



Good News

*The Newsletter of
St. Timothy's Lutheran Church*

April 2018

Pastor's Pen

"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified, and on the third day be raised again.'" Then they remembered his words." Luke 24:5-8

As this newsletter is being written and sent, we find ourselves in the middle of Holy Week, a time when we remember and relive the final steps Jesus walked as he made his way to the cross. The events of that last week of our Lord's life changed our world forever. Nothing in our world is the same as a result of Good Friday and Easter. Everything in our lives is different and new as a result of Jesus' death on the cross and his resurrection from the dead.

It has always fascinated me that the question asked of those women who were the first to come to the tomb of Jesus on Easter morning, hoping to anoint his body for burial, is one that is still relevant for our world today. "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" "Why do you hope to find answers to life's questions in places they will never be found?" The Good Friday truth is that there is no hope apart from Jesus. The Easter truth is that there are no lasting answers outside of him.

This month, we have a number of opportunities to be "looking for Jesus" in places where he promises to be found. **In our worship**, for the next several weeks, we will be reading passages that will serve to link our Lord's appearances to his disciples for the forty days he was with them following his resurrection, with his daily appearances to us 2000 years after the fact. In very real ways, our Lord is just as much living and active today as he was during those days following that first Easter. Our sermons will help us to look for Jesus in the right places.

In our adult Middle Hour, we will be adding a Bible study of the book of Revelation. For seven weeks, leading up to the Day of Pentecost, we will be digging into a book that is filled with hope, not only for those for whom it was first written back then, but for us who are here today. This new Sunday morning offering, along with our ongoing "Believe" study, will keep us looking for Jesus in places where he promises to be.

We will also, this month, be actively engaged, as a congregation, **in support of the women of Village House**. In serving the 12-15 homeless women who will be with us on our campus each night, we will be witnessing to our faith and providing tangible evidence that Christ is still alive and actively working through his Church. This serving and witnessing opportunity will help to keep us and the women we serve looking for hope and promise where it can be found.

As followers of Jesus, it is essential that we stop looking for the living among the dead. It is crucial that we continue looking for answers in life in places where God promises to answer. It is also imperative to our calling that we use every opportunity we have to witness to our Good Friday and Easter hope.

I look forward to worshipping and studying and witnessing and serving with you in life-changing ways. Jesus is alive. He is still among us. Let's work together to help each other and others look to him.

Pastor Dan

ATEN-HUT !!!!

When Warren Finch and myself were on active duty, serving in our respective branches of the Military, all we had for comfort and support were our well-worn Bibles.

We are asking you to prayerfully consider helping out an active duty service member, so no matter where in the world they are stationed at, they will have access to the Bible. This is especially true in Muslim Countries that do not allow our printed Bible in country.

On May 27th, Memorial Day weekend, there will be an opportunity for you to support the work of Faith Comes By Hearing. By generously donating \$25 or more, you will provide a small handheld MP-3 Player with ear phones that contains electronic Bible verses to an active duty Military Person. Watch for that opportunity.

God's Blessings,
Bill Briggs



EKKA PRAYER LETTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters at St. Timothy Lutheran Church,

We are sorry that we were not able to write to you earlier mainly due to lack of internet connection. Since our arrival here we have been busy adjusting and also teaching at the seminary and supervising construction work and hosting friends and visitors from the US etc. It is exciting to meet with the new students who joined the seminary after we left for our home assignment in 2016.



The building above is staff quarters for seminary teachers and community health workers. Due to various challenges it looked like that the building wouldn't be ready for dedication on Dec. 31, 2017 but by

God's grace and extraordinary work by the builders, the work was completed. There are six units in this building; three units are for the teaching faculty of the seminary and three units are for the workers of community health ministry. It was special for us to host 11 guests from US during dedication ceremony.

We have shared with you about a very exciting ministry of a Christian Boarding School (K-12). Below is the proposed



site for the Christian Boarding School. The picture was taken from the roof of the seminary. The vision of the school is "Raising Next Generation for God's Mission."

Please join us in prayer for:

- Students graduating and also students going to various ministry situations in May.
- Rev. Amol who has been appointed the new Principal of the seminary.
- For Youth Program for 150 young people (April); Sonshine program for 10th- 12th grades (May) and Language Village for all ages (May).
- Our friend Patty as she takes care of our two oldest children, Maani and Urbas, in MN.
- Wisdom, provision and favor as we continue to plan and prepare for launching of the Christian Boarding School. Also please pray for resolution of some issues arising owing to forest department claiming part of the school land due to erroneous survey.

We are much encouraged and motivated and thankful for your mission partnership. Together we are in the business of transforming individuals and communities in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please know that you remain in our thoughts and prayers. May the Lord watch over you and keep you always.

Neeraj, Nijhar, Puna and Jhumpa



ST. TIMOTHY'S CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Preschool 2's - 5th grade

OPEN HOUSE INVITATION

St. Timothy's Christian Academy invites you, your families and your friends to join us at our Open House event. Meet our award-winning principal and her team of dedicated and experienced educators, learn more about our school and discover how to become a part of our learning community.

Date: Wednesday, April 11

Time: 08.30am to 10.00am

Address: 5100 Camden Avenue, San Jose, 95124

Should you have queries, or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will be glad to assist you.

Phone: 408-265-0244

Email: school@stlcsj.org



"Real Hope" for the Women of Village House

*Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2
Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his
friends. John 15:13*

Real Hope will be the theme of the Bible study shared with the women of Village House as they reside with us this month at St. Timothy's. Offering it will be the reality of all those who sign up to volunteer to help.

And, Real Hope is what we all just experienced as we celebrated once more the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ at our April 1st Easter services.

Our church was scheduled to host these women in October; however, a vacancy was created when another church dropped out. Moved by the Holy Spirit, our pastors, the church leadership and the leadership team hosting the VH women, felt called to fill this void.

The women will soon be joining us April 4th and will continue their stay through May 2nd. All of us at St. Timothy's have been called to step up. If you have yet to sign-up to help, please go to St. Tim's web page, click on the Village House banner and it will take you to our sign-up page. Last September we had 165 volunteers donating 100s of hours of time to this wonderful opportunity. These volunteers were the hands and feet of Christ providing real hope to these homeless women. Since September, many of the women helped now have housing.

This month, once again, we have a chance to meet and help new friends that are not as fortunate as those of us who have homes. Please help—let's target over 200 volunteers to help this month. We have added a day shelter to our volunteer opportunity and the need for volunteers has risen dramatically. Our loving congregation will answer this call. Thanks for your continued support.

May the real hope you received this Easter be shared with our guests from Village House.

Thrivent's Home Run for Habitat San Jose Giants

vs.

Lancaster Jethawks

Saturday May 12, 2018

5:00pm

Take me out to the ball game! Come enjoy a fun game while supporting Habitat for Humanity and the Thrivent Builds program.

A donation of \$10 or more to "Habitat-for-Humanity-EBSV" includes a ticket to the game, a hot dog and soft drink. Ticket holders go to the Thrivent/Habitat table inside the gate to pick up the ticket for the hot dog and drink.

Or for a donation of \$45 or more per person, join the lively group on the Martinelli deck. This ticket includes a BBQ meal with 2 drinks, a chance to win a "Baseball Fan Basket", and kids have unlimited play in the kid zone.

It is Star Wars day at the ballpark that day, so come in the costume of your favorite Star Wars character if you like.

For tickets, contact Beth 408-264-3858 or beth.tkacheff@stlcsj.org



NEW BOOKS IN CHURCH LIBRARY

Your Faithful Brain Author: Leonard Matheson

Dr. Matheson is a neuro-rehabilitation psychologist who helps people recover from devastating trauma, injury, and chronic pain. After 15 years as a professor and scientist at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Dr. Matheson is now on the adjunct faculty in the Master of Arts in Counseling program at Covenant Theological Seminary. His clinical and scientific work led to his deep appreciation of God's design of the human brain.

JESUS Author: Max Lucado

The God of the universe knows your name. **He has walked your streets.**

Defeated Enemies Author: Corrie Ten Boom

Out of the depth of her own spiritual experiences, the author shares with her readers how God works.

Corrie Ten Boon: Her Story Author: Corrie Ten Boom

This book contains three books in one: "The Hiding Place," "Tramp for the Lord" and "Jesus is Victor."

A Prisoner and Yet Author: Corrie Ten Boom

This book reveals some of the worst agonies man can devise and a belief in Christ which carried an innocent woman through this experience.

Each New Day Author: Corrie Ten Boom

365 Reflections to Strengthen Your Faith.

In My Father's House Author: Corrie Ten Boom

This is a story of the years before "The Hiding Place" which prepared them for that service.

Keeper of the Angels' Den Author: Corrie Ten Boom

Her life of determination, faith and forgiveness in the face of unimaginable brutality and hardship.

Tramp for the Lord Author: Corrie Ten Boom

The story that begins where "The Hiding Place" ended.

Monthly Lunch Bunch

Thursday, April 26 at 12:00 noon

Back by popular demand—A wonderful Lunch Out at the Mandarin Gourmet Restaurant

Pre-paid reservations at \$19 per person are required for this event, so call Betsy Grandey at (408) 629-6093 or Betty Rhodes at (408) 628-4799 before April 22.

Monthly Lunch Bunch is a fellowship group open to ALL. Always a social time with visitors and members of St. Tim's. This month is a very special lunch at a local Chinese eatery. Enjoy family-style Chinese fare in an elegant dining room with white tablecloths and colorful wall murals. We welcome new attendees.

Join us; you will like it!



Pre 3's - 5th Grade

9:45am-10:45am

Carter Classrooms

First Steps Nursery

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

Up to 36 months, Room B3

Parent Coffee

Sun, April 15 @ 9:45am



Lattes - Coffee - Connections

All parents are invited to join us in the Carter courtyard for some extended fellowship time with other parents! Just show up - espresso, coffee and breakfast treats provided!

Vacation Bible School Registration now open!

www.stlcsj.org/vbs

We expect VBS to fill this year so register early!
VBS is for kids ages 3 years through
graduating 5th graders.

June 18-22
9a-noon

Invite your
friends!



We have been studying the *Fruits of the Spirit* with our kids on Sunday mornings.
See if you can memorize these verses with your family this month!



Memory Verse Challenge: *"The Fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law... Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit."*

(Galatians 5:22-25)

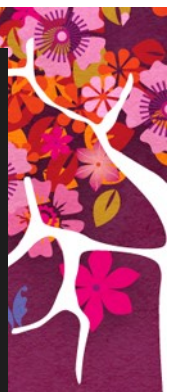
Questions about Children & Family Ministry?

Contact Elizabeth.hill@stlcsj.org

ST. TIM'S

YOUTH

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL
MINISTRY



SUNDAY CAFE

is back

the Bread
of
Life

Pancake
breakfast



John 6:35

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

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

**JUNIOR HIGH
BIGGER
OR
BETTER!**

**A CRAZY SCAVENGER HUNT TO SEE WHO CAN
COME UP WITH THE BIGGEST & BEST TREASURE!**

APRIL 21, 12:00-2:00 PM, COST- \$5



VBS 2018- SHIPWRECKED!
Crew Leader & Youth Volunteer Sign-Ups
Start 2nd week of April
For any 6th-12th Graders
Spots are limited to sign-up quickly!

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.

Mary McCartney
 Mary Briggs
 Olga Walters
 Vera Frase
 Bob Tuvell, friend of Katy Stamos
 Arurabi and family, friend of Katy Stamos
 Megan Browne, relative of Katy Stamos
 Bob Hall, father of Brian Hall
 Donna Morgan, friend of Karen Ries
 Whitney Kanavel, friend of the Selbo's
 Barbara Maxwell, mother of Beth Tkacheff
 The Family of Christa Baughman
 The Family of Gladys Wouters, mother of Glenn Lovelady
 The Family of Marge Reuter, mother of Linda McLean
 The Family of Yolanda Cerro, mother of Jeanette Stahlke

BUDGET REPORT



	General	Building
OFFERINGS to date	\$214,041	\$35,701
SPENDING to date	\$270,405	\$30,187
Excess/(Shortfall)	(\$56,364)	\$5,514

	Capital Campaign
OFFERINGS to date	\$63,559

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 WORSHIP 8:30-11:00a Easter Pancake Breakfast	2 7p Leadership Team	3 6:30a Men's Breakfast 7p H.S. Cornerstone	4 9a Quilters and Cut-ups 6p Jr High Cornerstone	5 12:30p Naomi Circle 7p Chancel Choir Rehearsal	6 9:30a Pins and Needles	7
8 8:30 & 11 AM WORSHIP 9:45a Middle Hour	9	10 6:30a Men's Breakfast 7p H.S. Cornerstone	11 6p Jr High Cornerstone	12 6:30p Lydia Book Club 7p Chancel Choir Rehearsal	13 9:30a Pins and Needles	14
15 8:30 & 11 AM WORSHIP 9:45a Middle Hour	16	17 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 6:30a Men's Breakfast 6:30p Iron Men 7p H.S. Cornerstone	18 9a Quilters and Cut-ups 6p Jr High Cornerstone	19 7p Chancel Choir Rehearsal	20 9:30a Pins and Needles	21
22 8:30 & 11 AM WORSHIP 9:45a Middle Hour	23	24 6:30a Men's Breakfast 7p H.S. Cornerstone	25 9a Newsletter Team 6p Jr High Cornerstone	26 12:00p Lunch Bunch 7p Chancel Choir Rehearsal	27 9:30a Pins and Needles	28
29 8:30 & 11 AM WORSHIP 9:45a Middle Hour 12:15p Mexico Team Meeting	30	1 6:30a Men's Breakfast 7p H.S. Cornerstone	2 9a Quilters and Cut-ups 6p Jr High Cornerstone	3 12:30p Naomi Circle 7p Chancel Choir Rehearsal	4 9:30a Pins and Needles	5

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2 Adult Middle Hour Classes



JOIN A
CLASS

RETURNING/STARTING
APRIL 8

Believe Meets in the Cafeteria at 9:45 am

Open to all adults. It's never too late to join!
Grounded in carefully selected Scripture, Believe is a unique spiritual growth experience that takes you on a journey to think, act, and be more like Jesus. Every believer needs to ask these three questions:

WHAT DO I BELIEVE?
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
WHO AM I BECOMING?

The Book of Revelation

meets in the Music Room at 9:45 am

Open to all adults.

This seven-week study is designed to provide an overview of a book that many people have either misinterpreted or avoided. Written by the apostle John from the island of Patmos, during a time of intense persecution, the message of the book is a word of hope for the present and a word of promise for the future.