



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | ST. TIMOTHY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH | SEPTEMBER 2022

Pastor's Pen

St. Timothy's is the people. The history of St. Timothy's is strong. The people that God has brought together to be this church created a force for ministry that has accomplished great things. In each season there have been victories and challenges and victory overcoming those challenges. This is the way God works and this witness continues today at and through the people of St. Tim's.

It is an honor to be a part of what God is doing in our midst. I am grateful to the Call Team as they continue the search for our next Associate Pastor. I am grateful for our faithful staff and I am particularly grateful for those members who step up in many, many ways to carry out the ministry of St. Tim's.

The Leadership recently went through the book Growing Young. It was a study that researched what congregations have done to continue the involvement of young people in the life of the Church. St. Tim's has invested in our children in major ways over the years. We see this in our school and our staffing and the great support our children and youth ministries have had throughout our history.

While that commitment still stands today, we are in need of support. Both our children's and youth ministries need additional support from our members.

Anna-Marie and Shelley are in need of members who can come along side them to be active in these ministries with our young people.

Please pray about this opportunity and talk to either Anna-Marie or Shelley to see how your gifts and interests might be combined with those of others in the congregation to create a needed boost as we start this new academic year.

By the way, you may not be fully aware that the safety requirements of these ministries have made it significantly more difficult for recruiting volunteers. Things like age requirements, background check, driving record checks and proof of insurance; place some bureaucratic hoops in the path of supporting our ministries. I hope you will see these hoops as necessary safe guards that we go through to make sure our young people are safe.

As we move into September (and the adjustments discussed in the last pastor article) let's keep our eyes open for the powerful blessings that God will be pouring out on and through St. Tim's.

See you soon,
Pastor Jim Cords



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.

Jennifer Casey

Jack Soyster

Joyce Versteeg

Max, grandson of Bob and Carol Couper

Cheryl, Kait, Todd, relatives of the Romero family

Christina and her mom (website request)

Gene Wells, ex-husband of Marsha Wells

the family of Linda Conrad, daughter-in-law of Donna Conrad



BUDGET REPORT

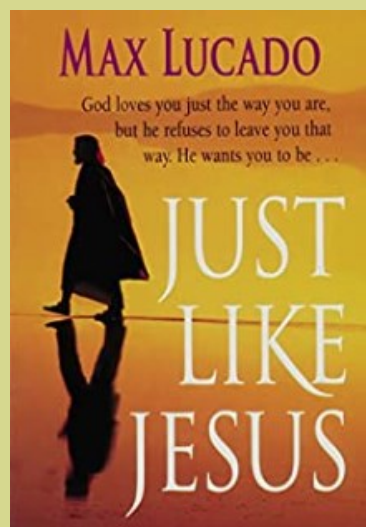
| | General | Building |
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| OFFERINGS to date | \$524,161 | \$74,343 |
| SPENDING to date | \$686,154 | \$46,697 |
| Excess/(Shortfall) | (\$161,993) | \$27,646 |

| | Capital Campaign |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| OFFERINGS to date | \$122,476 |

ADULT MIDDLE HOUR CLASS STARTING IN SEPTEMBER

MEETS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AND LED BY MICHAEL STAMOS

Are you struggling with poor spiritual habits you fell into during Covid isolation? Are you finding it difficult to get back into the Word, prayer or worship on a regular basis? Has it been a while since you felt the presence of God in a powerful way? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you are not alone. Join us this Fall as we explore Max Lucado's book, "Just Like Jesus" and reacquaint yourself with the truth that God loves you just the way you are, but he refuses to leave you there - he wants to transform you to be just like Jesus. But if God wants me to be just like Jesus, why do I still seem just like me? In this class we'll explore Lucado's fresh take on exercising spiritual disciplines to allow this transformation to happen and practice living in the presence of God.



SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

September 4 9 AM Traditional and 11 AM Contemporary

NEW SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE!

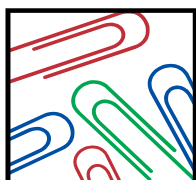
Starting September 11

8:45 AM Traditional and 11 AM Contemporary

9:55 AM Middle Hour Classes for preschool through adults

ONLINE WORSHIP

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



Office Hours

MONDAY-THURSDAY

8:30 AM TO 4 PM

FRIDAY 8:30 AM TO 3 PM

Not all staff have regular hours, so it's best to schedule an appointment with them. Staff emails on the staff website page: stlcsj.org/staff

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St. Timothy's 25th Annual Golf Tournament

Saturday, September 10
9 am

\$80 per person

Los Lagos Golf Course

Lunch provided afterwards at the Ries' home.

Sign-up as a group or as an individual on Sunday after worship services or email Bill.



Call Team Update

Dear Church Family,

Here is an update as of mid-August on what we have been doing since the last newsletter:

- We are reviewing Pastoral Profiles as they are submitted including:
 - ◊ Watching online sermons
 - ◊ Reviewing letters of reference
- We have created general interview questions for potential candidates.
- We have begun interviewing potential candidates.
- We have completed an initial interview and scheduled a follow-up interview.

Please continue to pray that our future associate pastor heeds the call to St. Timothy's by the Holy Spirit. The Call Committee would also appreciate your prayers as we continue to interview potential pastors. Please continue to pray for consensus, patience, discernment and for the will of the Holy Spirit to be done!

The Call Committee

Ann Weissshahn (chair), Vern Adkins (vice chair), Danielle Quayle (secretary), Brian Durfey, Ken Duvall, Karen Ries, Katy Stamos

UPDATE FROM PASTOR JONNA

Dear St. Timothy's Friends,

Before I concluded my call at St. Timothy's, quite a number of you requested an update from me, once the next season had become clear. I didn't want to forget to update anyone, so I immediately asked Pastor Jim if I might include a personal update in an upcoming newsletter. So here we (finally) are.

I have begun a call as Chaplain at Saratoga Retirement Community. As a friend of mine once said, chaplaincy is pastoral, simply serving a specific demographic. In this case, I will be serving an older population, in independent, assisted, skilled, and memory care. The population is large and scope is broad, so I will be discerning how to best to creatively share the time I have to serve this community. With my husband serving as pastor in the same town, it feels exciting to partner in a unique way to serve the people of Saratoga. I look forward to what God may do in and through our family in this new season!

Also, Dax wanted to tell you that he's expecting a little brother in December (Lord willing)!

Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers as you enter this new season, too.

May the Lord bless and keep you,
Jonna Bohigian

2022 Mission Team

The Central Pacific Mission District's first mission trip for Disaster Response couldn't have been more wonderful. We had three Churches represented: Holy Cross Evangelical of Pacifica, St. Timothy's Lutheran, and Our Savior of Auburn.

Those from St. Timothy's included Assistant Youth Director, Scott Campbell, James Moore, Michael Stamos, and Victoria Thornton. Youth volunteers included four from the Camarena family, David, Hannah, Mary, and Gabriella, as well as Josh Weissshahn. Our fabulous cooking crew of Dan Centi, Don and Janis Haynes represented Holy Cross. The Kemper family represented Our Savior, Christine Kemper and her three sons, Christian, Daniel, and Andrew. Mary Bates, our National Coordinator and her husband Ken, flew out from Ohio to make our team complete.

Our host church for the week was that of Calvary Lutheran in Oroville. Their Congregation put out the red carpet for us, allowing us to use their commercial kitchen, and we had plenty of space for sleeping and activities in their generous Fellowship Hall.

The main project for the week was making the Lake Madrone area of Berry Creek more firewise for protecting property should they have another fire. We pulled dead trees and limbs through berry bushes and thorns into large burn piles. Even though it was 105 degrees out, no one complained. The Lake Madrone community was so thankful for our help that they prepared lunch for us each of the days we worked there, Monday through Wednesday.

Thursday, we worked at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Paradise which had lost their entire church building in the 2018 Paradise Fire. They have rebuilt their church, and needed help maintaining the grounds. Half of our group headed to Paradise Thursday and the other half remained at Calvary washing the windows, cleaning the playground area, and painting flower boxes and tables. Friday was finishing up the work at Calvary then visiting Old Town Oroville in the afternoon.

Each morning and evening we had devotions and spoke of the experiences we had during the day. It was truly amazing how the Holy Spirit was working the entire week with experiences the group had with others we came into contact with. Friendships were made within the group that will probably continue. The group disbanded after breakfast Saturday morning all agreeing it was one of their most moving experiences and a must to do again!



Grieving... but not alone.

Our Support Group will be using a program called GriefShare, which combines 3 components: a video, small group conversation, and a private journal (called a workbook). It's a 13-week course, in-person, beginning September 12.

Members and non-members alike are welcome. Tell your friends! We want to do as God has called us to do: to care for one another, bearing one another's burdens.

**Mondays, 7 pm – 9 pm,
beginning September 12, 2022**

At church, Room B1 (the old Music Room)

Suggested donation for workbook: \$20

Sign up after church or Contact Sharon:

sharon.zuberbier@gmail.com

or 408-529-7522



St. Tim's Lunch Bunch Returns!

**Thursday, September 29
at 12:00 noon
in Fellowship Hall**

Sandwiches, beverages, and dessert for only \$10.

Ted Atlas will give a presentation about sporting event viewing and technology. Today, sports events are covered by heavy-duty technology of computers, the internet, and remote device control.

Our speaker is a third generation native of the Bay Area, with UCLA degree in History, and career with the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office, working in all areas including K9 unit. He has worked in sports event management at local stadiums for 30 years, including 25 Super Bowls.

Please call Betsy Grandey at (408) 629-6093 or Betty Rhodes at (408) 628-4799 to RSVP by September 25.

If you prefer your own food for lunch, that is OK and there is no charge. Just come!



Daily Bible Reading with S.O.A.P.

S.O.A.P. is an acronym for
Scripture-Observation-Application-Prayer.
All that is needed is a Bible, writing
instrument, and paper.

SEPTEMBER Readings

Th 1- Ezekiel 15,16; Psalm 70; Revelation 6
F 2- Ezekiel 17-19; Revelation 7
Sa 3- Ezekiel 20,21; Psalm 111; Revelation 8
Su 4- Ezekiel 22-24; Revelation 9
M 5- Ezekiel 25-28; Revelation 10
Tu 6- Ezekiel 29-32; Revelation 11
W 7- 2 Kings 25; 2 Chroni.36; Jer. 40,41; Rev. 12
Th 8- Jeremiah 42-44; Psalm 48; Revelation 13
F 9- Lamentations 1,2; Obadiah; Revelation 14
Sa 10- Lamentations 3-5; Revelation 15
Su 11- Daniel 1,2; Revelation 16
M 12- Daniel 3,4; Psalm 81; Revelation 17
Tu 13- Ezekiel 33-35; Revelation 18
W 14- Ezekiel 36,37; Psalm 110; Revelation 19
Th 15- Ezekiel 38,39; Psalm 145; Revelation 20
F 16- Ezekiel 40,41; Psalm 128; Revelation 21
Sa 17- Ezekiel 42-44; Revelation 22
Su 18- Ezekiel 45,46; Luke 1
M 19- Ezekiel 47,48; Luke 2
Tu 20- Daniel 5,6; Psalm 130; Luke 3
W 21- Daniel 7,8; Psalm 137; Luke 4
Th 22- Daniel 9,10; Psalm 123; Luke 5
F 23- Daniel 11,12; Luke 6
Sa 24- Ezra 1; Psalms 84,85; Luke 7
Su 25- Ezra 2,3; Luke 8
M 26- Ezra 4; Psalms 113,127; Luke 9
T 27- Haggai 1,2; Psalm 129; Luke 10
W 28- Zechariah 1-3; Luke 11
Th 29- Zechariah 4-6; Luke 12
F 30- Zechariah 7-9; Luke 13



MEET OUR NEW HOSPITALITY COORDINATOR: ELIZABETH KURIYAN

The California coast is dotted with picturesque lighthouses. They are tourist spots today – but they were designed to be life saving navigation aids in the days before radar and GPS. They kept sailors and ships safe from the dangerous rocks that could destroy mighty ships.

This reminds us that churches were not designed to be tourist spots, but life saving and life giving institutions. The role of the church is not to entertain us, but to lead us to Jesus. He is the light that helps us navigate the treacherous rocks of life.

For 60 years St. Timothy's has been like a lighthouse, shining its light on the neighboring communities, touching and transforming the lives of its members. It has been a place where people have celebrated the most important events in their lives... and also mourned their passing. Hospitality has been the glue that has kept the church strong for 60 years – and helped people keep their lives together.

I think that one of the key roles of hospitality is making people aware of what the church has to offer that nothing else can give.

So, I believe that coffee hour is more than having a quick cup of coffee.

- It is a time to meet people, and make connections that can last a lifetime.
- It is an opportunity to snatch a quick moment of prayer with someone we had not planned to meet.
- It is a place to find unexpected support in times of crisis.
- It is also the door to learn about classes, find groups – or even start up new groups and classes and ministries!

We are now in a world where we are acutely aware of the importance of in person gatherings. During the long lockdown, it was wonderful to access messages and worship online. However, we began to realize that community and fellowship are hard to substitute virtually. We miss out on all the serendipitous meetings and side conversations that are not on the agenda.

Rebuilding all our pre covid gatherings is one of my first tasks. I will also work toward making St. Timothy more “visible” to the world around, especially in this era of social media and 24/7 lifestyles.

I look forward to partnering with you as we restore our church life and also make fresh efforts to reach out to the wider community.



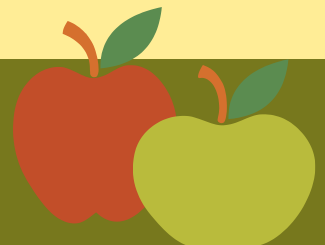
A little bit about me...I grew up in India and I moved to the US after I married my husband, Tom Jacob. We have one son, Johann. We are here in this church because Johann's friend Elijah invited him to the Youth Group. (Shows the power of an invitation!)

I have a PhD in Organizational Behavior / Business Management and I have worked as a teacher / trainer, consultant and HR manager. I have been blessed to have been a full time stay-at-home mom for the past years! I have used that time to volunteer in churches and schools, as well as to pursue my hobbies and passions, like writing, sewing, cooking, gardening, restoring and repurposing artifacts. I try to create messages and spaces that are inviting and draw people in.

I now look forward to using my experience and passions in developing the hospitality ministry in a vibrant church like St. Timothy's.

Hospitality areas we need help in:

- ⇒ Coffee Hosts– set-up, clean-up, making coffee, bringing/baking treats
- ⇒ Greeters– greeting people as they come into worship



If you can help with any of these or want more info, contact Elizabeth

Email: elizabeth.kuriyan@stlcsj.org or call 408-264-3858 ext. 105



St. Timothy's Christian Preschool

September Newsletter

Hello Church!

And just like that,
summer is over!

Well, we have started
off our year with a
bang! We have opened
a sixth classroom and
hired another teacher
thus laying the foun-
dation to grow the
preschool with a
second two's class!



We are excited to announce the
addition of two NEW programs to our
curriculum: "Let's Play in Spanish"
and "Music with Ms. Hannah"!
ALL classes will enjoy a half-hour
music class every other week with
Ms. Hannah

The teachers have access to all the
"Let's Play in Spanish" curriculum to
utilize in class throughout the year!

Please continue to pray for our
students and staff as we work to be
the light of Christ in the lives of our
students and their families!



NOW ENROLLING FOR 2022-2023

Preschool 2's to Kindergarten Readiness

sttimothyschristianpreschool.org



SCAN ME

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



Sep 2022 BUZZ

We will encounter God's goodness through out the year. "Taste & See that the LORD is good" is our guiding verse for this year. As we kick off on Sep 11, St. Tim's KIDS will enjoy many sweet things. We are excited and looking forward to see the kids.

Nursery Helpers Needed

We want our nursery staff to worship.

Will you...?

- help once a month
- serve young kids
- one hour
- no prep required



More information :
cm@stlcsj.org



PRAY FOR ME

WE INVITE ALL BELIEVERS FROM MULTIPLE GENERATIONS TEEN, AGE 20-40, AGE 40-60, AGE 60+ TO PRAY FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES.

SIGN UP SHEET WILL BE AVAILABLE ON SEPTEMBER 11, 18, & 25

ONCE YOU SIGN UP, YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED WITH NAME OF CHILD

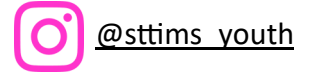
YOU MAY SEND EMAIL TO SIGN UP
CM@STLCSJ.ORG





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Check us out on Instagram



Starting on September 11....



★ BEACH BLITZ ★

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 9-10 Cost \$100

Camping on the Boardwalk,
speakers, music, and an all-day ride
pass!

SIGN-UP DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 5.

Click [here](#) to sign-up.

6TH - 12TH GRADE STUDENTS
DEVOTIONS & **DONUTS**

Sundays @ 9:55 am
Youth House

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.