



## Pastor's Pen

Summer was a wonderful, unpredictable, and challenging season for the Hill household. We got the incredible chance to take a family vacation to visit my sister and her four boys in Alaska. We had fun afternoons at grandma and grandpa's house swimming and playing, and so much more. We also had to navigate the challenges of both girls being out of school, juggling childcare between working parents, aunts and uncles, grandparents and babysitters. I would be lying if I said it wasn't a relief that school has started up again.

The reality of this life is that it has its seasons, and I don't mean in the "Winter, Spring, Summer & Fall" kind of way. We go through seasons of life. There are up and down seasons... seasons where things are going well and seasons of struggle. In the midst of the ever-changing seasons of life, how do we stay grounded? I want to share two Scriptures with you that can anchor and guide you in whatever season you are in now.

- <sup>1</sup> Blessed is the one  
who does not walk in step with the wicked  
or stand in the way that sinners take  
or sit in the company of mockers,  
<sup>2</sup> but whose delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and who meditates on his law day and night.  
<sup>3</sup> That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,  
which yields its fruit in season  
and whose leaf does not wither—  
whatever they do prospers.

**Psalms 1:1-3**

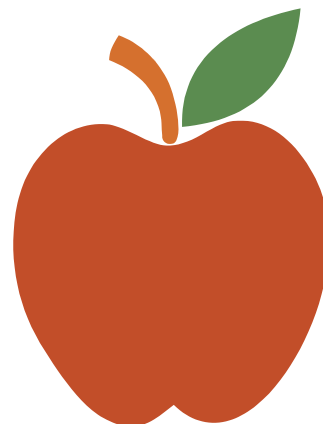
<sup>12</sup> I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. <sup>13</sup> I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

### **Philippians 4:12-13**

Staying grounded in Christ and in His Word is what sustains and strengthens us through the seasons of life. It is what gives us strength when we feel weak, peace in the midst of chaos, comfort and hope in seasons of grief and mourning. My prayer is that as we move into this new season as a congregation and you continue to live in faith, that you would stay rooted in God's word, like a tree planted by streams of water, and that you would find strength in Christ.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Joe Hill





# BUDGET REPORT

## FROM OUR TREASURER, DARRELL SHIDELER

As we move through the summer months and into fall we are blessed to see better than budgeted numbers. However, we are still in the need to draw from our savings. Over the past years our giving numbers do accelerate for the remainder of the year and it is to that goal we pray.

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

Approved 2025 Budget		Income	Expenses	Difference
\$1,265,000	YTD Budget	\$535,517	(\$885,888)	(\$350,371)
(1,505,000)	YTD Actuals	582,912	(756,649)	(173,737)
(\$240,000)	YTD Difference	\$47,395	\$129,238	\$176,634

### 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.

# 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.

The Christian life is lived in community with God and with each other. Come find your community and the perfect group for you! To get connected to a group, email Pastor Joe: [joe.hill@stlcsj.org](mailto:joe.hill@stlcsj.org)





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

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). It's a 13-week course, in-person, beginning September 8.

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.

**Mondays, 7 pm – 9 pm,  
beginning September 8, 2025**

**At church, Room B1**

**Suggested donation for workbook: \$20**

**Sign up after church or contact Leslie or Tony:  
408-323-0306 or register online at  
[www.griefshare.org/findagroup](http://www.griefshare.org/findagroup)**



This year, St Timothy's will also be hosting a special one-day 2-hour session called "Surviving the Holidays." We know how especially challenging the holidays can be after the loss of a loved one. Come join others and learn practical tips and tools on how to navigate those challenges.

**This will be held on Saturday, November 8,  
from 10am – 12pm.**

Registration for this event is separate from the 13-week course and will start the end of September.



## What's God Been Up To In Chapa?

Thank you St. Timothy's for helping turn the dream of a dairy farm in Chapa into a reality! The land has already been secured from the government and cows are being purchased.

Training and education to assist in the operation and management of the farm is being provided for the residents of Chapa.

**And now, CONSTRUCTION IS IN FULL SWING!**

This income generating project is one of the many ways you are bringing transformation, in the name of Jesus, to our friends at the Chapa CarePoint in Ethiopia. Hope is alive!



### CHAPA CAREPOINT VISIT PRESENTATION

Click [here](#) to see the presentation from August 20.

Click [here](#) to see the slideshow.



# St. Timothy's Lunch Bunch

**Thursday, September 25  
at 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall**

Lunch will cost \$15 for Togo's sandwiches, salad, and chips. Desserts and drinks are always free.

Tony Mazzucco will present an update on the James Webb Space Telescope, the world's most powerful space telescope, and some of the amazing images collected since it began its science mission in mid 2022. Webb is designed to see the most distant galaxies in the Universe, and study how stars and galaxies evolved over cosmic time.

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

**Monthly Lunch Bunch is a fellowship group open to ALL. We welcome new attendees.**



ST. TIM'S  
MOMCO

2025-20256

REGISTER AT [STLCSJ.ORG/MOMCO](http://STLCSJ.ORG/MOMCO)

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 10.

**Contact Elizabeth at [momco@stlcsj.org](mailto:momco@stlcsj.org)  
or 408-677-0267**



South Valley FISH Food Pantry

## September 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.

# MEN'S

**October 17-19**

Redwood Christian Park

# RETREAT

**\$275**

**[STLCSJ.ORG/MENS-RETREAT](http://STLCSJ.ORG/MENS-RETREAT)**

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## **St. Timothy's 28th Annual Golf Tournament**

**Saturday, September 13**

**8:30 am**

**\$90 per person**

**Los Lagos Golf Course**

Click [here](#) to sign-up online as a group  
or as an individual or sign-up  
on Sunday after worship services or  
email [Bill](#).

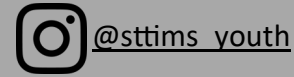




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or 408-264-3858, ext. 122



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.

## UPCOMING CLASSES

### Confirmation

6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students and any unconfirmed high school students:

Classes begin September 7 from 4:45-6 pm.

### 1st Communion

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students (older students not communing may also join):

First Communion instruction will begin September 28.

This is a 5-week course, intended to give students basic understanding  
around the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Details will be coming by email, so email [info@stlcsj.org](mailto:info@stlcsj.org)  
if we don't currently have students/parents on our list.

Questions? Contact Pastor Joe [joe.hill@stlcsj.org](mailto:joe.hill@stlcsj.org) with any questions.



# SEPTEMBER BUZZ

**FUN**



**San Jose**

**FREE**

September 13th, Sat, 4-6 PM  
Celebration Crafts Games Food

**John 3:16**

[www. STLCSJ.ORG/MESSY/](http://www.STLCSJ.ORG/MESSY/)

St. Timothy's Lutheran Church

5100 Camden Ave San Jose 95124 408-264-3858

Please RSVP [CM@STLCSJ.ORG](mailto:CM@STLCSJ.ORG)

[www.meetup/messy-church-san-jose/events/310490590](http://www.meetup/messy-church-san-jose/events/310490590)



# FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK OFF SEP 7

## PLAYTIME



Hey Kids! Bring your parents.  
September 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](mailto:cm@stlcsj.org)

**LOOKING FOR  
SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPERS**

**FLEXIBLE  
SCHEDULE!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
[CM@STLCSJ.ORG](mailto:CM@STLCSJ.ORG)



# SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

## 2025



**We have officially welcomed the 2025-2026 school year!**

We completed our first few weeks of getting to know one another, learning classroom routines, and the children are excited to be starting school and beginning to have fun learning. The staff and children were happy to see each other again and we joyfully welcomed new friends and families to our school. Our preschool is already starting to feel like a family!

We want to thank Pastor Joe, church members, staff, friends and family that came out to help clean up the school campus on workday. They washed windows, tightened toilet lids, filled tanbark, cleaned gutters, cleaned up after the birds, and hung-up white boards. We truly appreciate all the help and support you give to the preschool.

**THANK YOU SO MUCH!!**

We had a great kick-off to the school year at the August 24th church service. Thank you for your blessings over the preschool staff and praying for us. We truly love our supportive church community!

We are looking forward to seeing what God has in store for our preschool and all the blessings that will be received this school year!

## Upcoming Dates



**Mon, Sep. 1 NO SCHOOL**

**Wed, Sep 10 Fall Pictures**

**Thu, Sep. 4 Back To School Night -  
6:00pm (Ext. Care  
released at 5:00pm)**

**Tue, Sep 16 Ice Cream Social @ 6 PM**

**Fri, Sep 26 Coffee with Parents  
(8:45 am - 9:45 am)**