



Good News

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | ST. TIMOTHY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH | AUGUST 2018

Pastor's Pen

"Although I am less than the least of all God's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept in God, who created all things. His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord." Ephesians 3:8-11 NIV

In writing to the believers in Ephesus, the apostle Paul lifts up a number of truths inherent to his ministry. He admits that he is unworthy of his calling, describing himself as *"the least of all God's people."* He accepts that his calling to preach the word of God is only by *"the grace of God."* He acknowledges that the means God has chosen to proclaim his word is through people, *"through the Church."* And he affirms the fact that God's *"eternal purpose"* in saving the world has now been *"accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

During the week of August 13-17, Pastor Brian and I, along with representatives from the more than 420 congregations in the North American Lutheran Church, will be gathering in Denver, Colorado for our annual Convocation. The week will include opportunities for the delegates to share in worship, be encouraged by what God is doing throughout the NALC, and to be challenged with what it means to be a church body committed to making disciples of Jesus Christ. Reports will be shared, budgets will be passed, elections will take place, and many debates and discussions and decisions will happen and be made. In the midst of it all, some of the *least of God's people*, called by *his grace*, gathered as *the Church*, will share in furthering *God's eternal purposes* accomplished in Christ Jesus.

When the North American Lutheran Church was formed, it committed itself to four Core Values that continue to be foundational to everything it is about. As you read these brief descriptions, know that they also describe things of value to us.

The NALC is Christ-Centered. It confesses the apostolic faith in Christ Jesus according to the Holy Scriptures and affirms the authority of the Scriptures as the "authoritative source and norm" for all we teach and believe.

The NALC is Mission-Driven. It believes that the mission of the Church, to preach the Gospel and to make disciples of Christ, must remain a priority until Jesus returns.

The NALC is Traditionally-Grounded. It affirms the ecumenical creeds, the faithful witness of the Church since the time of the first apostles, and endorses the office of the ministry and the "means of grace" offered in the Word and the sacraments.

The NALC is Congregationally-Focused. It strives to be a church body organized to support and facilitate the ministries of local congregations.

This is our Church body. This is the partnership we share in the NALC. This is the work entrusted to us as *the least*, called by *God's grace*, in *the Church*, to carry out *His eternal purposes* in Christ Jesus.

I ask for your prayers for Bishop John Bradosky and his staff, for the delegates who will be gathering in Denver, and for decisions and directions that will bring honor to our Lord Jesus.

I am honored to belong to such a faithful and faith-filled church body, and to share in the work of the Gospel with you.

Pastor Dan

How does your garden grow?

"Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain. Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, some multiplying thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times."

Mark 4:3-8 NIV

In order to have a beautiful garden there are some basic foundational elements needed to produce such beauty. Good soil, seeds, watering and pruning are necessary to grow your garden. Trying to grow your garden in poor soil or without watering will surely impact your garden. Faith is a lot like gardening in that, if we don't have proper soil and we don't continue to water and prune, we will become complacent or stagnant in our faith.

We all have different ways in which we water or prune our relationship with Christ. Part of being a disciple is sharing our faith with others to help plant their seeds or to help water their soil. Sharing our faith not only strengthens our relationship with Christ, but it also helps others grow in faith. Sharing our faith can be done verbally as well as outwardly displayed in our actions or in our demeanor. We have the opportunity to share our faith in every aspect of our lives such as work, school, the gym, or even the grocery store.

Sharing our faith within our own church can also help others who don't feel as though their faith is quite as strong as they would like it to be. One great way to help others learn and grow in faith is by sharing faith testimonials. Testimonials can be very relatable, encouraging, hopeful and inspiring. Even though the soil is good and the seeds are planted, we may be falling short in the watering or pruning department. As part of a council sub-team initiative to disciple to our non-church community, we are looking for people who would be willing to share their testimony and how they live out their faith on a daily basis. This can be done as a video or podcast, or as a written testimony.

If you feel called to be part of this initiative and would be willing to share your testimony, or if you would like to be part of our team, please contact Tammi Hall at tammi-brian@msn.com.

Fall 2018 Middle Hour Bible Fellowship

Our Fall 2018 Middle Hour Bible Fellowship will include the following three offerings:

- **"Jesus and Women"** (Pastor Jonna) *12-weeks beginning September 16th* - In this middle hour class, we will take a look at women in the Bible through the eyes of Jesus. Men and women are invited to join us, as we explore Jesus and women in the Gospels and consider what this might mean for us today. Bring your favorite Bible, pen, and notebook. All are welcome!
- **"Romans: From Belief to Behavior"** (Pastor Dan / Pastor Brian) *12-weeks beginning September 16th* – In this middle hour Bible study, we will explore the righteousness of God and how His Word, through Paul's epistle to the Christians in Rome, guides us through what to believe and how to behave when it comes to sin, salvation, spiritual formation, sovereignty, and responsibility.
- **"Growing in Christ: Lessons on Assurance and Christian Living"** (Pastor Brian / Pastor Dan) *10-weeks beginning September 30th* – In this middle hour Bible fellowship, we will learn to come alongside new and growing Christians to share the foundations of our faith and the fundamentals for living out our faith in our daily lives. We will explore the basic promises of salvation, prayer, victory, forgiveness and guidance and then better understand how to live out our faith in the world enlightened by putting Christ first, equipped by the church, and empowered by His Word and Spirit.

We encouraging you to prayerfully consider which content most reflects your journey for this spiritual season of life.

Locations for each Middle Hour class to be determined.

St. Timothy's Legacy Fund



This spring, the Leadership Team offered a scholarship from the Legacy Fund to support a graduating high school senior who will be attending a 4-year school in the fall. The Legacy 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 is our second year to provide a scholarship to support a graduating high school senior. 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 a \$1000 scholarship to our recipient.

This year's recipient is Amanda McCarthy, a long time member of St. Timothy's, who has been involved in a number of ways – VBS, Sunday worship, the Mercy Mobile – all while pursuing her passion for dance. Her faith was instilled at an early age and has continued to be an important part of her life as she moved through high school. Amanda will be going to UC Irvine in the fall to study dance.

As part of the application process, the applicants had to write a short essay about how St. Timothy's helped shape their faith. The following is an excerpt from Amanda's essay:

"For the majority of my life I have been a dancer and am still continuing this passion of mine. Every time I perform, it has become a ritual for me to pray before. The prayer before I perform lets me know that He is there with me on stage helping me fight through any pain or problems I have. I gather myself or my team to come together in prayer because with Him all things are possible."

Congratulations to Amanda! You are an inspiration to us all. We pray that you continue to grow and share your faith as you move on to the next stage in life.

Musicians Matters

In his book "The Blue Zones," Dan Buettner studied the habits, diet and lifestyle of centenarians clustered in communities throughout the world. He summarizes the lessons learned from the people who have lived the longest. Lesson 7 is "healthy centenarians everywhere have faith." He writes,

"Be more involved.

If you already belong to a religious community, take a more active role in the organization. The longevity-enhancing effect may be a function of how you attend rather than the fact that you attend. Getting involved in activities like singing in the choir or volunteering might enhance well-being and possibly reduce mortality."

If you can read music, you are invited to join the choir, which may enhance your well-being and possibly reduce mortality. Sanctuary choir rehearsals resume on Thursday, August 30 at 7 PM.

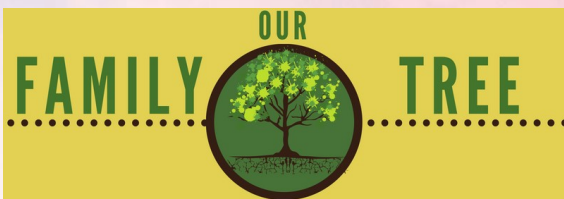
Pasta and Wine Fundraiser

Supports the Walk for Water
Rickmarkable Team

Rick and Tammie Mark's home
Sunday August 19th at 4:30pm
911 Michigan Ave., San Jose

RSVP to Tammie at 408-482-4509 or
tammiemark@hotmail.com





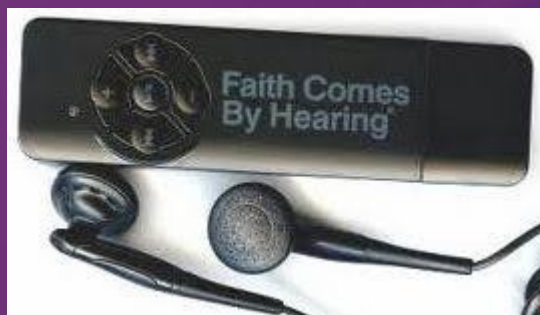
“Our Family Tree” Sermon Series concludes on September 2.

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

August 5	David <i>1 Samuel 16-17, 2 Samuel 5-7</i>
August 12	Solomon <i>1 Kings 1-3, 6-8</i>
August 19	Daniel <i>Daniel 1-2, 5-6</i>
August 26	Esther <i>Esther 1-10</i>
September 2	Nehemiah <i>Nehemiah 4-9</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?



Bill and I want to thank the congregation for their overwhelming response to the Bible Stick donations. We are very pleased to be members of a congregation that truly cares about those in the military, and more importantly, cares about others and wanting to spread God’s love.

The amount raised, including a matching donation, totaled more than \$4000. This means that more than 160 bible sticks will be sent to military personnel where they serve so they can listen to the Word of God.

Again, thank you for your love of others.
Warren Finch and Bill Briggs

Silicon Valley Discipleship **Walk for Water** September 29, 2018

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

Together we have raised over \$400,000 since St. Tim's first started walking for water in 2014! It is not too late to sign up!

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!

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

**CORNER
STONE**

HIGH SCHOOL

TUESDAYS, 7-8:30



**THE
YOUTH HOUSE**

**CORNER
STONE**

HIGH SCHOOL

WEDNESDAYS, 6-8



**THE
YOUTH HOUSE**

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNIOR HIGH
**BUBBLE
SOCCER**



AUUGUST 8TH, 6-8 PM
COST - \$10

High School Backyard Camp-out
8/10-8/11, 7PM-9AM cost- \$10

Boardwalk Beach Blitz Conference
September 14th-15th
Cost- \$100

The Beach Blitz is an overnight youth conference at the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk that includes dynamic speakers, a concert by **The Afters**, worship, games, and an unlimited rides wristband for Saturday, September 15th!

For ALL YOUTH

*scholarships are available.



Save the Date!

Kickoff Sunday is September 9

9:45am-10:45am

Join us for an all-ages party as we kick off the new year together!

BBQ and Lawn Games August 5 @ 12pm



Bring the whole family out for worship at 11:00 and then stay after for a BBQ and games on the front lawn.

Food provided - just show up!

Did you do any Summer Mission Trip box activities or projects this summer?

If so, we want to hear about it! Send any photos/videos to elizabeth.hill@stlcsj.org

MOPS Registration has begun!

Visit www.stlcsj.org/mops for more info and to register

Who: Moms with children from pregnancy through 5 years old (Non-St. Tim's members welcome!)

What: A group of moms who desire to be the best moms they can be! MOPS encourages moms through resources, speakers, mentorship, and friendship - all pertinent to their roles as wives, mothers, and women.

When: 1st Wednesday of every month (Sept-May) from 9:30-11:30am plus an optional playdate on the 3rd Wednesday of every month

Where: St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, Carter Building



#thisismotherhood

Questions? Email us at mops@stlcsj.org

FIND YOUR FIRE

BUDGET REPORT



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.

Stephanie Hashiguchi
 The family of Kelsey Geoffroy
 The family of Bev Rohr
 The family of Duke Wolfe
 Karen Aboud, friend of Laurel Hill
 Joan Nikolai, friend of Laurel Hill
 George Patser, friend of Laurel Hill

	General	Building
OFFERINGS to date	\$520,198	\$129,110
SPENDING to date	\$594,276	\$57,331
Excess/(Shortfall)	(\$74,078)	\$71,779

	Capital Campaign
OFFERINGS to date	\$137,852

NEXT NEWSLETTER IS SEPTEMBER.
 Newsletter deadline is August 21.
 Email articles to info@stlcsj.org

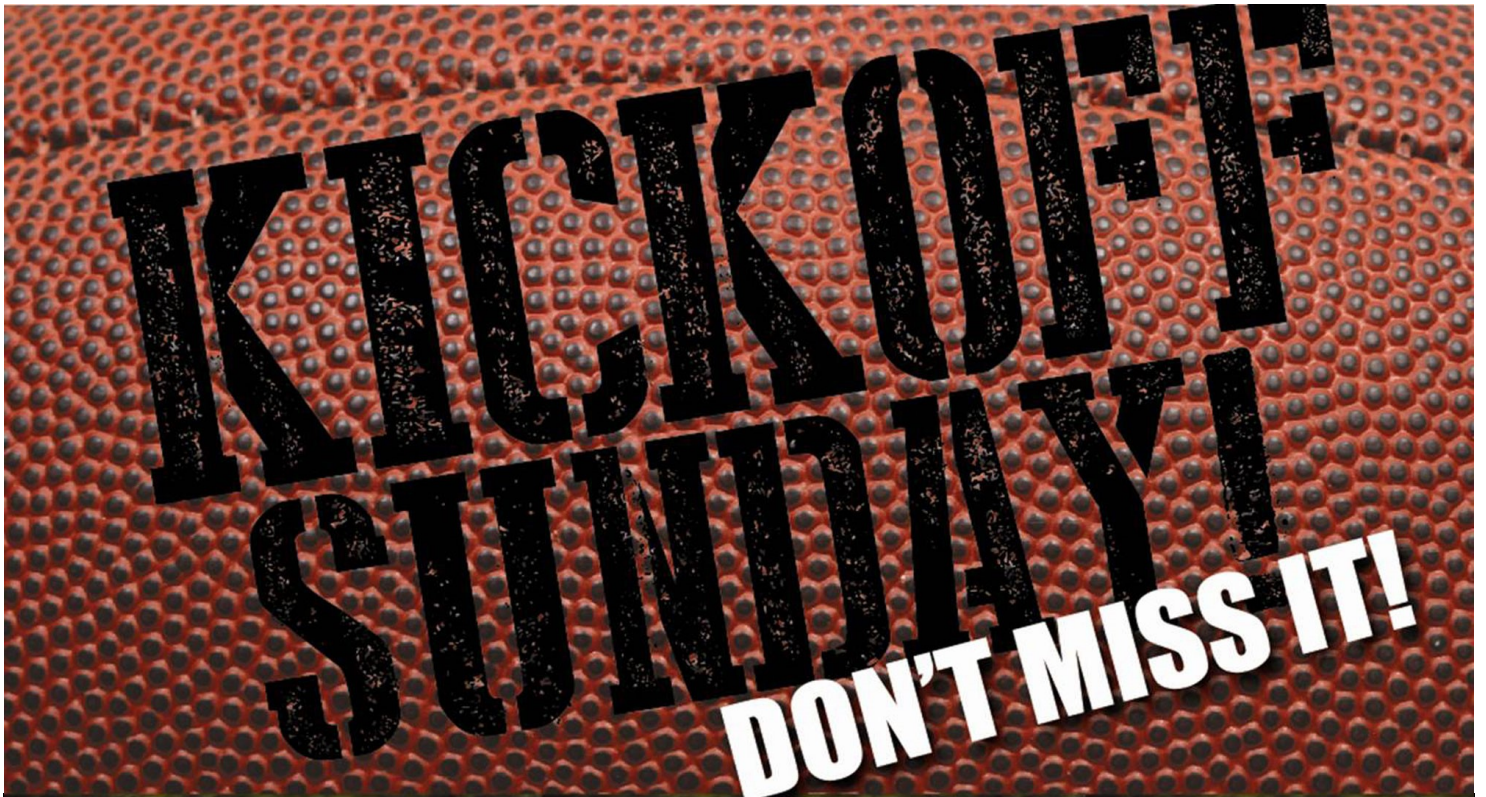
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29 8:30 & 11:00 WORSHIP 10a Prayer Fellowship	30	31 6:30a Men's Breakfast 7p H.S. Cornerstone	1 9a Newsletter Team 9a Quilters and Cut-ups 6p Jr High Cornerstone	2	3	4 8a Work Day
5 8:30 & 11 WORSHIP 10a Prayer Fellowship 12p BBQ	6	7 6:30a Men's Breakfast 7p H.S. Cornerstone	8 6p Jr High Cornerstone	9	10	11 8:30a Leadership Retreat
12 8:30 & 11 WORSHIP 10a Prayer Fellowship	13 7p Leadership Team	14 6:30a Men's Breakfast 7p H.S. Cornerstone 7p School Board	15 9a Quilters and Cut-ups	16	17	18
19 8:30 & 11 WORSHIP 10a Prayer Fellowship	20	21 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 6:30a Men's Breakfast 9:30a ZEST Breakfast 6:30p Iron Men 7p H.S. Cornerstone	22	23	24	25
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SAVE THE DATE! SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 FROM 9:30-11:00 AM.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY KICK-OFF PARTY AT THE CARTER BUILDING

6TH TO 12TH GRADE AT THE YOUTH HOUSE.

LOOK FOR TABLES WITH MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ADULT OPPORTUNITIES.