



Good News

ST. TIMOTHY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH | OCTOBER 2020

Pastor's Pen

Dear Friends at St. Tim's,

It continues to amaze me how it is often our deepest struggles which draw us closer to Jesus. Most often, we don't see that this is the case until after the fact, and only later, do we see the graces along the way.

I am sure that I have yet to see much of what God has been doing during this season, but I have been able to see some of it, and I am thankful! I have truly been *overwhelmed* by the staffing that we have been able to bring on board, even while sheltering in place.

Emily Hindenes, our new Director of Children and Family Ministry, has brought such life and creativity to this ministry! We knew that she would be a tremendous asset to our staff, but I frankly believe that we were unprepared for just *how much* of a gift she would be!

We have also been able to very recently welcome aboard Gabe Tseng as our new Director of Discipleship and Connections. Gabe has been a friend of Anna-Marie and Sam's for many years, and I feel so encouraged by Grow Group Leader feedback and the vision that he already has for this ministry! A huge thank-you to that search team: Michael Stamos, Cliff Gray, Sam Valles, Brian Hall, and Caitlin Mack!

During this interim season, we have received the tremendous gift of Pastor Judy and Pastor Jim coming

out of their semi-retirement to support me and the pastoral ministry of St. Tim's. The gift of their time and guidance has been priceless. Thank you, Jim and Judy! And as you may have guessed, they will be transitioning back to their role as Visitation Pastors.

And last but not least, we now have the great expectation of bringing on Pastor Jim Cords as our new lead pastor. On a staff level, the overriding sentiment is that it feels good to finally enter into this new season. Welcome, Pastor Jim and Marilyn Cords!

I am also pleased to announce that we will begin outdoor, in-person services on October 25! Reservations are required in advance to attend. Look for the article on page 2 with more details about the procedure.

Important Dates for Your Calendar:

- October 8: Pastor Jim Cords arrives at St. Timothy's
- October 11: Thank-you to Pastor Jim and Pastor Judy
- October 18: Pastor Jim Cords' first Sunday
- October 18: Pastor Jim Cords' Installation (6:30 pm)
- October 25: Outdoor, in-person services begin

Looking forward to what God has in store in this new season!

Pastor Jonna

In-person, outdoor worship services are beginning in October!

PASTOR JIM CORDS' INSTALLATION

On October 18, we will have an installation service for Pastor Jim Cords. The service will take place at 6:30 PM and will offer both a car option and a seated option (much like our special congregational meeting). We will have a screen in the parking lot for a drive-in like movie experience (using your FM radio as the sound). We plan to record the service and make it available later for those who can't attend in-person.

IN-PERSON, OUTDOOR WORSHIP

On October 25 (Reformation Sunday), we will begin outdoor, in-person worship services at 9 and 11 AM, and will continue each Sunday thereafter. There will only be a seated option. **The online services will continue for those who wish to remain at home.** At this time, we are not able to have in-person Sunday School classes or coffee hour.

RESERVATIONS

For both the Installation and the 9 & 11 AM outdoor worship services, reservations will be necessary.

For the October 18 service, online reservations will open on Monday, October 12 and close on Thursday, October 15 (or earlier if it fills up). A confirmation email will be sent on Friday, October 16.

For the October 25 services, online reservations will open on Monday, October 19 and close on Thursday, October 22 (or earlier if it fills up). A confirmation email will be sent on Friday, October 23.

All worship services going forward will follow this same pattern of reservations opening the Monday before services and closing the following Thursday. If services fill up, you will have the option to be added to the waitlist.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

The email confirmation will list the safety precautions we all need to take to keep our community safe. An online reservation is required to attend as we are limited on group size by Santa Clara County and mandated to keep a list of all who attended. Face masks for those over 2 years of age are required. Members of the same household may be seated together but at least six feet of distance needs to be maintained from other households. Seating and restrooms will be sanitized before each service.

As a church, we will do our absolute best to be responsible with this opportunity to gather, recognizing that there will not be any way to eliminate all risk.

Welcome Gabe!

In September, Gabe Tseng was hired to be the Director of Discipleship and Connections. He will be working with Grow Groups and Discipleship Ministry, and searching out ways for meaningful connections to happen in the church.

Gabe is local to the Bay Area, playing and coaching soccer and wrestling. After running away from serving the church, God got him much like He did with Jonah, and after his own efforts of achievement in degrees in English Literature and Education and teaching in Junior high, high school, and community college, Gabe began serving in primarily Baptist churches as a renaissance man, preaching, teaching, working with leaders, and serving God's people in wide capacities. His heart is for strangers to become neighbors, neighbors to become friends, and for friends to become family, with no greater family than the family of God.

One such stranger was Gabe's wife, Lori, whom he married in 2011. They are lucky to have a neat, social daughter in Karis, and a son in Kaden, who loves construction vehicles. They are a family that loves being together and joining their lives with others in every season.

Gabe is the prodigal son that loves prodigals and knows that the Kingdom of God is like a party, where all who are weary can have rest, where there is food and drink for the hungry and thirsty, and we are invited home.





ST. TIMOTHY'S TRUNK OR TREAT

October 31, 2020 • 5:00 - 8:00 pm
St. Timothy's Parking Lot

Click [here](#) to reserve a time slot to
come trick or treating!

Want to Volunteer? Email
annamarie.valles@stlcsj.org

St Timothy's Disaster Relief Response

St Timothy's has responded to the call by the North American Lutheran Church (the NALC) and our Mission District to respond to disasters, by organizing a congregational team. While the congregation as a whole will continue to send financial support to the NALC Disaster Relief Fund for national and international disasters, we will also put boots on the ground to help out with local fires, etc.

The problem has now become very real to us, as our skies have been blackened by smoke, not only in 2020 but also in recent years. People are losing homes and often have nowhere to turn. While firefighters and national organizations (like the Red Cross) respond to immediate needs, congregations can respond to more long-term needs, from debris clean-up to helping with food and shelter. Along the way, we build relationships and demonstrate the compassion of Christ.

On the local level, we will be working together with other congregations who have already begun this work. Together we can do a lot!

Please consider how you can help. Watch for more information in the weeks to come. And pray for our neighbors who have suffered so much loss.

Operation Christmas Child

Now Collecting Donations!

Find out what you can donate [here](#)



**Drop off your donations outside of
the front office before Oct. 31st!**

***Packing Party will be held
November 2nd-8th***

Stay tuned for more information!

Congratulations to these students

taking their



Seven students (5th grade and above) have been prepared to take Communion through classes, prayer, and worship in recent weeks. They are taking their first Communion on October 4, together with family members.

Here are their names. Please rejoice with us as they take this important step of faith, receiving God's grace in a new and very special way.

Nicholas Bauman

Cindy Fries

Anyia Gupta

Samuel Haven

Jacob Moro

Reid Mosher

Emma Weissbahn

SILICON VALLEY WALK FOR WATER 2020

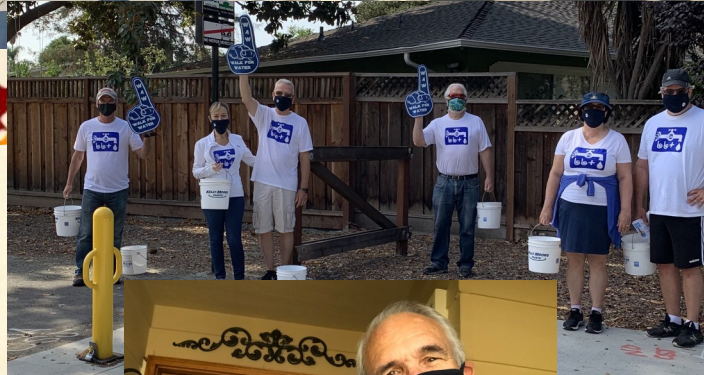
It was definitely a different walk this year! Our 6th annual, but first ever, *virtual* Walk for Water!

We had 61 registered walkers. On Saturday, September 19, we opened with a 15 minute Zoom session. Following the Zoom session, the walkers walked in their neighborhoods (alone or with small social distancing groups). They then returned for a short Zoom closing session. While the walk was different this year, it was still an inspiring day! 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! We were able to raise over \$46,000 to help fund the water project in San Roque, Peru!

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





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.

Kelsie Hardin

Bette Syth

Bahia, friend of Linda Suda's daughter, Rebecca.

Jenny, friend of Mary Fisher

Todd Haney, friend of the Bushurs

Jodi Lemons, daughter of Phil and Maxine Sampson

Joey Sorrenti, nephew of Wayne and Karla Peterson

Nita Willis, friend of BJ Bushur

The family of Rory Pope, grandson of Sharon Zuberbier

BUDGET REPORT

	General	Building
OFFERINGS to date	\$715,187	\$104,652
SPENDING to date	\$691,274	\$59,984
Excess/(Shortfall)	\$23,913	\$44,668

	Capital Campaign
OFFERINGS to date	\$144,835

2 WAYS TO GIVE

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

ST. TIM'S YOUTH

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL
MINISTRY

High School: Joe Hill

joe.hill@stlcsj.org

Jr. High: Anna-Marie Valles

annamarie.valles@stlcsj.org



[@sttims_youth](https://www.instagram.com/sttims_youth)

CORNER STONE

HIGH SCHOOL

TUESDAYS

7:30-8:30

**ON
ZOOM**

CORNER STONE

JUNIOR HIGH

WEDNESDAYS

6-7

**ON
ZOOM**

ST. TIM'S KIDS MONTHLY SCOOP

OCTOBER 2020

Hello St. Timothy's Families,

We are heading into **October**! This upcoming month, we will be transported to a tropical **island** to learn more about God's **creation** through our virtual Sunday School. Make sure to tune in every **Sunday** using our website, stlcsj.org/children or through our **YouTube** channel! You can access and subscribe to the **St. Tim's YouTube** channel by clicking on the image below:



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#SUNDAY FUNDAY BAGS

Sept 28th-Oct. 3rd ,come to **the St. Tim's Office** anytime between **9am-3pm** to pick up your family's **Sunday Funday Bag Refill**!

This bag will include the materials needed for Sunday School for the month of October. Each month we will provide a refill with **new items** for the next month of Sunday School!

OCTOBER

FOCUS

God's Promises

This month, we dive into the promises God has for us. How can we learn to trust in God's timing for His people? We will be exploring the Old Testament and see how God always fulfills His promises.

Starting Oct. 4th

UPCOMING EVENTS

Trunk or Treat:

Oct. 31st from 5 - 8 pm

@ St. Tims!

To volunteer please contact
annamarie.valles@stlcsj.org

Operation Christmas Child:

Donations start this month! Stay tuned for more info in the upcoming weeks.



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St. Timothy's Christian Preschool

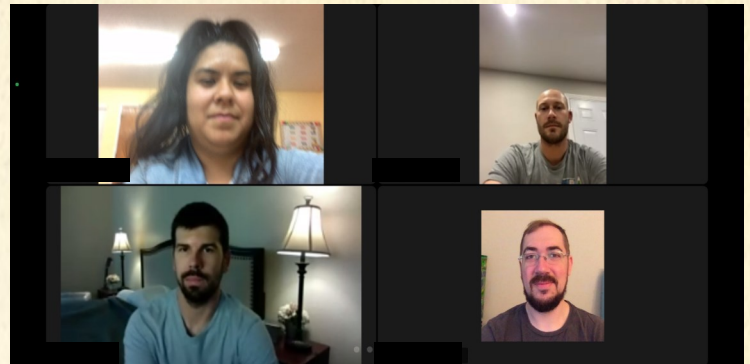


Hello St. Tim's!

As we finish up our second month of school, we continue to tackle many standard school activities in new and different ways! One of these is Back to School Night. We have completed our first ever Virtual BTS Night with our teachers meeting with their students' parents via Zoom! It's just another way we are learning to pivot to accommodate the current times. Some of our teachers experienced a few more nerves than usual...hoping they could successfully convey to our parents what they have been doing with the children these last couple of months as well as what they have planned for the year. They all expressed a desire to connect personally with the parents while having to rely on the screen rather than the in-person warmth they usually get to express. When all was said and done, we heard only positive feedback about how the night went for ALL of our classes!

In October, we look forward to replacing our annual visit to the pumpkin patch with a fun, on-campus Harvest Day!

Later in the month, we are excited to welcome our PS families to the St. Timothy's Halloween Trunk-or-Treat event!

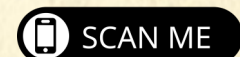


As always, thank you for your support and prayers! We pray you are all well and healthy! May the changing of the seasons bring you much joy!

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

From Neeraj and Nijhar Ekka (World Mission Prayer League Missionaries that we support)

During the COVID-19 pandemic, like many other countries when India suddenly imposed nationwide lockdown, this country with a population of 1.3 billion people came to a screeching halt. Millions of people were stranded in many places. Among the worst affected were migrant workers, who suddenly found themselves robbed of their only means of livelihood. For weeks they survived somehow, and when the lockdown was relaxed a bit, millions of migrants used any means possible to return to their villages. Many trains and buses arranged by the government were not enough for people returning mainly from big cities in the southern and western parts of India. Thus, some found delivery trucks to get to a certain point, and then walked. Some rode their bicycles for thousands of miles; many others simply walked day and night for hundreds of miles.

As migrant workers – men, women and children – started pouring into Ranchi, some women in the outskirts of the city were curiously looking at them. These women were members of a local Lutheran church. They saw hungry, thirsty, scared and desperate people and families walking on the highway to their villages. Soon, something happened. They felt a surge of compassion and three of them thought of the same thing: providing a meal for these people. When they collected food materials from different homes, they had 13-14 kilos of rice, a few kilos of dal (lentils), and some vegetables. In front of them were hundreds of desperate people walking away hungry and thirsty. Soon, these women started cooking rice, lentils and vegetables. Some students from Ranchi Seminary joined their effort and mobilized prayer and resources for this ministry. Before long, other men, women and young adults from the church and community also came along to be part of this service to the hungry and thirsty in the name of Jesus Christ. Seeing this selfless service, the government officials invited the group to go to bus stands and railway stations to provide food for the migrant workers. Though the government was providing dry food such as bread, buns (a kind of fluffy bread), and fruits like bananas, etc., not all of the migrant workers received them. Since these people had not eaten a hot meal for weeks, they were overwhelmed to receive hot rice, dal and vegetables. Not only did these servants of Christ provide hot meals, they also helped to arrange transportation for many.

The Neighborhood Kitchen for migrant workers continued for 12 days. During this time the group received enough donations from ordinary believers, and even from non-believers, to provide hot meals and safe drinking water to more than 15,000 migrant workers. In addition, they also packed food for their onward journey. They also distributed several hundred masks, soaps and sanitary napkins.

While they served they remembered what Jesus said in Matthew 25:35, “When I was hungry you gave me food, and when I was thirsty you gave me water...” and they felt blessed to be part of the ministry of the Neighborhood Kitchen. This ministry was covered with prayer from beginning to end. We also had opportunities at the Prayer League to join them in prayer. We praise God, for as one leader of this ministry said, “God’s Church has left the building to come to the people in the street.”



“You give them something to eat..”

Jesus, in Matthew 14:16 NIV