



St. Jacob Lutheran Church

March Newsletter

Pastor Ron Timmons Biography

March 2017

Rev. Ronald G. Timmons retired from Wittenberg in 2006. Since then has been the Interim Pastor at Good Shepherd Lutheran, Springfield, Ohio and Trinity Lutheran, Brookville. From 2010 to 2014 he served as the Executive Director of The Widows Home Foundation of Dayton. Before that he was a member of The Ohio Associates of Thrivent Financial Services for Lutherans and reopened the Springfield Office for Thrivent. He was the Director Gift Planning at Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio from 1997 to 2006.

Before joining Wittenberg he was at Scripps Foundation for Medicine and Science, in La Jolla, California from 1992 to 1997 serving as the Associate Vice President and Director of Gift Planning. He was the Western Regional Director for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Foundation from 1986 to 1992. In his eighteen-plus years of Gift Planning he helped countless donors understand the use of charitable giving techniques in meeting their estate planning goals. His, *Ideal Estate Plan*, seminars on the benefits of including charities in estate planning have been given throughout California, Arizona and Ohio. Ron has served as officer in various capacities with the local chapters of the National Society of Fund Raising Executives (NSFRE), the Institute of Certified Financial Planners (ICFP), the International Association for Financial Planners (IAFP), the Financial Planners Association (FPA) and the San Diego, Los Angeles, Springfield and Dayton, Ohio chapters of the Planned Giving Round Table. He is also a member of the Estate Planning Council of Springfield and Dayton Ohio. Ron was the Dean of Admission at California Lutheran University from 1976 to 1986. He held Pastorates in both Cleburne, Texas and Carpinteria, California from 1965 through 1976. He holds a BA in Psychology from California Lutheran University a BTh from Concordia Theological Seminary as well as the Certified Financial Planner™ designation.

Ron is a third generation native Californian and is married to Diane Kohlmeier Timmons (a native Ohioan from Anna) the current Vice President for Grants at The Dayton Foundation. Ron has a son, Scott, and a daughter, Teri (Jim) and two twelve year old twin grand-daughters in California. His hobbies are reading, gardening, and helping his wife, a dealer in depression era glass, do glass shows. Their two Main Coon kitties are Henry and Amelia.

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Thought for the Month

I don't know what tomorrow holds, but I know who holds tomorrow. *Unknown*

Bible Trivia Question

What color vestments does the Pastor wear during Lent?

Answer on page 8

Thank You

To All our friends at St. Jacob:

What a wonderful day! Words are difficult to express our gratitude for the the fantastic retirement from active Parish Ministry celebration that you all planned and were a part of on January 29. It was truly a fantastic day filled with surprises and joy and celebration. Thanks you for the generous gift to us on the occasion of retirement and for the kind words shared throughout the day in worship and at the dinner. And Thank You ALL for the many kind words, greetings, cards, and gifts. A special thank you to Jim and Jill Brandt, Jenny Shoffner, Jeff Bertke, and the entire Church Council (as well as some extra workers recruited to help set up and tear down - you know who you are) for all the planning, inviting of special guests, and set up and clean up of the school. A special thank you to the choir, who sang the Sunday before "Well Done, Thou Good and Faithful Servant." It was a beautiful beginning for our last full week of parish ministry.

It was a full day made especially precious by so many of you who attended (and by those who told us ahead of time of their inability to be present) and by the extra effort made to invite special people in our lives from the community, from our family, from various places around Ohio and from our first parish in Nashville, and even from around the world to share in the celebration, many of which were able to be there! We received greetings from three continents and from around the US from those unable to attend. Thank you for including them in the celebration.

We are grateful for all the years we were able to work together to expand the Kingdom of God here in Anna, Shelby County, and beyond. May God continue to bless each of you and all of St. Jacob as you now travel a new journey into God's preferred future.

Thank you again for the privilege of serving you and again for the celebration of retirement. We look forward to years ahead of service in new and exciting ways to our Lord. God bless you all. Pastor and Sue Althausen

To the Sunday School classes of St. Jacob:

What a wonderful surprise on Sunday, January 29 at the 10:00 a.m. worship - your own version of "Pastor and the Box!" The words that were spoken, the gifts that were given in love, and the sheer joy on your faces as I was receiving your gifts to me were priceless and I will remember them forever! Thank You so very much. And from me to you - continue to grow in God's grace, learn to share the love of Jesus even better, invite your friends to join you at Sunday School, worship, and Kids of the Kingdom, and continue to learn how to care for all people everywhere. I can hardly wait to see where God might lead you into your future! By the way, I have already consumed some of the "goodies", Sue has already used her gift certificate (which means I got to read during one lunch time), and am looking forward to using all the rest of the gifts!

Thanks you again for the special "Childrens' Sermon"!

Pastor Althausen

Thank you to all the church women for preparing a great meal after my father's funeral -Homer Spence. It was greatly enjoyed by all who attended. Steve Spence and family

We would like to express our thank you to Pastor Mick for all the visits and prayers during our mother's passing. Also, to all those for their prayers, cards, and wishes during the time of loss. Thank you to all the women who helped in anyway of the preparation of the funeral meal. It was awesome and appreciated by all. The Helen Pulfer family

**Additional thank you are on the bulletin board in the church office area: Holy Angels Catholic Church Soup Kitchen, Anna After-Prom Committee, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Wernle, ELCA World Hunger, LOMO, Oesterlen

Sunday Morning Servants

	March 5	March 12	March 19	March 26
Readers (8am)	Keith Elsass	Linda Pleiman	Jim Brandt	Kantessa Stewart
Readers (10am)	Jim Koppin	Jenni Shoffner	Joyce McGowan	John Fahnestock
Acolytes	Kaylie Kipp	Kaleigh Montague	Carter Beam	Kyle Evans
Crucifer	Carter Beam		Kyle Evans	
Greeters	N-Darrell Heintz	N-Sally Fogt	N-Doug & Lisa Thomas	N-Donna Russell
	S-Judi Billing	S-John & Penny Fahnestock	S-Velma Billing	S-Ron & Diane Frank
Communion Asst.	Bonnie Schmidt		Logan Cathcart	
March 1—Ash Wed	Joyce Ike			
Blood Pressure Ck.	Phyllis Evans			

HUGS-Relay for Life News

HUGS are starting the **Wash Away Cancer** fundraiser for 2017. We are asking you to take a bottle of water home with you. After you drink the water we would like you to put your loose change of **dimes** in the bottle. One per family will be great, but if you want to fill more, that would be wonderful. We will need these brought back to the church of the end of July. Water bottles can be found at the back of the church. Dimes do add up, so let's see how many we get back.

HUGS-Relay for Life Raffle - The fight against cancer goes on and we know we're going to win this thing! Hardly anyone we know can say they don't have a friend or relative that hasn't battled this terrible disease. We're asking for your help in raising funds because we think it is important that we all join together to help win. The St. Jacob HUGS Relay for Life team will be sponsoring a raffle to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. This is a community affair and fundraising event for our group to raise money. We are in need of donations for our raffle to be held at the Shelby County Relay for Life in August. All raffle items for this event are donated by businesses and community members. Donations can be monetary, gift certificates, or merchandise. Any and all contributions are appreciated. If at all possible, so we are prepared for the event, we would appreciate any donations by **July 3rd**. If you require additional information please contact me, Phyllis Evans 937-394-7214 and I will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Make checks payable to St. Jacob HUGS Relay 4 Life Team. Thank you for your consideration. The St. Jacob HUGS Relay team couldn't do it without the generosity of donors like you. Please give your donations to a Hugs team member: Jan or Steve Elsass, Phyllis Evans, Joyce Ike, Heather Althausser, Dianne Cavinder, Dave Fogt, Cheryl Pulfer, Carol Bodenhorn, or Betty Koppin.



HUGS team would like to remind everyone of the annual Relay for Life garage sale coming up **the last weekend of April**. This will be during the annual Anna Spring Garage Sales. Don't pitch those unwanted items out, but keep them for the garage sale. We take about anything! For questions, see Steve and Jan Elsass. More information to come about drop off dates and times. If anyone would like to join the HUGS team please let Steve or Jan know. We would love to have you!

LOMO-Summer Camp

There is a 2017 Summer Program Schedule posted on the back window for those interested in going to church camp this coming summer. There are discounts for first-time campers and returning youth campers. Also, each camper will receive a \$100 scholarship from St. Jacob Parish Ed Team and the \$100 from the Christian Action Team. You can save up to \$250 if you register early! Website is lomocamps.org



March 1	Bethany Althausser, Karen Sayre, Bonnie Schmidt
March 2	William Billing
March 3	Brigitte Edwards, Ariel Vorhees
March 4	Dustin Ike, Misty Shroyer
March 6	Debra Butler, Lola Heintz, Roger Markley
March 7	Heather Teague
March 9	Jim Bertsch, Devin Huffman
March 10	Annika Maher, Parker McCoy
March 11	David Bell
March 13	Larry Billing
March 15	Jenni Shoffner
March 17	Cory Sniffen
March 19	Darana Lobaugh
March 20	Jennie Bertke, Karla Pleiman
March 23	Carly Wahl
March 24	Kim Bixler, Steve Wildermuth
March 25	William Beam, Ellie Zwiebel
March 28	Kurt Ehemann, Jeff Lobaugh
March 29	Lisa Brady, Connie Cotner, Scott Standley
March 30	Marlie Barhorst
March 31	Darrin Cavinder, Madilyn Cunningham, Edwin Pulfer



March 11	Kim & Mary Ann Klopffleisch
March 16	Greg & Anita Miller

High School Seniors

St. Jacob is offering a \$500 Scholarship to all 2017 graduating High School Seniors who are members. Please pick up your application in the church office and return it by March 19, 2017



Easter Flowers



St. Jacob is in need of someone to coordinate the ordering of our Easter flowers. Please contact the church office if you are interested or if you have any questions.

Mission Interpreter News

The Southern Ohio has prepared a Lenten Devotional for 2017 and it can be found on the website at www.southernohiosynod.org and it will be on the home page. You can also find information about the Reformation 500 there also, the tab is on the right. There are many other items on the website that may be of interest to you.



Living Lutheran website also has stories of how Lutheran are helping others in need. The web address is www.livinglutheran.org

The churchwide website is www.elca.org. This has information from the presiding bishop and many other items that may be of interest to you.

Nancy Martin, St. Jacob Mission Interpreter

Team Hayden



TEAM HAYDEN campaign is working with COTA (Children's Organ Transplant Association) to assist Hayden Weiskittel, son of Scott and Christa Weiskittel with transplant related expenses. An opening meeting was held Tuesday, February 21st. More information is available in the back of the sanctuary or by contacting Deb Christman at 492-7669. Anyone interested is welcome to attend the next meeting on Tuesday, March 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement.

Members in attendance:

Pastor Ron	Lisa Brady	Keith Elsass	Rick Ike
Cheryl Pulfer	Jerry Pleiman	Carol Bodenhorn	Ann Huffman
Jim Brandt	Deb Christman	Dave Bell	David Fogt

Excused Members:

Kim Klopfleisch

Listening for God's Guidance**Devotional by Pastor Ron**

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Brandt.

Secretary's Report

Roll Call was taken. The minutes from the January 16, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Keith Elsass moved and Dave Bell seconded to accept the Secretary's Report. Motion passed.

Financial Secretary's Report

For January, 2017, the Current Offering was \$22,679.45 and the Benevolence Offering was \$1,973.00. The Capital Campaign collected \$845.00. Jerry Pleiman moved and Carol Bodenhorn seconded to accept the Financial Secretary's report. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

For January, 2017 the receipts were \$22,679.45 and expenses were \$23,309.41 for a negative difference of \$630.26. This brings the Year-to-Date receipts to \$22,679.45 and the expenses to \$23,309.41 for a negative difference of \$630.26. David Fogt moved and Rick Ike seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

Offering Our Gifts and Talents**Trustee's Report**

Jerry Pleiman reported that the repair contract for the church bus is signed and the vehicle will be headed to Toledo soon. Jerry is keeping an eye on the basement door and the cabinet to display our different communion sets and historical items is in the works. Four monetary bids were received for the four pews located in the balcony. Jerry will work out the removal details with the bidders. The pipe organ is in need of repair and the estimated cost is \$1,850.00. To do some of the work, the repair company will need to move the music cabinet. David Fogt moved to repair the organ and Keith Elsass seconded. Motion passed. The Trustees were asked to investigate a security system for the church. There is a lot traffic going by the church on a daily basis, we are close to the highway and Cheryl (Pulfer) is in the office by herself on a regular basis. David Fogt moved and Dave Bell seconded to accept the Trustees' Report. Motion passed.

Deacon's Reports

The Parish Ed committee reported that Kids of the Kingdom and Leather League recently went ice skating. Brad and Karla Pleiman have volunteered to lead Teen Scene. The Easter egg hunt will be on April 8th. Registration for the National Youth Gathering starts in the fall. And Kara Kipp will be the coordinator for Vacation Bible School.

The Worship Team reported that Lenten services are scheduled as usual. There will be Sunrise Service at the cemetery on Easter morning at 6:00am. There will be one Ash Wednesday service in the evening with commun-

ion. Maundy Thursday Service will include communion but Good Friday Service will not.

The Vision Development Team reported that they have not met since the January Council meeting.

The Benevolence/Christian Action Team reported that they have not met since the January Council meeting.

The Evangelism Team reported that they have not met since the January Council meeting.

David Fogt moved and Dave Bell seconded to accept the Deacon's Reports. Motion passed.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Ron reported that he has conducted 6 worship services so far in February and he has made 3 hospital visits. Pastor suggested starting over with the prayer list. An announcement will be made that the prayer list is going to be purged and that if any members want to include a loved one or a friend on the list, they have until April 1st to let Cheryl know. Pastor also noted that he made a couple of changes to the meeting agenda to get us out of the rut of doing things just because "that's the way it's always been done". Then we can rethink things and if the consensus is that we really like the way things were, we can go back to that. But if the changes are satisfactory, then we can continue with that change. This will help everyone gradually get used to change before the new Pastor is selected.

Rick Ike moved and Keith Elsass seconded to accept the Pastor's report. Motion passed.

Continuing Business

The call process to secure a new Pastor will commence soon. On March 12th, Jeff Wick will be at St. Jacob's to meet with Church Council and the Vision Development Team to kick things off.

New Business

Team Hayden – A representative from the non-profit organization Children's Organ Transplant Organization (COTA) will be meeting with a group of our members and others on February 21st to discuss the creation of a fundraising campaign to assist the family of Hayden Weiskittel with upcoming expenses that will be incurred as he awaits and hopefully receives a heart transplant. Information letting members know how they can donate will be shared in the weeks ahead. Jerry Pleiman moved and Carol Bodenhorn seconded a motion that Council request up to a \$3,000 grant from the Endowment Committee for the Weiskittel family to help with expenses. Council would request the option to increase the grant amount if needed. And Council would request that the grant start as early as the family needs it. Council will take care of filling out the Endowment Request Form and submitting it to the Endowment Committee. Motion passed.

Carol Bodenhorn moved Rick Ike seconded the nomination of Jerry Pleiman to the office of Vice President. Motion passed.

Envisioning Business

The need for a software program to create Treasurer's reports was discussed. The consensus reached was to continue our current practice of creating detailed spreadsheets and to revisit this topic later if needed.

Rick Ike will secure a State Employer's ID Number to assist church employees with their tax preparation in the future. Church employees who want to have money withheld from their check for taxes will be responsible for working this out with the Treasurer on an individual basis.

A special Council Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 12, 2017 at 11:15am.

The next regularly scheduled Council Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 19, 2017 at 11:15am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Brady

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Our Lenten Journey 2017

“Walking with Jesus toward Jerusalem”

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 7:30 PM (No early service)

“ Making It Real”

Mark 2:1-16

LENT 2, MARCH 8, 7:30 PM

“A New Identity”

Mathew 5:1-12

LENT 3, MARCH 15, 7:30 PM

“A New Path To Aliveness”

Mathew 5:17-48

LENT 4, MARCH 22, 7:30 PM

“Your Secret Life”

Matthew 6:1-18

LENT 5, MARCH 29, 7:30 PM

“Why We Worry, Why We Judge”

Matthew 6:19 – 7:12

LENT 6. APRIL 5, 7:30 PM

“The Choice Is Yours”

Matthew 7:13-29

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 8 AM and 10 AM

“Peace March”

Luke 19:29-46

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 7:30 PM

“A table, A Basin, Some food, Some friends”

John 13

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 7:30 PM

“Everything Must Change”

Luke 22:39ff

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 16, SUNRISE SERVICE 6:00 AM

“HE IS RISEN”

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 8AM AND 10AM

“The Uprising Begins”

Luke 24:1-32

Upcoming Events

- March 1 Ash Wednesday Service with Holy Communion 7:30 p.m.
- March 5 Blood Pressure Check 9-9:45 a.m.
- March 8 Mid-week Lenten Service 7:30 p.m.
- March 12 Daylight Savings Time begins-Spring Up one hour
- March 13 Brotherhood 7:00 p.m.
- March 14 SAPS 1:00 p.m.
 Ruth Circle 7:30 p.m.
- March 15 Hannah Circle 12:30 p.m.
 Mid-week Lenten Service 7:30 p.m.
- March 19 Men’s Prayer Breakfast 7:15 a.m.
 Kids of the Kingdom 2:00 p.m.
- March 22 Mid-week Lenten Service 7:30 p.m.
- March 29 Mid-week Lenten Service 7:30 p.m.

Bible Trivia Answer: Purple