

Good News

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | ST. TIMOTHY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
AUGUST 2024

PASTOR'S PEN

"⁴For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully."

Romans 12:4-8

In this passage, Scripture reminds us that as Christ's Church, we are one body with many parts, each part playing a unique and important role in the life of the body. Here at St. Timothy's, this is a fundamental part of how we understand the Biblical idea of discipleship: that we are each uniquely gifted by God, and we are called to use our gifts and God-given passions to serve and love one another, glorify God, and show the world His love and goodness.

And that includes you! Have you ever thought of yourself and gifted and called by God? How has God gifted you? And how can you use those gifts to serve him, the Church, and the world?

Coming up on August 25, St. Timothy's is having a **Ministry Fair!** The Ministry Fair will be a wonderful opportunity to

see all of the great ministries that we have either starting or continuing in the Fall of 2024. This will be a chance to not only see what ministries you and your family are interested in participating in, but *also* what opportunities there may be for you to use your own God-given gifts, talents, and passions to serve.

And so I encourage you, in the weeks to come as we approach August 25, spend some time regularly asking God where and how he might use you in the year to come. Are there opportunities that line up with the gifts and passions that God has given you? Maybe it's to serve the next generation in children's or youth ministry, or those in need through the FISH Food Pantry or Mercy Mobile. Perhaps it's making St. Tim's a warm and welcoming place with our hospitality ministry. Could it be discipling others through mentoring with CityTeam or DREAM House, or by leading or co-leading a Grow Group? These are just a few of the many ways that St. Tim's and our members are serving, leading and making a difference!

And whatever it might be for you, my hope and prayer for community of faith is that each and every one of us, as Holy-Spirit filled children of God are gifted, equipped, and called to make an impact for the Kingdom of God! How is God going to use *you* in the year to come?

In Christ,
Pastor Joe





BUDGET REPORT



FROM OUR TREASURER, CHRIS COLLIER

Our offerings continue to come in lower than our budgeted levels as has been the case for

most of this year. The shortfall has been somewhat mitigated by greater levels of income we have earned on our investments. We continue to fund our benevolences at the targeted levels.

We continue to operate prudently and with sound oversight of our spending, which has resulted in being favorable to our budget throughout this year.

Our Pre-School continues to perform well and remains within its budgeted levels.

Additionally, in the month of June we paid down \$55,000 of our outstanding notes payable.

Financial Performance (Year-to-date as of June 30, 2024)

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Approved 2023 Budget
Offerings & Other Income	\$446,261	\$495,075	\$1,250,000
Benevolences	(53,600)	(54,000)	(110,000)
Admin & Operations	(645,613)	(663,217)	(1,369,912)
Preschool	1,659	6,854	7,635
Excess/(shortfall)	(\$251,293)	(\$215,288)	(\$222,277)

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/>

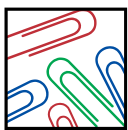
SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

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



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.



South Valley FISH Food Pantry

AUGUST Food Item of the Month



CEREAL OATMEAL

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



ST. TIM'S
MOMCO

**2024-2025
Registration will begin in
August.**

Join us as we support and encourage each other through this journey we call motherhood!

We are a community of moms with children ages birth through school-age. We encourage each other through resources, speakers, events, mentorship, and friendship – all pertinent to our roles as mothers, wives, and women.

We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 7-9 pm in Room B1 (next to the office). First meeting is September 11.



Contact Elizabeth at
momco@stlcsj.org
or 408-677-0267



27TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sign-ups begin in August!
You can sign up after worship on
Sundays or look for an online sign-up
link in the weekly email news.



**SEPTEMBER 14
9:00 AM**

**LOS LAGOS
\$90**



CHURCH WORK DAY

**August 17
9am- noon**

Help us get our
campus ready
for the fall.
There will be
light duty tasks
as well as heavy
duty tasks.

Many hands
make light work!



Naomi Bible Study Group 1st Thursdays @ 12:30 pm Carter Building

The Naomi Bible Study Group is starting a new and exciting study on September 5th. The title is "Being the Body of Christ" by Matt Dabbs. Come and learn what the apostle Paul said about how our faith in Christ Jesus unifies us with others because our identity is in Christ.

*Women of any ages are welcome.
Come and learn your place in God's house.
If you have any questions,
call Mickey Miller at 408-371-5789.*



2024 Scholarship Awards



The Scholarship Committee met on Wednesday July 17, 2024 and reviewed ten applications from recent high school graduates. We determined that all ten applicants were deserving of \$1,000 scholarship awards based upon their applications and essays. The following list gives the names of the winners in alphabetical order, indicates their college plans, and shares selections from their essays.

Emily Bauman

(Planning to attend the University of Arizona and major in Computer Science)

“Being able to grow up around other Christians my age at St. Timothy’s made it so that I was never afraid to talk about my faith, even with those who are not Christians, because of the encouragement I got from those around me in the church community.”

Luke Bauman

(Planning to attend Pima Community College and major in Business)

“They (Anna-Marie and Scott) have prepared me to be strong in the face of hardship and oppression And with that teaching I have been prepared to face the world and tell anyone who will listen about the faith and what it has meant to me and millions of others.”

Amanda Buccellato

(Planning to attend San José State University and major in Molecular Biology)

“Being able to surround myself with other teens who share my faith was very important for my development. Spending a lot of time in public school with a Christian population near zero, navigating my faith journey was fostered by the community I found at St. Timothy’s.”

David Camarena

(Planning to attend Foothill College and major in Business Administration)

“I find myself helping people more, being more positive, and talking with people I wouldn’t talk to before. It is my hope that through the rest of my life, I can continue to aid the community in many ways and to spread the gospel to those who wouldn’t otherwise hear it.”

Alexander Filor

(Planning to attend West Valley Community College and major in Biological Science)

“At St. Timothy’s I learned what it means to have faith in God and live in grace. More than just the prayers and going to church on Sunday, but the deeper meanings to be a Christian. The most important thing I have learned: ‘Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.’ (Matt 22:39)”

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2024 Scholarship Awards cont'd

Angelina Filor

(Planning to attend San Diego State University and major in Accounting)

"My Christian faith has equipped me with a moral compass, guiding me toward acts of service and kindness. It has taught me the importance of community, empathy, and selflessness. As I enter a new phase of life, these values will continue to influence my actions and interactions."

Devin Harvell

(Planning to attend Evergreen Valley College and major in Criminal Justice)

"Having looked back at all my experiences of family and church, I'm filled with gratitude. I was blessed to have had amazing people to introduce and teach me the Word of God, and I hope to imitate their love and understanding to everyone I interact with."

Grace Judd

(Planning to attend California State University Monterey Bay and major in Business)

"I am forever grateful for what this church has given me and continues to give me consistently and without fail. I have found a family and a home through my time here and couldn't imagine it any other way."

Walter Kucharewski

(Planning to attend Stanford University and major in Philosophy)

"St. Timothy's has not only directed the early formation of my faith, but also supported my development and growth in so many other ways, becoming the most influential community in my life and an extension of my family."

Mirabelle Smith

(Planning to attend Westmont College and major in Chemistry)

"Through these gentle reminders of the importance of community, I started to strive toward being connected in the church around me. From then on, I actively tried to be involved in my church activities, everything from volunteering in youth group and Messy Church to joining the church choir."

The Scholarship Committee was pleased to approve awards to these ten recent graduates, and it is our sincere desire that the St. Timothy's scholarships will provide both encouragement and a helpful financial boost as these young people continue their educations. Kudos to our Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, Anna-Marie Valles, for making sure that the opportunity was publicized, for encouraging eligible youth-group members to apply, and for providing letters of recommendation. Thanks also to Pastor Joe Hill and Bill Mowson for authoring letters of recommendation.

Please seek out opportunities to congratulate the winners listed above and wish them well as they embark on their college careers. Also, please support them with your prayers as they make this significant transition in their young lives.

The Scholarship Committee

Tammy Briner, Ken Duvall, Susan Lovelady

CONGRATULATIONS!



St. Timothy's

MINISTRY FAIR

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 25
11:00 AM**

Come and see the many
opportunities for everyone
to get involved.



**COMBINED
WORSHIP**

One service at 10 am this day.

HOPE SHINES BRIGHT IN CHAPA!

You have answered God's call on your heart to shine a bright light of hope for our friends at the Chapa CarePoint in Ethiopia, in some very tangible ways.

We've been in relationship with the Chapa community for just over a year now, and because of your generosity, in that short amount of time, all of the following distant dreams are becoming a bright reality:

- * School fees, books and tutoring are fully covered for each of the 153 young people in the program.
- * A 'Family Empowerment' project, providing education and seed money for families to initiate and sustain income generating activities.
- * Construction of a brand new latrine and shower, which by the way, is almost 90% complete.
- * A huge Dairy Farm project to benefit the entire community.
- * And...if that isn't amazing enough, within the next couple of weeks, brand new Bibles- in the language of their choosing will be given to each of the 153 CarePoint families to enjoy in their homes.

GOD IS SO GOOD! THANK YOU ST. TIMOTHY'S!



Help and encouragement after the death of a loved one.

At a GriefShare group, you'll find understanding, guidance, relief, and a safe place to navigate the challenges of grief. Come join us!

Our next GriefShare session will begin on September 9. This is a 13-week course that will support anyone who is grieving a loved one, regardless of how recent (or not) this loss may be. If you are still grieving, you are welcome. GriefShare combines 3 components: a video, small group conversation, and a private journal (called a workbook).

Members and non-members alike are welcome. Tell your friends! We want to do as God has called us to do: to care for one another, bearing one another's burdens.

You do not have to walk this journey alone. You have friends who will walk with you. More importantly, God walks with you. "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me." (Psalm 23)

Mondays, 7 pm – 9 pm, beginning September 9, 2024

At St. Timothy's, Room B1

Suggested donation for workbook: \$20

Sign up after church or contact Leslie or Tony: 408-323-0306 or register online at

www.griefshare.org/findagroup



This year, St Timothy's will also be hosting a special one-day 2-hour session called "Surviving the Holidays". We know how especially challenging the holidays can be after the loss of a loved one. Come join others and learn practical tips and tools on how to navigate those challenges. This will be held on Saturday, Nov 2nd, from 10am – 12 pm. Registration for this event is separate from the 13 -week course.

Our Grief Support Team: Tony and Leslie Mazzucco, Pat Pangrac, Bob Paradiso, Michelle Regoli and Alan Pintacura.

GROW GROUPS

**GROWING IN FAITH.
TOGETHER.**

*The Christian life is lived in community with God and with each other.
Come find your community and the perfect group for you!*

GROW GROUPS

are small gatherings of community that meet weekly to build friendships, open the Bible together, encourage and support one another as we grow as disciples of Jesus.

GROW GROUPS

do not require you to be an expert in the Bible or the church, but is a safe place to ask questions, learn, and grow in the Word.

GROW GROUPS

are places where we maintain confidentiality, courtesy, and respect towards others. All are welcome no matter where you are in your faith journey.

GROW GROUPS WILL START A NEW SEASON IN SEPTEMBER.

To get connected to a group, email Pastor Joe: joe.hill@stlcsj.org

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MIDDLE SCHOOL &
HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

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or 408-264-3858, ext. 122
Scott Campbell
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or 408-264-3858, ext. 120

Check us out on Instagram



MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL



SEPTEMBER 13-14

Cost \$100

Camping on the
Boardwalk, speakers,
music, and an all-day
ride pass!

Sign-up deadline is September 4th!

Click [here](#) to sign-up

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. The Youth House will be open every week after Cornerstone until 9:00 pm (through 8-14).

Cornerstone Girls

Lunch and tote bag painting

Thursday, August 8

12:00-3:00pm

Youth House

RSVP to Anna-Marie



END OF SUMMER POOL PARTY

AUGUST 14 FROM 6-9 PM

See Anna-Marie to sign-up

SENIOR SUMMER CAMPING TRIP

AUGUST 2-4

Pray for us as we send off our new college freshman to be bright lights on their campuses!



FUN



SaN jOsE

FREE

August 10, Sat, 4-6 PM

**Celebration Crafts Games Food
Zacchaeus - Come on Down**

[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/302270676](http://www.meetup/messy-church-san-jose/events/302270676)




**LOOKING FOR
SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS**

**FLEXIBLE
TEACHING
SCHEDULE!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
CM@STLCSJ.ORG

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

11 AM



PLAYTIME

Hey Kids! Bring your parents.
August 4, 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



AUGUST NEWSLETTER 2024

PRESCHOOL UPDATE:

Summer was a busy time at the preschool! Our summer camps were full and the kids had a wonderful time. At the end of June we had to say good-bye to a few staff members, Ms. Shawnese, Ms. Sherene, Ms. Freya and Mr. Francis. We wish them all the best in their new endeavors. We also had to say a very hard good-bye to our Director, Ms. Lori, as her husband was relocated with his job. They are starting a new chapter in Oregon! We pray for God to bless them in this next chapter of life. We also have good news to share. We are excited to announce that our JK teacher, Ms. Cindy Rivera, has accepted our offer as our new Preschool Director! We are also excited to welcome several new teachers to our staff, Ms. Deanne Juson, Ms. Julie Rankin, Ms. Victoria Usherwood, Ms. Deanna Escorcio and Ms. Melanie Stahlke as well as the return of Michael Amey! As we enter a new school year, please help us pray over our preschool, our teachers and our students for this upcoming year.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

AUGUST 19 & 20: Preschool Orientation Days

AUGUST 21: First Day of School M-F & M/W/F Students

AUGUST 22: First Day of School T/Th Students

