisitors' seemed to argue that one gains God's favor when we do good works. Luther insisted we do good works in thanksgiving for what God has done for us through Jesus' death and resurrection. **As Luther taught, "God does not need our good works. He is God, after all. Our neighbor, however, does need our good works... God is served in our service to the neighbor."**

This month St. Timothy is focusing on serving in our Stewardship campaign. While most Christians associate Stewardship with money, Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church in Halstead, KS, is teaching its members that **there are Four Pillars of Stewardship: Hospitality, Prayer, Faith Formation, and Service.** I'm using these "pillars" to reflect on what "stewardship" could mean for St. Timothy.

Hospitality: In Matthew's gospel, as Jesus taught about God's judgment, he gave us the image of flocks of goats and sheep before the Almighty who said, "... **when I was stranger, you welcomed me...**" In such a time like this, when neighborhoods are impacted by a growing number of immigrants and houseless individuals, **St. Timothy is challenged to be "a good neighbor" and welcome those outside our church without judgment or prejudice and with love and compassion.** Our food pantry is one example of St. Timothy caring for our neighbor.



Stewardship

Prayer: In his epistle, James wrote, "Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other... The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." **Prayer is one of the most dynamic tools of our stewardship and should not be taken for granted.** Although Jesus said in John's gospel, "You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it," too often some Christians forget that our petitions should be consistent with our prayer that "God's will be done," not our

will. Every member of St. Timothy has access to this powerful gift and we are called to be good stewards of prayer.

Faith Formation: Because Christians love God, we show our love for our LORD by growing in our faith. St. Timothy's emphasis on **Stewardship is an example of growing in our faith.** We are being shown that stewardship is not just about money. It is about taking care of our community of faith, as well as our neighborhood. It's about taking care of our environment and God's creation. **Stewardship is about using out Time, our Talents, and our Resources to take care of all of God's people and God's world.**

Service: The fourth pillar of Stewardship is Service. As James' letter said on Pentecost 17, **"Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, and you say, 'Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well'—but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do? So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless."** That's why we ELCA Christians celebrated God's Work Our Hands in September; **our faith produced good deeds:** sandwiches and shower and hygiene kits and meals for the houseless; cross quilts to remind people that God is with us; sprucing up our food pantries; and picking up trash in the neighborhood. **We served God by serving our neighbors.**

St. Timothy takes Stewardship seriously and we don't just observe it once a year in a church campaign. St. Timothy is building our community and our communion of faith with four pillars of Stewardship: Hospitality, Prayer, Faith Formation, and Service. **Stewardship is part of our DNA - a part of who we are as God's people!**

Social Concerns

Food Pantry: We have seen a marked increase of needy people visiting our pantry especially the last week of the month. We again run low on food and I thank the numerous shoppers who help keep our pantry supplied with food. This is especially important at the end of the month. We will receive food from PFP again on October 12th. Volunteers are needed at 9:30 at Open Door distribution site and St Timothy about noon to load donations into the pantry. Portland Food Project reports 16,329 pounds of food were donated for August and for the year, 70,906 pounds. During GWOH a crew cleaned and relabeled the shelving which makes it nicer. We also put hygiene bags together especially for houseless who visit and to carry in our cars to give out to persons on the street.

Snow-Cap: We were able to give 10 pounds of egg cartons to this organization as well as 27 pounds of clothes. Keep those egg cartons coming. Sherry W.

Our Just Future: Desserts will be provided to potluck meals on Sept 28th and Oct. 6th to houseless shelters.

Sherry Willmschen

Prayer Chain: Thank you to all of our prayer chain members. This is a very important ministry. If you are interested in participating please let Sherry or Candace know. We are planning a meeting October 13 to review our procedures and plan for the future.



Fall is upon us and it is time to think about getting flu and COVID vaccines—two major respiratory illnesses on

the increase as we move indoors and gather in groups.

Vaccines help our body strengthen immunity to illnesses so if we do contract them we are less ill and have fewer after effects.

Talk to your health care provider to get your questions answered and get the most accurate information.

Reminders: Wash your hands often; cover your cough/sneeze, increase distance between yourself and the person next to you or in line with you. Stay home when not feeling well.

Blood pressure checks available on request and one Sunday a month. Watch the bulletin for scheduled times.

Karen Olomua

RELAY FOR LIFE: We raised \$2,065 for Relay for Life due to a large donation from Weston car dealership and our fundraising.
Sherry W.

Health Ministry Sunday: Bishop Laurie will be with us and we will be offering information on wellness to the community.

Sherry W.

God’s Work, Our Hands was a busy week.

St. Tim’s had several projects during the week. We also participated and prayed for the projects of the other churches and fellowships involved. I noticed that the SOLVE litter pick up had volunteers who signed up thru the SOLVE website. The needs of our neighbors compel many to reach out.

Jean W.

October Worship Services

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

	October 6	October 13 Stewardship	October 20 Health Ministry	October 27 Reformation
Preacher	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Bishop Laurie Larson Caesar	Pastor Yukio Hamada
Assistant	Shannon H.	Ray W.	Sherry W.	Shannon H.
Lector	Twila R.	Tim H.	Shannon H.	Lisa S.
Usher	Gladys K. & Greta C.	Ernie R. & Allen P.	Steve & LeAnn T.	Gladys K. & Greta C.
Sunday Sch. Helper	Daniel R.	Greta C.	Cathy H.	Karen O.
Communion	Elaine S. & Karen O.	Candace O.& Gladys K.	Cathy H.	Cathy H.
Video & Sound	Ray W.	Ray W.	Ray W.	Ray W.
Counters	Ray & Candace	Jean & Tim H.	Ernie & Elaine	Ray & Candace
Music	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.
Care Coordinator	Sherry W.	Sherry W.	Sherry W.	Sherry W.

“Put your coat on! It’s cold outside!”

We once again are planning to purchase coats for kids from kindergarten through high school in the Centennial School District. This was 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 still reflect on the good teamwork we had and the teamwork with the social workers for the district last year. Thanks to those who have donated already for

this fifth Sunday effort. Donations and shoppers are still welcome. I have reached out to Centennial School District social workers and should have sizes, etc. very soon.

Sherry Willmschen



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



Trunk or Treat

Saturday
October 26, 2024 4:30 – 6:00 pm

How Can You Help?
Sign up for:

- Bring my car / decorate my trunk / hand out candy**
- I can set up tables and decorations**
- I can greet guests, lead games, give goodie bags**
- I can clean up after this event**
- I can donate candy (wrapped)**
- I can advertise/distribute flyers**

Portland Singing Christmas Tree:

The performances are :

Nov. 30th and Dec. 1, both 2 and 6pm

Dec 6th at 7 pm,

Dec 7th and 8th both 2 and 6 pm.

Location Sunset Church, 14986 NW Cornell Rd, Portland. (right off 26).



Get tickets at singingchristmastree.org or 503-557-8733

Sherry (yes I'm singing again)



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St. Timothy News October 2024

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 11 am-1 pm Food Pantry	2 10—1pm Office & Food Pantry 10- 1:30 pm Pr. H.'s office hrs 10—noon Craft Group 	3 10am-1 pm Food Pantry 6—7:30 pm CCA neighborhood meeting	4 10 am—1:30 pm Pr. Hamada's office hrs	5 9—noon Property Work Party if weather permits
6 <i>Pentecost 20</i> 9:20 am Choir practice 10 am Worship Zoom available Coffee Time After church Assemble Trunk or Treat hand-out bags and goody bags for Oct. 26	7 10 am—1 pm Office & Food Pantry	8 11 am-1 pm Food Pantry 6:30 pm Council meets	9 10—1pm Office & Food Pantry 10- 1:30 pm Pr. H.'s office hrs	10 10am-1 pm Food Pantry 7pm Choir practice	11 10 am—1:30 pm Pr. Hamada's office hrs	12 9—noon Property Work Party 12:30 pm PDX Food Project: bags from cars to pantry
13 <i>Stewardship</i> 9:20am Choir practice 10 am Worship Zoom available Potluck meal after church Prayer Chain meeting	14 10 am—1 pm Office & Pantry Organize pantry	15 11 am-1 pm Food Pantry	16 10—1pm Office & Food Pantry 10 am—1:30 pm Pr. Hamada's office hrs	17 10am-1 pm Food Pantry 7pm Choir practice	18 10 am—1:30 pm Pr. Hamada's office hrs	19 9—noon Property Work Party if weather permits
20 <i>Health Ministry</i> 9:20am Choir practice 10 am Worship Bishop Laurie Larson Caesar Zoom available Coffee Time After church	21 10 am—1 pm Office & Food Pantry	22 11 am-1 pm Food Pantry	23 10—1pm Office & Food Pantry 10 am—1:30 pm Pr. Hamada's office hrs	24 10am-1 pm Food Pantry 7pm Choir practice	25 11 am—4th Friday potluck lunch & bingo	26 9—noon Property Work 4:30—6 pm Trunk or Treat
27 <i>Reformation</i> 9:20 am Choir practice 10 am Worship Zoom available Coffee Time After church	28 10 am—1 pm Office & Food Pantry	29 11 am-1 pm Food Pantry	30 10—1pm Office & Food Pantry 10- 1:30 pm Pr. H.'s office hrs	31 <i>Halloween</i> 10am-1 pm Food Pantry		





TRUNK OR TREAT

Saturday, October 26,
4:30-6 pm
FREE! Candy and
other goodies!

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