

# Good News

ST. TIMOTHY'S NEWSLETTER | MAY 2026

## Pastor's Pen

Happy Easter! We are now in what the Church Calendar considers, "the Easter Season"- or *Eastertide*. It is the stretch of 7 weeks between Easter and Pentecost where we uniquely recognize, remember and celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus and what that means for our lives. It also means the conclusion of the season of Lent. Last time I wrote the *Pastor's Pen*, I shared with you how I had decided to give up watching YouTube for Lent, and instead dedicate the time I may have spent mindlessly scrolling to reading Scripture.

This month I want to share a few reflections from my Lenten fast that may serve as an encouragement (and challenge!) to make time for the Bible in your daily life.

1) I didn't always feel inspired by what I was reading in the moment, but often found something I had recently read to be relevant to a situation I was in or conversation I was having. I was often blessed in my day by having God's word fresh on my mind.

2) I noticed connections across books of the Bible that I had not considered before. As I was reading through multiple books of the Bible during a week (or even a day), I started noticing themes, patterns or ideas that I hadn't seen before. This deepened my appreciation for the plan and work of God, especially as it related to

reading the Old Testament and connecting it to the person, work, and teachings of Jesus.

3) Just because I've read it before doesn't mean that God won't use it to bring a fresh blessing to me. The Spirit often brought new insight, challenge and inspiration from familiar passages and stories.

4) I used to be "too busy" on some days to find time to read the Scriptures. But the truth is, I wasn't too busy, I was just choosing to spend the time I had a different way.

Above all, what has stuck with me is the truth of Hebrews 4:12, "The word of God is alive and active." Spending time in the Bible is not just about checking off the box for our daily obligation, but opening our hearts, minds, and lives to daily exposure to the voice, character and story of God. When we do this, we find that God's story, His love, His wisdom, and His guidance are breaking into our story, shaping and molding it to His will. As we make time daily for Scripture, we experience the Biblical truth that "man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord" (Deuteronomy 8:3).

In Christ,  
Pastor Joe





# BUDGET REPORT



## FROM OUR TREASURER, DARRELL SHIDELER

Through March we have had growing contributions that have allowed us to stay within range of our expenses. From the standpoint of budgeted income to actual income we are down by \$45,000. However, from actual expenses to budgeted expenses we have spent \$56,000 less than expected. Although this looks great the actual income to expense shows us short \$17,000. As we move through the Spring and Summer months our gifting decreases and expenses tend to rise. As our leadership has encouraged, constant and faith based giving will support us as we move forward in our ministry.

Financial Performance (Year-to-date as of March 31, 2026)			
	Income	Expenses	Difference
Approved 2026 Budget	\$1,556,840	\$ (1,556,840)	\$ -
	Income	Expenses	Difference
YTD Budget	\$324,872	(\$353,644)	(\$28,772)
YTD Actuals	279,125	(296,928)	(17,803)
YTD Difference	(\$45,747)	\$56,716	\$10,969

### 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 AM Traditional  
11 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](http://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](http://stlcsj.org/staff)

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# \$1000 SCHOLARSHIP

DEADLINE TO APPLY JULY 10 @ 5 PM

We are pleased to announce that St. Timothy's Lutheran Church is again offering scholarships to recent high school graduates. Scholarship recipients will receive \$1000 toward college tuition and fees, with payment made directly to the student.

#### ELIGIBILITY FOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The following criteria must be met to qualify for scholarship award under the program:

1. The applicant must be affiliated with an NALC congregation within the Central Pacific Mission District or an LCMC congregation in Northern California.
2. The applicant must have graduated from high school within the past two years and be planning to start or continue his or her post-secondary education during the 2026-2027 academic year.
3. The applicant may not have previously received a scholarship under the program.
4. The applicant must complete an online application package (application form, an essay, a copy of the acceptance letter or proof of admittance from the school, and a letter of reference).  
Submissions are due no later than 5 PM (PDT) Friday, July 10, 2026.

**APPLICATION**

[STLCSJ.ORG/SCHOLARSHIP](http://STLCSJ.ORG/SCHOLARSHIP)



## St. Timothy's Lunch Bunch



**Thursday, May 28 @ 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall**

Potluck for Lunch Bunch season finale. Everyone bring something to share. Lunch Bunch Board will provide drinks. No charge for this Season Finale

San Jose Police will be presenting information on Elder Fraud, what type of cases they are seeing and how to protect ourselves.

**RSVP:** Lunch Bunch does need to know how many are coming, so please call Betsy Grandey at (408) 629-6093.

Lunch Bunch is a fellowship group open to ALL. Always a social time, nice lunch and then an interesting program. This May gathering is our Grand Finale before Summer vacation. We always welcome new attendees.



 South Valley FISH Food Pantry

# MAY Food Item of the Month

## PEANUT BUTTER



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

## Music News

With choir and bells enjoying a well-deserved break for the summer, I am looking for people that would like to sing a solo, play an instrumental solo or participate in small ensembles of singers and/or instrumentalists.

All Sundays from June through August are "open" so get your place on the schedule early for best selection!

If you'd like to share your talents and glorify God with your music:

Contact Bill Mowson at [music@stlcsj.org](mailto:music@stlcsj.org)



Save the Date

# 29TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



OCTOBER 3  
9:00 AM

LOS LAGOS  
GOLF COURSE

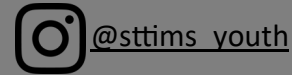


# st. tim's students

Rob Walter, Director of Youth Ministries

[rob.walter@stlcsj.org](mailto:rob.walter@stlcsj.org)

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

## NALC DISASTER RESPONSE MISSION TRIP

**July 19-25, 2026  
\$300**

**OPEN TO ADULTS AND YOUTH  
WHO ARE IN 8TH GRADE & UP**

It is a week-long trip to Foresthill, CA and will focus on rebuilding in areas damaged in the wildfires of recent years.



**Deadline to sign-up is June 15  
Scan QR code or [stlcsj.org/nalc/](http://stlcsj.org/nalc/)**

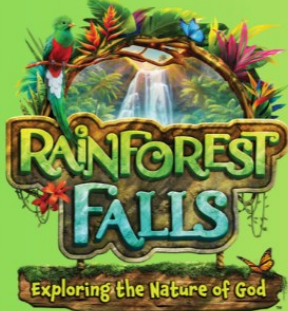
**More Information [scott.campbell@stlcsj.org](mailto:scott.campbell@stlcsj.org)**



## Summer Bible Camp (VBS)

The best week of the summer!

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



Ages: 3 yrs (potty trained) - entering 5th

Deadline to register is May 15th

sign up online at [www.stlcsj.org/vbs/](http://www.stlcsj.org/vbs/)  
Any questions or Scholarship request,  
contact Shelley at [cm@stlcsj.org](mailto:cm@stlcsj.org)

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FREE

FUN



SaN jOsE

May 9, Sat, 4-6 PM

CELEBRATION CRAFTS GAMES FOOD

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT - PATIENCE

[www.STLCSJ.ORG/MESSY/](http://www.STLCSJ.ORG/MESSY/)

St. Timothy's Lutheran Church

5100 Camen Ave San Jose 95124 408-264-3858

Please RSVP [CM@STLCSJ.ORG](mailto:CM@STLCSJ.ORG)

[www.meetup.com/messy-church-san-jose/events/314215346](http://www.meetup.com/messy-church-san-jose/events/314215346)



Happy  
**MOTHER'S  
DAY**

## 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/](http://stlcsj.org/vbs/)

Adult Volunteer: Email to [cm@stlcsj.org](mailto:cm@stlcsj.org)

Last date to Register: May 15th

## PLAYTIME



Hey Kids! Bring your parents.  
May 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)



# MAY NEWSLETTER 2026



## Happy May!

Wow...we are at the last month of the school year and it's moving by very fast. As we look back on the school year, all the children have made us so proud! They have learned so much, but most importantly, from what we have seen is how much our school has become a family. We have seen new friendships that have blossomed and how the children truly care about their classrooms and for each other. We see how the children at the beginning of the school year were so shy and nervous. Now, they have boundless questions, are willing to talk in front of their friends, lead snack prayer and show leadership qualities that keep growing day by day. They are now so confident with themselves and we see they are ready for new challenges ahead!

Thank you, families, for all your support during the school year.

Love, Cindy and Katy

## Bible Verse

"When I am afraid,  
I will trust in You"  
~ Psalm 56:3

## Summer Camp

Last chance to sign up for summer camps!

**Deadline is May 25th**

Accepting children 2-6 years old. Morning care, half-day, full day and extended day available.



## Mark Your Calendar

- May 4-8: Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 8: Mother's Day Tea (11am-noon)
- May 22: All School Field Trip to Happy Hollow - No School
- May 25: No School - Memorial Day
- May 29: Donuts with Dad (8:45am - 9:45am)