



# Good News

ST. TIMOTHY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH | MARCH 2020

## PASTOR'S PEN

*"Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that made us whole, and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all" (Isaiah 53:4-6).*

In the day of the prophet Isaiah, centuries before the coming of Jesus, there must have been a good deal of speculation and wonder concerning who "he" was. One through whose suffering the sin of others could be forgiven? Inconceivable at the time, but today we know.

Last Wednesday was Ash Wednesday, and we who bore the dark stain of the cross on our brows that evening now enter our annual Lenten journey toward Easter, following the path that Jesus walked. There are rest stops along the way; did you know that the 40 days of Lent do not include the Sundays? Sundays in Lent are considered "little Easters" on which we are reminded of the Great Hope that lies at the end of the Lenten trail.

This year, through March and into April, we are again meeting on **Wednesday evenings** for a **soup supper** at 6:15 pm followed by our **midweek Lenten service** at 7:00 pm. As we gather, our theme will be the "Questions Jesus Asked" such as "Who Do You Say That I Am?" and "Why Are You So Afraid?" And, while you are noting dates, you might want to look ahead and mark your calendar with the dates for the **Maundy Thursday** (April 9), **Good Friday** (April 10) and **Easter Sunday** (April 12) services. Each of these Lenten evenings provides an opportunity to reflect upon who and whose we are as well as to share food and fellowship with good friends and meet some *new* friends. And there will be more information

regarding the events surrounding Easter in our next newsletter.

During Lent, our Sunday morning **Middle Hour classes** for children, young people and adults continue, of course. Starting this Sunday, we will have a **new adult class on C. S. Lewis' book, *The Great Divorce***, led by Michael Stamos. (Some of you may remember seeing the marvelous stage version of that book by the Fellowship for the Performing Arts some years ago. They will be returning to the Bay Area with that production in June, and so this class will be a good preparation for that.) If you haven't already picked up a copy of the book, it is readily available on Amazon (paperback or Kindle). To prepare for Sunday, read the first two chapters (a total of only 10 pages or so).

Finally, as we continue through this interim period of seeking our next lead pastor, we as a congregation are not sitting still. New avenues of outreach and discipleship are being pursued and Directors are being sought for Children's Ministry and Music Ministry. Join in prayer with the members of the newly formed search team for the Director of Music Ministry: Bob Grandey, Scott McClung, Russ Dietz, Bill Mowson, and Rebecca Selbo. And of course, continue to pray for the Pastoral Call Team as they search for and contact potential candidates. You will find a report on their work elsewhere in this newsletter.

Pastor Jim





@ St. Timothy's Lutheran Church

## April 3 – May 4

over 20 churches providing year-round shelter for up to 15 fragile homeless women. While they are with us they work with a network case worker on programs designed to provide stability for their lives.

**Sign-ups are now open on the St. Tim's Village House website at [www.stlcsjvillagehouse.org](http://www.stlcsjvillagehouse.org)**. Simply go to the website and click one of the black sign-up buttons halfway down the home page.

Our awesome group of directors will be manning sign-up tables after each service through the second week in April for additional assistance. Please note that most volunteer spots require volunteer screening at no cost to you through Protect My Ministry (instructions are sent via email).

**Volunteer training is Sunday, March 29th at 12:15 PM in the Fellowship Hall.** Hope to see you there, and I look forward to serving the ladies of Village House with you. I know the ladies are excited to be coming home to St. Tim's.

James Moore

The ladies of Village House return to St. Timothy's on Friday April 3rd and will be with us through Monday, May 4th.

Village House-Interfaith Shelter of Hope is a network of

## Welcome Leadership Team 2020!

St. Timothy's has been given the gift of tremendous leadership. We are thankful for the men and women who accept the call to lead us every year.

This year, our Leadership Team is: Ken Duvall (President), Susan Lovelady (Vice President), Mark Smith (Secretary), Paul Judy (Treasurer), Mike Briner, John Castro, Warren Finch, Mark Hartnett, Stephanie Reitz, Rebecca Selbo, and Sam Valles.

Supporting our Leadership Team is our Property Team, led by Chip Bronk and Don Hoque.

**Thank you St. Timothy's Leaders!**



**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME  
BEGINS MARCH 8**



## New Adult Class begins March 1.

Can you imagine a bus ride from hell to heaven? C. S. Lewis did just that in his classic book, *The Great Divorce*. Join us for this "extraordinary meditation on good and evil, grace and judgment" in which "the gates of hell are locked from the inside" (quotes from the book flap). Led by Michael Stamos, the class meets every Sunday in March (and the first Sunday of April) during the Middle Hour between services. Books are readily available on Amazon.com (both paperback and a very inexpensive Kindle edition).

**For March 1, read the first two chapters.**

## Call Team Update

Your Call Team has gained some traction, now contacting pastors who are rostered with the NALC and/or LCMC (Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ, our sister denomination). We have received some 20 responses, of which 8 are active conversations. We have had preliminary conversations with these 8, and are ready to conduct our first full-team interview, with others beginning to get on our calendar.

The good news is that there are some very fine pastors out there, and they are doing some great work for God's kingdom. Our challenge is, of course, to find one who is a good fit for St Timothy's and will move us along in our discipleship goals. We are not rushing the process, but are taking a prayerful look at each one, listening to sermons, weighing pros and cons.

Please keep the Call Team in your prayers as we work through the process. Pray for the candidates with whom we are working. And above all, pray for the work of the Holy Spirit in this process and for the future of St Timothy's in its efforts for God's Kingdom.

## St. Timothy's Lunch Bunch Program Thursday, March 26 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall

The Celtic Harmony Singing Group will entertain us with lively Irish music and even some pub songs. The two ladies will provide vocal, piano, and possibly mandolin music to encourage us. We will hear a genre of music developed in rural Ireland.

Lunch is provided by the Board and includes a baked potato bar with all the trimmings (come and see!) 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 good food and Irish music.

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

## 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 as part of the family.

**Lunch and Childcare provided.**

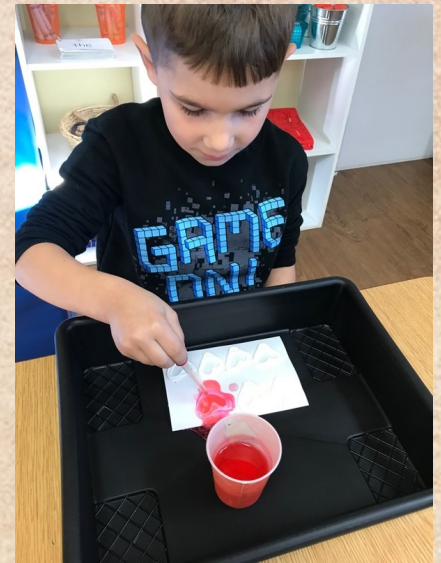




# St. Timothy's Christian Preschool

**This is our Future!**

**#Scientist #Artist #Inventor**



**Now accepting applications for 2020-2021 enrollment!  
Preschool 2s to JK**

At St. Timothy's Christian Preschool, we believe that children grow and learn best in a developmental, hands-on environment. We are committed to providing a balance between academics, social and play activities to ensure a love of learning and a well-rounded young child.

***Questions or to schedule a tour,  
contact the Preschool Director, Jeanette Adams  
408-265-0244 x113 or [jeanette.adams@stlcsj.org](mailto:jeanette.adams@stlcsj.org)***

[sttimothyschristianpreschool.org](http://sttimothyschristianpreschool.org)





**Pre 3s - 5th Grade**

9:45am-10:45am

Rooms G6, D1-3

**First Steps Nursery**

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

Up to 36 months, Room B3

### **Lent Devotions**

Stop by the table in the church entryway to pick up a Lenten devotional to help you and your family read Scripture, pray, and reflect on Jesus' life, ministry, and sacrifice for you.

Easter Family Event is coming April 11 at 10 am and we need volunteers— adults and youth!

Even if you only have a few hours to give, we can use your help!

Contact Melanie Adkins if interested.  
[melanie.adkins@stlcsj.org](mailto:melanie.adkins@stlcsj.org) or  
408-264-3858

**Vacation Bible School  
Registration coming  
early spring!**



**JUNE 22-26**

**9am-noon**

Ages 3 years through graduating  
5th graders.

Invite your friends!





**CORNER  
STONE**

**JUNIOR HIGH**

**WEDNESDAYS, 6-8**

**@**

**THE  
YOUTH HOUSE**

**CORNER  
STONE**

**HIGH SCHOOL**

**TUESDAYS, 7-8:30**

**@**

**THE  
YOUTH HOUSE**

**JR. HIGH  
LUNCH & VISITATION**

**March 22**

**Right after 11 am worship**

Bring money for lunch and meet  
outside Sanctuary. We will visit  
some of our members who are no  
longer able to attend church.

**SUNDAY CAFE**

Pancake  
Breakfast

**&**

Exploring  
God's Word  
Together

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



**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](mailto:info@stlcsj.org).

Bill Briggs

Kathy, friend of Lorraine & Del Crawford's niece

George, friend of Laurel Hill

Gloria & Wes Carlson, cousins of Phil Sampson

Vinod Ganatra, mother-in-law of Traci Ganatra

Karen Mirassou

Shirley Moffitt, mother of Julie Altomare

Sophia Savy, granddaughter of Paula and Alex Wright

Maddy Shaeffer

Joe Townsend, father of Stephanie Hashiguchi

The family of George Patser, friend of Laurel Hill

The family of Mario Cassera Sr., friends of the Peterson family

# BUDGET REPORT



	General	Building
<b>OFFERINGS to date</b>	<b>\$141,998</b>	<b>\$22,431</b>
<b>SPENDING to date</b>	<b>\$150,235</b>	<b>\$10,788</b>
<b>Excess/(Shortfall)</b>	<b>(\$8,237)</b>	<b>\$11,643</b>

	Capital Campaign
<b>OFFERINGS to date</b>	<b>\$25,370</b>

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <b>8:30 &amp; 11 AM WORSHIP</b> 9:45a Middle Hour 12:15p Newcomers' Lunch 5p ALPHA	2 8a Prayer Group	3 6:30a Men's Breakfast 9a Staff Meeting 7p H.S. Cornerstone	4 9a Quilters and Cut-ups 9:30a MOPS 6p Jr High Cornerstone 6:15p Soup Supper 7p Worship	5 12:30p Naomi Circle 7p Choir Rehearsal	6 9:30a Pins and Needles	7
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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



*For God so loved  
the world that he  
gave his one and  
only Son....*

JOHN 3:16, NIV

### LENT

Join us on Wednesdays through April 1 in the Fellowship Hall for soup and worship. Soup Supper is at 6:15 pm and worship starts at 7:00 pm. If you can't make the soup supper, still come for worship!

### HOLY WEEK

April 9 - Maundy Thursday Worship at 7:00 pm in Sanctuary.

April 10 - Good Friday Worship at 7:00 pm in Sanctuary.

### FAMILY EASTER EVENT

Saturday, April 11 - Join us for the Easter Story, worship, crafts, a photo booth, and an Easter egg hunt. Begins at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall. Don't forget your basket!

### EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12

**Easter services are 8:00, 9:30, & 11:00 am.**

8:00 and 9:30 are traditional. 11:00 is contemporary.

Easter Breakfast in support of Mexico Mission Team will be 8:30 am to 11:00 am. Freewill donation.