



Good News

ST TIMOTHY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH | MARCH 2024



Pastor's Pen

Last year during the Lenten season, we tried something new at St. Tim's. Rather than having pastors preach, we created an opportunity for members of our own congregation to share their testimonies- their own personal stories of God's faithfulness and how God had been at work in their lives. We heard from a number of people from varying and different walks of life, all testifying to the faithful love, grace and power of God at work in their lives. And as a result, we were built up and encouraged.

This Lent, we will once again hear testimonies from members of our own family of faith. A new set of stories from within our own congregation of how God has been faithfully working in and through our lives. I love this budding tradition because it gives us an opportunity to see the many and diverse ways that God is at work, and also to lift up the gifts and stories that God has given *each* of us for the building up of the Church and the proclamation of the Gospel. Because here at St. Timothy's, we believe that God has brought each one of you here and given you gifts, talents, passions and abilities *so that* you can serve in ways that

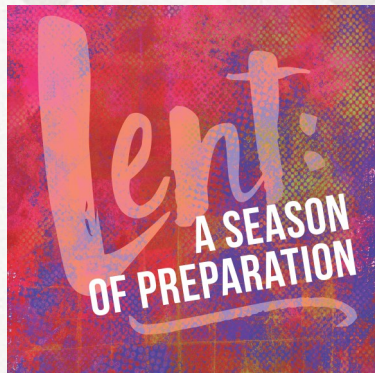
build up the church, serve others outside the church's walls, and spread the Good News of salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

Romans 12:4-6 says, *"For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us."*

And Ephesians 4:16 says, *"From him [Jesus] the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work."*

This Lent, I want to encourage you to consider how God has gifted you, and commit to praying that God would give you opportunities to use your gifts to serve the church, share the Gospel, and serve those in our greater community. It is not a plan of *if* God can use you, *but* HOW! You are gifted, loved, and called to a life of purpose.

In Christ,
Pastor Joe



MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesdays through March 20

SOUP SUPPER at 6:15 pm in Fellowship Hall

WORSHIP at 7:00 pm in Sanctuary

SOUP DONATIONS ARE NEEDED.

Click [here](#) to sign-up to bring soup. Soup does not need to be homemade but it does need to be brought hot and preferably in a crockpot.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER



Palm Sunday

March 24: 9:00 am (traditional) & 11:00 am (contemporary)



Maundy Thursday

March 28: 7:00 pm in the sanctuary



Good Friday

March 29: 12 noon and 7:00 pm in the sanctuary



Easter Sunday

March 31: 9:00 am (traditional) & 11:00 am (contemporary)
10:00 to 11:00 am Pancake Breakfast

SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

9:00 AM Traditional

11:00 AM Contemporary

ONLINE WORSHIP

Videos are live recorded at both morning worship services. Recordings will be available in the afternoon on our website: stlcsj.org/worship

Office Hours

MONDAY-THURSDAY
8:30 AM TO 4 PM

FRIDAY
8:30 AM TO 3 PM

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

Thank You!



I want to thank all the people who remembered me with prayers, cards, flowers and visits while recovering from my operation. All this meant so much to me and Dale to be supported by our

church family. The flowers and cards not only cheered me up but also helped to begin a fast healing process. God bless you all for caring. Dale and Mickey

BUDGET REPORT

FROM OUR TREASURER, CHRIS COLLIER

St. Timothy's is off to a great start in 2024 with our offerings and other income

exceeding our expenses by \$26,030. 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. The favorable budget to actuals in January was mainly due to timing of expenses.

Financial Performance (Year-to-date as of January 31, 2024)

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Approved 2024 Budget
Offerings & Other Income	\$111,484	\$88,893	\$1,250,000
Benevolences	-	-	(110,000)
Admin & Operations	(97,379)	(111,105)	(1,369,912)
Preschool	11,925	2,124	7,635
Excess/(shortfall)	\$26,030	(\$20,088)	(\$222,277)

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/>

What's God Been Up To In Chapa? Success Story: Meet Mr. Moses!

At HopeChest, a major goal is to develop programs that benefit not just the children, but their parents and guardians as well. Mr. Moses is the father of Muluken, who happens to be the HopeChest Friend of our very own St. Tim's member, Cathy Haugh! Mr. Moses is also a hard-working farmer, who in spite of his diligence, struggled to barely feed his family of 5.

As a result of the support and mentoring of the CarePoint staff, Mr. Moses and the other Chapa farmers have been able to improve their income and family life by learning how to cultivate different crops 3 times per year using modern farming methods. They've been trained on how to prepare the soil, develop a plan, protect the plants, and save money by reducing costs.

"I thank you from the bottom of my heart for paying attention to the economic and social lives of my family." Mr. Moses



Save the Date!

SUNDAY, APRIL 21
Following both services

Let's celebrate the one year anniversary of our friendship with Children's HopeChest Chapa CarePoint in Ethiopia!

St. Timothy's Lunch Bunch

Thursday, March 28

at 12:00 Noon

Fellowship Hall

Lunch is baked potatoes, several tasty toppings provided by the Lunch Bunch board, and dessert. Cost is \$15. Hot and cold drinks always provided free.

Carlo Facchino will talk about his ocean rowing experience from San Francisco to the Big Island in Hawaii. On a cold and foggy morning, he climbed into a 19 foot ocean rowing boat and headed west under the Golden Gate bridge. He rowed alone and unsupported by sail or motor for 72 days to reach Hilo, Hawaii. Does this seem possible? We will hear and see scenes showing that Carlo truly did this amazing trip solo - by himself.

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

Lunch Bunch is a fellowship group open to ALL. New attendees are always welcome.



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

michaelstamospersonal@gmail.com



South Valley FISH Food Pantry

MARCH 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.



**WE NEED
DONATIONS! Bring
items to church
entryway or office.**

DEADLINE: SUNDAY, MARCH 10

Some donation ideas...

PERSONAL ENCOURAGEMENT

A favorite Bible verse

Personal Note of Encouragement

PRACTICAL ITEMS

School Supplies - Post-Its, Pens, Pencils, Highlighters

Lip Balm, Hand Sanitizer, Hand Lotion

SNACKS

Cookies, Crackers, Pretzels (Snack size bags)

Granola Bars, Trail Mix

Microwave Popcorn

Instant Drinks

(Coffee, Hot Cocoa, Lemonade, Iced Tea, Apple Cider)

Cup Noodles / Mac & Cheese cups

WOMEN'S Retreat

APRIL 26-28

REDWOOD CHRISTIAN PARK

BOULDER CREEK

Sign-up Here: **\$250**

stlcsj.org/womens-retreat

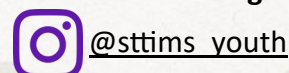
SIGN-UP DEADLINE MARCH 24

- ST. TIM'S - YOUTH - MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY -

Anna-Marie Valles
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or 408-264-3858, ext. 122

Scott Campbell
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or 408-264-3858, ext. 120

Check us out on Instagram



Winter Camp at Hume

March 1-3 – Youth are going to Hume! Pray for safe travels and that they will have a great experience connecting with God and each other.

Pancake Breakfast

Youth and Young adult are sponsoring their annual fundraiser by hosting a breakfast during Easter Sunday middle hour. This one event helps fund our 7 trips!

Not able to attend the breakfast? You can still support us!

<https://app.sharefaith.com/App/Form/ebe75690-17e1-4ea2-b080-0ff8fa906d2b>

or write a check to St. Timothy's and note "Youth Fund" in the memo line.

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.

6TH - 12TH GRADE STUDENTS
DEVOTIONS

&

DONUTS

Sundays @ 10 am
Youth House

NO MEETING MARCH 31



UPCOMING EVENTS



CAMP
PONDO

JUNE 9-14

JULY 1-4

MISSION TRIP
with NALC
Disaster Relief

JULY 21-27



Look for more details soon!



Summer Bible Camp (VBS)

The best week of the summer!

June 17 - 21, 2024 (9 am - Noon)



Ages: 3 yrs (potty trained) - entering 5th

Early Register by April 30th for \$75

Deadline to register is May 17th

sign up online at www.stlcsj.org/vbs/
Any questions or Scholarship request,
contact Shelley at cm@stlcsj.org

May 1 - 17
\$100
per camper

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THANK
YOU!

All for contributing in making
Community Care Packets

MARCH BUZZ

FREE

FUN



San Jose

March 9, Sat, 4-6 PM

CELEBRATION CRAFTS GAMES FOOD

EASTER

www.STLCSJ.ORG/MESSY/

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5100 Camen Ave San Jose 95124 408-264-3858

Please RSVP CM@STLCSJ.ORG

www.meetup.com/messy-church-san-jose/events/299188626



PLAYTIME



Hey Kids! Bring your parents.
March 3, 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



St. Timothy's Christian Preschool



MARCH NEWSLETTER



**"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."**

~John 3:16

What an AMAZING month February was! The kids truly showed God's love all through the month. They had so much fun showing each other they care at the Valentine's Day parties and throughout Spirit Week where they were all SPIRIT-FILLED! We are looking forward to Easter and learning just how much Jesus loves us.

**Now Enrolling for the
2024-25 School Year!**

LEARN & GROW WITH US!

We offer classes for
2 years - PreK/TK
Small Class Sizes
Christ-Centered
Loving Staff

Scan the QR Code to
register or for more
information



SUMMER CAMP '24

Scan the QR code for more
information!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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| March 8 | Parent/Teacher Conferences
No School |
| March 9 | Messy Church |
| March 15 | Wear Green |
| March 22 | Coffee with Parents 8:45am (Room B1) |
| March 27 | Easter Egg Hunt & Parties
All Students are encouraged to attend! |
| March 29 | Good Friday - No School |

