

Good News

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



Pastor's Pen

"Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant which I made with their fathers when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt." (Jeremiah 31:31-32)

Not like that covenant, indeed. "New covenant" can also be translated "New Testament," and we know the hopeful direction in which that leads.

We've just come to the end of our sermon series on the prophet Jeremiah and a good end it was: the above text is among the greatest promises to be found in the Old Testament. In it, Jeremiah is standing on tiptoe, straining to peek just over the horizon of his understanding and vision to see what God promises in spite of the unfaithfulness of his people. That was a very fitting theme for our Reformation Sunday worship.

Now, in just another month, we will enter that church year season of expectation known as Advent. Between now and then, however, we're passing through a very busy month, beginning with **All Saints Sunday on November 3**. That's a day on which we remember those who have gone before us – parents, spouses, other family members, members of our congregation and other loved ones, as well as people like Paul, Augustine and Luther who serve as examples of Christian faith and discipleship. In our case, we're also looking to the future with a group of young people receiving their First Communion!

And there's much more. We'll be celebrating **Thank Offering Sunday on November 17**, an opportunity for us to express our gratefulness to God by bringing food (canned or packaged goods along with frozen poultry) to the worship service for sharing with our FISH Food Pantry and City Team. Then we have our **Fall Fellowship on that same day, 4:30-7:00 pm**,

when we pack shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child, share a potluck and just enjoy being with one another.

Our giving of thanks continues with our **Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday evening, November 27, at 7:00 pm**. That's a time when many are preparing for the feast which follows the next day, of course, but do take some time to pause, catch your breath, and center yourself in worship. Perhaps you have friends or neighbors who could use some Thanksgiving centering and whom you could invite.

November is also the month when, as we draw near the end of the year and start planning for the year ahead, we make our **Stewardship Commitments for 2020**. You will soon be receiving a packet of materials in the mail which is intended to help you make commitments in both worship attendance as well as financial support of the congregation. Both are important. When you come to worship, you both honor God with your presence and your singing as well as receive strength for the week ahead as you hear God's word and receive Holy Communion. And it's our financial support which makes it possible to do what we do as a congregation. Your commitments may be brought forward on **November 17, 24 and December 1** ... or may be dropped off at the church office during the week.

So much for which to give thanks to God ... we really do need a full month to do so. And then there is the joy of seeing our friends each Sunday; remember what we've recently been suggesting: So many friends to greet ... be sure to greet one or two you don't know each week.

Pastor Jim

"... for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more" (Jeremiah 31:34b)

We have much for which to give thanks. One great way to express our gratitude is to give out of our abundance to help those in need.

On Thank Offering Sunday, **we invite you to bring canned and dry goods and frozen poultry** to be given to local food pantries as well as our own South Valley FISH Food Pantry.

It is also the day to **bring your shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child**. In addition, completed OCC shoeboxes can be brought to our Drop-Off Center through November 25.

THANK OFFERING SUNDAY



NOVEMBER 17

Thanksgiving Service

**Wednesday, November 27
7:00 pm in the Sanctuary**

South Valley FISH Food Pantry

In 2019, we have served 1366 children, 1652 adults, and 706 seniors. This is double the number of people served last year! Our 62 volunteers have helped us serve a total of 278 families since we opened in 2016. We continue to work with Second Harvest to get fresh food and produce to distribute to our clients. We also have a Grocery Rescue program with Smart & Final that has provided a variety of meats and other items.

We want to thank the St. Timothy's church family, St. Timothy's Preschool families & volunteers who help change lives in our community by serving food and sharing the Good News of the Bread of Life, Jesus Christ, with our clients. We thank you for your food, monetary donations, & your time and talents. Please continue to pray that we reach those in our community who need food and to hear the Good News about Jesus.

Bags are now available on a table in the narthex with a list of the items we are collecting. Please consider taking a bag and filling it with a few items to share with those in need. Your non-perishable donations may be left anytime outside our food pantry in the bin or on Sundays in the red wagon located in the narthex.

If you are interested in volunteering for this ministry, please contact Amy Sapp at fishpantryvolunteer@gmail.com.

Adult Middle Hour Adult Classes

**2 new classes start
Sunday, November 3
9:45-10:45 am**

"Contentment in Suffering," a new study in the book of Philippians. Although this was one of Paul's last letters, written from prison when Paul was facing execution, it is probably the most joy-filled letters Paul ever wrote. How could he find such contentment during a time of suffering?

This is an inductive-method, 5-week study. We will read the text and find the meaning from it, rather than start with scholarly insights and apply them to the text. Bring your Bibles as we explore some common issues and challenges in our own lives and discover Paul's secret to contentment.

Led by Pastor Judy in room D6.

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"Marks of a Cult." What is a cult? Are Seventh Day Adventists Christians? Most would say yes. What about Mormons? Most would say no. What's the difference? How can we tell if a friend or family member is getting involved with a cult? What are the "marks of a cult" that help one sort these questions out?

The class is based on an excellent DVD that focuses not merely on the negative (what cults "add, subtract, multiply and divide"), but also the positive (what is central and foundational to all Christian groups, whether Lutheran, Catholic, Baptist, Presbyterian and so on). You might want to invite a friend.

Led by Pastor Jim in room D4



CALL TEAM UPDATE

Our Congregational Update is complete and is now posted through the NALC. You can pick up a hard copy from the church entry-way, or follow this link:

https://www.dropbox.com/s/vqc92nul62eu3o2/CONGREGATIONAL-PROFILE-St_Timothys_.pdf?dl=0

The team is now beginning to consider resumes from potential candidates.



CALL TEAM PRAYER

Please keep the Call Team and our next lead pastor in your prayers. The leadership team is organizing an effort to mobilize the congregation in prayer over the Call Team and the Call process. This mobilization effort is intended to open the door to God's will being done at St. Timothy's and encourage the practice of prayer as a critical discipline in the life of a disciple of Christ. We will be grouping prayer by phases of the Call process. Please use the bullet points below as a guide to focus your daily prayers, but don't feel limited to pray only for these points. Pray as the spirit moves you. Please join us in lifting a sweet aroma to heaven!

Discernment

- Pray that the Call Team makes time in their weekly calendars to set aside a period of time, to remove distraction and deeply abide in our Lord, praying, reading Scripture and listening to the voice of God
- Pray that the Call Team will hear God's voice with clarity and that they feel peace as they discern whom they should interview
- Pray that as they read applications, listen to sermon samples, and talk with candidates, they place the church's needs and desires before their own

Scripture: John 10: 1-4

No Lunch Bunch

in November but we are taking reservations for the December Event!

**Thursday, December 12
at 12:00 noon in
Fellowship Hall**

Christmas lunch by Greg, so you know it will be great!
Then, Christmas singing program by the Zingers.

Attendance count and early payment required for this special Christmas event, which is earlier in December than our usual meeting date. \$19 per person payment must be received no later than **Sunday, December 8th!** Call Betsy Grandey at (408) 629-6093 or Betty Rhodes at (408) 628-4799 for reservations.

Lunch Bunch is a St. Tim's fellowship group open to ALL. Always a social time, great lunch and an entertaining program. We welcome new attendees.

CAA SPRING SOCCER SIGN-UPS



Christian Athletic Association meets on the St. Timothy's field and would like you to join them. Their purpose is to train athletes and model Christ.

Spring season for Recreational Soccer (ages 3-12), runs from February 29 – May 16, 2020.

Registration via the website opens November 9, 2019. Sign-up by December 14 to receive an Early Bird Discount of \$25 off each registrant.

All experience levels are welcome. If you would like more information about our League, visit the website at www.playcaa.org, or call (408) 898-9222.

For information pertaining to the Competitive League, Corinthians FC, visit the following website, www.playcfc.org, or (408) 898-9232.

Walk for Water Update

On Saturday, October 12th, 75 hearty walkers and many wonderful volunteers, gathered on our back field for the annual Walk for Water. It was a beautiful morning filled with song, food, friends and water buckets. Most importantly, it was an opportunity to live out our faith by sharing the gift of safe water, in the name of Jesus, with our global family.

Thank you St. Timothy's church family for so generously supporting this effort! Because of you... Over \$72,000 has been passed on this year to our beneficiary: Water Mission! Because of you...over the past 6 years a grand total of \$544,000 has been donated to this life transforming work!

You are making a real difference in the lives of thousands of God's children, by sharing Jesus' love in this very tangible way. Let's Keep Walking!

Humbled by your kindness,
Walk for Water Steering Team



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

**CORNER
STONE**
HIGH SCHOOL
TUESDAYS, 7-8:30
@
**THE
YOUTH HOUSE**

**CORNER
STONE**
JUNIOR HIGH
WEDNESDAYS, 6-8
@
**THE
YOUTH HOUSE**



**HUME
LAKE WINTER CAMPS!**

**Junior High & High School
Winter Camp**

February 28th-March 1st, Cost- \$250

**Junior High Visitation
November 17 after 11:00 service**



SUNDAY CAFE

Pancake
breakfast & exploring
God's word
together

*Sunday Mornings
@ the Youth House
9:45-10:45 for 6th-12th*



St. Tim's KIDS

•Know•Grow•Go•

****No Middle Hour Glasses
on Dec 1****

Family Advent Devotionals

Watch for a table on Sunday mornings and pick up an Advent devotional to do as a family through the month of December.

There are sets of tea-light candles along with devotional booklets and Advent Calendar cards.



Just a few minutes each day can help keep Jesus at the center of this Christmas season!

FALL FELLOWSHIP

NOVEMBER 17, 4:30PM

- **Operation Christmas Child Party**
- we will pack 300+ shoeboxes!
- **Potluck Dinner** - Bring your best covered dish, salad, or side! St. Tim's will provide drinks & dessert.
- **Family GAMES & PRIZES!**



It's Shoebox Time!!

You and your children can share the love and hope of Jesus Christ with a child in need in a faraway country! Operation Christmas Child is a chance to be missionaries without leaving home...



- * **Pray** for all the kids around the world
- * **Pack a shoebox with your family**
- * **Invite others to pack a shoebox**
- * **Volunteer at the St. Tim's Drop-off Center**
Nov 18-25. https://sttimothys.ivolunteer.com/occ_019
- * **Donate items** Stop by our donation tree in the narthex
- * **Come to our Packing Party at Fall Fellowship**

Mark Your Calendars...

December 8 - St. Tim's Kids Christmas Worship Services

Kids will sing, participate and help lead worship

December 14 - St. Tim's Kids Christmas Party

Drop your kids off for Christmas games, crafts, activities, and snacks



Questions about Children & Family Ministry? Contact elizabeth.hill@stlcsj.org



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 Helen Brock
- The family of Vera Frase
- D.J. Gabel
- Stephanie Hashiguchi
- Jan Newcomb
- Sam Walters
- Louise Westhauser
- Valerie, granddaughter of Laurel Hill
- Eberhard Fisch, a brother in Christ to Lutz Filor
- Cheri Forden, relative of Sam Walters
- Clint Miller, uncle of Karen Acosta
- Judy Neilsen, friend of Karen Acosta
- Lee Passolt, friend of Betsy Beech
- Sasha Tkacheff, niece of Mike Tkacheff
- Sandie Walters, daughter-in-law of Sam Walters

BUDGET REPORT



	General Fund	Building Fund
OFFERINGS to date	\$893,917	\$118,740
SPENDING to date	\$865,511	\$67,671
Excess/(Shortfall)	\$28,406	\$51,069

Capital Campaign	
OFFERINGS to date	\$179,972

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
All articles need to be emailed by November 12.
Email to: beth.tkacheff@stlcsj.org

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 9:30a Pins and Needles	2
3 Daylight Saving Time Ends 8:30 & 11 AM WORSHIP 9:45a Middle Hour 6:30p Confirmation	4 8a Prayer Group 7p ALPHA	5 6:30a Men's Breakfast 9a Staff Meeting 7p H.S. Cornerstone	6 9a Quilters and Cut-ups 9:30a MOPS 6p Jr High Cornerstone	7 12:30p Naomi Circle 7p Chancel Choir Rehearsal	8 9:30a Pins and Needles	9
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OCC Relay Center through November 25						
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FALL FELLOWSHIP

**Sunday, November 17
4:30-7pm**

POTLUCK– BRING A MAIN OR SIDE DISH!
Church will provide dessert and drinks.

SERVICE PROJECT– Packing shoeboxes for
Operation Christmas Child.

GAMES & PRIZES!

INVITE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!