



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | ST. TIMOTHY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH | SEPTEMBER 2019

Pastor's Pen

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of our partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."
Philippians 1:3-6

At the NALC National Convocation held in Indianapolis, Indiana, on August 7-9, the more than 600 delegates from around the country voted to elect me to a four-year term as the next Bishop for the North American Lutheran Church. It was an overwhelming week, to say the least. It was a life-changing week, at least in terms of what that decision means for Mary and me over the next few years. It was also a significant week for St. Timothy's, insofar as my calling as Lead Pastor for this congregation will soon come to an end and the transition into the new calling I have received will soon begin.

As the reality of the election has settled in and as I have had a chance to reflect on the implication of what it means, my mind is filled with thoughts, memories and reflections on what has been a wonderful and blessed nearly 25 years for me and my family. We began our ministry here in December 1994. My first service as pastor was on Christmas Eve. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet my new congregation and for the congregation to meet their new pastor. It was the beginning of a partnership that has continued from that day until my final day, now set for Sunday, September 8, 2019.

Since our ministry began here at St. Timothy's, all kinds of changes have taken place, including within me. I am a different person than I was back then. This is a different place than when I first started. Through it all, friendships have developed, partnerships have grown, and God has worked through us to build his Church.

I need you to know that I now truly feel called to serve as Bishop for the NALC. As a result of that calling, my calling

with you will soon change. But even as the calling changes and our lives will take new and differing paths, my love for you and for this place and for the calling we share in Christ has only been strengthened and grown.

In the big picture of what God is doing in this world, the changes we will soon be experiencing are only a small grain of sand on the vast shore of his saving work. And yet, the calling we have been given is not to save the world, but to pass on the name of the One who already has. Our shared calling is nothing more nor less than speaking the name of Jesus and sharing the good news of what God has done for us in him, one conversation at a time, one day at a time, with one person at a time.

It has been my privilege for the past 25 years to pastor in a place where God has been faithful, where relationships have grown, lives have been changed, and where eternity is being lived out, even now, as we place our faith and our trust in the One who is eternal. I have been blessed by these years. I have been blessed by you.

Over the next couple of weeks, my formalized ministry at St. Timothy's will come to a close. I will move on to a new calling. You will move on in new ways. In all of it, God will remain faithful and he will lead and guide and build his Church. Nonetheless, even as we move on, sharing in the work entrusted to us in Jesus, my love for you will remain.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for the love and support and encouragement and patience you have afforded me during these years. Together, God has used us and this place to grow his kingdom, and together, our lives will always and forever remain connected in Christ.

I thank God for our partnership. I am confident in his promises. I look forward to seeing how he will continue to use you and me and us until the day of Christ Jesus.

To God be the Glory, in Jesus.
Pastor Dan



Mark your Calendars... Grow Groups will re-launch the week of September 15!

The goal of Grow Groups is to get everyone, at all stages of life and faith, plugged into Christian community, to grow together as disciples who respond to Scripture and grow more and more into the likeness of Jesus.

Growing as a disciple of Jesus flows out of three basic commitments:

- A commitment to God through His Word, worship and prayer.
- A commitment to significant Christian relationships.
- A commitment to reaching new people for Christ.

Grow Groups are intended to foster and support those three commitments.

Groups will meet in people's homes and at St. Timothy's, on different days and at different times throughout the week. **This September, we encourage you to recommit yourself to being in worship on Sunday mornings and to find a Grow Group that best fits you.** Watch for more specifics and upcoming opportunities to get connected. Contact Elizabeth Hill (elizabeth.hill@stlcsj.org) with any questions.

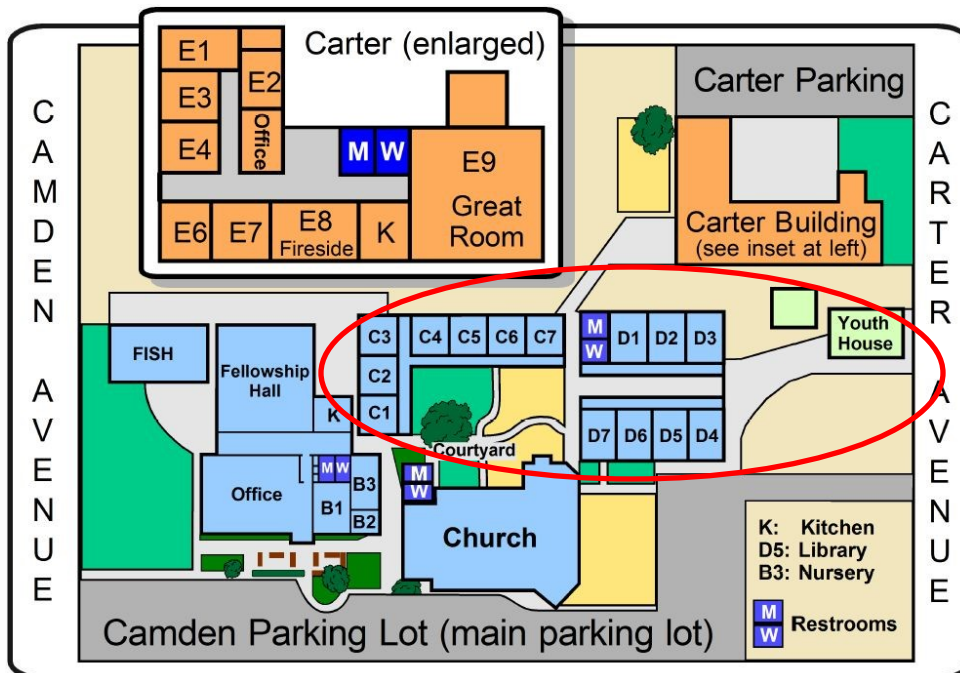
Fall 2019 Middle Hour– NEW LOCATIONS!

All classes will be on the Camden side of our property.

- Preschool will be in "C" wing with the room TBD.
- Elementary will be in Rooms D1, D2, and D3.
- Jr. High and High School will remain at the Youth House.
- Adult Classes will be in D4 and D6.
- The church library has moved to D5.

Classes will start September 15.

2 adult classes will be offered this Fall. One will be taught by Pastor Jim and the other will be taught by Pastor Judy. There will be a promo for each adult class on Sunday, September 15 with adult classes starting September 22.



Confirmation Information!

Parents & 8th Grade Students:

Please join us September 8th from 6:30 – 8pm in the Room B1 for our first class and orientation.

Classes will continue on Sunday nights through November 24th.

Also, mark your calendars for our Confirmation Retreat at Mt. Cross from October 18th-19th.

First Communion Information

Parents & 5th Grade Students:

First Communion instruction for all 5th graders will begin on September 22, from 6:30-7:30pm in the Cafeteria.

This is a 6-week course, intended to give students basic understanding around the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and aiming for their first communion on November 3.

Watch for further information as September 22 grows closer.

St. Timothy's Legacy Fund Scholarship

This spring, the Leadership Team offered a scholarship from the Legacy Fund to support a graduating high school senior who will be attending school in the fall. 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. 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 four scholarships, instead of just one.

This year's recipients are Emma McCarthy, Anthony Matter, Alyssa Long, and Katy vanMaanen. All four are involved in St. Timothy's in a number of ways – VBS, Sunday School, and the Mexico Mission Trip, among other ministries. As part of the application process, the applicants were asked to write a short essay about how St. Timothy's helped shape their faith. The following are excerpts from these essays:

"VBS taught me how to teach the word of God to those younger than me, to motivate even reluctant learners and, by the end of a week, encourage them to continue to grow in their own faith. It is always important to learn from those around you, but it is even more impactful seeing the Bible from the children's perspective because I can now view the Word from these two different lenses and analyze and understand the stories with different things in mind. This ability to see the Bible in a different light allows me to grow in my faith and can help me understand points where I may have been confused or concerned previously."

Emma McCarthy, studying English & Kinesiology at Univ. of Puget Sound

"When I can go to church and soak in the Lord's messages about love and peace, I wear those messages like armour until I can make the next session. Due to how God is preached and how loving the pastors are at St. Timothy's, I've never once felt my faith in God ever fade..."

Anthony Matter, studying Computer Science at West Valley College

"St. Tim's taught me to take risks and that what's perfect to me is not always perfect to others. I was offered leadership opportunities. One of those opportunities was to teach a small classroom of preschoolers. Which aided me on my mission of self-discovery, to which I know that I want to teach kids. So in addition to being an English Major, I am going to pursue teaching credentials because I have found my passion."

Alyssa Long, studying English at San Jose State

"We can all see this great power of God's acting through our fellow Christians every day, if only we open our eyes. And St. Timothy's has helped me realize that and open my own eyes. I have come to this change in belief through observing other church members, through volunteering with them, and through learning from the messages that are embodied in each of their actions....These experiences, provided to me through participating in life at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, are what have made me the disciple of Christ that I am today."

Katy vanMaanen, studying Cellular & Molecular Biology at Seattle Pacific Univ.

Congratulations to Emma, Anthony, Alyssa and Katy! 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.

CONGRATULATIONS PASTOR DAN!

At the North American Lutheran Church (NALC) Annual Convocation in August 2019, the Rev. Dr. Dan Selbo, was elected by a majority of delegates to serve as its next bishop. He will begin his new role October 1st.

As we embrace this change and look to the exciting ways the Holy Spirit will work within our church, we invite you to a celebration in honor of Pastor Dan's 25 years of ministry at St. Timothy's.

SEPTEMBER 8
Worship 10 am
(one service only)

**Luncheon immediately following
worship**

All are invited. No RSVP is needed. You are welcome to invite former members with whom you may still be in contact.



INTERIM PASTORAL SUPPORT

While the Call Team is searching for our next pastor, Pastors Jim and Judy Bangsund will be sharing a fulltime pastor position to fill the vacancy that Pastor Dan has left. They officially start September 3rd and have agreed to serve for 6 months and possibly longer, if needed. Please keep them, our Call Team, and our church in your prayers during this transitional time for our church.

**Did
You
Know**



Pins & Needles is a fellowship group that meets once a week to work on personal projects involving knitting, crocheting or any other hand-work.

Have you ever wanted to learn how to knit or crochet? The members of Pins & Needles would love to teach you. Whether you are interested in learning, or experienced and looking for time work on your projects, come join Pins & Needles on Friday mornings at 9:30-11:30 am in room B2.

For more information, please contact Danielle Quayle at dkquayle@gmail.com or 408-393-4847.



Dale and I want to thank all our brothers and sisters in Christ who supported us during the first weeks after my operation with cards, prayers, visits and meals. Your love and concern give us so much encouragement to know that our church family cares. God bless you all and many thanks in God's name.
Mickey Miller

St. Tim's Lunch Bunch Returns

**Thursday, September 26
at 12:00 noon
in Selbo Hall**

Chicken lunch entree with green salad and rolls and butter provided at \$9 per person. Dessert and beverages always provided for everyone. Then we will enjoy the Happy Birds performing parrot show directed by Ed and Julie Cardoza. Their parrots can perform 25 different tricks plus talk and sing. That may be more than most of us can do. :)

Reservations are preferred for this event, so call Betsy Grandey at (408) 629-6093 or Betty Rhodes at (408) 628-4799. If you fancy your own food for lunch, that is OK and there is no other charge.

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 a fun and entertaining parrot show.

**We welcome new attendees. Just come,
you will like it.**



NAOMI CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY

God said to Moses, "I Am who I Am." --Exodus 3:14

Come join the Naomi Circle Bible Study as we look at the meaning of God's name, and what it reveals about His unchanging character and His eternal promises.

In today's world where values, leaders, and laws change so rapidly, what does God's name mean to us, to our relationship with Him, and to our salvation? Together we will learn how God's Word reveals His nature and draws us all closer to the great "I Am."

Starting in September, the Naomi Circle meets the first Thursday of the month, at 12:30pm, in Carter. Come join us for an hour of fun fellowship and great Bible study! If you have any questions please contact Mickey Miller at 408-371-5789 or Renee Fovell at reneefovell@gmail.com.

THE FISH FOOD PANTRY IS MOVING TO A NEW LOCATION!

We are pleased to announce that we have been blessed with a new location with MORE SPACE. The new location is on the church campus, Rooms A1 and A2, adjacent to the Camden front patio area. The FISH steering team has been busy planning the relocation and preparing our new space.

We are looking for strong individuals along with any available trucks to help with moving food and supplies on Saturday, September 21. If interested in helping us move, please email us at fishpantryvolunteer@gmail.com or leave us a voicemail 408-669-4949.

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St. Timothy's 23rd Annual Golf Tournament

**Saturday, September 21 @ 9:00 am
\$85 per person
Los Lagos Golf Course**

**BYOL (bring your own lunch) or order yours at the
turn, as we will be having lots of finger foods and
prizes after the golf.**

Sign up as a group or as an individual on Sunday
after worship services.



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

6th-12th Grade

SUNDAY CAFE

Pancake
Breakfast



Exploring
God's Word
Together

MEETS AT
THE YOUTH HOUSE

Sunday Café

is starting up again
September 15th.

Join us for
Pancakes and Bible
study!

BEACH BLITZ 2019

September 13th-14th

Cost- \$100



The Beach Blitz is an overnight youth conference at the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk that includes dynamic speakers, a concert, worship, games, camping on the Boardwalk, and an unlimited rides wrist band for Saturday, September 14th! Sign-up by September 8th to ensure your spot!

For ALL YOUTH

*scholarships are available.



•Know•Grow•Go•

Helping children and families follow Jesus.

Nursery Caregivers Needed!

First Steps Nursery

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

Up to 36 months, Room B3

The nursery is a hub of energy and is an important ministry of our church as it is often the first experience young children and families have at St. Timothy's. We are looking for loving caregivers (High School students and Adults) to serve during one service, once-per-month. You don't have to have young children to serve in this ministry!

Contact Elizabeth Hill
(elizabeth.hill@stlcsj.org)
for more info.

Classes begin Sunday, Sept 15

9:45am-10:45am

Preschool-5th Grade



Join us as we dig into the Bible in a Year through hands-on teaching, activities, and fun!

Mark Your Calendars...

- * **Sept 8** - one service at 10:00am + lunch to celebrate Pastor Dan's ministry
- * **Sept 15** - Kickoff Sunday
- * **Sept 15** - 2nd/3rd Grade Bible Presentation
- * **Sept 18** - MOPS Kickoff
- * **Oct 12** - Walk for Water



St. Tim's MOPS begins Sept 18
Join us as we live life... TO THE FULL
register at www.stlcsj.org/mops

Who: All moms with children from pregnancy through 5 years old

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, others, and women.

When: 1st & 3rd Wednesday every month (Sept-May), 9:30-11:30am

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

Questions? Email us at mops@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.

Drew and Tammu Anaya, friends of Laurel Hill
 the Brookbank Family, neighbors of Besty and Grant Beech
 Jeff Landis, neighbor of the Stamos family
 Jim and Candy Markum, son and daughter-in-law of Carolee and James Crane
 Karen Mirassou
 Marie Owen, sister-in-law of Betsy Beech
 Becky Owen, daughter-in-law of Betsy Beech
 Gaylord Schulz, father of Traci Gantra
 Louis Sorrenti, brother of Karla Peterson
 Norma Amanda Tritton, friend of the Stahlkes
 Cindy Vroom, sister of Brad Vroom
 Lori Whaley
 the family of Lanie Chan, friend of James Moore
 the family of Kary Giebelhaus, sister of Earl Schmieding
 the family of Jason Jarrett, son of Roxann Gallagher

BUDGET REPORT



	General	Building
OFFERINGS to date	\$636,540	\$97,372
SPENDING to date	\$660,278	\$56,695
Excess/(Shortfall)	(\$23,738)	\$40,677

	Capital Campaign
OFFERINGS to date	\$151,712
SPENDING to date	\$36,116
Excess/(Shortfall)	\$115,596

NEXT NEWSLETTER IS OCTOBER.
 Newsletter deadline is September 17.
 Email articles to info@stlcsj.org

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 8:30 & 11 WORSHIP	2 <i>Holiday- Office Closed</i>	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	6 9:30a Pins and Needles	7
8 10a WORSHIP 11:30a Luncheon 6:30p Confirmation	9 8a Prayer Group 7p Alpha	10 6:30a Men's Breakfast 7p H.S. Cornerstone 7p Leadership Council	11 6p Jr High Cornerstone	12 6:30p Lydia Book Club 7p Chancel Choir	13 9:30a Pins and Needles	14
15 8:30 & 11 WORSHIP 9:45a Middle Hour Classes 6:30p Confirmation	16 8a Prayer Group 7p Alpha	17 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 6:30a Men's Breakfast 9:30a ZEST Breakfast 6:30p Iron Men 7p H.S. Cornerstone	18 9a Quilters and Cut-ups 9:30a MOPS 6p Jr High Cornerstone	19 7p Chancel Choir	20 9:30a Pins and Needles	21 9a Golf Tournament
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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

ADDRESS LABEL

When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. Psalm 34:17

The 5th Annual
Silicon Valley Discipleship
Walk for Water

Join us on October 12th, 2019, at St. Timothy's, San Jose
8:30 am registration. Walk event, 9 am to 12:30 pm
The previous 5 walks have raised \$472K.
The goal for 2019 is \$100K.

Monies raised have purchased and placed water filtration systems impacting communities in Indonesia, Haiti, Tanzania, Kenya, Nepal, Uganda and Mexico. These efforts have helped Syrian refugees. And most recently, the 2018 efforts helped transform 2 communities in Peru.

Please consider joining us by:
Creating a walking team
Donating to a walking team
Walking with us
Praying for another successful walk

Register at: siliconvalleywalk.org