

PASTOR'S PEN

Dear St. Timothy's Family,

As I write this, I am less than a month away from Dax's expected due date (24 days, to be exact). We are near the end, and in one way, I would like to end the suspense and just have him born already! Rip off the band-aid and live into our new normal. In another way, I am nervous about how he will irreversibly change our lives. Questions like Why couldn't we have been ready earlier in life and not experienced infertility and a miscarriage, so that we wouldn't be so old and stuck in our ways? have continued to run through my mind.

It is amazing to me how we can wish, long, and pray for things to happen in our lives, and when they are on the cusp of becoming reality, we feel intimidated and fearful. I have felt this way about big decisions: getting married, buying a new car, having a baby, and likely a whole host of other things!

Proactive life change involves risk. Often, there is accompanying fear with that risk: What if I fall flat on my face? What if I make a mistake? What if this decision puts on display all of my weaknesses? At times, fear incapacitates me. At other times, it causes me to want to hide after I've made a decision. But ultimately, I don't want to be ruled by fear. I don't want to look back on my life, disappointed by all of the risks that I failed to take – especially the ones I knew God was calling me to take.

One of my favorite stories in Scripture is the call of Abram in Genesis 12. The Lord calls Abram at seventy -five years old, to leave everything that he knows, to go to the land that God will show him. Four verses later, Abram leaves.

Abram's trust in the Lord is truly remarkable. That's the kind of trust that I want to have! And that's the kind of trust that I pray that we have, as a church – to hear the voice of God and trust Him so profoundly, that we are willing to take whatever risks necessary to accomplish His purposes for us and for this place that He has called us to, on Camden Avenue.

While I am on maternity leave, know that I am on the journey with you, seeking to discern God's calling and praying for the confidence to obey where He leads.

Pastor Jonna



To add or renew a prayer request call 408-264-3858 or email info@stlcsj.org.

Marilyn Cords Earl Schmieding Sam Walters

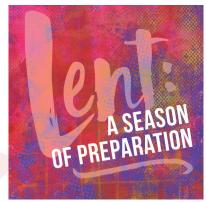
Jane, daughter of Phyllis Makie (former member) Louis, Sharon, Catherine, Karl and Charlie, friends of Mary Fisher Paul and Jen, friends of Megan Alpers-Raschefsky Balcomb family, friends of Marsha Wells Dennis Busching, friend of Jennifer Casey Mike Hedrick, cousin of Linda Lipari David & Lorine Jorgensen, relatives of Tom Jorgensen Louise Keith, friend of Carol Murray Joseph Kefalinos, grandson of Pat Pangrac Daniel Lumley, cousin of Pat Pangrac the family of Joe, brother of Mary Ellen McCarthy the family of Aaron Ewoldt, son of Karin Boegner the family of Melissa Rossi, friend of Debbie Bauman the family of Marilyn Brewer, Tammy Phillips' mom



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	General	Building
OFFERINGS to date	\$72,157	\$12,000
SPENDING to date	\$97,048	\$6,738
Excess/(Shortfall)	(\$24,891)	\$5,262
	Capital Campaign	
OFFERINGS to date	\$30,509	

2 WAYS TO GIVE

- 1. Mail your offering to church or drop off in the mail slot by the front door. 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/



ONLINE MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES BEGIN FEBRUARY 17

Pastor Jim and Pastor Judy Bangsund will be conducting mid-week services online beginning with Ash Wednesday. Like the Sunday morning services, they will be found via the church website or through the emails that Beth will be sending out. We hope you will join us as we prepare for the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus in this very special way.

February 17

This service will include both the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion. Like we do already with Communion for the online services, we'll

be asking you to prepare the ashes at home for distribution within the household. We have to be creative, but we think we can do this in a real and relevant way. Options for marking foreheads include the following:

- •Pick up ashes at church beginning February 7, to be mixed at home with oil.
- •Use oil or water to mark the cross, as is done at baptism.
- •Make stickers with a band-aid and felt-tip marker.
- •Use eye makeup (mascara wand or eye shadow) to mark the sign of the cross.

Families can pick up a "Take Home Lent Box" for celebrating Lent (see St. Tim's Kids page for more info).

Wednesdays February 24 – March 24: We will use a Lenten drama ("Witnesses to the Cross") as the center of our worship, and will also include all the regular parts such as Confession/Forgiveness, hymns, and prayers. This 5-part series focuses on 2 different characters each week, one from the Old Testament and one from the New. Each week will examine an element of faith, seen from these personal perspectives, and fulfilled in Christ. These elements are: Faith, Righteousness, Being Chosen, Repentance, and Fulfillment.

MaundyThursday, April 1: We will hold our traditional service online, including Holy Communion.

Good Friday, April 2: Online worship led by Pastor Jim Cords.

The crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord Jesus is the core of our faith. Join us each week as we prepare. (The services are meant to be evening services, but for your convenience, will be available any time after 12 noon on Wednesdays unless otherwise noted.)

Get Connected

Have questions about how to get involved at St. Timothy's?

Contact Gabe Tseng, Director of Discipleship and Connections

(gabriel.tseng@stlcsj.org)

Grow Groups

Life is better together. Even as we may be physically distanced, we are not socially or spiritually distanced. As iron sharpens iron, we are sharpening one another for a good purpose. The Lord has designed our lives to be intertwined with Him and others, so that we may be challenged, cared for, and sharpened. Join us and let's grow together.

Find more at Gabriel.tseng@stlcsj.org

MOPS

Are you a mom with preschool aged kids? This year we are Deciding to Rise in the midst of difficult circumstances. Our desire is not simply to survive, but to thrive, as the days are long and the years are short. Join us as we walk together by encouraging one another and carrying each other's burdens on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Get connected at mops@stlcsj.org.

Devotionals

God is weaving the tapestry of our lives into His big story. Your reflections and stories of life are incredibly encouraging to others. You are invited to send a reflection or a story to <u>Gabriel.tseng@stlcsj.org</u>. As we enter the Lenten season, topics you can be meditating on are receiving blessing, enduring trials, being refreshed, and being renewed. Your stories point us to the Lord and His presence.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

On Sunday, January 31, we held our Annual Congregational Meeting. We heard reports from the pastors as well as Joe Hill and Jeanette Adams. We approved the minutes of last year's congregational meetings (there were 3). Paul Judy briefly went over our finances since they were presented in depth at the January 24 Informational Zoom Meeting.

Voting was conducted on paper ballots since some members were in cars and some were in seats. The motions we voted on and the results:

- Constitution Amendment Ratification: 1) Matters and language regarding closing of the elementary school and 2) providing flexibility to conduct congregational business through virtual gatherings when physical meetings cannot (or should not) be held. This was unanimously approved.
- LCMC Partnership- Dual affiliation with LCMC. This was unanimously approved.
- 2021 Budget- This was unanimously approved.
- Church Leadership Elections- This was unanimously approved.



Kersti Bronk



Elizabeth De Filippis



Katie Swenson

2021 Incoming Leadership Team Members

Kersti's family has enjoyed being a part of the St. Tim's church community for about 25 years. She's been married to Chip for 36 years and their daughter, Katie, is now 24 years old. Over the years, she has served on the Leadership Team, pastoral and staff call committees, a Strategic Planning Committee and as coffee host coordinator. Most recently, she worked on the St. Tim's Village House team as Volunteer Coordinator. Currently, she co-leads a weekly Grow Group. She feels God calling her to serve in a Leadership position because she is encouraged by the continued growth and leadership seen in the St. Timothy's church community. And, she has the time in this season of her life to help in this capacity.

Elizabeth has been a member of St. Timothy's for nearly 21 years. She has been married to her husband, Joe, since 2001 (married at St. Tim's by Pastor/Bishop Dan Selbo) and has two children, Isabella (15) and Samuel (11). She has been active in Children's Ministry over the last several years, serving as a MOPS leader, VBS volunteer, Nursery caregiver, and Secretary of the St. Tim's Home and School Club, when her children attended the school. She feels blessed and excited to accept the call from God to serve the congregation of St. Timothy's as a new member of the Leadership Team.

Katie Swenson and her husband, Pete, have been members of St. Tim's for over 20 years. They have a daughter, Lily (20), and a son, Garrett (17). For the past ten years, she has felt at home in serving the High School Youth and Young Adult Ministries. In addition, she has previously served on the Leadership Team and currently volunteers with the FISH Food Pantry, feeling that this has helped her to keep her sanity during the turbulence of the past year. Katie feels called to serve on the Leadership Team to help represent the youth and young adults as St. Timothy's resumes in-person activities. She appreciates those that have led our congregation, especially during this past year.

Current 2021 Leadership Team Members:

John Castro, Warren Finch, Mark Hartnett, Stephanie Reitz, Rebecca Selbo, Mark Smith, Sam Valles



BJ Bushur



Ken is a retired electrical engineer who has been married to his wife, Jan, for over 55 years. They have been worshiping at St. Timothy's for about 18 years, and both have served on Leadership Team, with Ken completing his two-year term this month. For the past year, Ken has served as Leadership Team President. He has also taught or co-taught adult Bible classes at St. Timothy's. Both Ken and Jan have worked in the FISH ministry to bag food for distribution. He looks forward to serving on the Nominating Team this next year and helping to identify future leaders for St. Timothy's.

Ken Duvall



Susan Lovelady

Susan has been married to her husband, Glenn, for 26 years and has two children; Brandon age 21 and Rachel age 18. She has been a member of St. Tim's for about 10 years and is currently completing her second year as Vice President of the Congregation. She feels blessed that she can serve the church in such an active way and enjoys being on leadership. She also enjoyed co-leading the Wednesday Women's Bible Study group a few years ago. She is excited that she can be a part of the Nominating Team for the next Leadership Council in 2022 and looks forward to seeking the Holy Spirit's guidance in filling these important roles.

2022 Nominating Team Members

BJ has been a member of St. Timothy's since 2002, with her husband, Chris, and two sons, Cole and Rex. She has been blessed to have served Jesus on the Leadership Team, and to have helped recruit volunteers for the FISH Food Pantry, Alpha, Village House, Mexico Mission Team, VBS, and as a Grow Group leader.

Ministry Partner Update

Each month, we will highlight updates from our domestic and global ministry partners. Many of these partnerships have been formed through congregational involvement and relationships, and are financially supported through the annual benevolences of St. Timothy's. Thank you for your continued support of the ministry in and through St. Timothy's!



CAA became a non-profit organization in 1977 to share Christ and serve families through the game of soccer. CAA's goal is to teach the game of soccer in a godly way and train their athletes to model Christ. They are volunteer-based, and have greatly appreciated the use of

St. Timothy's field and the partnership that we have shared since 2017.

CAA is the only league of its kind that exists in our area. It provides a safe and loving environment, where athletes learn the value of sportsmanship, honor, and respect. They focus on attitude more than talent, trusting that God will use CAA as a tool to train in perseverance, patience, and many more character traits that will last a lifetime! One of their favorite things to do is to invite families who don't know Jesus to join their league, and share the love of the game and the love of the Word with them.

Last year, CAA looked quite different. Games were not possible, but training continued in cohorts, complying with state and county guidelines. This spring, training begins March 15th for 8 weeks, and is expected to continue in cohorts.

For more information or to sign-up, please visit their website: www.playcaa.org



Visit from Shea Salinas in early 2020.



Youth for Christ has been serving San Jose for more than 75 years. Their mission is to give youth 11-18 years old an opportunity to make an informed decision about the gospel of Jesus Christ and disciple them into a local church body so that they can continue to grow in their journey of faith.

In Santa Clara County, 95% of the population is not a part of a church body. As a result, one of the greatest avenues for mission are school campuses. YFC goes where the students are, hosting clubs on middle school campuses.

Last school year, a team from St. Tim's led a weekly lunch club at Bret Harte Middle School: Laurie Vroom, Michael and Andrew Amey, and Anna-Marie Valles. Every Wednesday, they would welcome about 40 students with a pizza lunch, lead them in a fun game, and teach a lesson from the Bible. In Anna-Marie's words, "Our highlight was breaking into small groups and being able to listen to the students as they shared their stories."

Our mission partnership with YFC is in support of the ongoing ministry that Anna-Marie provides to middle school students in Santa Clara County. If you haven't yet seen Anna-Marie in action on a school campus, we invite you to ask her about it and how you can pray for her ministry and our partnership with YFC.

Last but not least, a note from Anna-Marie. "Thank you St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, for partnering with Youth for Christ to bring God's love to those who have yet to hear!"





7:30-8:30 PM ON ZOOM

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ST. TIM'S KIDS MONTHLY SCOOP FEBRUARY 2021

Hello St. Timothy's Families, Welcome to the **month of love**! This February I **challenge** you and your family to practice acts of love. How can we show our family members we **appreciate** them? Maybe it's doing the dishes, packing a lunch, or even just a simple, "I appreciate you!" As we **celebrate** this upcoming Holiday of Love,

let's not **forget** the one who **first** loved us!

"And so we **know** and rely on the **love** God has for us. **God is love**. Whoever **lives** in love lives in God, and God in **them**." 1 John 4:16

Stay Connected with Facebook



St. Tim's Kids

As we start the journey to **Easter**, we begin with the **40 days of Lent**. You and your family can pick up a **Take Home Lent Box** with weekly crafts and challenges to complete as a **family**! Be sure to pick up a **Lent Adventures** booklet for each of your **children** as well. Pickup for Lent Boxes and **Ashes** for Ash **Wednesday** will begin **Feb. 7th** outside of the **church office**.

Stop by **anytime** to pick yours up!

FEBRUARY



This month we learn about the challenges that Jesus faced in His own ministry and how He overcame them. Learn more about how Jesus helps us overcome our own life challenges. Tune into St. Tim's Kids Youtube to watch!

Starting Feb. 7th

In-Person Services

Don't forget that you can sign up for in-person services. Each service has activities for children and a special children's message. Make your family's reservations by going to our website!

EMILY.HINDENES@STLCSJ.ORG

St. Timothy's Christian Preschool





Greetings St. Timothy's!

As we enter the 2nd month of 2021, we are as busy as ever welcoming new students to our school as well as ramping up enrollment for the next school year! Please continue to tell your family, friends and neighbors about us! (The link and QR code below will take them directly to our website.)

We are also preparing for the 6 weeks of Summer Camp we will be offering in June and July. The first camp starts on June 21st and the last camp offered is the week of July 26th. We offer both a half day and a full day option and enrollment is off to a great start! Please spread the word to anyone looking for summer options for their children ages 2 thru entering kindergarten.

We would also like to extend a HUGE thank you to all of you who supported our Sees Candies Fundraiser! We are now about \$300 closer to our \$800 fundraising goal to get some new bikes for our playground!

As always, we thank you for your prayers and financial support. We pray for your health and well-being in the coming months as well!

In Christ,

Jeanette Adams - Preschool Director Katy Stamos - Preschool Admin.



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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