



# Good News

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | ST. TIMOTHY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH | APRIL 2023

## Pastor's Pen

This Lenten season has been a true blessing to me. The topic "Lifestyle of Grace" has captured my imagination as I have seen over and over again in Scripture the understanding that God's grace carries with it the power to transform. This seems to grow in truth with a greater awareness and consciousness that grace is the state in which God places us as His children.

The powerful words of Ephesians 2:10 "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do" have grown clearer and clearer through our Lenten journey. The first realization is that we are indeed God's handiwork. This is true in our birth. Psalm 139:10 "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb." This continues to be true throughout our lives. Romans 12:2 "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will." And 1 John 3:2 "Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is." This journey of grace that is our lives is a life of promise given by the God who is faithful and able to do all that He promises for us, His children.

We are blessed. Even in the midst of life's daily challenges we can give God thanks for His abiding presence and the blessings we receive. We then discover opportunities to share those blessings with others.

As we move into the Easter season we will explore what it can mean for us to be "Living with Resurrection Power." Philippians 3:10-12 reads "I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,<sup>11</sup> and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me." These words are clear that our calling in Christ is not one of ease. There is no greater power. There is also no greater honor.

"Paul reflects on his heritage and contrasts its value with the blessing of knowing Jesus, who sets us free to invest our lives in the lives of others. Only the life, suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ has the power to truly set us free to experience life to the fullest. Dear Lord Jesus, by Your grace You set me free to live in Your righteousness and in Your image. Loosen my grip on earthly advantage, and take my hand in Yours. Amen." ENGELBRECHT, E. A. (2009). THE LUTHERAN STUDY BIBLE (P. 2037). CONCORDIA PUBLISHING HOUSE.

As we move into the spring, it is my hope that we might create opportunities to invest in time together, deepening our relationships and encouraging one another in our lives of faith and service. Please look for opportunities for fellowship and enjoy time together as brothers and sisters in Christ. Look also for opportunities to serve together as St. Timothy's continues to serve with local and global partners in mission to uplift the name of Jesus and share His love in tangible ways.

Serving with you in Christ Jesus,  
Pastor Jim Cords



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Marilyn Bentson  
Maxine Sampson  
the family of Gil Woodman  
Jackie, mother of Leslie Mazzucco  
Julie, family friend of the Sampsons  
Rick, brother of Renee of Fovell  
Clay Barron, brother-in-law of Dick Betz  
Burt Becker, father of Carol Murray  
Tim Bentson, son of Marilyn Bentson  
Clair Crawford, brother of Del Crawford  
Kasi Kambish & family (former members)  
Luke Romanini, family friend of Brian Hall  
Doug and Suzette Schuller, brother and SIL of Geoff Schuller  
the family of Richard Juhl, a former student of Bob Couper  
the family of Corky Clements, brother-in-law of Phil Sampson



As of February 28, 2023	Actual	Budget
<b>General Fund Offerings</b>	<b>\$165,965</b>	<b>\$121,553</b>
<b>Building Fund Offerings</b>	<b>\$21,981</b>	<b>\$22,719</b>
<b>General Fund Spending</b>	<b>(\$210,476)</b>	<b>(\$227,951)</b>
<b>General Fund Spending</b>	<b>(\$8,481)</b>	<b>(\$11,690)</b>
<b>Excess/(Shortfall)</b>	<b>(\$31,011)</b>	<b>(\$95,369)</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/>

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER



### Palm Sunday

April 2: 8:45 am (traditional) & 11 am (contemporary)



### Maundy Thursday

April 6: 7:00 pm in the sanctuary



### Good Friday

April 7: 12 noon and 7:00 pm in the sanctuary



### Messy Church Easter

April 8: 4-6 pm [stlcsj.org/messy](https://stlcsj.org/messy)



### Easter Sunday April 9

6:30 am Sunrise, outdoor service in conjunction with SJ Christian Reformed and Quicksilver Church

8:45 am (traditional) & 11:00 am (contemporary)

9:45-11:00 am Pancake Breakfast to support our Youth Program

*Note: Easter worship services will be recorded and be available in the afternoon.*

## SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

8:45 AM Traditional      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](https://stlcsj.org/watch)



# Effie's

Restaurant and Bar

## St. Timothy's Lunch Bunch

Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 12:00 Noon

Effie's Restaurant

331 W Hacienda Ave, Just off Winchester

A Wonderful Lunch Out

Each attendee will pay their own meal check, so NO upfront charge for this annual "eat-out" event.

Menu for Effie's Restaurant features extensive choices of "Breakfast" dishes at \$15-\$20. Some a bit less and some a bit more. Eggs, Skillets, Omelets, Pancakes, Cereal and Breads, Belgian Waffles, French Toast ..... all are available. Also "Effie's Lunch" with appetizers, soups, salads, sandwiches and more.

But, Lunch Bunch does need to know how many are coming, so please call Betsy Grande at (408) 629-6093 or Betty Rhodes at (408) 628-4799.

Lunch Bunch is a fellowship group open to ALL. Always a social time with visitors and members of St. Tim's.

We welcome new attendees. Join us, we will like you.

 South Valley FISH Food Pantry

## Food Item of the Month

The food item for April is  
PEANUT BUTTER.



Bring that requested item to church and place items in the collection bin in the narthex.

Please donate only the requested item for that month. For the health and dignity of our clients, please no expired food items.

## NALC DISASTER RELIEF MISSION TRIP Open to adults and youth who are currently in 8th grade and up.

This summer, St. Timothy's will be participating in an NALC Disaster Relief Mission Trip in Foresthill, CA and the surrounding area. It is a week-long trip from July 16th through 22nd and will focus on repairing and rebuilding structures damaged in the wildfires of recent years. There will be a ZOOM meeting on Sunday, April 2nd at 5pm to go over more details and answer any questions that you might have. Email [scott.campbell@stlcsj.org](mailto:scott.campbell@stlcsj.org) for the ZOOM information or any questions.



## Messy Church has been growing!

We are looking for more Messy Church Team members. Join us where we have fun while serving, creating community, and learning together.

The Messy Church Team serves on the second Saturday of the month from 2:30 pm – 6:30 pm.

Duties include setup, tear down, food prep, greet people, craft helper, etc.



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St. Timothy's Lutheran Church is embarking on a new global ministry partnership with an organization called Children's HopeChest. Children's HopeChest is a Christian ministry organization bringing sustainable positive community transformation to impoverished communities through a "Survive, Thrive and Succeed" model. This model develops long-term community-to-community partnership relationships called CarePoints that encourage North American communities to walk alongside impoverished communities around the world. Our leadership realized that many of our local ministries and ministry support efforts, such as City Team, FISH, Mercy Mobile, Village House and others have been relational, but that our global ministries lacked this same relationship connection.

Children's HopeChest offers a unique sponsorship program called the "Friendship Model." A "HopeChest Friend" is a caring person who commits to financially supporting the care center and building a relationship with young person at that center. A unique aspect of the Friendship Model is the young people in our CarePoint select their HopeChest Friend from among our registered congregation members. Being a HopeChest Friend and supporting a vulnerable young person is one of the most personal ways that you can make an impact on global poverty. Your \$45 monthly support provides:

- Direct assistance for emotional, environmental, educational, and medical needs
- Letter writing between young person and HopeChest Friend. This includes delivery and translation.
- Discipleship classes providing opportunities for a believer to share Christ through word and deed

Another exciting aspect of a CarePoint partnership is that each partnering organization is invited for periodic visits to their CarePoint. We get the opportunity to meet our HopeChest Friends, as well as other community members, and see the community transformation resulting from our partnership.

St. Timothy's has selected the Chapa CarePoint in Ethiopia as its partnership community. The community in the Chapa CarePoint struggles with accessing safe drinking water, malnutrition and infectious diseases, political corruption, poor health care and education and is severely affected by climate hazards such as seasonal flooding. Chapa also has an inordinate amount of orphaned and vulnerable young people. As part of the Chapa CarePoint, 79 young people are in need of "HopeChest Friends." The development plan for the Chapa CarePoint includes a timeline for self-sufficiency by the year 2030, which means that the commitment from St. Timothy's support would last approximately seven years.

**You are invited!**

**LAUNCH SUNDAY-APRIL 23**

Let's Celebrate Our Beautiful New Friendship!

Special Worship Services 8:45 am and 11:00 am

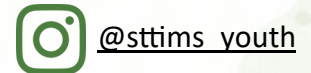
- CHURCH-WIDE CELEBRATION IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AT 10:00 AM!
- Opportunity to register to become a 'HopeChest Friend'!!!
- Meet Atkelt Simon, Strategic Partnership Director for Children's HopeChest
- Special activities for our St. Tim's Kids!
- A taste of Ethiopia with your morning coffee!

# - S T . T I M ' 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.

## Opportunities to Serve

1. Easter Sunday (April 9) Pancake Breakfast
2. Youth Service Sunday, April 16

Contact Anna-Marie if you are interested in helping at  
either or both of these.

## 6TH - 12TH GRADE STUDENTS D E V T I O N S & D N U T S

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



JUNE 12-16  
COST - \$450

6TH-12TH GRADE

FOR QUESTIONS OR  
INFORMATION CONTACT

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# BUZZ



## April 2023 Focus

We will learn the connection between humility & God's character, as shown through God's big story. We live in a "me-centered" world. It can be hard to figure out how to be humble throughout the different circumstances we face. When Jesus was on earth, He gave us the ultimate example of humility. Through His life and death, Jesus also showed us how to serve others and put them first

**FREE**  
**FUN**  
**CRAFTS**  
**FOOD**  
**EGG HUNT**

**Messy CHURCH**  
**San Jose**  
**CELEBRATION**

**EASTER**

**April 8, Saturday, 4-6 pm**

[STLCSJ.ORG/MESSY](http://STLCSJ.ORG/MESSY)  
ST. TIMOTHY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
FELLOWSHIP HALL  
5100 Camden Ave San Jose, 95124  
408-264-3858  
Please let us know that you are coming.  
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[meetup.com/messy-church-san-jose/events/292140208/](https://meetup.com/messy-church-san-jose/events/292140208/)



## VBS

The best week of the summer!  
**JUNE 19 - 23, 2023 (9AM-NOON)**



Ages: 3 yrs (potty trained) - entering 5th

Deadline to register is May 21

**\$75**  
Per child



Sign up [www.stlcsj.org/vbs/](http://www.stlcsj.org/vbs/)  
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## Reasons to Volunteer at VBS

Shine Jesus' Light  
Time to Worship  
Eternal Investment  
Loving on Kids  
Lots of Fun  
Awesome Fellowship  
Rewarding Opportunities



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ST. TIMOTHY'S CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

# APRIL NEWSLETTER

HELLO CHURCH FAMILY!

We have so much exciting news to share with you this month!

We have hired 3 new teachers and aides, Melissa Gonzalez, Michael Amey and Cindy Rivera. **We have also hired a new Preschool Director, Lori Thompson.** We are so blessed to have these individuals join our team and know that God will continue to lead each one of our teachers and staff members.

Enrollment opened for the 2023-24 school year and our summer camps. If you or anyone you know is interested in our preschool, please check out our website or call us to set up a tour. [www.sttimothyschristianpreschool.org](http://www.sttimothyschristianpreschool.org) or 408-265-0244

Thank you all for your continued prayers and support!

Kinder-Readiness students on a field trip at the Youth Science Institute (YSI)

