

Good News

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | ST. TIMOTHY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH | APRIL 2026

Pastor's Pen

The Lenten season has provided both the challenge and joy of moving closer to God and more attentive to the Holy Spirit as we have experienced the disciplines of Lent. As Tony Campolo, one of the great speakers of my generation has said "It's Friday, but Sunday's a coming!"

The first Sunday of April we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus. Yet, in truth, our worship is designed for every Sunday to be a celebration of the Resurrection.

We also follow Easter Sunday with the season of Easter. As written in Ephesians 1:19-22 **"I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power²⁰ that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms."** (NLT) Wouldn't it be amazing if we were to face our challenges both individually and as a church with this mindset that the almighty power of God is at work in, around and through us. I believe this is in fact true. I also believe our perspectives and attitudes might change significantly if we stayed aware of this truth.

Remember that the goal of our lives is not to accomplish our will but rather that we may "delight in Your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of Your Holy name.

Two prayers come to mind. The first is the serenity prayer: *"God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference."*

The second is the prayer of St. Francis: *"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life."*

May we experience the joy, the challenge and the purpose that comes from living as ambassadors of Jesus and living a lifestyle of grace as witnesses of the power of the resurrection in our world.

Cornelius "Neal" Plantinga Jr, president emeritus of Calvin Theological Seminary, often gives this benediction: *"God go before you to lead you, God go behind you to protect you, God go beneath you to support you, God go beside you to befriend you. Do not be afraid. May the blessing of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you. Do not be afraid. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Amen."*

May God bless you deeply as we focus on Jesus' journey to the cross and his powerful resurrection, moving forward in the love, grace and power of The LORD.

Pastor Jim

BUDGET REPORT



FROM OUR TREASURER, DARRELL SHIDELER

By the table, we have been blessed with reduced expenses and higher than anticipated income for February. Thus, we have a \$31,000 surplus for the moment. Our giving is up on the year and we are grateful for all of your stewardship. However, as we track forward we will have some larger monthly expenses that will provide budgetary challenges as can be seen by our budgeted line items. Also, our note program is stable and did not require any use of our surplus capital to cover our redeemed notes. Thank you to all our members who participated.

Financial Performance (Year-to-date as of February 28, 2026)

	Income	Expenses	Difference
Approved 2026 Budget	\$1,556,840	\$ (1,556,840)	\$ -
YTD Budget	\$229,858	(\$206,744)	\$23,114
YTD Actuals	203,902	(172,218)	31,684
YTD Difference	(\$25,956)	\$34,526	\$8,570

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 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

 South Valley FISH Food Pantry

APRIL Food Item of the Month



Canned tuna or chicken

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



Holy Week

Journey with us to the cross and to Jesus' resurrection and victory over death!

Celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

Sunday, March 29

9:00 am traditional service

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PALM 
Sunday


MAUNDY
Thursday

Jesus gives his disciples a new commandment.

Thursday, April 2

7:00 pm service

Jesus dies for us so that we can have eternal life.

Friday, April 3

Noon & 7:00 pm service

GOOD

Friday

EASTER
Sunday 

Celebrate Jesus' resurrection and victory over death!

Sunday, April 5

9:00 am traditional service

11:00 am contemporary service

Sunday, April 5

10-11 am Pancake Breakfast

Freewill Donation.

Proceeds will support restocking the new kitchen.

You can give online to support this by clicking [here](#)

or at the donation basket at the breakfast.



EASTER
Sunday Breakfast

Good Friday
Prayer Vigil

4/3 @ 8pm through 4/5 @ 7am
sign up today

35-hour long prayer vigil in the sanctuary.

Sign-up for hour long shifts. Come pray for our church and our community. Prayer stations will be set-up throughout the sanctuary.

Click [here](#) to sign-up for one or more shifts.

Questions? Contact [Pastor Joe](#).

Healing Prayer Service

Sunday, April 12

4:30-5:30pm

James 5:13-15

¹³ Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.

Our Missionaries to India, Neeraj & Nijhar Ekka, will be with us and put on a special healing service, focused on praying for physical, emotional and spiritual healing. Throughout his ministry, Jesus heals the sick and hurting, casts out demons, and gives his disciples the authority to do so as well by the power of the Holy Spirit.

This worship service will be an opportunity to come and receive prayer for healing for yourself or to lift up those in need of healing in the mighty name of our Lord Jesus. You can receive the laying on of hands, anointing with oil, and prayer for healing from the Ekka's, Pastor Joe, and/or members of our prayer ministry team.

All are welcome, including non-church members. Anyone who desires healing prayer may join us and receive prayer. We will receive Communion at this service.

St. Timothy's Lunch Bunch



Thursday, April 23, 2026 at 12:00 Noon

Lunch out @ HUCKLEBERRY'S

2071 Camden Ave. San Jose

Near the corner of Camden and Union

We will pay by individual checks. Lunch Bunch does need to know how many are coming, so please **RSVP by APRIL 18** to Betsy Grandey at (408) 629-6093.

Monthly Lunch Bunch is a fellowship group open to ALL. Always a social time with visitors and members of St. Tim's. We welcome new attendees. Join us, we will like you.

A poster for a Women's Retreat. The text is arranged in a vertical stack. At the top, 'WOMEN'S' is in large, bold, purple letters. Below it, 'Retreat' is written in a white, cursive font. Underneath that, 'APRIL 24-26' is in large, bold, purple letters. Below the dates, 'REDWOOD CHRISTIAN PARK' and 'BOULDER CREEK' are in smaller, bold, black letters. The price '\$300' is in bold, black letters. At the bottom, 'Sign-up Here:' is in bold, black letters, followed by the URL 'stlcsj.org/womens-retreat' in blue. There is a circular logo on the right side of the poster that says 'SPRING WOMEN'S RETREAT 2024', 'RCP', 'AMAZING GRACE', and 'EPHESIANS 2:1-10'. The background of the poster is a collage of purple, pink, and blue circles.





children's hopechest

Thank you so much for everything you have done for Hopechest! Your continuing generous support has worked to transform the lives and futures of not just the youth, but many families in Ethiopia. Soon, 28 wonderful Chapa youth will be beginning the Chapa Youth Vocational Training program, teaching them valuable life skills to help them prepare for a bright and successful future!

On April 26th, we will be having Hopechest Sunday!

On this day, we will talk more about the upcoming vocational training and how our continued relationship with Chapa has impacted the lives of so many. Come join us that Sunday to learn more about how we can help these youth achieve their goals for their future! Here are just some of the amazing youth that will be participating in the vocational training and what they hope to do with the training they receive:

- ◆ Tihitina is a 20 year old girl who dreams of opening a women's beauty salon, serving the women in her neighborhood.
- ◆ Belete is a 20 year old boy who hopes to learn more about construction work so that he can go from working with unskilled labor to a certified craftsman.
- ◆ Betelehem is a 16 year old girl who hopes to learn more about professionalism and finance in addition to her hairdressing skills so that she can one day become a beautician.
- ◆ Tariku is a boy with a passion for wood working and dreams of using these skills to one day serve his community through the creation of beautiful furniture and decorative items.
- ◆ Kibre is a 19 year old girl who hopes to fill in for the lack of men's beauty salons through the entrepreneurial, shop management, and barbering skills that she is eager to learn.



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>



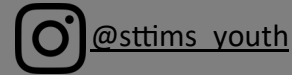


st. tim's students

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
DEVOTIONS

&

DONUTS

Sundays from 10:15-10:45 am
Upstairs

RISEN JESUS,
as spring blossoms
around me,
MAY YOUR LOVE
BLOSSOM IN ME,
that I might share its
fragrance and brilliance
WITH OTHERS.

NALC DISASTER RELIEF MISSION TRIP

July 19-25

\$300

Open to adults and youth who
are currently in 8th grade and up.

This summer, St. Timothy's will be participating
in an NALC Disaster Relief Mission Trip in
Paradise, CA. It is a week-long trip and will focus
on repairing and rebuilding from the wildfires a
few years ago.

Want to sign-up? Have questions?
Email scott.campbell@stlcsj.org

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



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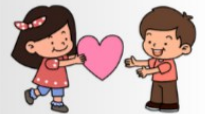
FREE

San Jose

April 11th, Sat, 4-6 PM

Celebration Crafts Games Food
PEACE

[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
www.meetup/messy-church-san-jose/events/313744163



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





April Newsletter 2026

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ...”
~1 Peter 1:3

Hello April!

Spring is here and we have been busy in the classrooms. We have begun our spring learning activities and we are anticipating the arrival of our caterpillars! The children will be excited to watch them turn into chrysalises and learn about how they will grow into butterflies. This activity is a perfect example of how much the children, our little butterflies, have grown and developed since the beginning of the school year. It makes all of our hearts so happy and we are so proud of all of the children!

Enrollment for the 2026-2027 school is open and we have already begun to fill most of our classrooms. Our Junior Kindergarten program is full and registration for that classroom is closed. If you haven't registered yet, please visit our website for more information. We would also love for you to spread the word to any preschool families you know of that are looking for a school and tell them about our wonderful preschool!

Summer camp registration has opened as well. There are only a few spots left! Please visit our website for dates and themes and sign up today.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- APRIL 1:** Easter Egg Hunt & Parties
- APRIL 3:** Good Friday - No School
- APRIL 6-10:** Easter Break - No School
- APRIL 30:** Coffee with Parents 8:45am-9:45am

Please join us for our last
Coffee with Parents
for the school year!

