



Caring for our Community

*"He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing."
Deuteronomy 10:18*

God's heart for the marginalized is clear throughout the Bible. And our desire as a church family here at SanLo is to grow in our love for Jesus, each other and our neighbors as we become more and more like Him. We are so thankful Lynne Kishi stepped up to be our church advocate (point person between our church and our new partnership ministry "Foster the Bay." Read on to hear Lynne explain what Foster the Bay is and why she got involved.



Less than 3% of foster youth will earn a college degree, 30% of children who age out of foster care will be homeless, and 50% of foster youth who age out will be unemployed. That's sobering. This could have been my daughter as she spent time in foster care before we were able to bring her home.

When Pastor Eric spoke to me about Foster the Bay and being the Advocate for our church, I was very intrigued and excited. Not only does the role coincide with my love of

kids, and love of spreadsheets, but as an adoptive mom, it's a subject close to my heart. But as I learned more about fostering in the Bay Area, my heart was saddened by the realities for these kids.

Foster the Bay's mission is to raise up at least one foster family in each church. Doing this will create a list of families waiting for

children, rather than children waiting for a loving foster home. They believe there is a loving home for every child in the foster care system. And San Lorenzo Japanese Christian believes that too, as the Staff and Elders have agreed to partner with Foster the Bay.

While being a parent is a lot of work, being a foster parent adds to the challenge as they have a child that has been separated from their biological family. This leads to court appointments, visits with the bio family, and work towards reunification. Many of these individuals and families drop out of the program after a year or so stating that if they had just a little more support, someone in their corner, maybe they would have stayed in the program. Part of Foster the Bay's model is to create a support circle around these families. These are people who will

encourage these families through prayer, meals, and other tangible ways to free them up to love and care for the foster children in their care.

We at SanLo are good at caring. I felt that care from the moment I stepped foot in the door, not knowing a single person. I felt that care as I battled various health challenges, and as we celebrated the adoption of Stephanie. Now we have a new way to show that we care. We have a way to care beyond those in our congregation. We can show this care to the foster children that will be a part of our church, and to the bio family of the foster child. We have a unique opportunity to share the love of Christ to these families.

There are many ways that you can partner with us and Foster the Bay. You can be a foster family. You can be a Support Friend. You can give financially. You can pray that more people in our church will rise up to be a foster family. You can pray for those in the foster system. Pray for those children and their families to get the assistance and love they need to remain a healthy, safe family.

I hope you will join us in this vision to be a church beyond our four walls. Michi Shimada has agreed to co-Advocate with me, and we are building a team that will surround those in our church that will foster children. Reach out to us and let us know you are interested as we would love to tell you more and get you involved!

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Save The Date!

Vacation Bible School



July 19 - 23, 2021

Incoming 1st - 6th Grade






Save the date! We will have in-person Vacation Bible School this summer on July 19-23 for our Sunday school children entering 1st - 6th grade in the fall. It will be different than our typical VBS - limited time, limited number of kids, outdoor only - but will still be fun! More info will be coming soon.

Grow SanLo and Reopening Updates

The Elders and staff are deeply humbled by your giving, especially during these challenging days. We have reached a significant point in our Grow SanLo campaign at 87% of our goal, and we have received the pre-approval for a building loan.

Please be in prayer as the Elders discern the next major steps forward and the timing of those steps.

Thank you again for your faithful giving as we seek to be a gospel community of growth for every generation!



COVID-19 Update: General Reopening

We have loved seeing many of you as we are continuing our phased reopening. Thank you for registering on time and following protocol as we are still committed to protecting our community.

We are continuing our online services in order to ensure that everyone can worship the Lord and hear the Word of God preached.

Please look for the worship registration in your e-mail on Monday mornings and remember to sign up by Wednesday night in order to sign up and to worship for the following Sunday.



You've persevered through the unexpected, unprecedented, uncertain year of distance or perhaps hybrid or in-person learning...and you made it!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

High School grads

Nathaniel Yee - Alameda HS
 Andie Oh - Foothill HS
 Hannah Takeda - Hayward HS
 Zachary Sarena - Redwood HS

College grads

Alex Oh - UC Riverside
 Laurie Takeda - San Jose State University (will graduate in the Fall of this year)

Grad School grads

Joyce Tran Veron - Notre Dame De Namur University

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
 and do not lean on your own
 understanding.*

*In all your ways acknowledge Him,
 and He will make straight your paths.*

Proverbs 3:5-6

Special (belated) Thanks!!

Thank you to the anonymous donor who provided the beautiful flowers for our church's grand reopening!

New Sermon Series!



We're wrapping up our Daniel: Uncompromising Faith series and beginning our topical summer series "What is a Healthy Church?"

05/30/21 (Guest speaker: Greg Ng)
Daniel 12 - Looking to the End

06/06/21 (Pastor Scott) Your Christianity and Your Church: Ephesians 2:11-22

06/13/21 (Pastor Brian) What a Church Is and Isn't: Ephesians 4:1-16

06/20/21 (Pastor Josh) What Every Church Should Aspire To Be: Healthy - Ephesians 3:1-13

06/27/21 (Elder Chris) Essential Mark of a Healthy Church #1: Biblical Theology - Titus 2:1-15

Pastor Eric on Sabbatical

We are thankful to belong to a church conference that cares about the spiritual, mental and physical health of our pastors. They mandate a two month sabbatical every five years for each pastor. Due to the pandemic, Pastor Eric delayed his sabbatical by almost a year and is now taking it from April 21st - June 21st. Pastor Brian will take the lead during this time.