



# Good News

ST. TIMOTHY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH | OCTOBER 2022

## Pastor's Pen

Dear Friends,

The Calling of a new pastor to a church is always a moment to mark in the history of the congregation.

**A Special Congregational meeting has been called for October 9 at 12:15 in the sanctuary for us to vote on the recommendation of Joe Hill for our next pastor. Only members present in person at the meeting are allowed to vote and a 2/3rds majority is required to extend the Call.**

Here at St. Timothy's this Call takes on extra significance as the one being recommended by our Call Team has been raised up for this service through the ministry and influence of St. Tim's itself. And, it would bring not only an installation but an ordination into pastoral ministry.

Every pastor is asked to encourage the young people in their congregation to consider ordained ministry. This has happened over the years at St. Timothy's. Thanks be to God. We have other members at this time who are also considering ordained ministry and I hope we can successfully encourage them as they discern God's future for them.

With discipleship as a focus here at St. Tim's it is not a surprise that several people have looked closely at the

possibility of going to seminary to prepare for serving Christ as a vocation. I hope that many others will do so. While all Christian are called and gifted to serve Christ and be a witness in their lives, ordained ministry is a setting apart of one to bear the responsibility of the ministry of Word and Sacrament. They are set apart to ensure the right preaching and teaching of God's Word to the people in line with the Creeds and Confessions of this church. They are Called to lead God's people by their own example in faithful service and holy living.

Ephesians 4:11-13 reads: *"So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up <sup>13</sup> until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."*

Please plan to gather with your fellow members to mark this significant moment in St. Timothy's history as we vote on October 9th.

On this journey with You.

Pastor Jim



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](mailto:info@stlcsj.org).

the family of Tom Jorgenson

Jennifer Casey

Dawn Schattke

Jack Soyster

Dave Norris

Suzanne Phelps

Sharron Bakkegar, mother of Marla Kramer

Cheryl, Kait, Todd, relatives of the Romero family

Anna and Felicity, friends of the Cords family

Lee Ruud, brother of Marilyn Cords

the family of Luke Petterson, brother-in-law of Wayne Peterson



	General	Building
<b>OFFERINGS to date</b>	<b>\$587,120</b>	<b>\$87,661</b>
<b>SPENDING to date</b>	<b>\$809,246</b>	<b>\$51,057</b>
<b>Excess/(Shortfall)</b>	<b>(\$222,126)</b>	<b>\$36,604</b>

	Capital Campaign
<b>OFFERINGS to date</b>	<b>\$137,361</b>

### WAYS TO GIVE

1. Mail your offering to church or drop it off in the locked offering box in the sanctuary. 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/>

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

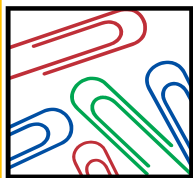
**8:45 AM Traditional**

**9:55 AM Middle Hour Classes for preschool to adults**

**11:00 AM Contemporary**

### ONLINE WORSHIP

Videos are live recorded at both morning worship services. Recordings will be available in the afternoon on our website: [stlcsj.org/watch](http://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. You can find the list of staff emails on the staff website page: [stlcsj.org/staff](http://stlcsj.org/staff)

## SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9**

**12:15 PM IN SANCTUARY**

The purpose of the meeting is to vote on the recommendation of Joe Hill for our next pastor. Only members present in person at the meeting are allowed to vote, and a 2/3rds majority is required to extend the Call.

Join us for

# Fall Fest

## October 30

### 4:30-6:30 pm

Fellowship Hall and  
Front Lawn

Food! Fun! Fellowship!

**MORE DETAILS COMING SOON**



## CALL TEAM ANNOUNCEMENT

After a prayerful, deliberate, and thorough search, your 2022 Call Team unanimously recommends that our very own Joe Hill be offered a call to serve as our next Associate Pastor at St. Timothy's. We thank you for your prayers and support throughout this process, and urge your prayerful consideration of our recommendation.

**The congregation will hold a vote to approve this recommendation on  
Sunday, October 9th at 12:15pm in the Sanctuary.**

Please plan to be present, and please spread the word to anyone you know  
who hasn't yet returned to regular, in-person service

**You are also invited to come hear Joe preach this Sunday, October 2nd,  
as he will deliver the sermon at both the traditional and contemporary services.**

We ask that you please lift Joe and his family in prayer as they discern their next steps.

Read a bit about Joe Hill below.



Joe Hill and his family - Elizabeth, his wife, and two young daughters Avery (3) and Kayla (1) - are San Jose natives. He will begin his first call with 12 years of full-time ministry experience under his belt, including direct work in the areas of youth and young adult ministry, contemporary worship, and discipleship. He has a Master of Divinity from Fuller Theological Seminary along with continuing education courses taken at the Institute of Lutheran Theology and North American Lutheran Seminary. He also recently completed his pastoral internship at Christ Lutheran Church in Santa Clarita, Ca.

He has a passion for outreach, evangelism, discipleship, and raising up new leaders (especially young leaders) for the ministry of the Church, both within and outside the four walls of the local congregation. As a San Jose native, he has a heart for bringing Jesus to the Bay Area, one of the most non-churched locations in the country, and is excited about the opportunity to partner in ministry with St. Timothy's to grow in faith and reach others with the Good News of Jesus!





As a church, we have four different opportunities to bless children around the world.

1. We will be packing shoeboxes as a church November 9-13. Families and small groups can sign-up for a time to come in and pack shoeboxes as a small group. We will be collecting various items for the shoeboxes to provide the items before the packing party. Look for more information about both the packing party and the collection of items in the coming weeks.

2. Families can also pack shoeboxes on their own and bring the boxes back to church. Shoeboxes will be available for families that would like to pick those up.

3. For those that can't make it to pack shoeboxes at church or would prefer not to pack them on your own, we will have a way for you to pack a shoebox online, selecting specific items. Look for the link to come out soon.

4. Finally, St. Timothy's is again a Drop-off Center on November 14-21 for other churches to bring their shoeboxes for us to pack and send on the next step of their journey.

If you are interested in helping plan the packing party or help with the Drop Off Center or have any questions about the Operation Christmas Child ministry, please contact Debbie Bauman at [debbie@bspan.com](mailto:debbie@bspan.com).

## **ST. TIM'S LUNCH BUNCH**

**Thursday, October 27 at 12:00 noon**  
**in Fellowship Hall**

Marilyn Cords will be presenting a talk on her experiences in Madagascar.

Lunch will be Italian, menu still TBD, with TBD Caterer and will cost \$15.

Our own Marilyn Cords grew up and attended school through 7th grade on the island of Madagascar. Her parents were active missionaries and led the establishment of the Malagasy Lutheran Church in 1950, now one of the largest in the world. We will hear much about the mission work of Marilyn's family in Madagascar in her early and middle school years.

Madagascar is an island country located in the Indian ocean 250 miles off the coast of southern Africa. It is the fourth largest island in the world, with 25 million inhabitants.

Attendees please register by Sunday, October 23, 2022.

Call Betsy Grandey at (408) 629-6093 or Betty Rhodes at (408) 628-4799 to register.  
If you prefer your own food, that is OK and there is no charge for beverage and dessert.

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



## THE WORD ON COMMISSIONED LIVING

Few things seem more hopeless than the aftermath of a devastating forest fire. Heat and flames leave an ashen and smoldering landscape wherein it's difficult to imagine life returning. But our Creator knows better, and he would encourage us to see the same. After the passing of winter, spots of bright green shoot up from the otherwise dark and barren terrain, bringing new life to a place that seemed so very dead. Our Creator, it would seem, is also a very capable Re-Creator.

The sinful and selfish ambitions of mankind have wreaked considerable destruction in our world. The social order is not what it ought to be. "In the last days," Paul wrote to Timothy, "there will come times of difficulty. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive... brutal, not loving good." (2 Timothy 3:1-3) He painted a rather dreary picture of mankind, a landscape dark with hatred, oppression, and injustice, where it is difficult to imagine life and love thriving.

We may be tempted simply to condemn such a world, speaking yet more disparaging judgment and death to it. Sadly, this is all too often what we Christians do, failing to recognize our own complicity in the wrongness of the world around us. Even more unfortunately, we may miss the amazing things God wants to do in this world, and what he wants to do, and indeed already has done, in us.

God "saved us," Paul wrote, "not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works." (Titus 3:4-8)

Our Re-Creator God has graciously "regenerated" us, giving us the "hope of eternal life," and making us heirs of heaven. We are to live in this world not as those who hate or abuse, nor as those who disparage and condemn, but as those who do "good works." In the World Mission Prayer League, we accept as our commission to "act in accordance with God's mercy and justice, in advocacy for the weak and marginalized." As God's regenerated people, we are to be like "spots of green" bringing a bit of the heaven we await into the sin-charred world in which we live. How might you do that today? Let God show the way.

*Submitted by Pastor Jim Bangsund from: World Mission Prayer League July "Together in Prayer" publication*



Dear Friends at St. Timothy's,

I would like to give you an update on our Mercy Mobile frontline outreach efforts. We have been distributing water, food, clothes, hygiene kits, socks and other supplies to several camps throughout San Jose at least three times a week.

The late summer heatwave was absolutely brutal for those living outside. Our teams distributed dozens of cases of water over the course of 12 days. There were several reports of unhoused people being overcome with heat-related illness. 14 unhoused people have died so far in September in Santa Clara County— with those grim numbers likely to grow as the cold weather sets in.

The huge encampment by the airport is currently being swept by the city. Approximately 150 people still remain at the camp, and from what we have been seeing, the sweep is creating significant tension. We have been involved with this camp since it's beginning (around 2019), and we served the people there throughout the pandemic, up until the sweep began 2 weeks ago.

We know many of the people and we continue to do what we can to mediate between the city and the folks living there. Currently, residents of the camp are trying to organize their own "safe parking" on the ball fields off of Taylor street, while others are scattering, seeking refuge amid the foliage along the Guadalupe river.

Finally, I would like to extend a resounding and heartfelt thank you to all who have supported our frontline efforts throughout the years. We were able to buy an efficient transport van for the upcoming cold-weather months THANKS TO THE INCREDIBLE GENEROSITY OF OUR FRIENDS AT ST. TIM'S. With the new "Mini Mercy Mobile," we will be expanding our efforts because we have two interns from Santa Clara University, three student volunteers from San Jose State, and two new staff members.



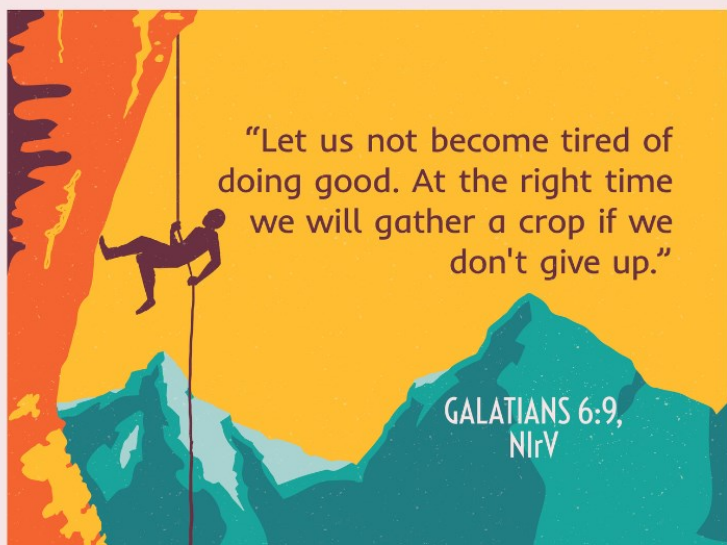
**PHOTO: New mini Mercy Mobile**

Next step is to get the pizza decals removed and replaced with CHAM messaging



## October 2022 BUZZ

As we continue our journey through God's Big Story, we take a closer look at the lives of Joseph and Moses. Both of these men trusted God through hard circumstances and would not give up. These are two heroes of the faith, and we hope to help kids see how their stories connect between Genesis and Exodus. God has been faithful throughout history and has helped people get through and overcome incredible difficulties.



## 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 :

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[cmsttssj.org](http://cmsttssj.org)



## GRIT

REFUSING TO GIVE UP  
WHEN LIFE GETS HARD



# - ST. TIM'S -

# YOUTH

## - MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY -

## 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.

## 6<sup>TH</sup> - 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS

# DEVOTIONS & DONUTS

Sundays @ 9:55 am  
Youth House

### SERVICE PROJECT— SAVE THE DATE!

This month we will be having a service project creating and facilitating booths/ games for our church Fall Fest on Sunday, October 30 from 4:30-6:30 pm.

Check us out on Instagram



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# St. Timothy's Christian Preschool

## October Newsletter

Hello Church!

We are just cruising straight into Fall! After 27 of our students graduating last June, we started with only 38 this Fall. We are happy to announce that our enrollment is now at 55 students! Not only are our 3's and Kinder Readiness classes growing, but we have almost filled our SECOND 2's class with only 6 slots left!



We had a great turn out for both our 'Come Sundae with Us' ice cream social event AND Back-to-School night last month!

Our annual Book Fair last week was a huge success and earned many free books for our library and teachers' classrooms!

We are looking forward to our Pumpkin Patch field trip in a few weeks plus all the fun activities the upcoming months bring! Please continue to pray for our students and staff as we live, work and play in the name of Jesus Christ!

