



# Good News

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | ST. TIMOTHY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH |  
APRIL 2021

## Pastor's Pen

Celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior! Salvation is ours through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus and so we worship and celebrate. We are bringing back the tent and our music teams are preparing for our outdoor Easter Celebration. Please plan to attend services at either 9am or 11am on April 4. See page 2 for more details.

While we are looking forward to moving beyond the COVID 19 restrictions and back to worshipping in the Sanctuary, we are not there yet. The Leadership Team has put in place a Reopening Team that will continue to guide us in how we gather safely for our in-person worship. They will send a recommendation to the Leadership Team when they think it is the right time for us to gather again for worship in the sanctuary. They will be watching the data as to vaccinations and infection rates and will update our plans on a regular basis.

We continue to act with concern for others in mind and will continue to gather for worship outside for at least the next month. We ask those who do not feel well to worship online and join us when they feel better. If you are comfortable worshipping in-person, there are several guidelines we ask you to follow:

- 1) **Register for worship:** This is best done online [stlcsj.org/reservations/](https://stlcsj.org/reservations/), but you can call into the church office (408-264-3858) Monday-Thursday to register for the following Sunday. Chairs are set-up and grouped according to the size of the family attending. As we shift to two services (Traditional at 9am and Contemporary at 11am), we will sanitize and adjust the chairs for the second service worshippers.
- 2) **Wear your masks:** We simply want to be as safe and considerate as possible.
- 3) **Maintain your distance:** We ask that you keep a 6 foot distance between yourself and others not of your household.
- 4) We are allowing the speakers and singers at microphones to remove their masks while maintaining a 12 foot distance from those they are facing.
- 5) We will continue to be without refreshments but are certainly looking forward to when we can add this to our Sunday morning hospitality.

God is good and we celebrate His love and goodness each and every day. May the presence and love of Christ in your life fill you with hope and joy as we walk in faith into the blessed future that God has in store for us.

Serving with you in Christ,  
Pastor Jim Cords



To add or renew a prayer request  
call 408-264-3858 or email  
[info@stlcsj.org](mailto:info@stlcsj.org).

Shirley Baring  
the family of Earl Schmieding  
Maylee and family, granddaughter of friends of the Mazzuccos.  
Sharon, sister of Bill Mowson's friend, Kirsten  
Danelle McIntosh, daughter of Rick and Tammie Mark  
Pat Ralston, mother fo Karla Peterson



	General	Building
<b>OFFERINGS to date</b>	<b>\$230,921</b>	<b>\$45,813</b>
<b>SPENDING to date</b>	<b>\$288,355</b>	<b>\$76,428</b>
<b>Excess/(Shortfall)</b>	<b>(\$57,434)</b>	<b>\$30,615</b>

  

	Capital Campaign
<b>OFFERINGS to date</b>	<b>\$75,436</b>

### 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/>

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER



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

## NEW SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Starting April 11

#### IN-PERSON, OUTSIDE

**9:00 am traditional**

**11:00 am contemporary**

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.

#### ONLINE WORSHIP

**9:00 am**

**On-Demand**

This is a pre-recorded service.

9 am has an opportunity to chat with others.

On-Demand can be viewed at your convenience.

Link for both options can be found [here](#).

# 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](mailto:gabriel.tseng@stlcsj.org))

## Grow Groups

Church, Calling, Purpose.

Grow Groups will be concluding their 2nd session of the year as we hit Easter. The 3rd season of Grow Groups will be launching after Easter. Some groups will do a study on the "Hope of the World- the Church" while other groups will be discussing the sermon.

Please visit our groups page [www.stlcsj.org/grow-groups](http://www.stlcsj.org/grow-groups) and enjoy fun, spiritual food, and fellowship!

## Alpha

An 8 week session has just concluded for our online Alpha program. It was exciting and refreshing to process with people as they asked questions about faith and began to become aware of the presence of God in their lives. We are so privileged to encourage and pray for our attendees who have become our friends and we pray for God to continue to reveal Himself in their lives.

If you have family or a friend that God has placed on your heart to share faith with, we are beginning to bring a team to facilitate our next session of Alpha. Consider inviting friends or family or joining the team that patiently walks with those who have questions about faith!

<https://www.stlcsjalpha.org>

## TREE WATERING

As you know, we had to cut down our large dead pine tree out front. In its place, we had to plant 5 new trees. These trees are all planted out by the front lawn.

We are looking for people who would like to be on a rotating schedule for weekly watering of these trees. Each tree needs 10-15 gallons of water each week and needs to be watered over the weekend (Fri-Sun). There is a hose out front and we have 2 and 5 gallon buckets for the watering. The only qualification you need is to be able to walk over the grass lawn carrying a bucket of water.

If you would like to be on the watering schedule, email [beth.tkacheff@stlcsj.org](mailto:beth.tkacheff@stlcsj.org) or call the church office 408-264-3858



# New Babies!

On February 26, Pastor Jonna and her husband, Alek, welcomed their son, Dax Oliver Bohigian. He weighed 7 lbs 14 oz and was 19.5 inches long. Pastor Jonna is expected to be on maternity leave until the end of April.



On March 12, Joe and Elizabeth Hill welcomed their second daughter, Kayla Rebecca Hill. She weighed 7 lbs 10 oz and was 20.5 inches long. Joe is expected to be on paternity leave through mid-April.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH FAMILIES!**  
We are excited to welcome these little ones to our church family!

The care of God's people comes in a variety of forms. Here are two ways you can be involved.

## MEAL MINISTRY

One of the effective avenues St. Timothy's has established to care for one another is its Meals Ministry. Through the simple act of delivering a meal to an individual or family in need, the love of Christ is spread in a tangible and practical way. While this is not an exhaustive list, we provide meals for St. Timothy's members who are experiencing the following:

- Birth of a child
- Serious illness or surgery
- During times of crisis such as a death in the family

Volunteers provide a complete meal and deliver it to the recipient. The meal can be store bought, homemade, frozen or just about anything! The meal does not have to be fancy or gourmet. We attempt to accommodate allergies and food preferences. We strive to work out a schedule that benefits the recipient while working with the schedule of the volunteers.

## HOME HELPERS

The purpose of this group is to connect volunteers to those who have a need in our church community such as pick-up groceries or a ride to a doctor appointment. This group grew out of a desire by individuals who wanted to help during the initial COVID-19 pandemic shut down. We are now changing it to helping any church member with a need.

## WHAT IS MY COMMITMENT?

It can be years before a request come in, or we could get three in one month. If you join one of these groups, the only commitment you are making is to receive an email when a request comes in. It will then be up to you to decide if you will be able to help at that time.

## SOUNDS GREAT! SIGN ME UP!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH ONE OR BOTH GROUPS, EMAIL [BETH.TKACHEFF@STLCSJ.ORG](mailto:BETH.TKACHEFF@STLCSJ.ORG)

## HOW TO ASK FOR HELP

Any group at St. Timothy's can coordinate their own meals or other help within their own group. If there isn't any group who can provide meals or other help, then contact the church office. If you are asking for help or meals on behalf of a church member, please get their permission first before you contact the church office.

408-264-3858 or [info@stlcsj.org](mailto:info@stlcsj.org)



## 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!

### Water Mission

We began partnering with Water Mission in 2014 through an initiative of St. Timothy's members, called Silicon Valley Discipleship Walk for Water. Since that first walk, \$614,772.64 has been raised to support the mission and ministry of Water Mission! In addition to our annual walk, a portion of our annual benevolences have contributed toward this partnership. Our annual benevolence contributions have been offered without restriction, utilized by Water Mission however most needed. For the first 6 years, our walk contributions were also directed in this way, supporting efforts in Nepal, Haiti, Uganda, Mexico, Kenya, Peru, Indonesia, and Tanzania.

Last year, our Walk for Water Steering Team discerned that it was time to direct our efforts to begin a new location in San Roque, Peru. San Roque is a community deep in the Amazon Forest, along the Ucayali River. It is the largest city in the area, and serves as a central hub, supporting many smaller river communities, which consist primarily of indigenous peoples.

The community gets water directly from the river. Throughout the year, this water is brown with mud/silt, and is highly contaminated. A water treatment plant in San Roque is a massive project that will be a source of hope in this isolated and often neglected area.

Water Mission has a holistic approach to implement projects that result in lasting benefits, which are sustainable in the way they are managed. In each water treatment location, community members participate in the design and invest in the construction of water solutions. They are trained and equipped to manage services, including opening an account and charging a small fee, providing a system of dignified work for the community. In San Roque, water will be pumped from the river to a treatment system in the center of the community. The treatment system will serve as the central access point, and not least of all, will serve as a place where the love of Jesus will be shared and disciples will grow.

Here are some highlights of Water Mission's progress in San Roque since our walk in September! The first Community Mobilization Meeting, the Safe Water Committee Election, and the First Community Leader WASH Training have all taken place. (WASH stands for Water and Sanitation, Hygiene.)

God is doing an amazing work through Water Mission, and we are proud to be a part! Please continue to pray for the work and ministry of Water Mission, and we look forward to seeing you at our next Walk for Water!



Current Water Condition



On the Ucayali-Peru Water Mission Director, Juan Simon



Community Mobilization Meeting



Safe Water Committee Election

# - ST. TIM'S - YOUTH - MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY -



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



*Announcing...*

**Starting April 6 and 7,  
we are having in-person Cornerstone!**  
Both High School and Middle School will meet 6:30-8 pm.

We are excited for this opportunity to meet again in-person! Meetings will be outdoors and we will still offer Zoom for those who need to stay home. Masks are required and you must maintain 6 feet of distance from those outside of your household. In addition, if you are feeling ill or have been exposed to COVID-19 or are subject to a quarantine, please stay home and join us when you are well.

Joe is on Paternity leave until mid-April.

**High School: Joe Hill**

[joe.hill@stlcsj.org](mailto:joe.hill@stlcsj.org)

**Middle School: Anna-Marie Valles**

[annamarie.valles@stlcsj.org](mailto:annamarie.valles@stlcsj.org)

## CORNER STONE

**HIGH SCHOOL**

**TUESDAYS  
6:30-8 PM  
IN-PERSON  
AND ZOOM**

## CORNER STONE

**MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**WEDNESDAYS  
6:30-8 PM  
IN-PERSON  
AND ZOOM**





# ST. TIM'S KIDS MONTHLY SCOOP

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## YOU'RE INVITED!

### Drive Thru Easter Egg Hunt!

**When:** Saturday, April 3rd drive thru anytime between  
1-3pm

**Where:** St. Timothy's Lutheran Church  
5100 Camden Ave, San Jose



HUNT FOR  
EASTER EGGS  
FROM THE  
SAFETY OF  
YOUR CAR!



ENJOY  
THE TRUE  
STORY OF  
EASTER!



& GET A  
GOODY  
BAG!

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## FOCUS

### Jesus Is There For Us

This month, we're learning about how the miracle of Jesus' resurrection strengthens us and changes our relationships in the best way.

Tune into St. Tim's Kids Youtube to watch!

**Starting April 4th**

## Survey Says...

We want to know your feelings on reopening children's church safely! Click the link below to give us your thoughts:

[SURVEY LINK](#)

## THANK YOU!

Special thanks to **Grant Beech** who cut out our custom **wooden** Easter Eggs for our **Drive-Thru!** Thank you to all the volunteers who **helped** to **customize** each egg! Check out some of the Egg **designs** by clicking below!

[EGG DESIGNS](#)

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# St. Timothy's Christian Preschool

## Teacher Spotlight

Hello St. Timothy's!

We continue to introduce you to our wonderful teachers here at St. Tim's! This month, please meet our 3's class teaching team: Cass Gallego and Shawnese Laffoday.

My name is Cass Gallego, and this is my third year teaching at St. Timothy's. I started caring for children in my own day care. Later, I wanted to learn more about child development so I went to school to become an early childhood teacher. I love how at St. Timothy's we strive to set great examples for our students and provide a loving and safe place for them to come and learn everyday.

One thing I hope to have instilled into my students by the end of the year is the importance of kindness.

I would sum up the 3's class as a happy bunch of loving little people who excitedly arrive to school everyday eager to play, explore and create!



My name is Shawnese Laffoday. This is my first year at St. Tim's and I am so excited to be given the opportunity to teach here. I have been a preschool teacher for 32 years. I got into teaching back when my cousin was in preschool. Since his mom was working and could not volunteer herself, I volunteered in his class for 2 years. I loved working with the children so much I decided to do it as a profession!

My favorite things about teaching at St. Tim's are the families and my coworkers. Both were so welcoming and accepting of me from day one! It really made meeting the children and developing the bond I have with each one so easy. I really feel happy coming to work everyday!

If I could sum up the 3's class in one or two sentences, I'd have to say something I once saw on a sign ... "Sorry about the laughter, volume, chaos, and mess, but we are LEARNING!"



## NOW ENROLLING FOR 2021-2022

Preschool 2s to JK

[sttimothychristianpreschool.org](http://sttimothychristianpreschool.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 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](mailto:school@stlcsj.org)**