



# Good News

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

## PASTOR'S PEN

For the past couple of weeks, I have been teaching a Wednesday Bible study where we have been studying the book of Jonah. It has been a great journey digging deep into the Bible in this way... exploring the scholarly commentaries, looking at historical, literary and cultural context to see how this book of the Bible might have spoken to its original ancient Hebrew audience, and how it still continues to speak to God's people today.

This reminded me of the value of mixing up the way we approach reading the Bible from time to time. All of our time in Scripture does not need to be deep, scholarly study, but we are certainly blessed when some of it is! What often happens for Christians is that we settle into a rhythm and approach to reading the Bible and then stick with it. Maybe for you, it's a "one chapter per day" approach. Or you tend to stick mostly in the New Testament. Maybe there's a book that you haven't read in a long time, or maybe have never read.

If you feel like your "phoning it in" with your devotional time... checking the box more than having a daily encounter with God, I want to encourage you to try something new for a change! There is no prescribed way that you are required to spend time in the Bible. Here are a few options for you to consider:

- 1) Read a book you haven't read in a long time (or have never read). Haven't been in 1st Chronicles or Ezekiel in a while? Been avoiding Hebrews? Give it a try!
- 2) Read the same book or chapter multiple days in a row.

Sometimes God shows us new things in familiar texts as we revisit them. Read a short book like an Epistle or Minor prophet 1 or 2 chapters at a time, and repeat it at least 2 or 3 times.

- 3) Read an entire book in one sitting. Chapters and verses were not a part of the original text! Taking in a whole book in one sitting can give new perspective. If possible, consider setting apart an hour or two to read through a Gospel in one sitting. I know this experience will be a blessing!

- 4) Conversely, you can pick a verse or passage and focus on it for consecutive days, committing it to memory. Memorizing Scripture is one of the incredible ways we can see God's word transform our minds and lives. Memorized Scripture is like an arrow in your quiver!

- 5) Lastly, visit the St. Tim's Library (yes, we still have one!) and check out a Bible commentary. Use it as a resource as you read through a book of the Bible and see what new and encouraging insights you might find there!

This is not meant to be an exhaustive list, but a place to start as you continue your own journey of being touched, transformed and inspired by God's word, for "all Scripture is God-breathed and good for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

In Christ,  
Pastor Joe Hill





For up-to-date prayer requests.  
join the Prayer Group on St. Tim's  
Connect. To add or renew a prayer  
request, call 408-264-3858 or  
email [info@stlcsj.org](mailto:info@stlcsj.org).

the family of Anita Haugh  
the family of Dave Norris  
the family of Joan Pariani  
the family of Shirley Hill, mother of Steve Hill  
Angel & Mike, friends of Bill Mowson  
Margaret, sister of Marilyn Cords  
Luke Adan, friend of Joe Hill  
Susie DeGaris, aunt of Katy Stamos  
Leonard Matts, boyfriend of Sharon Zuberbier  
Shawn Oliver, son of Bill & Sandy Oliver  
Rodney Schaeffer, father of Sharon Zuberbier

# BUDGET REPORT



As of June 30, 2023	Actual	Budget
General Fund Offerings	\$440,836	\$414,726
Building Fund Offerings	\$60,486	\$60,889
General Fund Spending	(\$608,976)	(\$607,945)
Building Fund Spending	(\$40,014)	(\$48,437)
Excess/(Shortfall)	(\$147,668)	(\$180,767)

## 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/>



## St. Timothy's Annual Golf Tournament

October 7 @ 9:30 am  
at Los Lagos Golf Course  
Cost is \$90 per player.

*Sign-ups begin in September!*

You can sign up after worship on Sundays  
or look for an online sign-up link in the  
weekly email news.

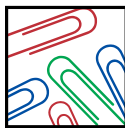
## SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

9 AM Traditional

11 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.



**Choir will resume Sunday, August 20.**

- Practice Sundays from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in room C1
- Sing at the 9 a.m. service the second and fourth Sunday of each month (and the fifth Sunday when there is one)
- Sing in the Christmas Cantata with orchestra!

*Interested in singing in the choir?  
Do you play an instrument?  
Your talent is needed as well.*

Please email me at the address below or speak with  
me Sunday morning after the 9 a.m. service.

**Contact Bill Mowson**

[music@stlcsj.org](mailto:music@stlcsj.org)



Grieving... but not alone.

A new Grief Support Group will begin in September. This is a 13-week course that will support anyone who is grieving a loved one, regardless of how recent (or not) this loss may be. *If you are still grieving, you are welcome.*

Our Support Group uses a program called GriefShare, which combines 3 components: a video, small group conversation, and a private journal (called a workbook).

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.

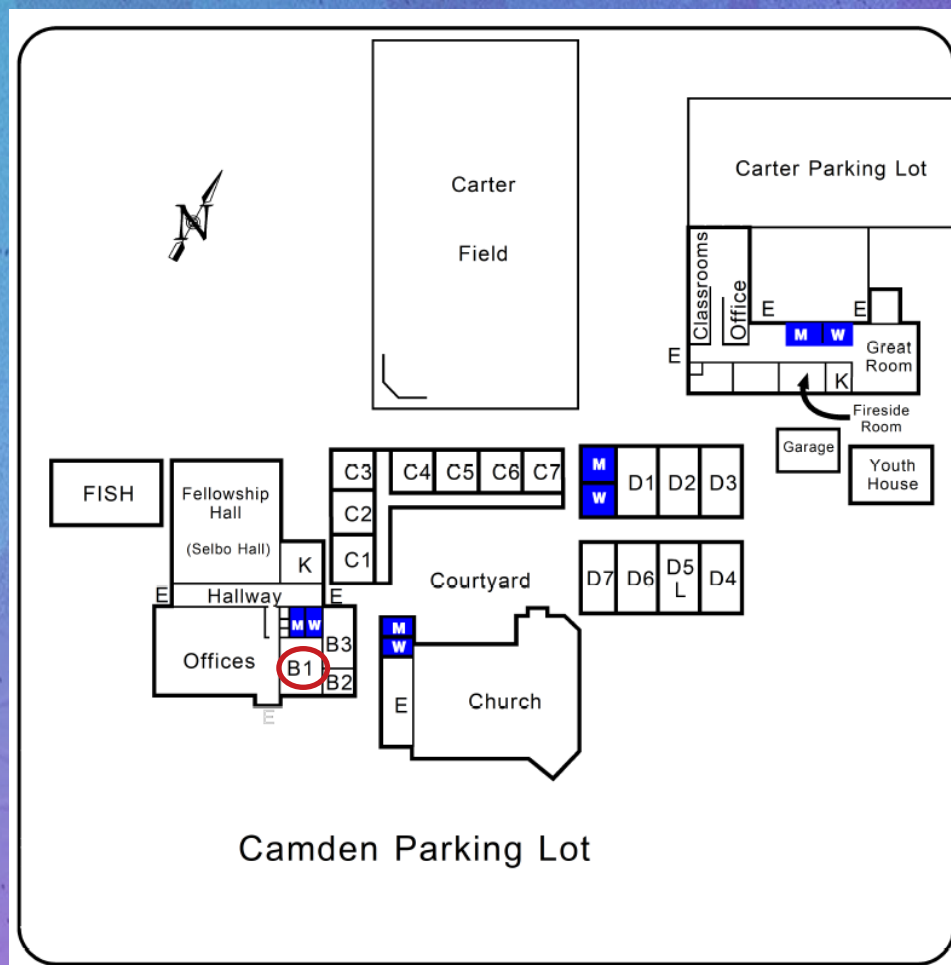
*You do not have to walk this journey alone.* You have friends who will walk with you. More importantly, God walks with you. "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me." (Psalm 23)

**Mondays, 7 pm – 9 pm, beginning September 11, 2023**

**At St. Timothy's, Room B1 (see map below)**

**Suggested donation for workbook: \$20**

**Sign up after church or contact Leslie or Tony: [tlca@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tlca@sbcglobal.net) or 408-323-0306.**





# St Tim's MOPS and MOMSnext

**2023-2024**

**Registration will begin in August.**

Join us as we support and encourage each other through this journey we call motherhood!

We are a community of moms with children ages birth through school-age. We encourage each other through resources, speakers, events, mentorship, and friendship – all pertinent to our roles as mothers, wives, and women.

We will meet one Wednesday evening per month, on St. Timothy's campus, beginning in the fall. Plus, special events throughout the year.



**Contact Elizabeth at**

**[mops@stlcsj.org](mailto:mops@stlcsj.org)**

**or 408-677-0267**



A large percentage of CityTeam residents are seeking to purchase a used vehicle to get to and from work and job sites. As you know the residents in this program are working extremely hard in bettering their lives and preparing a better future for themselves and their families.

If you or anyone you know are looking to sell a used vehicle, please contact Robert from CityTeam. As always we thank you for continued support and dedication.

**Contact:** Robert Ramirez [rramirez@cityteam.org](mailto:rramirez@cityteam.org)  
or 408-582-5778.



South Valley FISH Food Pantry

**AUGUST**  
**Food Item of**  
**the Month**

**PEANUT BUTTER**



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



# 2023 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Scholarship Committee met on Wednesday July 19, 2023 and reviewed three applications from recent high school graduates. We determined that all three applicants were deserving of \$1,000 scholarship awards based upon their applications and essays. The following list gives the names of the winners in alphabetical order, indicates their college plans, and shares selections from their essays.

**Isabella DeFilippis** (Planning to attend Palomar College and major in Biology)

"When I was confirmed into the church during my 8th-grade year, I was challenged to express my faith and what that meant to me personally. This was not an easy task, but through the guidance and leadership of Pastor Jonna, I was able to find a bible verse that spoke to me. This verse has carried me through many challenging times. Just this year, I had to face many disappointments, but each time I was drawn back to my verse, Isaiah 43:1, 'Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.' ... Although I will be moving out of the area for my college years, St. Timothy's will always be my home church, where I started my spiritual journey, where I learned to be compassionate and serve others, where so many wonderful memories were created during my youth, and where I will always feel welcome and loved. St. Timothy's has taught me to recognize the gifts that I possess and use those gifts to represent Christ and share His word with others. I will continue to do this wherever life takes me as I know that God will be there by my side."

**Jacob Ganatra** (Planning to attend the University of Oregon and major in Computer Science)

"As I prepare for college, I am immensely grateful for the impact my church, family, and personal faith journey have had on my ability to share my beliefs. Through their guidance and support, I have gained a strong foundation, a sense of community, and the skills to engage in meaningful conversations. Embracing diversity and engaging in service have broadened my perspective and deepened my compassion. With these experiences and values, I enter college with confidence, ready to respectfully discuss and contribute to a diverse community of individuals with varying beliefs. My church and family have equipped me to navigate these conversations with authenticity, empathy, and a genuine desire to learn from others while sharing my own faith journey."

**Claudia Nelson** (Planning to attend the University of California Los Angeles and major in Computer Science and Engineering)

"When the pandemic hit, church was one of the few constants that remained in my life. Like the pastors have told us time and time again, church is not a place but a people. We may not have been able to congregated on Sunday mornings in the church building like we had always done, but we found a way to still have services. Every Sunday, my family and I would sit in the living room watching the recorded church services. It wasn't the same as being in church but I could still feel the presence of everyone else there with me in spirit, even if they weren't there in person. My church has always given me a community to turn to with questions as I've grown as a Christian. They support me and encourage me to listen to God and travel the road that he is guiding me towards. Without them, my walk of faith would be a windy road instead of a clear, straight path."

The Scholarship Committee was pleased to receive applications from these three 2023 graduates, and it is our sincere desire that the St. Timothy's scholarships will provide both encouragement and a helpful financial boost as these young people continue their educations. Kudos to both Pastor Joe Hill and our Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, Anna-Marie Valles, for making sure that the opportunity was publicized, for encouraging eligible youth-group members to apply, and for providing letters of recommendation.

Please seek out opportunities to congratulate the winners listed above and wish them well as they embark on their college careers. Also, please support them with your prayers as they make this significant transition in their young lives.

The Scholarship Committee  
Tammy Briner, Ken Duvall, Susan Lovelady

**Congratulations!**

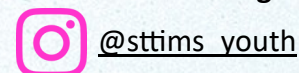


# - ST. TIM'S - YOUTH -

MIDDLE SCHOOL &  
HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

Anna-Marie Valles  
[annamarie.valles@stlcsj.org](mailto:annamarie.valles@stlcsj.org)  
or 408-264-3858, ext. 122  
Scott Campbell  
[scott.campbell@stlcsj.org](mailto:scott.campbell@stlcsj.org)  
or 408-264-3858, ext. 120

Check us out on Instagram



## MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL



SEPTEMBER 15-16  
Cost \$100

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

Sign-ups coming soon!

## 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 9:00 pm (through 8-16).



Anna-Marie is still on  
sabbatical. Her first day back to  
Cornerstone is August 16. Scott  
Campbell and our amazing  
team of volunteers are covering  
for her while she is away.





# St. Tim's KIDS AUGUST BUZZ

•Know•Grow•Go•

When we look outside and see the beautiful world around us, we're reminded that God is great, powerful, and creative. From the birds flying high in the sky, to the planets orbiting the sun, to animals scampering around the earth, everything we see points to God's immense creativity. Jesus used creativity in the way He told parables, performed miracles, and helped His followers understand more about what it means to be part of God's kingdom.

**FREE** **FUN**

**Messy CHURCH**

**San Jose**

**GOD IS POWERFUL**

**CELEBRATION CRAFTS GAMES FOOD**

**August 12, Sat, 4-6 PM**

[www.STLCSJ.ORG/MESSY/](http://www.STLCSJ.ORG/MESSY/)  
ST. TIMOTHY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
5100 Camden Ave San Jose, 95124  
408-264-3858  
Please RSVP.  
[CM@STLCSJ.ORG](mailto:CM@STLCSJ.ORG)  
[www.meetup.com/messy-church-san-jose/events/294655806/](http://www.meetup.com/messy-church-san-jose/events/294655806/)



**Will you?**

**Be a Helper in Nursery  
once a month  
to serve young children**

[CM@STLCSJ.ORG](mailto:CM@STLCSJ.ORG)





“Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.”

~ Colossians 3:12



## AUGUST NEWSLETTER



The summer has flown by and we only have a couple more weeks of summer camps left. The kids have been having fun celebrating our country, playing sports, discovering space, and roaring like dinosaurs! Soon we will be welcoming our students back to school for the 2023-24 school year.

On **Sunday, August 20** we invite you to the **Teacher/Staff Installation & Luncheon**. Teachers and staff will be Installed for the new school year with a blessing followed by a luncheon where everyone is invited to join for lunch and meet the staff.

### Upcoming Dates

- August 12:** Messy Church
- August 14 & 15:** Orientation Days
- August 16:** 1st Day of School M-F & M/W/F Students
- August 17:** 1st Day of School Tue. & Thu. Students
- August 20:** Teacher/Staff Installation & Luncheon
- August 29:** Ice Cream Social



There are still spots available for the 2023-24 school year  
Scan the QR code to apply

