



ST. TIMOTHY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH | FEBRUARY 2022

PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Friends,

"The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet" (Frederick Buechner).

I first encountered Frederick Buechner in my undergraduate English Literature course. Though English was not my major, I had an absolutely fabulous professor, who exposed us to literature that I had never encountered before, like Buechner's novel, *Godric*. I loved the honesty, the mystery, and the exciting sense of invitation that both my professor and *Godric*, shared.

A few years later, I encountered Buechner's quote that you read above. I remember being so intrigued, inspired, and moved by his statement. What if, instead of burdensome, our calling felt light, motivating, a gift offered to ourselves and to others?

Perhaps it was my stoic Scandinavian upbringing that instilled the opposite perspective in me. I remember a story of my grandpa (also a pastor), asking in frustration, "Do I have to turn every key?!" (Translation: Do I need to do everything for these people?) My family would joke about the jewels in heaven that were being gained because of the sacrifices we made.

In saying that, I hope you laugh, and I hope that you can hold that in light of the respect that I held, and do hold, for my family. Though these things were said in jest, they were troublesome to me as a young person. I didn't want

to be a pastor, or anything for that matter, if it wasn't lifegiving. What would be the point of doing something if the only one(s) who enjoyed it was other people, and not the person offering the gift?

When I read Buechner's quote, there was an immediate ringing of resonance within me; I knew it was true. Your and my callings are gifts, not just to others, but to ourselves as well! To me, there is no greater joy than hearing someone express the effervescence, the life, they experience when they share their gifts!

This life is what I have been hearing from our new staff members, Shelley Ahn-Wong and Scott Campbell. I can't tell you what joy it brings me that we have been able to bring these two gifted, courageous, talented, inspired, resourceful, kind, Christian staff members on to our staff! I truly believe that God has overabundantly provided for us in bringing them to share their gifts with us! And what is even more exciting to me, is that this gift is not one-sided; their gift to us is a joy to them, and brings life to them. It inspires me to be in their presence, to hear the vision that the Spirit is developing in them, and it reminds me that God's calling for each one of us is that same lifegiving call. As Jesus said, "My yoke is easy and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:30).

Join me in giving thanks to God for His provision through Shelley and Scott!

On the journey with you,
Pastor Jonna Bohigian



To add or renew a prayer request call
408-264-3858 or email info@stlcsj.org.

Donna Soos

Jack Soyster

Wendy Zurich

Janie, sister of Betsy Grandey

Rick, brother of Renee Fovell

Stormy, friend of the Crawfords

Lynsel Miller, friend of Tim Stahlke

Charlotte Rose, great niece of Marsha Wells

Sharon Sabbatini, mother of Lorie Moore

Tylor and Briana Sampson, grandson of the Sampsons

Sebastian George, father of Jude George

Thomas, grandson of Tom Jorgensen

the family of Jack Lindquist

the family of Henry Chavez, uncle of Jennifer Casey

the family of Sharilyn Walters, friend of Marilyn Cords

the family of Delores Altomare, sister of Jerry Altomare

the family of Scott, friend of Marilyn Cords

BUDGET REPORT

	General	Building
OFFERINGS to date	\$97,091	\$14,812
SPENDING to date	\$98,410	\$4,516
Excess/(Shortfall)	(\$1,319)	\$10,296

	Capital Campaign
OFFERINGS to date	\$13,939

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 at our safe and secure website
<https://www.stlcsj.org/giving/>

MEET OUR 2 NEW CHURCH STAFF MEMBERS

SHELLEY AHN-WONG

Director of Children and Family Ministry

I love listening to your story and helping kids and families reach their God-given potential. I am passionate about studying and teaching the Bible and seeing people transformed by Jesus. As a Los Angeles native, I studied at UCLA and Fuller Theological Seminary. I held several leadership positions in non-profit agencies and churches. (I am also a transformational life coach and grant consultant for non-profit agencies.) I enjoy cooking, reading, gardening, hiking, crocheting, landscape photography and astronomy. I like to spend time with my husband, Ed Wong.

I am honored to be at St Timothy's and look forward to meeting you and saying hi.



Ed & Shelley

SCOTT CAMPBELL

Youth Leader and Young Adult Coordinator



Scott grew up in San Leandro, California and attended Fairhaven Bible Chapel before moving to San Jose in April of 2018. He visited St. Timothy's shortly after his move and has called it his church home ever since. He became a member in February 2019 and served

as an usher, spiritual mentor and youth volunteer before being appointed to his current position. Scott is a father of three and a grandfather of two and enjoys discipling and encouraging young people in his family and beyond.

If you haven't had a chance to meet either one yet, take a moment to say hi when you see them around campus.

Daily Bible Reading Plan 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.

February Readings

- ☐ 1- Exodus 30–32; Acts 8
- ☐ 2- Exodus 33,34; Psalm 16; Acts 9
- ☐ 3- Exodus 35,36; Acts 10
- ☐ 4- Exodus 37,38; Psalm 19; Acts 11
- ☐ 5- Exodus 39,40; Psalm 15; Acts 12
- ☐ 6- Leviticus 1–3; Acts 13
- ☐ 7- Leviticus 4–6; Acts 14
- ☐ 8- Leviticus 7–9; Acts 15
- ☐ 9- Leviticus 10–12; Acts 16
- ☐ 10- Leviticus 13,14; Acts 17
- ☐ 11- Leviticus 15–17; Acts 18
- ☐ 12- Leviticus 18,19; Psalm 13; Acts 19
- ☐ 13- Leviticus 20–22; Acts 20
- ☐ 14- Leviticus 23,24; Psalm 24; Acts 21
- ☐ 15- Leviticus 25; Psalm 25–26; Acts 22
- ☐ 16- Leviticus 26,27; Acts 23
- ☐ 17- Numbers 1,2; Acts 24
- ☐ 18- Numbers 3,4; Acts 25
- ☐ 19- Numbers 5,6; Psalm 22; Acts 26
- ☐ 20- Numbers 7; Psalm 23; Acts 27
- ☐ 21- Numbers 8,9; Acts 28
- ☐ 22- Numbers 10,11; Psalm 27; Mark 1
- ☐ 23- Numbers 12,13; Psalm 90; Mark 2
- ☐ 24- Numbers 14–16; Mark 3
- ☐ 25- Numbers 17,18; Psalm 29; Mark 4
- ☐ 26- Numbers 19,20; Psalm 28; Mark 5
- ☐ 27- Numbers 21–23; Mark 6
- ☐ 28- Numbers 24–27; Mark 7

MARK
your
CALENDARS!

ASH WEDNESDAY marks the beginning of Lenten season.

This year we will be offering 2 worship opportunities on Wednesday, March 2. Service times are at noon and 6:30 pm. Both include imposition of ashes.

Due to the COVID surge, we will not have soup suppers this year but hope to return to them in the future.

Look for more details to come regarding the mid-week worship services in the March Newsletter.

2022 Incoming Leadership Team Members



Donovan Mitri - Donovan has been a member of St. Tim's for 21 years, his entire life. He was baptized, confirmed, and attended preschool and elementary school here. Donovan is currently an undergraduate student at San Jose State University studying psychology. His time at St. Tim's has been very special and this church has had a great impact on his life. He has met many wonderful people whom he cherishes and has grown in his faith through his time here. In recent years, he has been involved in youth group, Sunday Café, virtual church services, Mexico Mission trip, and VBS. Donovan is honored to be able to serve on the Leadership Council in 2022. He hopes to offer insights from those in his generation and collaborate with others to solve important matters.



Lori Lippi - Lori, her husband Paul, and their two children, Megan and Trevor, joined St. Timothy's in 2001. She has enjoyed serving in our Children's Ministry as a Sunday school teacher, activities coordinator, VBS volunteer, and Angel Breakfast organizer. Recently she was a member of the Reopening Team and is active in one of our Grow Groups. Lori is excited and humbled to be serving Jesus through our Leadership Council. She looks forward to growing, encouraging, and supporting the congregation at St. Timothy's and sharing the love and provision of God in the community.

Continuing Leadership Team Members who were re-elected for a 2nd two year term:

Warren Finch
Sam Valles

Rebecca Biagini (Selbo)
Stephanie Reitz

These six will be joining the current Leadership Council members Kersti Bronk, John Castro, Elizabeth DeFilippis and Mark Smith to complete our 2022 Leadership Team.

2022 Nominating Team (for 2023 Elections)



Tammie Mark - Tammie is married to Rick and they have 3 grown married children (now 6 children) and 4 grandchildren who are the highlight of their days. They have been members of St. Timothy's for almost 29 years. Tammie has served in many different capacities over the years from serving on Leadership Council, leading a Grow Group with her husband, volunteering at Village House, helping lead the City Team flooring project as a part of St. Timothy's local mission team, and being part of the contemporary worship team when it all started at the Saturday evening seeker's service. Tammie continues to seek and serve where God is calling her and looks forward to serving God here in this capacity.



James Moore - James has been a member of St. Timothy's for 23 years. He has served in various leadership capacities at STLC over the years including school board, strategic planning, Leadership Council (including as president) and has served on the Nominating Team previously. In addition, he has also served or volunteered in various ministries including Mexico Missions, FISH, Operation Christmas Child, Village House, where he served as Shelter Director, and most recently, the STLC Disaster Relief Program as well as transportation for the shower ministry program providing weekly shower service to houseless guests at local safe car parks in the South Bay. He has been married to Lorie for over 26 years and has a daughter, Samantha, 23 and son, Connor, 21, both of whom live in San Jose. James knows he can bring an honest perspective to the nuances of leadership at STLC to those whom we reach out to as potential leaders.



Ann Christian - Ann has been an active member of St. Timothy's since 2003, with her husband, Todd and two sons, Austin and Dylan. She was actively involved as a parent volunteer, when her boys attended St. Timothy's elementary school. In addition, she participated in the Women's Bible Study for several years, and was part of a Family Grow Group. Currently she serves on the board for South Valley FISH, as she has since it began on the St. Tim's campus five years ago. Ann is looking forward to being a part of the nomination team for the next Leadership Council, in 2023. She will prayerfully help identify our future leaders.

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.

Leslie Urie, Missionary with World Mission Prayer League

One of the privileges in working with the Home Office of the World Mission Prayer League is the ability to work with the local church in North America. I was recently cleaning out old files and I came across a bulletin insert from 2007, in which my husband, Richard, and I visited St. Timothy's. I think it was our first visit there. The support we received from you was surprising and affirming, and we continue to be so thankful!

We have been enduring the pandemic fairly well. My traveling for WMPL came to a screeching halt in March of 2020. My husband, Richard, is a kidney transplant recipient and in 2020 that kidney was failing. He started home dialysis, called peritoneal dialysis, in March 2021, but some of the tests to prepare for that dialysis revealed a couple of other health issues that have been addressed since then. Currently, he is on the transplant list for a second kidney transplant. We think that may happen in the near future as he was called at the end of December with the notice that he was an alternate for an upcoming kidney transplant. So, our goal is to keep both of us well.

Meanwhile the work of prayer continues. One of the main goals of the World Mission Prayer League is to pray for the areas of the world where Christ is not yet known. As a fellowship, we have been praying for the Holy Spirit to move in some of those hard places, and have followed the news over the last year with interest. The evacuation of the troops from Afghanistan was cause to practice lamenting, a discipline that I think the church should engage in once again. As a fellowship and as a church we want to lift up the people, not just of Afghanistan, but of Central Asia, North Africa, South Asia and the work that the Holy Spirit is doing there. While we pray in WMPL for these hard areas, we have been gathering online twice-monthly to **Ask for the Nations**. During this online hour we gather as a community to learn about one of these areas, receive guided prayer requests, break into small groups to practice these prayers, and join back together for worship and fellowship. I would love to have members of St. Timothy's join us as we pray! Please consider doing so on the first or third Tuesday of the month at 5 PM Pacific. I help monitor those joining and help with the technical background of these meetings.

As we pray at WMPL for people to be able to hear of the Kingdom of God, we also pray for those who are willing and able to go to these places to tell the Good News. This past year, in spite of pandemic restrictions and visa complications, most of our global workers were able to return to their place of service. Some of those who were not able to do so have found new areas of work, most notably teaching English in outlying areas. What a joy it is to gather as the Home Office (again, online) and send off another worker with prayer and fellowship. Would you like to be one of those we send out? Contact me!

For the past two years, we have prayed weekly for an end to the pandemic and all things Covid-related. There is a small group of people that meets on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for an hour online. Three of us lead a different day; I lead the Friday prayer.

Thank you, again, for your faithful support over the years. Our health is generally good, our children are all married and well. Our lives are "small" in that we don't leave home generally except to go to doctor appointments or pick up groceries. But we have been around the world in prayer, and we see that God is on the move.



Picture: Leslie and Richard at Thanksgiving 2021

February 2022 Focus

The connection between **COMPASSION** and GOD's character, as shown through God's big story. God's compassion for us led to the greatest act of love the world has ever seen. God sent Jesus to rescue us. We reflect God's compassion when we care about others and work to make things right.



Memory Verse

"The Lord has shown you what is good. He has told you what he requires of you. You must act with justice. You must love to show mercy. And you must be humble as you live in the sight of your God."

MICAH 6:8 NIRV

St. Tim's Community Care Packages

The St. Tim's Children's Ministry will be putting together approximately 75 small "Community Care Packages" for our church member families to take home and carry in their cars to share with those fellow community members in need (like those we often see in need at street corners and stoplights). The kits will include a pocket gospel, a healthy snack, first aid and sanitizer supplies, info on how to contact local food pantries and shelters, and a hand-written card with words of encouragement from the children and other church members. If you are able to help us share Christ's love in this ministry outreach, we are asking for your help in the following ways:

a. Donations of Needed Supplies:

- 75 Granola Bars (soft)
- 75 Hand Sanitizers (2 oz)
- 375 Band Aids (assorted sizes)
- 150 Disposable Face Masks
- 375 Vitamin C cough drops
- 150 Pre-Pasted mini Toothbrushes (eg. Brushee brand)
- 75 Water Bottles (8oz)
- 75 Travel Kleenex packets



b. Written Words of Encouragement (on a 3 x 5 inch index card) – to share love and brighten someone's day!

We are looking to receive all needed supplies and cards to the Church Office by Sunday, Feb 13th. There will be a sign-up sheet available after the services, or you may contact Tony & Leslie Mazzucco at TLCA@sbcglobal.net for any questions or coordination of your donations. Thank You!

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

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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.

February Service Project

February 2nd, 9th and the 16th we (youth and young adults) will be collecting the following items for Mercy Mobile:

New and gently used:

- ⇒ Blankets
- ⇒ Sleeping bags
- ⇒ Coats
- ⇒ New hygiene items and socks

Youth will have a packing party (lunch will be provided) immediately after church on Sunday the 20th from 12-2 pm to pack the hygiene items into socks.

Young adults will meet on Sunday the 27th after church to drop and distribute items to the Mercy Mobile.

6TH-12TH GRADE

DEEPER



FEBRUARY 6 & 27

4:00-5:30 PM

YOUTH HOUSE

Join us as we dig deeper into Scripture and prayer.



St. Timothy's Christian Preschool

2022-23

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