



ST. TIMOTHY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

# Good News

OCTOBER 2025

## Pastor's Pen

### The Joy of Biblical Hospitality

Biblical hospitality extends a deep, heartfelt welcome that reflects God's love and grace. Rooted in Scripture, hospitality is integral to our Christian living, echoing Hebrews 13:2: *"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."* This call to open our lives and hearts builds our faith community, grows our relationships, and strengthens our faith.

The joy of biblical hospitality arises from the genuine connection it creates. Sharing a meal or a space can nurture friendships, break down barriers, and invite people of diverse backgrounds into a shared experience of love and acceptance. In Romans 12:13, Paul encourages believers to *"contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality."* This focus on others cultivates a spirit of generosity, prompting us to share our resources and time, reflecting Christ's selfless love.

Hospitality also provides an opportunity for spiritual growth. As we welcome others, we learn to listen, empathize, and serve. This mutual exchange enriches our faith and fosters a sense of belonging. Through hosting, we can share not only meals but also the transformative message of the Gospel, planting seeds of faith in those we welcome into our lives. Importantly, biblical hospitality is not confined to gatherings. It can be experienced and shared in small acts of kindness—a warm smile, a listening ear, or an encouraging word. These gestures can create an atmosphere of warmth and genuine regard, making everyone feel valued and seen.

Ultimately, the joy of biblical hospitality lies in its ability to mirror God's love. By embracing this practice, we participate in a divine rhythm of giving and receiving, transforming lives and communities in the process. In a world often marked by isolation, biblical hospitality is a powerful reminder of God's inclusive love.

As we move into the next season of St. Timothy's, we celebrate the past and with gratitude, move into the future that God has in store for us. Where is God calling you to engage? What gifts, abilities, and passions might you follow in service to God and to others? There are many opportunities to contribute to the wonderful things happening at St. Timothy's. In the weeks ahead, you will hear more about the things we are hoping to do with your help to continue to grow and celebrate being the people of God.

I invite you to prayerfully consider where you might serve. Perhaps join our list of readers or communion assistants. Maybe help us form a team to address the care of our facility or join those of us trained as food handlers to help make our new kitchen fruitful and productive. Or connect with Rob and Shelley to find out how you can support our ministries with families, youth and children. I can't list all the opportunities, but if you have been hesitant to step into new areas of ministry, now is the time. Don't miss out—enter the joy of serving our Lord and His Church.

Serving with you in Christ,  
Pastor Jim



# BUDGET REPORT



## FROM OUR TREASURER, DARRELL SHIDELER

We have come to the end of August. The good news is that we have been able to improve our income and outgo by \$180,000, although our general fund offerings still do not cover our budgeted expenses. We are entering the Fall months which does normally provide a giving increase. Although we planned on a potential need to tap our liquid funds by the end of the year to meet budgeted expenses, additional offerings to our general fund could allow us to reach budgeted expenses. On the mission side, if you were at the September Kitchen Building update, we have been able to fund the project with additional gifts. Also, we have been able to deal with maintenance issues of water leakage at Carter and HVAC repairs and replacements within our restricted accounts. Good stewardship continues to be a key factor in our ministry.

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

	Income	Expenses	Difference
Approved 2025 Budget	\$1,265,000	\$ (1,505,000)	\$ (240,000)
	Income	Expenses	Difference
YTD Budget	\$596,694	(\$962,826)	(\$366,132)
YTD Actuals	654,827	(840,458)	(185,631)
YTD Difference	\$58,133	\$122,368	\$180,501

### 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 SCHEDULE

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](https://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 contact info for staff here: [stlcsj.org/staff](https://stlcsj.org/staff)



**Wear red to church!**



This year we are excited to again be participating in the Operation Christmas Child ministry. Last year we packed over 300 shoeboxes and hope to do the same again this year! As a church, we have several different opportunities to bless children around the world. If you aren't familiar with the ministry, here is a very good video to watch.

<https://video.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child-overview-2023/>

1. We will be packing shoeboxes as a church November 15-16. Families and small groups can sign-up for a time to come in and pack shoeboxes. We will be collecting various items for the shoeboxes to provide the items before the packing party. Look for more information about both the packing party and the collection of items in the coming weeks.

2. Families can also pack shoeboxes on their own and bring the boxes back to church. In late October, shoeboxes will be available in the narthex for families that would like to pick those up.

**If you have any questions about the Operation Christmas Child ministry or would like more information, please contact Debbie Bauman at [debbie@bspan.com](mailto:debbie@bspan.com).**

## ST. TIM'S LUNCH BUNCH

Thursday, October 23 at 12:00 noon  
in Fellowship Hall

Lunch will cost \$15 for Baked potato bar, salad and pies for dessert. Drinks are always free.

Donna Zolezzi will talk about the South Bay Blue Star Moms, a non-partisan and non-profit organization. Their mission is to support fellow Blue Star members, their sons, daughters and any other family members who are currently serving or have served in the Armed Forces of the United States.

**Lunch Bunch needs to know how many are coming, so please call Betsy Grandey at (408) 629-6093 to register. Reservations and money (\$30) will also be collected for the Christmas Luncheon.**

*Lunch Bunch is a fellowship group open to ALL. Always a social time, nice lunch and then an interesting program. Please join us. We welcome new attendees.*

## BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAYS @ 7 PM

CAFÉ LYDIA

The pastors will be teaching from the Sermon Series "Lutheran Worship."

10-01 The Word

10-08 Creed

10-15 Peace & Sending





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

Faranje Tule's life is a testament to resilience and hope. Born in a small village in Chapa, she married at just 17 and became the mother of seven children. Life was far from easy, her husband worked as a farmer, but their small plot of land and traditional farming methods made it nearly impossible to provide enough for the family. Her life, and the life of her family, began to change when Children's HopeChest brought hope to the Chapa area. Through the sponsorship program, Faranje gained new opportunities to support her family, while her son, Solomon, was able to enroll in school. With the CarePoint covering his educational costs, Solomon is now studying at college, taking steps toward a brighter and more promising future. Faranje has also started working and earning an income, transforming their family's life and giving them renewed hope for the days ahead. Today, mother and son are filled with gratitude; living examples of the profound, life-changing impact that CarePoint support can have. All in the name of Jesus!



# MEN'S

## October 17-19

### Redwood Christian Park

# RETREAT

\$275



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



South Valley FISH Food Pantry

# OCTOBER

## Food Item of the Month



### CANNED VEGETABLES

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

## REMODEL PROJECT UPDATE

The parking lot work has now been completed. Most of the kitchen work has been completed, equipment has been delivered, and we are in the final stages with multiple inspections to come. Unfortunately, while many inspections have been passed without issue, we did not pass the fire sprinkler inspection. The inspector requires a few changes, updates to our plans, and resubmission to the fire department. This will push back the remaining inspections and overall timing by 3-4 weeks. Subject to the remaining inspections, the kitchen remodel is now estimated to be completed by October 31, followed by the completion of the Fellowship Hall restrooms by November 30.

To date, we have received \$324,483 to date from pledges and additional contributions. We aim to receive the remaining pledges of \$53,737 by the end of October, but no later than December 31, 2025. Together with the \$700,000 of church allocated funds, the total funding of \$1,078,220 covers our updated estimated costs of \$1,043,334 with an excess of \$34,886 available to cover additional costs and contingencies.







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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.



6TH - 12TH GRADE STUDENTS  
**DEVOTIONS**  
&  
**DONUTS**

Sundays from 10:15-10:45 am  
Upstairs

6TH-12TH  
GRADE

# HUME WINTER CAMP

FEBRUARY 27-MARCH 1, 2026

COST IS \$375.

A \$100 DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED AT SIGN-UP.

[STLCSJ.ORG/HUME](https://stlcsj.org/hume)

SNOW. BOXSLED BLITZ. MONSTER TUBE RUN.  
BROOM HOCKEY. SNOWBOARD MOUNTAIN.  
FRIENDSHIPS THAT LAST A LIFETIME.  
TRUTH THAT LASTS FOREVER!



**FUN**



**SaN jOsE**

**FREE**

**October 11th, Sat, 4-6 PM**  
**Celebration Crafts Games Food**  
**Bible Buddy Adoption**

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Please RSVP [CM@STLCSJ.ORG](mailto:CM@STLCSJ.ORG)  
[www.meetup/messy-church-san-jose/events/310003049](http://www.meetup/messy-church-san-jose/events/310003049)



**PLAYTIME**



Hey Kids! Bring your parents.  
October 5, 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)

**OCTOBER  
BUZZ**

*Fall*  
**OUTING**



**OCTOBER 26, 2025, 3 PM**



**GOLFLAND**  
**RSVP REQUIRED**  
[CM@STLCSJ.ORG](mailto:CM@STLCSJ.ORG)



**LOOKING FOR**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPERS**

**FLEXIBLE  
SCHEDULE!**

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# OCTOBER *News*

**"THERE IS A TIME FOR EVERYTHING, AND A SEASON FOR EVERY  
ACTIVITY UNDER THE HEAVENS."**

**~ECCLESIASTES 3:1**

*Happy Fall!*

We are always grateful for God's handiwork as he turns summer into more cool, crisp days and a canvas of colors. The preschool is off to a great start and full of happy voices playing and learning together! The classroom activities and routines are becoming familiar to all the children. The children were very brave as we practiced our first fire drill. They all did an amazing job lining up and walking out to our big field!

We are welcoming back two teachers to the preschool as our long-term, part-time substitutes! Ms. Melanie Stahlke, who was our Aide last year and Ms. Chris Hindenes, who was our Librarian back when St. Timothy's had the elementary school. Both have much experience with helping in the preschool and we are so thankful they will be part of our staff!

Back to School Night, Ice Cream Social and our first Coffee with Parents was a huge success. Parents were pleased and excited about their children's teacher and classroom. It is wonderful to see how we are building community together and letting God's spirit work through us as we become one big preschool family. Our preschool families are also building community with the church, attending Messy Church on Saturdays and meeting other moms in the MomCo group.

In the month of October, we are looking forward to our annual pumpkin patch field trip to Spina Farms, the Scholastic book fair, and book character parade and fall parties.

**We are excited for a fun-filled month!**

## *Dates to Remember*

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| <b>OCTOBER 3:</b>     | <b>NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-Service</b>                                  |
| <b>OCTOBER 11:</b>    | <b>Messy Church</b>  |
| <b>OCTOBER 15:</b>    | <b>Pumpkin Patch Field Trip to Spina Farms</b>                         |
| <b>OCTOBER 27-31:</b> | <b>Scholastic Book Fair</b>  |
| <b>OCTOBER 31</b>     | <b>Book Character Parade and Fall Parties,<br/>Coffee with Parents</b> |

