



Pastor's Pen

Let's celebrate the goodness of God and dance to the rhythm of heaven!

I recently heard a speaker welcome and ask for the Holy Spirit's presence in our gathering. I've done this many times as a pastor and worship leader, but I've also realized that the Holy Spirit is already with us. It's beautiful and deeply affirming to know that God's promise to be with us is the reality in which we live. Another speaker described experiencing the movement of God as 'heaven coming near.' Hallelujah, thanks be to God!

This has led me to reflect on living our lives in the rhythm of God's heart. The last line from the prayer of Saint Brendan (the name of the street Marilyn and I live on in Morgan Hill) says, 'Tune my spirit to the music of heaven, and somehow, make my obedience count for You. AMEN.'

The heart of discipleship is following Jesus, aligning our lives to the rhythm of Christ's love, grace and purpose. As we keep our eyes on Him, we see each turn and adjustment that we are to make as we move forward following His lead. This is what we want to do here at St. Tim's.

We are the body of Christ in this place, each of us using our God given gifts. As we are sensing and following the promptings of the Holy Spirit, we move together to

share Christ's love in fruitful ways that bless each other and others while bringing glory to God.

I am excited to see what is developing in some of our ministries. I see children and families connecting and a sense of anticipation building as we move closer to our January grand opening of the remodeled children's ministry wing (this includes the nursery and rooms C 1-3). We're also watching with great anticipation the continuing development of our kitchen plan. However, it's not really about the facility, but rather expanding our ministries so we can connect more deeply with one another and open our lives and ministries to those around us in ways that welcome them into the Body of Christ.

Please prayerfully consider how you might be called to engage and support the growing work of Christ in our St. Timothy's family. As you sense the promptings of the Holy Spirit in the days to come, know that you are an important part of what God is doing at St. Tim's. Your participation and contributions of talent, time and finances are what God will use to continue to move us in rhythm to the music of heaven. Thank you for saying "yes" to the promptings you experience and for allowing your obedience to count for heaven.

Pastor Jim Cords

BUDGET REPORT



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

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Approved 2024 Budget
Offerings & Other Income	\$706,179	\$727,672	\$1,250,000
Benevolences	(80,350)	(81,000)	(110,000)
Admin & Operations	(951,558)	(996,604)	(1,369,912)
Preschool	(7,578)	4,215	7,635
Excess/(shortfall)	(\$333,306)	(\$345,717)	(\$222,277)

A MESSAGE FROM OUR TREASURER, CHRIS COLLIER

St. Timothy's offerings continue to be lower than our budgeted level despite having realized nearly \$98,000 of income from our cash and investments, which is included in our Actual Offerings & Other Income. It is our practice to not budget income from investments. So, while we anticipate a greater level of offerings during the final months of the year as we enter the holiday season, it is important that we recognize that your continued generosity is important to fund our operations and ministries.

Throughout this year we have prudently managed our costs and continue to operate with sound oversight of our spending. We have been able to offset increases in campus related maintenance activities and higher than planned utilities costs through spending at lower rates in other areas and operating with reduced levels of staffing.

STEWARDSHIP PACKETS

November is the month when we start planning for the year ahead. You will soon be receiving a packet of **2025 Stewardship Commitments**, which is intended to help you make commitments in both worship attendance (in-person or at home), as well as financial support of the congregation. Both are important. When you worship, you honor God with your presence and your singing, and receive strength for the week ahead. It's our financial support which makes it possible to do what we do as a congregation.

Your Stewardship Commitments may be returned by one of these methods: U.S. Mail, in-person at worship on November 10 or with the [online form](#).



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/>

Save the Date!

A
JOURNEY
to JOY

A Cantata for Christmas



CHRISTMAS CANTATA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

9:00 & 11:00 am

Invite your friends and family!

THANKFUL
Grateful
BLESSED

SAVE THE DATE

THE
JESUS-SHAPED
WAY SEMINAR

Friday, Nov 15 from 6-8:30pm
Saturday, Nov 16 from 9am-3pm

Cost- FREE (we will be taking a freewill donation)

Sign-up after church or click [here](#).

Our teacher for the weekend is Bob Rognlien, a veteran pastor, teacher, author, and guide who has lived and studied in Jerusalem and led in-depth trips through the Holy Land for over 30 years. Bob will also be preaching at St. Timothy's at both services on November 17.

Over the course of the weekend we will follow the life of Jesus and visit the six most important places where Jesus taught his disciples to follow his Way. In addition to gleaning new insights from archaeology, history, and culture, we will learn to use practical tools that help us to put these six key Jesus-shaped principles into practice in our daily lives.

WOMEN'S ADVENT TEA



Sunday, December 1
6:30-8:30pm
Carter Building

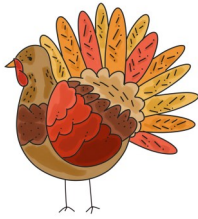
Open to all women ages High School and up. Join us for an evening of fellowship, worship, and encouragement. Come be refreshed and focus on Christ before heading into the busy December season.

**Congregational
Forum**
November 10
12:00 pm Sanctuary

Come hear an update about Kitchen, Children's Ministry Building, and our vision for the upcoming year.

We are collecting
Frozen turkeys

for
South Valley FISH Food Pantry



We recommend 8-12 lbs maximum weight for the turkeys.

Dates to bring your frozen turkey:

- ⇒ Sunday, November 10 (also Thank Offering Sunday)
- ⇒ Sunday, November 17
- ⇒ Thursdays November 7, 14, & 21 (9am-noon)

Looking ahead for Christmas:

We plan to collect hams on Sundays December 8 & 15
as well as Thursdays December 5, 12, & 19 (9-noon)



South Valley FISH Food Pantry

NOVEMBER 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.

No Lunch Bunch in November but December's event is earlier than usual.

Thursday, December 12
Noon in Fellowship Hall

Catered Tri-Tip Steak & Salmon Lunch
Veggies, Salad, and Rolls
All by our Super-Chef Greg
Drinks and Dessert

St. Timothy's own "Bells of Praise" will play
Christmas Music.

**Reservation and \$30 payment per attendee
must be received by
Sunday, December 8.**

PLEASE RSVP TO BETSY GRANDEY
408-629-6093 or egrandey@yahoo.com

Checks are payable to
St. Timothy's Lutheran Church

If you prefer your own food for lunch, that is
OK and there is no charge. Just come! St. Tim's
Lunch Bunch is a fellowship group open to ALL.
New attendees are always welcome.

If you would like to bring your own Christmas
plate and silverware, you are welcome to do
that. Paper plates and plastic utensils will be
provided.

Thanksgiving Service

Wednesday, November 27
7:00 pm
in the Sanctuary



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

It is Shoebox time!

You are invited to help spread the Gospel to children throughout the world. You can do this by helping pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

We will be having multiple days for individuals or groups to come in and pack shoeboxes in room D6/ library on **November 9-10**.

We are looking for donations for our church packing party. Donations can be brought on Sunday mornings or to the office during the week, **BY NOVEMBER 8**. Take a tag from the donation tree in the church entryway or bring in any of the following.

There is also an Amazon Wishlist with suggestions of items you can purchase and have shipped directly to the church.

Finally, we need people to help transport the shoeboxes to the Drop Off Center at Foxworthy Baptist Church on **November 22**. If you are available, please contact Debbie Bauman at debbie@bspan.com or 408-930-2287.

Go here <https://www.stlcsj.org/occ/> to sign-up for packing shoeboxes and links for donations.

What's Up With Children's HopeChest?

Just three short weeks ago, a few of us from St. Tim's were blessed to attend the Children's HopeChest Global Partners Conference held in Colorado Springs.

Maybe you've heard the Celtic Christian term, dating back centuries ago, that refers to something called 'thin places'. In a thin place, the veil between heaven and earth becomes transparent and there is a peace and presence from God that is almost tangible.

That's the best way to describe this experience filled with love, joy and beautiful connection. God's global family from Guatemala, Uganda, Ethiopia and the U.S. gathered together. All for the purpose of furthering God's Kingdom by lifting up and empowering the most vulnerable of His children. A thin place indeed! Hope is alive! Rest assured...your support of our friends at the Chapa CarePoint in Ethiopia is God inspired!



Pictured: Ethiopia In-Country Staff + Some of the U.S. Partners

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6TH-12TH GRADE
HUME
WINTER CAMP
FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 2, 2025
COST IS \$349.
A \$50 DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED AT SIGN-UP.
STLCSJ.ORG/HUME

SNOW. BOXSLED BLITZ. MONSTER TUBE RUN.
BROOM HOCKEY. SNOWBOARD MOUNTAIN.
FRIENDSHIPS THAT LAST A LIFETIME.
TRUTH THAT LASTS FOREVER!

**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.
No Cornerstone November 27.

6TH - 12TH GRADE STUDENTS
DEVOTIONS
&
DONUTS

Sundays from 10:15-10:45 am
Youth House

FUN



SaN jOsE

FREE

November 9, Sat, 4-6 PM
Celebration Crafts Games Food
Thanksgiving

[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/304068517](http://www.meetup/messy-church-san-jose/events/304068517)



Happy
Thanksgiving




PLAYTIME

Hey Kids! Bring your parents.
Nov 3, 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
OUTING

NOVEMBER 10, 2024, 3 PM

GOLFLAND
RSVP REQUIRED
CM@STLCSJ.ORG



NOVEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

“Let us come into His presence with Thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!”

~Psalm 95:2

Look how fast October has flown by! The preschool is joyfully busy and having so much fun in these fall months. We enjoyed an amazing day at the pumpkin patch together, building community, and creating long lasting memories. We had our annual book character parade and dressed up in our favorite costume. The feeling of Jesus' light and spirit has filled the classrooms with joy and love as the children delight in all their fun fall activities. This month, we look forward to Coffee with Parents and our Thanksgiving Feast and performance, remembering the many things we are thankful and grateful for all year long!

NOVEMBER 1-7

Annual Fall Donation Drive
benefiting the *South Valley FISH*
Food Pantry.

The preschool is asking for
donations of canned pumpkin.
Please leave your donations in the
bin outside

*For the health and dignity of the clients,
FISH kindly asks for no dented, expired or
open products.*

