



# Good News

ST. TIMOTHY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH | OCTOBER 2023

## Pastor's Pen

This month marks 1 year back on the staff at St. Timothy's- my first year of ordained pastoral ministry. I am so grateful to be here and excited about what God is up to in and through our congregation. As one of your pastors, I have numerous areas of ministry that I oversee. And in those areas, one theme has been coming up over and over again- a thread that ties so much of what we do together: community.

Whether it is the small group communities that we have in our Grow Groups, the communities that come alongside the different local and global ministries we are involved in, the relationships that are built during our fellowship time after services on Sunday, ministries like Messy Church, MOPS, our preschool, youth and young adult ministries and more, I see meaningful, loving relationships being built, all on the foundation of Christ. People are connecting over cups of coffee on the patio on Sundays, or in the preschool courtyard during the week when Shelley, Carolyn, and the pastors host coffee and donuts for parents. I see people praying for one another during and after Sunday services, and relationships being formed and strengthened in Grow Groups.

In John 13:35, Jesus says, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." My prayer for our congregation moving forward is that our sense of community- our significant, Christ-centered relationships- would be a testimony to the love of Christ and an invitation to all who come and are invited here to be a part of the family! That as new people come, they would feel invited and welcomed to be a part of the community here at St. Tim's. And we all have a part to play!

Don't forget: YOU are a meaningful, important, gifted, Holy Spirit-filled member of our church community- our family of faith! You are not a consumer of a product that "St. Timothy's" produces- we are partners in the ministry that God leads, empowers and calls us to together! I want to encourage you to step outside your comfort zone on Sunday mornings! Introduce yourself to people you have never met before, even if you have seen them at our church for the last 12 years. Sit down at a table for fellowship that has an open seat, even if you don't know the people sitting there. Pray for God to show you how he can work in and through you to build up the community in the love of Christ and to the glory of God the Father!

In Christ,  
Pastor Joe



# BUDGET REPORT

Financial Performance (Year-to-date as of August 31, 2023)

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Approved 2023 Budget
Offerings & Other Income	\$717,853	\$664,937	\$1,150,000
Benevolences	(48,500)	(49,000)	(100,000)
Admin & Operations	(808,957)	(814,335)	(1,257,374)
Preschool	62,238	(85,823)	(17,799)
Excess/(shortfall)	(\$77,366)	(\$284,221)	(\$225,173)

## 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/>



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).

Ken Duvall  
Renee Hardin  
Bianca Jones  
Barbara Zingalis  
Sue, sister of Laurel Hill  
Margaret, sister of Marilyn Cords  
Rob McCarthy, son of Mary Ellen McCarthy  
Shawn Oliver, son of the Olivers

 South Valley FISH Food Pantry

## OCTOBER 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.

## Congregational Forum

October 15  
12:00 pm Sanctuary

Remodel plans for the kitchen will be presented.

## WORSHIP NIGHT

OCTOBER 15

7:00-8:30 PM

Come join us in the Carter Building for a night of worship music and a message in a relaxed atmosphere.





This year we are excited to again be participating in the Operation Christmas Child ministry. Last year we packed over 300 shoeboxes and hope to do the same again this year! As a church, we have four different opportunities to bless children around the world. If you aren't familiar with the ministry, here is a very good video to watch.

<https://video.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child-overview-2023/>

1. We will be packing shoeboxes as a church November 11-12. Families and small groups can sign-up for a time to come in and pack shoeboxes. 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, although St. Timothy's is not a Drop-Off Center as we were in the past, we will still need help transporting the shoeboxes to a nearby Drop-Off Center on November 19th.

**If you have any questions about the Operation Christmas Child ministry or would like more information, please contact Debbie Bauman at [debbie@bspan.com](mailto:debbie@bspan.com).**

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

**Thursday, October 26 at 12:00 noon**  
**in Fellowship Hall**

Program for this month is provided by James H. Bacus about his Books and More project in Amman, Jordan. Books and More is a place where people of all ages can read, listen to music, watch video, relax, socialize, and investigate Christianity. All this in the capital city of a Muslim nation in the Middle East where Christian resources are scarce.

**Lunch will be Pasta Station from Olive Garden.**

**Lunch cost is \$20.**

**Desserts and drinks are always free.**

**OK to bring your own lunch.**

Lunch Bunch needs to know how many are coming, so please 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.**



## Legacy Fund Sundays

OCTOBER 8 AND OCTOBER 15

We are excited to have two Sundays this month where we will share more about St. Timothy's Legacy Fund. You may be asking, "What is the Legacy Fund"? It is an endowment fund built from financial gifts from donors. These gifts remain invested, and the income generated from those assets supports projects that grow the Kingdom of God, bear fruit, and continually plant seeds. Leaving a legacy! Look for information at our "Legacy Sundays" this month and learn more about what the Legacy Fund is doing, how you can make a financial contribution, and what type of ministries we are funding.

Your Legacy Team,

Rebecca Biagini, Ken Duvall, Susan Lovelady,  
Darrell Shideler and Megan Smith

## LEADERSHIP TEAM UPDATES

As a Leadership Team, we are working to ensure that we have consistent and transparent communication with the congregation. With that in mind, we plan to publish an update here in the Newsletter every few months to keep you informed of the things being discussed and decisions that are made.

The Leadership Team has been diligently working over the past few months (and years) to be wise, prudent stewards of the gifts and assets we have here at St. Timothy's. Most recently, we have been putting a lot of work into thinking through how we can best use our campus to be more hospitable and effective in our ministries. In particular, we have made some repairs in the Carter building to ensure that it is safe and up to code for the groups that use it. We also have looked at different options for fixing the sound and lighting issues in Fellowship Hall and approved new lighting as well as acoustic tiles to install on the walls and ceiling. Finally, the team has given approval to an architect to begin making a design plan for the kitchen remodel and is looking at starting plans for a permanent shade structure on the front patio.

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions, concerns, or general suggestions you may have--the Leadership Team is here to represent YOU!



## Quilts of Compassion

*"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves received from God." 2 Corinthians 1:3*

Quite often the call goes out to quilters in the U.S. for help in a disaster. This time the call came from Maui for quilts for the residents there who lost everything they owned in the fire. St. Timothy's Quilters and Cut-Ups joined the forces of quilters and sent 20 quilts to Maui for residents who had nothing left. A quilt shop on the island is facilitating the distribution. Hundreds of quilts are arriving from the mainland answering the call for help. These quilts not only provide warmth during chilly evenings but also provide comfort in knowing that people care deeply about them and their troubles. Many evacuees are being placed in hotels where upon entering their temporary residence, they find a handmade quilt on the bed. Something that makes the hotel room a little more like home, gives them something that is theirs to own when they have nothing, and comfort in knowing they are supported tangibly and spiritually.

Throughout the year the St. Timothy's quilters support different ministries. Perhaps you have time to join us. It's easy. We meet at church on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 9:30 am. You don't have to come to the meetings; you can work from home if you prefer. We do have fun at the meetings and enjoy the fellowship of fellow quilters.

You don't have to know how to sew. We train you for different tasks. If you sew, we have plenty of fabric to use. You don't have to provide any supplies. Work at your own pace. No deadlines. Join us and make a difference in someone's life.

If you are interested, please contact Danielle Quayle at 408 377-5862 [dkquayle@gmail.com](mailto:dkquayle@gmail.com)  
Or Tammy Briner at 408-267-8278  
[michael.briner@comcast.net](mailto:michael.briner@comcast.net).

# - 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.

6TH - 12TH GRADE STUDENTS  
DEVOTIONS  
&  
DONUTS

Sundays @ 10 am  
Youth House



6th-12 grade  
COSTUME &  
MOVIE NIGHT

Friday,  
October 27  
7 pm  
Carter Building



Halloween costume contest!  
We will play games, eat snacks, and watch a movie.  
Bring your favorite snack to share.

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# OCTOBER BUZZ

God is always good. Since the very beginning, God has been faithful and true. If God makes a promise, God keeps that promise. We are created in God's image . . . and when we live with integrity, we reflect God's integrity.

FREE

FUN



San Jose

## BIBLE BUDDY ADOPTION

CELEBRATION CRAFTS GAMES FOOD  
October 14, Sat, 4-6 PM

[www.STLCSJ.ORG/MESSY/](http://www.STLCSJ.ORG/MESSY/)

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Please RSVP [cm@stlcsj.org](mailto:cm@stlcsj.org)

[www.meetup.com/messy-church-san-jose/events/295953546](http://www.meetup.com/messy-church-san-jose/events/295953546)



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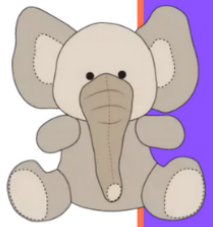


## BIBLE BUDDY

Come adopt a free stuffed animal and receive a Bible Story Book to read with your new friend.

OCTOBER 14, 4-6 PM

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



God can help me be brave.

## INTEGRITY

CHOOSING TO BE TRUTHFUL  
IN WHATEVER YOU SAY AND DO





# OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2023



## Note from the Director

*But Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these"*  
~Luke 18:16

The children are settling into their classrooms and you can hear their sweet voices in the courtyard of our preschool. We feel so blessed to have your children here with us at St. Timothy's.

Back to School Night, Ice Cream Social and Coffee with Parents was a huge success. Parents were pleased and excited with their child's teacher and classrooms. They also appreciated the time to have with other parents. We had our first code red, earthquake and fire drill and all the children did an amazing job. They were very brave.

In the month of October, we are looking forward to our dentist visit, pumpkin patch, Scholastic book fair, book character parade & party and coffee with parents. Can't wait for all the fun!

Blessings,  
Lori Thompson



Music time  
pictures 9/8/23



PIC-COLLAGE

## Important Dates

### OCTOBER

**6th:** Staff In-service - No School

**9th:** Dentist Visit

**14th:** Messy Church

**18th:** Pumpkin Patch Field Trip

**30th:** Book Character Parade & Party  
Coffee with Parents (in courtyard)

**Oct. 30-Nov. 3:**  
Book Fair

