



Good News

ST TIMOTHY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH | MARCH 2025



Pastor's Pen

God is doing some wonderful things at St. Timothy's. We have a team of people who have dedicated their time and gifts to bless our little ones. The ministries that deal most directly with our young families are St. Tim's Kids (Sunday School), St. Timothy's Christian Preschool, Messy Church, 1st Sunday Playtime (which I call "Brunch on the playground") and MomCo (formerly MOPS). All of these ministries have been richly blessing our families. The volunteers working in each of these ministry areas are doing a wonderful job of loving our children and their families.

Several months ago as we were seeing this trend we were moved to act more rapidly on the plans for renovation of our Nursery and C 1-3 wing. Many people contributed to this renovation and we are grateful for their significant support in helping us to accomplish this work. This space has now been beautifully updated and is ready to serve families for years to come. The Grand Opening celebration will be happening March 2 from 10 -11am. Please plan to come celebrate and see what a beautiful job has been done to equip us for even greater ministry with the youngest in our faith community.

We are reminded in Deuteronomy 6:6-7 ESV "And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children,

and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise." And in Deuteronomy 11:19 ESV "You shall teach them to your children, talking of them when you are sitting in your house, and when you are walking by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise."

If it is worth repeating it is certainly worth listening to.

Isaiah also reminds us in verse 54:13 "All your children shall be taught by the Lord, and great shall be the peace of your children."

As you have opportunity, please give a word of encouragement and support to the wonderful leaders and volunteers that God is using to bless our families. Also consider joining them by lending your time and talents to this work.

And don't forget, Summer Bible Camp (VBS) is open for registration on March 1st and it is never too early to let Shelley know that you can help.

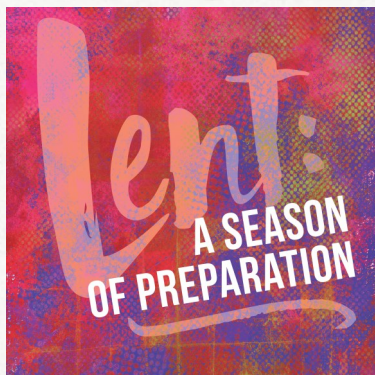
Thank you for being a supportive family of faith that lifts up our little ones.

Serving with you in Christ,
Pastor Jim Cords



Ash Wednesday

March 5: 12 noon and 7:00 pm in the sanctuary
Both services include imposition of ashes



MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesdays through March 12-April 9

SOUP SUPPER at 6:15 pm in Fellowship Hall

WORSHIP at 7:00 pm in Sanctuary

SOUP DONATIONS ARE NEEDED.

Soup does not need to be homemade but it does need to be brought hot and preferably in a crockpot/instapot.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER



Palm Sunday

April 13: 9:00 am (traditional) & 11:00 am (contemporary)



Maundy Thursday

April 17: 7:00 pm in the sanctuary



Good Friday

April 18: 12 noon and 7:00 pm in the sanctuary



Easter Sunday

April 20: 9:00 am (traditional) & 11:00 am (contemporary)



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

CHURCH FORUM

SUNDAY, MARCH 9 @ 12 PM
(right after second service)

Presentation on the proposed kitchen and bathroom remodel.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MARCH 16 @ 12 PM
(right after second service)

We will be voting on the kitchen and bathroom remodel proposal.

BUDGET REPORT

Financial Performance (Year-to-date as of January 31, 2025)

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Approved 2025 Budget
Offerings & Other Income	\$131,666	\$93,604	\$1,265,000
Benevolences	-	-	(110,000)
Admin & Operations	(96,888)	(114,295)	(1,394,997)
Preschool	6,431	(5,093)	(3)
Excess/(shortfall)	\$41,209	(\$25,784)	(\$240,000)

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/>
3. Mobile Giving: text Give to 408-692-6903.

What's God Been Up To In Chapa?

Great news! As part of the plan to alleviate poverty in their community, our HopeChest friends at the Chapa CarePoint had a dream of creating a dairy farm. Because of your generosity, this dream is becoming a reality!

With help from the Ethiopian government, land has been acquired. The CarePoint staff and community members are already beginning to prepare the land and renovate the existing structures. Next step is to purchase pregnant cows and get the dairy farm up and running, using modern dairy farming methods.

There's a great need for milk and milk products in the area. Profits from this income-generating endeavor will benefit the entire community, while supporting the work of the CarePoint for years to come.

Thank you St. Tim's for your faithful partnership in this sacred work!



St. Timothy's Lunch Bunch

Thursday, March 27

at 12:00 Noon

Fellowship Hall

Lunch is baked potatoes with 5 different toppings and salad. Cost is \$15. Drinks and dessert always provided free.

PROGRAM: Chip Curry will entertain us by playing his guitar and fiddle. He will play a variety of music from the early 1900's, plus pop music from the 1950's and 1960's, also Blue Grass.

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. Come enjoy the music and your friends.

We welcome new attendees.

**Want to bring your own lunch food?
That is OK.**

WOMEN'S

Retreat

**REDWOOD CHRISTIAN PARK
BOULDER CREEK**

Take Heart
John 16:33

Spring Women's Retreat

April 25-27 2025

\$300

Sign-up deadline April 11

Sign-up Here: stlcsj.org/womens-retreat



South Valley FISH Food Pantry

MARCH

Food Item of the Month

CANNED FRUIT



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

COLLEGE

connection

WE NEED DONATIONS!

Bring items to church entryway or office.

DEADLINE: SUNDAY, MARCH 16

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

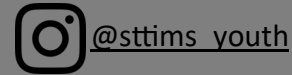


st. tim's students

Rob Walter, Director of Youth Ministries

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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.

Winter Camp at Hume

February 28 to March 2 – Youth are going to Hume! Pray for safe
travels and that they will have a great experience connecting
with God and each other.

6TH - 12TH GRADE STUDENTS DEVOTIONS & DONUTS

**Sundays from 10:15-10:45 am
Upstairs**

NALC DISASTER RESPONSE MISSION TRIP

July 20-26, 2025

\$300

**OPEN TO ADULTS AND YOUTH
WHO ARE IN 8TH GRADE & UP**

Details coming soon but we'll be working in the
same general area as last year (Paradise, CA).

Contact scott.campbell@stlcsj.org
if you have any questions.



SHINE for April 25-27. The cost will be
\$100. The trip will be serving in local
children's hospitals and family
shelters. We will be staying at Camp
Santa Cruz in Santa Cruz, CA. The trip
is limited to 10 students.

Contact Rob if you are interested.



MARCH 2025 BUZZ

Summer Bible Camp (VBS)

The best week of the summer!

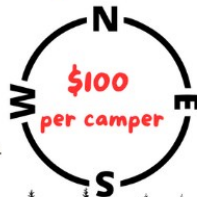
June 16 - 20, 2025 (9 am - Noon)



Ages: 3 yrs (potty trained) - entering 5th
Early Register by April 15th for \$75
Deadline to register is May 15th

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

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YOU'RE INVITED

TO OUR GRAND
OPENING
CELEBRATION
C WING
CLASSROOMS &
NURSERY

March 2, 10 am
Playground

Fun Food Fellowship



PLAYTIME & GRAND OPENING C WING & NURSERY



Hey Kids! Bring your parents.
March 2, 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

FUN

FREE



San Jose

March 8, Sat, 4-6 PM
Celebration Crafts Games Food
Wise Builder

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/306159038



March Newsletter

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"How much better to get wisdom
than gold, to get insight rather
than silver!"

Proverbs 16:16



MARCH 3-7
SPIRIT WEEK

MARCH 14
NO SCHOOL -
PARENT/TEACHER

MARCH 17
St. Patrick's Day
(Dress in Green!)

MARCH 27
Coffee w/Parents
8:45am-9:45am

MARCH 28
JK FIELD TRIP TO YSI

Welcome March!

We are so thankful for all the rain but we are ready for spring, sunshine and warmer weather! The children will be learning exciting things this month like plant and butterfly life cycles, seasons, insects and animals. We'll also be preparing our school garden for planting and ready for summer!



With summer just around the corner, be sure to sign up for our summer camps. Registration opens for everyone on March 3rd!

Scan the QR Code to reserve your child's spot. Space is limited so make sure to register early!

