



# Good News

ST TIMOTHY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH | MARCH 2023



## Pastor's Pen

"What are you giving up for lent?"

Maybe you've been asked this question before. Or maybe you've asked it to someone. Lent is the season of the Church Calendar between Ash Wednesday and Easter, and is often known for the practice many people make of fasting, or "giving up" something, for its duration. They give up chocolate, coffee, alcohol, or something else. But the point of giving up something isn't just that we would stop doing something, but that in doing so, it would create a space in our lives where, by His grace, God could work in us something new.

This lent at St. Timothy's, we will be doing something special with our evening Lenten services. Rather than having our pastors preach on Wednesday evenings, each week you will hear a story of God's faithfulness from a member of St. Timothy's. Someone joked with me, "Pastor Joe, does that mean you're giving up preaching for lent?" Not exactly! The point of this is not that the pastors *aren't* preaching during lent. It is rather about who *is*!

We want to lift up stories from within our church family so that you can hear and be encouraged by what God is

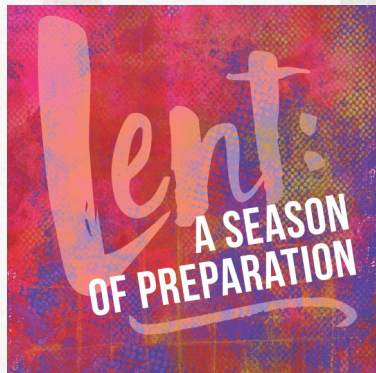
up to in the lives of the people that you often sit with in the pews. We want you to hear the kinds of stories you don't often hear in a church setting- of how God is active and working in the lives of normal people. Because we know that when God brings people to a church, He does so not just as consumers, but as people uniquely gifted with something to offer that can and will build up the rest of the church body. We believe it to a fundamental truth about a community of faith that each person is here for a reason, and each person has something to offer to build up the church!

Ephesians 4:16 says, "*From him [Jesus] the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.*"

This lent, we will be built up by the stories of some of our own- voices that we do not often hear from- and I know that we will be greatly blessed from that! My prayer for you this lent is that you would spend this season asking God to show you what unique gifts and passions he has given you for building up the church and spreading the Good News beyond its four walls, and how you might use them!

In Christ,  
Pastor Joe





## MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesdays March 1 through March 29

SOUP SUPPER at 6:15 pm in Fellowship Hall

WORSHIP at 7:00 pm in Sanctuary

## 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: 4:00-6:00 pm



### Easter Sunday

April 9: 6:30 am (sunrise), 8:45 am (traditional), & 11 am (contemporary)  
9:45 to 11:00 am Pancake Breakfast



## 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](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 updated list of staff emails on the staff website page: [stlcsj.org/staff](http://stlcsj.org/staff)



To add or renew a prayer request  
call 408-264-3858 or email  
[info@stlcsj.org](mailto:info@stlcsj.org).

Breana Bartholomew  
Geoff Schuller  
Bonnie Swenson  
Marsha Wells  
Adam, friend of Carl Schattke  
Jackie, mother of Leslie Mazzucco  
Clay Barron, brother-in-law of Dick Betz  
Gilbert Calleros, father of Anna-Marie Valles  
the family of Joe Morales  
the family of Phil Leahey  
the family of Donna Soos  
Food Pantry Clients

# BUDGET REPORT



As of January 31	Actual	Budget
<b>General Fund Offerings</b>	<b>\$97,970</b>	<b>\$67,429</b>
<b>Building Fund Offerings</b>	<b>\$15,151</b>	<b>\$12,589</b>
<b>General Fund Spending</b>	<b>(\$80,537)</b>	<b>(\$94,123)</b>
<b>General Fund Spending</b>	<b>(\$4,241)</b>	<b>(\$5,845)</b>
<b>Excess/(Shortfall)</b>	<b>\$28,343</b>	<b>(\$19,950)</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/>

## YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

Thursdays @ 7:30 pm  
Youth House 5153 Carter Ave



Please keep our Young Adults  
and Drivers in your prayers.  
This month we have a special trip  
planned for Hume Winter Camp  
March 10-12.



## St. Timothy's Lunch Bunch

Thursday, March 23  
at 12:00 Noon  
Fellowship Hall

Leslie Frates will share her experiences while a Jeopardy contestant. Well, maybe some of her experiences, as she has a real history in Jeopardy. Many dollars won, many sessions won, and playing against some titans. Don't miss this program.

Lunch is baked potato with choice of several toppings. Drinks and dessert always included. Cost is bargain \$10. Reservations are preferred for this event, so please call 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 Jeopardy experience with Leslie Frates.

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





Thank you to all St Tim's members and others who made my big birthday celebration in early February so special. That is, special to me. The celebration wasn't so big, but my birthday number is pretty big. I'm still getting used to the number 90. I never expected that so many of you at both the Traditional and Contemporary services would come by to wish me a happy birthday, to chat, to inquire of my plans for special activities, and to sample a small piece of birthday cake. I feel so honored, and so blessed. Thanks be to God.

And thanks be to Pastor Jim, Pastor Joe, and our St Tim's leaders all of whom model St Tim's as a very welcoming and worshipful church..

Plus thanks to Elizabeth Kuriyan for decorating and arranging the Coffee & Gathering Room to emphasize that something special was happening there.

And ... to my beloved wife, Maxie, who provided the birthday cake and some homemade chocolate bars.

Phil Sampson



Dear St. Tim's Family,

Words cannot express how grateful and humbled our family is for the outpouring of love, prayers and support since my surgery in December. You have

once again carried us through such an overwhelming and exhausting time. Also, for those of you who contributed to the Meal Train...Wow! We had no idea what amazing cooks our church community has! You have blessed us beyond words with your gift of nourishment when we had no time or energy to be cooking. We thank God for all of you and continue to ask for Him to pour blessings over all of you for your goodness and servant's hearts!

I am recovering at home and getting stronger every day. We so appreciate your continued prayers. Thank you again for helping us to feel the love and care of God through all of you!

In His Love,

The Phelps Family



**A service project for all ages to send love and encouragement to our St. Tim's College Students.**

St. Timothy's is putting together care packages for our college students. This is a great way to let them know that we care about them and to connect with them in a meaningful way. Whether they are studying from home or far away we want our students to feel loved by and connected with their family of faith at St. Timothy's. Thank you for your partnership in this effort.

***WE NEED DONATIONS! Bring items to church entryway or office.***

**DEADLINE: SUNDAY, MARCH 19**

Some donation ideas...

**PERSONAL ENCOURAGEMENT**

A favorite Bible verse

Personal Note of Encouragement

**PRACTICAL ITEMS**

School Supplies - Post-Its, Pens, Pencils, Highlighters

Lip Balm, Hand Sanitizer, Hand Lotion

**SNACKS**

Cookies, Crackers, Pretzels (Snack size bags)

Granola Bars, Trail Mix

Microwave Popcorn

Instant Drinks

(Coffee, Hot Cocoa, Lemonade, Iced Tea, Apple Cider)

Cup Noodles / Mac & Cheese cups



IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN...

OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR  
2023-2024 HAS BEGUN!

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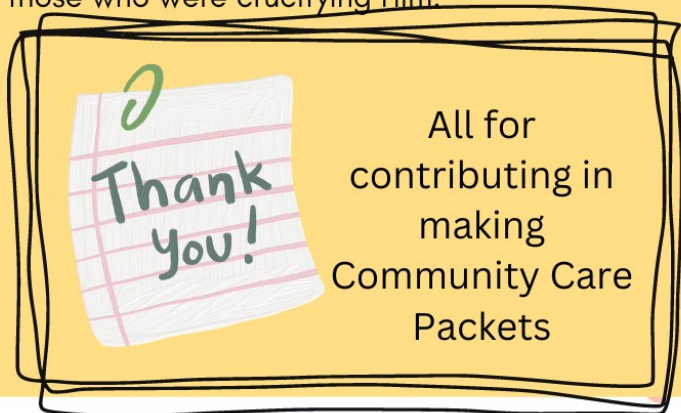


# BUZZ



## March 2023 Focus

The connection between FORGIVENESS and God's character, as shown through God's BIG STORY. No matter how much we mess up, God will always forgive us. Jesus even chose to forgive those who were crucifying Him.



## 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 online at [www.stlcsj.org/vbs/](http://www.stlcsj.org/vbs/)  
Any questions or Scholarship request,  
contact Shelley at [cm@stlcsj.org](mailto:cm@stlcsj.org)



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ALL ARE INVITED

CRAFTS

CELEBRATION

FUN

GAMES



## San Jose

FOOD

# PRAYER

## March 11, Sat, 4-6 pm

**Free Entry**

[WWW.STLCSJ.ORG/MESSY/](http://WWW.STLCSJ.ORG/MESSY/)  
ST. TIMOTHY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
FELLOWSHIP HALL  
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Please let us know that you are coming. [cm@stlcsj.org](mailto:cm@stlcsj.org)  
[www.meetup.com/messy-church-san-jose/events/2914705271](https://www.meetup.com/messy-church-san-jose/events/2914705271)

**"BEAR WITH EACH OTHER  
AND FORGIVE ONE ANOTHER IF  
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THE LORD FORGAVE YOU."**

**COLOSSIANS 3:13, NIV**



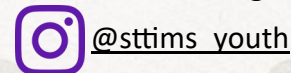
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MIDDLE SCHOOL &  
HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

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Check us out on Instagram



## Winter Camp at Hume

March 3-5 – Pray for our students and leaders that are attending.

## Youth Led Service

Youth and Young Adults will lead service on April 16th. Contact Anna-Marie if you are interested in helping.

## 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.



## UPCOMING EVENTS



CAMP  
PONDO

JUNE 12-16  
Cost \$450

MISSION TRIP  
with NALC  
Disaster Relief

JULY 16-22

Look for more details soon!

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

Sundays @ 9:55 am  
Youth House