

### Pastor's Pen

November is that time of the year when we are pushed to think about *gratitude*. Thanksgiving is right around the corner and it provides a natural time to reflect on the blessings of the past year and the many things we have to be grateful for. In the hustle and bustle of everyday life, it is easy to miss things, take them for granted... for them to come and go without registering even a *blip* on our thankfulness radar.

The book of Psalms contains a number of Psalms which recall and retell the story of God's faithfulness. Psalms 78, 105, 106, and *especially* 136 show us the value in setting apart time to recall the goodness and faithfulness of God through the different seasons of life. Psalm 136 recalls the story of God delivering the people from Egypt and into the Promised Land, with each line followed by the phrase, "His love endures forever."

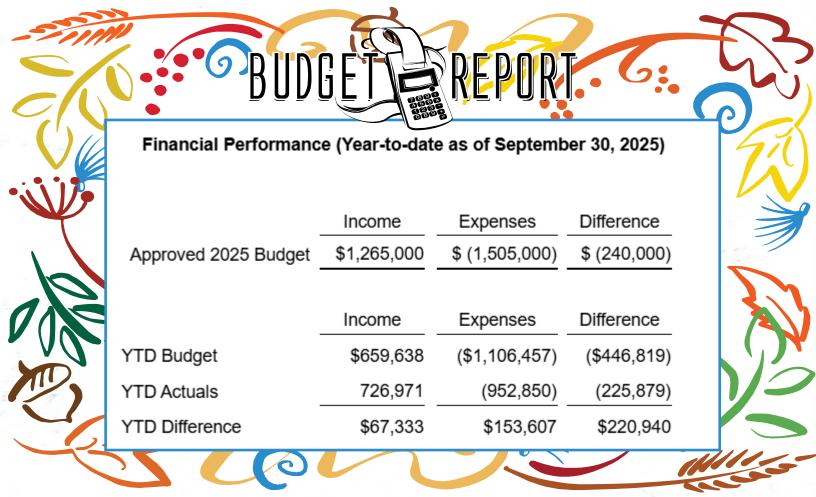
What about *your* story? How has gone shown you His faithful, enduring love?

One of my favorite questions to begin my discussions in Grow Group with is "How have you experienced God's blessing this week?" It almost always starts an encouraging discussion on how God has been at work in our lives. And I want to encourage you to set apart some time in the days, weeks, and month to come to consider the question, "How have you experienced God's blessing this past year?" and to respond as the Psalmist so often did: by giving thanks and praise to God, from whom all blessings flow. Perhaps you can make this a monthly, weekly or even daily rhythm in your spiritual life.

This regular rhythm of *remembering*... or recalling and retelling our stories of God's faithfulness grounds us in the goodness and faithfulness of God, and reminds us that we have reason to praise and much to be thankful for.

In Christ, Pastor Joe Hill





### A MESSAGE FROM OUR TREASURER DARRELL SHIDELER

We are tracking very favorably with better income and less expenses as we have noted in prior reports. We are expecting a potential loss this year of \$115,000 as opposed to the \$240,000 budgeted. We are hopeful that giving can increase by the end of the year to offset the loss. Your stewardship has benefited our Sunday School with new facilities helping to increase attendance from 3 to 21. Messy Church had one of its largest attendance in October of over 90 adults and children, many coming as non-members from the preschool, Momco, FISH, and other associated programs. Giving is empowering.

### STEWARDSHIP PACKETS

November is the month when we start planning for the year ahead. You will soon be receiving a packet of **2026 Stewardship Commitments**, which is intended to help you make commitments in both worship attendance as well as financial support of the congregation. Both are important. When you worship, you honor God with your presence and your singing, and receive strength for the week ahead. It's our financial support which makes it possible to do what we do as a congregation. Time and Talent forms will also be sent. Check out the many ways you can be involved in the life of our church.

Your Stewardship Commitments may be returned by one of these methods: U.S. Mail, in-person at worship on November 16 or with the online form.



#### **WAYS TO GIVE**

- 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).
- Give online on our safe and secure website <a href="https://www.stlcsj.org/giving/">https://www.stlcsj.org/giving/</a>
- 3. Mobile Giving: text Give to 408-692-6903.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 9:00 & 11:00 am

# CANDLELIGHT A CANTATA FOR CHRISTMAS

Joseph M. Martin

Canticles in Candlelight is a musical service of illumination that gradually fills the sanctuary with music and light. With Scripture, narration, carols and candles, this compelling cantata tells the treasured story of Christ's birth. Filled with variety yet rooted in a traditional music vernacular, there are tasteful classical references in the arrangements as well as opportunities for congregational singing. From the hushed whisper of the "Candlelight Processional" to the festive arrangements of some of our most beloved carols, this work has something for everyone.

A choir of 40 will be accompanied by an orchestra of 34 as well as beautiful projected visuals on screen.

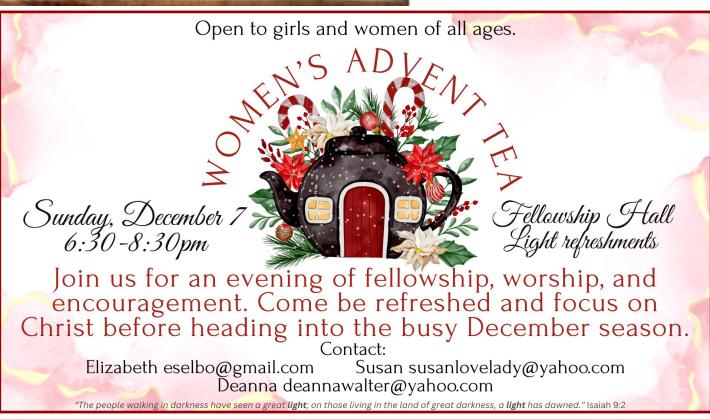
Invite your friends, neighbors and extended family to attend!

### **BIBLE STUDY**

WEDNESDAYS @ 7 PM
through November 19
Café Lydia/Room B1
Pastor Jim will lead a study through the book of Colossians.

### **FALL BACK!**





We are collecting

### **FROZEN TURKEYS &** WHOLE CHICKENS

for

South Valley FISH Food Pantry





We recommend 8-12 lbs maximum weight for the turkeys.

Dates to bring your frozen turkey and whole chicken:

- ⇒ Sunday, November 2 & 9
- ⇒ Sunday, November 17 (also Thank Offering Sunday)
- ⇒ Thursdays November 6, 13, & 20 (9am-noon)

**Looking ahead for Christmas:** 

We plan to collect hams on Sundays December 7 & 14 as well as Thursdays December 4, 11 & 18 (9-noon)



### NOVEMBER Food Item of the Month



Canned tuna

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



# **Lunch Bunch**

in November but December's event is earlier than usual.

> Thursday, December 11 Noon in Fellowship Hall

Catered Tri-Tip Steak & Salmon Lunch Veggies, Salad, and Rolls All by our Super-Chef Greg Drinks and Dessert also provided.

Chip Curry, guitar player, will provide Christmas music for us.

Reservation and \$30 payment per attendee must be received by Sunday, December 7.

PLEASE RSVP TO BETSY GRANDEY 408-629-6093 or egrandey@yahoo.com

Checks are payable to

St. Timothy's Lutheran Church and can be given to Alan Pintacura or Betsy Grandey or mailed to the church.

St. Tim's Lunch Bunch is a fellowship group open to ALL. New attendees are always welcome.





## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

### It is Shoebox time!

You are invited to help spread the Gospel to children throughout the world. You can do this by helping pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

We will be having multiple days for individuals or groups to come in and pack shoeboxes in room D6/ library on **November 15-16**.

We are looking for donations for our church packing party. Donations can be brought on Sunday mornings or to the office during the week, **BY NOVEMBER 9.** Take a tag from the donation tree in the church entryway or shop our Amazon wishlist.

Finally, we need people to help transport the shoeboxes to the Drop Off Center at Foxworthy Baptist Church on **November 21**. If you are available, please contact Debbie Bauman at <a href="mailto:debbie@bspan.com">debbie@bspan.com</a> or 408-930-2287.

Go here <a href="https://www.stlcsj.org/occ/">https://www.stlcsj.org/occ/</a>
to sign-up for packing shoeboxes and links for donations.

#### LET'S GO DEEPER & WIDER!

Join us on Sunday, November 9 for Pure Religion Sunday, as we partner with Children's HopeChest to reflect God's heart for vulnerable children and families.

Rooted in James 1:27, Pure Religion Sunday calls believers to a faith that is both holy (set apart) and helpful (marked by self-giving love). It's a call to go DEEPER in our walk with Jesus and WIDER in our response to those in need.

Our relationship with our brothers and sisters at the Chapa CarePoint in Ethiopia

Pure Religion Sunday
November 9

Pure & UNDEFILED

before God the Father is this:
to visit orphans and widows
in their affliction, and to
keep oneself unstained
from the world."

Sponsor a child through Children's HopeChest.

paints such a vibrant picture of pure religion! Out of the 153 young people enrolled at the CarePoint, only 16 are without a 'HopeChest Friend'. IN HONOR OF PURE RELIGION SUNDAY, LET'S CHALLENGE OURSELVES TO GO DEEPER IN OUR WALK WITH JESUS AND WIDER IN OUR RESPONSE TO THOSE IN NEED, BY SECURING AT LEAST 3 NEW HOPECHEST FRIENDSHIPS (and maybe even all 16?).

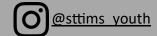
If you're not already engaged in this ministry, please prayerfully consider becoming a 'HopeChest Friend'. If you're already sponsoring a young person in Chapa, then you know what a blessing it is! Maybe you want to go a little deeper & wider and sponsor one more? Or, perhaps you might share this opportunity with a friend?

Together, let's embody God's heart for the vulnerable and be the hands and feet of Jesus in our world!

Click here...tap "Empower A Child"...and provide hope to one of our 16 unsponsored kids.

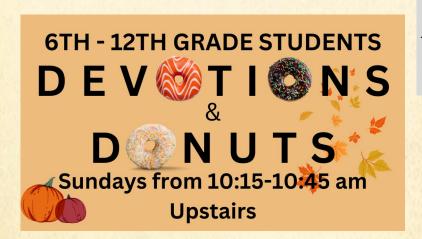


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MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL

### 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.

No Cornerstone November 26.



## NOVEMBER BUZZ



**FREE** 

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November 8th, Sat, 4-6 PM Celebration Crafts Games Food Be Thankful

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# GIVE



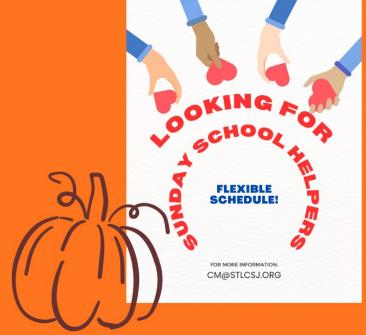


Hey Kids! Bring your parents. November 2, Sunday 10 - II am St. Tim's Playground 5100 Camden Ave

- Play Together
- Free Brunch
- Free Coffee Bar
- Meet New Friends

For more information:

cm@stlcsj.org







"Let us come into His presence with Thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!" -Psalm 95:2

Look how fast October has flown by! The preschool is joyfully busy and having so much fun in these fall months. We enjoyed an amazing day at the pumpkin patch together, building community, and creating long lasting memories. We had our annual book character parade and dressed up in our favorite costume. The feeling of Jesus' light and spirit has filled the classrooms with joy and love as the children delight in all their fun fall activities.

This month, we look forward to Coffee with Parents and our annual Thanksgiving Feast performance. We remember the many things we are thankful and grateful for all year long!

### Nov. 3 - 6

**Annual Fall Donation Drive** 

benefiting the

South Valley FISH Food Pantry

The preschool is asking for donations of canned pumpkin. For the health and dignity of the youngest clients, *FISH* kindly asks for no used, expired or open products.

### **Mark Your Calendar**

**November 3-6:** Annual Fall *FISH* Donation Drive

**November 13:** Coffee with Parents 8:45-9:45

November 21: Thanksgiving Feast and

Performance @ 11:00am School closes at 12:30pm

November 24-28: Thanksgiving Break - No School