



Good News

ST TIMOTHY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH | MARCH 2026

Pastor's Pen

...And just like that another year has gone by. We are back at the season of Lent. That season of 40 days (minus Sundays) that lead up to Easter. Lent is famously a time to fast, or "give up" something. To intentionally deny ourselves something as a spiritual discipline for the sake of focusing on God. And while this is not a Biblical command that we would do so for a certain period of time each year, I do believe that it can be a spiritually fruitful practice. And though I do not "give up" something every year, I decided to this year: I am giving up Youtube

I am doing this in large part because I have realized that I have developed a habit or compulsion to just pick up my phone and see if there is anything new on my Youtube homepage. For the past few days, each time I have felt that compulsion to pull up Youtube again, I have either opened my Bible app and read a chapter, or spent a moment in prayer. I will tell you that if I ever had felt like I "didn't have time" to read the Bible or pray, this fast has shown me otherwise. I have read more Scripture and spent more time in prayer this past week than I have in as long as I can remember.

I am not sharing this for the sake so that you all can tell me I'm doing a good job, but because it was eye opening for me, and maybe it would be for you too. When we are in the rhythm of life, doing the normal things we normally do, it can be difficult to see that they *could* be different. Before this Lent, I would often find myself tempted to make excuses about being too busy to read my Bible or spend time in prayer. It turns out I wasn't too busy; I was just wasting a lot of time on my phone.

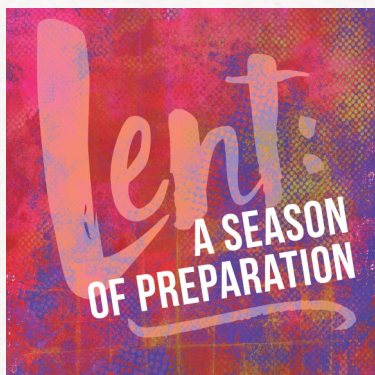
Psalm 139:23-24 says-

²³ Search me, God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.

²⁴ See if there is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.

While I will not tell you that you should do what I am doing, or even say that you need to fast for Lent, I will encourage you to make Psalm 139 your daily prayer the Lenten season. Pray that God would search your heart and lead you in His ways. Pray that He would show you what is getting between you and Him, what is distracting your mind and heart, and teach you to set those things aside and focus on Him.

In Christ,
Pastor Joe Hill



MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesdays through March 25

SOUP SUPPER at 6:15 pm in Fellowship Hall

WORSHIP at 7:00 pm in Sanctuary

SOUP DONATIONS ARE NEEDED. CLICK [HERE](#) TO SIGN-UP TO BRING A SOUP. Soup does not need to be homemade but it does need to be brought hot and preferably in a crockpot/instapot.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER



Palm Sunday March 29: 9:00 am (traditional) & 11:00 am (contemporary)



Maundy Thursday April 2: 7:00 pm in the sanctuary



Good Friday April 3: 12 noon and 7:00 pm in the sanctuary



Easter Sunday April 5: 9:00 am (traditional) & 11:00 am (contemporary)



SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

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

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 the updated list of staff emails on the staff website page: stlcsj.org/staff

BUDGET REPORT



FROM OUR TREASURER, DARRELL SHIDELER

We passed a challenging budget for 2026. As we look to the conclusion of the first month of 2026, the good news is that we have been blessed with more income than expenditures. However, we are behind in our budgeted goal. For those of you who have read our annual reports or were in attendance at our annual meeting, we were able to steward the dollars internally to make impact for our members, locally to assist those in need in our county, and both nationally and internationally to serve God's people. We will still be needing a small amount of Kitchen funding to conclude this project and your ongoing support of our overall ministries will be crucial in our service to our Lord.

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Financial Performance (Year-to-date as of January 31, 2026)			
	Income	Expenses	Difference
Approved 2025 Budget	\$1,556,840	\$ (1,556,840)	\$ -
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YTD Budget	\$145,300	(\$104,744)	\$40,556
YTD Actuals	106,175	(87,180)	18,995
YTD Difference	(\$39,125)	\$17,564	(\$21,561)

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.

Girls Night!

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

6 P.M. - 10 P.M.

FOR GIRLS AGES 5-25
MOMS WELCOME!

DINNER

PROVIDED

SLEEPY SHEEP PAJAMA PARTY

Cozy up in your favorite pajamas and join us for a night of faith, friendship, and a fun movie together! Psalm 23 Bible Study led by Pastor Judy.

RSVP NIKKI CAMPBELL (408) 520-6447



St. Timothy's Lunch Bunch

Thursday, March 26

at 12:00 Noon

Fellowship Hall

Sandwiches, salad, chips

Cost \$15.00

Drinks, Dessert always free.

PROGRAM: Richard Holmboe will present a program about the 3 giants of the sea (Gray whales, Humpback whales, Blue whales). He was a volunteer at Pigeon Point lighthouse near Pescadero.

Reservations required to ensure we have enough food. RSVP: Betsy Grandey at (408) 629-6093.

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

Want to bring your own lunch food?

That is OK.



WOMEN'S
Retreat
APRIL 24-26
REDWOOD CHRISTIAN PARK
BOULDER CREEK
\$300

Sign-up Here:
stlcsj.org/womens-retreat

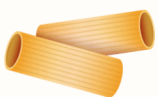
SPRING WOMEN'S RETREAT 2024
RCP
AMAZING GRACE
EPHESIANS 2:4-10



South Valley FISH Food Pantry

MARCH Food Item of the Month

DRIED PASTA



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

COLLEGE
connection

**WE NEED
DONATIONS!**

Bring items to church entryway or office.

DEADLINE: SUNDAY, MARCH 15

Some donation ideas...

PERSONAL ENCOURAGEMENT

A favorite Bible verse

Personal Note of Encouragement

PRACTICAL ITEMS

School Supplies - Post-Its, Pens, Pencils,

Highlighters

Lip Balm, Hand Sanitizer, Hand Lotion

SNACKS

Cookies, Crackers, Pretzels (Snack size bags)

Granola Bars, Trail Mix

Microwave Popcorn

Instant Drinks (Coffee, Hot Cocoa, Lemonade, Iced

Tea, Apple Cider)

Cup Noodles / Mac & Cheese cups





Join our Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training and learn valuable disaster preparedness skills!

The CERT Basic Training Course is a 20-hour, all-hazards preparedness program offered by the Office of Emergency Management that teaches participants disaster preparedness, fire safety, medical operations and triage, light search and rescue, team organization, disaster psychology, and terrorism awareness.

Schedule

- **Friday, April 17th 6pm-9:30pm (Zoom)** Zoom link will be sent via email
- **Saturday, April 18th 8am-5pm, (In-Person)** at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, 5100 Camden Ave, San José
- **Saturday, April 25th 8am-3pm, (In-Person)** at the Fire Training Center, 1591 Senter Rd, San José

Sign up today with QR code or contact Bruce Porter (408) 833-9269, bdporter@sbcglobal.net

<https://certbasiccourse.eventbrite.com>



THRIVENT ACTION TEAM OPPORTUNITY

Erik and Wayne Peterson will be leading a Thrivent Action team to inventory and restock Café Lydia following the second service on Sunday, March 8th. If you would like to volunteer, please join them. T-shirts will be available for all who help. All ages are welcome!

Thrivent Action Teams make it easy to live generously and amplify your generosity at St. Timothy's and beyond.

How do you make it happen? Your passion brings it to life. It starts with a simple question: "Who can I help and how?" Once you identify a need, grab friends and family to form a volunteer team and brainstorm ways to make a difference through a fundraiser, service activity or educational event.

As a Thrivent client with membership, you can apply to receive a customized kit of project materials like T-shirts, a banner and funding of up to \$250 to help kick-start your project. Learn more at thrivent.com/actionteam and apply online. Not a client of Thrivent? Contact Erik Peterson or Wayne Peterson for more information. Together, we can make a difference.



Spring Forward

**DAYLIGHT
SAVING TIME
BEGINS
MARCH 8
AT 2 AM.**

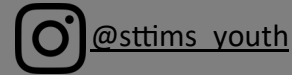


st. tim's students

Rob Walter, Director of Youth Ministries

rob.walter@stlcsj.org

or 408-264-3858, ext. 122



CORNERSTONE

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. The Youth House will be open every week after Cornerstone until 8:30 pm.

Winter Camp at Hume

February 28 to March 1 – Youth are going to Hume! Pray for safe travels and that they will have a great experience connecting with God and each other.

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.



Summer Bible Camp (VBS)

The best week of the summer!

June 15 - 19, 2025 (9 am - Noon)



Ages: 3 yrs (potty trained) - entering 5th
Early register by April 15th for \$75
Deadline to register is May 15th

sign up online at www.stlcsj.org/vbs/
Any questions or Scholarship request,
contact Shelley at cm@stlcsj.org

St. Timothy's Lutheran Church
5100 Camden Ave San Jose, CA 95124
408-264-3858 x109



FUN



FREE

SaN jOsE

March 14th, Sat, 4-6 PM
Celebration Crafts Games Food
Easter!

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.com/messy-church-san-jose/events/313300951



Summer Bible Camp Volunteers Needed Entering 6th grade to adults!

June 15 - 19

8 am - Noon

Volunteer Opportunities

Check In Crew
Station Leaders
Outdoor Games
Kitchen Prep Crew

Youth Volunteer Registration: stlcsj.org/vbs/

Adult Volunteer: Email to cm@stlcsj.org

Last date to Register: May 15th

PLAYTIME



Hey Kids! Bring your parents.
March 1, 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



MARCH

Newsletter

*"How much better to get wisdom than gold,
to get insight rather than silver!" – Proverbs 16:16*

Hello Preschool Families!

Welcome March! We are so thankful for the rain but we are ready for spring, sunshine and warmer weather! The children will be learning exciting things this month like plant and butterfly life cycles, seasons, insects and animals. We'll also be preparing our school garden for planting and ready for summer! With summer just around the corner, be sure to sign up for our summer camps. Registration is online and opens on March 2 @7am for everyone! Space is limited so make sure to register early. (Ages 2-6) www.sttimothyschristianpreschool.org/summer-camp



Dates to Remember:

March 2: Summer Camp Registration Opens to all

March 20: NO SCHOOL - All Classrooms including 2's Parent-Teacher Conferences 3's and JK classrooms
Progress Reports will be sent home for the 2's students

March 17: St. Patrick's Day (Dress in Green!)

March 26 – Coffee w/Parents – 8:45am-9:45am

March 27 – JK Field Trip to Youth Science Institute

