

Good News

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



Pastor's Pen

As we enter into the month of November, our thoughts are often pulled toward the celebration of Thanksgiving. I love the idea of a month of giving thanks. Philippians 4 reminds us to rejoice in the Lord and then to bring our requests to God with thanksgiving. It also reminds us to focus on the good and honorable things in our lives.

While our faith communities in the United States are asked by our President to come together to give God thanks on the appointed day of Thanksgiving, I am reminded that every day is a day to recognize the goodness of God and to give thanks. Too often the struggles of our lives can bring with them blinders that seek to prevent us from noticing the good that is present in the midst of our challenges. Giving thanks to God lifts our eyes to notice that He is active and present as well as trustworthy and always good.

Even through the ongoing struggles of this pandemic, God has richly gifted our St. Timothy's faith family. I give thanks for you. I give thanks for your willingness to step up to help those who ask. I give thanks for your willingness to follow your passions and the Holy Spirit's promptings as you use the blessings you have received to bless others. I give thanks that you

believe, trust and hope that God can work through you to make amazing things happen.

In addition to giving God thanks in this month of November, I encourage you to look around to see those who have been a blessing to you. Be intentional about thanking them for the gift that they are in your life. Some of the people that jump to my mind are the members of the Leadership Council that have served you faithfully throughout this season. I am also mindful of the wonderful team of people who are working with our children on Sunday mornings. I am grateful for the folks that are making sure we have coffee and treats to share during our fellowship time. I am delighted to have our choir back, along with all of the talented musicians who serve to lift our hearts with music. I am grateful to the faithful group of people who work behind the scenes to make Sunday morning happen. And I am immensely grateful to our staff for the great work they do.

Thank you for your part in making St. Timothy's a community where the good news of Jesus is lived out in tangible ways. Thank you for being a part of cultivating an attitude of gratitude as we journey together in this holiday season.

Thankful for you,
Pastor Jim Cords

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

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.

Jack Lindquist
Tom & Bette Jorgensen
Janie, sister of Betsy Grandey
Margarito Arellano Cardoso, FISH Client
Pat Fritz, friend of the Sampsons
Donna Ovens, former member
Lee Ruud, brother of Mailyn Cords

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/>
3. Offerings can also be brought to worship on Sunday mornings.

BUDGET REPORT

	General	Building
OFFERINGS to date	\$760,272	\$133,020
SPENDING to date	\$930,349	\$60,151
Excess/(Shortfall)	(\$170,077)	\$72,869

	Capital Campaign
OFFERINGS to date	\$193,112

STEWARDSHIP PACKETS

November is the month when we start planning for the year ahead. You will soon be receiving a packet of **2022 Stewardship Commitments**, which is intended to help you make commitments in both worship attendance (in-person or at home), as well as financial support of the congregation. Both are important. When you worship, you honor God with your presence and your singing, and receive strength for the week ahead. It's our financial support which makes it possible to do what we do as a congregation.

Your Stewardship Commitments may be returned by one of these methods: U.S. Mail, in-person at worship, or with the online form (link coming to your email soon).

SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

9 AM Traditional

11 AM Contemporary

Current COVID guidelines:

INDOORS—Mask required for those over the age of 2. **OUTDOORS**—no mask required.

ONLINE WORSHIP

Videos are live recorded at both morning worship services. Recordings will be available in the afternoon on our website: [stlcsj.org/watch](https://www.stlcsj.org/watch)



MONDAY-THURSDAY 9 AM TO 3 PM
OFFICE CLOSED NOVEMBER 25 & 26

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](https://www.stlcsj.org/staff)

FREE!

ST. TIMOTHY'S CHURCH &
PRESCHOOL PRESENTS

FRONT LAWN
12:30PM - 2:30PM

SUNDAY
NOVEMBER
21

FALL FEST

FESTIVAL FOR EVERYONE

LIVE MUSIC - FUN GAMES -
BOUNCE HOUSES - BBQ
PARTY - PETTING ZOO

† ST. TIMOTHY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



South Valley FISH Food Pantry

"Love your neighbor" Mark 12:31

On October 26, South Valley FISH had the privilege of receiving a District 9 Star Award from the City of San Jose. This award was presented by Councilmember Pam Foley during the City Council Meeting. Nominated by one of our faithful FISH volunteers, Kathy Meyers, FISH was recognized for our leadership and service in the Cambrian Community for ensuring that individuals and families who are food insecure, get the help they need. Our leadership team feels blessed and humbled to accept this award on behalf of FISH, as we know our pantry would not be possible to stay open without all of our 80+ faithful volunteers. Thank you for all you do!!!

Click [here](#) to read Pam Foley's blog about the 2021 District 9 Star Awards.



SCHOLARSHIP

We are pleased to announce that St. Timothy's Lutheran Church is again offering Legacy Fund scholarships to recent high school graduates. Scholarship recipients will receive \$1000 toward college tuition and fees, with payment made directly to the student.

ELIGIBILITY FOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The following criteria must be met to qualify for scholarship award under the program:

1. The applicant must be affiliated with an NALC congregation within the Central Pacific Mission District.
2. The applicant must have graduated from high school within the past two years and must have either started their first year of post-secondary school during 2021 or be planning to start no later than April 2022.
3. The applicant may not have previously received a scholarship under the program.
4. The applicant must return an application package (application form, an attached essay, a copy of the acceptance letter or proof of admittance from the school, and a letter of reference).

APPLICATION

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 3, 2021.

We have much for which to give thanks. One great way to express our gratitude is to give out of our abundance to help those in need.

On Thank Offering Sunday, **we invite you to bring hams, whole chickens, and turkeys. Please bring chickens & turkeys frozen.** Chickens and hams will be distributed to our community through our FISH Food Pantry, and turkeys through CityTeam. Look for the barrels outside of church to place your donation.

It is also the last Sunday to **bring your shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child.**

THANK OFFERING SUNDAY



NOVEMBER 21

Thanksgiving Service

**Wednesday, November 24
5:30 pm in the Sanctuary**

Offerings received this day will go in support of the NALC Disaster Relief (through the rebuilding of Mekane Yesus Seminary in Ethiopia).

Click [here](#) to find out more
(The NALC Newsletter page 16).

No Lunch Bunch in November but we are taking
reservations for the December Event!

**Thursday, December 9
at 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall
\$20 per person**

Christmas Music with Tom Jorgensen at Piano

**Catered Tri-Tip Steak & Salmon Lunch
Veggies, Salad, and Rolls
All by our Super-Chef Greg
Drinks and Dessert**

Reservations are required for this special event, so please call Betsy Grandey at (408) 629-6093 or Betty Rhodes at (408) 628-4799. Each lunch attendee must pay by Friday, December 3.

Checks payable to St. Timothy's Lutheran Church.

Lunch Bunch is a St. Tim's fellowship group open to ALL. Always a social time, great lunch and an entertaining program. We welcome new attendees.

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.



St. Timothy's became a part of the newly-formed NALC in 2011, after a season of discernment to determine which denomination might better align with our values. The NALC's care for the authority of Scripture and affirmation of women clergy were among the values which contributed to this affiliation.

What was anticipated to be a small denomination in its conception, has continued to grow over the years, stretching the minimalist structure thin. Cautious of a top-heavy and onerous structure, the NALC has slowly integrated additional positions to support the congregational need. To that end, the 2021 Convocation of clergy and lay delegates in Corpus Christi, Texas, offered a strong vote of support for the implementation of four Regional Assistants to the Bishop. These regional assistants will support Bishop Dan in his leadership and care of pastors in the more than 450 congregations in the NALC.

As Bishop Dan shared in his sermon at St. Tim's a few months ago, the NALC has focused their efforts into a ten-point 2020 Vision. This vision includes a plan of action with department leads in the areas of: Disciple-Making, Congregational Multiplication, Pastoral Support, Continuing Education, Continental Restructuring, the Seminary System, Technology and Communication, Ecumenical Relationships, Financial Strength, and Strategic Planning.

We are thankful for the work of God through the NALC and our partnership in it.



St. Timothy's voted to become associated with LCMC at our Annual Congregational Meeting in January, 2021. As you may notice in the name, LCMC is not a denomination, but is an association of churches who ascribe to similar values. That being the case, St. Timothy's was able to join LCMC without compromising our commitment to the NALC. (Quite a number of churches are dual-affiliated with the NALC and LCMC, in fact.)

As our Leadership Council considered this opportunity to dual-affiliate, there were a number of considerations which encouraged this recommendation. One of the considerations was for future Call Teams – affiliating with LCMC increases the pastoral candidacy pool. Another consideration was that before coming to St. Timothy's, Pastor Jim was the chair of the LCMC Ministry Board, and in order to continue would need to be a part of an LCMC congregation. (The council wanted to encourage the continuation of that ministry for Pastor Jim.) A third consideration was a greater network of sister congregations, partnering in ministry to advance the work of the kingdom of God.

We look forward to seeing what the Holy Spirit will do with this new affiliation, as we join LCMC's Annual Gathering every other year, and partner with sister congregations in ministry.



Check children in at kiosk. Children sit with their parents for the beginning of worship and will be dismissed after the Children's Message to teachers. They can be picked up after worship at their classroom. If you attend 11 am worship, bring your children to the check-in kiosk by 9:10 am.

NOTE: No St. Tim's Kids on November 28.

NURSERY CARE 6 months to 5 years

Located in room B3

(across from the Sanctuary)

Looking for a safe place for your children to be while attending worship? The nursery is open all morning!

First Communion Information

First Communion instruction for all 5th graders (and older students if they are not communing yet), will begin on November 7 from 4-5:30 pm in Room B1.

This is a 4-week course, intended to give students basic understanding around the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and anticipating their first communion on December 12.

If you need more information, contact Pastor Jonna jonna.bohigian@stlcsj.org or 408-264-3858, ext 138.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES **It's Shoebox Time!**

You are invited to help spread the gospel to children throughout the world! You can do this by helping pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

PACKING PARTY

We will be having multiple days for individuals or groups to come in and pack shoeboxes in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to participate in this event, click [here](#).



DONATIONS

We are looking for donations for our church packing party. Donations can be brought on Sunday mornings or to the office during the week, **by NOVEMBER 7th**. Take a tag from the donation tree in the church entryway. We also have a Sign-up Genius form with the items we are collecting to go in shoeboxes. Click [here](#).

ONLINE SHOEBOX

You can also pack a shoebox from the comfort of your own home. Many of these shoeboxes go to hard to reach areas. You can select all of the various items you would like to go in the shoebox as well as a note and a picture. If you would like to do that, please click [here](#).



DROP-OFF CENTER

St. Tim's is also a Drop-Off Center, a site other churches bring their completed boxes and get to the right shipping locations. The Drop-Off Center will be open November 15-22. If you are interested in helping at the Drop-Off Center or would like more information, please contact Debbie Bauman at debbie@bspan.com or 408-930-2287.

For more information about Operation Christmas Child, here's a great video:
<https://video.samaritanaspurse.org/taking-the-gospel-to-the-ends-of-the-earth/>



St. Timothy's Christian Preschool

We had a super successful Back to School Night!

We are so thankful to have so many parents that take the time to come find out what their children are up to at school!



Mrs. Adams,
Mrs. Cass &
Mrs. Katie



Mrs. M's Pre-K parents!



Mrs. Shawnese & Mrs. Sherene with our JK parents!



Our beautiful school library!



Ms. V and Ms. Susan's 3's parents!



Mrs. Miller's social 2's parents!

FUN at the
pumpkin
patch!!



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

6TH-12TH GRADE

DEEPER

1ST & 3RD SUNDAYS

4:00-5:30 PM

YOUTH HOUSE

Join us as we dig deeper into
Scripture and prayer.



PACKING EVENT
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17
6:00 PM

Join us for a service project for OCC.



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 end the night with a game. The Youth House will be open every week after Cornerstone until 8:30 pm.

No Cornerstone November 24.

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

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Check us out on Instagram

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

