

#### Pastor's Pen

Dear St. Timothy's,

I want to begin this article by expressing my thankfulness to you. Your faithfulness to Christ and to his church has been profoundly expressed during this difficult season. Thank you for your continued participation in our worship life, participation in the ongoing ministry of St. Timothy's, faithful giving, prayers, care for those outside of our church community, and patience as we navigate these uncharted waters.

We look forward to the day when sheltering in place will be a distant memory, but for the time being, we faithfully respond to the calling of the Holy Spirit at this time and in this place. There are 2 things that I would like to provide an update on that you have been curious about: the Call Team and in-person worship services.

We will soon be receiving news of the Call Team's recommendation to be St. Timothy's next Lead Pastor. The Call Team and Admin Team are discussing how to present the candidate while providing ample opportunity for questions and discussion, and how voting will subsequently take place. At the moment, they are considering a hybrid model of both in-person and online options in which congregation members can participate. More details to come soon!

In June, we formed a Reopening Team, to address the important decision of how and when to gather in person for worship. As you may have guessed, this task has not been an easy one. With that said, thank you for your patience as you have waited for an update on this process. With the current county guidelines, we have formulated a plan for gathering in person for worship. This plan took quite some time and effort, so thank you Mark Smith, Joe Hill, Rebecca Selbo, Beth Tkacheff, Warren Finch, Lori Lippi, and Pastor Jim.

Regarding the when, we are still determining. If our only consideration was our desire to worship together, the answer would be easy — we would already be worshiping in person. But desire cannot be the sole determiner. Our decisions need to be led by wisdom. To make a wise decision for the congregation, we are considering a variety of factors, including: hardline metrics (county graphs of positive Coronavirus cases), county guidelines, media narratives, and what other churches are doing.

We look forward to, and *ache*, for the day when we can all safely gather together for worship. We hope that in the meantime, you take seriously an encouragement from the Reopening Team: Join a Grow Group! Our

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Grow Groups are small groups of men, women, and families, who meet for spiritual encouragement, biblical study, and accountability. A Grow Group can also be an avenue for you to worship with others in person. We genuinely hope that each person in our congregation will join a Grow Group! We will pair you with a group that will encourage you in faith and provide an opportunity to meet in person or online. Sign up for a group here:

https://sttims.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/30/responses/new

If you have questions about joining a Grow Group, email BJ Bushur at: bj.bushur@stlcsj.org.

For those of us who are younger, we also have incredible children's and youth ministries. Joe Hill, Anna-Marie Valles, and Emily Hindenes look forward to serving your students. If you are not yet engaged in our children's and youth ministries, visit our website and click "Get Involved" and "Children" or "Jr. High" or "High School."

You are in my prayers, Pastor Jonna

#### **CAMPUS COVID-19 GUIDELINES**

If you find yourself on campus, we ask that you follow a few simple rules for the safety of all.

- 1. If you have COVID-19 symptoms **OR** you or someone you live with or have had close contact with has been recently diagnosed with COVID-19, please stay home.
- 2. Face masks are mandatory except for the very young and those for whom it is medically inadvisable to wear one.
- 3. Maintain 6 feet of distance between people of different households.

Thanks for your cooperation for helping us keep the campus safe for everyone.

#### **Call Team Update**

The Call Team has decided on a Lead Pastor candidate to propose to the Leadership Council and then to the congregation. We have come to this decision after much prayer, thought, talking and listening to the candidates and to one another.

Because this decision has so recently been made, there are still steps to be followed before we can release the name. A process needs to be followed so that the Leadership Council can organize steps that will lead to a congregational vote.

We expect this process to move as quickly as is possible and reasonable. We will be sure that the congregation is fully informed before being asked to cast a vote.

We believe that the Holy Spirit has been guiding this process all along, and ask for your prayers for a timely and satisfactory conclusion. We are grateful and humbled by the Holy Spirit's work in our midst!

At our Call Team meeting last night, Wayne
Peterson said, "God will provide!" and he recited
the words to the hymn, "Great is Thy
Faithfulness," based on Lamentations 3.

Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.

They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. (Lamentations 3:22-23)

Be watching for further news, which will be coming soon.



For up-to-date prayer requests. join the Prayer Group on St. Tim's Connect. To add or renew a prayer request, call 408-264-3858 or email info@stlcsj.org.

Betty Gravdahl Karin Stake

Marge, friend of Bob Couper
Nancy, niece of Bob Couper
Norm, father of Marla Kramer
Rich, neighbor of the Grandeys
John Bradosky
Joyce Browne, mother of Katy Stamos
Chance Everott, grandson of the Sampsons
Joe Gatto, friend of the Stamos family

Shirley Moffitt, mother of Julie Altomare

The family of CJ McGee, friend of Natalie Moss

Michelle and David Reid, daughter & SIL of Grant Beech



	General	Building
OFFERINGS to date	\$574, 491	\$84,479
SPENDING to date	\$535, 596	\$48,990
Excess/(Shortfall)	\$38,895	\$35,489

	Capital Campaign	
OFFERINGS to date	\$116,281	

#### **2 WAYS TO GIVE**

- Mail your offering to church. If you don't have offering envelopes, be sure to indicate in the memo line which fund(s).
- Give online on our safe and secure website https://www.stlcsj.org/giving/

#### Calling all St. Timothy's Families!

Win a Family Fun Basket for you and your family!

Complete the Survey for Children's Ministry and be entered into a raffle to win!

Scan this QR code





or check your email for "Children's

Ministry Family

Survey" sent through St. Tim's

Connect

\*Complete the survey by Aug. 14th to be entered\*

# Silicon Valley Discipleship Walk for Water

Virtual Walk For Water 2020

Saturday, September 19th

**Let's Walk Together-Apart** 

I am sure many of you have a date associated in your life with COVID-19. Maybe it was the day you had to start homeschooling your children, working at home for the first time, getting laid off from work, or going to the store and not finding toilet paper or hand sanitizer. Or on a grander scale, when it first dawned on you that we were all in the midst of a worldwide pandemic which would take the lives of hundreds of thousands of people. What did you do? What should you do?



These are many of the things all of us have faced. Several months ago our Walk for Water team met and asked the question, "Should we cancel this year's walk?" For obvious reasons, it would be the easiest thing to do, but we quickly remembered Jesus' command to give those in need a cup of water. Even in the midst of a worldwide pandemic, perhaps especially in the midst of a worldwide pandemic, we need to walk.

Our symbolic walk representing unity with those in need, will happen on Saturday, September 19th at 9 am.. It will begin and end with a 15 minute zoom gathering. In between, we'll walk individually or in small neighborhood groups to honor those in need. We've set a fundraising goal of \$100,000. One hundred percent of all funds raised will be used by Water Mission in support of the people of San Roque, Peru.

#### Let's get started!

Click here to access the 2020 Walk for Water website: <a href="siliconvalleywalk.org">siliconvalleywalk.org</a> Registration is free! On the website you'll be able to:

- 1). REGISTER TO WALK and create your very own Participant Center through which you can invite your friends and family to walk and/or donate to help you reach your personal fundraising goal.
- 2). DONATE. Whether or not you'll be able to join us on Walk Day, please prayerfully consider making a donation. If you'd rather write a check instead of donating online, please make checks payable to St. Timothy's with Walk for Water in the memo line.

Need fundraising ideas? Click here.

#### Walk On!

Questions? Email walkforwater@att.net or call Ruth Hardin at 408-375-8702 or Rick Mark at 408-482-4508.



San Roque, Peru



#### **VBS-AT-HOME**

While we weren't able to have our usual VBS, we were able to offer a home version. And you can still participate! There are five days worth of activities. You can break it up and spread over even more days.

https://www.stlcsj.org/vbs/

We do have some extra VBS kits and t-shirts available. If you would like any, please email beth.tkacheff@stlcsj.org





#### https://www.svfish.org/

If you or anyone you know is in need of food, we are open every Thursday afternoon from 4-5:30 pm. You can call us for more information 408-669-4949 or email us at <a href="mailto:syfish@stlcsj.org">syfish@stlcsj.org</a>.

Currently we are not accepting any food donations. If you wish to contribute, mail a check to church made out to St. Timothy's and write "FISH" in the memo line or make a donation online by clicking the above link and then "donate."

We thank you for your continued prayers and support during this time.

The South Valley FISH Food Pantry



By Megan Smith

Oh Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. Psalm 51:15

This verse sings in my head in the quiet of the morning, while the rest of my family is still sleeping. It's somewhat contrary that I'm not actually

making any noise, or opening my lips at all, but I hear and sing the words loud and clear in my head. The tune is the opening prayer of the Matins service, where many psalms are sung using a repetitive chanting melody.

I cling to this blessed morning silence where I get a chance to do prayers and a devotion without interruption. It may sound stereotypically devout, but I assure you that once those are done, I move on to filling the quiet time with many non-sacred tasks: email, news, shopping, social media.

And yet the song and the verse continues running in the background, an ear worm as it were. It even carries on with the next line from the service and the Gloria Patri:

Make haste, O God, to deliver me; make haste to help me, O Lord. (Psalm 70:1)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

Despite these verses running through my head, and my time spent in the Word, the first words out of my mouth every day are not likely declarations of praise or even necessarily words of kindness. Often enough they are selfish because my quiet "me" time has ended, interrupted by the sounds of my family filtering into my day.

And yet, the Holy Spirit is patient and persistent with me.

Reminding me through a simple, chanting liturgy to realign my thoughts and actions to move me out of the center of my day and put God there instead.

I've heard the words for years, but I'm slowly starting to listen.

Praise the Lord for his loving-kindness, for singing words of encouragement and correction into our ears.

What has the Spirit been singing to you?

# THOTHY'S CHOISING

#### St. Timothy's Christian Preschool

Hello St. Tim's!

We want to update you with the most recent goings on here at the Preschool! We are finishing up our last week of Summer Camp with children from our preschool families and the local community! These last few weeks, our campers have explored 'Under the Sea', adventured 'Into the Woods', and played and experimented with 'Bubbles' of all kinds!





This week, we prepared to 'Blast Off' into outer space and learn about astronauts and the phases of the moon!

We are happy to announce we have welcomed 3 new teachers to our staff and can't wait to introduce them to you!

We look forward to the start of our modified school year with Orientation on August 10th and school starting on the 11th!

We continue to thank you for your support and prayers! We look forward to the time when all our friends can be back in class together. We pray you are all well and healthy!

In Christ,

Jeanette Adams - Preschool Director Katy Stamos - Preschool Admin.

#### NOW ENROLLING FOR 2020-2021

Preschool 2s to JK

#### sttimothyschristianpreschool.org

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. It is our hope that all children will learn to love God, to treat others with kindness, to live their faith, and to celebrate and embrace what they have learned. We have flexible program options 1/2 or full day with 2,3, or 5 days a week.

If you have questions or to set-up a tour: Call 408-265-0244 or email school@stlcsj.org

#### ST. TIM'S KIDS

### MONTHLY SCOOP

**AUGUST 2020** 

Hello St. Timothy's Families, I hope your July was well enjoyed with your little ones! Thank you families for being so supportive as St. Tim's Kids starts a new stage. I wanted to give a word of encouragement as school begins this month. With so many unknown factors and students beginning the year distance learning, it can be overwhelming as a parent. If there was one thing that I learned as a teacher the past couple of years, it was that children are resilient. They can overcome and adapt to any situation and work in ways that can amaze anyone! God will provide and guide us no matter what the circumstances. According to Deuteronomy 31:6 we are to "be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you." As we venture into this next school year, although It looks quite different than last, just know that St. Timothy's is here to help you and your family grow In your faith!

Don't forget to watch our Summer Series for kids!

Journey with us as we travel with the Israelites and their adventure to the Promised Land!

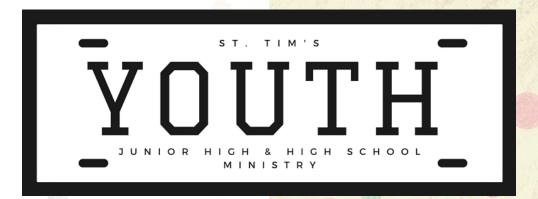
https://www.stlcsj.org/children/

#### **Every Sunday**

If you or your family participate in any of the crafts, games, or worship, please send any video or pictures to emily.hindenes@stlcsj.org

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## CORNER STONE

HIGH SCHOOL

TUESDAYS 7:30-8:30 ON ZOOM

# CORNER STONE JUNIOR HIGH WEDNESDAYS 6-7

ZOOM

**Questions about Youth Ministry?** 

**High School: Joe Hill** 

joe.hill@stlcsj.org

Jr. High: Anna-Marie Valles

annamarie.valles@stlcsj.org



#### **SCHOLARSHIP**

The St. Timothy's Legacy Fund is offering up to 10 scholarships to high school graduates who will be attending an accredited post-secondary school in the United States after graduation. This school must be a nationally accredited 4-year college or university, community college, vocational school or trade school. Scholarship recipients will receive \$1000 toward college tuition and fees. Payment will be made directly to the student.

#### **ELIGIBILITY FOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

The following criterion must be met to qualify for scholarship award under the program:

- 1. The applicant must be affiliated with an NALC congregation within the Central Pacific Mission District.
- The applicant must have graduated from high school within the past five years or be graduating in the spring of the current year, and starting their first year of postsecondary school in the summer or fall of the current year.
- 3. The applicant may not have previously received a scholarship under the program.
- 4. The applicant must return an application package (more details in application link).

**APPLICATION** 

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE IS AUGUST 14, 2020.