

# Good News

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | ST. TIMOTHY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH | APRIL 2025

## Pastor's Pen

This month we are approaching Easter Sunday, the day when we remember and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, our Risen Lord, who has conquered death, sin and the power of the devil and set us free, giving us new life, abundant life, and eternal life through Him! But before Easter Sunday itself comes Holy Week. Holy Week is the time in the Church calendar where we walk with Jesus from His Triumphal Entry on Palm Sunday, through the Last Supper, the Crucifixion, and the tomb, before ultimately getting to Easter Sunday.

As Holy Week approaches this year, I want to give you a devotional set of Bible Readings that you can use that week to journey with Christ through that final week of his life. And as you go through this week of Bible readings, I want to encourage you to keep one important thing in mind... everything that he did that week, he did *for you*.

### **Palm Sunday- The Triumphal Entry**

Luke 19:28, John 12:12-19, Psalm 2

### **Monday- The Authority of King Jesus**

Matt. 23:23-32, Mark 12:28-34, Luke 20:1-19 Ps. 110

### **Tuesday- Jesus Teaches in the Temple Courts**

Matthew 21:12- 22:45, Mark 12:28-34, Psalm 1

### **Wednesday- Jesus Anointed at Bethany**

Mark 14:1-11

### **Maundy Thursday**

John 13:1-17, Matthew 26:17-30

### **Good Friday**

Luke 22:39-23:56, Isaiah 53

### **Saturday**

Matthew 27:62-66, Psalm 34

### **Easter Sunday**

Matthew 28

During this Holy Week, set apart a special time not just to spend time reading these Scriptures, but also to pray: before you read, that God's living and active word would touch your heart and pierce your soul with its power, and after you read, that God's Spirit would use His word to tell you of His incredible love *for you*, revealed through the life, death, and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ, the Risen Lord!

In Christ,  
Pastor Joe





# BUDGET REPORT

## FROM OUR TREASURER, DARRELL SHIDELER

We have started off on a good trend for this year. Several of our members have chosen to provide their monthly tithes on an annual basis. This has allowed us to see an increase in income at this point in the year. We have also been blessed with less expenses for this time which results in a positive for the year. The challenge will be the need to continue our stewardship of both income and expenses as we proceed through this coming year. Also, with the potential of a capital campaign for the Remodel Project we will continue to urge the primary need of our general fund stewardship.

### Financial Performance (Year-to-date as of February 28, 2025)

|                          | YTD Actual | YTD Budget | Approved 2025 Budget |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|----------------------|
| Offerings & Other Income | \$184,759  | \$164,010  | \$1,265,000          |
| Benevolences             | -          | -          | (110,000)            |
| Admin & Operations       | (196,774)  | (217,527)  | (1,394,997)          |
| Preschool                | 8,942      | (9,841)    | (3)                  |
| Excess/(shortfall)       | (\$3,074)  | (\$63,358) | (\$240,000)          |

### 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/>
3. Mobile Giving: text Give to 408-692-6903.

## REMODEL PROJECT 2025 PLEDGE CAMPAIGN

In an email and a postal mailing last month, we shared that the kitchen/bathroom/parking lot remodel was approved at the March 16 meeting. The project can only move forward pending raising \$250,000 in pledges in 30 days. Every gift, regardless of size, will help us to reach our goal.

This ask is above and beyond the need to continue and even increase the congregation's support for our General Fund and regular giving. Payments can be made after the end of the campaign once we reach our goal (by check or an online donation page will be available after we reach our goal). Payments are requested by the end of August 2025, to coincide with the anticipated completion of the Project, or no later than December 31, 2025.

### Options to return pledges:

1. Mail back pledge card.
2. Bring pledge card to church and drop in offering box or the office (extra cards are in church entryway.)
3. Submit online here: [stlcsj.org/remodel](https://www.stlcsj.org/remodel)

**PLEDGE DRIVE ENDS APRIL 20.**



# Holy Week

*Journey with us to the cross and to Jesus' resurrection and victory over death!*

*Celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.*

**Sunday, April 13**

9:00 am traditional service

11:00 am contemporary service

**PALM**   
Sunday

  
**MAUNDY**  
Thursday

*Jesus gives his disciples a new commandment.*

**Thursday, April 17**

7:00 pm service

*Jesus dies for us so that we can have eternal life.*

**Friday, April 18**

Noon & 7:00 pm service

**GOOD**  
 Friday

**EASTER**  
Sunday 

*Celebrate Jesus' resurrection and victory over death!*

**Sunday, April 20**

9:00 am traditional service

11:00 am contemporary service



*Proceeds will support the Ethiopia Mission Team.  
You can also give online by scanning the QR code  
or text Ethiopia to 408-692-6903.*



**EASTER**  
Sunday Breakfast



# children's hopechest

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

April marks two years since God called us into our friendship with the Chapa CarePoint community in Ethiopia. And what a glorious two years it's been! Relationships have been established. Letters of hope and encouragement have been exchanged. We've bathed our friends in prayer, as they have done the same for us. Lives are being transformed here at home and in Chapa.

As our friends in Chapa strive to end the cycle of material poverty in their community, our continued support is vital. On Sunday, April 27 and Sunday, May 4 we'll have the opportunity to lift up our friends in the following two ways:

1. Become A HopeChest Friend: There are currently eight kids in the CarePoint program without a sponsor. It's great fun having a friend in Ethiopia! If you aren't already plugged in, give it a try!
2. Fund A Friendship: If you're able to fund a friendship, we've got folks to write the letters. Please consider keeping one of these relationships going strong by helping in this critical way.

**Thank you for the past two years! God's fingerprints are all over this ministry.**

**HERE'S TO YEAR THREE!**



## St. Timothy's Lunch Bunch



**Thursday, April 24, 2025 at 12:00 Noon**

**Effie's Restaurant**

**331 W Hacienda Ave, Just off Winchester**

**A Wonderful Lunch Out**

Each attendee will pay their own meal check, so NO upfront charge for this annual "eat-out" event.

Menu for Effie's Restaurant features extensive choices of dishes at \$15-\$25. Some at a bit less. Eggs, Skillets, Omelets, Pancakes, Cereal and Breads, Belgian Waffles, French Toast ..... all are available.

Lunch Bunch does need to know how many are coming, so please call Betsy Grandey at (408) 629-6093.

Monthly Lunch Bunch is a fellowship group open to ALL. Always a social time with visitors and members of St. Tim's. We welcome new attendees. Join us, we will like you.



South Valley FISH Food Pantry

**APRIL  
Food Item of  
the Month**



**CANNED BLACK  
OR PINTO  
BEANS**

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





# st. tim's students

Rob Walter, Director of Youth Ministries

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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



SHINE for April 25-27

The cost will be \$100

The trip will be serving in local children's hospitals and family shelters. We will be staying at Camp Santa Cruz in Santa Cruz, CA. The trip is limited to 10 students.

Contact Rob if you are interested.

## NALC DISASTER RELIEF MISSION TRIP

July 20-26, 2025

\$300

Open to adults and youth who are currently in 8th grade and up.

This summer, St. Timothy's will be participating in an NALC Disaster Relief Mission Trip in Paradise, CA. It is a week-long trip and will focus on repairing and rebuilding structures damaged in the wildfires of recent year.

Want to sign-up? Have questions?

Email [scott.campbell@stlcsj.org](mailto:scott.campbell@stlcsj.org)

**FUN**



**FREE**

**San Jose**

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

**Celebration Crafts Games Food**

**EASTER**

www.STLCSJ.ORG/MESSY/  
St. Timothy's Lutheran Church

5100 Camden Ave San Jose 95124 408-264-3858

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

www.meetup/messy-church-san-jose/events/306609086

EGG HUNT



**PLAYTIME**



Hey Kids! Bring your parents.  
April 6 Sunday 10 - 11 am  
St. Tim's Playground  
5100 Camden Ave

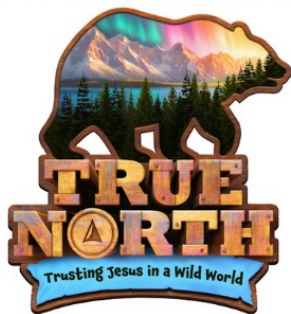
- Play Together
- Free Brunch
- Free Coffee Bar
- Meet New Friends

For more information:  
[cm@stlcsj.org](mailto:cm@stlcsj.org)

## Summer Bible Camp (VBS)

The best week of the summer!

**June 16 - 20, 2025 (9 am - Noon)**



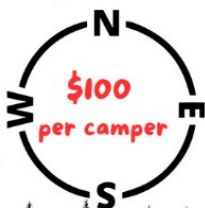
Ages: 3 yrs (potty trained) - entering 5th

**Early Register by April 15th for \$75**

**Deadline to register is May 15th**

sign up online at [www.stlcsj.org/vbs/](http://www.stlcsj.org/vbs/)  
Any questions or Scholarship request,  
contact Shelley at [cm@stlcsj.org](mailto:cm@stlcsj.org)

St. Timothy's Lutheran Church  
5100 Camden Ave San Jose, CA 95124  
408-264-3858 x109



## Summer Bible Camp Volunteers Needed Age 6th grade to adults!

June 16 - 20

8 am - Noon

## Volunteer Opportunities

- Check In Crew
- Station Leaders
- Outdoor Games
- Crew Leaders
- Kitchen Prep Crew

Youth Volunteer Registration: [stlcsj.org/vbs/](http://stlcsj.org/vbs/)  
Adult volunteer: email at [cm@stlcsj.org](mailto:cm@stlcsj.org)





# APRIL Newsletter

**“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!  
In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through  
the resurrection of Jesus Christ...”**

**-1 Peter 1:3**

## Hello April,

Spring is here and we have been busy in the classrooms. Although we have had a lot of rainy days and had to stay inside, God has blessed us with sending us rainbows and it has delighted the children to see God's wonders. We have begun our spring activities and our caterpillars have arrived! All the children have been excited watching them turn into chrysalises and anticipating them growing into butterflies. This is such a perfect example too of how much the children, our little butterflies, have grown and developed since the beginning of the school year. It makes all of our hearts so happy and we are so proud of all of the children!

We are saying goodbye to one of our 3's teachers Ms. Julie. Her family has a wonderful opportunity to move to the Sacramento area to be closer to family. Although we will truly miss her being a part of the staff here at the preschool, we know that God has given her this blessing and we support her decision. We absolutely loved having her as a teacher here at St. Timothy's. She and her family have been long-time church members, and Julie, as well, has served as a MomCo ambassador. Ms. Julie, Luke, Anna and Adeline will be dearly missed. Ms. Julie's last day will be April 17th.



### April Dates:

- 4th: Visit by Police Sergeant Wellman
- 16th: Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Parties
- 18th: Good Friday – NO SCHOOL
- 21st-25th: Easter Break – NO SCHOOL
- 30th: Coffee with Parents @ 8:45am-9:45am  
This is our last coffee with parents for the school year!

Enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year is open and we have already begun to fill most of our classrooms. If you haven't registered yet, please visit our website for more information. We would also love for you to spread the word to any preschool families you know of that are looking for a school and tell them about our wonderful preschool!

Summer camp registration is open!  
Please visit our website for dates and themes and sign up today!

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