



## Pastor's Pen

Entering the month of Thanksgiving is a true blessing to me. It sets my heart right with the reminder of the priority of gratitude. Each year I am reminded of the Luke 17:11-19 Ten Lepers Cleansed reading for Thanksgiving. They respect the law by staying at a distance as they ask Jesus for mercy. Jesus sends them to fulfill the law by sending them to the priests and as they go they are cleansed. This is a beautiful miracle that shows the love and mercy of God even for those who were considered outcasts and unclean.

But for me, it is what follows that is so instructive for us. When the one Samaritan returns to thank Jesus and the other nine, who are presumably Jewish, continue on their way to do as Jesus had told them and show themselves to the priests; Jesus asks "Where are the other nine?" I want to answer on their behalf "they are doing what you told them to do."

Why would Jesus call into question this clear act of obedience? This is the question that I contemplate. And the blessing that is brought by this meditation is that gratitude is an important part of faith. Gratitude may even be more important than obedience, but if not, it certainly proceeds it and probably even moves us forward in it.

When we are brought by faith to glimpse the wonders of God, we begin to realize that all of life is a blessing

poured out upon us by our creator. The wonder of that blessing increases as we experience the undeserved mercy of God. We then with grateful hearts celebrate God's goodness and provision.

What a beautiful world we live in. It is certainly also filled with brokenness and struggle, but let us take these moments to notice and give thanks for the wonder and goodness of our God. Let us celebrate that goodness with one another and by our thanks draw attention to our God that He would receive thanks and glory in our hearts and gatherings.

God is good, all the time.  
Pastor Jim Cords





# BUDGET REPORT

## Financial Performance (Year-to-date as of September 30, 2023)

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Approved 2023 Budget
Offerings & Other Income	750,141	751,304	1,150,000
Benevolences	(72,750)	(73,500)	(100,000)
Admin & Operations	(914,136)	(915,745)	(1,257,374)
Preschool	59,095	(2,194)	(17,799)
Excess/(shortfall)	(177,650)	(240,135)	(225,173)

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR TREASURER, CHRIS COLLIER

St. Timothy's continues to be supported by generous giving by our congregation, however, we are modestly lower than our budgeted level as we have realized roughly \$40,000 of income from our investments, which is included in our Offerings & Other Income. Continued generosity is important to fund our operations and ministries. We continue to operate prudently and with sound oversight of our spending. We remain on budget as we have been able to offset increases in campus related maintenance activities and higher than planned utilities costs through lower spending in other areas. The Preschool continues to operate very well under our new director, Lori Thompson, who continues to lead our efforts providing quality education and is with a well-designed program. Our enrollment levels have been higher than anticipated and the administration has done a tremendous job of operating with a much lower level of cost and investment.

### STEWARDSHIP PACKETS

November is the month when we start planning for the year ahead. You will soon be receiving a packet of **2024 Stewardship Commitments**, which is intended to help you make commitments in both worship attendance (in-person or at home), as well as financial support of the congregation. Both are important. When you worship, you honor God with your presence and your singing, and receive strength for the week ahead. It's our financial support which makes it possible to do what we do as a congregation.

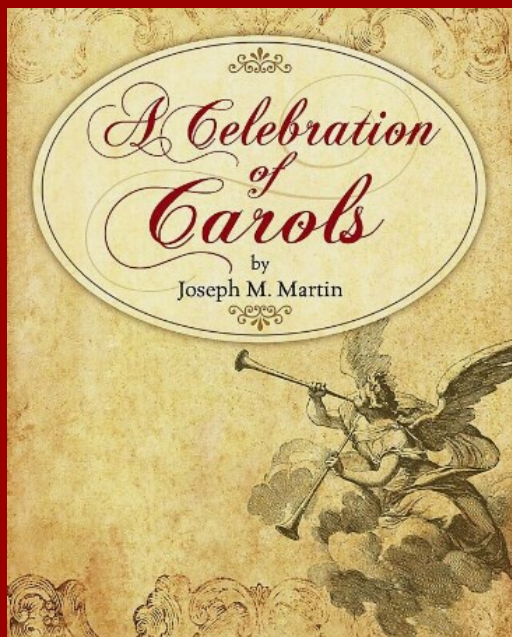
**Your Stewardship Commitments may be returned by one of these methods:** U.S. Mail, in-person at worship, or with the [online form](#).

### 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/>



Save the Date!



## CHRISTMAS CANTATA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

9:00 & 11:00 am

Invite your friends and family!

FALL BACK!



Daylight  
SAVING  
Time Ends  
NOVEMBER 5

## SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

9:00 AM Traditional

11:00 AM Contemporary

## ONLINE WORSHIP

Morning worship services are live recorded.

Recordings will be available in the afternoon on our website: [stlcsj.org/worship](http://stlcsj.org/worship)



## Office Hours

MONDAY-THURSDAY 8:30 AM TO 4 PM

FRIDAY 8:30 TO 3 PM

OFFICE CLOSED NOVEMBER 23 & 24

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)



South Valley FISH Food Pantry

## NOVEMBER Food Item of the Month



CEREAL  
OATMEAL

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



## THANK OFFERING SUNDAY



**NOVEMBER 19**

This year, we are collecting  
**frozen hams and whole chickens**

We are not collecting turkeys as the Food Pantry will have already passed out their Thanksgiving baskets before our collection date. Chickens and hams will be distributed for the Christmas holiday to our community through our South Valley FISH Food Pantry.

This is also the last Sunday to  
**bring your shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.**

## Thanksgiving Service

**Wednesday  
November 22  
7:00 pm  
in the Sanctuary**

**No  
Lunch Bunch**  
**in November**  
**but December's event with**  
**Greg-catered lunch is earlier**  
**than usual.**

**Thursday, December 14**  
**Noon in Fellowship Hall**  
**Tri-tip, Salmon, Potatoes,**  
**Veggies, Salad and Rolls**  
**Attendees bring cookies**  
**to share for Dessert**  
**Beverages**

The Chocolate Choraliers will sing  
Christmas songs.

**Reservation and \$30 payment per attendee**  
**must be received by**  
**Sunday, December 3, 2023.**

Checks are payable to  
St. Timothy's Lutheran Church  
and can be given to Alan Pintacura or  
Betsy Grandey at church (or mailed).

If you prefer your own food for lunch,  
that is OK and there is no charge.

PLEASE RSVP TO BETSY GRANDEY BY  
Sunday, December 3rd  
408-629-6093 or [egrandey@yahoo.com](mailto:egrandey@yahoo.com)

# OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES



It is Shoebox time!

You are invited to help spread the Gospel to children throughout the world. You can do this by helping pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

We will be having multiple days for individuals or groups to come in and pack shoeboxes in room C3 on **November 11-12**. If you would like to participate in this event, there is a sign up form at [Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing](#)



We are looking for donations for our church packing party. Donations can be brought on Sunday mornings or to the office during the week, **BY NOVEMBER 10TH**. Take a tag from the donation tree in the church entryway or bring in any of the following. We also have a sign-up genius with the items we are collecting to go in shoeboxes at [Operation Christmas Child Donations](#)

There is also an Amazon Wishlist with suggestions of items you can purchase and have shipped directly to the church. The link is [Amazon Wishlist for Operation Christmas Child](#)



Finally, we need people to help transport the shoeboxes to the Drop Off Center at Foxworthy Baptist Church on **November 19th** after the 2nd service. If you are available, please contact Debbie Bauman at [debbie@bspan.com](mailto:debbie@bspan.com) or 408-930-2287.

For more information about Operation Christmas Child, here's a great video.  
[Operation Christmas Child Video](#)



SEND **GOOD NEWS  
GREAT JOY**

PACK A SHOEBOX

 Samaritan's Purse®  
INTERNATIONAL RELIEF



# - S T . T I M ' S - YOUTH -

MIDDLE SCHOOL &  
HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

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WE HAVE 2 SERVICE PROJECTS THIS  
MONTH. JOIN US FOR 1 OR BOTH!



## CLEAN-UP AT HERITAGE HOUSE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4  
10:00 AM



## PACKING EVENT

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15  
6:00 PM

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

Sundays @ 10 am  
Youth House

No class on November 26

6TH-12TH  
GRADE

# HUME WINTER CAMP

MARCH 1-3, 2024

COST IS \$300.

A \$50 DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED AT SIGN-UP.

SNOW. BOXSLED BLITZ. MONSTER TUBE RUN.  
BROOM HOCKEY. SNOWBOARD MOUNTAIN.  
FRIENDSHIPS THAT LAST A LIFETIME.  
TRUTH THAT LASTS FOREVER!

CLICK [HERE](#) TO SIGN-UP

# 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.  
No Cornerstone November 22.





# NOVEMBER BUZZ

Gratitude is an idea close to God's heart. Think about all of the Bible stories where people gave thanks to God. The Israelites celebrated God with feasts and festivals. Throughout this month, we hope kids will learn to be grateful for everything God has done: for the world God made, for the promises God has kept, and for the new life God offers the world through Jesus.

**FREE** **Messy CHURCH** **FUN**

**San Jose**

**FALL FEST**

CELEBRATION CRAFTS GAMES FOOD

**November 11, 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)

<https://www.meetup.com/messy-church-san-jose/events/296777223>

**GRATITUDE**

Letting others know you see how they've helped you

**LOOKING FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS**

**FLEXIBLE TEACHING SCHEDULE!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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

**SHOUT OUT**

Who have you thanked today?





# November Newsletter

I CHRONICLES 16:34

"GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS  
GOOD; HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER."



October was a busy month for the kids! They were visited by a dentist and learned how important it is to brush and floss everyday! They went on the annual field trip to Spina Farms; had a blast checking out the pumpkins, rode the train and had a fun hay ride! They also had a book parade where they dressed up as their favorite character. There was no shortage of FUN last month!

Our Scholastic Book Fair is going on from Oct. 30 - Nov. 3. Please help support our school by purchasing a book or two! Books are great to give as gifts, prizes or just because!

Scan the QR Code or go to:

[www.scholastic.com/bf/sttimothychristianpreschool](http://www.scholastic.com/bf/sttimothychristianpreschool)



## NOVEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

October 30 - November 3  
Scholastic Book Fair

November 11  
Messy Church /  
Preschool Harvest Festival

November 17  
Thanksgiving Feast & Performance

November 20 - 24  
No School  
Thanksgiving Break

