

ST. TIMOTHY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH | FEBRUARY 2023

PASTOR'S PEN

January often brings with it a time to contemplate the new year ahead. On our Leadership and Admin teams these conversations start early in the fall. It has been a true blessing coming into 2023 to have God bring Pastor Joe into these conversations. God is moving and it is exciting to be a part of what God is doing.

There can be no doubt that the pandemic and the many changes of our experience together as a faith community have brought an important opportunity to enter into a time of evaluation and prayer. We are asking: "God what would you have us do?" We are seeking to discern and cooperate with the direction that God is leading us. This requires time in God's Word, time in prayer with contemplation, and time in conversation listening for how the Holy Spirit is prompting and gifting the people He has gathered together at St. Timothy's.

We are a richly gifted community that God has used in amazing ways. We will lean hard into our rich tradition and seek to understand where and how God will use us in the days to come. It is our hope and expectation that this will create a direction and some amazing goals. We then fully trust that the God who calls us to this will indeed equip us for it.

It is interesting in this realm of the Spirit and discerning God's direction that much of what it takes to hear God's voice in planning and direction is the same focus that is required to walk with Him into that service to which we are being called.

I pray and hope that you will look to God's Word, spend time in your own prayer journey and enter into deep and meaningful conversations with your brothers and sisters in Christ. In this way we trust that God will prepare us as individuals in the same way He prepares us as a faith community to enter into the fullness of serving our Lord Jesus in the days ahead.

"Lord thank you for all that you do to bless and provide for us. Lead us and guide us as we seek to serve you with our lives."

Pastor Jim Cords



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

Breana Bartholomew
Del and Lorraine Crawford
Anne Herbert
Darlene Read
Gil & Mary Woodman
Brittany, daughter of Sharon Zuberbier
Christine, friend of Zoe Stamos
Kaleo, grandson of Leonard Matts
Kate, granddaughter of the Coupers
Mike, friend of Grant Beech
Rick, brother of Renee of Fovell
Carole Kenny, friend of the Sampsons
Nick Taormina, friend of Shelley Ahn-Wong
the family of Charlie Schwartz, cousin of Betsy Beech
the family of Deanne, daughter of Bob Paradiso
the family of Mercedes Yada, mother of Ann Filor
the family of Harry Meier



As of 12/31/22	General	Building
OFFERINGS to date	\$1,203,489	\$169,718
SPENDING to date	\$1,289,423	\$104,841
Excess/(Shortfall)	(\$85,934)	\$64,877
	Capital Campaign	
OFFERINGS to date	\$226,193	

2 WAYS TO GIVE

- Mail your offering to church or drop off in the offering box 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/



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

8:45 AM Traditional

11 AM Contemporary

ONLINE WORSHIP

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



MONDAY-THURSDAY 8:30 AM TO 4 PM FRIDAY 8:30 TO 3 PM

Office closed Monday, February 20.

Not all staff have regular hours, so it's best to schedule an appointment with them. You can find the updated list of staff emails on the staff website page: <u>stlcsj.org/staff</u>

2023 Incoming Leadership Council Members



Carolyn Amey (2-year term) - Carolyn has been married to her husband, Craig for 21 years and has three children: Michael age 20, Andrew age 20, and Chris age 18. She first learned of St Tim's good works when she joined their MOPS 16 years ago. Before even becoming a member of St Tim's, she served in a couple of leadership positions in MOPs. She and her family joined St Tim's more than 10 years ago. Over the years, she served on the Strategic Planning Committee, as a VBS volunteer, a confirmation class small group leader, a substitute Sunday School teacher, did Grocery Rescue for FISH, and led the Children's Ministry Director hiring team. Currently, she transcribes Sunday sermons for the website and to mail to housebound church members. She feels blessed to serve through our Leadership Council.



Todd Christian (2-year term) - My wife Ann and I have been married for 24 years and have been members of St. Timothy's since 2004. Both our sons, Austin (Freshman at Oregon State University) and Dylan (Sophomore at Leigh High School) attended St. Timothy's Lutheran School. My previous church involvements include Leadership Council, School Board, Youth Ministry Team, Mexico Mission Team and South Valley FISH Food Pantry volunteer.



David Hashiguchi (2-year term) - I am a San Jose native that joined St. Timothy's about five years ago. Unlike many, I was not raised as a Christian. My family was largely unchurched although we were loosely affiliated with the Buddhist faith. It was after being married to a lifelong Lutheran that I was called to be baptized as an Adult. During the past twenty plus years as a Christian, I have actively served on several committees, taught Adult Sunday school and twice served as a leader of Council for two Lutheran churches in Pennsylvania. It is this role that taught me the importance of making faithful decisions based on the guidance of the Lord while actively listening to the congregation for their input. I hope to be able to serve St Timothy's in this capacity as a new member of Council.



Marley Romero (1-year term) - I have been involved in my church since I was a kid and have enjoyed being a part of the community here. I have helped with VBS, FISH Food Pantry, and most recently was very involved with the Middle School and High School Cornerstone. I am very blessed to have been given this opportunity to once again be in a leadership position within the church.

Continuing Leadership Council Members who were re-elected:



Kersti Bronk (1-year term) - Our family has been a part of the St. Timothy's community for over 25 years. My husband, Chip, and I enjoy giving back to our vibrant St. Tim's community because it has given us so much spiritual fulfillment. We joined St. Tim's soon after our daughter, Katie, was born. My volunteer involvement has included serving twice on the church council, helping with the Village House project, serving as coffee host coordinator, sitting on a pastoral call committee, and currently co-leading a Grow Group and helping as communion assistant.



Elizabeth De Filippis (2-year term) - Elizabeth has been a member of St. Timothy's for nearly 22 years. She has been married to her husband Joe since 2001 (married at St. Tim's by Pastor/Bishop Dan Selbo) and has two children, Isabella (17) and Samuel (13). She has been active in Children's Ministry over the last several years, serving as a MOPS leader, VBS volunteer, Nursery caregiver, and Secretary of the St. Tim's Home and School Club, when her children attended the school. She has served on the leadership team for the past two years and feels blessed and excited to continue serving the congregation of St. Timothy's for another term.

These 6 will join current Leadership Council members to complete our 2023 Leadership Council: Rebecca Biagini, Warren Finch, Lori Lippi, Stephanie Reitz, and Sam Valles.

2023 Nominating Team (for 2024 Elections) The following were elected to a 1-year term: Ann Christian, Bob Grandey, Cliff Gray, & Jeff Wagner.

Matthew Sermon Series

A 7-week series through the Gospel of Matthew, tracing the story of God's great love from the Old Testament, through Jesus, to us today. Bookmarks with the readings are available in the church entryway. The last 4 weeks' readings:

WEEK 4 (January 29-February 4) Day 1: 1 Kings 17-19 Day 2: 2 Kings 1-2 Day 3: Matthew 11, 1 Samuel 21, Leviticus 24: 5-9 Day 4: Matthew 12 Day 5: Isaiah 42 Day 6: Jonah 1-4 Day 7: Matthew 13

WEEK 5 (February 5-11) Day 1: Matthew 14 Day 2: Matthew 15 Day 3: Matthew 16 Day 4: Matthew 17 Day 5: Matthew 17 Day 5: Matthew 19 Day 7: Matthew 20 WEEK 6 (February 12-18) Day 1: Matthew 21 Day 2: Zechariah 9 Day 3: Matthew 22 Day 4: Deuteronomy 5-6 Day 5: Matthew 23 Day 6: Matthew 24 Day 7: Matthew 25

WEEK 7 (February 19-26) Day 1: Exodus 12 Day 2: Matthew 26 Day 3: Genesis 3, Deuteronomy 16: 1-8 Day 4: Matthew 27 Day 5: Psalm 22 Day 6: Matthew 28 Day 7: Deuteronomy 30-31:6

ASH WEDNESDAY marks the beginning of Lenten season.

This year we will be offering 2 worship opportunities on Wednesday, February 22. Service times are at noon and 7:00 pm. Both include imposition of ashes and communion.

Look for more details to come regarding the mid-week worship services in the bulletin, email news, and March Newsletter.

QUILTERS AND CUT-UPS

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' (Matthew 25:40 NIV)

Of the quilts we made last year, several went to congregational members who had health issues. Most went to the Mercy Mobile to help with their request for blankets for the homeless during the freezing weather we had in December. Did you know that during one week of that freezing December weather six unhoused people died? A little warmth goes a long way.

Would you like to help? Here are some ways.

- Come and join us. We meet the first and third Wednesday of the month at 9:30 to noon.
 Every age, men and women are welcome!
- If you don't have time to come to meetings or the meeting time doesn't fit in your schedule, you can sew quilt tops at home at your own leisure. We have plenty of fabric and will set you up. Even one or two is a big help. We are not looking for ribbon winning quilts at a show. Your corners don't have to match exactly. Warmth is the goal We have two former members who have moved away and still sew for us and mail their quilt tops in.
- If you can't sew, we really need help tying them together. You only need to know how to use a pair of scissors. Everyone can do that. We will teach you how to tie them.
- Pray for our ministry and for the recipients of our quilts.

You can make a difference in someone's life; please consider joining us.

For more information, please contact:

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ST. TIMOTHY'S LUNCH BUNCH PROGRAM

Thursday, February 23 at 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall

The Honor Flight program is a national network working to honor our nation's veterans with air trips to Washington, DC. Veterans are able to share the trip with other veterans, to remember friends and comrades lost, and share their stories and experiences with each other.

Lunch is pizza and salad. Drinks and dessert always included. Cost is bargain \$10. Reservations are available by calling 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 presentation of the national Honor Flight network.

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

> Young Adult Fellowship Thursdays @ 7:30 pm Youth House 5153 Carter Ave

> > See you there!

BUZZ





St. Tim's

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June 19-23, 2023 9:00 - NOON

COMMUNIT

The St. Tim's Kids will be putting together 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. The kits will include a pocket gospel, a healthy snack, first aid and sanitizer supplies, a hand-written card, community resources and more. 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.Donation of Needed Supplies: 48 Granola Bars (soft) 25 Hand Sanitizers (2 oz) 75 Band Aids (assorted sizes) 140 Vitamin C cough drops 130 Mini Toothbrush and mini toothpaste

DROP OFF AT CHURCH OFFICE BY FEB 19TH

b.60 Written Words of Encouragement Cards (3x5) to share love and brighten someone's day!

Nursery Caregiver Needed This is a 4-hour paid position on Sunday mornings working with infants through 5 years old while parents attend worship.

If interested contact Shelley 408-264-3858 ext.119 or shelley.ahnwong@stlcsj.org

S Μ S Т TH MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

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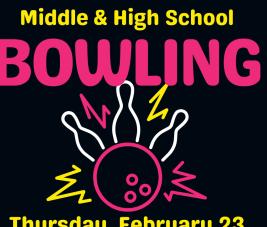
WEDNESDAYS 6-8 PM YOUTH HOUSE

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.





Sundays @ 9:55 am **Youth House**



Thursday, February 23 I-4 pm

COST: \$5 for shoes and 2 games Bring money for food



UPCOMING

EVENTS

Look for more details soon!



IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN.... OPEN ENROLLMENT STARTS FEBRUARY 8TH @ 9AM

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