



Good News

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

Pastor's Pen

Dear Friends,

I have this faint memory of my little brother wearing a plastic hard hat and overalls, swinging a plastic hammer, and singing, "Kids under construction. Maybe the paint is still wet. Kids under construction. The Lord might not be finished yet."

Our memories are wonderful and fascinating. What we *remember* from our pasts and what we *don't* remember is fascinating. *How* we remember is also fascinating. Many of us paint the past in broad strokes – in black and white, good and bad.

When my good friend, Sarah, died in May, memories flooded my mind. Memories came to me that had not crossed my mind since the original event took place. I remembered exploring the little country town with Sarah, getting a lay of the land to understand how better to do ministry in that context. I remembered how she and her new husband came 45 minutes early to my birthday party, rolled up their sleeves and sweated in their party clothes, as they helped me prepare for the guests who would arrive. I remembered their anger with my then boyfriend for not following through on his promise to throw me this birthday party. I remembered going to a youth convention in San Diego together, and eating our first farm-to-table burgers. They were delicious!

These memories shocked me, as I realized how well she had loved me and how little I had recognized it. I found a card I had saved from my bachelorette party from Sarah. She told me how great of a match Alek was for me and how she loved me to the moon and back. I looked back at old text messages and saw one that said, "I love you more than you know." I

remembered her saying this to me often. I realized in that moment that it was true. I *was* loved more than I knew. Sarah had been an incredible support to me for many years. How had I not known how much she loved me?

The first few years Sarah and I knew one another, I experienced a lot of frustration and doubt. I felt unsure of my calling to youth ministry (and to ministry in general), and felt unsupported in my ministry. My boyfriend was a source of frustration and subsequent dating didn't help that. I experienced intense doubt whether or not God would provide a husband for me.

I realized that my frustration and doubt had clouded my ability to see the good that was happening. I had been so fixated on what I did not like in my life, that I did not recognize the gift Sarah had given me in her friendship.

I want to encourage you that as you look back on your life, recognize that there is always good amidst the bad. There are glimmers of hope, even amidst incredible darkness. God's presence and love are always there, even when you do not notice. He will be with us and His Spirit will guide us, no matter how the circumstances look. We have much to be thankful for.

As we look to the future and a new fall season, there is much to look forward to. God will be with us and His Spirit will lead us into new life.

God bless you,

Pastor Jonna

Alpha Update

We wanted to share our excitement and thanks for what God is doing thru Alpha at St. Tim's. We are so encouraged by the first Alpha sessions with the guests who came with questions about Jesus and faith, and how we saw/heard the Holy Spirit working among everyone. The discussion and Alpha videos helped share the Good News and dispelled some of the incorrect assumptions the "seekers" have about Christianity and Jesus.

"Silicon Valley" and our local area was represented in the room: people of all races, ages, backgrounds, & socio-economic groups were there. This was one of our goals in the Jesus SENDS team: to reach non-Christians in our DIVERSE Santa-Clara County community. And, the guests who are there seem to be primarily from those who just found Alpha on the Web or were from City Team ministries. One single man in his 20's is there because he just lost his grandmother a few months ago, and his grandfather (who doesn't live in this area) told him when he was asking questions about faith and Christianity: "You should check out an Alpha group." So he did. And he's here now, and seems to be loving it. He didn't know anyone and just came. He doesn't live close by, and said "I don't mind driving down here....everyone's so friendly and I feel accepted here...and ok asking any questions." Praise God. Another man is a married, late-20's Asian, has a wife who's a believer, and has an 18-month-old son. He is not a believer, but has his wife, and two friends who were all at our table last week supporting him, and allowing him to ask some tough questions about Jesus, the Bible, and who was saved before Jesus came? He was encouraged by the couple with great grandchildren who sat with us, who have been believers for their whole lives, and are going because they are trying it out to see how they can get their adult children and grandchildren to Alpha and their spouses who don't know Christ. What they shared about their faith walk really struck a chord with the non-believer at the table.

And, having the City Team men who are newer in the City Team program there has been such a blessing too....to hear their struggles, where they are now in their faith walk, and literally how Jesus has saved them and some in their family in the program.

All glory be to God. Thanks to the congregation for what you have done to get Alpha going again at St. Tim's!

Please keep praying for our guests, new guests, and all the volunteers helping out with Alpha at St. Tim's. Please pray that we listen to the Holy Spirit to find those in our diverse Santa Clara county community who don't know Jesus yet and share with them the Light of the World!

Our fall Alpha session will start on Monday, Sept 9th and run every Monday evening through Nov 18th. Please ask your friends, families and neighbors who have questions about the Christian faith to come join us for food, fellowship, and discussion!

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION, SOUP LABELS AND CANCELLED STAMPS

St. Timothy's Preschool is no longer participating in Boxtops for Education or collecting Campbell's soup labels. Check with local schools if you have any to donate.

Quilters and Cut-Ups are still collecting cancelled stamps. These stamps are sent to Sons of Norway which sells the stamps to dealers all over the world. Profits from selling the stamps is used to fund medical research for disabled children and youth.

For the stamps to be in sellable condition, leave a margin around the stamps. If the letter or post-card are more than 50 years old, donate the whole thing. Leave in box in the church entryway or bring to the church office.

Congregational Workshop

Date: Saturday morning, August 24

Time: 8:30am – 12:30pm

(lunch served at 12:30)

Place: Fellowship Hall

Your Call Team is looking for your input! On August 24, a Congregational Workshop will be held for the purpose of hearing from you – in particular, what qualities *you* are looking for in our new pastor. This will be a working meeting, facilitated by Pastor Doug Schoelles, who is our new Mission District Dean. (Pastor Doug is currently serving Concordia Lutheran Church in Kingsburg, CA.)

We encourage you to make this meeting a priority, as we seek God's will together in our deliberations. Lunch will be served – please RSVP. Sign up sheets can be found in the coffee area on Sundays and online, beginning in August.

St. Timothy's Annual Golf Tournament

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Get your group together for
the 23rd annual golf tournament on
September 21st

at 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 ups will start the middle of
August.

Cost is \$85 per player.



**Join us for fun, fellowship and
food this Summer!**

No agenda other than enjoying
each other's company!

Pancake Breakfast



August 18

9:30-11 am

If you can help with this event,
email info@stlcsj.org

MUSIC MATTERS

Chancel Choir Rehearsals Resume Thursday, August 29 at 7 :00 pm.

Psalm 98:1 "Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things . . ."

There are hundreds of references to music in the Bible with more than fifty that exhort worshipers to sing. The National Institute of Health cites thousands of studies on the benefits of music and singing in www.pubmed.gov. One of the studies concludes that "singing in a choir promotes good health and well-being." An article in The Choral Director's Magazine summarizes recent findings in the article, "Your Brain and Singing: Why Singing in a Choir Makes You Happier." <https://www.choraldirectormag.com/articles/vocal-pro/your-brain-and-singing-why-singing-in-a-choir-makes-you-happier/>

Anthropologists, the National Institute of Health, the Bible, and choir directors agree singing in choir will improve your well-being, make you happier, and promote better health and longevity. Do yourself a favor and sing in choir. If you can read music and sing a part in tune, you are invited to sing with the Chancel Choir. We especially need sopranos and tenors. Choir rehearsals resume on Thursday, August 29 at 7 PM in the sanctuary.

Colossians 3:16 "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, with gratitude in your hearts to God."

GROW GROUPS

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 launch the week of September 15.

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.

A Lasting Legacy

Water Mission staff in Charleston and around the world mourn the loss of our kind, generous, hospitable, and humble leader. Molly F. Greene, our loving and passionate co-founder, chair, and chief stewardship officer, passed away on July 17, after a tragic accident.

"No words can describe this heartbreaking loss for our family... We know that a larger global family mourns with us and celebrates her life, as she blessed so many around the world," said her son, George Greene, IV, president and COO of Water Mission.

Missing her greatly, we reflect on one of her favorite passages in scripture:

I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. Therefore, my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. Psalm 16:8-9

As we continue in our work of bringing safe water and Jesus' love to all, we hold Molly dear to our hearts and we walk the way Molly walked: through faith and not by sight. We celebrate her legacy and rejoice that she is now face-to-face with Christ.

It is Molly's faith that anchored her through many chapters of her life, from growing up in Mississippi to raising a family, and building an international ministry reaching millions of people around the globe. Molly will always be remembered as a woman of prayer – someone who lived and led with guidance from the Lord. Her many accomplishments were only surpassed by her undeniably strong faith.

Silicon Valley Discipleship
Walk for Water

October 12, 2019

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

Silicon Valley will unite to bring safe water to hundreds of men women and children across the world, and in the process, share the name of the Living Water, Jesus Christ.

Why Walk?

Every day, millions of women and children in developing countries walk nearly 4 miles to retrieve water for their family's daily needs. In most cases, even after walking for miles and miles, the water they have to drink is contaminated.

Our Walk will simulate this trek to raise awareness of the global water crisis here in our community. We hope that all participants end the Walk with a better understanding of the challenges people around the world face daily in search of something that we often take for granted - water.



Save the Date!

Kickoff Sunday is September 8

9:45am-10:45am

Preschool-5th Grade

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Are you interested, or even just curious, about serving in St. Tim's Kids? We are looking for people to join our awesome teams! There are several roles in a range of commitment levels, from once a month to every week and everywhere in-between.

- ◆ Welcome Team
- ◆ Teaching Team
- ◆ Nursery Caregivers
- ◆ Midweek Support
- ◆ MOPS Nursery Caregivers



Pancake Breakfast

August 18 @ 9:45am

Bring the whole family out for worship and a Pancake Breakfast.



Donations Needed:
SCHOOL SUPPLIES

The stores are full of Back-to-School supplies, so it is a great time to stock up on items for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes! Look for sales to find deals on paper, pencils, scissors, and crayons.



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





CORNER STONE

HIGH SCHOOL

TUESDAYS, 7-8:30



**THE
YOUTH HOUSE**

CORNER STONE

HIGH SCHOOL

WEDNESDAYS, 6-8



**THE
YOUTH HOUSE**

UPCOMING EVENTS

A poster for a bubble soccer event. It features a soccer ball in the center, surrounded by several blue bubbles of varying sizes. The text "JUNIOR HIGH" is at the top, "BUBBLE" is in large bold letters, and "SOCCER" is at the bottom in large bold letters. The date and time "AUGUST 7TH, 6-8 PM" and the cost "COST - \$10" are at the bottom. The entire poster is enclosed in a thin red border.

JUNIOR HIGH
BUBBLE
SOCCER
AUGUST 7TH, 6-8 PM
COST - \$10

High School Backyard Camp-out

Date TBD— watch bulletin and email for details coming soon.

Jr. High Visitation August 11

immediately following 11 service. Bring money for Taco Bell Lunch

Boardwalk Beach Blitz Conference

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, and an unlimited rides wristband for Saturday, September 14th!

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.

Mickey Miller
 Vanessa and Heaven, friends of Grant Beech
 Drew and Tammu Anaya, friends of Laurel Hill
 Jim and Candy Markum, son and daughter-in-law of Carolee and James Crane
 Karen Mirassou
 Mike Moore, son of Pam Moore
 Marie Owen, sister-in-law of Betsy Beech
 Louis Sorrenti, brother of Karla Peterson
 Cindy Vroom, sister of Brad Vroom

	General	Building
OFFERINGS to date	\$570,298	\$89,324
SPENDING to date	\$575,564	\$51,117
Excess/(Shortfall)	\$(5,266)	\$38,207

	Capital Campaign
OFFERINGS to date	\$144,993
SPENDING to date	\$36,116
Excess/(Shortfall)	\$108,877

NEXT NEWSLETTER IS SEPTEMBER.
 Newsletter deadline is August 20.
 Email articles to info@stlcsj.org

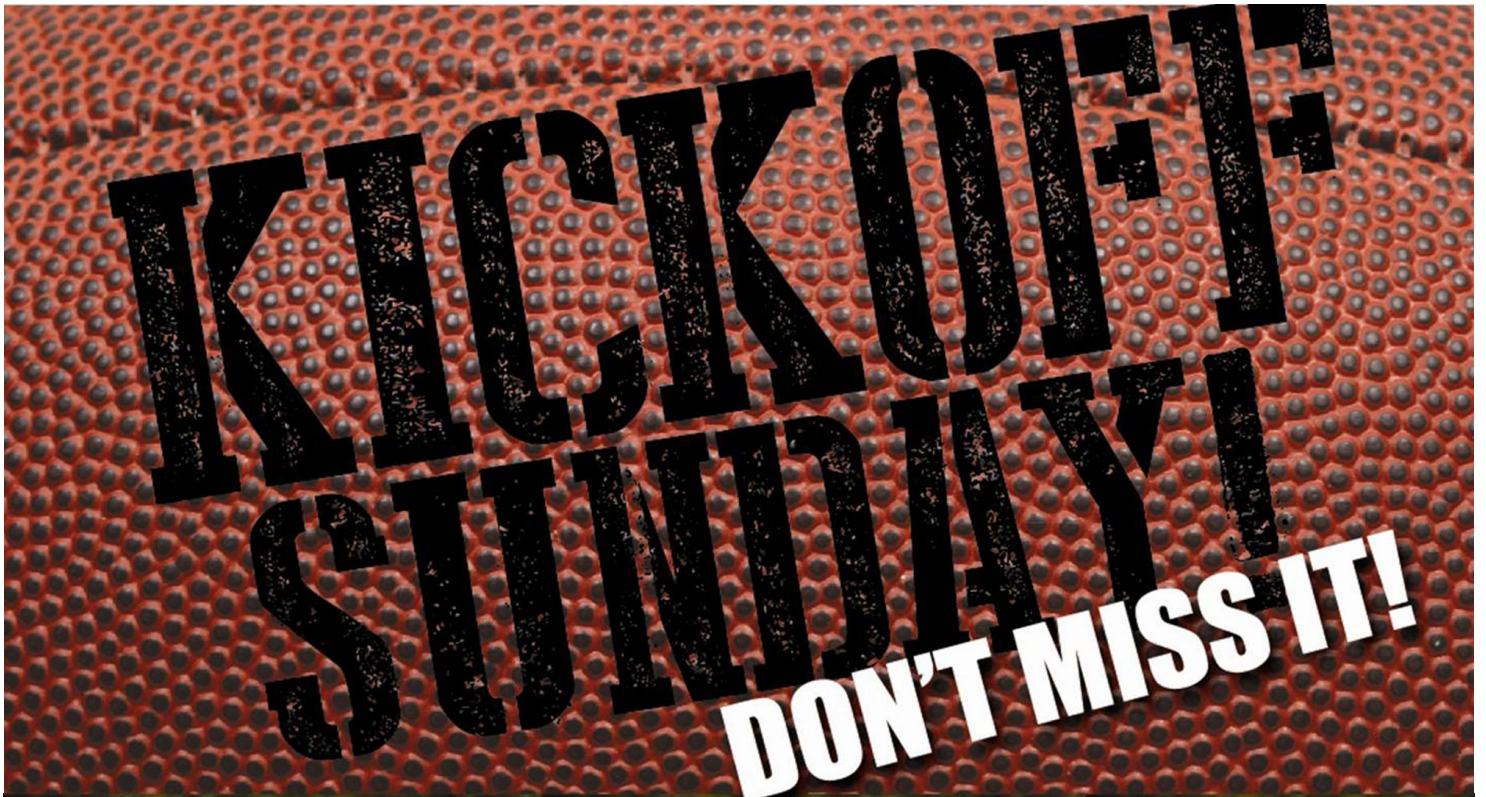
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28 8:30 & 11:00 WORSHIP	29 8a Prayer Group 7p Alpha	30 6:30a Men's Breakfast 7p H.S. Cornerstone	31 9a Newsletter Team 6p Jr High Cornerstone	1	2	3 8a Work Day
4 8:30 & 11 WORSHIP	5 8a Prayer Group 7p Alpha	6 6:30a Men's Breakfast 7p H.S. Cornerstone	7 9a Quilters and Cut-ups 6p Jr. High Bubble Soccer	8	9	10
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SAVE THE DATE!

MIDDLE HOUR CLASSES WILL RESUME ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8!