



Good News



ST TIMOTHY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH | MARCH 2021

Pastor's Pen

This last year has come with so many unexpected elements. Many of us look back on the last 12 months and realize how different life has been from what we expected. I will admit, I never saw it coming. Yet, here we are, and still the future seems uncertain. So what have we learned from the last year that might help us with the next?

When I look to Scripture, over and over again I see the call to look back on God's faithfulness. As God has been faithful to those who have gone before us, God will indeed be faithful to us. This faithfulness is rooted not in the circumstances of our lives nor even in our faithfulness, but in the very character of who God is.

Several people I know have leaned into Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." Others have used the phrase "God is good, all the time. All the time, God is good."

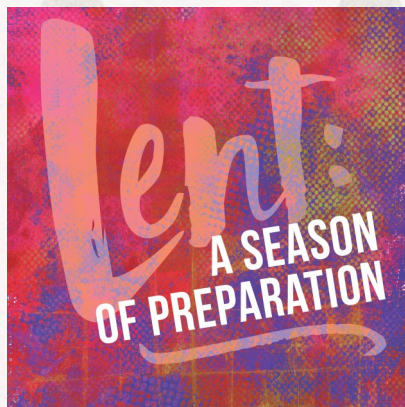
Both of these responses are helpful at times, but even more they are a reminder for us as God's people to call on Him in times of plenty and times of want.

We stand in the grace of God through our Lord Jesus Christ. We are invited to boldly approach the throne of God. He will hear our prayers and respond in love.

Lent is a season that comes with the reminder to make some extra space in our lives to listen to God's voice. We do this in prayer. We do it in reading Scripture. And we do it by listening to one another in the Body of Christ. In all my years as a pastor I have encouraged the first two, prayer and Bible reading. And I lift those up again now to encourage you in these days. But this year I also encourage you to add that connection dimension. Talk about your faith walk and how it is a part of your life today with your friends in Christ. Work at strengthening the bonds of fellowship in these days of social distancing. Make time to connect and listen for how God would call you to be an encouragement to others as well as how He will speak through others to be an encouragement to you.

God is good all the time and He does plan to give us hope and future. We will walk into that future together and see the blessings of God poured out.

Have a Blessed Lenten Journey as we walk it together;
Pastor Jim Cords



ONLINE MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesdays through March 24: The services are meant to be evening services, but will be available any time after 12 noon on Wednesdays. We will use a Lenten drama ("Witnesses to the Cross") as the center of our worship. Each week focuses on 2 different characters, 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.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER



Palm Sunday

March 28: Outdoor worship @ 10:30 am.

Online worship @ 10:30 am as well as on-demand worship.



Maundy Thursday

April 1: Pre-recorded, online worship including Holy Communion. Available by noon.



Good Friday

April 2: Pre-recorded, online worship led by Pastor Jim Cords. Available by noon.



Easter Sunday

April 4: Outdoor worship @ 9 am (traditional) & 11 am (contemporary).

Reservations begin March 22.

Online worship @ 9 & 11 am as well as on-demand worship.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

The plan for worship is to continue with outdoor, in-person worship until it is deemed safe by the County Medical Officer to move indoors. We will also continue with the online, on-demand service and the simulated live online service.

IN-PERSON Sundays at 10:30 am

Reservations are required to attend and can be made online [here](#).

You can also call the church office (408-264-3858)

Monday-Thursday from 9 am to 4 pm the week prior to the Sunday you would like to attend.

ON-DEMAND

This is the pre-recorded service that can be viewed at any time.

Watch [here](#).

All previous services can be found on our Vimeo channel. Click [here](#).

ONLINE Sundays at 10:30 am

This is a pre-recorded service and gives you an opportunity to chat with others. It can be viewed [here](#).



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

Dale Johnson
the family of Marvin Schwede
Paul and Jen, friends of Megan Alpers-Raschefskey
Sharon, sister of Bill Mowson's friend, Kirsten
Marlene Colbert, friend of the Stamos Family
Don Cords, father of Jim Cords
Richard and Jacon Esparza, friend of the Stamos Family
Louise Keith, friend of Carol Murray
Andy Moore, brother of James Moore
the family of Bob Quatman, work colleague of James Moore
the family of Carl Reinke Jr., friend of the Stamos Family
the family of Larry Griego, cousin of Cass Gallego

BUDGET REPORT



	General	Building
OFFERINGS to date	\$128,200	\$24,052
SPENDING to date	\$135,144	\$28,151
Excess/(Shortfall)	(\$6,944)	(\$4,099)

	Capital Campaign
OFFERINGS to date	\$35,990

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/>



Mothers of Preschoolers

MOPS is an international organization reaching Mothers of Preschoolers, with groups meeting in over 60 countries around the world.

At MOPS every mom is welcome, regardless of her journey to and through motherhood.

At MOPS women have an opportunity to grow - learning new things about Jesus, themselves and each other.

At MOPS we connect through honest relationships, where we have a safe place to think, speak and ask questions.

At MOPS we are passionate about the value of motherhood and the influence of women.

St. Timothy's MOPS is in the middle of our third season. We're celebrating because in spite of the global pandemic, we have nearly doubled our roster!

We meet once a month, on the third Wednesday from 8:30pm--9:30pm via Zoom.

Meeting content varies, including things like: encouraging videos/speakers, games, general connections with other moms, creative projects, etc.

Members also enjoy seasonal "subscription boxes" delivered to their doorstep with activities for the kids and special gifts for Mom, in addition to the opportunity to participate in "Secret Sisters" and brighten another mom's day with occasional notes of encouragement and/or small treats.

For more information, and to register (it's not too late!) visit stlcsj.org/mops/ or email Anna Gabel Reyes, Elizabeth Hill, and the MOPS Steering Team at mops@stlcsj.org



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS MARCH 14 AT 2 AM.



StTim'sConnect

In St. Tim's Connect, you can print your own Financial Giving Statement at any time. Log-in to St. Tim's Connect at sttims.ccbchurch.com. Click [here](#) for a PDF of these instructions.

1. On the left of the screen, click on "My Giving."
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 or forgot your login password, call Beth at 408-264-3858 or email at info@stlcsj.org



Not on our email list? You are missing out on:

- Daily Devotionals
- Weekly Email News
- Online Worship Links

We want you to stay connected! If you are not currently getting emails from St. Timothy's, contact info@stlcsj.org to get on the distribution list.



Just a reminder that the church staff are still mostly working from home. The church office does not have any "open" office hours. Phone calls to the church line are redirected to Beth's cell.

If you need to speak with a staff member, it is best to call them directly on their cell or email them. Contact Beth if you need an email address or cell number for a pastor or staff member.

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!

Neeraj and Nijhar Ekka, Missionaries in Ranchi, India

We are most grateful for your partnership in the Gospel. To put it in one sentence, St. Timothy's Lutheran Church's partnership with us in India has been a catalyst for transformation. Your prayer and financial support since 2009 have been an incredible source of strength and encouragement for us in God's calling to equip God's people to share the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and to share his love with those who are yet to know him. As a family and World Mission Prayer League workers, we are truly grateful to each one of you brothers and sisters at St. Timothy's. And our prayer for you is that God will continue His good work in you, to make you into the image of Jesus Christ to fulfill His purposes in and through each of you.

As you may recall, we helped a Lutheran Church body in India establish a seminary from the ground up, which has become a very important center for training young men and women for ministry. The training model is very practical, as the students learn ministry by actively engaging in it. On Sundays, they not only conduct worship services and preach God's word but also visit many families and pray with them.

In order to equip them to share God's love with others, the students are engaged in an after-school program on the seminary campus. In this program, children ages 3 – 15 play, receive help with their studies, are encouraged not to drop out of school, and are taught basic hygiene, Bible stories and action songs.

More than 100 graduates of this seminary are serving as pastors, evangelists and missionaries in 12 states of Northern India. We continue to remain in touch with many of them for support and mentorship.

A few years ago, we launched a community health ministry, focusing on recovery and transformation among alcoholics. The vision is to equip local congregations to provide support and counseling to those suffering from alcoholism in neighboring communities.

Some of you may recall a story that we had shared with you in 2016 about a young girl who came to us, looking for shelter in the middle of the night in great distress, as her relatives had banished her from their home. This encounter led us to vision a ministry of school for children for which you gave \$50,000 as a matching fund. We are so grateful for your generosity and praise God that this fund was matched. We anticipate the launch of the school this year! We hope and pray that school ministry will lead to transformation of families.

Apart from many challenges, the Covid-19 pandemic has also opened new avenues for us to engage in God's mission. It has enabled church and ministry partners in India to use Zoom and other online platforms for communication, meetings, fellowship and prayer mobilization. Among these initiatives, we have an online discipleship workshop, pray for unreached people groups (like the Korwa people), and greater discipleship and prayer mobilization for God's mission.

Please join us in praying for the following:

- ◆ Pray for wisdom for good and adequate preparation for the Christian school to be launched this year.
- ◆ Pray for young men and women with a sense of call for education ministry.
- ◆ Pray for wisdom and safety as we plan to travel to India and also within US.
- ◆ Pray for seminary students and discipleship workshop participants for strength and commitment during these challenging times of Covid-19 pandemic.



Final year students waiting for public transport bus to travel 5 hours to the neighboring state. They are visiting new Christians where some of our graduates are serving as missionaries among the Oraon people group.



St. Timothy's Christian Preschool Teacher Spotlight

Hello St. Timothy's!

Over the next 4 months, we will give you the opportunity to get to know our teaching staff a little bit better. To that goal, we will be spotlighting our teacher teams in the next several newsletters. This month, please meet our 2's class teaching team: Justine Lee and Ashley Martinez..

My name is Justine Lee. I have been a teacher here at St. Tim's since 2017. My favorite thing about teaching here is being able to teach Christianity. It is not only great for the children, but also among the staff...to be able to care for each other in faith. I have always enjoyed children. When I had my daughter and was looking for a job that fit with her school schedule, I was reminded of my childhood dream of becoming a teacher.

The one thing I hope I have instilled in my students before they move on at the end of the year is how to be kind to others and the importance of caring for one another.



My name is Ashley Martinez. I have always had a love for children growing up and am thankful I never lost it! After college, I came to St. Tim's for my first real job and have been here going on 4 years! My favorite thing about teaching here is being able to freely teach the children about Jesus. Everything we do throughout the day will always lead back to Him!

The one thing I hope I have instilled in my children before they leave my classroom is just how GREAT Jesus is...that He loves them soooooo much and He made them to love Him and others around them! Also, that He is bigger than boo boos, the dark and ANYTHING scary!!

If I could sum up the 2's class in one or two sentences, I would say... my 2's are Tiny but Mighty for Jesus. They rarely forget to pray before they eat and in fact will happily volunteer to say the prayer before snack!

NOW ENROLLING FOR 2021-2022

Preschool 2s to JK

sttimothychristianpreschool.org



SCAN ME

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 and 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

MARCH 2021

Hello St. Timothy's Families,

We are heading into Spring with some exciting news! This year, we will be hosting a drive thru Easter Egg Hunt/Story of Easter. This event will take families through the events leading up to Jesus' resurrection in a kid friendly way.

We are looking for volunteers to either take part in welcoming cars, the different Easter scenes, hand out goody bags, or cheer on the cars as they drive thru! If you are interested in volunteering or learning more about this event click below:

[EASTER VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP](#)

Want to volunteer in a different way? We will be hiding 20 flat wooden eggs throughout our parking lot and we need your help to decorate them!. Sign up using the link above to decorate one of these wooden eggs.

Other Volunteer Needs Include:

- Donating Sealed Easter Candy (drop off by the front office)
- Packing Easter Goody Bags (more info coming soon!)

**Stay Connected
with Facebook**



[St. Tim's Kids](#)

MARCH

FOCUS

God's Plan For Us

Through the life of Jesus, we're going to find out that God's plans are perfect, love is the foundation of God's plans, that Jesus said yes to God's plans, and most of all that we are included in God's plans. Tune into St. Tim's Kids Youtube to watch!

Starting Mar. 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!



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YOUTH

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY



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

Just because we can't meet in person, it doesn't mean you can't connect with the your leaders and peers. If you haven't had a chance to Zoom with us, contact Joe or Anna-Marie to get the Zoom information.

High School: Joe Hill

joe.hill@stlcsj.org

Middle School: Anna-Marie Valles

annamarie.valles@stlcsj.org



CORNER STONE

HIGH SCHOOL

**TUESDAYS
7:30-8:30 PM
ON
ZOOM**

CORNER STONE

MIDDLE SCHOOL

**WEDNESDAYS
7-8 PM
ON
ZOOM**