



Good News

ST. TIMOTHY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

JANUARY 2022

Pastor's Pen

Happy New Year! We of course have no idea what the new year will bring, but we do know that we are in the hands of God who loves us and takes care of us. That is wonderful assurance. With that assurance we seek to live our lives in the goodness of God's love and grace.

One of the texts from the Bible that creates a deep yearning in my soul comes from Luke 24:27 "And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself." Wouldn't it be amazing to learn from Jesus the deep truths throughout the scripture? I certainly think so. Where then does that leave us? We have the Bible and all that the Holy Spirit reveals to us in it.

I have found that having God's Word in my heart and mind each day tunes my heart to the Holy Spirit's promptings. I believe that we can indeed hear the voice of God in and for our lives through the Bible. This is why we are launching the "Hearing God's Voice" initiative for 2022. This initiative has a daily reading plan that takes us through the Old Testament once and the New Testament twice in the year.

This is really a reading plan more than a Bible Study plan. In the approximately 4 chapters to be read each day, you

pray for the Holy Spirit to make one verse (or thought) capture your attention. Then using the SOAP method of journaling you look closer at the verse and ask God what He is trying to say to you in it. You finish journaling by praying for God's strength and help to live out what you have found there.

The final step in this process is then to connect with someone in your life to talk about it. This conversation helps both you and them to be more aware of and confident in God's movement in your life.

Marilyn has the powerful experience of having been asked to share her SOAPing experience. The immediate thought that came to her mind was "living in the Promises of God." The journey through the scripture created in her an abiding sense of God's faithfulness and a strength of conviction that she could live in the assurance of God's promises.

The journey of St. Tim's through 2022 will no doubt bring our faith community this same confidence, assurance and strength of faith. I am excited to see what God will do in and through us as we hear and respond to His daily voice in our lives.

Pastor Jim Cords



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.

George McCarthy

Wendy Zurich

Dave and Beth, nephew & niece of George McCarthy

Kristin Filor, mother of Lutz Filor

Betty Tom, mother-in-law of Bill Mowson's friend, Scott
family of Evelyn Finch, Warren Finch's mother

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

Recordings are available in the afternoon on our website:
stlcsj.org/watch

BUDGET REPORT

| | General | Building |
|---------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| OFFERINGS to date | 1,318,851 | 174,911 |
| SPENDING to date | 1,165,871 | 108,894 |
| Excess/(Shortfall) | 152,980 | 66,017 |

| | Capital Campaign |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| OFFERINGS to date | 235,764 |

*Final 2021 Financial Report will be in the Annual Report
available by January 23, 2022.*

2 WAYS TO GIVE

1. Mail your offering to church or drop off in the offering plate on Sundays. 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/>

Annual Congregational Meeting

*Sunday, January 30 @ 12:30 pm
Fellowship Hall*

Annual Reports will be available by January 23, 2022.

This will be an in-person meeting with lunch served at 12:00 pm. If you are not eating lunch, plan to come a few minutes ahead of the 12:30 start time to grab a seat so we can get started on time.

The second vote on our Constitutional changes will be a business item for this meeting. The first vote was held in December and the second vote is necessary for the changes to take effect.

Click [here](#) for the explanation to the changes.

Click [here](#) to see the changes in the Constitution.

Read through the Bible in a Year with S.O.A.P.

"How to S.O.A.P."

S.O.A.P. is an acronym for Scripture-Observation-Application-Prayer. It is a journaling method to memorialize our daily reading of Scripture. Daily devotions (reading and journaling) is a great spiritual discipline to assist you in your walk with Christ. All that is needed is a Bible, writing instrument, and paper. You can save your journals and review them periodically to see how God is speaking to you over time.*

Scripture As you read the chapters for each day, ask the Holy Spirit to prompt you through God's Word. Take your time reading and allow God to speak to you. When you are done, look for a verse that stood out to you, and write that **Scripture** verse in your journal.

Observation Write down what you think God is saying to you in this verse. Look before and after the verse seeking to understand what it is communicating. In your journal next to the letter "O," write out this **observation** in your own words.

Application Ask yourself how this verse applies to your life right now. Perhaps it is instruction, encouragement, revelation of a new promise, or a correction for a particular area of your life. Next to the "A," write out how this idea can be **applied** to your life.

Prayer This is a **prayer** to ask God to help you live out what has been revealed to you in this time. Remember, prayer is a two-way conversation, so be sure to listen to what God has to say! Write it out next to the "P". You may also write down other concerns that come to mind that you want to give over to God's keeping.

*There are journals and bookmarks with the readings in the church entryway. If you have not gotten one yet, please pick one up at worship.

JANUARY BIBLE READING PLAN

- ☐ 1- Genesis 1,2; Luke 1
- ☐ 2- Genesis 3-5; Luke 2
- ☐ 3- Genesis 6-8; Luke 3
- ☐ 4- Genesis 9-11; Luke 4
- ☐ 5- Genesis 12-14; Luke 5
- ☐ 6- Genesis 15-17; Luke 6
- ☐ 7- Genesis 18,19; Psalm 3; Luke 7
- ☐ 8- Genesis 20-22; Luke 8
- ☐ 9- Genesis 23,24; Luke 9
- ☐ 10- Genesis 25,26; Psalm 6; Luke 10
- ☐ 11- Genesis 27,28; Psalm 4; Luke 11
- ☐ 12- Genesis 29,30; Luke 12
- ☐ 13- Genesis 31-33; Luke 13
- ☐ 14- Genesis 34-36; Luke 14
- ☐ 15- Genesis 37,38; Psalm 7; Luke 15
- ☐ 16- Genesis 39-41; Luke 16
- ☐ 17- Genesis 42,43; Psalm 5; Luke 17
- ☐ 18- Genesis 44-46; Luke 18
- ☐ 19- Genesis 47,48; Psalm 10; Luke 19
- ☐ 20- Genesis 49,50; Psalm 8; Luke 20
- ☐ 21- Exodus 1,2; Psalm 88; Luke 21
- ☐ 22- Exodus 3-5; Luke 22
- ☐ 23- Exodus 6-8; Luke 23
- ☐ 24- Exodus 9-11; Luke 24
- ☐ 25- Exodus 12,13; Psalm 21; Acts 1
- ☐ 26- Exodus 14-16; Acts 2
- ☐ 27- Exodus 17-20; Acts 3
- ☐ 28- Exodus 21,22; Psalm 12; Acts 4
- ☐ 29- Exodus 23,24; Psalm 14; Acts 5
- ☐ 30- Exodus 25-27; Acts 6
- ☐ 31- Exodus 28,29; Acts 7



Join a Grow Group!

Find out more about groups here and consider joining one!

www.stlcsj.org/grow-groups/

Get Connected

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

Contact Gabe Tseng

Director of Discipleship & Connections

(gabriel.tseng@stlcsj.org)



Dear St. Timothy's,

Words can't quite express our gratitude for your support, kindness, and generosity. Your Christmas gift to us pastors is an incredible encouragement, and we are continually amazed by your generosity. It is an honor and privilege to serve with and alongside you for the building of God's kingdom. We are honored to be your pastors and look forward to what God has in store for us and through us in the year to come.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!
Pastors Jim C., Jonna, Jim and Judy



ST. TIMOTHY'S CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

PRESCHOOL 2s – Pre-K

Small Classes | Loving Teachers and Staff

**Open Enrollment for 2022-2023
starts Tuesday, January 18!**

sttimothyschristianpreschool.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 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

Operation Christmas Child

Thank you so much for the support of Operation Christmas Child this year. As a church, we packed 312 amazing shoeboxes, which was well above our goal! As a drop-off center, we collected 1753 shoeboxes from various churches, families, and organizations in our area. It is amazing to know that so many children will be blessed with both a shoebox and hearing the gospel message! Our shoeboxes are headed to Madagascar and Thailand, places our boxes have never gone to before! Thank you so much for all of your support to bless so many children and teach them about the love of God!!



St. Timothy's Lunch Bunch Program

Thursday, January 27

at 12:00 noon

in Fellowship Hall

Leslie Frates will share her experiences while as a Jeopardy contestant. Well, maybe some of her experiences, as she has a real history in Jeopardy. Many dollars won, many sessions won, and playing against some titans. Don't miss this program.

Lunch is provided by the Board and includes soups, salad and rolls. Drinks and dessert always included. Cost is bargain \$10. Reservations are preferred for this event, so please call Betsy Grandey at (408) 629-6093 or Betty Rhodes at (408) 628-4799. If you prefer your own food for lunch, that is OK and there is no charge. Just come for this special Jeopardy experience with Leslie Frates! Lunch Bunch is a fellowship group open to ALL. New attendees are always welcome.

Legacy Fund Scholarship Award for 2021

The St. Timothy's Legacy Fund is a resource that has been built up from planned gifts, typically from members of this congregation or their estates, that is separate from the church budget. Again this year, the Leadership Council authorized scholarship awards from the earnings of this fund to recent high school graduates from congregations within the NALC Central Pacific Mission District of which we are a part.

We are pleased to announce that a Legacy Fund Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 has been awarded to Dylan Wagner to assist him with fees and expenses as he furthers his education at University of the Pacific. Dylan is the son of Jeff and Sara Wagner and has been very much shaped by his experiences at St. Timothy's. He was a student at the school from preschool through the fifth grade, was active in our youth group and Mexico-Mission Team, and participated in our worship team. The latter experience was an influence in his choosing to pursue a degree in Music Industry Studies.

We want to share with you an excerpt from the essay that was a key part of Dylan's scholarship application: "The support from St. Timothy's and its community have been paramount in forming who I am today. I have so many wonderful people that have done wonderful things in my life and the lives of others that I can look to as examples of how to carry myself, with God as my light. St. Timothy's is where I have grown up and its community has motivated me to try to have a heart of service, gratitude, and faith."

Please congratulate Dylan and encourage him in his continuing education and development as a follower of Christ.

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.

Correctional Institutions Chaplaincy

Pastor Judy has been our boots on the ground chaplain with CIC since 2017, a ministry which provides spiritual support for each incarcerated person in Santa Clara County. In August, CIC was able to host their first in-person volunteer chaplain training since the jails suspended in-person programming due to COVID-19. Chaplain Angel Hernandez, Associate Director and Facility Chaplain at Elmwood Men's recounted this story:

"One time in December, I went to Elmwood for some visits. I had to use the visitor phones since contact visiting was still not an option due to COVID. Men would tell me their hurts, some would tell me their joys, some would only be emotional. I listened, watched and tried to let them know that they can keep doing what they feel they need to while I am there. If it's more tears, cry. If it's more story, share. Because of limited access, some people were only seen once.

A few weeks ago, I received a request to visit an individual. He walked into the room and sat down. He was winded. As he began to talk, he wept and stuttered. I let him know that there was no hurry, to catch his breath. He said, "One time in December, you came and saw me." He said, "You came in and stayed as I shared about my life, my hurts, my current situation and my dreams." He continued, "I cried and you stayed, I yelled and you stayed, I laughed and you stayed." He said, "I would have left, but you stayed and I was able to keep sharing and started believing in myself." He wanted to say thank you. He also insisted, "Don't stop coming in. There are many people like me who need people like you to come and sit with us, to hear us, to lift us up, to empower us, to bring us back."

ONE TIME with an individual can change their life.

Convalescent Hospital Ministry

CHM has many from St. Tim's that provide ministry to those convalescing in care facilities. President, Ida Stickland, wrote this update and word of thanks:

In 2020 and part of 2021, nursing homes were closed and CHM was not able to send teams in for services. During that time, team members did their best to keep in touch with residents with cards, gifts of activity books and magazines and occasional cookies to the staff.

This past summer, one of our teams was able to return to regular ministry at Mission Skilled Nursing in Santa Clara. And in October, Almaden Care and Rehab allowed our team to start services. We were able to serve communion for the first time at the request of the residents! We've not been able to go on a regular schedule because the facility has had several quarantine periods that have conflicted with service times.

At Almaden, the activity director asked for donations of small gifts for the residents, most of whom have no family. Our appeal to churches was very successful. Gift bags were distributed to the residents. Also, CHM has provided funds for special gifts of sweatshirts that were needed. We're hoping to be able to fund some needs at other facilities as well.

We are in the process of finding other nursing homes that would like services brought in to them. We will need a major drive in 2022 to find volunteers to help at these facilities, since many of our past volunteers are not available to us after this length of time.

The CHM board is so appreciative of the support we've received during this difficult time and we're looking forward to what God has for us in the new year!

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MIDDLE SCHOOL &
HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

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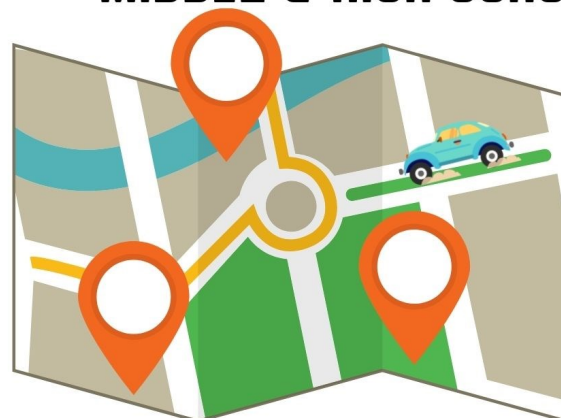
MIDDLE AND
HIGH SCHOOL

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.

Cornerstone returns January 5.

SCAVENGER HUNT MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL



FRIDAY, JANUARY 28
7:00-9:00 PM
@THE YOUTH HOUSE

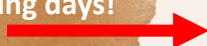
See Anna-Marie to sign-up.

6TH-12TH GRADE

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NOTE: New meeting days!



2ND & 4TH SUNDAYS

4:00-5:30 PM

YOUTH HOUSE

Join us as we dig deeper into Scripture and prayer.