



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

Pastor's Pen

We are beginning a new season and God's continued blessings are on the horizon. What an amazing blessing it is to know we live with God's promises, grace and blessings. As we at St. Timothy's go about our ministry, we hope to bring glory to God in all things. As I write this, we are about to celebrate our combined worship and Ministry Fair. I am looking forward to celebrating all that God is doing and will do in and through his people here.

In this article I want to draw your attention to our ministries with young families and children. In recent years we have sought to make adjustments to strengthen these ministries in St. Tim's Kids (Sunday School), Messy Church, MOPS (now MomCo) and our Preschool. You may be aware and even have participated in our movement to create new/renewed Children's ministry space as we renovate the space in C1-C3 and the nursery. Our hope is to demonstrate the value we place on our young families and children and to strengthen our service to them.

We know full well that the ministry to children happens first and foremost in their own families and we seek to support that in ever more effective and creative ways. The selection of C1-C3 goes well beyond that it was in minimal use. The reality is that we wanted to move this ministry closer to the sanctuary and make it more visible. We have also already moved the sign-in for the children to the courtyard where we also host our 1st Sunday Family brunch on the playground.

It is our hope that families know they are valued at St. Tim's and that both parents and children experience the blessing of belonging and being in community here.

Living in the covenant of our Baptism, we grow in faith, love and obedience to God. This faith, love and obedience are very often the conduits that God uses to pour out his hope, blessings and peace in our lives and the lives of our little ones. We want to do all we can to let them know and regularly remind them that they are loved by and belong to the family of God, his Church.

As you consider the gifts that God has given you, explore your own heart felt desires for where you would choose to use those gifts. Please consider how you might be a part of our ministry to the families, youth and children. We have an opportunity to bless them in and through our ministries.

Also please continue to uphold these ministries, the servants who work in them, as well as these young families in your prayers. They are both our present and our future and God will work through us to bless them and prepare them for the future God has for them.

Thank you for your support and prayers for these important ministries at St. Tim's. It is a joy to serve God with you here as members of God's family.

Pastor Jim



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

Our preschool is starting this new school year with less students than was planned. We have seen an increased interest in families wanting to enroll their children and hope to increase our numbers in the coming month.

Financial Performance (Year-to-date as of July 31, 2024)			
	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Approved 2023 Budget
Offerings & Other Income	\$538,840	\$577,356	\$1,250,000
Benevolences	(53,600)	(54,000)	(110,000)
Admin & Operations	(747,373)	(778,542)	(1,369,912)
Preschool	(17,776)	(26,314)	7,635
Excess/(shortfall)	(\$279,910)	(\$281,500)	(\$222,277)

WAYS TO GIVE

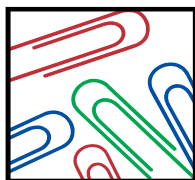
1. Mail your offering to church or drop it off in the locked offering box in the sanctuary. If you don't have offering envelopes, be sure to indicate in the memo line which fund(s).
2. Give online on our safe and secure website <https://www.stlcsj.org/giving/>

SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

9 AM Traditional and 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. Staff emails on the staff website page: stlcsj.org/staff



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

Our Support Group will be using a program called GriefShare, which combines 3 components: a video, small group conversation, and a private journal (called a workbook). It's a 13-week course, in-person, beginning September 9.

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.

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

At church, Room B1 (the old Music Room)

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, November 2,
from 10am – 12 pm.**

Registration for this event is separate from the 13-week course and will start the end of September.



Hey St. Tim's, God has placed our dear friends at the Chapa CarePoint in such beautiful hands! Check this out...



HopeChest Ethiopia Wins National Award!

"We are thrilled to announce that Children's HopeChest Ethiopia has been recognized as the Best NGO for 2023/2024, receiving the prestigious Abyssinia Award for Outstanding Achievement in Social Service!"

The Abyssinia Award is presented annually to organizations that demonstrate exceptional impact, innovation, and integrity in their work. Winning this award is a monumental honor, and a testament to the dedication of our local staff, the resilience of our communities, and the generosity of our global partners. Together, we have created a model of development that is community-led and sustainable; empowering children and families to build a brighter future!"



GROW GROUPS

**GROWING IN FAITH.
TOGETHER.**

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.

The Christian life is lived in community with God and with each other. Come find your community and the perfect group for you! This season's Grow Group content will be centered on the book *The Most Extraordinary Life* by Bob Rognlien. It is a journey from Jesus' baptism through his resurrection, illuminating the history, archeology and culture of Jesus' day to give us profound new insight and inspiration to help you get to know Jesus better and walk more closely in his footsteps!

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

St. Timothy's Lunch Bunch Returns!

**Thursday, September 26
at 12:00 noon
in our new Café Lydia!**

Sandwiches from Eric's, chips and salad for only \$15.
Beverages with dessert always included.

Our speaker from Paws for Purple Hearts will explain the important role service dogs play in helping military veterans with traumatic injuries.

If you prefer your own food for lunch, that is OK and there is no charge. Just come!

Call Betsy Grandey at (408) 629-6093 for info and to check in.

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

Confirmation Information

6th - 8th Grade Students and any unconfirmed high school students:

Classes begin September 8 from 4:45-6 pm.

1st Communion Information

5th Grade Students:

First Communion instruction for all 5th graders will also begin in mid-September.

This is a 5-week course, intended to give students basic understanding around the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Details will be coming by email, so email info@stlcsj.org if we don't currently have students/parents on our list.

Questions? Contact Pastor Joe joe.hill@stlcsj.org with any questions.



ST. TIM'S
MOMCO

2024-2025

REGISTER AT STLCSJ.ORG/MOMCO

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



South Valley FISH Food Pantry

September Food Item of the Month



CANNED FRUIT

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

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.*



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St. Timothy's 27th Annual Golf Tournament

Saturday, September 14

9:00 am

\$90 per person

Los Lagos Golf Course

Click [here](#) to sign-up online as a group or as an individual or sign-up on Sunday after worship services or email [Bill](#).



**PLAYTIME
SUNDAY SCHOOL
KICK OFF**



Hey Kids! Bring your parents.
September 8, 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

**FALL SUNDAY
SCHOOL
KICK OFF**

SEPTEMBER 8



Will you?

Be a Helper in Nursery
once a month
to serve young children

cm@stlcsj.org

FUN

FREE



SaN jOsE

September 14, Sat, 4-6 PM
Celebration Crafts Games Food
Bible Buddy Adoption

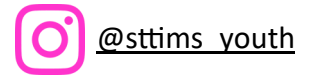
[www. STLCSJ.ORG/MESSY/](http://www.STLCSJ.ORG/MESSY/)
St. Timothy's Lutheran Church
5100 Camden Ave San Jose 95124 408-264-3858
Please RSVP CM@STLCSJ.ORG
[www. meetup/messy-church-san-jose/events/302792351](http://www.meetup/messy-church-san-jose/events/302792351)





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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!

Click [here](#) to sign-up.

Sign-up deadline is September 8!

Starting on September 8...

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
Youth House

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.



SEPTEMBER

NEWSLETTER

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Philippians 4:13

MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

We have officially welcomed the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year! We have completed our first few weeks of school and the children did amazing! The staff and children were so excited to see each other again and to welcome new friends and families to our school. Our preschool is already starting to feel like a family! We had a great kick-off to the school year and want to thank everyone who came to the blessing of the preschool staff church service on August 25th and to everyone who have been praying for us. We are truly blessed to have such a supportive community. We are looking forward to seeing what God has in store for our preschool and all our amazing families.

Cindy Rivera

UPCOMING DATES

SEPTEMBER 2:

Labor Day - No School

SEPTEMBER 5:

Back to School Night (Parents ONLY) 6pm - 7pm

SEPTEMBER 11:

Picture Day

SEPTEMBER 17:

Ice Cream Social @ 6 pm