

TIMOTHY'S EPISTLE

FEBRUARY 2021



DATES TO REMEMBER

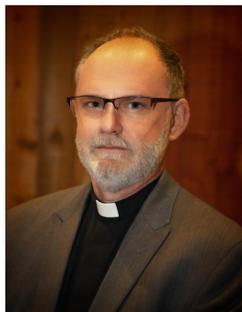
Saturday, Feb. 13	Planning Forum for all Council & Board Members	
Wednesday, Feb. 17	11 AM & 7:30 PM	Ash Wednesday Services
Sunday, Feb. 21	9:45 AM	New Member Classes Begin
Wednesday, Feb. 24	11 AM & 7:30 PM	Lenten Services

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday's	8:30, 11 AM, & 12:30 PM	SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES
Sunday's	9:45 AM	Children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Classes
Wednesday's	11 AM	Word on Wednesday Bible Study / Pastor
	10 AM	Word on Wednesday during Lent
	5:30 PM	Confirmation Class

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**Rev. Daniel
Brammeier**

Pastor's Corner

Lent? Already? Yes.

Can you believe it!! It seems like yesterday we were cleaning up after Thanksgiving last year. We started a new church year right after Thanksgiving and the season of Advent. Then we were getting ready for Christmas. Christmas came and went and we started a new calendar year, hoping and praying earnestly that we could put the problems of 2020 behind us. Well that didn't work out immediately in 2021, but with the introduction of the COVID vaccines, people I meet seem more optimistic about the future than they have been for a long time.

We're in the season of Epiphany now and looking ahead to Lent. Yes, you read it right, LENT! No sooner have we gotten through Christmas and New Year, Ash Wednesday is coming on February 17. Ash Wednesday begins our Lenten journey to Holy Week, Good Friday and the great celebration of Jesus' resurrection at Easter.

Our midweek Lenten focus will be on certain parables of Jesus that speak to the recognition of sin and the need for repentance. Lent has always been a time of deep penitential consideration for the passion of Jesus. Lent focuses us on the "why" of Jesus' death and resurrection. Why did Jesus have to die on the cross? Because there was no other way to secure our redemption from sin and death. There's nothing we can give or offer to God that can appease his anger over our sins. Only the blood of Jesus, shed on the cross and offered to the Father for our sins, can satisfy the payment for our sins.

As Jesus had no sin, and the Father accepted his blood and sacrifice for our sins, there was no reason for Jesus to stay dead. Having conquered the power death Jesus rose from the dead on Easter. Now all those tied to Jesus death, burial and resurrection in baptism can share eternal life through him.

We look forward to celebrating the resurrection. As we do, I like to point out, "no guts, no glory." Seems a little grim, but it wasn't our 'guts and strength that won our salvation, it was Jesus'. It was his compassion for us that led him to do what he did. We dare not skip over Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and especially Good Friday, just so we can "get the glory." No, to get to the glory we have to go through those things, or Easter can become just another meaningless platitude as we go through life.

I encourage you to join us throughout our Lenten journey on Sundays and at our midweek Lenten services. We will have both 11 am and 7:30 pm Wednesday services. The 7:30 pm services will be live streamed.

Stay safe and I pray to see more and more of you as the year goes on.

Blessing to you through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Pastor Brammeier



Kristin Freeman,
Preschool
Director

ECE Mission and Ministry State- ment

At Timothy Lutheran Preschool, we believe that “children are a gift from God; they are His reward.” (Psalm 127:3)

Timothy Lutheran Preschool is a ministry of Timothy Lutheran Church. Its mission is to serve children and families by sharing Jesus’ love with them through an academically excellent Christian Education in a safe, loving environment.

Preschool News

National Lutheran Schools Week provides the network of over 1,900 LCMS preschools, elementary schools and high schools with the public opportunity to proclaim and celebrate God’s work in Lutheran schools.

In this, Lutheran schools thank God for the opportunity to provide excellent academic preparation for the children they serve and for the opportunity to share Jesus’ amazing love with students and their families.

National Lutheran Schools Week gives schools the ability to proclaim these great blessings within the communities they serve. Lutheran schools are amazing incubators for faithful witness of God’s love through Christ by teachers and students alike.

“Sent to Serve” is the theme for the 2021 National Lutheran Schools Week celebration. The associated scripture verse is Matthew 20:28 which says:

“The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many”



We celebrated the kick-off to National Lutheran Schools Week at Timothy on January 24th at the 11:00 am service. Fourteen students worshipped with us and the children sang four songs led by our music teacher, Ms. Barb. If you missed seeing them in person, check out the recording on our church Facebook page. The children were adorable! Many thanks to those of you who welcomed these families!

Registration for the 2021-22 school year is underway and spots are filling fast. We are so very grateful to continue to serve the community of Woodstock with this ministry for another year. Thank you for all of your love and support and allowing us the opportunity to share God's good news 5-days a week here. If you would like to register your child, grandchild, friend or neighbor, please contact me.

Love truly grows here!

Kristin Freeman

Preschool Happenings

Jan. 24-30

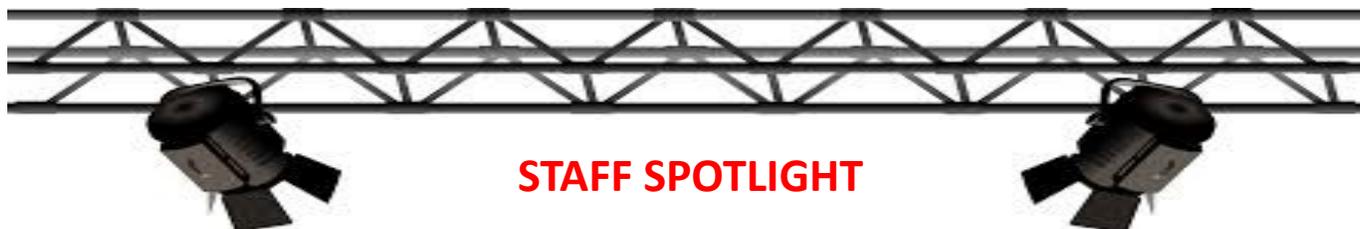
National Lutheran Schools Celebration

Feb. 11 & 12

Valentine's Celebrations

February 15-19

No School: Winter Break



Name: Joy Mansell

Classroom: Assistant Teacher 4-Day 4s

Birthday: October 8

Number of Years Serving: 1

Favorite Song: "You are My Sunshine"

Favorite Food: Watermelon

Favorite Saturday Activity: Hanging outside with kids and animals

Favorite Place to Visit: Beach

Dream Vacation: Caribbean with my family

Favorite Holiday: Christmas and Easter

If you can meet anyone in the world, it would be..... Dolly Parton



*Joy was a parent in our program for many years and returned to our program this year as an assistant teacher in the 4's classroom. We are thrilled to have her on staff with us and watching her continue to grow this ministry from a parent to a teacher!



STEWARDSHIP – February 2021



Timothy 4.0
... the refreshing



Living Our Faith Through Discipleship

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod LCMS Stewardship Ministry Newsletter article – February 2021

“I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich” (2 Corinthians 8:8-9).

Without commands or even arm-twisting, St. Paul encourages, even challenges, the Church in Corinth to demonstrate the sincerity of their faith by their generosity in giving. He does this because giving generously is a gift of the Spirit given to us through the Gospel.

St. Paul wrote: “But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving” (2 Corinthians 8:7). In other words, just as we grow in faith and speech and knowledge of eternal things by the Holy Spirit through the Word of God, so also do we grow in giving from the same Spirit through the same Word.

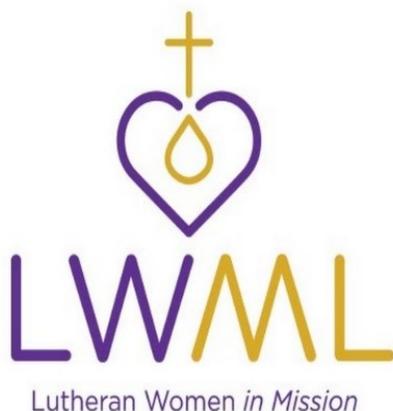
The problem is that the grace of generosity often grows cold in us. It’s not so much that we stop giving, but we don’t put it first. We treat it like all the other bills that must be paid. It becomes a chore, just one more thing to check off a list of things to do. That empties it of its spiritual power and robs us of the joy that Christ and the Scriptures assign to it.

On top of that, since this generosity is linked to faith and knowledge of divine things, a lack of excelling in giving is sure sign that our faith and knowledge of God are under attack as well.

Thus St. Paul points to the foundation of generosity: the generosity of Christ Himself. Even though He was rich, He became poor so that we who are poor might become rich. Thus, the incarnation, suffering, and death of our Lord on the cross is the reason, source, and driving force for our generosity in giving to the church.

And since Christ who was rich became poor so that we might be rich in His grace—of which generous giving is part—so we also who are rich in His grace can excel in pressing His grace into service toward the gracious work of the church.

Pay attention to what you give to the church so that you may excel at it. And if you find that your heart has grown cold or indifferent toward it, immerse yourself in God’s Word. Read it at home. Attend Bible Class. Hear and listen to it preached in the Divine Service. Be reminded of what Christ has done for you in His incarnation, suffering, and death. For this will strengthen your faith and knowledge. And where that excels, so will the grace of giving excel also.



LWML – Our 2nd annual Secret Sister drive is underway and is open to **ALL** ladies of Timothy. This fun program engages ladies to lift each other up in prayer and encouragement throughout the year. Forms are available on the LWML bulletin board located in the Fellowship Hall or contact Patti Kastens at kastens5@bellsouth.net for the form. Please complete the form and return to the Kastens mailbox at church by February 7th. Again, all ladies are encouraged to participate.

Now is the time to sign up for the *Lutheran Women's Quarterly* publication. This national magazine is a wonderful way to keep up to date on all things LWML. The subscription is \$6 per year (4 issues) and will be delivered to your church mailbox. If you prefer to receive it at your house, the cost per year is \$7.50. Simply fill out the attached form and return it to the mailbox of Gail Trimble no later than February 15th. If you have questions, please contact Gail at gardengail@comcast.net.

A separate newsletter for the Florida-Georgia LWML district, the *Evangel*, is available online for sign up at www.fgalwml.com. This free newsletter is a great way to stay in touch on news, updates and ideas.

Applications are currently being accepted by the district for the Florida-Georgia Young Women's Representative that will attend the LWML national convention to be held in June. Interested young women 25-35 are encouraged to complete the application. If you have questions and are interested, please contact Teresa Jarmick or Patti Kastens. Application deadline is February 16th.

We are planning to meet in person in March IF Covid-19 cases are on the decline and safe to do so. Look for future announcements regarding in person meetings. Stay safe!

LWML QUARTERLY 2021-2022 SUBSCRIPTION FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS:

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE:

DELIVER TO MY: _____ HOME (\$7.50/YEAR) OR _____ CHURCH \$6.00/YEAR

Make checks payable to **LWML**

Return form and check to Gail Trimble no later than **February 15, 2021**

Note: Your subscription begins with the Summer 2021 issue.



Come join us during the Sunday School hour (9:45 - 10:45) in the youth space outside Pastor's office as we tackle the book of Revelation. Bring any questions you have, find a bean bag chair, and we'll try to figure things out together.

Look for an art night and perhaps movie night in February (dates to be determined). To get on our email list or text list please send your contact information to Brianhowe57@gmail.com / 701-340-5049.

2021 SERMON SERIES

PREACHING THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

Beginning in January, Pastor Brammeier started a series which will cover selected parts of the Old and New Testament. There will be handouts the prior week for you to read through and prepare for the coming Sunday.

PRAYER BOOKMARKS for ECE Students and Teachers—You can still pick up a bookmark or two and pray for our ECE students and Teachers. Please sign on the appropriate list if you take a bookmark or two.

TIMOTHY'S CUPBOARD

"I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid." John 14:27

January was an unusual month at the foodbank. Our client numbers fluctuated the entire month. One week we would be around 30 clients one day and the following day was in the 20's. And this was also true for our food donations. One week we would be overloaded from Sams and Walmart, especially with produce. And the following week we would get next to nothing.

Our can goods continue to be few and far between, so the food barrel is definitely a super help. Thank you to everyone that keeps filling it up.

Hopefully February will see a big improvement in both clients and donations.

Thrivent Financial Inspires Generosity



Thrivent has given us tools and resources to meet unmet needs in our community with the **Action Team Program**. A Thrivent member can lead a group of volunteers in a fundraiser, service activity or educational event. Once your project has been approved, Thrivent will give the team a maximum of a \$250 debit card to assist in accomplishing the activity. Service projects may be cleaning up after a disaster, hold an underwear/ sock drive. Fundraisers may be an iron chef cook-off, Valentine's Day flower/candy sale. Our youth led December Silent Auction used Action Team funds for their fundraiser. Educational activities may be Do-it-yourself basic home repair, chainsaw training (see article in this newsletter about this event)

Thrivent Choice Dollars makes a financial impact by making a personal donation or directing Thrivent Choice Dollars to the causes and nonprofits you care about. This past November, Choice Dollar members give \$100 to the Georgia National Cemetery to place "Christmas Wreaths Across America". Choice Dollar members are giving our TLC LWML \$200 toward their Christmas cookie fundraiser. We have given funds to LCMS Districts/ churches across our country that have experienced natural disasters.

What's a Lutheran?

Do you know what it means to be a "Lutheran"? What do Lutherans believe? What makes Lutherans different from other Christian denominations?

To answer these and many more questions Pastor Brammeier will be hosting "An introduction to the Lutheran Faith" especially for those wanting to become members of Timothy Lutheran Church and for anyone wanting to dig deeper into the Lutheran Faith. We will be meeting between services on Sundays, during Sunday School, starting Sunday February 21.



Please call the church office at 770 928-2812 to let us know you are interested.



The "Catechism Girls"

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THANK YOU for supporting the coat
drive for Stepping Stone Mission

*Because of you...we provided 126 coats
for Pastor Song to distribute
to our homeless
brothers & sisters!*

33 Men's Coats
52 Women's Coats
15 Boys Coats
26 Girls Coats
7 Scarves & 1 Hat



Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) Training

Coming to a Church near you!



“We love because he first loved us.”

(1 John 4:19 ESV)

When disaster strikes, lives are turned upside down. Survivors often need food, clothing, shelter and spiritual care as they begin to cope with tragedy and loss. Responding to these hurting people is a vital part of who we are as members of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). We show mercy and love to our communities because of the great grace and love that God has first shown to us.

Join a Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) chainsaw training event near you to learn how congregations and even individual members like you can be better prepared to show Christ’s love to the community when a disaster strikes. Attendees will receive training in the following areas:

1. How to cut down trees properly
2. Volunteer safety
3. Buck and limb fallen trees
4. General debris cleanup
5. Personal Protective Equipment
6. Additional LERT certification opportunities



Attendees also will receive an LCMS Disaster Response credential that will give them credibility as they enter disaster zones in a coordinated and collaborative effort to assist those in need. *The cost is \$35 and you can make check payable to the FLGA District,*

LERT Training Event:

March 6, 2021

Timothy Lutheran Church

Woodstock, GA

[FLGA LERT Registrations](#)

Questions? please contact the FLGA District Disaster Coordinator - Jay Wendland—at 407-258-5041 or jwendland@flgadistrict.org



Please go to FLGAdistrict.org and click on the chainsaw window to register for the class. It will take place on Saturday, March 6 and the cost is \$35. Please bring a check with you to the class. If you have not had LERT (Lutheran Early Response Team) training, you will need to take that as well and the cost is \$20. That will be scheduled most likely on Thursday evening, March 4. You must register no later than February 28 and the class will be limited to 15 people. Please contact Don Snyder (770 337-5908) or Mike Lawson (770 776-7367) for more information.



Make a Difference!!

Volunteers are a special breed of folks! Without them, our world would have a big void. We hear some people complain, “Why doesn’t somebody do something about...(fill in the blank)?” A few respond, “Can I help?” Perhaps a few others offer, “Let’s work on a solution.”

I’m reminded of the Oliver Wendell Holmes quote: “Some men see things the way they are and ask, why? I see things the way they could be and ask, why not?” Volunteers ask “why not” when they see issues or needs. Instead of complaints, they offer options and efforts at solutions.

Therein lies the difference between volunteers and non-volunteers! Non-volunteers are watchers. They observe the actions of others and try not to get involved. Volunteers choose to make something happen. Their ideas don’t always succeed, but at least they make an effort.

Volunteers refuse to be victims; they choose to create a victory for themselves and others. People who feel victimized often fail to make an effort to change their circumstances. They are the “bench sitters” in the game of life; volunteers are in the starting lineup. Even when things seem to be going in a negative direction, the person who volunteers may often change the outcome by a positive attitude toward the struggles around him.

Optimism alone won’t succeed every time, but it certainly helps to keep one in the game. A little leaguer stood in the dugout at his baseball game and shouted encouragement to his fellow players. I looked at the scoreboard and it read, Visitors 12, Home 0. I heard a bystander say, “It looks pretty bad” to the young cheerleader. The little man looked quizzically and said, “Nah, we’ll be fine as soon as we get to bat!”

That’s the kind of optimism volunteers bring to the issues they face. We all have to make choices about how we play the game. I’m clear about my choices. What about you?

Written by Dr. James E. Kilgore, retired President of the International Family Foundation.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERIES 2021

This year's midweek Lenten Series is called "Parable Ponderings". I have chosen six well known parables that teach the necessity for repentance and the free gift of forgiveness through Jesus. Here's the schedule and list of the chosen parables:

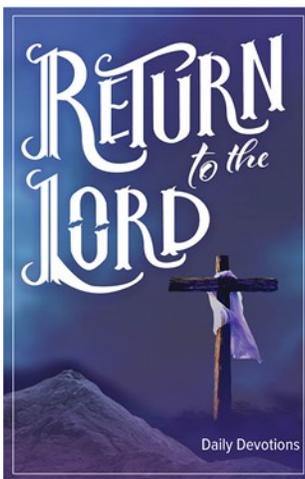
Feb. 17	Ash Wednesday	The Parable of the Good Shepherd	Luke 15:1-7
Feb. 24		The Parable of the Two Debtors	Luke 7:40-50
Mar. 3		The Parable of the Loving Father and Lost Sons	Luke 15:11-32
Mar. 10		The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant	Matthew 18:21-35
March 17		The Parable of the Pharisee and Tax Collector	Luke 18:9-14
March 24		The Parable of the Good Samaritan	Luke 10:25-37

I will present these parables from the point of a person Jesus spoke them to. For example, Jesus spoke the parable of the two debtors to Simon the Pharisee to show him that a person who has been forgiven little loves little. I will preach from the first person point of view of Simon.

The goal of the series is to remind us that we are all sinful and in need of repentance. None of us are holier than another; we have all sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23). In his infinite wisdom God sent Jesus to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins and the sins of the whole world. We can rejoice with others when their sins and our sins are forgiven through Jesus.

Pastor B.

RETURN TO THE LORD: DAILY DEVOTIONS for LENT and EASTER—Kindle Edition



Lent is a time in which Christians return to their Christ, repenting for their sins and reflecting inwardly. Has God been trying to call you to return to Him?

Based on Joel 2:13-14, *Return to the Lord: Daily Devotions for Lent and Easter* focuses on how God is calling you to return to Him: "for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love."

These daily devotions center readers around an event that occurred during the Passion narrative, focused particularly on the people within these retellings. Take time during the season of Lent to reflect on how God is calling you back to Him with each devotion, prayer, and Bible verse.

Go to CPH.org and search for "Return to the Lord: Daily Devotions for Lent and Easter." You will find the Kindle Edition available for \$2.49 (\$2.37 on sale right now). Hard copies of the devotions are also available.

FEBRUARY



Annie Morrison	2/2
Markham Peykoff	2/2
Cindy Schuster	2/4
John Turner	2/4
Maureen Dicks	2/5
Hadley Hooks	2/5
Jared Hopewell	2/9
Cyndy Ganschow	2/10
Laura Hilyard	2/13
Ava Riney	2/14
Lindsey Young	2/18
John Bowler	2/21
Mary Huguenard	2/21
Sue Plunkett	2/22
Christine Ericksen	2/24
Kenna Weber	2/24
Cole Kastens	2/26

FEBRUARY



Bob & Sally Koether	2/2
Wally & Roxanne Kelly	2/5
Paul & Margaret Cehanovich	2/14
Bob & Casey Lovell	2/14
Jeffrey & Michelle Tucker	2/14
Charles & Connie Brown	2/15
Brian & Jennifer Greenblat	2/16
Larry & Patti Kastens	2/28



KID'S CORNER

Loving embraces

Express your love and friendship with handcrafted bracelets.



What you need:

- Adult help
- Bowl of boiling water
- Wide wooden craft sticks
- Glass cup
- Markers, paint or decorative tape

What you do:

1. Pour about 3 cups of boiling water into a bowl. Soak sticks in the water about 30 minutes.
2. Remove sticks and slowly, gently bend them into a curve.
3. To maintain the shape, place curved sticks inside a glass cup overnight to dry completely.
4. Remove and decorate the bracelets, which make fun Valentine's Day gifts.



A famous friendship

In the Bible, Ruth and Naomi are known for their loving friendship.

Directions: Using the key, fill in the blanks to see what Ruth says to Naomi.

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RUTH 1:16, NIV

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Answer: "Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God." Ruth 1:16, NIV

February

Everyday Faith from CPH

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

1	Read Psalm 4:8. Pray this Bible verse each night before you go to bed this week.	2	Read Matthew 5:9. What comes to mind when you read the word peacemaker?	3	Read John 16:33. How did God overcome the world?	4	Read Romans 5:1. Talk about or research what it means to be "justified by faith."	5	Read 2 Corinthians 13:11. Think of one person you can comfort this week, and then take action!	6	Read Colossians 3:15. Write down 3 things you are thankful for today.		
7	Read Hebrews 12:11. Ask a trusted adult to share about a time when they benefited from discipline.	8	Read James 3:18. How can you be someone who "makes peace"?	9	Read Proverbs 12:20. What could it mean to "plan peace"?	10	Read Numbers 6:25-26. Have you heard these words before? Where?	11	Read Proverbs 3:17. Pray for peace over any unresolved conflicts in your life.	12	Read Romans 12:18. Discuss if it is always possible to live at peace with others. Give examples.	13	Read Isaiah 9:6. Why do we need a Prince of Peace?
14	Read John 14:27. Memorize this verse.	15	Read Psalm 34:14. What is one way you can pursue peace this week?	16	Read Luke 7:50. Who is the woman in this verse?	17	Read Luke 8:48. Who is talking in this verse?	18	Read 1 Thessalonians 5:23. Look up the word sanctification and discuss how you are sanctified by God.	19	Read Romans 14:19. Give each person in your family a compliment today.	20	Read Psalm 85:8. Spend time listening while you pray today instead of just speaking.
21	Read Psalm 37:37. What is the future God has promised for us?	22	Read John 20:21. Who is Jesus talking to in this verse?	23	Read Romans 8:6. Memorize this verse.	24	Read Galatians 5:22. Draw a picture of what you hear in this verse.	25	Read Psalm 37:11. Brainstorm together: What would abundant peace be like?	26	Read Psalm 122:7. Discuss why peace is important.	27	Read Psalm 119:165. What are God's laws?
28	Read Psalm 29:11. Thank God for giving you strength and peace today!												