



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

Pastor's Pen

What a privilege it is to serve with the St. Timothy's community. We have had a solid history of ministry that has been well grounded in our faith and convictions. That same faith and those same convictions continue to guide us in articulating a vision for the future.

As disciples of Jesus and people of the Lutheran church we hold the authority of Scripture as a central guiding principle. We will continue to let Scripture be our guide in preaching and proclamation and will seek to provide multiple opportunities for gathering around God's Word for children and adults alike. We also find our central purpose in the Great Commission (Mt. 28:18-20) and the Great Commandment (Mark 12:28-34). This purpose then finds its grounding in our Lutheran focus (Ephesians 2:8-10).

As we move forward in mission and ministry we will develop three overlapping ministry areas in Hospitality, Discipleship and Mission; all of which come together in worship. We recognize the Triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit as: God the Father is made known- we are adopted as a children of God; Jesus Calls- we are chosen as Disciples of Jesus; and the Holy Spirit empowers- sending us as ambassadors of the Kingdom.

We are working to develop our campus both to be good stewards of this amazing property that God has blessed us with and to use this property to continue to expand and deepen our ministry.

Under the area of Hospitality we will emphasize Sunday morning as a blessed time to connect with one another. We hope to continue the development of our outdoor area (adding shade) as well as transforming some of

our indoor area especially enhancing B2 with a wide double door, counter w/ storage and a coffee/ refreshment serving area open to the patio (this will also be available during the week for friends to gather). We are also developing a Wednesday church night to include a common meal (made by a meal team) and multiple ministry offerings to include ministries such as: Youth, Bible Study, Alpha/Alpha Marriage, Grow Group, MOPS, and other discipleship and outreach ministries.

The property development envisioned includes: Upgrading the Fellowship hall with improved acoustics, lighting and perhaps flooring and furniture; remodeling the kitchen to support the creation of meals for gatherings large and small; strengthening ministry with children and youth by remodeling C1, 2 and 3 as well as the patio area between these rooms and the fellowship hall for children's ministry. In support our youth and kingdom partnerships we hope to update the Carter building including making the large room more effective for multiple purposes, updating the kitchen to make it more effective for serving food, redeveloping the west wing for our primary youth ministry space; we are also hoping to return the youth house to residential use for either maintenance/security staff or intern housing; and setting up the east most D building rooms for choir and adult ed ministries.

Please plan to come to the Congregational Forum on September 10 following worship (at Noon). This will be an opportunity to hear more about and discuss these developing plans.

See you soon,
Pastor Jim Cords



PRAYER REQUESTS: 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.

Brad Abel
the family of Jason Soyster
Grace, relative of Del Crawford
Mike, grandson of Laurel Hill
George Acosta, brother-in-law of Karen Acosta
Kyle Alegrete, friend of the Stahlkes
Faye Hall, extended family of Bette Jorgensen
Rob McCarthy, son of Mary Ellen McCarthy
Clint Miller & family, uncle of Karen Acosta
John Moffet, brother of Julie Altomare
Michael Nevarez, friend of Jeff Wagner
the family of Rick Fovell, brother of Renee Fovell

BUDGET REPORT

As of July 31, 2023	Actual	Budget
General Fund Offerings	519,533	467,730
Building Fund Offerings	65,522	86,590
General Fund Spending	(708,298)	(708,565)
Building Fund Spending	(44,556)	(54,282)
Excess/(Shortfall)	(\$167,799)	(\$208,527)

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/>

CAMPUS UPDATES

This is the first in a series of semi-regular campus updates. Its intention is to help keep our community informed about repairs and improvements on our campus.

We have a Campus Planning Team consisting of Carolyn Amey, Chip Bronk, Chris Collier, Carol Murray, Mark Smith, and Sam Valles. This team's purpose is to evaluate our property/facilities and develop a long term plan for maintenance, and where to invest church funds for capital improvements to the campus.

The Campus Planning Team had a Home & Commercial Property Inspection report done for the Carter building in June 2023. In this report, deficiencies were found. The Leadership Team approved some repairs that were deemed necessary. The below list are items that have been repaired.

- ◆ Extend gas meter purge valve a minimum of 36" from adjacent crawl space vent.
- ◆ Replace gas shut off valve at HVAC equipment.
- ◆ Replace gas shut off valve and install gas sediment traps at HVAC equipment.
- ◆ Install gas sediment trap at water heater.
- ◆ Replace water heater. Includes new water supply lines. New water heater to be 40-gallon American Standard.
- ◆ Extend T&P valve to existing drip pan below.
- ◆ Clean exterior catch basin of leaves and debris. remove existing submersible pump.
- ◆ Fix damaged hose bibb.
- ◆ Install new clean out plug.
- ◆ Remove and reset loose toilet. Same for leaking urinals.
- ◆ Upgrade electrical subpanel to present code.
- ◆ Install emergency lights where needed.
- ◆ Replace older emergency exit lights with emergency exit lights with bug eyes (increased illumination).
- ◆ Replace undersized 15A circuit breakers in kitchen and restrooms with 20A branch circuit/breaker/outlet.
- ◆ Fix numerous plugs that were reversed polarity, open hot, open ground and broken wall plates.

Congregational Forum

Sunday, 9/10
12:00 pm

Join us after the 11 am worship in the Sanctuary to hear updates about our vision and the direction we are going in as a church. We will also have updates on acoustic and lighting projects in the Fellowship Hall as well as projects that have been done in the Carter building.

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St. Timothy's 26th Annual Golf Tournament

Saturday, October 7

9:30 am

\$90 per person

Los Lagos Golf Course

Click [here](#) to sign-up online as a group or as an individual or sign-up

on Sunday after worship services beginning September 17 or email [Bill](#).



South Valley FISH Food Pantry

SEPTEMBER Food Item of the Month

CANNED TOMATO SAUCE



DRIED PASTA



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



Saturday, September 16
9am- noon

There will be tasks for everyone. Come on out and lend a hand to make our campus sparkle.

POSTAGE STAMPS

To all that have been faithful collecting used postage stamps,

The Sons of Norway is no longer collecting the stamps. They referred me to the Postal History Foundation that does collect the stamps. They use the stamps for teaching students to sort and group and count. You can look them up on the internet. If you want to send the stamps that you may have, the address is :

Postal History Foundation
920 North 1st Ave
Tucson AZ 85719.

Thank you for all your support of the program over the past years but we will no longer be collecting stamps. I did mail all the stamps that have been collected since 2020 to the Foundation. If you have any questions, feel free to ask me.

Alan Pintacura



Grieving... but not alone.

Our Support Group will be using a program called GriefShare, which combines 3 components: a video, small group conversation, and a private journal (called a workbook). It's a 13-week course, in-person, beginning September 11.

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.

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

At church, Room B1 (the old Music Room)

Suggested donation for workbook: \$20

**Sign up at the table after worship on Sundays
or call Tony/Leslie 408-323-0306**

St. Tim's Lunch Bunch Returns!

**Thursday, September 28
at 12:00 noon
in Fellowship Hall**

Program for September is provided by Jennifer Deghuel. She will give a presentation on bee-keeping and harvesting local honey. Jennifer lives in our San Jose community and has been interested in bees and their hives. She currently has 20 hives and has been making honey for 6 years. Jars of her honey will be available for purchase.

Lunch will be biscuits, honey (yes indeed), coleslaw, and KFC chicken. Lunch cost is \$15.

Desserts and drinks are always free. And it is OK if you wish to bring your own lunch.

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

Monthly Lunch Bunch is a fellowship group open to ALL. Always a social time, nice lunch and then an interesting program. We welcome new attendees.



You're Invited!

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
POTLUCK DINNER 5:00PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

We're thrilled that Milkias (Mickey) Taye, Children's HopeChest Country Director for Ethiopia and Yifrut Abebe, HopeChest Program Director for the Chapa CarePoint will both be in town, all the way from Ethiopia! Please help us give them a warm St. Timothy's welcome!

Mickey and Yifrut will be sharing with us some of the very tangible ways that hope is being ignited in the lives of our new friends in the Chapa CarePoint Community. Pastor Jim and Marilyn will be sharing stories from their visit to Chapa earlier this summer. We'll all be sharing a potluck meal together with friends; both old and new. Please bring a dish to share. Dessert will be provided.

We hope you can come!



GROW GROUPS

**GROWING IN FAITH.
TOGETHER.**

STARTS WEEK OF 9/10

GROW GROUPS are small gatherings of community that meet weekly to build friendships, open the Bible together, encourage and support one another as we grow as disciples of Jesus.

GROW GROUPS do not require you to be an expert in the Bible or the church, but is a safe place to ask questions, learn, and grow in the Word.

GROW GROUPS are places where we maintain confidentiality, courtesy, and respect towards others. All are welcome no matter where you are in your faith journey.

The Christian life is lived in community with God and with each other. Come find your community and the perfect group for you!

To get connected to a group, email Pastor Joe: joe.hill@stlcsj.org



BIBLE STUDY 1 & 2 Timothy
Wednesdays 10 am & 7 pm
Through October 25



Led by Pastor Jim

Confirmation Information

6th - 8th Grade Students:

Classes are beginning in mid-September.

1st Communion Information

5th Grade Students:

First Communion instruction for all 5th graders will also begin in mid-September.

This is a 5-week course, intended to give students basic understanding around the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Details will be coming by email, so email info@stlcsj.org if we don't currently have students/parents on our list.

Contact Pastor Joe joe.hill@stlcsj.org with any questions.

SEPTEMBER BUZZ

God created us for relationships. From the very beginning of the Bible, we see how important it is to have wise people in our life who help us understand how to honor God with our actions. When God sent Jesus, we were able to see the best example of friendship ever.

**BACK TO
SUNDAY
SCHOOL**

**KICK OFF COURTYARD
BRUNCH**

SEPTEMBER 10 | 10:15 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL 3 YRS - 5 TH
STARTS
ON SEPTEMBER 10, 11 AM

St. Tim's
KIDS
•Know•Grow•Go•

CM@STLCSJ.ORG

FREE  **FUN**

SaN jOsE

GOOD SHEPHERD

CELEBRATION CRAFTS GAMES FOOD
September 9, Sat, 4-6 PM

www.STLCSJ.ORG/MESSY/
ST. TIMOTHY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
5100 Camden Ave San Jose, 95124
408-264-3858




Please RSVP cm@stlcsj.org
www.meetup.com/messy-church-san-jose/events/295455750/

"A FRIEND LOVES AT ALL
TIMES, AND A BROTHER
IS BORN FOR A TIME OF
ADVERSITY."

**PROVERBS
17:17,
NIV**

Will you?

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

cm@stlcsj.org

#FRIENDSHIP

USING YOUR WORDS AND ACTIONS TO
SHOW OTHERS YOU CARE



SEPTEMBER



NEWSLETTER

ST. TIMOTHY'S CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

2023

GROWING TOGETHER IN CHRIST

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such a branch are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned."

~John 15:5-6



The 2023-24 School Year has officially begun! The kids (and the staff) were all excited for the first day of school and it was so nice to see all the smiling faces.

We had a great kick-off to the school year and want to thank everyone who came to the Teacher/Staff Installation on August 20th and to everyone who have been praying for us. We are truly blessed to have such a supportive community.

Our annual Ice Cream Social was a huge success. It was a great way to get to know our new families and connect with our returning families.

We are looking forward to seeing what God has in store for all our amazing preschoolers.

Important Dates

- 4th | Labor Day - No School
- 6th | Chapel Begins
- 7th | Back to School Night (**PARENTS ONLY**)
- 9th | Messy Church
- 13th | Fall Pictures



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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!

Click [here](#) to sign-up.



**COSTUME AND
MOVIE NIGHT**
OCTOBER 27
7 PM
Carter Building

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

Starting on September 10...

6TH - 12TH GRADE STUDENTS

DEVOTIONS
&
DONUTS

Sundays @ 10 am
Youth House

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.