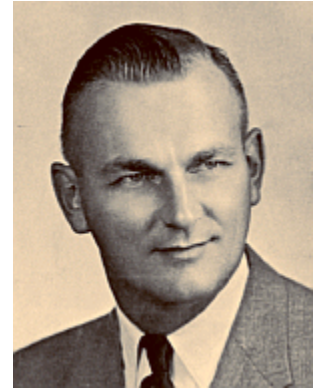


# HISTORY OF ST. TIMOTHY'S

**October 15, 1961**

## **Work begins to establish a Mission Congregation**

When Rev. Gordon Selbo arrived in October '61, he had only two months to take the as yet unnamed St. Timothy's from concept to reality. But with God's help, he was able to name the church, canvass the community door-to-door, locate a temporary place of worship, determine a date for the first service, print a brochure to leave with prospective members, choose an architect, select a contractor and get his family, which included four children, settled into a new home.



Gordon A. Selbo  
Founding Pastor

**December 17, 1961**

## **First Worship Service**

By the time the first service was held at the Red Shirts Riding Club on December 17, 1961, much work had gone into the creation of St. Timothy's. The American Lutheran Church was helping plan and finance a hundred or more "start-up" churches across the country during the '50s and '60s. Thanks to the South Pacific Regional Director, the Rev. T. Arnold Thompsen, San Jose was considered an ideal prospect for development. Even before the arrival of the first pastor, the Camden property as well as a parsonage on Carter Ave. were purchased.



**February 4, 1962**

## **Groundbreaking**

Rev. Gordon Selbo breaks first ground at the Service of Groundbreaking on Camden, along with architect James Ashbaugh (left) and contractors Ed and Frank Surian (far right)



**March 13, 1962**

**St. Timothy's Lutheran Church is officially organized**

There were 135 baptized members and 67 confirmed members

**June 24, 1962**

**First Worship Services are held in the New Buildings**

The original church consisted of the Sanctuary, offices & storage facilities, Social Hall & Kitchen

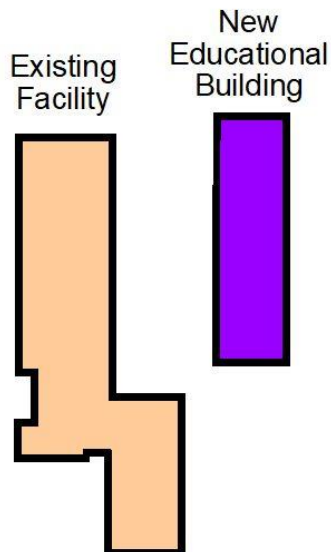


**Pastor Gordon Selbo**

Serves 1961-1962 and returns 1966-1986

**Pastor Milton Linhart**

Served 1962-1966



**November 24, 1968**

**St. Tim's becomes Self-supporting & First Educational Unit is Dedicated**

This meant that the church was no longer dependent upon The American Lutheran Church (ALC) for loan or subsidy. With the help of Olive Lutheran Church of Inglewood, California, and the Lutheran Brotherhood Insurance Company, financing in the amount of \$27,000 was obtained for the construction of an educational building.



**1971**

**A Building Committee began planning for the construction of a New Sanctuary**

This is the architect's original concept.

### **March 12, 1972- 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

A special 3:00 pm service was held on this date to celebrate our ten year anniversary. Among the distinguished guests were:

**Dr. Gaylerd Falde**, president, South Pacific District of The ALC

**Dr. Walt Hellman**, Tacoma, Washington

**Rev. Arnold Thompsen**, Minneapolis, Division of American Missions, ALC

**Rev. Gerald Amundson**, Saratoga, Dean of Mission Trails Conference

### **April 8, 1973**

**Groundbreaking for New Sanctuary**

Pictured from the left are Ben Gardner of Gearhart and Spivey (contractors), Rod Bailey, Bruce VanHuystee, Rev. Gordon Selbo, and Jim Morelan (architect).

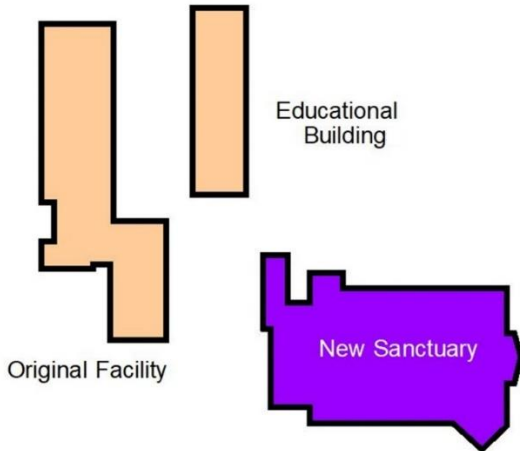


The new sanctuary under construction

**Pastor Darrel Deuel**  
Served 1974-1979



**January 20, 1974**  
**Dedication of New Sanctuary**



The new sanctuary was enhanced with the addition of the six "Creation" windows designed by Terry West, son of St. Timothy's members Elsie and Clark West.



1st Day  
Light and  
Darkness



2nd Day  
Firmament/  
Atmosphere



3rd Day  
Land and  
Vegetation



4th Day  
Sun, Moon  
and Stars

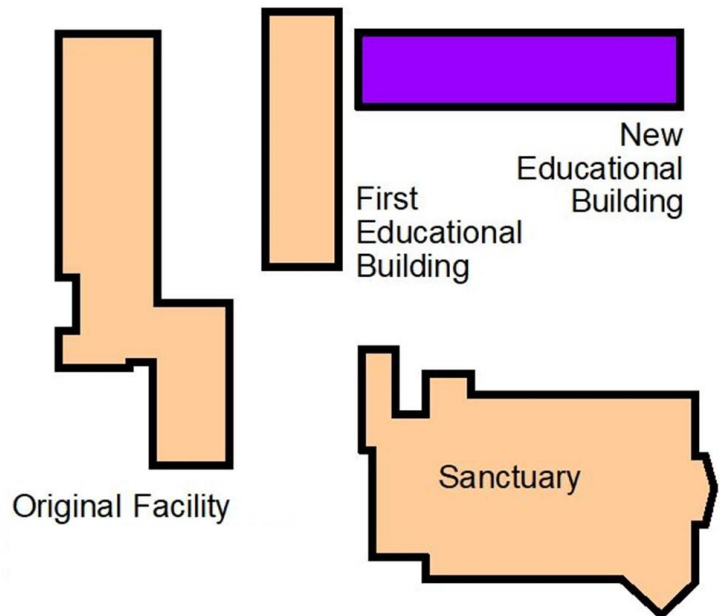


5th Day  
Birds and  
Fish



6th Day  
Animals and  
Man

**1978 New Education Building**



## September 1979 St. Timothy's Lutheran School Opens



Mrs. Barbara Torgerson was named Principal and would continue in that position for 21 years. By 1997, the enrollment in the school grew to over 200 students.

We give thanks to Barbara and the School Principals that followed, and all of the staff and teachers that made the Academy a place of both educational and spiritual growth.

Barbara Torgerson \*  
1979 - 2001



Mickey Angerman  
2001 - 2006



Gayle Renken \*  
2007 - 2018



Ann Mingst \*  
2006 - 2007



Linda Dehart \*  
2006 - 2007



Laurie Vroom  
2018 - 2019

(\* Known as the "Fab-Four" Gayle, Ann, Linda, and Barbara returning, co-teamed for a year with Gayle Renken continuing as Principal to 2018)

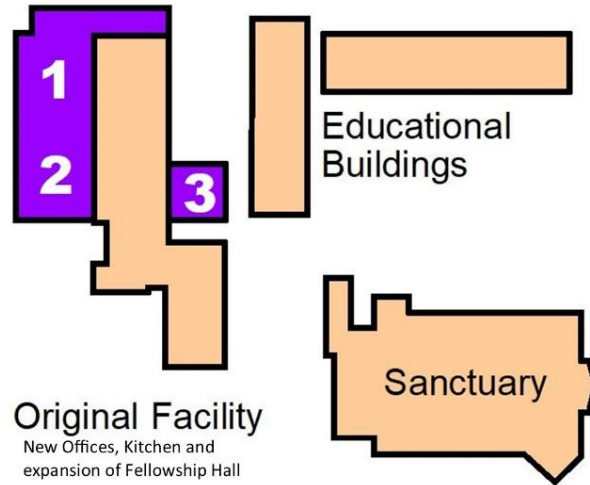




**Pastor John Sullivan**

Served 1980-1989

**1981 Campus Renovation and Expansions**



After two years of planning and construction, facilities originally meant to support a congregation of 300 were renovated to serve the needs of St. Timothy's rapidly growing membership. This renovation included:

1. Enlargement of Fellowship Hall
2. Remodel to provide working spaces for pastors' offices, secretarial areas, library, office equipment room and storage area.
3. Creation of a new, fully equipped kitchen.

**September 26, 1982 - 20th Anniversary**

A special 5:30 pm dinner program was held on this date to celebrate our twenty year anniversary.

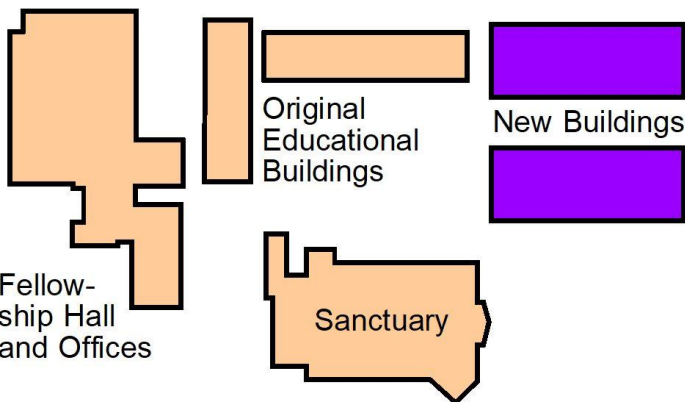
Dr. Gaylerd Falde, President of the South Pacific District of The American Lutheran Church, was on hand again to give a special greeting, as was Rev. Gerald Amundson, Saratoga, Dean of Mission Trails Conference, who portrayed Martin Luther.

Pastor Darrel Deuel and family returned for the event and performed a "Pastors' Trilogue" along with Pastor Sullivan. The congregation had grown to 1,200 baptized and 900 confirmed members.



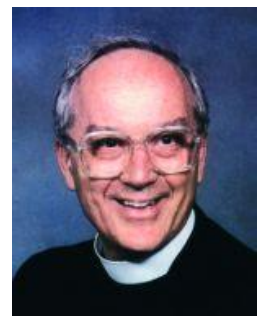
**1985**

The third education unit, comprised of two classroom buildings, was completed. A dedication service was held. These provided 6 classrooms, a teachers' lounge with storage, work areas for the school, restrooms, and a storage and maintenance room.



**Pastor Richard Anderson**

Served 1986-1993



MAY 1987

## 25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 3, St. Timothy's will observe its 25th Anniversary with jubilant worship and cordial fellowship, so join us for the gala Service of Celebration, the various receptions and the grand festival feast at Remington's.

### WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

8:30AM Communion (for those unable to attend the Main festival service). "Recognizing Jesus" is the sermon theme.

10:00AM FESTIVAL SERVICE OF CELEBRATION with Pastor Gordon Selbo preaching, combined choirs, soloists Kathy Anderson and David Myrvold; Pastor Sullivan as liturgist.

11:15AM RECEPTION and DEDICATION of Elsie and Gordon Selbo Hall. Dr. Murray, Dedicator; Camden Avenue Crooners will sing.

### THE GRAND FESTIVAL FEAST

4:30PM Reception at Remington's preceding banquet...time for fellowship with old and new members.

5:30PM Grand Festival Feast with Pastor Ollie Ruud as special speaker; Reminiscing by Selbo and Sullivan; Great music from the theatre by opera star David Myrvold, recognition of Charter Members. Tickets are \$15.00 each (obtain them today). Remington's at 1730 West Campbell Ave, Campbell, is the site for this spectacular, informal celebration.





**Pastor Harold Mitchell**  
Visitation Pastor 1990-2005



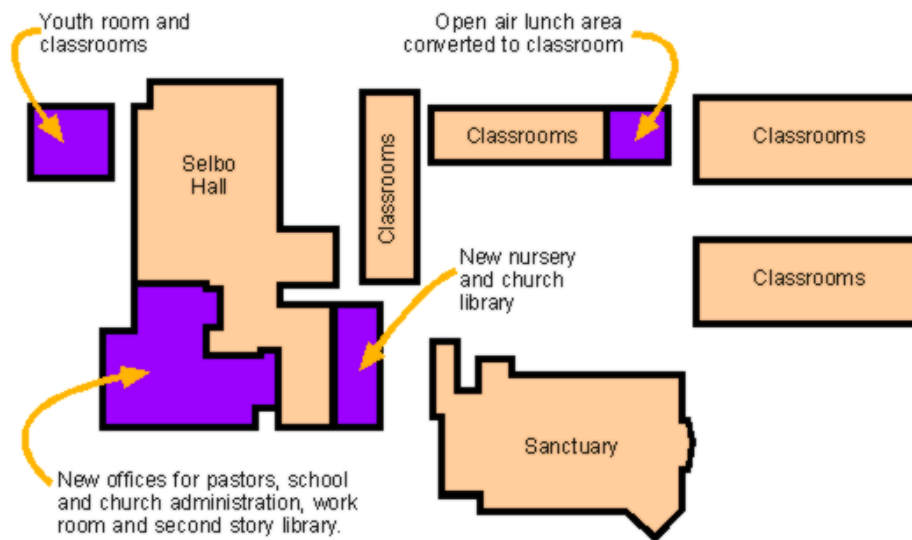
**Pastor Dan Selbo**  
Served 1994-2019



**Pastor Karl Jacobson**  
Served 1996-1998

### Building Expansions 1997

The 1997 building expansion created some much-needed office space, additional educational rooms, a youth room, a new nursery and libraries for both the church and school.







**Pastor Mark Howard**  
Served 1999-2000



**Pastor Derek Engfelt**  
Served 2001-2005

## April 21, 2002 – 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

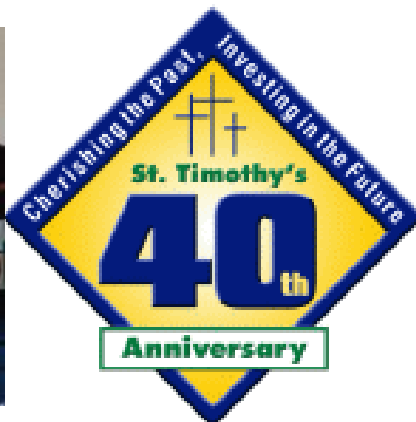
"Forty Years of God's Grace" was the overall theme for the 40th Anniversary celebration held April 21, 2002.

A dinner and program helped to celebrate this milestone in our congregation's history. Pastor Darrel and Janet Deuel were among the guests and former members who attended. Twelve charter members were recognized as part of the evening's celebration.

The year of celebration actually began earlier, at the congregation's annual meeting in January, when a 40th Anniversary Appeal was adopted. For 40 days, beginning March 13, 2002 (the actual anniversary date) and ending on April 21, 2002 (the night of the anniversary dinner), we committed ourselves to prayer. At least 40 people per day signed up to pray throughout the appeal

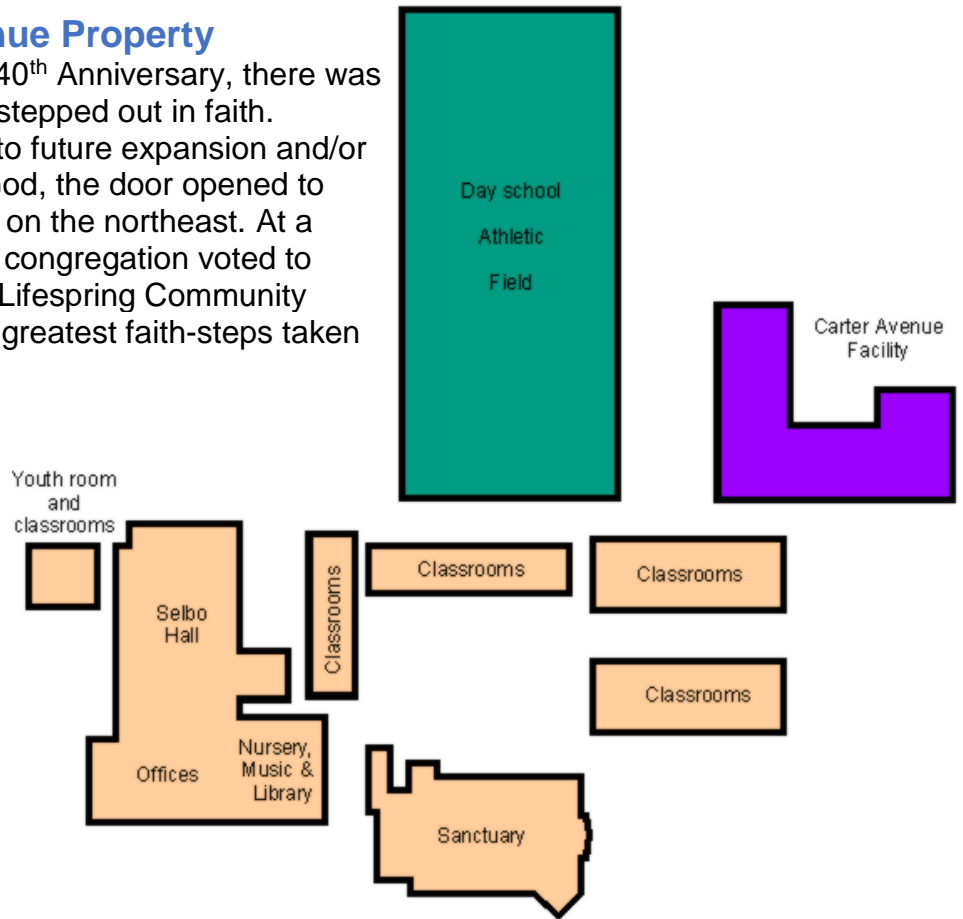
We also committed ourselves financially as we stepped out in faith with an Anniversary Commitment Appeal. More than \$900,000 was committed to future expansion and/or property purchase. From the commitments made, a special 40th Anniversary benevolence gift in the amount of \$40,000 was given to Carlile College, a missionary training school in Nairobi, Kenya.

During the 40 days of the Appeal, God opened the door to purchase the property adjacent to us on the northeast. At a special meeting on April 7, 2002, the congregation voted to purchase the 2.2 acre property from Lifespring Community Church. Not only was this one of the greatest faith-steps taken to date by St. Timothy's, but the playing field and new building space would also provide countless opportunities for furthering our gospel work in the future.



## 2002 Purchase of Carter Avenue Property

Through the celebration of St. Tim's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, there was a financial commitment made as we stepped out in faith. More than \$900,000 was committed to future expansion and/or property purchase. By the grace of God, the door opened to purchase the property adjacent to us on the northeast. At a special meeting on April 7, 2002, the congregation voted to purchase the 2.2-acre property from Lifespring Community Church. Not only was this one of the greatest faith-steps taken to date by St. Timothy's, but the playing field and new building space would also provide countless opportunities for furthering our gospel work in the future.



**Pastor Stan Andersen**  
Visitation Pastor 2005-2011



**Pastor Jim Bangsund**  
Served 2007-2022



**Pastor Judy Bangsund**  
Served 2007-2022

## 2007 Congregation Adopts 2020 Vision

This 20/20 vision is for the next 13 years, up to the year 2020; and it is the clearest picture the congregational leadership has at present of how God is leading us to grow in the years ahead. This also led to the approval of a three year \$2 Million Capital Campaign that enabled the Sanctuary Remodel in 2009 and Purchase of the Youth House in 2012. Along with continued debt reduction, mission benevolence tithing and growing the Endowment Fund (Legacy Fund). The vision statement reads as follows:

- We are a connected family of believers
- worshipping God
  - growing in faith
  - committed to serving
- with a mission of bringing new believers to Jesus Christ.

## 2009 Sanctuary Remodel

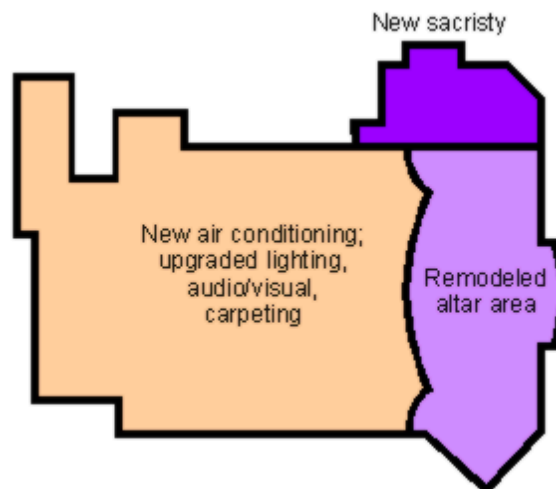
A rededication service is held on Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> in the midst of the deepest recession since the 1930s. Thanks be to God for making it all possible.



**BEFORE**



**AFTER**



## December 6, 2009 St. Timothy joins Lutheran CORE

St. Timothy's votes to join Lutheran CORE. In this new alignment, the congregation will continue to study the question of the best denominational "fit" in a context of like-minded congregations in the United States and Canada.

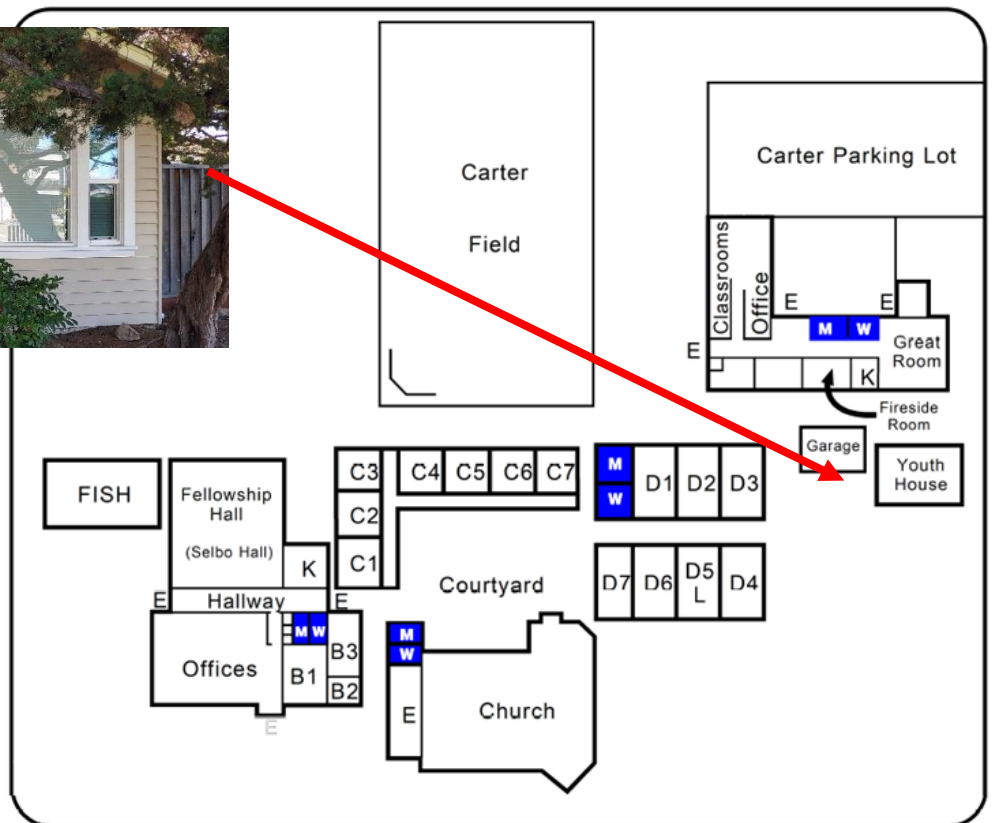


## 2011 St. Timothy joins the NALC

After years of reflection upon what the best denominational "fit" for St. Timothy's would be, the congregation votes to join the North American Lutheran Church (NALC).

## 2012 Purchase of 5153 Carter Ave

Purchased for use as the Youth House.



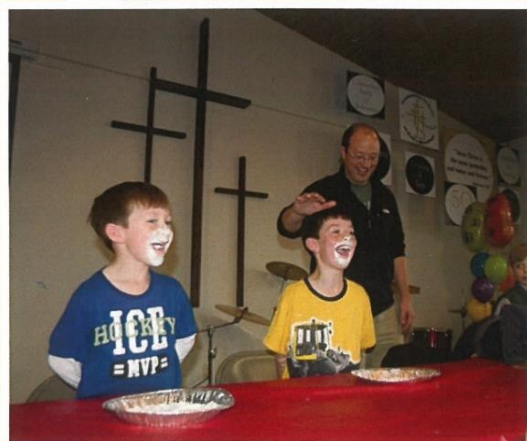
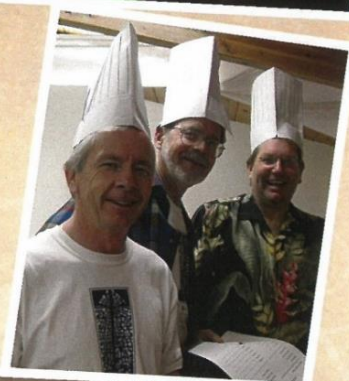


## MARCH 2012 - 50th Anniversary

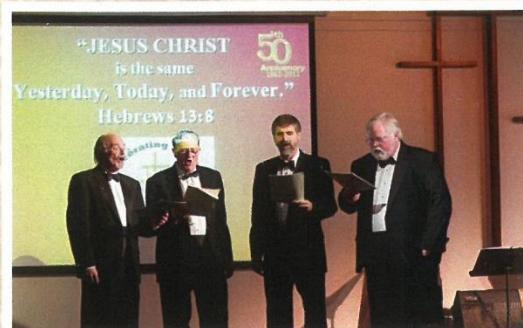
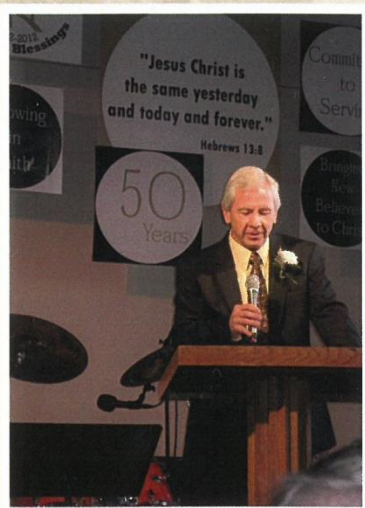
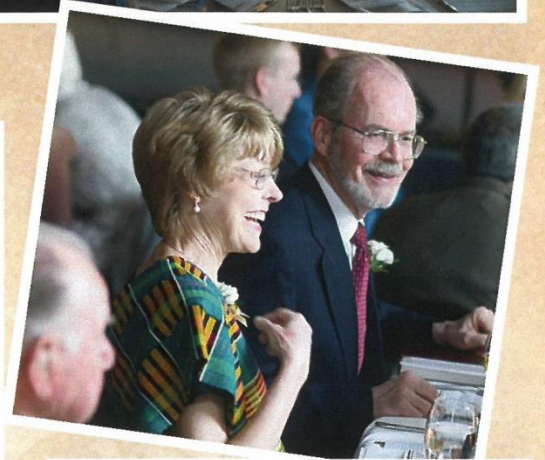
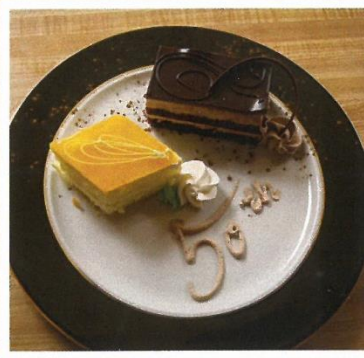
We celebrated with 2 different parties.

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday,  
today, and forever.” Hebrews 13:8

### FAMILY PARTY- March 17



# ADULT DINNER- March 18



## October 2016 South Valley FISH Food Pantry opens



Doors opened at the Carter location in 2016 with one small room and now FISH has expanded to the Camden Building serving over 140 families a month. Thanks to the dedication of the Directors and many volunteers.



**Pastor Brian Zaas**  
Served 2017-2018

**Pastor Jonna Bohigian**  
Served 2017-2022



May 2019

**Celebrating 40 years of St. Timothy's Elementary School**

After 40 years of education and serving families, St. Timothy's Elementary School closes.



August 2019

**St. Timothy's Christian Preschool**

As we say goodbye to the elementary portion of the school, we continue the vision of the preschool.







**August 9, 2019**

The Rev. Dr. Dan Selbo of St. Timothy's Lutheran Church is elected third bishop of the North American Lutheran Church.

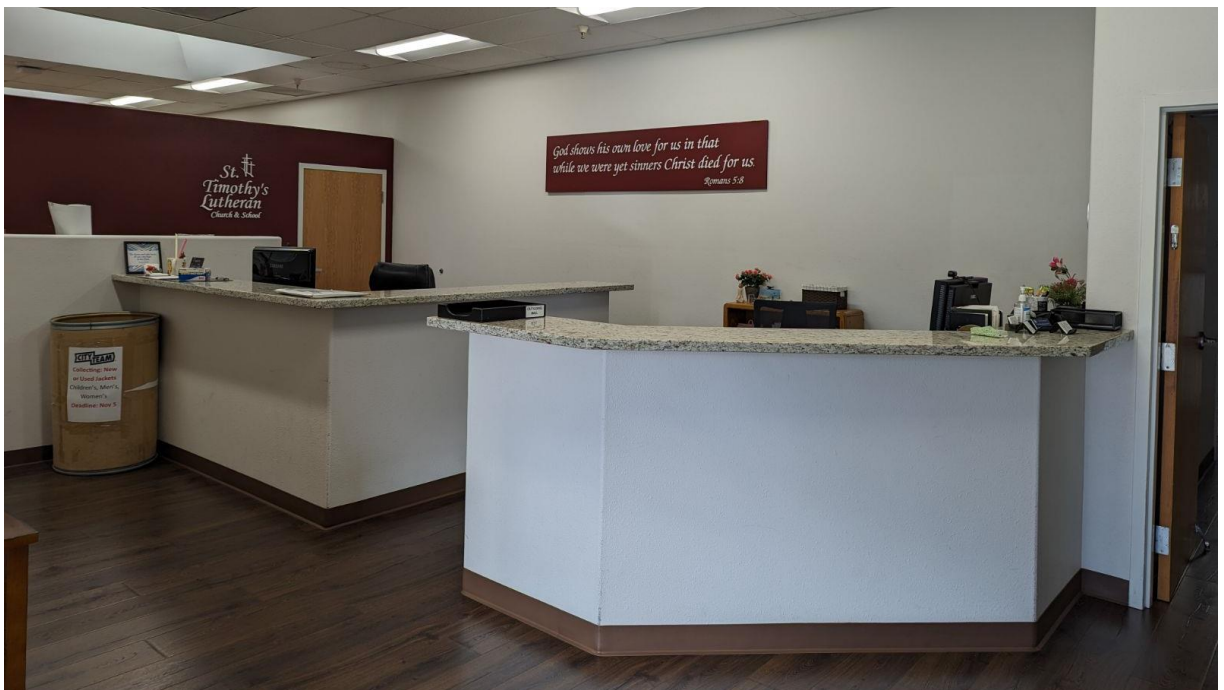
**August 2019**

Office Reception Area gets a remodel and new flooring for all offices

**BEFORE**



**AFTER**



## 2020 – 2021 COVID Pandemic Challenges us to Re-think How We Worship

### March 2020

#### Worship Services go “on-line”

With the dedication of the Pastors, staff and church member volunteers, we were able to record worship services and incorporate on our website for an on-line worship experience.

### December 2020 through most of 2021

Worship Services are held outside in parking lot and eventually under “The Big Tent” until Covid restrictions are lifted to allow for indoor gatherings again.



**Pastor Jim Cords**

Served 2020-present

### January 2021

#### St Timothy's dual affiliates with LCMC

Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ  
With this opportunity to expand our ministries and relationships within the broader Lutheran community, we had a congregational vote to dual affiliate and partner with LCMC.



June 26, 2022 – 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**All are invited!**

ST. TIMOTHY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

# 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary CELEBRATION

1962-2022

SUNDAY, JUNE 26 | WORSHIP 10AM | LUNCH 11:30 AM



# 2022 Completion of Outside Patio and Fellowship Area

**BEFORE**



**DURING CONSTRUCTION**



**AFTER**



**Pastor Joe Hill**  
Served 2022-present

**March 2022**  
**Blue Spruce Tree Planted**



**October 2022**

**Solar Panels commissioned. First solar produced March 2023.**



# September- November 2022 Sanctuary Bathrooms Remodeled

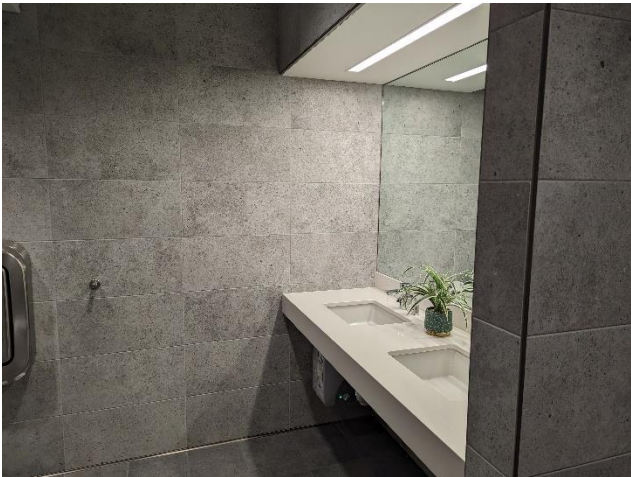
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# JUNE 30, 2024

## Café Lydia Grand Opening

Room B2 was remodeled into a room for hospitality on Sunday mornings and also throughout the week as needed. A grand opening ceremony was held between services on Sunday, June 30.

