

ST. TIMOTHY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

# Good News

OCTOBER 2024

## Pastor's Pen

As we have finished this sermon series on our vision for ministry, focusing on *hospitality, discipleship, and mission*, the new season of Grow Groups has begun, and I am reflecting on the time spent at the Men's Retreat at the end of September, one thing is sticking out in my mind as a personal theme to focus on in this coming season: discipleship.

Discipleship can be one of those slippery ideas—sometimes it seems like it has so many different meanings that it doesn't mean much of anything. Sometimes the way we talk about discipleship is so abstract that it's hard to see how it actually connects with my life right now. In our previous sermon series, I shared these thoughts on the questions, "What is a disciple?" and "What is Discipleship?"

"A disciple is, simply put, someone who *follows Jesus*. And discipleship is following Jesus *together*."

I want to share a meditation that has been fruitful for me personally as I think how discipleship happens in my life. The Apostle Paul gives a brilliant and simple explanation of discipleship in 1 Corinthians 11:1. To the Church in Corinth he says, "Imitate me as I imitate Christ." If you can say this simple sentence to someone

else honestly then you can do discipleship. So often I hear folks who think, "I can't do it because..."

- ... I don't know the Bible well enough."
- ... I need to get my life figured out first."
- ... I'm not a leader."

But the truth is you don't *need* any of those things. In saying, "Imitate me as I imitate Christ," you are not saying I am so knowledgeable, charismatic and moral that you will be closer to God if you try and be like me.

Instead, what you are saying is, "I am trying to follow Christ. I'm not perfect at it, but I'm going to invite you to join me in doing it. When you see that my life is in line with God's word, when you see that I am reflecting Christ in the way I live, imitate that. And when I don't, point me to God's word."

When we do this with and for one another, *that* is discipleship. So as a pastor, I can say to you, "imitate me as I imitate Christ." But as my sister or brother in Christ, you can say the same to me, and to one another. An as we commit to this journey of learning from the Bible, Jesus, and one another how to be more Christ-like, God works powerfully in and through us.

In Christ,  
Pastor Joe



# BUDGET REPORT



## FROM OUR TREASURER, CHRIS COLLIER

Our offerings and other income are modestly above our budgeted levels, however this

favorable performance is primarily due to having realized \$81,000 of income from our investments which was not budgeted. While St. Timothy's continues to be supported by generous giving by our congregation, we do remain under the budgeted levels. We anticipate a greater level of offerings during the final months of the year as we enter the holiday season, similar to prior years. Your continued generosity is important to fund our operations and ministries.

We continue to operate prudently and with sound oversight of our spending. We remain on budget as 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.

### Financial Performance (Year-to-date as of August 31, 2024)

|                          | YTD<br>Actual | YTD<br>Budget | Approved<br>2024 Budget |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| Offerings & Other Income | \$649,129     | \$634,086     | \$1,250,000             |
| Benevolences             | (53,600)      | (54,000)      | (110,000)               |
| Admin & Operations       | (843,343)     | (881,819)     | (1,369,912)             |
| Preschool                | 1,308         | 5,766         | 7,635                   |
| Excess/(shortfall)       | (\$246,506)   | (\$295,967)   | (\$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 SCHEDULE

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](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 list of staff emails on the staff website page:

[stlcsj.org/staff](http://stlcsj.org/staff)





This year we are excited to again be participating in the Operation Christmas Child ministry. Last year we packed over 300 shoeboxes and hope to do the same again this year! As a church, we have several different opportunities to bless children around the world. If you aren't familiar with the ministry, here is a very good video to watch.

<https://video.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child-overview-2023/>

1. We will be packing shoeboxes as a church November 9-10. Families and small groups can sign-up for a time to come in and pack shoeboxes. We will be collecting various items for the shoeboxes to provide the items before the packing party. Look for more information about both the packing party and the collection of items in the coming weeks.
2. Families can also pack shoeboxes on their own and bring the boxes back to church. In late October, shoeboxes will be available in the narthex for families that would like to pick those up.
3. On October 12 at Messy Church, we will have an amazing opportunity to hear someone speak that received a shoebox as a child and the impact it has had on their lives.

**If you have any questions about the Operation Christmas Child ministry or would like more information, please contact Debbie Bauman at [debbie@bspan.com](mailto:debbie@bspan.com).**

## ST. TIM'S LUNCH BUNCH

Thursday, October 24 at 12:00 noon  
in Fellowship Hall

Olive Garden pasta stations for only \$20.  
Pasta Station includes 2 pastas, 3 sauces, and 3 toppings all with house salad and breadsticks.  
Beverages with dessert always included.

St Tim's Pre-School and Jr. Kindergarten kids will sing songs for us. A teacher will guide and direct the kids in their singing.

For info and to register, call Betsy Grandey at (408) 629-6093 or email at [egrandey@yahoo.com](mailto:egrandey@yahoo.com).

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

Monthly Lunch Bunch is a fellowship group open to ALL.

New attendees always welcome.

## What's God Been Up To In Chapa?

Through your ongoing generosity, our friends at the Chapa CarePoint in Ethiopia continue to experience the love of Jesus in some very tangible ways. Most recently, each of the 155 CarePoint families were presented with a brand new Bible to enjoy in their own homes! The families were able to choose their preferred language. Some of the recipients opted for the local Sidamigna language. While others opted to receive their Bible in Amharic; the working language of Ethiopia. Hope is alive!



 South Valley FISH Food Pantry

# OCTOBER 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.

Daughters of Zion  
Ministries



# DREAM House

*Dream House is in need of some items and volunteers. If you can volunteer, contact [joe.hill@stlcsj.org](mailto:joe.hill@stlcsj.org). If you can donate a below listed item, bring to the church office.*

- 1) We are in need of volunteers to work with two young boys, mentor them, teaching them how to garden, etc.
- 2) We are in need of a handyman/person to help with small fix it items or to move furniture when needed as well as additional items that may arise.
- 3) We need dinner provided on Tuesday nights (once a month). The meals can be personally or professionally prepared. This allows the participants to come together and eat as a community.

Here are some items we are in need of for the home:

1. Household cleaning items-such as Clorox, Lysol, Windex, etc.
2. Toilet paper
3. Paper towels
4. Blender (used for meals and baby puree)
5. An infant walker
6. Bath towels
7. Twin size bed sheets.
8. Blankets/comforters
9. 3-4 Table Lamps
10. 1 Floor lamp for living room.

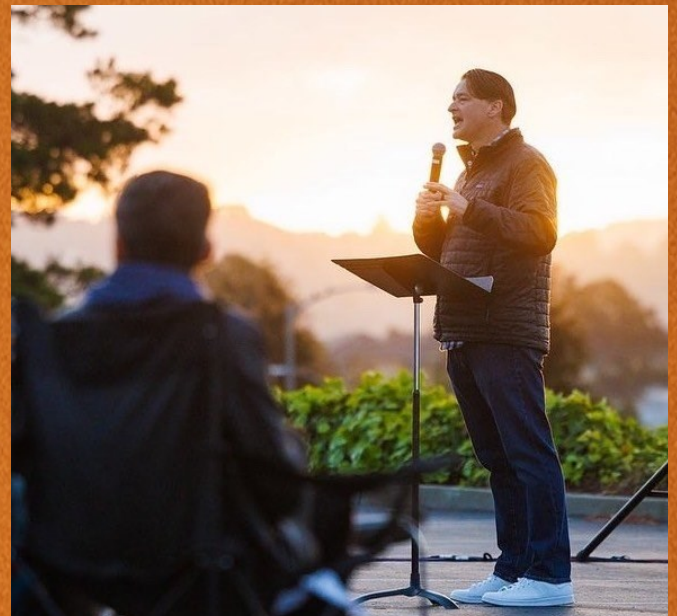
*New to  
the Staff*

**ROB WALTER, DIRECTOR OF YOUTH  
AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**

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Rob has been serving Bay Area students as a youth pastor for over 20 years. Rob and his wife Deanna both grew up in the Central Valley, in Modesto, CA. Rob received Christ as a high school student and felt a call to ministry soon after. He studied Organizational Communication at CSU Stanislaus in Turlock, CA and received his Masters of Divinity from Western Seminary. Rob not only has a passion for students, but also for partnering with other youth workers as well. He has worked with hundreds of students alongside Anna-Marie Valles and has partnered with Pastor Joe Hill as well.

Rob and his wife Deanna have been married for over 25 years and have one teenage daughter named Jane. Rob loves spending time with his family exploring coastal towns along Highway 1, watching Bay Area sports, and shopping for plants. The Walters have 2 Russian Blue cats, Ralph and Pete.

ST. TIM'S  
YOUTH  
MIDDLE SCHOOL &  
HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

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  
Youth House



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](https://stlcsj.org/hume)

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



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**FUN**



**San Jose**

**FREE**

**October 12, Sat, 4-6 PM**

**Celebration Crafts Games Food**

**Christmas in October**

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

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

[www. meetup/messy-church-san jose/events/303478089](http://www.meetup/messy-church-san-jose/events/303478089)



**PLAYTIME**

**Hey Kids! Bring your parents.**

**Oct 6, 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)

# JOIN US

**Meet Alex, who received a shoebox with gifts when he was a child through Operation Christmas Child at Messy Church and pack a shoebox with your family to bless a child around the world.**



# OCTOBER

## Newsletter

**"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens."**

**-Ecclesiastes 3:1**

Happy fall! We are always grateful for God's handiwork as he turns summer into a cool, crisp, canvas of colors. The preschool is off to a great start and full of happy voices playing and learning together! The classroom activities and routines are becoming familiar to all the children. The children were very brave as we practiced our first fire drill. They all did an amazing job lining up and walking out to our big field!

Back to School Night, Ice Cream Social and Coffee with Parents were a huge success. Parents were pleased and excited with their child's teachers and classrooms. It is wonderful to see how we are building community together and letting God's spirit work through us as we become one big preschool family. Our preschool families are also building community with the church attending Messy Church on Saturdays and meeting other moms in the MomCo group.

In the month of October, we are looking forward to our annual pumpkin patch field trip to Spina Farms, the Scholastic book fair, and book character parade and harvest parties.

**We are excited for a fun-filled month!**

### UPCOMING DATES

**OCTOBER 4:** NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-Service

**OCTOBER 12:** Messy Church

**OCTOBER 16:** Pumpkin Patch Field Trip to Spina Farms

**OCTOBER 24:** Junior Kindergarten Sings at Lunch  
Bunch 12:45pm

**OCTOBER 28 - NOVEMBER 1:** Scholastic Book Fair begins

**OCTOBER 31:** Book Character Parade and Harvest Parties