



ST. TIMOTHY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH | FEBRUARY 2024

PASTOR'S PEN

Here at St. Timothy's February marks the beginning of a new set of members serving as our Leadership Team and the guidance provided by the new budget that is passed by the congregation at our Annual meeting. In fact, much of the previous fall is filled with prayers, conversations and planning as we look forward to the new year. This includes ministry leaders looking ahead and seeking to discern the direction that the Holy Spirit is prompting us for the future.

This year has taken on an even deeper dive of developing a more forward looking 5+ year strategic plan. Please be sure to read the annual report from Chris Collier to see some of the specifics of what we are seeing in future ministry plans.

But wait, is this being done without you? No, indeed not. We are working diligently to bring more and more transparency to this planning process as well as developing teams to help us move from "Big Hairy Audacious Goals" to specific well thought-out and developed plans. We are creating opportunities for God to work through the gifts He has given to our members (see 2 Corinthians 12:7) to enable them (you) to serve Christ and His church through well considered thinking and carefully implemented plans.

Where is God moving in your heart and mind these days? Have you had thoughts and ideas about new endeavors that might serve to deepen and strengthen your faith and service. Have you taken any of these ideas

to the next level, discussing them with friends and loved ones and inviting them to pray with you as you fully discern how God may be calling and sending you forth to be a blessing in His name. Or perhaps you are experiencing struggle and hardship in this season and are feeling prompted to find greater comfort and support as well as healing and hope. It may be that God is prompting you to draw closer to your brothers and sisters in Christ for the mutual consolation that often comes as we walk side by side. I pray that this year will be a journey drawing us individually and together into a deeper faith that fills our lives with hope and anticipation of the hands of God at work in our midst. I pray that you will discover the great joy that comes as we experience God working through us and the sacrifices we willingly offer to build up the body of Christ and strengthen our witness to the world around us.

You have likely heard it said "we make plans and God laughs." I think this is probably true. However, as a community of faith I think one of the ways we discern God's guidance both to make plans as well as to modify them is to listen to one another. We should also seek to hold those plans loosely so that God can lead us also in our implementation or even in our reassessments.

Thank you for your service. Thank you for your prayers. It is wonderful to be a part of a praying faith community that is open to honoring our Lord as He leads us into His future plans.

Honored to be serving with you in Christ,
Pastor Jim



BUDGET REPORT

FROM OUR TREASURER, CHRIS COLLIER

St. Timothy's ended the 2023 year with our offerings and other income exceeding our

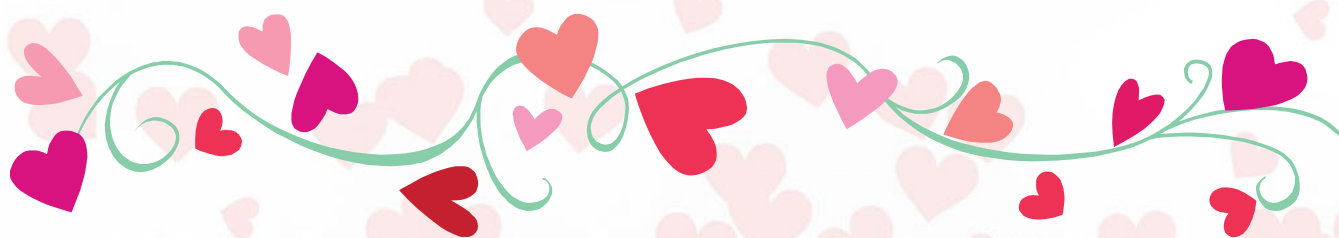
expenses by \$59,306. This was due to the continued generosity of our congregation and other income we generated from our investments, which are not budgeted.

We continue to operate prudently and with sound oversight of our spending. Our greater level of offerings enabled us to provide for incrementally higher amounts of benevolences. Our Admin and Operations expenses were modestly higher as we have been able to offset increased costs in campus-related maintenance activities through lower spend in other areas. The Preschool ended the year with an excess of \$50,208 due to the success of our summer camp, reduced head count and disciplined spending and investment.

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

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Approved 2023 Budget
Offerings & Other Income	\$1,413,342	\$1,150,000	\$1,150,000
Benevolences	(112,500)	(100,000)	(100,000)
Admin & Operations	(1,291,744)	(1,257,374)	(1,257,374)
Preschool	50,208	(17,799)	(17,799)
Excess/(shortfall)	\$59,306	(\$225,173)	(\$225,173)

NOTE: See Annual Report for final 2023 financial reports



2 WAYS TO GIVE

1. Mail your offering to church or drop off in the offering box on Sundays. If you don't have offering envelopes, be sure to indicate in the memo line which fund(s).
2. Give online at our safe and secure website <https://www.stlcsj.org/giving/>



Chapa CarePoint

What's God been up to in Chapa? There's so much positive transformation happening at the HopeChest Chapa CarePoint right now. Beginning this month, in each newsletter we'll be sharing a quick glimpse into the lives of our dear friends in Ethiopia.

In honor of the Super Bowl, check out the Chapa men's football (soccer) team. They competed in the district-level football competition and did a fantastic job by winning the first place trophy! The win helped highlight the community-based activities at the CarePoint, and the local government has grown in their appreciation and respect for the ministry of Children's HopeChest. Your continued prayers and generosity are helping to make this possible. Thank you! Go Team Chapa!!!



Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, February 4

12:30 pm

Fellowship Hall

Childcare provided

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.



SPIRITUAL MENTORING

Join us as we mentor the men and women in CityTeam's recovery programs! These men and women are earnestly seeking the Lord in recovering from their addiction, and you can help introduce them to Jesus and his life transforming Spirit. No experience with addiction/recovery required. All you need is a heart for others and a willingness to share the love of Christ. The demand for spiritual mentors always outweighs the supply, so please prayerfully consider this wonderful ministry!

Contact Michael Stamos

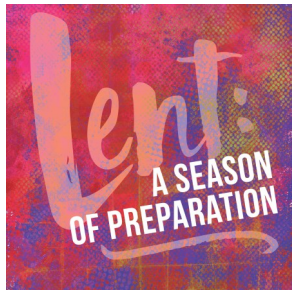
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ASH WEDNESDAY, February 14

2 worship opportunities at noon and 7:00 pm

Both include imposition of ashes.



MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesdays February 21 through March 20

SOUP SUPPER at 6:15 pm in Fellowship Hall

WORSHIP at 7:00 pm in Sanctuary



SAVE THE DATE

MAUNDY THURSDAY, March 28: 7 pm

GOOD FRIDAY, March 29: 12 pm & 7 pm

EASTER SUNDAY, March 31: 9 am & 11 am

EASTER BREAKFAST, March 31: 10 to 11 am

SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

9 AM Traditional

11 AM Contemporary

ONLINE WORSHIP

Recordings are available in the afternoon on our website: stlcsj.org/worship

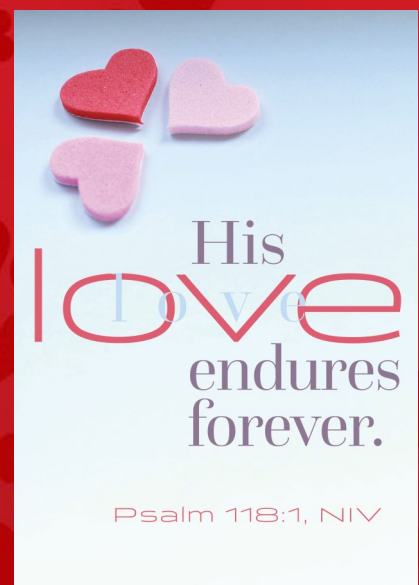


MONDAY-THURSDAY 8:30 AM TO 4 PM

FRIDAY 8:30 TO 3 PM

Office closed Monday, February 19.

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



 South Valley FISH Food Pantry

FEBRUARY Item of the Month TOILET PAPER



Multi-packs and individually wrapped rolls of toilet paper (no opened packages). Please donate only the requested item for that month.

Worship & Prayer Night

February 18
7:00 pm
Carter Building

On this night, we will be setting apart dedicated time to pray and worship together. This worship and prayer night will be an opportunity to praise God through acoustic worship, meditate on God's Word, and join together with our brothers and sisters in Christ in prayer. Let's come together in God's presence and experience the power of prayer!



from our church family. Thank you!

Sandy and Bill Oliver want to thank everyone for the cards, notes and phone calls after their son Shawn's passing. We have felt the love and comfort

ST. TIMOTHY'S LUNCH BUNCH PROGRAM

Thursday, February 22

at 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall

Lunch is pizza, salad, and dessert. Cost is \$15.
Hot and cold drinks always provided free.

Robin Chapman will give a presentation on her book, *California Apricots, The Lost Orchards of Silicon Valley*. Robin recalls when the Santa Clara valley was the largest apricot producer in the world and recounts the stories of Silicon Valley's now lost orchards.

Remember? *** Picked from a tree, a California apricot opens into halves as easily as if it came with a dotted line down its center. ****

Lunch Bunch does need to know how many are coming, so please call Betsy Grandey at (408) 629-6093.

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.

Young Adult Fellowship

Thursdays @ 7:30 pm
Youth House
5153 Carter Ave

See you there!

- ST. TIM'S - YOUTH -

MIDDLE SCHOOL &
HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

Anna-Marie Valles
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Check us out on Instagram



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



SERVICE PROJECT



Mercy Mobile

The Heartbeat on the Streets



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10
TIME: NOON

Meet at Roosevelt Park.
See Scott for details.



UPCOMING EVENTS



JUNE 9-14

JULY 1-4

MISSION TRIP
with NALC
Disaster Relief

JULY 21-27



Look for more details soon!

FREE

FUN



SaN jOsE

GOOD SAMARITAN

CELEBRATION CRAFTS GAMES FOOD

February 10, 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/298600962

FUN PLACE TO
PLAY, EAT, CONNECT



Hey Kids! Bring your parents.
February 4, 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

COMMUNITY CARE PACKAGES

The St. Tim's Kids will be putting together 75 small "Community Care Packages" for our church member families to take home and carry in their cars to share with those fellow community members in need. The kits will include a pocket gospel, a healthy snack, first aid and sanitizer supplies, a hand-written card, community resources and more. If you are able to help us share Christ's love in this ministry outreach, we are asking for your help in the following ways:

Donation of Needed Supplies:

- Granola Bars (soft)
- Hand Sanitizers (2 oz)
- Band Aids (assorted sizes)
- Vitamin C cough drops
- Mini Toothbrush and mini toothpaste

**DROP OFF
AT CHURCH
OFFICE BY
FEB 14TH**

Written Words of Encouragement Cards (3x5) to share love and brighten someone's day!



SAVE THE DATE!

VBS - SUMMER BIBLE CAMP

June 17-21, 2024

9:00 - NOON



STCP FEBRUARY

Newsletter 2024

**Let all that you do
be done with love.**

1 CORINTHIANS 16:14



We had a great start to 2024!

It was so nice to see all the smiles after the holidays and hear all about how each child celebrated the winter break! What a blessing each child is to us! This month we will focus on God's love for each one of us and how He made each one of us special.

OPEN ENROLLMENT

Open enrollment is quickly approaching! We will be accepting applications for the 2024-25 school year starting Feb. 5th through our website.

www.sttimothyschristianpreschool.org

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- FEB. 5** Open Enrollment Starts
- FEB. 10** Messy Church
- FEB. 14** Valentine Class Parties
(all are encouraged to attend)
- FEB. 16-21** No School – President's Break
- FEB. 26 – MAR. 1** Spirit Week