



# Good News

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

## Pastor's Pen

Dear Friends,

A handful of years back, my dad pastored a church which caused him a lot of anguish. Some of the stories he told me were *shocking*. As I heard these stories, I felt protective and wanted to give the troublemakers a piece of my mind! What right did they have to cause my dad such grief?! After a short while, I came to the conclusion that my dad must *not* have heard the calling of God correctly, because if he had, he wouldn't have pastored that troublesome church.

As I've gotten older (and watched my crow's feet settle in!), I have re-evaluated my conclusion. Naturally, I don't *want* to believe that God would call us to a place or a people that is painful or difficult; I *want* God's calling to be filled with affirmation and joy! But Scripture gives us a plethora of examples which indicate that the way *isn't* always enjoyable. Jesus in fact tells his disciples that whoever comes after him must take up their *cross* and follow him (Matthew 16:24). He tells his disciples to *expect* hardship. Experiencing hardship, however, is not *confirmation* of following in the way of Jesus, but it is a part of the journey.

Now, I want to *assure* you that I am not writing this because there are a lot of "alligators in the water" at St. Tim's! One of the reasons I was *attracted* to St. Timothy's in my call process was because of the *health* of the congregation. We are not perfect by any means; we are all sinful and have lots of room for growth, but we *are* a healthy congregation. And that's attractive!

We are in a season of continued transition, and that is never easy, but I am compelled to encourage you to hang in there!

As I was reminded at Alek's ordination, a church needs her leaders, but she is a church and called to follow Jesus, *regardless* of who her leaders are. As we continue to come out of hibernation, we are reminded that Pastor (now Bishop) Dan is no longer the lead pastor. And we are forming new relationships with Pastor Jim. We are living into this new reality that Joe Hill has transitioned away from his long-standing ministry at St. Tim's. We affirm Anna-Marie's lead of middle school and high school ministry this summer, and await the long-term fulfillment of the roles which Joe held. We wish we could keep her on our church staff, but we affirm Emily Hindenes' calling back into the classroom. And we pray for whoever God will bring to be our next Director of Children and Family Ministry.

So that everyone is in the loop, here is a quick note on our process for our children and family ministry coverage:

1. Tony and Leslie Mazzucco will take point to organize and ready St. Tim's Kids for the fall.
2. I am pulling together a hiring team to seek out our next Director of Children and Family Ministry.
3. As soon as God brings that person to us and that person is ready, we will bring them on board.

It is a pleasure to serve you and to serve with you! Please be praying for our church, that God's kingdom will come, on earth as it is in heaven.

On the journey with you,  
Pastor Jonna

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** 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](mailto:info@stlcsj.org).

Camille Davis

The family of Jim Guise

Janie, sister of Betsy Grandey

Terri James (former member)

The family of Doris Laffan, aunt of Grace Fritzen

Grace Kimball and Doris Hohensee, relatives of Grace Fritzen

Ana Iluk

Lois Proctor, friend of the Sampsons

Debby Saethre, mother of Jonna Bohigian

Annette Simonson, friend of Marilyn Cords

Louis Sorrenti, brother of Karla Peterson

the family of Rick Schmidt, cousin of Dick Betz

# BUDGET REPORT



	General	Building
<b>OFFERINGS to date</b>	<b>\$541,743</b>	<b>\$92,942</b>
<b>SPENDING to date</b>	<b>\$645,017</b>	<b>\$145,599</b>
<b>Excess/(Shortfall)</b>	<b>(\$103,274)</b>	<b>(\$52,657)</b>

	Capital Campaign
<b>OFFERINGS to date</b>	<b>\$155,422</b>

**NEXT NEWSLETTER IS OUR  
SEPTEMBER EDITION.**  
Newsletter deadline is August 18.  
Email articles to [info@stlcsj.org](mailto:info@stlcsj.org)

## SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

**9 AM Traditional**

**11 AM Contemporary**

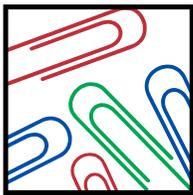
Current COVID guidelines:

Vaccinated: No mask required

Unvaccinated: Mask required indoors for those over the age of 2. Outdoors- no mask required.

## ONLINE WORSHIP

Starting August 8, we will be switching from a prerecorded online service to live recorded services. There will be a recording for the 9 am as well as the 11 am. Look for the posted service to be up on Sunday afternoons in the same website location as the current online service [stlcsj.org/watch](http://stlcsj.org/watch)



## Office Hours

**MONDAY-THURSDAY  
9 AM TO 1 PM**

Not all staff have regular hours, so it's best to schedule an appointment with them. You can find the updated list of staff emails on the staff website page:

[stlcsj.org/staff](http://stlcsj.org/staff)

# 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))

## Volunteer Opportunities

We are gathering together again! We'd love for you to be involved in our worship services. Specific positions we need volunteers for are:

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| ◆ <b>Ushers</b> (both services)                | Serving Rotation: one Sunday a month               |
| ◆ <b>Communion Assistants</b> (both services)  | Serving Rotation: about once every 2-3 months      |
| ◆ <b>Communion Prep</b> (both services)        | Serving Rotation: once a month                     |
| ◆ <b>Coffee Hosts</b> (after the 9 am service) | Serving Rotation: aiming for once every 4-6 months |

Consider volunteering! It takes a lot of people each Sunday to help things run smoothly.

If you can help out, contact Gabe at the above email or  
Beth at [info@stlcsj.org](mailto:info@stlcsj.org) or call the church office 408-264-3858.

## PHOTOS!

We want to get more photos into St. Tim's Connect! Even if you don't use St. Tim's Connect, it helps others identify a name with a face. We have options to help get all of our smiling faces online.

1. The fastest way is to upload your own photo. If you are familiar with using social media, it is just as easy to edit your profile in St. Tim's Connect. Help article: <https://chms.pushpay.com/s/article/How-To-Edit-a-Profile>
2. Email a photo to Beth and she will upload it for you. [Info@stlcsj.org](mailto:Info@stlcsj.org)
3. Have your photo taken at church on a Sunday. **Note: these are not professional photos** like we would take for a photo directory. These are individual head shot photos that volunteer photographers will take and then we will upload to St. Tim's Connect. Children and adults can participate. We will also email you a digital copy. Sign-up here to reserve your spot: <https://sttims.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/163/responses/new>

**PHOTOGRAPHY DATES:**  
**AUGUST 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29**  
10-11 am in Room B1

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## St. Timothy's 24th Annual Golf Tournament

4 member Scramble Format

October 9 @ 10 am

at Los Lagos Golf Course

28 spots so sign up early!

BYOL (bring your own lunch) or order  
yours at the turn.

Prizes for everyone!

Sign ups will start the end of August.



Cost is \$80 per player.

## FAVORITE VERSES

THURSDAYS

6:30-8:00 PM

ROOM B1

Come early at 6 pm to eat dinner together  
(bring your own food). Pastor Jim, Pastor  
Jonna, and Gabe will rotate teaching. Each  
week will be a new teaching, so come for  
one class or every class!

Last class is August 26.



## CHURCH WORK DAY

August 7

8:30 am -12 pm

Tasks for everyone from moving tanbark to  
removing cobwebs! Come for part of the day  
or just an hour or two!

## NALC FALL RETREAT

OCTOBER 15-17

HOLY CROSS LUTHERN CHURCH IN PACIFICA

COST\$50

- Find renewal and refreshment in our Christian faith through worship, fellowship, and exploring God's creation
- Welcome the newest churches in our Mission District and build community with other believers
- Go forth with a deeper commitment and understanding of the Great Commission

This includes dinner on Friday night, breakfast and lunch on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday. Come for part or all of the retreat. Pick-up a brochure in the church entryway for more details or click [here](#) for the digital version.

RSVP: Warren Finch [helo47pilot@gmail.com](mailto:helo47pilot@gmail.com)

# 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 Lutheran Church.

## NALC DISASTER RESPONSE

In the fall of 2020, St. Timothy's joined the seven other churches in our Central Pacific Mission District to become an active member of the NALC Disaster Response Team. Led by the National Coordinator, Mary Bates, our district has been learning how we can effectively respond to disasters on campus and in our local area.

One aspect of our response is collecting disaster relief supplies such as: cleaning items, hygiene kits, diapers, school supplies, blankets, and Bibles. In May, our council approved St. Timothy's storing our area's disaster relief supplies. As the largest church in our district, it is a privilege to be able to support this ministry. Over the next few months, we are expecting the arrival of a 20' trailer that will be parked in the empty lot over by the Carter parking lot. We hope to fill this trailer to the brim with disaster relief supplies! Stay tuned to learn how you can help.

NALC Disaster Response also includes:

- Mission trips to active disasters
- Servant events at the warehouse in Caldwell, Ohio
- Community Disaster Preparedness Training, held at Holy Cross, Pacifica this October
- Family and Church Preparedness, including creating Survival Kits and updating our church's Emergency Response Plan
- Installing an AED to be more readily prepared for a medical emergency on campus
- A team of prayer warriors to support those involved in any disaster

This past year has involved much research, many emails, and plenty of Zoom calls between our district churches. We have learned a lot! Be on the lookout for more ways to help as we start to put some of these plans into action!



## SOUTH VALLEY FISH FOOD PANTRY

The South Valley FISH Food Pantry ("FISH") started up on our St. Timothy's campus back in October of 2016. Our mission quickly outgrew our pantry space in Carter and moved to our current, Camden Ave., location in A1, A2 and A3 in September of 2019. Demand for our services dramatically increased when the COVID-19 pandemic began, and shelter-in-place orders went into place in the Bay Area. Prior to the pandemic, we served on average 28 families per week, and now, we are serving an average of 45 families per week – with new families coming each week.

Exciting news for our FISH ministry is the upcoming renovation project. Thanks to our generous supporter, later this month, we will begin construction to open up the interior walls between our three rooms to allow for easier flow. In addition, we are updating our flooring to remove the carpet, adding a more durable water-proof laminate and upgrading our shelving and freezer storage.

It takes many helping hands to keep our operation going each week. Averaging 30 volunteers weekly, FISH is able to meet the growing demand from our community. Volunteer positions include the following: restocking shelves, prepping the bags of food, picking up food from Trader Joe's and Smart & Final (grocery rescue program), picking up food at Second Harvest, distribution, shopping and callers (returning client calls). We are truly blessed to have so many amazing helping hands, and can always use more. Please reach out to [fishpantryvolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:fishpantryvolunteer@gmail.com) if you would like to get involved.





Leslie and Tony Mazzucco will be taking the lead in organizing Children's Ministry during the search for the next director. They have both been very involved in our Children's Ministry for more years than we could count! They are busy planning for the fall, and we will send out updates as soon as a plan is formalized.

Pastor Jonna is heading up the team looking for our next Director of Children and Family Ministry. Please keep this team in your prayers as they begin this search.



## St. Timothy's MOPS is now registering moms for Fall 2021!

All moms are invited to join us as we seek to live life ALL FOR LOVE!

Coming this Fall - MOPS and MomsNext!

We are a group of moms who support each other through the joys and challenges of motherhood. We encourage moms through resources, speakers, mentorship, and friendship - all pertinent to our roles as mothers, wives, and women.

Are you pregnant? Do you have toddlers, preschoolers, or school-age kids? We'd love to have you join this awesome cohort of women! **FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER, VISIT [www.stlcsj.org/mops](http://www.stlcsj.org/mops)**

**MOPS Park Day! August 4 from 9:30-11:30 am at Belgatos Park**

Meet us at the park! Email [mops@stlcsj.org](mailto:mops@stlcsj.org) for additional information.

## NURSERY IS NOW OPEN FOR BOTH WORSHIP SERVICES!



Rashell Percy will be staffing our nursery this summer. Rashell is a church member and former St. Timothy's Preschool teacher. She is currently attending school for her teaching credential.

The nursery is looking for individuals interested in covering a shift 9 am - 10 am or an entire weekend 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. If this is something that you would be interested in, please get in touch with Rashell Percy at [rashell.percy@gmail.com](mailto:rashell.percy@gmail.com)

The Nursery is located in Room B3 (across from the Sanctuary) and is open for children up to the age of 5 years for both 9 & 11 am services. Current COVID rules for children's programming requires everyone over 2 years old to wear a mask. Parents— be sure to sign-in and sign-out your children at the kiosk.





## St. Timothy's Christian Preschool

Hello St. Tim's!

We have had a GREAT time at Summer Camp the last 6 weeks being artists, scientists, farmers, learning about bugs and enjoying some refreshing water play on those hot days!!



We are excited to announce that we have reached almost full capacity with over 60 students currently enrolled for the upcoming school year! We are also welcoming 4 new teachers/aides to our staff and can't wait to introduce them to you!

We look forward to our Orientation on Aug. 16th and school starting on the 17th!



We continue to thank you for your support and prayers! We pray you are all well and healthy!

In Christ,

Jeanette Adams - Preschool Director  
Katy Stamos - Preschool Admin.

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## SUMMER CORNER STONE

MIDDLE AND  
HIGH SCHOOL

WEDNESDAYS  
6-8 PM  
YOUTH HOUSE

We start together with dinner and worship then break off into our respective small groups. We then end the night with a game. The Youth House will be open every week after Cornerstone until 9:00 pm to hang out or play air hockey or foosball.

## St. Tim's Youth Summer Calendar

7/29

### Pool Time

Pinehurst Cabana Club  
from 12-4pm.

Bring your own lunch or money for the snack shack!

8/5

### Hiking & Lunch!

10am-1pm. Belgatos Park  
Bring a packed lunch and a blanket. We will hike, eat lunch, and hang out.

8/18

### Good-Bye Summer!

### Pool Party & BBQ

6-8 pm. Stahlkes' House  
We will have dinner and swim!

## UPCOMING EVENTS—SAVE THE DATE!

September 22: Lisa's Baby Shower

October 29: Halloween Party

Check us out in Instagram



@sttims\_youth

Contact Anna-Marie if you have any questions  
about Youth Ministry!

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