



ST. TIMOTHY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH | FEBRUARY 2026

PASTOR'S PEN

How do God's blessings come into our lives? Well many ways in fact, but there is one way that the Holy Spirit has been bringing to my mind over and over again recently. I refer to this as Spirit echos. It is one of the ways God confirms in me that a thought is not simply my own but one that God wants me to pay attention to. So what is this way that God uses to bless us?

The Lord puts in front of us opportunities to serve others. Sometimes it is as simple as taking time to listen to what is going on in another's life. Other times it is an opportunity to come along side them and walk with them through a challenge.

Last fall this was done for me. I had a problem with the motorcycle that I couldn't diagnose and I asked someone about it. They not only talked through the problem with me, they invited one of their friends and together they spent a day with me working out the solution. Not only did my problem get addressed but I felt cared for and supported.

When you hear "hospitality" talked about around St. Timothy's, the intent is not delivering "goodies" or coffee. Rather the intent is to connect with one another so that we can experience belonging and being cared

for. St. Paul puts it this way in Galatians 6:2 *"Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ."* And Matthew 10:42 *"And if you give even a cup of cold water to one of the least of my followers, you will surely be rewarded."*

My prayer for this year at St. Timothy's is that these experiences of belonging and being cared for will explode across our faith family. This is one of the ways God will pour out His blessings upon us. Make no mistake, it is already happening. I hear about it over and over in Grow Groups, the FISH food pantry, Messy Church, among our youth and Preschool families. It is simply one of the great ways God works in our midst. Yet, I know each one of us would love to experience even more of God's blessings. So my prayer is that we will have eyes to see and hearts to respond in big and small ways as God places these blessing opportunities in front of us.

Oh and don't miss the added blessing of inviting a friend to come along. That was one of the very special parts of how God blessed me last fall.

Pastor Jim Cords



BUDGET REPORT

FROM OUR TREASURER, DARRELL SHIDELER

As we end the year, from the general fund perspective we just fell short of the income goal and we distinctly lowered expenditures. Thus, resulting in a need to draw from our liquid assets of \$142,409 versus the budgeted \$240,000 withdrawal. Our outreach to our members, to our community, and our participation in our national and international callings have truly been impactful and I would ask all of you to review our Annual Report. This report will detail our total giving for all projects and how we have served and benefited those we have been called to serve both within and outside our congregation.

Financial Performance (Year-to-date as of December 31, 2025)			
	Income	Expenses	Difference
Approved 2025 Budget	\$1,265,000	\$ (1,505,000)	\$ (240,000)
	Income	Expenses	Difference
YTD Budget	\$1,265,000	(\$1,505,000)	(\$240,000)
YTD Actuals	1,262,589	(1,404,998)	(142,409)
YTD Difference	(\$2,411)	\$100,002	\$97,591

NOTE: See Annual Report for final 2025 financial reports.

WAYS TO GIVE

1. Mail your offering to church or drop off in the offering box on Sundays. If you don't have offering envelopes, be sure to indicate in the memo line which fund(s).
2. Give online at our safe and secure website <https://www.stlcsj.org/giving/>
3. Mobile Giving: text Give to 408-692-6903.

WOMEN'S

Retreat

APRIL 24-26

REDWOOD CHRISTIAN PARK
BOULDER CREEK

\$300

More information and sign-ups coming soon!



ST. TIMOTHY'S LUNCH BUNCH

Thursday, February 26

at 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall

Pizza, Salad, Dessert & Drinks

Cost \$15.00

Eric Drew will share personal facts about his fight with 'ALL', Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia, and the battle he faced and continues to face. ALL is a cancer of the white blood cells in the bone marrow.

Reservations:

Contact Betsy Grandey (408-629-6093).

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



Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, February 1

12:30 pm

Fellowship Hall

Childcare provided

This will be an in-person meeting with lunch served at 12:00 pm. If you are not eating lunch, plan to come a few minutes ahead of the 12:30 start time to grab a seat so we can get started on time. In addition to our regular business items, we will be voting on three amendments to the NALC Constitution. See email sent out with info on amendments. For a printed copy, contact Beth info@stlcsj.org.



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Because of your continued generous support, 16-year-old Milinam Hayilu and his family have hope for a bright future! Two years ago, he joined the Chapa Care Point and had not yet completed primary school and had limited options for income for him and his family. However, joining the care point gave him the opportunity for him to go back to school.

Milinam's mother, Mirtinesh, has also been greatly impacted by the care point. With Milinam joining the care point, Mirtinesh was able to attend trainings on various entrepreneurial skills, allowing her to open up her own business selling snacks, injera, tea, and coffee! The income from the business allows her to support her family, send her children to school, and even help her grandmother. One day, Mirtinesh hopes to expand her store into a larger business and possibly even a hotel.

Milinam continues to do well, balancing school, helping his mother in her shop, studying, and attending church. Both him and his mother are very grateful for the opportunities that the Chapa Care Point has given them. Thanks you all for continuing to show God's love through your continue support allowing families like Milinam and Mirtinesh's to thrive!





ASH WEDNESDAY, February 18

2 worship opportunities at noon and 7:00 pm

Both include imposition of ashes.



MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesdays February 25 through March 25

SOUP SUPPER at 6:15 pm in Fellowship Hall

WORSHIP at 7:00 pm in Sanctuary



SAVE THE DATE

MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 2: 7 pm

GOOD FRIDAY, April 3: 12 pm & 7 pm

EASTER SUNDAY, April 5: 9 am & 11 am

SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

9 AM Traditional

11 AM Contemporary

ONLINE WORSHIP

Recordings are available in the afternoon on our website: stlcsj.org/worship



MON-THU 8:30 AM TO 4 PM

FRIDAY 8:30 TO 3 PM

Office closed Monday, February 16.

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



South Valley FISH Food Pantry

February Food Item of the Month



CEREAL

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

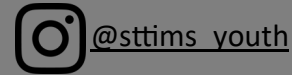


st. tim's students

Rob Walter, Director of Youth Ministries

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or 408-264-3858, ext. 122



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
D E V O T I O N S

&

D O N U T S

Sundays from 10:15-10:45 am
Upstairs

NALC DISASTER RESPONSE MISSION TRIP

July 19-25, 2026

\$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.



FUN



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FREE

February 14th, Sat, 4-6 PM

Celebration Crafts Games Food
Fruit of the Spirit - JOY!

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/312798449



Summer Bible Camp
Registration starts on March 1

HAPPY
Valentines
DAY



CHILDREN'S
CHOIR

Do you love to sing?
Come add your voice to our
children's choir!

No experience needed ●
4 - 12 years ages welcome ●

SUNDAYS
10:15-10:45 AM

St. Timothy's Lutheran Church
@ Preschool Library #D2

more information
CM@STLCSJ.ORG





EPHESIANS 3:18-20

"I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge - that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."

February NEWSLETTER

Happy February! We are excited for all the fun this month holds. We will be having so much fun in the classrooms with all the Valentine activities planned but most importantly, all the opportunities to show each other love and kindness just as Jesus has taught and shown all of us!

Preschool open enrollment for 2026/2027 is now live! Please talk to your family members, friends and neighbors about our preschool and help us spread the word!

Summer camp online enrollment begins March 9th - March 13th. Look for more information about dates and themes to be sent out the week of February 23rd!

We are kindly asking, if you haven't done so already, to write a quick review on our Google page. Your reviews are one of the best forms of advertisement for our school.

<https://share.google/133bh1IshNpXMU80>

We are blessed by each one of you for choosing St. Timothy's as a place for your child's early education and we look forward to hearing from you!

Dates to Remember

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| February 14: | Valentine's Day |
| February 16-20: | Winter Break - NO SCHOOL |
| February 27: | Coffee with Parents (8:45am-9:45am) |
| March 2-6: | SPIRIT WEEK! |
| March 9: | Summer Camp Enrollment Begins |