

October 2019
St. Timothy's Lutheran Church

Good News



Pastor's Pen

Dear Friends,

On August 11th, Pastor Dan stood in front of St. Timothy's and announced that he had been elected bishop of the North American Lutheran Church. Many had already watched the livestream of the election or had heard the news, so Pastor Dan's announcement was not a surprise to too many ears, yet the reaction was truly amazing.

I remember looking out into the congregation and seeing the widest smiles and a great deal of pride. St. Timothy's was so proud of our pastor and was glad that our beloved pastor could be honored in such a way as to be elected bishop. Along with those smiles and appropriate pride were tears, tears of joy and sadness, tears that indicated that change was coming.

As the interim pastoral team, Pastor Judy, Pastor Jim, and I want to assure you of any grief you may be feeling. Grief is a natural part of life and is an indication of your love. We won't rush you as you process this change; Pastor Dan was an important part of many of your lives for many years. We also recognize that we are not Pastor Dan, nor will we be. We will never replace him, nor will anyone else after us.

We have entered a new chapter in the life of St. Timothy's, a new chapter of the same book. This chapter will be a new, unwritten chapter, with its

unforeseen surprises. This chapter will be exciting and will stretch and grow us. This chapter will be new, yet the book remains the same. This same book is our calling as disciples of Jesus, to follow in his footsteps by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor Jim, Pastor Judy, and I are honored to partner with one another and to pastor you during this interim chapter. We will do our best to ensure that nothing slips through the cracks, that no one feels forgotten, and that we are not simply treading water. We desire not simply to tread water, but to move forward, to be obedient to the Spirit's leading. We are thankful and confident in the health of this congregation and in the leadership of St. Timothy's. And we are confident of God's care and presence through all of this.

I ask that you pray for us. Pray for us to pastor well and to be obedient to Jesus. Pray for our Call Team, to discern who God is calling to be our next pastor. Pray for St. Timothy's, that we would be obedient to our calling and remain faithful during this time of transition. Pray for us as we are praying for you and for St. Timothy's.

God bless you,
Pastor Jonna



ADULT MIDDE HOUR CLASSES

Adult Classes meet in rooms D4 and D6 (in the old elementary school section of campus) 9:45-10:45 on Sunday mornings.

Pastor Jim's class (D4) is on "You Can Understand Your Bible," and will explore a number of things including (1) a "bird's eye view" of the Bible, from beginning to end, (2) tools you already have in your own Bible, (3) some online resources that let you peek into the Greek and Hebrew without knowing either, (4) some basic "how to" approaches to scripture, and (5) thumbnail sketches of two challenging books: Genesis and Revelation.

Pastor Judy's class (D6) is on "The Gift and Art of Forgiveness." Using Scripture and Bishop Desmond Tutu's book, *The Book of Forgiving* as our guide, we will explore the questions that encircle two central realities of our faith: Confession and Forgiveness. What is it? What is it not? How do you restore relationships after being deeply hurt or damaged? And why is it so central to the Gospel? Come and explore with us!

Did You Know?



Water Mission responds to disasters like the one begun by Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas. When you help St. Timothy's support Water Mission, you are also helping to support disaster relief. Go to the back page of this newsletter for more information -- and let's Walk for Water!

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 3 and ending December 12. On Sunday, December 15 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.



LUNCH BUNCH

Thursday, October 26

12:00pm

Fellowship Hall

Pizza entree with green salad provided at \$9 per person. Dessert and beverages always available for everyone. Then we will hear a talk by Claude Sandroff - Are Science and Faith in Conflict? Sandroff with Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry will discuss this issue and how several scientists have addressed the question.

Reservations are preferred for this event, so call Betsy Grandey at (408) 629-6093 or Betty Rhodes at (408) 628-4799. If you prefer 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 potentially more serious than last month's parrot show. We welcome new attendees. Attendees are also urged to make reservations and payments for the Christmas Luncheon.

Thank You from Pastor Dan & Mary

Dear Friends and Partners in Jesus,

Thank you so much for the wonderful support you have given to us throughout our nearly 25 years of ministry at St. Timothy's! Your faithfulness to Christ and his Church, and your love for us as partners with you has been evident from start to finish. It has been a joy and a privilege to serve our Lord with you these many years.

Thanks, also, for the special worship celebration and reception on our final Sunday with you, along with the many cards and the generous financial gift we received. We were, and continue to be, overwhelmed by your gracious and loving support.

We ask for your prayers as we begin this new chapter in our lives. Serving on the national level of our denomination will be a new experience and will bring its own challenges and rewards. We promise to pray for you as you continue the work of sharing the gospel message of Jesus in a community that is in desperate need of what only he can give.

We know this is not goodbye. Mary will stay actively involved. Dan will show up from time to time. Regardless of where our lives take us, we will always remain partners with you in Jesus and we will forever be connected in Christ. Thank you again for a wonderful 25 years!

Family Forever,
Pastor Dan & Mary

FALL FELLOWSHIP

Save The Date!

Sunday, November 17
4:30-7pm

POTLUCK * OCC SERVICE PROJECT * GAMES & FELLOWSHIP

Call Team Update

We are grateful that so many of you attended the Congregational Workshop, led by our District Dean, Pastor Douglas Schoelles. You worked hard, communicated well, and made great progress. As a Call Team, mostly listening and taking notes, we found that the congregation is very closely aligned to the initial thoughts and direction of the Team, and we took seriously all your contributions. We see God's footprints all over the place!

Updates on our work:


- The Congregational Profile will be completed by the end of September. At that time it will be sent to the NALC, and a summary will be posted on the NALC Clergy Network. We will also make that information available to the congregation. Watch the racks in the Narthex for print copies.
- We will begin to sort through names of pastors and their profiles in October. Already we have been given several names.

Please continue to pray for our new pastor and for the Call Team as we search. We are available to you when you have comments or ideas. Here are our names. Contact information is in St Tim's Connect. Feel free to flag us down at the coffee hour!

Tony Mazzucco (chair), Michelle Donaldson, (recording secretary), Wayne Peterson, Aaron Gabel, Tammie Mark, Judy Bangsund, and Larry Austin.

Call Team Prayer

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. For October, we will be praying for Discernment. 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





It's Shoebox time!

Every year, St. Timothy's packs 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, ETC.
 - SCHOOL SUPPLIES
 - SOAP and WASHCLOTHS
 - SOCCER BALLS and PUMPS
- VOLUNTEER at our OCC events



Stop by the Operation Christmas Child table at church beginning October 13 to find out more about how you and your family can get involved!



Pre 3's - 5th Grade
9:45am-10:45am
Courtyard Classrooms

First Steps Nursery
8:30, 9:45 & 11:00am
Up to 36 months, Room B3

Community Movie Night Friday, October 18



Toy Story

Rated G Runtime 1 hr 21 mins

Doors Open: 6:00pm
Movie Showtime: 6:30pm

Join us for a community movie night on the big screen at Carter! Bring a picnic dinner along with blankets or chairs. We will provide free **popcorn** and movie **candy!**

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS!

Save the dates...

- * **MOPS Meetings** - 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of every month @ 9:30am. St. Timothy's MOPS is always open to new members!
- * **Walk for Water** - Oct 12 @ 9am
Join team "St. Tim's KIDS" to walk with us!
- * **Movie Night** - Oct 18 @ 6pm
- * **Fall Fellowship** - Nov 17 @ 4:30pm
Join us for a potluck, family games, and shoebox packing party!

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 25TH
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.

Stephanie Hashiguchi
Kim

Jennifer and her family, friend of Bill Mowson
Patti Abruzzo, sister of Jim O'Halloran.

Briana Allen

Lorraine Chavez

Wendy and Craig Porter, brother and sister-in-law of Bruce and Cynthia Porter

Lori Schmieding, daughter-in-law of Earl and Ilah and sister-in-law of Vickie Durfey

Amber Williams

the family of David Beck, son of Diane vanMaanen

BUDGET REPORT



	General	Building
OFFERINGS to date	\$691,236	\$104,888
SPENDING to date	\$744,560	\$62,215
Excess/(Shortfall)	(\$53,324)	\$42,673
Capital Campaign		
OFFERINGS to date	\$161,313	
SPENDING to date	\$55,940	
Excess/(Shortfall)	\$105,373	

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
All articles need to be emailed by **OCTOBER 22**.
Email to: beth.tkacheff@stlcsj.org



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29 8:30 & 11 AM WORSHIP 9:45a Middle Hour 6:30p Confirmation 6:30p 1st Communion	30 8a Prayer Group 7p Alpha	1 6:30a Men's Breakfast 9:00a Staff Meeting 7p H.S. Cornerstone	2 9a Quilters and Cut-ups 9:30a MOPS 6p Jr High Cornerstone	3 12:30p Naomi Circle 7p Chancel Choir	4 9:30a Pins and Needles	5
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8th Grade Confirmation Retreat



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



**Join us on October 12th 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