



Good News

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | ST. TIMOTHY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
AUGUST 2025

PASTOR'S PEN

Anniversaries and birthdays always seem to bring at least some element of reflection. It also seems that when one looks back on their life it can be done with either an eye toward what didn't manifest itself as hoped or as a list of accomplishments of which one can be proud.

But another wonder of reflection is to look back and note the faithfulness of God. I am grateful for the opportunities I have had to serve as a pastor and I am grateful that Marilyn has been my partner in ministry all along the way. Sometimes when things felt great, retrospect reveals that they could have been better. Other times when things felt like a struggle, retrospect reveals that great fruit was born. In every case God was faithful and we are honored to have served to His glory.

My hope is that we can all take a look at the day(s) ahead and realize that God can do great things and especially so when we are his joyful servants. I was recently in a conversation with a colleague that revealed to me that there are two different questions that we might ask, both which can lead us forward into a future that brings honor and glory to our Lord Jesus.

The first way to look forward is to prayerfully seek God's direction. "Lord what would you have me do?" This is not nearly as easy as it sounds. It is often challenging to

discern the specific will of God for our lives. However it is a very valuable posture to have. This is the posture of a willing servant of God.

The second way to look forward is to look at the needs of the neighbor in front of us. "Lord, what can I do to love my neighbor and demonstrate that love in what I say and do?" What are the opportunities in front of us to demonstrate care and concern for our neighbor loving them as Christ first loved us?

The great joy in reflecting back this year is the joy of relationships. All along the way God provides the joy of friendship (those brothers and sisters in Christ who are companions and coworkers in service). It is amazing to see how greatly joy is magnified when the service is shared with others. Often the friendships have brought even deeper meaning than the actual accomplishments.

I pray that St. Timothy's, this amazing community of God's people, can be that community with whom you can belong, serve and celebrate the goodness of being a child and servant of our Lord Jesus. Look ahead, what is God showing you? Who is God bringing along with you to share the joy?

Serving with you in Christ,
Pastor Jim Cords





BUDGET REPORT



FROM OUR TREASURER, DARRELL SHIDELER For 2025 a stretch budget was created for our ongoing expenses. We have been blessed with generous givers that have made up for this difference over the years. But we are also called to be responsible stewards of these gifts. Above you can see that we are just shy of our budgeted income goal and have been able to reduce expenses while being able to serve God's people. By the time of this newsletter you will have heard the first of several updates on the kitchen remodel, noting that we are also on track to reach this funding goal.

Financial Performance (Year-to-date as of June 30, 2025)

Approved 2025 Budget		Income	Expenses	Difference
\$1,265,000	YTD Budget	\$461,634	(\$738,755)	(\$277,121)
(1,505,000)	YTD Actuals	469,170	(636,095)	(166,925)
(\$240,000)	YTD Difference	\$7,536	\$102,660	\$110,196

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.

SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

9 AM Traditional

11 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.

Take note
**KICK-OFF
SUNDAY**

One worship service

**August 24
10 am**

Followed by a time of
fellowship and ministry
highlights at 11 am

GROW GROUPS

**GROWING IN FAITH.
TOGETHER.**

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

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.
- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ are places where we maintain confidentiality, courtesy, and respect towards others. All are welcome no matter where you are in your faith journey.

GROW GROUPS WILL START A NEW SEASON IN SEPTEMBER.

To get connected to a group, email Pastor Joe: joe.hill@stlcsj.org

SUMMER CHURCH NIGHT

WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 20
CAMDEN PATIO

**5:00 DINNER
6:00 ACTIVITIES**

**Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided.
Bring a side dish or dessert to share.**

After dinner, our Ethiopia Mission Team will be sharing their experiences and photos of their trip. This presentation is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the Chapa CarePoint we support. There will be an activity for children and nursery care during the presentation.

To help us plan accordingly, scan the QR code to RSVP, to tell us if you're bringing something or would like to help.



REMODEL UPDATE

The kitchen remodel is on track to be completed by September 12, followed by the completion of the Fellowship Hall restrooms by October 8. So far, Evolution has finished the demolition, restroom ADA upgrades, trenching, rough plumbing, electrical, and gas line, framing, and water heater replacement. The schedule has been delayed 20 days due to asbestos removals and inspections, but Evolution has recovered 13 of those days. Next tasks will be closing up the walls, flooring, fire sprinklers, and kitchen equipment.

We have received \$306,733 to date from pledges and additional contributions. We aim to receive the remaining pledges of \$70,717 by the end of August, but no later than December 31, 2025. Together with the \$700,000 of church allocated funds, the total funding of \$1,077,465 covers our updated estimated costs of \$1,036,239 with an excess of \$41,226 available to cover additional costs and contingencies.

Please note that the Camden parking lot work will be done on August 4, or August 11 if delayed. NO PARKING on the Camden property will be allowed for at least 5 days; access will be required from Carter.



Help and encouragement after the death of a loved one

At a GriefShare group, you'll find understanding, guidance, relief, and a safe place to navigate the challenges of grief. Come join us!

Our next GriefShare session will begin on Monday, September 8 2025. 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, consider joining us. GriefShare 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. "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me." (Psalm 23)

Our Grief Support Team: Tony and Leslie Mazzucco, Mary Fisher-Orzoff, Michelle Regoli and Alan Pintacura.

Monday, 7 to 9 pm
beginning September 8
At the church, Room B1
Suggested donation for workbook: \$20

Sign up after church or by phone:
Tony or Leslie Mazzucco, (408) 323-0306
or REGISTER online: griefshare.org/findagroup



ST. TIM'S
MOMCO

**2025-2026
Registration will begin in
August.**

Join us as we support and encourage each other through this journey we call motherhood!

We are a community of moms with children ages birth through school-age. We encourage each other through resources, speakers, events, mentorship, and friendship – all pertinent to our roles as mothers, wives, and women.

We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 7-9 pm in Room B1 (next to the office). First meeting is September 11.



Contact Elizabeth at
momco@stlcsj.org
or 408-677-0267



28TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sign-ups begin in August. You can sign-up after worship on Sundays or look for a link in the weekly email news



**SEPTEMBER 13
8:30 AM**

**LOS LAGOS
\$90**



**August 16
9am- noon**

Help us get our campus ready for the fall. There will be light duty tasks as well as heavy duty tasks.

Many hands make light work!



South Valley FISH Food Pantry

AUGUST Food Item of the Month



SOUP

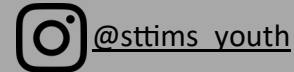
Please donate only the requested item for that month. For the health and dignity of our clients, no expired food items.



Rob Walter, Director of Youth Ministries

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or 408-264-3858, ext. 122



6TH - 12TH GRADE STUDENTS
DEVOTIONS
&
DONUTS
Sundays from 10:15-10:45 am
Upstairs

**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.

2025 Scholarship Award

The application period for this year's St. Timothy's Scholarship Program closed on July 11, 2025 with the receipt of only one application package. The Scholarship Committee was, however, quite pleased with the quality of the application and essay, and we unanimously agreed that the applicant was deserving of a \$1,000 scholarship award. We were also pleased that, although the program is open to members of all the NALC and LCMC congregations in our area, the successful applicant was one of our own young congregants! The following identifies the scholarship winner, indicates his college plans, and shares a selection from his essay.

Dylan Christian

(Planning to attend Boise State University and major in Business)

"St. Timothy's is more than just my church. It is a place where I grew up and where I started my journey with God. I learned what it truly means to follow Jesus. Not just in what I believe, but in how I treat others and give back to the community. I am grateful for everything St. Tim's has done for me in my life, and I know the lessons and values I have learned there will continue to guide me wherever I go."

The Scholarship Committee was pleased to approve this award to a recent graduate, and it is our sincere desire that the St. Timothy's scholarship will provide both encouragement and a helpful financial boost as this young person continues his education. Special thanks to Beth Tkacheff, our Church Secretary, for streamlining the scholarship application process by bringing it entirely online for the first time this year. Thanks also to Amy Sapp for authoring a letter of recommendation for Dylan.

Please seek out opportunities to congratulate Dylan and wish him well as he embarks on his college education. Also, please include him in your prayers as he makes this significant transition to his college career in Idaho.

The Scholarship Committee

Tammy Briner, Ken Duvall, Susan Lovelady

CONGRATULATIONS!

AUGUST BUZZ

FUN



San Jose

FREE

August 9th, Sat, 4-6 PM

Celebration Crafts Games Food

Lazarus

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/messy-church-san-jose/events/309996033



Let's party!

Aug 17, noon Playground



PLAYTIME



Hey Kids! Bring your parents.
August 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

FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK OFF SEP 7





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PRESCHOOL UPDATE:

Summer was a busy time at the preschool. The children had a blast at summer camp! Exploring nature and our wonderful world God created, making pretend s'mores around their imaginary campfire (but really eating the marshmallows!), learning about ocean animals through science water play, learning the flags of other countries, running through obstacle courses and playing games as a team, and making and preparing their snack for cooking week.

We are excited for the 2025-2026 school year and will be preparing the classrooms for another year of learning and growing. Please welcome our new teachers, Ms. Andrea Csuhai and Ms. Jennel Peterson! As we enter the new school year, please help us pray over our preschool, our teachers and our students for this upcoming year.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

AUGUST 18 & 19: Preschool Orientation Days

AUGUST 20: First Day of School M-F & M/W/F Students

AUGUST 21: First Day of School T/Th Students

