

October 2018
St. Timothy's Lutheran Church

Good News

Pastor's Pen

Dear Friends,

I will begin with something that may sound odd. I have been thinking about prayer a lot lately. Perhaps you are thinking, "Well, don't you always think about prayer? You are a pastor, after all." The truth is, I don't always wonder about the various aspects of prayer. I have been a lot more lately, though.

In our church family, we have had a lot to pray for. It has seemed that the moment we begin praying for someone (particularly for healing), there is immediately another person who is in desperate need of healing. So many prayer requests, and so many prayer requests which have lasted for quite some time.

We know that God is a God of healing and that He loves us. We also know that God is not controlled by us; we cannot manipulate God into doing our will.

It seems that often, we either pray distrusting that God desires to hear our prayers, or we pray to overcome God's reluctance. In the second case, we try to convince God of something we believe He ought to do. But, as Martin Luther once wrote, "Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance. It is laying hold of His willingness."

I have been thinking about this quote a lot lately. I've also been thinking a lot about a story in Mark 9. A man brings his son to Jesus. His son has a spirit that has put him into convulsions. He says, "If you can do anything, take pity on us and help us." Jesus responds, "If you can? Everything is possible for one who believes." The man exclaims, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!" (Mark 9:22 – 24).

The man's response to Jesus has become my prayer. Lord, I believe; help me overcome my unbelief!


When I was in college, I met a woman named Sophi. Sophi had moved with her husband and four children to Lithuania, so that her husband could teach Sociology at Lithuania Christian College. They were in their second and final semester in Lithuania when I met them while studying abroad. Sophi's kindness, candor, and faith inspired me. She was a person I wanted to become like. She and her family would be returning to the Los Angeles area, where her husband was a Sociology professor at Azusa Pacific University – the same university I attended!

Before that semester ended, I asked Sophi if she would be my mentor when we returned to the States. She agreed, with the caveat that we meet Friday mornings at the school track at 7am for prayer. Her plan sounded demanding, but a plan I could do!

I was thinking about Sophi and our prayer walks last week, as I prepared to meet with a group of ladies for prayer at 7am Monday morning. Our prayer group has now met twice, and I would like to take this opportunity to make a public invitation to the congregation and surrounding community to join us. We meet Monday mornings in the Sanctuary at 7am. If you would like to stop by to pray on your way to work, school, or would simply like the encouragement of others in prayer, please join us. You're welcome to pop in just once or join us every week. We pray together for those needs within our hearts for local needs, community needs, and needs in the world. We pray over every prayer request on our weekly prayer list. We encourage one another with the honesty that we are all still growing and that there are many places in our lives in which we desire God to help our unbelief.

Please know that you are welcome to join us and that you are being prayed for.

On the journey with you,
Pastor Jonna





**22nd Annual
St. Timothy's
Golf Tournament**
Saturday, October 6
9:00 am
\$85 per person
Los Lagos Golf Course

As in past years, the tournament will be a 4-person scramble format.

All levels of play are welcome. Sign up as a group or as an individual. We would love to have you join the fun!



LIBRARY NEWS

Are you aware that we, St. Timothy's Church, has a library! While it is small, this library, it has over 1,300 adult books (once all are returned). The library also has a children's section. Videos/DVDs are available for children and adults. The library is open on Sundays and access is available at other times when the library is not in use.

Our Church Library is basically a self-help library. **Self-help** means one can select a book or books, sign the enclosed book or DVD card and leave the card in the library deposit box. **Directions for checking out books are posted on a bulletin board.**

If one feels the library should have a particular book available, they can make a request to Carolee Crane, the Church Librarian. This can be done by leaving a note in the book return box, calling or emailing me. Her email and phone number is listed in the Church Membership Directory or in St. Tim's Connect.

There is no set time for the return of a book or DVDs, however, it is **recommended books or DVDs be returned within 6 to 8 weeks.** This allows others the opportunity to read or share the book or DVD.

Sing in the Christmas Cantata

Do the holidays fly by? Make the most of it this year. Why not get into the spirit by singing Christmas music with an orchestra at no cost to you? Plus you get excellent seating during the performance.

For those who can read music, you are invited to sing the Christmas cantata with the choir. Rehearsals for the cantata are Thursdays at 7 PM lasting 30 - 45 minutes, beginning October 4 and ending December 13. On Sunday, December 16 we perform the Christmas Cantata at the 8:30 and 11:00 AM services.

Magi's travelled from the East. Angels sang. You too can celebrate and share the message of Christmas.

St. Tim's
LUNCH BUNCH SPECIAL

Thursday, October 25

11:30 AM in Brookdale Bistro

Buffet lunch provided FREE at Brookdale Senior Living. Then a representative from Tailored Transitions will provide info, advice and suggestions for downsizing our possessions.

Don't we all need that!

Brookdale Community at 1009 Blossom River Way, San Jose, provides assisted living, independent living and memory care for seniors.

Attendance count needed for this event, so call Betsy Grandey at (408) 629-6093 or Betty Rhodes at (408) 628-4799.

Lunch Bunch is a St. Tim's fellowship group open to ALL. Always a social time, nice lunch and an entertaining program. This month it's free lunch plus counseling on how and when to thin out our belongings to improve our senior life.

We welcome new attendees. Just come, you will like it. And ... it's free this month.



Retiring Fearlessly

Please join Thrivent Financial and Thrivent Financial Representatives Wayne Peterson, Joanne McDonough and Michael Glantz to attend a free workshop SOCIAL SECURITY:TIMING IS EVERYTHING and 5 KEYS TO RETIRING FEARLESSLY here at St. Timothy's on October 11th from 7-8PM.

Making the most of Social Security is all about timing. When is the best time to apply for benefits...the best time to stop working...the best time to take withdrawals from 401(k)s and IRAs? Learn how you can determine the timing that's right for you. We will also share five keys to unlocking a retirement that's free from worry, where you can have full confidence in your ability to achieve your goals.

Thrivent Financial Associate, Troy Beck, from Appleton, Wisconsin will be presenting. Refreshments will be served.

Thrivent Financial is a unique, not-for-profit membership organization of Christians, offering a full suite of financial products and services. While many financial firms see money as a goal, we see it as a tool to help the people, causes and communities you hold close to your heart. No products will be sold at this event.

FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL

Friday, October 5

3:00pm - 8:00pm

Front Patio



*Food Trucks *Raffles *Maze *Games with prizes and more

A Report from Our Mission Partners in India

Neeraj and Nijhar are in MN to take care of some of the needs of their children. They took this opportunity to share about different ministries that we are part of in Ranchi, Jharkhand, India. More than anything, the report is to celebrate God's faithfulness and our partnership in God's mission.

After more than 15 years of serving in Ranchi, when we look back we see God's foot prints all over. And we are most thankful. One of the many things that gives us joy and satisfaction is the young and capable leaders that we have had the privilege of mentoring and encouraging. Thus, the various ministries are being led by these friends and we are confident that the Lord would use them to accomplish his purposes in and through these ministries.

Navin Doman Theological College (NDTC)

The College has 40 students now. 9 students are on internship in different communities. There are six full time and four part time faculty in the seminary. The seminary has produced 40 ordained pastors and more than 70 evangelists and missionaries who are serving in many communities in twelve different states of India. A highlight of the year was the completion of faculty and community health ministry housing.

The after-school program continues to draw children from nearby communities. The seminary students get hands on training to teach and mentor these mostly non-Christian children. The children get help for their school work and also learn about basic hygiene. These very poor children are affirmed and get encouragement as seminary students share the love of Jesus with them.

Skill Development Ministry

74 young men and women were trained in six different trades -- carpentry, welding, computer repair, electrician, motorcycle repair and tailoring. They were given basic tools in their respective trades. After training and internship many of these trained workers have started their own business. The seminary provides them support so that they can share the Gospel through their business. As part of their commitment, the trainees have pledged that after few years they would train the next group of trainees.

Community Health Ministry

Two trained workers, including one of our graduates, are serving the nearby communities in the area of alcoholism and malaria. Two volunteer medical doctors are available alternatively on Saturdays in the seminary campus for free consultation. The vision of the project is to involve students of the seminary for hands on training for counseling and management and also to equip congregations in different areas to reach out to communities around them in Jesus' name for mental, physical and spiritual well-being.

Persecution in the Area

The state government in Jharkhand state (Ranchi is the capital) has been passing laws to harass and persecute Christians. Last year the state government passed anti-conversion bill in the state legislative assembly to target Christians and Christian work. In recent months, it has reached alarming levels as Christian organizations are banned and Christians have been jailed for no reason. You can read more about this if you Google "persecution in Jharkhand" or some such similar search.

Preparation for the Boarding School

We have been preparing for this school by consulting with the lawyers and visiting a few schools to understand the process, requirements for the establishment of a Christian boarding school. There is still some issue with forest department that has claimed part of the land during our absence. In a very hostile environment, we want to move carefully so that we fulfill all the requirements laid down by the government and avoid any undue attention of the government officials who are against Christian activity. According to the lawyer we should wait for the general election next year before launching this school.

We thank you for your prayers and support for us and for God's work in the Ranchi area. We count it our privilege to pray for you. May we request you to kindly continue to pray for all these ministries, the Church and Christian people in that area especially this difficult time.

May the Lord bless you and the ministry that you are part of.

With Grateful Hearts,

Neeraj and Nijhar





It's Shoebox time!

Every year, St. Timothy's Church & Academy pack over 600 shoeboxes to send to children all around the world. These boxes are filled with small gifts and, most importantly, the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

Ways to get involved...

- PRAY for the kids around the world
- PACK A SHOEBOX with your family
- INVITE OTHERS to pack a shoebox
- SPONSOR A BOX (\$9 to ship each box)
- DONATE items
(stop by the donation tree at church)
 - EMPTY SHOEBOXES
 - SMALL TOYS, DOLLS, STUFFED ANIMALS
 - SCHOOL SUPPLIES
 - SOAP and WASHCLOTHS
- VOLUNTEER at our OCC events



Stop by the Operation Christmas Child table at church during the month of October to find out more about how you and your family can get involved!



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



Golf and Pizza Night!
Friday, October 12
5:00-7:30pm

All 4th and 5th graders are invited!
Meet at Carter at 5:00pm for pizza.
Pick up at Carter at 7:30pm.
Cost: \$10
Friends come for free!

Save the dates...

- * **MOPS Meetings** - 1st Wednesday of every month @ 9:30am. St. Timothy's MOPS is always open to new members!
- * **Fall Fellowship** - Nov 11 @ 4:30pm
Join us for a potluck, family games, and shoebox packing party!
- * **Christmas Tree Lighting** - Dec 9 @ 5pm
Come see our St. Tim's Kids kickoff the Christmas season with music, song, performing, and lots of lights!
Hot cocoa and cookies served after.

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**

SUNDAY CAFE
Pancake & Breakfast
Exploring God's Word Together
*Sunday Mornings
@ the Youth House
9:45-10:45 for 6th-12th*



**HALLOWEEN
PARTY**
6TH-12TH GRADE
7:00-9:00PM
OCTOBER 26TH
CARTER GREAT ROOM





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.

- The family of Siegfried Mertke
- The family of Olga Walters
- Valerie Ross
- Jack Soyster
- Reid Mosher
- Stephanie Hashiguchi
- Pat Ralston, mother of Karla Peterson
- Michael Campbell, nephew of the Mazzuccos
- Dave White and family, brother-in-law of Alisha Collier
- Anna Wilkinson, infant great-niece of Betsy Beech
- Aiza Alcazar, cousin of Tammi Hall
- Anne Chambers-Scott, friend of Katy Stamos
- The family of Jessica Myers, friend of Laurel Hill
- Baby Ellie, friend of Laurel Hill

BUDGET REPORT



	General	Building
OFFERINGS to date	\$647,189	\$148,054
SPENDING to date	\$781,455	\$70,151
Excess/(Shortfall)	(\$134,266)	\$56,363
	Capital Campaign	
OFFERINGS to date	\$176,033	

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
 All articles need to be emailed by **OCTOBER 16**.
 Email to: beth.tkacheff@stlcsj.org



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 8:30 & 11 AM WORSHIP 9:45a Middle Hour 6:30p Confirmation 6:30p 1st Communion	1 7a Prayer Group	2 6:30a Men's Breakfast 7p H.S. Cornerstone	3 9a Quilters and Cut-ups 6p Jr High Cornerstone	4 12:30p Naomi Circle 7p Chancel Choir	5 9:30a Pins and Needles	6 9:00a Golf Tournament
					8th Grade Confirmation Retreat	
7 8:30 & 11 AM WORSHIP 9:45a Middle Hour 12:15p Discipleship 101 6:30p 1st Communion	8 7a Prayer Group 7p Leadership Team	9 6:30a Men's Breakfast 7p H.S. Cornerstone 7p School Board	10 6p Jr High Cornerstone	11 6:30p Lydia Book Club 7p Chancel Choir	12 9:30a Pins and Needles 5p CREW 45 Golfland	13
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 **FALL**
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Save The Date!

 **Sunday, November 11**
4:30-7pm

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