



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | ST. TIMOTHY'S | FEBRUARY 2020

PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Friends,

This is likely not news to you, but we live in a *fascinating* place. A place of great wealth and great poverty. A place which is the home of half the world's tech billionaires and the home of an educational powerhouse. A place all the world comes to and a place which influences the *world*. A place of so much growth and change. A place where there is always something new and stability is hard to come by. A place that recognizes its relational poverty and is desperate for connection, for meaning. A place where Christianity is foreign and often carries with it not baggage, but *curiosity*.

When I first came to St. Timothy's and began to meet with people for pastoral counseling, a distinct image came to mind. I saw individuals frantically doggy-paddling just to stay above the crashing waves, *desperate* for a life preserver. I had never met with people who were more aware of their need. They knew that they didn't have that life preserver, and they sought the church for that help.

After a handful of months, this image began to fade. I would recall this image from time to time, but forgot the depth of conviction I felt, that this was the truth for this area.

Earlier this week, I met with someone who is not a Christian but has been drawn to Jesus for quite some time. She told me that she wishes she believed in Jesus, because that would be such a comfort to her. It would be such a comfort to know that she could pray to a *Person*, to have *Someone* to hear her prayers. She asked me questions about Jesus and shared with me stories of her life.

It was so *exciting* for me to share about Jesus with someone who had *never* heard the story of Jesus' life. As I shared with her, the second verse of the old hymn "I Love to Tell the Story" came to mind. "I love to tell the story, how pleasant to repeat. What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet! I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy Word."

This person was *desperate* to hear about Jesus, and she is not alone. We live in a culture that is *desperate* for Jesus, and we have the great privilege to share and to invite them into a relationship with him. I ask that you would pray that God would give you eyes to see and ears to hear, so that you can have the mouth to speak of God's goodness in Jesus Christ.

If you sense that there is an open door, invite them to Alpha! The first night of Alpha was January 26th at 5pm, but it's not too late for new guests to come! Invite them just to pop in. If the door is not yet open for them to accept that kind of invitation, I invite you to share your life with them. They *want* to share their lives and to receive support as they swim through the waves, and they *want* to hear about hope. Ask them questions about their lives and wait for the open doors. Pray that the Spirit would guide you.

The Spirit is doing a new thing in San Jose and in our church community, and I look forward to seeing the unfolding of that with you!

In Christ,
Pastor Jonna

ADULT MIDDLE HOUR CLASSES

Sundays 9:45-10:45 am

Parenting (Room D6, led by Pastor Judy)

Parenting is tough. You are in for the long haul (sometimes continuing on into grandparenthood!). While the "river" of family life can at times be smooth, there are also times when you "ride the rapids." In this class, we are taking a close look at the challenges and the rewards of parenting as you consider values, communication, faith, discipline and relationships. It's not too late to join.

1 Corinthians (Room D4, led by Pastor Jim)

This is one of the Apostle Paul's most important letters, and is the subject of our sermon series, continuing through February. The class takes a methodical approach, and offers the opportunity for closer study and conversation around some challenging matters. Come and join us!



AshWednesday

Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, February 26 (and goes through Wednesday, April 1).

Soup Supper is at 6:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall and worship starts at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. If you can't make the soup supper, come for worship!



Come grow with us!
AGES 2 to PRE-K
ENROLLING NOW FOR
2020-2021
RESERVE YOUR SPOT!

**For questions or
to set-up a tour:**

**Call 408-265-0244 or email
school@stlcsj.org**

sttimothyschristianpreschool.org



St. Timothy's Lunch Bunch

Thursday, February 27

Noon in the Fellowship Hall

John Lehman will return with his Musical 'Jeopardy' program. A fun time of remembering music from the late 1930's to early 1990's. A raucous time is expected as tables of Lunch Bunch attendees compete in identifying old music. John uses music reminiscences as memory therapy at a local adult daycare center.

Lunch is provided by the Board and includes lasagna and salad. Drinks and dessert always included. Cost is a low \$9.00. Reservations are preferred for this event, so please call Betsy Grandey at (408) 629-6093 or Betty Rhodes at (408) 628-4799. If you instead prefer your own food for lunch, that is OK and there is no charge. Just come for this fun time of trying to identify old-time music.

Lunch Bunch is a fellowship group open to ALL. New attendees are always welcome.

Call Team Update

After the Christmas lull, your Call Team is once again gaining traction. We have taken the following steps:

- Re-written the short announcement that goes out to all NALC congregations, making sure the housing support piece is stated up front;
- Reached out to LCMC pastors (our sister denomination);
- Received recommendations from a variety of strong advocates for further candidates.

Please continue to keep the Call Team in your prayers. We are confident in this: that God is faithful and will provide the right person to join Pastor Jonna in long-term ministry.

THANK YOU!!
THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

From a Christmas Adopt-a-Family:

First and foremost, thank you so much. You guys just made me so happy and melted my heart and gave us one of the best Christmases. I was overwhelmed with gratitude. I appreciate everything you guys brought me. It was more than enough. I wish I could write to each and every single person a thank-you letter from my family. I'm crying from joy! I can say thank you a million times and that is not enough. Thank you so much to you all! May God bless you all!

From the Hastings family



Questions about life and faith? Check out Alpha!
Sundays, Feb 9 & 23 from 5:00-7:00 pm
Dinner & childcare provided

Newcomers' Lunch

Sunday, March 1

12:15pm-1:30pm

New to St. Timothy's?
Join us for lunch, hear about our church culture and values, meet some great people, and consider ways to get involved.

Lunch and Childcare provided.

Membership Class

Sundays, March 8 & 15

12:15pm-2:00pm

Ready to make St. Timothy's your home church through membership?

These two sessions will cover who we are as a church and will help you identify your next steps here as part of the family.

Lunch and Childcare provided.

On St. Tim's Connect, you can print your own Financial Giving Statement anytime you want. Start by logging into St. Tim's Connect at sttims.ccbchurch.com

If you need a login or forgot your password, email Beth at info@stlcsj.org

1. On the left of the screen, click on "Give."
2. On the next screen, click the "Giving Statement" link to the right of the screen.
3. A dialog box will open. Select the appropriate options for the statement:

TYPE

Family - Generates a combined statement for a married couple and separate statements given by children or other family members that have given during the date range.

Individual - Generates one statement for each person in the family that has given during the date range.

DATE RANGE

This will determine which transactions to include in the statement. If running a year-end statement, under "Quick Date Range" select "last year."

TAX DEDUCTIBLE

Choose which transactions to include based on their tax deductible status: tax deductible, non-deductible, or both.

PLEDGE INFORMATION

Includes a summary of all pledges set up for the individual or family during the date range of the giving statement.

SELECT "RUN REPORT"

You can then save it as a PDF or print it.

If you need help, call Beth at 408-264-3858 or email at info@stlcsj.org



Almost every week, we send out "Email News." If you are not already on our email list, sign-up to get the latest information delivered to your inbox as well as a PDF of our monthly newsletter. Also, if you no longer wish to receive the printed version of the newsletter, please let us know that too.

To do either of the above, email Beth at info@stlcsj.org



April 3 - May 4

Village House – Interfaith Shelter of Hope is a network of faith organizations providing a year-round, rotating shelter for up to 15 fragile homeless ladies. Each partner church provides overnight or day shelter for one month before moving the guests on to the next shelter site. The goal of VH is to provide a caring and nurturing environment for our guests for up to six months while they work through individual programs designed to provide stable housing, medical and psychological care, employment and even reconciliation with family.

St. Timothy's has participated as an overnight shelter for the last three years, and the ladies of Village House will be coming back to St. Timothy's for the month of April—from Friday, April 3rd through Monday, May 4th. In addition, San Jose Christian Reformed Church has once again agreed to host a day shelter in conjunction with our overnight shelter. Volunteer opportunities range from providing evening meals, greeting our guests at intake, providing transportation, and laundry, to performing morning discharge as well as daytime shifts at San Jose Christian Reformed next door.

Volunteering in Village House is an amazing way to demonstrate God's love and model the Christian life to our guests and other volunteers. This has also been a great way to get to know and enjoy fellowship with other members of our congregation and volunteers from other faith communities. Village House has made a tremendous impact in both the lives of the guests and the volunteers serving them.

Look for more information about Village House and potential leadership opportunities as well as volunteer sign-ups in the coming weeks.

Thank you all, and I look forward to, once again, joining you in living out our calling as disciples and making a tremendous impact in our local community.

James Moore
Village House Director, St. Timothy's Lutheran Church



Mexico Mission Meeting

Sunday, February 9 @ 12:15 pm
in the cafeteria.

Trip is July 11-18, 2020.

\$100 deposit due at time of sign-up.

New destination this year...Ensenada, Mexico!
Come hear about what we will do on the trip, ask
questions, and have a first crack at signing up!





Pre 3's - 5th Grade

Rooms D1-3, D6

9:45am-10:45am

First Steps Nursery

Up to 36 months, Room B3

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

COLLEGE CONNECTION

A service project for all ages to send love and encouragement to our St. Tim's College Students

St. Timothy's is putting together care packages for our college students. This is a great way to let them know that we care about them and to connect with them in a meaningful way. Whether they are studying from home or far away, we want our students to feel loved by and connected with their family of faith at St. Timothy's. Thank you for your partnership in this effort.

WE NEED DONATIONS!

Bring items to church or office.

DEADLINE: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Some donation ideas...

PERSONAL ENCOURAGEMENT

A favorite Bible verse

Personal Note of Encouragement

PRACTICAL ITEMS

School Supplies - Post-Its, Pens, Pencils, Highlighters

Lip Balm, Hand Sanitizer, Hand Lotion

SNACKS

Cookies, Crackers, Pretzels (Snack size bags)

Granola Bars, Trail Mix

Microwave Popcorn

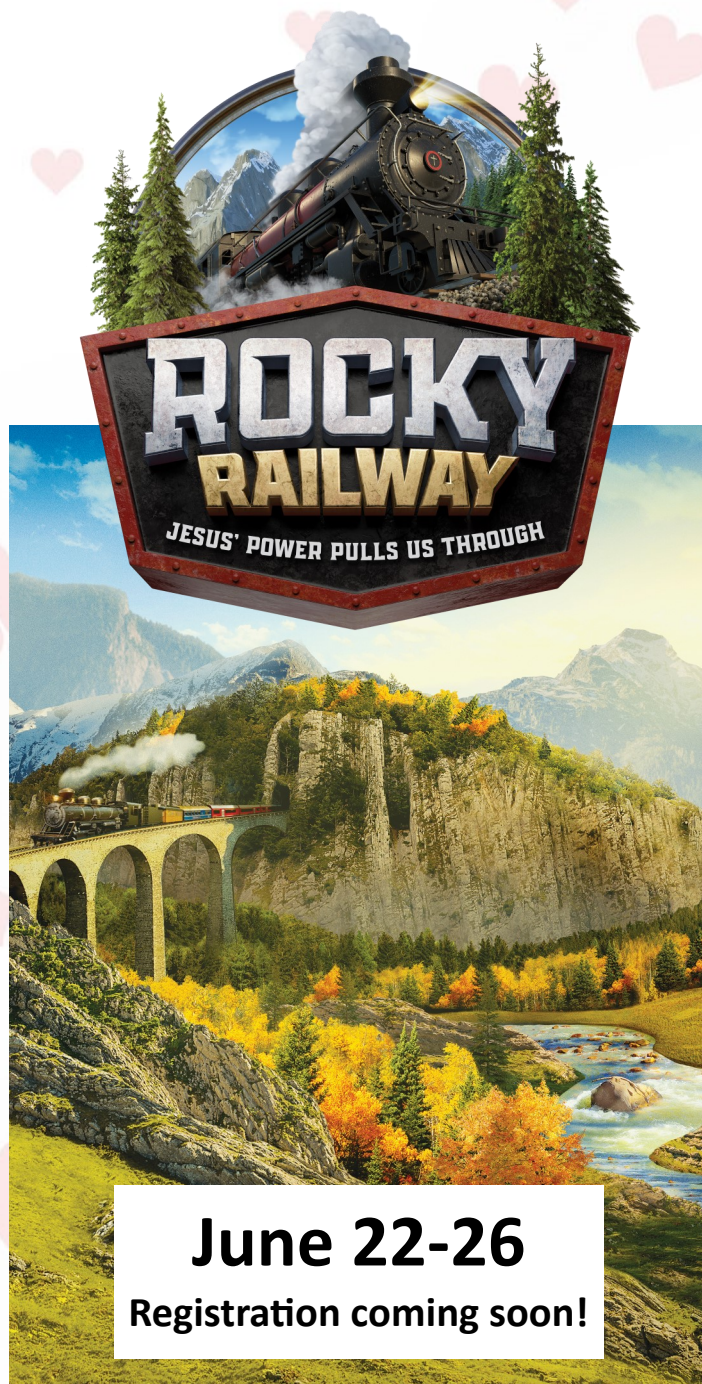
Instant Drinks (Coffee, Hot Cocoa, Lemonade, Iced Tea, Apple Cider)

Cup Noodles / Mac & Cheese cups



St. Tim's Kids will write cards and help decorate boxes in their classes.

SAVE THE DATE - Summer VBS



Questions about Children's Ministry?
Contact melanie.adkins@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.

Marvin Schwede
Barbara Zingalis
Sophia Savy, granddaughter of Paula Wright
Judy Adamson
Elaine Atkinson, grandma of Preschool family
Alex Blohowiak, cousin of Marjorie and Jim Catt
Patt and Howard Davis, friends of the Sampsons
Pat Ralston, mother of Karla Peterson
Kathy Romero, friend of Marsha Wells

BUDGET REPORT



	General	Building
OFFERINGS to date	\$73,105	\$12,492
SPENDING to date	\$60,740	\$5,381
Excess/(Shortfall)	\$12,365	\$7,111

	Capital Campaign
OFFERINGS to date	\$12,051

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
All articles need to be emailed by February 18.
Email to: beth.tkacheff@stlcsj.org

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 8:30 & 11 AM WORSHIP 9:45a Middle Hour	3 8a Prayer Group	4 6:30a Men's Breakfast 9a Staff Meeting 7p H.S. Cornerstone	5 9a Quilters and Cut-ups 9a MOPS 6p Jr High Cornerstone	6 12:30p Naomi Circle 7p Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7 9:30a Pins and Needles	8
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Youth Winter Camp thru 3/1

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

ADDRESS LABEL



UPcoming EVENTS

Look for more details in the bulletins,
email news, and upcoming monthly
newsletters!

SAVE THE DATES!

Ash Wednesday — February 26

Village House — April 3-May 4

Maundy Thursday — April 9

Good Friday — April 10

Family Egg Hunt — April 11

Easter — April 12

VBS — June 22-26