



Good News

NEWSLETTER OF ST. TIMOTHY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
JUNE – JULY 2018

Pastor's Pen

Dear Friends,

I'm not sure if any of you were like me, but when I was growing up, I had no idea how to pace myself. I would do everything and say, "Yes" to everything. I was the opposite of Jim Carrey in that movie "Yes Man" (the one where he loved saying, "No"). I didn't know how to set limits for myself, and so I would *wish* to get sick so that I had a "proper excuse" to stay home and relax.

When Alek and I got married, we decided to give each other "veto power." Alek could veto things on my calendar and I could veto things on his calendar. Though I think that "veto power" was my idea, I soon discovered that "veto power" would almost solely be used against my calendar. I didn't want to say, "No."

Of course the irony was that when Alek started calling "veto power" on my schedule, I didn't know what he was doing, and who was *he* to tell me, "No"?

About a month after we got married, Alek looked at me and asked when *he* would get a coffee date. He wondered why I made time for every one of my friends for coffee, but didn't seem to be intentional about making time for him. Ouch. He was absolutely right. We were married, and yet my lifestyle hadn't changed. It would need to.

Life changes. Seasons change. This is the wonderful and challenging thing about life – it doesn't stay the same.

In *Building a Discipling Culture*, Mike Breen writes about the importance of seasons of rest and pruning for growth and fruit. "Bearing fruit," he writes, "is the most natural thing in the world for a branch. It doesn't do it by straining to push out a grape" (92). Plants grow and produce fruit not by squeezing out every last ounce of energy, but after resting and being pruned for a season. The same is true for us. Growth and fruit come after seasons of rest and pruning.

As we enter into the months of June and July, I invite you to experience this as a new season- a slower, perhaps dormant season. Allow someone "veto power" over your schedule. Enjoy your family. Go on vacation. Enjoy the bay and the beautiful hiking trails that surround us. Rest in God. And share with us what God is doing in you.

Enjoy taking it slow and enjoy the fruit later,
Pastor Jonna

IS GOD CALLING YOU INTO SOMETHING NEW?

St. Timothy's Visitation Ministries

There are many ways to serve God's people, and visitation ministry is one way. Jesus says that by visiting those in need we are visiting him. Here at St. Timothy's, we have visitation groups that visit the home bound and lead services, crafts, and activities in residential facilities.

Visits to home bound members typically last for half an hour. During a visit, we may ask if we can pray together, read Scripture, or perhaps simply listen to what is being shared. All conversations are kept in strict confidence. All volunteers are registered with the church, and our pastors support all who are involved. Everyone serving in these groups is a committed volunteer who loves God and His people.

We are actively seeking members to join this ministry. If you are moved to serve vulnerable people in our community, please contact Pastor Jonna: jonna.bohigian@stlcsj.org or 408-264-3858 ext. 138.

Convalescent Hospital Ministry

You are invited to join us!

St. Timothy's is a part of Convalescent Hospital Ministry. CHM is a group of trained volunteers from different churches throughout the valley, who visit residents of convalescent hospitals and nursing homes, bringing comfort, respect, dignity, and the Word of God. CHM is supported by 35 churches.

There are a host of lonely people in convalescent hospitals, health care centers, and long-term care facilities. There are some 300 individuals in Santa Clara Valley who have no visitors or family members visiting them.

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus directs us to minister to people in situations like this as if doing it to him. "I was sick and you visited me. I was in prison and you came to me...And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of these my brethren, you did it to me'" Matthew 25:36, 40.

If you have any questions or want to volunteer, please speak with Mickey Miller: 408-371-5789.

Do you remember the Plaster House?

In 2008, during Phase One of our first Capital Campaign, St. Timothy's donated a significant amount of money to this Children's Rehabilitation Center in Arusha, Tanzania – at a time when the American economy was in recession and most other donating partners had to delay or cancel their commitments. But St. Timothy's was able to send the promised gift of \$40,000 to help build a center where children could recover from orthopedic surgery (a "plaster" is what we would call a cast).

How has God's faithfulness played out in relation to that gift, made 10 years ago?

In 2008 the Center was in rented facilities, housing 8 children with one house mother. Today, in 2018, a newly built center was again expanded in order to house 100 children in 48 beds. New construction has been started on three new buildings with the goal of doubling their outreach in the next few years. The Plaster House is a "unique home away from home" where children get all the loving care, medical attention, exercise and education that they need while recuperating. And because everything done is with the intent of proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ, these families receive spiritual as well as physical care.

What you have done has made an enormous difference! Last year alone, 465 children were treated as they and their families were given real hope in Christ.

Interested in knowing more? Check it out:

<https://www.theplasterhouse.org/>



MEXICO MISSION July 7-13

55 people will be going to Mexico to build 8 houses for the local community! This is by far the largest group we have ever taken. We would love to have your prayers. Barring any technical glitches, we do try to post a few photos to Facebook during the week. Take a peak at [facebook.com/StTimsSanJose](https://www.facebook.com/StTimsSanJose) to see what we are up to!

Mark your calendars for July 27 from 6:00-8:00 pm for a delicious taco dinner made by the Mexico Mission Team!



Whether you supported us monetarily or through prayers, we would love to share our experience with you. We will show an extended version of the slideshow with pictures from each work site as well as from our time doing ministry with the families and children. We will tell you stories and share testimonies of the amazing things that God did this year on our trip. We will finish the way we finish each night in Mexico - with a time to worship our amazing God together!



SPECIAL THANKS to all our GROW GROUP participants and leaders. Our Grow Groups have become loving and learning environments for an increasing percentage of our congregation. We have come together engaging in strong Christian friendships that are anchored in God's word, affirm one another in prayer, and hold one another accountable to live our daily lives following Jesus.

None of this would be possible without our tremendous leaders and their continued dedication to our Grow Group disciple-making ministry. Grow Groups are a vital part of St. Timothy's discipleship and spiritual formation journey because they are a pathway to intentional relationships that help others grow in their faith in Christ. Our Grow Group leaders challenge us to wrestle with his teachings, listen for his voice, be open and transparent as he challenges us, and commit ourselves to grow as disciples. Grow Group leadership is a ministry, approached with a servant's heart. Providing effective leadership is a journey alongside Christ – one that constantly invites and challenges others to become a beacon for his love!

The passion, energy and enthusiasm of all those participating in Grow Groups are impacting generations upon generations who are coming to know, grow and go in their faith! Christ is the true leader of each Grow Group. He is the one around whom our groups are gathered. As we follow Christ and grow in our relationship with him, we become equipped and empowered in our spiritual formation and growth. Our Grow Groups are one of the means we use to help one another draw closer into personal relationships with Christ, learning to rely upon him, turn to him and integrate him into each moment of our daily lives. As we grow in discipleship, we change – and our lives bear witness to that change.

Leadership, Fellowship, and Relationship make all the difference! Because of our experience with Grow Groups, we can engage others in the congregation to help them find their purpose and identity in Christ. Each member serves as a role model in the congregation who can help others hear Christ calling them to transform their lives and seek deeper fellowship around what God desires to teach us. With Grow Groups as a strong foundation, we can transform the culture at St. Timothy's by casting vision and encouraging our group members to go deeper in discipleship and to move outward in service. I encourage everyone participating in our Grow Groups to keep the faith, keep the focus, keep pursuing his promise! Invite others to join you in the journey next Fall!

Special and heartfelt thanks,

Pastor Brian



Summers are times for family reunions, those get-togethers in which we find out about Great Aunt Mildred and her motorcycle adventures. This summer, we will share a family reunion of sorts with our sermon series entitled "Our Family Tree." We will explore Old Testament biblical characters who make up our spiritual family tree, and bring us to Jesus.

Directions: Read each set of chapters before the Sunday that they are taught.

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| June 17 | Abraham & Isaac
<i>Genesis 12, 15-17, 21-22</i> |
| June 24 | Jacob
<i>Genesis 25, 27-30</i> |
| July 1 | Joseph
<i>Genesis 42-45, 49-50</i> |
| July 8 | Moses
<i>Exodus 1-4</i> |
| July 15 | Joshua
<i>Joshua 1-6</i> |
| July 22 | Ruth
<i>Ruth 1-4</i> |
| July 29 | Samuel
<i>1 Samuel 1; 3; 8; 5</i> |

As you are reading, consider the following questions:

- ◆ Was there anything you noticed in these chapters that you had not noticed before?
- ◆ What were some of the main ideas or lessons found in these chapters?
- ◆ How might you take those same ideas and lessons and apply them in your own life?

Join us for fun, fellowship and food this Summer!

No agenda and no goals other than enjoying each other's company!

Pancake Breakfast



July 1

9:30-11 am

BBQ



August 5

12:00-1:30 pm

If you can help with either of these events, email info@stlcsj.org

MIDDLE HOUR PRAYER FELLOWSHIP Sundays from 10-10:45 am

Participation is open to all adults, students and families.

A 10-week prayer journey to come together in seeking God's heart for our church, school, families, neighborhoods, workplaces, missionaries, and outreach to bring the love of Christ to those he brings into our path.

Silicon Valley Discipleship Walk for Water

September 29, 2018

Register as an individual or as a team at siliconvalleywalk.org

New this year! All registered walkers will be entered into a biweekly drawing for a \$100 donation toward their personal fundraising goal. Drawings will begin June 14th and continue up until our September Walk Day.

Together we have raised over \$400,000 since St. Tim's first started walking for water in 2014!

Children are no longer dying from lack of access to clean water in communities in Indonesia, Haiti, Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda and Mexico. Clean water has been provided in Nepal after their devastating earthquake in 2015. South Sudanese refugees are experiencing hope in the Bidi Bidi refugee camp in Uganda. The Living Water message and the authentic kind of love that can only be experienced through the presence of the Holy Spirit are being shared in those same communities!

Children & Family Ministry



We encourage you to keep Sunday mornings set aside to worship together as a family!

Please note the special Sundays coming up this summer.

Plan to come early or stay late to enjoy a meal together before/after worship!

Sunday, July 1 - Pancake Breakfast 9:45-10:45am

Sunday, August 5 - BBQ and Lawn Games @ 12pm

Summer Mission Trip boxes

Kid/Family Summer Mission Trip Boxes were distributed in early June. If your family didn't get one, stop by the table in the narthex this month and pick one up! The boxes are filled with simple, practical ways for your kids to love and serve people in your homes, neighborhoods, and communities.

PARENTS: Please take photos/videos of your kids engaging in these service projects as we'll put together a highlight video to see what God has been doing in and through our kids this summer!

Family Fun Night Thursday, June 21 5:15-7:15pm



Bring the whole family for a FREE pizza dinner out on the soccer field followed by a *Shipwrecked Animal Show!* We'll see and learn about lots of animals you might find in the jungle or on an island - tortoises, bearded dragons, giant snakes, and more!

Your children do not need to be enrolled in VBS in order to attend - everyone is welcome!

MOPS is coming to St. Timothy's!



MOPS

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) is a dynamic program designed to nurture mothers with children from infancy through kindergarten. MOPS exists to meet the needs of every mom in this stage of life who shares a desire to be the very best mom they can be! MOPS encourages moms through resources, speakers, mentorship, friendship - all pertinent to their roles as wives, mothers, and women.

MOPS will meet on the 1st Wednesday of every month (Sept-May) from 9:30-11:30am plus an optional play date on the 3rd Wednesday of every month.

Email us at mops@stlcsj.org for more information and to register for our group! Non-St. Tim's members welcome!

this is motherhood

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YOUTH
- JUNIOR HIGH &
HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY -

**CORNER
STONE**

HIGH SCHOOL

TUESDAYS, 7-8:30



**THE
YOUTH HOUSE**

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JUNE 24TH, 7-8:30



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**JUNIOR HIGH
HOME MISSION TRIP '18**

7.18-7.20

have fun. serve your community. love like Jesus.

@ The Youth House

cost- \$25

**All-Youth
Great America
Day**



**Thursday, July 26th,
9:30-5:00**

For more information on upcoming events & youth programs, contact Joe Hill (High School) or Anna-Marie Valles (Junior High)
@ joe.hill@stlcsj.org 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.

Bev Rohr
 The family of Duke Wolfe
 Greg Davis, friend of the Sampsons
 Carol Donaldson, mother of Gary Donaldson
 Wendy Schacher, aunt of Juli Buccellato
 Baby Andrew, friend of Debbie Triplett
 Helen Howe, mother of Alisha Collier
 Donna Morgan, friend of Karen Ries
 Sally Visosky, mother of Michelle Donaldson
 Mary Ehelebe, mother of Diane Ehelebe
 Debbie Cowell, relative of Bob Couper
 Ali Amini, Relative of Lorraine Crawford.
 Elaine Hagebush, friend of Shelby Long
 Jimmy & Annie Nelson, relatives of the Selbos

BUDGET REPORT



	General	Building
OFFERINGS to date	\$392,072	\$65,139
SPENDING to date	\$441,248	\$37,036
Excess/(Shortfall)	(\$49,176)	\$28,103

	Capital Campaign
OFFERINGS to date	\$113,578

NEXT NEWSLETTER IS AUGUST.
 Newsletter deadline is July 26.
 Email articles to info@stlcsj.org

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
June 17 8:30 & 11:00 WORSHIP	18 9a VBS	19 6:30a Men's Breakfast 9a VBS 9:30a Zest Breakfast 6:30p Iron Men 7p H.S. Cornerstone	20 9a VBS 9a Quilters and Cut-ups 6p Jr High Cornerstone— Summer Kick-off	21 9a VBS 5:15p Family Fun Night	22 9a VBS	23
24 8:30 & 11 WORSHIP 10a Prayer Fellowship 7p Ignite	25	26 6:30a Men's Breakfast 7p H.S. Cornerstone	27 6p Jr High Cornerstone	28	29	30
July 1 8:30 & 11 WORSHIP 9:30a Pancake Breakfast	2 7p Leadership Team	3 6:30a Men's Breakfast 7p H.S. Cornerstone	4 <i>Office Closed</i>	5	6	7 7:30a Mexico Departure
8 8:30 & 11 WORSHIP 10a Prayer Fellowship	9	10 6:30a Men's Breakfast	11 6p Jr High Cornerstone	12	13	14
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Jr High Camp Pondo						

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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SUMMER

NOTE THESE DATES



JUNE 18-22: VBS

JULY 1: PANCAKE BREAKFAST

JULY 4: HOLIDAY— OFFICE CLOSED

JULY 7-13: MEXICO MISSION

JULY 18-20: JR HIGH HOME MISSION TRIP

JULY 26: AUGUST NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

JULY 26: YOUTH GREAT AMERICA

JULY 27: MEXICO THANK YOU DINNER

JULY 30-AUGUST 4: JR HIGH CAMP PONDO

AUGUST 5: BBQ

SEPTEMBER 9: MIDDLE HOUR CLASSES RESUME

SEPTEMBER 29: WALK FOR WATER