



Good News

ST. TIMOTHY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

JANUARY 2024

Pastor's Pen

The New Year's Resolution is something that often comes with this time of year. It makes sense at times like this to both look back on the past year, and ahead to the future year. And what so many folks do is resolve to do things better. I'll eat better. I'll go to the gym. I'll give up some bad habit or pick up some good one.

But it seems inevitable that the gyms that are packed the first week of January have returned to normal by the middle of February. The new diet incorporates a little more ice cream and fast food than it had a month ago. Something that begins with such force and enthusiasm so often ends with settling back into old habits and old ways. Unsurprisingly, this is a pattern we see over and over throughout the Scriptures. In Exodus 19, the Israelites commit themselves to God to obeying the Lord and keeping His covenant, but they fall into idolatry before Moses has even made it back down Mount Sinai. The entire book of Judges is about the cycle of God's people being unfaithful and suffering the consequences, crying out to God, being saved by God's appointed judge, and then recommitting themselves to the Lord, only to repeat the cycle over and over again. Peter tells Jesus, "I would die for you," and then denies even knowing him 3 times... and all in the same day!

This may seem like an awfully cynical *Pastor's Pen*, but here's the thing... the good news of the Gospel is not and never has been about how faithful we are: it's about how faithful God is! In the face of our sin, unfaithfulness and selfishness, God remains faithful. His love does not waiver or falter. When the God reveals His name and his character to Moses on Mount Sinai, he says, "The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness..."

In this new year, I won't tell you not to make New Year's Resolutions... I certainly will make some of my own. But my encouragement to you in this new year is to fix your eyes upon Christ and ground yourself in *his* faithfulness and steadfast love.

A voice says, "Cry out."

And I said, "What shall I cry?"

"All people are like grass,

and **all their faithfulness is like the flowers of the field.**

The grass withers and the flowers fall,
because the breath of the Lord blows on them.

Surely the people are grass.

The grass withers and the flowers fall,

but **the word of our God endures forever."**

Isaiah 40:6-8

In Christ,
Pastor Joe

BUDGET REPORT



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 \$82,000 of income from our investments that is not budgeted, which is included in our Offerings & Other Income. We anticipate a greater level of offerings during the month of December, similar to prior years. Your 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 spend in other areas. The Preschool continues to operate well. Administration has done a tremendous job of operating with a much lower level of cost and investment.

Final 2023 Financial Report will be in the 2023 Annual Report.

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

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Approved 2023 Budget
Offerings & Other Income	\$939,843	\$911,398	\$1,150,000
Benevolences	(88,250)	(73,500)	(100,000)
Admin & Operations	(1,156,846)	(1,126,228)	(1,257,374)
Preschool	68,137	(11,072)	(17,799)
Excess/(shortfall)	(\$237,116)	(\$299,402)	(\$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/>

GROW GROUPS

**GROWING IN FAITH.
TOGETHER**

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.

Next Grow Group Session begins the week of 1/7!

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

Email Pastor Joe @ Joe.Hill@stlcsj.org



South Valley FISH Food Pantry

JANUARY
Food Item of
the Month



**Canned tuna
or chicken**

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

6-week Sermon Series begins January 7

Epiphany is a season to recognize God sending Jesus as the light of the world. As we journey through Epiphany this year we will ask "Lord, teach us to pray." Prayer is our ongoing conversation with Emmanuel, God with us. Along the way we will find ways to experience a growing intimacy with our Lord and discover a closer walk with God in prayer.



When: Friday, January 12, 7-9pm

Where: St. Timothy's Lutheran Church

Join us here at St. Timothy's as we host the CityTeam men's Renew graduation in January. Your support for these graduates and the CityTeam program means so much! The men in the Renew program, some who worship with us on a regular basis, are earnestly seeking the Lord in recovering from their addiction. Come share in a spirit filled night of worship and celebration!



WORSHIP NIGHT

JANUARY 14

7:00-8:30 PM

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

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, February 4 @ 12:30 pm
Fellowship Hall

**Annual Reports will be available
by January 28, 2024.**

This will be an in-person meeting with lunch served at 12:00 pm. If you are not eating lunch, plan to come a few minutes ahead of the 12:30 start time to grab a seat so we can get started on time.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

9 AM Traditional

11 AM Contemporary

ONLINE WORSHIP

Recordings are available in the afternoon on our website:

STLCSJ.ORG/WORSHIP



MONDAY-THURSDAY 8:30 AM TO 4 PM

FRIDAY 8:30 TO 3 PM

Office closed January 1 and January 15

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

St. Timothy's Lunch Bunch Program

Thursday, January 25

at 12:00 noon

in Fellowship Hall

Lunch Bunch Board will provide Soup, Salad, and Bread. Lunch cost is \$15.

Program for this month is provided by Matt and Emily Roben telling us about their farm animal sanctuary. Rancho Roben provides a safe-forever home to farm animals in need, while cultivating the reciprocal relationship between farm animals and people. Rancho Roben has a lot of animals, and invites us to learn, visit, volunteer and donate.

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.



A new Grief Support Group will begin in January. 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 will be using 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.

**Thursday, 10 am – 12 pm,
beginning January 11, 2024**

At church, Room B1 (the old Music Room)

Suggested donation for workbook: \$20

Sign up here: <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/178405>

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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. The Youth House will be open every week after Cornerstone until 8:30 pm.

Cornerstone returns January 3.

SCAVENGER HUNT

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL



FRIDAY, JANUARY 26
7:00-9:00 PM
@THE YOUTH HOUSE

6TH - 12TH GRADE STUDENTS

D E V O T I O N S

&

D O N U T S

Sundays @ 10 am
Youth House

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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!

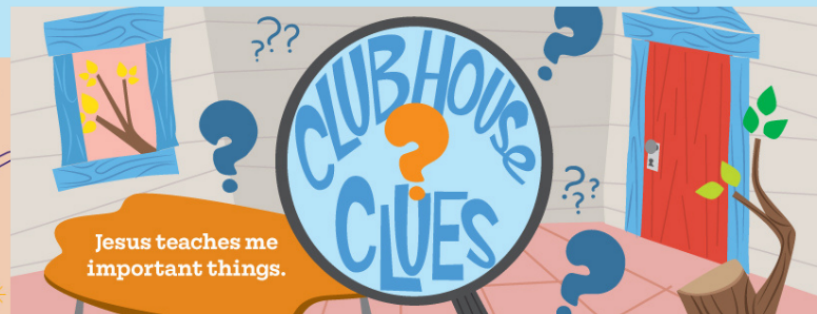
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ELEMENTARY KIDS ARE LEARNING...

GOD HAS ENTRUSTED US TO CARE FOR AND CULTIVATE THE WORLD WE SEE AROUND US. WE DO THAT BY TAKING RESPONSIBILITY.

PRESCHOOLERS ARE LEARNING ...

THEY HAVE THE BEST TEACHER TEACHING THEM IMPORTANT THINGS—THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS— FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIVES. AND HE WANTS TO BE THEIR FRIEND FOREVER! YES, IT'S JESUS!



FREE FUN

Messy CHURCH

San Jose

MIRACLES OF JESUS

CELEBRATION CRAFTS GAMES FOOD

January 13, 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/297913745

FUN PLACE TO PLAY, EAT, CONNECT



Hey Kids! Bring your parents.
January 7, Sunday, 10 - 11 am
St. Tim's Playground
5100 Camden Ave

- Play Together
- Free Brunch
- Free Coffee Bar
- Meet New Friends

For more information:
cm@stlcsj.org

2024

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:
The old has gone, the new is here!
~2 Corinthians 5:17

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

January 11

Pajama Day

January 13

Messy Church

January 15

MLK Day - No School

January 27

Open House

9:00am-1:00pm

ST. TIM'S PRESCHOOL JANUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year with your family! We are excited to welcome all the littles back on January 4!

We can't wait for the kids to learn new things, explore new places and meet new friends!

