



# Good News

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | ST. TIMOTHY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH | MARCH 2017

## Pastor's Pen

Last year, in January 2016, at our Annual Meeting, the congregation elected a Call Committee whose task was to search for and, ultimately, to recommend a candidate to join our pastoral staff at St. Timothy's. Pastor Judy had already announced her planned retirement, no later than May 2017. As a result, the Call Committee was formed and the search for our next pastor began and has, since, taken place.

On February 12, 2017, after twelve months of hard work and prayer, a Special Meeting of the congregation was held to hear a report and recommendation from the Call Committee to extend a Letter of Call to Pastor Brian Zaas. After hearing a report from the Call Committee and why they were convinced that God had led them to Pastor Brian, and he to us, the result was an overwhelmingly positive response to extend a call for him to join our pastoral staff. The Letter of Call has since been sent and Pastor Brian has up to 30 days to respond. I encourage your prayers for him and his wife, Debi, as they consider the call to serve in our faith community.

Along with the work that led the Call Committee to recommend Pastor Brian, they have also been tasked with searching for a third pastor to join our pastoral team. At the Annual Meeting in January, the congregation voted to move forward with a proposal to expand our pastoral staff to include two new pastors who will join me on our staff. The proposal included thoughts on building a pastoral team that would enable us to expand our mission work immediately, prepare and position us for the future, and enable us to more effectively reach the next generations for Jesus. Although those results are not fully ours to control, they are goals toward which we will be working as decisions are made and as the pastoral team is put into place. Again, be praying for our Call Team as they are well on their way toward recommending a candidate to complete our pastoral staff.

With all of this in mind, let us not forget that at some point in the near future we will be celebrating the ministry of Pastor Judy who has served us faithfully for the past ten years. As already stated, she will soon be stepping away from her position on our staff. As soon as that date becomes more certain, we will be scheduling a time to celebrate all that she has offered to us as she has served her Lord Jesus. Until then, use every opportunity to thank Pastor Judy for her work and to pray for her transition into retirement. She has been a gift to me and has become a true and dear friend and we, as a congregation, have been blessed by her ministry.

Pastoral transitions in congregations are rarely easy. Over time, friendships form, lives are shared, and partnership in ministry takes place. As a result, those transitions, oftentimes, carry an element of sadness. In this case, when it happens, Pastor Judy will be missed. Those same transitions are also opportunities for new friendships to be formed, new ministry partnerships to develop, and new chapters to begin.

As Pastor Judy steps away and as a new pastor (or pastors) join our staff, certain truths never change. We serve the same Lord Jesus. We are cared for by the same Heavenly Father. We are led by the same Holy Spirit. It is in that confidence and with that assurance that I look forward to these transitions as we continue to trust and believe in the same One True God.

Transitioning together,  
Pastor Dan



# What in the World?

## *Update on the Ekka Family and ministry*



As the Ekka family continues their home leave year in St Paul, they are moving ahead with plans to build a Christian Boarding School for children (K-12) in India. They also report that their 76 students are on internship before graduation and ordination. They share their concern that the Indian Government is making it increasingly difficult for Christian organizations to fulfill their ministry, cancelling international bank accounts, and thus effectively shutting down the ministry of Compassion International India.

Continue to pray for Pastors Neeraj and Nijhar and their family; the planning and building of the Christian Boarding School; for the seminarians as they prepare for ordained ministry; for more than 100,000 children and families affected by the discontinuation of the Compassion India program; and for the many Christian ministries affected by the new international bank account policy. (See bulletin board in the Fellowship hallway for more info.)

## FISH Update

Many thanks to Nathan Flynn, who chose for his Eagle Scout project to organize a food drive for our FISH pantry. It has made a difference! Thanks, Nathan!

As we stockpile more food, we are also gaining more recipients. In recent weeks our team has gone out to public schools to gain their cooperation in getting the word out to families in need. Continue to pray for these families and for our FISH food pantry. We are reaching out to our community with the love of Jesus.

*Would you like to help?*

Email [fishpantryvolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:fishpantryvolunteer@gmail.com)

or call our volunteer coordinators:

BJ Bushur (408) 930-0860

Melanie Adkins (650) 576-9518

## Village House Homeless Shelter

It takes a village to care for the homeless, and St Timothy's is ready to do her part. As part of a collaborative faith-based initiative, various churches are working with the City of San Jose to offer shelter to 15 homeless single women. Each church will host for one month. Our month is September.

Watch for more information in worship. There will be an informational meeting on Sunday, March 5, at 11:45 in the Fellowship Hall. How might God be calling you to take part?

## House of Grace Garden Project

The new garden beds built by St. Timothy's members are up and ready to plant. Mickey Miller and Betsy Beech are heading up the project and are looking for a few people who would like to help get things started. We have received a grant from Thrivent to cover the start-up costs, but due to the extremely wet weather we will probably not be starting until March or until the soil is dry enough to plant. The ladies there have expressed a desire for a salsa garden – tomatoes, jalapenos, onions - summer squash and beans. We will do the initial planting with them and teach them how to care for the new plants, then the leaders will periodically visit to check on the progress and deal with any problems that may arise. If anyone has any questions and is interested in joining us, please contact either Mickey or Betsy.

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**Mickey Miller:**

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# Adult Ed

March — April

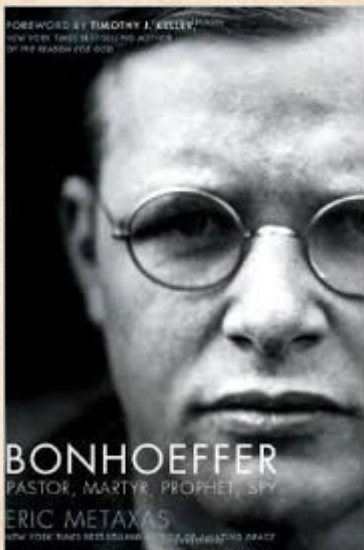
**March 12-19:** Finish “Seeking Allah; Finding Jesus.” It’s never too late to join this class.

**March 26, April 9:** “Focus on the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus”

Most of the Gospel narratives focus on Jesus’ ministry – a short span of three years. Did you know that of those three years, nearly 1/3 of the Gospels focus on one week (which we now call Holy Week)? What is it about the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus that is so important to Christians – and has changed the world?

- March 26: Philip Yancey, journalist and lay theologian, shares his insights through clips from several movies about Jesus’ life and death.
- April 9: Bishop N.T. Wright offers a rather surprising (but not new) view of the Resurrection, and what it means for you and me today.

**Beginning April 23:** “Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy,” a 4-week series. What led this young, German pastor (a pacifist) to stand up against Hitler in his search for truth and discipleship? Pastor Bonhoeffer died at the age of 39 in a concentration camp just weeks before the Americans liberated the camps. What kind of faith led to his untimely death? And what does it mean for you and me today?



# From the School

*“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”*

John 15:12 is our theme verse this year at St. Timothy’s Christian Academy. One of the ways that we show Jesus’ love to others is by serving others. So here at St. Tim’s we talk with even our little students about serving others. For young children, who still so often and naturally, think about themselves, it can be challenging to teach them how to serve a friend. It is easy to talk about what it means to share Jesus love by serving others. However, children learn best by doing, experiencing. To make lasting change in the lives of our students, we must give them opportunities to be servants to others.

In a few weeks our students (preschool and elementary) will be putting Jesus’ command into action. On March 15th we will hold our first annual serve-a-thon. Our students will be working with their “Chapel Buddies” to serve others in our community. They will be assembling “Blessing Bags” to be distributed by the Mercy Mobile. They will also be decorating placemats and lunch bags for use when St. Timothy’s hosts the Village House: An Interfaith Shelter of Hope. If you are interested in learning more, contact the school office.

When I see a young child put the needs of another before themselves, or kindly help a friend, I see first-hand that Christ is at work in their lives. Please pray for our serve-a-thon, that our students will grow, as disciples of Jesus, and that lives in our community will be transformed in the name of Jesus.

Blessings,

Gayle Renken, Principal



# Silicon Valley Discipleship **Walk for Water**

April 29, 2017

Register at [siliconvalleywalk.org](http://siliconvalleywalk.org)

During the approximately 4-mile walk, participants carry a bucket of water to symbolize the trek that women and children make each day to collect water in developing countries.

## Here's How You Can Help

Pray 💧 Register to Walk 💧 Become a Team Captain  
Join a Team 💧 Donate 💧 Become a Sponsor  
Volunteer 💧 Spread the Word

"Individually, we are one drop. Together, we are an Ocean."

~ Ryunosuke Satoro ~



## ST. TIMOTHY'S MONTHLY LUNCH BUNCH

Thursday, March 23 at 12:00 noon  
in Fellowship Hall

Sandwiches with chips and salad for \$9 per person. Wow!

Beverages and DESSERT always provided. After lunch, Cindy Oberman of St. Tim's will talk about her travels to far off Peru and South America.



Reservations are preferred for this event, so call Betsy Grandey at (408) 629-6093 or Betty Rhodes at (408) 628-4799.

If you fancy your own food for lunch, that is OK and there is no charge. Just come!

Monthly Lunch Bunch is a fellowship group open to ALL. Always a interesting program, this month it's personal travel experiences by one of our own. We welcome new attendees. Just come, you will like it.

## NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY

It's been 5 years since our last photo directory. We are once again teaming with Lifetouch to bring us our 2017 edition! Our goal is to have every family photographed. Each family that participates receives a complimentary 8x10 and a free directory. You also will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits.

Portrait dates are:

May 4-7 (Thu-Sun)

May 10-13 (Wed-Sat)

June 1-4 (Thu-Sun)

Sign-ups will be starting in April. We will also be looking for people to help with photography check-in.





# COLLEGE CONNECTION

*Encouraging College Students in Body & Soul*

St. Timothy's is putting together care packages for our college students. This is a great way to let them know we care about them and to connect with them in a meaningful way.

Whether they are studying from home or far away we want our kids to feel connected with their family of faith at St. Timothy's. We pray that our family is one in Christ. Thank you for your partnership in this effort.

Donation ideas...

## PERSONAL ENCOURAGEMENT

A favorite Bible verse  
Personal Note of Encouragement

## SNACKS

Cookies, Crackers, Pretzels (Snack size bags)  
Granola Bars, Trail Mix  
Microwave Popcorn  
Instant Drinks (Coffee, Hot Cocoa, Lemonade, Iced Tea, Apple Cider)  
Cup Noodles  
Mac & Cheese cups

## PRACTICAL ITEMS

Post-Its, Pens, Pencils, Highlighters  
Lip Balm, Hand Sanitizer, Hand Lotion

**DONATION DEADLINE:  
SUNDAY, MARCH 12**

**DONATIONS are needed!  
Bring items to church or office.**



# Nursery Care

Volunteers Needed

Especially needed for the 9:00 service.

If you enjoy children and are interested in serving once a month or so in this way, please let us know!

Contact Selena Ubando: [jsbears@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jsbears@sbcglobal.net)



Preschool (3yrs)-5th Grade

Music @ 10:15am

Lessons

10:30am-11:30am

GARTER CLASSROOMS

**No classes March 5 (Family First Sunday)**

**First Steps Nursery**

Every Sunday morning, 9am & 10:30am

Up to 36 months, Room B3

**VBS - June 19-23**

**9am-noon**

**Preschool 2's - 5th Grade**



**Registration starts in March.**

**Watch for details coming soon!**



ST. TIM'S  
**YOUTH**  
JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL  
MINISTRY

**CORNERSTONE**  
**MINISTRY**

JUNIOR HIGH  
HIGH SCHOOL

SUNDAYS SUNDAYS  
10:30-11:40 AM 7:00-8:30 PM  
@ YOUTH @ YOUTH  
HOUSE. HOUSE.

# For ALL St. Tim's Youth!

In the 3 years since **Walk for Water** began, we have raised over \$300,000 for clean water projects around the globe, proving clean, sustainable drinking water to tens of thousands of people from Haiti, to Tibet, to Indonesia and more!

This year, **St. Tim's Youth** is mobilizing to make a BIG difference! Come to our

## Kick-Off Meeting

**Sunday, March 5th**

**@ 11:45**

**(Carter Great Room)**

to learn how you and your friends,  
classmates, family, sports team,  
and more can be a part of saving  
lives!







To receive the weekly email Prayer List, join the Prayer Group on St. Tim's Connect. To add or renew a prayer request call 408-264-3858 or email [info@stlcsj.org](mailto:info@stlcsj.org).

Richard (friend of the Mazzucco Family)  
 Janelle Davis (friend of the Sampsons)  
 Carol Mazzucco (mother of Tony Mazzucco)  
 Gary Suydam (friend of the Sampsons)  
 Michael (relative of Claudia Schalesky)  
 Clarissa Clark (friend of Helen Blain)  
 Cathy Crocket (friend of Helen Blain)  
 Jennifer Fanning (friend of Helen Blain)  
 Joy Oostendorp (mother of Liz Palreyman)  
 Bob Campbell (friend of the Grandeys)  
 The family of Casey Pierce (friend of Cyndi Castro)  
 Ian Teresi (brother-in-law of Cyndi Castro)

# BUDGET REPORT



	General	Building
<b>OFFERINGS to date</b>	<b>\$136,856</b>	<b>\$22,784</b>
<b>SPENDING to date</b>	<b>\$124,840</b>	<b>\$13,511</b>
<b>Excess/(Shortfall)</b>	<b>\$12,016</b>	<b>\$9,273</b>
	<b>Capital Campaign</b>	
<b>OFFERINGS to date</b>	<b>\$33,719</b>	

## NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

All articles need to be emailed by March 21.  
 Email to: [beth.tkacheff@stlcsj.org](mailto:beth.tkacheff@stlcsj.org)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 <b>9 &amp; 10:30 AM WORSHIP</b> 10:30a Education Hour 7p H.S. "Cornerstone"	27	28 6:30a Men's Bfast 9:45a ZEST 7p Leadership Team	1 <b>Ash Wednesday</b> 9a Quilters 9:30a Women's Bible Study 6:15p Soup Supper 7:00p Worship	2 12:30p Naomi Circle 7p Chancel Choir Rehearsal	3 9:30a Pins & Needles	4
5 <i>Family 1st Sunday</i> <b>9 &amp; 10:30 AM WORSHIP</b> 11:45a Discipleship 101 11:45a Youth W4W 7p H.S. "Cornerstone"	6	7 6:30a Men's Bfast 8:30a Staff Meeting 9:45a ZEST 7p Leadership	8 9:30a Women's Bible Study 6:15p Soup Supper 7:00p Worship	9 6:30p Lydia Book Club 7p Chancel Choir Rehearsal	10 9:30a Pins & Needles	11
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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

ADDRESS LABEL



### **SOUP SUPPERS & MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES**

Join us for a time of worship and fellowship during Lent.

**Wednesdays, March 1 through April 5.**

**Soup Supper begins at 6:15 pm.**

**Worship begins at 7:00 pm**

Families come with your children for the Lenten Children's Program. Childcare is provided in the Nursery for children age 6 months - Preschool.

### **EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE- APRIL 16**

**Services are 8:00, 9:30, & 11:00 am.**

8:00 & 9:30 are traditional worship services. 11:00 is contemporary. Easter Breakfast is 8:30 to 11:00 am.