



ST. TIMOTHY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH | FEBRUARY 2025

PASTOR'S PEN

February is the month that we often talk and think about *love*. Our stores are filled with heart-shaped candies, balloons, and the reds and pinks of Valentine's day.

As I write this note today, I do so looking out of the 12th floor window of a hotel room in foggy San Antonio, Texas. I am here for the North American Lutheran Church *Clergy Retreat*. This morning I had the blessing of hearing a presentation from North American Lutheran Seminary Professor David Luy that, among many other things, drew the attention of my mind, heart, and spirit to what he referred to as the "abyss of God's love"- that there is an unfathomable, unplumbable depth to the love of God. I have spent the morning since then reflecting on his words, and on the incredible love of Christ. That the love of my heavenly Father for me is so great, and that I can hardly grasp it as well as my own 1-year old son can understand my love for him.

I want to share a few Scriptures and one hymn with you, and invite you to find a time to read, meditate on them, and make them your prayer. Ask God to expand your view of Him, to captivate you with both the depth and the mystery of his love, and that it would move you to awe, wonder, and praise.

⁷ *"Can you fathom the mysteries of God?
Can you probe the limits of the Almighty?"*

⁸ *They are higher than the heavens above—
what can you do?*

*They are deeper than the depths below—
what can you know?*

⁹ *Their measure is longer than the earth
and wider than the sea.*

-Job 11:7-9

⁹ *"As the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.*

-Isaiah 55:9

O the Deep Deep Love of Jesus

O the deep, deep love of Jesus

Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free.

Rolling as a mighty ocean,

In its fullness over me.

Take some time in your day or week to consider God's incredible love for you. God really does love you with an unmeasurable love.

In Christ,
Pastor Joe Hill

BUDGET REPORT

NOTE: See Annual Report for final 2024 financial reports

Financial Performance (Year-to-date as of December 31, 2024)			
	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Approved 2024 Budget
Offerings & Other Income	\$1,249,152	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000
Benevolences	(101,660)	(110,000)	(110,000)
Admin & Operations	(1,340,291)	(1,369,912)	(1,369,912)
Preschool	(20,354)	7,635	7,635
Excess/(shortfall)	(\$213,154)	(\$222,277)	(\$222,277)

WAYS TO GIVE

1. Mail your offering to church or drop off in the offering box on Sundays. If you don't have offering envelopes, be sure to indicate in the memo line which fund(s).
2. Give online at our safe and secure website <https://www.stlcsj.org/giving/>
3. Mobile Giving: text Give to 408-692-6903.

WOMEN'S Retreat



REDWOOD CHRISTIAN PARK, BOULDER CREEK

\$300

Take Heart
John
16:33

Spring
Women's
Retreat

April
25-27
2025

THE STORY BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays @ 6:30pm

Pastor Jim will lead a Wednesday Bible Study class using the weekly readings for The Story. Most weeks the class will meet in Room B1 (next to Cafe Lydia).

THE STORY

FEBRUARY/ MARCH READINGS

2/2: Ch. 5 New Commands & a New Covenant

2/9: Ch. 6 Wandering

2/16: Ch. 7 The Battle Begins

2/23: Ch. 8 A Few Good Men... and Women

3/2 Ch. 9 The Faith of a Foreign Women

3/9 Ch. 10 Standing Tall, Falling Hard

3/16 Ch. 11 From Shepherd to King

3/23 Ch. 12 Trials of a King

3/30 Ch. 13 King Who Had It All

Entire reading plan: www.stlcsj.org/the-story



Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, February 2

12:30 pm

Fellowship Hall

Childcare provided

This will be an in-person meeting with lunch served at 12:00 pm. If you are not eating lunch, plan to come a few minutes ahead of the 12:30 start time to grab a seat so we can get started on time.

ST. TIMOTHY'S LUNCH BUNCH

Thursday, February 27

at 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall

Pizza and Salad

Cost \$15.00

Drinks, Dessert always free.

Shav LaVigne of San Jose Postcard Club will talk about the history of postcards and how they document our history. San Jose Postcard Club's Mission is to work with people and organizations dedicated to preserving the history and beauty captured in postcards.

Reservations:

Contact Betsy Grandey (408-629-6093)

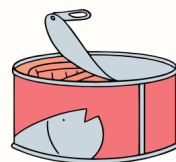
Lunch Bunch is a fellowship group open to ALL.

We welcome new attendees.

Want to bring your own lunch food? That is OK.

 South Valley FISH Food Pantry

FEBRUARY Food Item of the Month



**Canned tuna
or chicken**

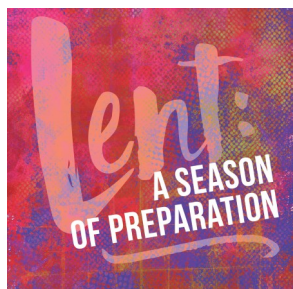
Please donate only the requested item for that month. For the health and dignity of our clients, no expired food items.



ASH WEDNESDAY, March 5

2 worship opportunities at noon and 7:00 pm

Both include imposition of ashes.



MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesdays March 12 through April 9

SOUP SUPPER at 6:15 pm in Fellowship Hall

WORSHIP at 7:00 pm in Sanctuary



SAVE THE DATE

MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 17: 7 pm

GOOD FRIDAY, April 18: 12 pm & 7 pm

EASTER SUNDAY, April 20: 9 am & 11 am

SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

9 AM Traditional

11 AM Contemporary

ONLINE WORSHIP

Recordings are available in the afternoon on our website: stlcsj.org/worship

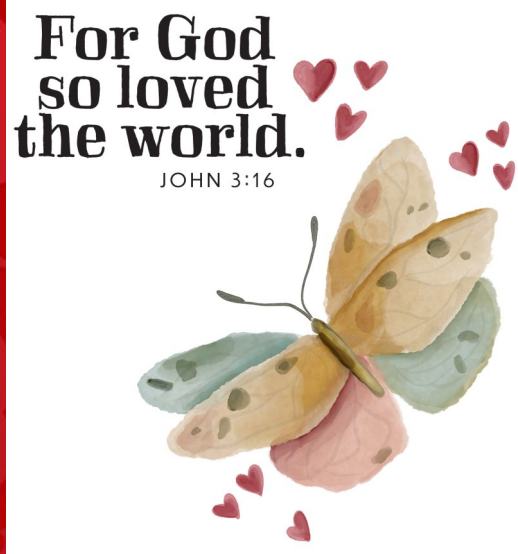


MONDAY-THURSDAY 8:30 AM TO 4 PM

FRIDAY 8:30 TO 3 PM

Office closed Monday, February 17.

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



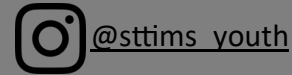


st. tim's students

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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

THE STORY READING PLAN

2/2 Ch. 5 New Commands & a New Covenant

2/9 Ch. 6 Wandering

2/16 Ch. 7 The Battle Begins

2/23 Ch. 8 A Few Good Men...and Women

NALC DISASTER RESPONSE MISSION TRIP

July 20-26, 2025

\$300

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

Details coming soon but we'll be working in the same general area as last year (Paradise, CA).

Contact scott.campbell@stlcsj.org

if you have any questions.



FUN



FREE

San JoSe

February 8, Sat, 4-6 PM

Celebration Crafts Games Food

Jesus as a Kid

[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/305595810



PLAYTIME



Hey Kids! Bring your parents.

February 2, 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



Save the Date!

VBS - Summer Bible Camp

June 16 - 20

9 am - Noon

Registration starts on March 1



**Stay tuned for the grand
opening of C - Wing
Classrooms and Nursery**



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NEWSLETTER 2025

**"I PRAY THAT YOU, BEING ROOTED AND ESTABLISHED IN LOVE, MAY HAVE POWER, TOGETHER WITH ALL THE LORD'S HOLY PEOPLE, TO GRASP HOW WIDE AND LONG AND HIGH AND DEEP IS THE LOVE OF CHRIST, AND TO KNOW THIS LOVE THAT SURPASSES KNOWLEDGE - THAT YOU MAY BE FILLED TO THE MEASURE OF ALL THE FULLNESS OF GOD."
- EPHESIANS 3:18-20**

Happy February! We are excited for all the fun this month holds. We will be having so much fun in the classrooms with all the Valentine activities planned but most importantly, all the opportunities to show each other love and kindness just as Jesus has taught and shown all of us!

Preschool open enrollment for 2025/2026 is now live! Please talk to your family members, friends and neighbors about our preschool and help us spread the word!

Summer camp online enrollment begins March 3 - March 7. Look for more information about dates and themes to be sent out the week of February 10th!

We are blessed by each one of you for choosing St. Timothy's as a place for your child's early education and we look forward to hearing from you!

We are kindly asking, if you haven't done so already, to write a quick review on our Google page. Your reviews are one of the best forms of advertisement for our school.



February Dates to Remember

February 14:	Valentine's Day
February 17-21:	Winter Break (NO SCHOOL)
February 28:	Coffee with Parents (8:45am-9:45am)
March 3-7:	Summer Camp Enrollment Begins
March 3-7:	SPIRIT WEEK!