



Good News

ST. TIMOTHY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
DECEMBER 2021

Pastor's Pen

O come, o come, Immanuel!

Immanuel, God with us, is what our hearts long for. As St. Augustine wrote in his Confessions, "You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in You." We are desperate for him – for his presence and his healing, his comfort and his love, for Jesus to be born in us.


Our longing finds a home in the season of Advent. It is a season of anticipation, beauty, mystery, pain, and most importantly, hope.

Our longing for hope is strong, stronger than usual, because of the season of sickness and death that continues to linger around us. We are creatures who long for hope, and in this season we remember that we *have* hope, because Jesus was born into our world to become like us to live and die for us that first advent, and he will come again. He will come again, in his second advent, and he will make all things right. One day, the brokenness of this world and the brokenness that we experience in our own hearts will be made new and in right relationship with God. What a glorious day that will be!

I invite you to journey with us this Advent, and to celebrate Christmas with us! Advent devotionals and candles will be made available for every child, youth, adult, and family. You are welcome to pick one up at any time! Advent will be celebrated during Sunday morning worship services. On December 12th, we will celebrate Holy Communion for the first time with our 5th grade students who have participated in the First Communion class. That will truly be special! December 19th, we will hear beautiful music in our Christmas Cantata, combining the voices and instruments of our St. Timothy's family and other gifted musicians. And then, we will celebrate Christ's birth on Christmas Eve, with services at 3, 5, 7, and 9. Childcare for ages 0 – 5 will be provided at the 3 and 5 o'clock services, to offer support to any families who might appreciate that extra help. Traditional style worship will be at the 3, 7 and 9 o'clock services, with contemporary at 5 o'clock.

I am thankful to be a part of this Advent journey with you,

Pastor Jonna



Come celebrate the
birth of our Savior

Christmas Eve

3pm 5pm* 7pm 9pm

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

*5 pm Contemporary Team

St. Timothy's Lunch Bunch

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 are payable to St. Timothy's Lutheran Church.

If you prefer your own food for lunch, that is OK and there is no charge. Please RSVP so the appropriate amount of tables and chairs are set-up!

Monthly Lunch Bunch is a fellowship group open to ALL. New attendees are always welcome.

Young Adult Fellowship CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 16
6-9 pm (dinner provided)
at the Valles House

Bring a \$10 wrapped gift for the gift exchange (a gift you would want)

DECEMBER MEETINGS @ YOUTH HOUSE
DECEMBER 2 & 9 @ 7:00 PM.
No meetings December 23 & 30.



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.

Anne Herbert
Joyce Versteeg
Becky, friend of Marilyn Cords
Stefan, friend of Bill Mowson
Toni, friend of James Moore
Todd Nelsen, nephew of Virginia Frank
Diane Tribe, sister-in-law of Betsy Beech
the family of Martin Zavala (preschool family)
the family of Bill Duerkson (former member)
for the family of Justin Ebner,
friend of the Collier family



BUDGET REPORT

	General	Building
OFFERINGS to date	\$852,631	\$149, 001
SPENDING to date	\$1,039,303	\$75,850
Excess/(Shortfall)	(\$186,672)	\$73,151

	Capital Campaign
OFFERINGS to date	\$211,587

Offering Envelopes for 2022

are available for pick-up in the church entryway
through December 12. Stop by and grab yours to
help save on postage for the church.

Contact Beth if you need envelopes issued to you,
can't find yours, or you no longer need envelopes.

Email: info@stlcsj.org

Phone: 408-264-3858

December Worship Schedule

December 5– 9 am Traditional & 11 am Contemporary
6 pm Children's Christmas Pageant

December 12– 9 am Traditional & 11 am Contemporary

December 19– 9 am & 11 am Cantata

December 24– 3, 5, 7, 9 pm Candlelight Worship

December 26– 10 am Traditional (one service only)

Normal schedule resumes January 2

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.

Mercy Mobile

Since November 2014, St. Timothy's has had a fruitful relationship with the CHAM Mercy Mobile and Pastor Scott Wagers. Mercy Mobile delivers desperately needed clothing, food, and supplies to the homeless, and it's bringing attention to the homelessness crisis in our community.

Our congregation supports this life-changing ministry by financial support and donations including blankets, tents, clothes, hygiene kits, food and other necessities. Numerous St. Timothy's members, including our youth, volunteer to distribute these donations to various encampments and have witnessed the reality of homelessness throughout Silicon Valley.

In addition to serving the homeless community, Mercy Mobile began a campaign to educate church groups, students, the press, athletes, politicians, and anyone who is interested in learning the reality of homelessness in our city. Their work has inspired other churches and organizations to create mobile services for the unhoused such as portable showers, clothes closets, and laundry services.

We ask you to pray for Mercy Mobile, that God will guide and strengthen them as they continue to create new, effective homeless ministries to meet the challenges posed by today's growing crisis.

To learn more about Mercy Mobile, visit www.mercy-mobile.com.



[CLICK HERE TO SEE MORE PHOTOS](#)

CityTeam Ministries

CityTeam's mission is to share Christ's unconditional and redemptive love by caring for the immediate needs of thousands of men, women, and children struggling with food insecurity, homelessness, domestic violence, and other life disabling circumstances and behaviors.

St. Timothy's continues to support CityTeam with financial gifts and donations, and our members continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus by sharing their spiritual gifts through many volunteer opportunities. Some of those opportunities include serving hot meals to those who are homeless and hungry, conducting Bible studies, and serving as spiritual mentors to men and women who are in recovery. Our congregation was blessed to provide an additional financial gift this year to assist City Team in the acquisition of Grace Village Apartment Complex. The complex will add 50 apartments and provide much-needed transitional, supportive housing for vulnerable women and children in the Bay Area.

Here are some of their accomplishments over the past twelve months:

- Acquisition of Grace Village Apartment Complex
- 10,000 meals provided daily to local communities
- 29 graduates completed one-year residential programs, achieved sobriety, secured stable housing and employment.
- 2,500 backpacks with a pair of shoes distributed to underserved youth in our community to start the school year.
- 34 mobile pantries serving families in need across the South Bay and the Peninsula.
- 8 pop-up closets providing clothes, coats and shoes to low-income neighborhoods and schools.

God's work continues to shine through our partners at CityTeam.

For more information about CityTeam and volunteer opportunities, please visit www.cityteam.org/sanjose.

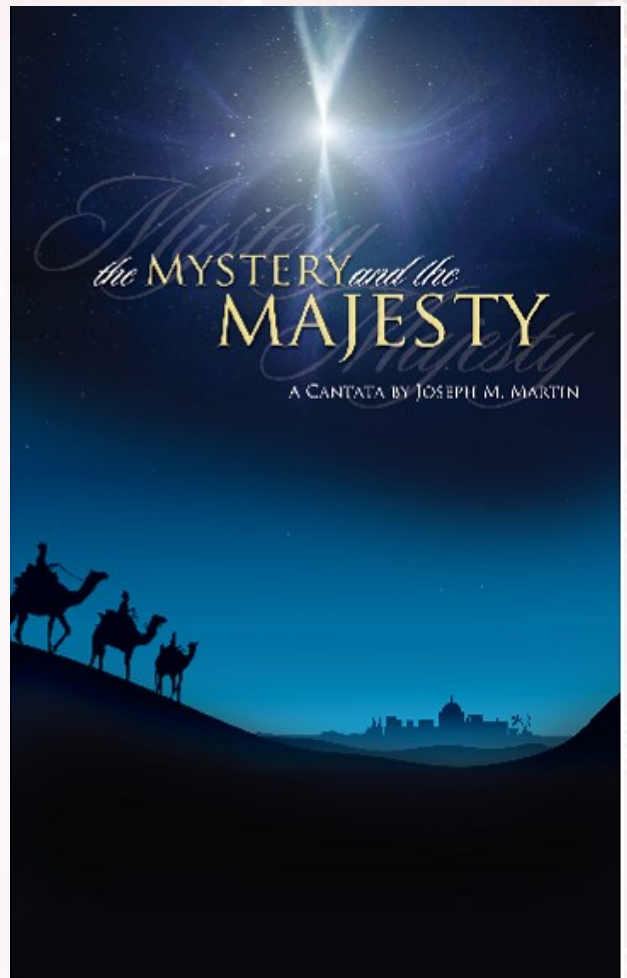
For more information about the Spiritual Mentor ministry, please contact Michael Stamos
Michaelstamospersonal@gmail.com

Cantata Sunday, December 19 9:00 am and 11:00 am

"Each year during the Christmas season we pause to consider the miracle of Christ's birth. We are swept away by the wonder of it all, thrilled and amazed at the magnificent grace that brought God's perfect light into our world of darkness." -- Joseph M. Martin

From jubilant glorias to gentle manger lullabies, the cantata, *The Mystery and the Majesty*, celebrates the wonder and splendor of Christmas. Traditional carols and newly composed seasonal anthems blend with thoughtful narration to tell the story of the birth of Christ.

**Invite your friends,
neighbors, and family!**



Family Advent Devotionals

Pick up an Advent devotional to count down the days until Christmas.

There are sets of candles along with devotional booklets for teens/adults and children.



Just a few minutes each day can help keep Jesus at the center of this Advent season!

Special Congregational Meeting

There will be a Special Congregational Meeting to vote on Constitution and Bylaw changes. Any changes to our Constitution requires two votes, so this will be the first vote. If it passes, the second vote will be at the Annual Meeting on **January 30, 2022**. The **only business at the special meeting** will be to vote on the changes to the two documents. The proposed changes are posted on St. Tim's Connect/Groups/Church Emails/Files.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

On **December 5 at 10 am** there will be an Informational Meeting to explain the proposed changes and allow time for questions and answers.

United Against the Poverty Pandemic

When the pandemic struck last year, our Leadership Council was keenly aware that business would *not* remain as usual. We wondered what the shutdown might mean for your work, what online and remote connections might mean for our church community, and what giving might mean for our anticipated hires and goals for 2020. What we *didn't* anticipate was that you would give so generously to the ministry of St. Timothy's! As a result, we knew that we would be able to extend a sizeable financial tithe, to a local or global organization in need.

We kept our eyes and ears open so that we could respond with a gift by the end of the year. We found out about United Against the Poverty Pandemic, an effort initiated by Healing Grove Health Center, the City of San Jose, and CityTeam, to name a few. This effort was to offer financial support to families at risk of becoming homeless in Santa Clara County, after the housing moratorium lifted on January 31, 2021.

Because of your generosity, we were able to contribute \$40,000 to the United Against the Poverty Pandemic initiative! As of September of this year, \$446,783 had been raised by churches, and a combined \$1.8 million from the government, corporations, churches, and individuals.

Shortly after the distribution of funds began, the housing moratorium was extended. It became clear to the UAPP board that the greatest need was to partner with extremely low-income individuals to extend meaningful employment and training through an initiative that became known as Project Nehemiah. This is what our contribution went to support.

Project Nehemiah operates under a two-month cohort structure, providing employment training through CityTeam and Healing Grove, janitorial work to three non-profits in the Washington Community of San Jose, and assistance for landing permanent jobs. As of October, three cohorts have completed Project Nehemiah. Pictured here is the graduation of the first cohort, supported by St. Timothy's, which achieved a 90% permanent job placement rate! After this third cohort, Healing Grove anticipates shifting to an unpaid employment training model, aiding workers to move from minimum wage jobs to living wage jobs. Finally, Healing Grove is working toward building an anti-poverty coalition, comprised of churches, faith-based non-profits, corporations, and government, working together to end poverty in the Silicon Valley. If you are interested, contact Brett Bymaster at: brett@healinggrove.org.

I encourage you to take a look at this [video of thanks](#). I am so thankful for your partnership in ministry, bringing the kingdom of God on earth, as it is in heaven!



December 5 - St. Tim's Kids @ 9:10 am

Christmas Pageant @ 6 pm

December 12 - St. Tim's Kids @ 9:10 am

December 19 - NO CLASS

Christmas Cantata @ 9 & 11 am

December 26 - NO CLASS

January 2 - St. Tim's Kids @ 9:10 am



*Christmas
Pageant*

December 5 @ 6:00 pm

Sanctuary

All are invited to this very special Christmas celebration! Invite your friends and family!

- ST. TIM'S - YOUTH

MIDDLE SCHOOL &
HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

6TH-12TH GRADE

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DECEMBER 5 ONLY

4:00-5:30 PM

YOUTH HOUSE



Join us as we dig deeper into
Scripture and prayer.

CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 15

6-8:00 pm

Bring a \$10 wrapped gift for
the gift exchange
(a gift you would like to get)

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 December 22 & 29

California's Great America WINTERFEST

DECEMBER 17

5-8 PM

FREE! BUT BRING
\$ FOR DINNER

Pick-up and drop-off at Great
America. If you need a ride,
contact Anna-Marie.

Check us out on Instagram



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

annamarie.valles@stlcsj.org or 408-264-3858, ext. 122



St. Timothy's Christian Preschool



Our Students and their families kicked off the Thanksgiving season by bringing in donations of food to our FISH food pantry. Each class brought the food over to FISH and were able to weigh it themselves! Together, they contributed **255 lbs of food** to help feed those in need in our community!

We enjoyed two wonderful Thanksgiving Feast celebrations with our students and their families! St. Tim's supplied delicious turkey and gravy, and our families shared some of their favorite recipes with us. Of course, there was plenty of pie for all!!



NOW ENROLLING FOR 2022-2023

Preschool 2's to Kindergarten Readiness

sttimothyschristianpreschool.org



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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