



# Good News

ST TIMOTHY'S

AUGUST 2017

## Pastor's Pen

In our congregational vision to “Know the Father, Grow as disciples of Jesus, and Go with the Spirit”, we have identified the essential relationships we are to have in our lives with our Triune God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - and with each other, as fellow believers. We have also highlighted the primary task we have been given as the Church, to go into the world and make disciples. In order to move forward in fulfilling of our vision, it is essential that we set priorities and develop disciplines that will strengthen those relationships and enable us to be effective in our calling. Keep that in mind as we look at what will be happening in the coming weeks.

This month, as mentioned in last month's newsletter, our new Sunday morning schedule begins. **Starting on August 20, our schedule will include Traditional Worship at 8:30 am and Contemporary Worship at 11:00.** Between services on that day (9:45 – 10:45) in the Carter facility, our Director of Children & Family Ministry, Elizabeth Hill, will be holding a **“Kickoff Party” for all of our St. Tim's Kids (ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade) and their parents.** Materials for classes, opportunity to meet teachers, and a high energy celebration are all part of what will be available that day. During that same 9:45 hour, Anna-Marie Valles (Junior High Ministry) and Joe Hill (Senior High Ministry) will be gathering in our Youth House with our **Junior and Senior High students** for the start of our new **“Sunday Café.”** In addition, in the Fellowship Hall and around campus, along with food and fellowship, there will be opportunity for all of us to learn more about ways to connect and become involved in the life of our congregation.

The following **Sunday, August 27, during the 9:45-10:45 “Middle Hour”**, opportunities for learning and growth, in the spirit of Christian fellowship, will begin. St. Tim's Kids (preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade) will meet in the Carter facility, Junior and Senior High “Sunday Café” will meet in the Youth House, and two opportunities, in the Fellowship Hall, will be available for our adult followers.

The first adult learning opportunity will parallel the curriculum used in our St. Tim's Kids and our Junior & Senior High Sunday Café. Written by Randy Frazee, a **study titled “Believe”** will dig into what it means for us to “Think, Act, and Be” like Jesus. Broken into three 10-week sessions, this study will provide opportunity for parents to be growing in the same ways as their children. The second learning opportunity will be a study in **the life and teachings of Martin Luther.** In this 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year of the Protestant Reformation, this study will lift up some of the history and biblical truths that are foundational to us as Lutheran Christians.

Finally, as we move into this new school-year schedule, I challenge each of you to consider becoming involved in one of our **“Grow Groups.”** Last August, we started with just over 80 of our adults in this small-group discipling effort. By year-end, more than 120 adults were involved. Without exception, the response was overwhelming and the result was significant. Be watching for specific times and days when these groups will meet, and be praying about how you might rearrange your schedule to include this smaller group opportunity for fellowship, encouragement, and growth.

Speaking not only for myself, but for Pastor Jonna and Pastor Brian, along with our entire church staff and Leadership Team, I strongly encourage you, starting on Kickoff Sunday, to **make a two-hour Sunday morning commitment to worship and spiritual growth, and find a way to become involved in one of our midweek Grow Groups.** Foundational to our faith is a commitment to regular worship and essential to our spiritual growth is a desire to be in fellowship with other believers around God's Word.

I am excited about the Vision God has given us and even more excited about what it will mean for us as it takes shape. I look forward to “Kicking Off” a new year in just a few short weeks, as we “Know, Grow, and Go” together.

In Christ, Pastor Dan

# St. Timothy's Endowment Fund Scholarship

One of the tasks allotted to the Finance Team is overseeing the St. Timothy's Endowment Fund. This Fund is separate from the church budget and was set up to support mission and ministry projects important to St. Timothy's vision. Money for the fund comes from donations from the congregation. These donations are then invested, and it is the income earned from the investments that is used to provide financial support for the mission needs.

This year, the Finance Team decided to provide a scholarship from the Endowment Fund to support a graduating high school senior who will be attending a 4-year school in the fall. After the scholarship was announced, a congregation member offered to provide additional funds to increase the amount of money available. As a result, we were able to provide three scholarships.

All three of the recipients are active members of St. Timothy's – involved as leaders in worship, VBS, Sunday school, and the Mexico Mission Trip. As part of the application process, the applicants had to write a short essay about how St. Timothy's helped shape their faith. All three wrote heartfelt essays that are a testament to the impact St. Timothy's community of believers had on their spiritual growth.

The scholarship recipients are:

**Kirsten Sapp** – attending Sonoma State University to study Children's Psychology

"Freshman year of high school I lost my grandpa. It was a really tough time for me as I really had not experienced losing someone I loved before. My family continued to go to church and I joined every Sunday even though it was tempting to turn around and blame God for everything. Going to church instead of caving into temptation helped so much and I was able to take bits and pieces out of sermons and instead of the death of my grandfather belittling my faith, the event grew my faith more than ever."

**Joseph Porter** – attending Colorado State University, Fort Collins to study Geology

"I have become significantly more involved in the church community to continue enhancing and expanding my relationship with God and others, teaching in the JK-K Sunday School program for the past two years. I have thoroughly enjoyed watching the children grow in spirit, and even teach me a lesson or two! I will definitely miss them, and I can't wait to see where their relationship with God takes them."

**Zoe Stamos** – attending Chico State University to study Psychology and Musical Theater

"In the midst of this journey I went on the Mexico Mission Trip for the first time. The thing that I most took away from that trip was that I couldn't let my love for God be contingent upon how good my life was. These people were worshipping God in the midst of despair, and finding his grace in every moment. It was awe-inspiring, and I wanted to live more like them. It helped me to approach my own difficulties with a different mindset, understanding now that sometimes the greatest blessing is suffering."

Congratulations to our three recipients! You are an inspiration to us all. We pray that you continue to grow in faith as you move on to the next stage in life.



## Chancel Choir Singers Needed

If you can sing a part in tune and especially if you can read music, please consider joining the Chancel Choir. We especially need low Basses and high Sopranos.

Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 7:00 until 8:15 pm. The Chancel Choir sings for the 8:30 AM worship service. Share your gifts.

Join the choir! The first rehearsal after the summer break is Thursday, August 24.



## WHY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION?

Most people would agree that education is more than just learning reading, writing, and arithmetic. Schools today are asked to develop a child's character, teach life skills, and ultimately shape the way children look at and interpret the world. Christian education takes seriously the responsibility to develop children academically, spiritually, and in their worldview. We know that developing skills in young people is essential to helping them reach their God-given potential. We believe that a school's ultimate purpose should be to equip children to understand the truth about life, the world, and their place in it.

Christian education strives to keep God front and center in all things. Our God created this amazing world and all that is in it. To learn about the world without a view of the Creator is missing the main point. We aren't simply learning about math, science, and history; we are learning about God's world. Christian education strives to produce students who know the world as well as the One who created it.

Christian education also seeks to support parents as they work to plant and nurture God's Word in the hearts and minds of their children. Our shared goal is for our children to have a living relationship with Jesus that impacts every area of their lives. These years are formative for our children and we want to do all we can to mold them into passionate servants of God who will make an impact in the world they live.

A God-centered education is important if our children are going to have a God-centered view of life. "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6



**GROW GROUPS**  
GET CONNECTED AND GROW

## Fall 2017: August 27th – November 19th

These 13 weeks will align with the Sunday Worship sermon passages. Grow Groups will use God's Word, prayer, reflection, and discussion questions to guide our walk with Jesus and help each other take the next steps to grow spiritually and become better followers of His - whatever those steps may be.

**What?** Small Groups of 5-10 people meet weekly to support and challenge each other to grow as disciples of Jesus. Bible reading and prayer are emphasized in all groups as pillars of discipleship.

**Where?** In various church members' homes all over the San Jose area.

**When?** Once a week on different days and times throughout the week throughout the fall season.

**Why?** Because being more like Jesus and doing the things He did is difficult, if not impossible, on our own. We need the encouragement, support and challenge from other believers in community.

### Join a Grow Group!

[www.stlcsj.org/grow-groups/](http://www.stlcsj.org/grow-groups/)

Questions? Contact Pastor Brian at [brian.zaas@stlcsj.org](mailto:brian.zaas@stlcsj.org)

## Campus Life

Can you get away lunchtime or after school?  
Come join Anna-Marie & Campus Life as St. Tim's  
outreaches to the youth at Castillero & Union  
Middle School in our community.

For details contact Anna-Marie  
[annamarie.valles@stlcsj.org](mailto:annamarie.valles@stlcsj.org)



Village House – An Interfaith Shelter of Hope Network consists of a rotation of multiple religious organizations providing shelter and safety for one month each for 15 homeless women. St. Timothy's assigned dates are Sept 6 to Oct 4.

You will be reading this article in August. However, this article is being written the day after our first offering for signing up to volunteer for one of the over 500 spots needed. After one Sunday's push, we have 35 slots filled . . . yet there are many to go. "The harvest is plentiful and the laborers are plentiful as well."

It is a simple process to sign up:

1<sup>st</sup> go to our church website and click on the VH banner (it looks just like the one above)

2<sup>nd</sup> you are now at the Overview and Sign up page. Before moving on, please read this page. Here you will see the types of jobs you can sign up for as well as learning about security clearances necessary. When finished, please click on the SIGN UP AS A VOLUNTEER button.

3<sup>rd</sup> you are now at the SignUp.com site. Please register by providing your name and email address. Once registered, start exploring the site. You will see a listing for positions needed to be filled. Click on the + button to expand the job description. Below is an example. It tells you the job title, job description, time and day it is taking place, if it is a one-time job or recurring, how many people are required and if there are spaces available or if the position is filled.



Transfer Inventory Off Load  
9:00am - 1:00pm  
One time job:

1. Unload cots, lockers, bedding and personal belongings and set up in assigned spaces on transfer day.
2. Follow guest bedding layout plan for set up of cots.
3. Set up lockers in number sequence in locker area.
4. Communicate any problems or concerns with inventory or personal belongings to Daily Manager.

Clearance not required.

This position reports to Facilities Director Chip Bronk (chipbronk@gmail.com)

James Moore and Chip Bronk are signed up.

It is that simple. By the time you are reading this, let's hope we have over 200 positions filled. Please DO NOT procrastinate, but take out your calendars and see when, where and how you can help.



# OPERATION REFRESH

**Come help refresh the campus to get it ready for our Kick-off Sunday!**

**Saturday, August 19  
starting at 8 AM**



**Look in the bulletin for more details as the date gets closer.**



Helping children and families follow Jesus.

Classes begin Sunday, August 27

9:45am-10:45am

Preschool-5th Grade, Carter Classrooms

First Steps Nursery

8:30, 9:45 & 11:00am

Up to 36 months, Room B3

## Kickoff Sunday Party August 20 @ 9:45am

Come kick off the year as a family!  
You'll get a taste of what's new in Children & Family Ministry... we'll have breakfast treats, worship together, distribute books, decorate tote bags, and more!

**For kids ages 3 thru 5th grade and their parents!**

Curriculum this year

*Believe - Think, Act, Be like Jesus*



Each child will have his/her own age-appropriate book. *Believe* will enable households to explore big faith topics and applications together. Adult groups will be offered at the same Middle Hour to parallel what's happening in St. Tim's Kids!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Are you interested, or even just curious, about serving in St. Tim's Kids? We are looking for people to join our awesome teams! There are several positions, in a range of commitment levels, from once a month to every week and everywhere in-between.

- ◆ Welcome Team
- ◆ Teaching Team
- ◆ Nursery Team
- ◆ Midweek Admin Team

We'd love to have you!  
Contact Elizabeth Hill

([elizabeth.hill@stlcsj.org](mailto:elizabeth.hill@stlcsj.org)) for more info.



## Family Movie Night Friday, September 22

### *Finding Dory*

Rated PG Runtime 1 hr 37 mins

Bring-your-own Picnic Dinner: 6:30pm  
Movie Showtime: 7:30pm

Join us for a family movie night out on the soccer field! Bring a picnic dinner along with blankets, chairs, and warm clothes. We will provide popcorn, lemonade, and a fire pit with s'mores.

**INVITE YOUR FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS!**

# ST. TIM'S YOUTH

JUNIOR HIGH  
&  
HIGH SCHOOL  
MINISTRIES

## CORNERSTONE

MINISTRY

JUNIOR HIGH  
HIGH SCHOOL

WEDNESDAYS 6:00-8:00 PM  
@ YOUTH HOUSE.

TUESDAYS 7:00-8:30 PM  
@ YOUTH HOUSE.

BRING YOUR FRIENDS

High School Cornerstone  
is moving to Tuesdays  
starting August 22!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

High School Backyard Camp-out  
8/11-8/12, 7PM-9AM

Boardwalk Beach Blitz Conference  
September 15th-16th  
Cost- \$100\*

The Beach Blitz is an overnight youth conference at the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk that includes dynamic speakers, a concert by 7th Time Down worship, games, and an unlimited rides wrist band for Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>!

For ALL YOUTH

\*scholarships are available.

### NEW STARTING 8/27!

Get fed!

## SUNDAY CAFE

is back

Pancake & the Bread  
breakfast of Life  
*John 6:35*

Sunday Mornings @ the Youth House  
9:45-10:45 for 6th-12th



Join the Prayer Group on St. Tim's Connect for up-to-date prayer requests. To add or renew a prayer request call 408-264-3858 or email [info@stlcsj.org](mailto:info@stlcsj.org).

- Bill Briggs
- Paula Carlsgaard
- Mary McCartney
- Dave Evans (friend of James Moore)
- Lisa Boegner (niece of Karin Boegner)
- Peggy Bupp (friend of James Moore)
- Neil Sargentini (brother of Jean Berry)
- The family of Paul Wheldon (husband of Flora Wheldon)
- Amy Doss (cousin of Laurel Hill)
- Glenda Strong (former member)
- Pat Ralston (mother of Karla Peterson)
- Leah Torres (friend of Maria Bones)

# BUDGET REPORT

	General	Building
<b>OFFERINGS to date</b>	<b>\$491,482</b>	<b>\$85,870</b>
<b>SPENDING to date</b>	<b>\$574,633</b>	<b>\$56,925</b>
<b>Excess/(Shortfall)</b>	<b>\$(83,151)</b>	<b>\$28,945</b>

	Capital Campaign
<b>OFFERINGS to date</b>	<b>\$124,515</b>
<b>SPENDING to date</b>	<b>\$63,234</b>
<b>Excess/(Shortfall)</b>	<b>61,281</b>

## NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

All articles need to be emailed by August 15.

Email to: [beth.tkacheff@stlcsj.org](mailto:beth.tkacheff@stlcsj.org)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 <b>9 &amp; 10:30 AM WORSHIP</b> 7p H.S. Cornerstone	31	1 <b>6:30a</b> Men's Breakfast <b>7p</b> Leadership Team	2 <b>9a</b> Quilters & Cut-ups <b>6p</b> Jr High Cornerstone	3	4	5
6 <b>9 &amp; 10:30 AM WORSHIP</b> 7p H.S. Cornerstone	7	8 <b>6:30a</b> Men's Breakfast	9 <b>6p</b> Jr High Bubble Soccer Extravaganza & BBQ	10 <b>6:30p</b> Lydia Book Club	11	12
13 <b>9 &amp; 10:30 AM WORSHIP</b> 12p Village House Training 7p Ignite	14	15 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> <b>6:30a</b> Men's Breakfast <b>9:30a</b> Staff Meeting <b>6:30p</b> Iron Men	16 <b>9a</b> Quilters & Cut-ups <b>6p</b> Jr High Cornerstone	17	18	19 <b>8:00a</b> Workday
20 <b>8:30 &amp; 11 AM WORSHIP</b> 9:45a Kick-Off Sunday	21	22 <b>6:30a</b> Men's Breakfast <b>7p</b> Leadership Team <b>7p</b> H.S. Cornerstone	23 <b>6p</b> Jr High Cornerstone	24	25	26
27 <b>8:30 &amp; 11 AM WORSHIP</b> 9:45a Middle Hour	28	29 <b>6:30a</b> Men's Breakfast <b>7p</b> H.S. Cornerstone	30 <b>9a</b> Newsletter Team <b>6p</b> Jr High Cornerstone <b>7p</b> Village House Training	31	1	2

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# **NEW WORSHIP SCHEDULE STARTS AUGUST 20**

**8:30 AM TRADITIONAL**

**11:00 AM CONTEMPORARY**

**Learning & Growth Opportunities start**

**August 27 during the “middle hour” at 9:45 am.**