

Good News

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | ST. TIMOTHY'S | MAY 2017

Pastor's Pen- Welcome Letter from Pastor Brian

I am delighted to be entering into the exciting work of shepherding as part of the pastoral team at St. Timothy's. God called me to this congregation to help continue the work that has already begun by Pastor Dan, Pastor Judy, Pastor Jim, Elizabeth and Joe to "Know the Father, Grow as disciples of Jesus, and Go with the Spirit."

While the call to pastoral ministry for me will be a full-time endeavor, I hope the congregation recognizes the ministry and life partner the Lord has given me in my wife, Debi. She and I together have served in ministry helping pastors and their church leadership teams soar to new heights by building cultures of relational, life-on-life discipleship. We know what a difference life-on-life discipleship makes. As we look ahead further into 2017, we want to be completely available to God and to the people He desires us to reach and transform with His love here at St. Tim's and throughout the San Jose community.

For over 10 years, the Tampa-Clearwater community blessed us with the opportunity to serve through Clearwater Community Church, Dream Center Metro and The Navigators. We participated in guiding many outreach and ministry opportunities throughout the Tampa area. In addition, the NALC gave us the opportunity over the past four years to serve churches through the NC-SC-GA-FL regions as they sought to grow discipleship in their communities.

We give praise for the missionary journey Debi and I have been on with The Navigators for the past five years, engaging with pastors and ministry leaders worldwide with NCM Life & Leadership coaching and embracing NCM's Growing intentional Disciplemaking Cultures process. God has shown us that pastors want more for their church members than simply Sunday worship and fellowship programs. They recognize that disconnected programs have no lasting effect, and that connected, relational discipleship is a meaningful part of spiritual growth. We have leveraged many resources to help these churches to multiply disciples in their churches and community.

We now look forward to taking a similar journey here in the San Jose area as the Lord guides our work at St. Timothy's. I hope to continue nourish and build a disciple-making culture as part of the ministry leadership – recognizing that it takes more than a plan or a program. We will need to come together, intentionally and actively, as a leadership team to continue to transform our culture toward growing disciples—spiritually and relationally—life-on-life.

Several years ago, we had shared a prayer card with the leadership team at one church we have been alongside in the NALC Carolinas mission district as we began the journey with them. On the card was the ministry verse that the Lord has given us to guide our hearts and minds - 1 Thessalonians 2:8, which reads, "*So we care for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well.*"

Just this week, we received a letter from the leadership team thanking us for our missionary work in their community and throughout this nation, thanking us for our partnership and friendship. In the letter, they continued:

"You guys are family that now live in California. I want you to know that we see this (1 Thess. 2:8) in you and your ministry. You inspire others to be enthusiastic about becoming devoted disciples, align all your actions and words to God's principles, and are Spirit-led; sharing your lives and Christ's love with all you come in contact with. Your Christ-like love shows you are His disciples... Thank you again for sharing Christ with others, mentoring Christian leaders and leading others to become devoted



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Adult Ed

Sunday mornings at 10:30 am

Fellowship Hall

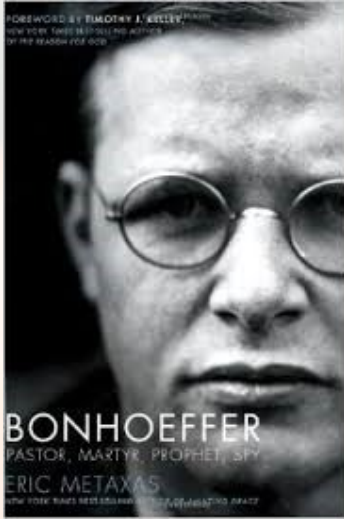
No Class on Family First Sunday (May 7)

Through May 21:

A 4-week series on Bonhoeffer: His Life and Writings

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?



Save the Date!

*Open House at Dan and Mary Selbo's house.
Come meet the new pastors and staff!*

June 4, 11, 25 and July 9, 16, 23

More details to follow in bulletins and the June newsletter.

Monthly Lunch Bunch

**Thursday, May 25
at 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall**

Potluck lunch - everyone bring a dish of your choice, even dessert. Classic church potluck, it will be fun! Beverage is provided.

Guest speaker Art Hall will talk about Bee Rescue and will have honey for sale. Hear critical info about threats to bees and what it could mean to our food sources. Pretty important and interesting subject.



Monthly Lunch Bunch is a fellowship group open to ALL. Always a social time, nice lunch and then an interesting program. This month it's all about bees. We welcome new attendees. Just come.

House of Grace Garden Project

The House of Grace Garden is finally planted! Betsy, Mickey, and Dale went up a few weeks ago between rain storms and put in several tomato and pepper plants, some herbs, onions, and squash, bean, lettuce and radish seeds. Our thanks to Dale for doing the heavy lifting of the straw bale used to mulch the plants. The ladies were not able to be with us during the planting due to their class schedule but they returned in time to join us for a dedicatory prayer.

Betsy went up last week to check on the plants and found everything growing well, except for the beans which were probably nibbled away by the bugs. We replanted the beans and weeded out few invaders. Next week we should be able to lay down more newspaper and straw mulch around the new plants. The ladies are very enthusiastic and learned how to "pinch" out the side shoots on the tomato plants so they don't get out of control. Mickey has some tomatillo plants that will be ready to go in very soon to complete the salsa garden.

The ladies of House of Grace are extremely grateful for our efforts as a congregation for building the garden area and learning a new skill that will hopefully help them stay clean and independent when they graduate the program.

SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR

The St. Timothy's Endowment Fund is offering one \$500 scholarship to a high school senior who will be attending a 4-year college or university next fall. The scholarship is available to any senior who is a current member of St. Timothy's Lutheran Church. Application forms can be picked up in the church office, and are due May 31, 2017.

StTim'sconnect

We are coming up on the one-year anniversary of using St. Tim's Connect. We hope you have had a chance to take a look. If you need a log-in account resent, email beth.tkacheff@stlcsj.org.

There are lots of great tools in St. Tim's Connect. A few features are highlighted below.

Need someone's phone number or address? No problem, just look them up to see what information they have shared.

You can print your own financial statement anytime you want. We, of course, will notify you when year-end offerings are ready to print.

What else can you do? You can join groups! We have lots and lots of different groups. From Sunday Morning Worship Assistants to Nursery, there is a group for almost everyone.

One group that is a fit for everyone is the Prayer Group. If you join this group you will receive by email prayer requests as they come in as well as a weekly prayer list of names.

Another group that might peak your interest is our Helping Hands group. Helping Hands is the group responsible for memorial receptions as well as providing meals to families in a time of need/crisis. A meal schedule is set-up with the family and we send it to members of the group for easy sign-up.

If either of these groups sound interesting, you can join by locating the group link in St Tim's Connect, type the name in the search box, and hit enter. Once on the groups home page, click the "join group" button. Or you can just email or call Beth and she can get you connected.

St. Tim's Connect also has the church calendar. It has time and dates for events as well as more info like room location.

If you would like to learn more or need help navigating around, call Beth at 408-264-3858 or email beth.tkacheff@stlcsj.org.

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disciples. It is my prayer that God will continue to use both of you, and your ministry, to pursue significance in California and throughout His kingdom."

As I join the staff at St. Tim's, I truly believe that ministry is a team endeavor God intended to be raised up through both full-time staff and lay ministry leaders from within the congregation. Ministry is not something we do, but rather ministry is a relationship that begins with our recognition that Christ is at the center of our love for God and extends in fellowship through all of us to those the Lord brings in our paths.

"Now Glory be to God! By his mighty power at work within us, He is able to accomplish infinitely more than we would ever dare to ask or hope." (Ephesians 3:20)

We make plans. We establish dreams. We imagine wondrous experiences. However, compared to what God has planned for us, our plans are small ideas. If we trust God with our lives, He'll work through us to accomplish His plans and His purposes in ways far beyond whatever we could imagine. He created us. He knows us better than we know ourselves. He knows what He can do in us and through us. We need to make a choice – are we going to follow His dreams, plans and purpose for us to live out the Gospel and reach others.

Over the years, God has shown me His power to unleash the Holy Spirit to align church leadership teams and their actions with His Word to bring the Greatest Commandment and the Great Commission into the light throughout each of us in the congregation. I am excited for the journey ahead at St. Tim's to disciple, grow and transform together through a spiritual growth journey – based on mutual application, accountability, and affirmation of His Word .

The Lord has gifted me in many areas of ministry: preaching, teaching, discipling, coaching and counseling. I see each of the areas God calls me to shepherd focusing on my understanding of ministry as a mutual relationship and love for each of you. I will seek the Lord daily for guidance on how we can best deepen our relationship with Christ to make the Lord central in our lives. I pray God will continue to do a mighty work in me and through me to love and build the relationships with each of you that God calls me to walk alongside in the days and years ahead. I look forward to getting to know you and your families as we share life, share love and share God together.

Hebrews 10: 24-25 propels us into 2017: *"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."*

St Timothy's Christian Academy presents

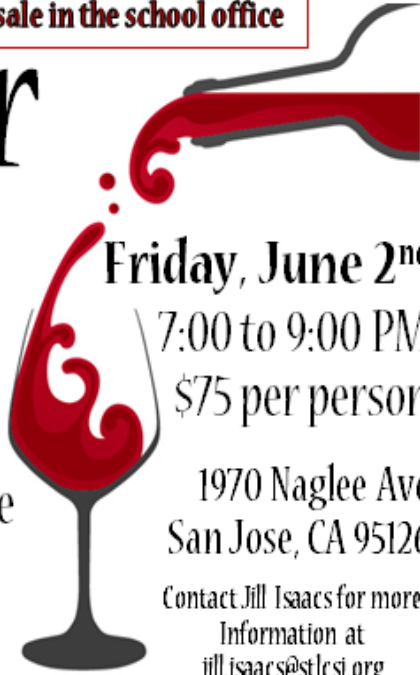
Zanotto's Wine Dinner

Join us for a fun-filled evening enjoying other grown-ups while savoring fine wines artfully paired with a scrumptious five course meal

Tickets on sale in the school office

Pour & Pair

Childcare will be available at St. Timothy's



Friday, June 2nd

7:00 to 9:00 PM

\$75 per person

1970 Naglee Ave
San Jose, CA 95126

Contact Jill Isaacs for more
Information at
jill.isaacs@stlcsj.org

Zanotto's Wine Dinner Raffle



On Friday, May 12th one lucky winner will win 2 tickets to St Timothy's

Zanottos Wine Dinner
for Friday, June 2nd (a \$150.00 value)

There are 3 ways to enter and no limit to the number of entries:

- One entry for each child enrolled for the 2017-18 school year
- One Entry for each family you bring to tour our school during the open house on May 11th
- One entry for each review you leave on Yelp, Greatschools.org, Privateschoolreview.com and Facebook.



With our new staff members there have been some changes in office locations and phone extensions. Below is a list of phone extensions and emails. If the auto-attendant answers, you can dial the phone extension at anytime during the message.

Anna-Marie Valles: ext 122 annamarie.valles@stlcsj.org

Beth Tkacheff: ext 111 beth.tkacheff@stlcsj.org

Pastor Brian Zaas: ext 105 brian.zaas@stlcsj.org

Pastor Dan Selbo: ext. 114 dan.selbo@stlcsj.org

Elizabeth Hill: ext 119 elizabeth.hill@stlcsj.org

Jim Skoog: jim.skoog@stlcsj.org

Joe Hill: ext 120 joe.hill@stlcsj.org

Pastor Jonna Bohigian: ext 138 jonna.bohigian@stlcsj.org

Children & Family Ministry



Sundays @ 10:30am

May 7 - Family First Sunday

May 14 - Last regular class

May 21 - End of Year party

No Sunday morning classes in June & July - worship with your family

SAVE THE DATE - Fall Kickoff: Aug 20

*"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."
(Proverbs 22:6)*

VBS - June 19-23

9am - noon

2 1/2 - 6th Grade

\$85



REGISTER BY MAY 8 AT [STLCSJ.ORG/VBS](http://stlcsj.org/vbs)

Crew Leader registration is open!

SUMMER CAMPS

JUNE — AUGUST 2017

St. Timothy's Christian Academy has camps for preschool – to 6th grade all summer!

Cooking classes, technology, sports, wild west, nature, and so many more!

Check out
<http://www.stlcsj.org/vbs>

Scroll down to the bottom of the page for the Summer Camp link.



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

mark your calendar...

IGNITE

is back!

Sunday, 6/11

7-8:30

CORNERSTONE

MINISTRY

JUNIOR HIGH
HIGH SCHOOL

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

June Dates to Remember...

June 9th– The Freshman Roast Beach Bonfire (HS Event)

June 11th– IGNITE (for everybody!!!!!!)

June 14th– Junior High Pool Party/ 6th Grade Welcome Party!
After this day, CORNERSTONE-JH moves to Wednesday nights for the Summer!

June 19th-23rd– VBS!!!!

June 26th-29th– Camp Pondo (JH Event)

As always, we encourage you to bring your friends to everything we do! Friends make everything more fun, AND it's a great way to share the Good News of Jesus with those we care about!

Want to know more? Contact...

Joe Hill- High School Ministry Director

@ 408-531-5021 or joe.hill@stlcsj.org

Anna-Marie Valles– Junior High Ministry Director

@ 408-640-1605 or annamarie.valles@stlcsj.org

PRAYER REQUESTS: 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.

Kathy Miller
 Jo Anne Nelson
 Dan Petroff (relative of Joanna Petroff)
 Peter Smith (uncle of Bill Mowson)
 Agatha Amani (friend of Martine Bolsens)
 Michael Campbell (nephew of the Mazzuccos)
 Ramiro (friend of Bob Couper)
 Cyndi Beeson (friend of Karen Ries)
 Cruz Vasquez and his family (friends of Steve Hill)
 Laura Mowson (aunt of Bill Mowson)
 O'Leary Family (friends of Karla Peterson)
 Jason Ponce (friend of Betsy Beech)
 Jerry Rohr (son of Richard & Bev Rohr)
 Liam Smith (cousin of Betsy Beech)
 Brian Curry (cousin of Michael Stamos)
 The family of Darlene Paulsen (former member)

BUDGET REPORT



| | General | Building |
|---------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| OFFERINGS to date | \$290,523 | \$50,954 |
| SPENDING to date | \$290,298 | \$41,227 |
| Excess/(Shortfall) | \$225 | \$9,718 |
| | Capital Campaign | |
| OFFERINGS to date | \$74,794 | |

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

All articles need to be emailed by May 16.

Email to: beth.tkacheff@stlcsj.org

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 30 9 & 10:30 AM WORSHIP 10:30a Education Hour 4p Pastor Jonna's Ordination 7p High School "Cornerstone" | 1 | 2 6:30a Men's Breakfast 8:30a Staff Meeting 9:45a ZEST 7p Leadership Team | 3 9a Quilters & Cut-Ups 9:30a Women's Bible Study | 4 12:30p Naomi Circle 7p Chancel Choir Rehearsal | 5 9:30a Pins & Needles | 6 1p West Side Saints Salad Potluck |
| 7 Family First Sunday 9 & 10:30 AM WORSHIP 7p High School "Cornerstone" | 8 | 9 6:30a Men's Breakfast 8:30a Staff Meeting | 10 9:30a Women's Bible Study | 11 6:30p Lydia Book Club 7p Chancel Choir Rehearsal | 12 9:30a Pins & Needles | 13 |
| 14 9 & 10:30 AM WORSHIP 10:30a Education Hour 7p High School "Cornerstone" | 15 | 16 June Newsletter Deadline 6:30a Men's Breakfast 8:30a Staff Meeting 9:45a ZEST 6:30p Iron Men | 17 9a Quilters & Cut-Ups 9:30a Women's Bible Study | 18 7p Chancel Choir Rehearsal | 19 9:30a Pins & Needles | 20 8:30a Leadership Retreat |
| 21 9 & 10:30 AM WORSHIP 10:30a Education Hour 11:45a Discipleship 101 11:45a Mexico Meeting 7p High School "Cornerstone" | 22 7p VBS Station Leader Mtg | 23 6:30a Men's Breakfast 8:30a Staff Meeting 9:45a ZEST 7p Leadership Team | 24 9a Newsletter Team 9:30a Women's Bible Study | 25 12p Monthly Lunch Bunch 7p Chancel Choir Rehearsal | 26 | 27 |
| 28 9 & 10:30 AM WORSHIP | 29 Memorial Day— Office Closed | 30 6:30a Men's Breakfast | 31 | 1 7p Chancel Choir Rehearsal | 2 | 3 |

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

ADDRESS LABEL

NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY

It has 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)

3 ways to sign-up:

www.stlcsj.org/photo

call the church office M-F 408-264-3858

sign-up after church services on Sundays

If you can't make any of these dates, call or email Beth for options.

Hosts are needed to help with photography check-in. If you can help with this, please email beth.tkacheff@stlcsj.org or call 408-264-3858.

Hosting schedule:

May 4, 5, 10, 11, 12 June 1, 2

12:45 pm to 4:30 pm

5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

May 6, 13, June 3

8:45 am to 12:15 pm

1:15 pm to 3:30 pm

May 7, June 4

10:45 am to 2:15 pm

3:00 pm to 6:00 pm