DON'T PUT OUT THE FIRE

"Do not put out the Spirit's fire" 1 Thessalonians 5:19

"Someone lit a fire under them," exclaimed a fan. As a team they were expected to win the game easily. But in the first half, they were almost totally ineffective and went to the locker room trailing by a touchdown.

The second half was a different story. They scored, seemingly at will, and held their opponents scoreless. They were on fire, and the fire was not going out.

The Bible verse in Thessalonians 5:18 the readers are admonished not to quench the SPIRIT, THE SPIRIT empowers life that reflects a right relationship with God. In some of his other writings the apostle Paul wrote that such a life is characterized by constant rejoicing, ceaseless prayer, thanksgiving in all circumstances, holding fast to what is good, and abstaining from every form of evil.

Frequently, fans will shout to their team, engaged in competition, "FIRE UP OUT THERE". In our efforts to REJOICE regularly, to RESIST evil, and to GIVE THANKS perpetually, it is the SPIRIT who can "FIRE US UP" and on to victory.

Scandia Lutheran Church is in the process of Calling a Pastor. In the very near future the pastor will ACCEPT THE CALL and as a congregation you will begin to write a new chapter. Pray for one another that the FIRE may burn brightly.

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