

# Saint John's

Lutheran Church

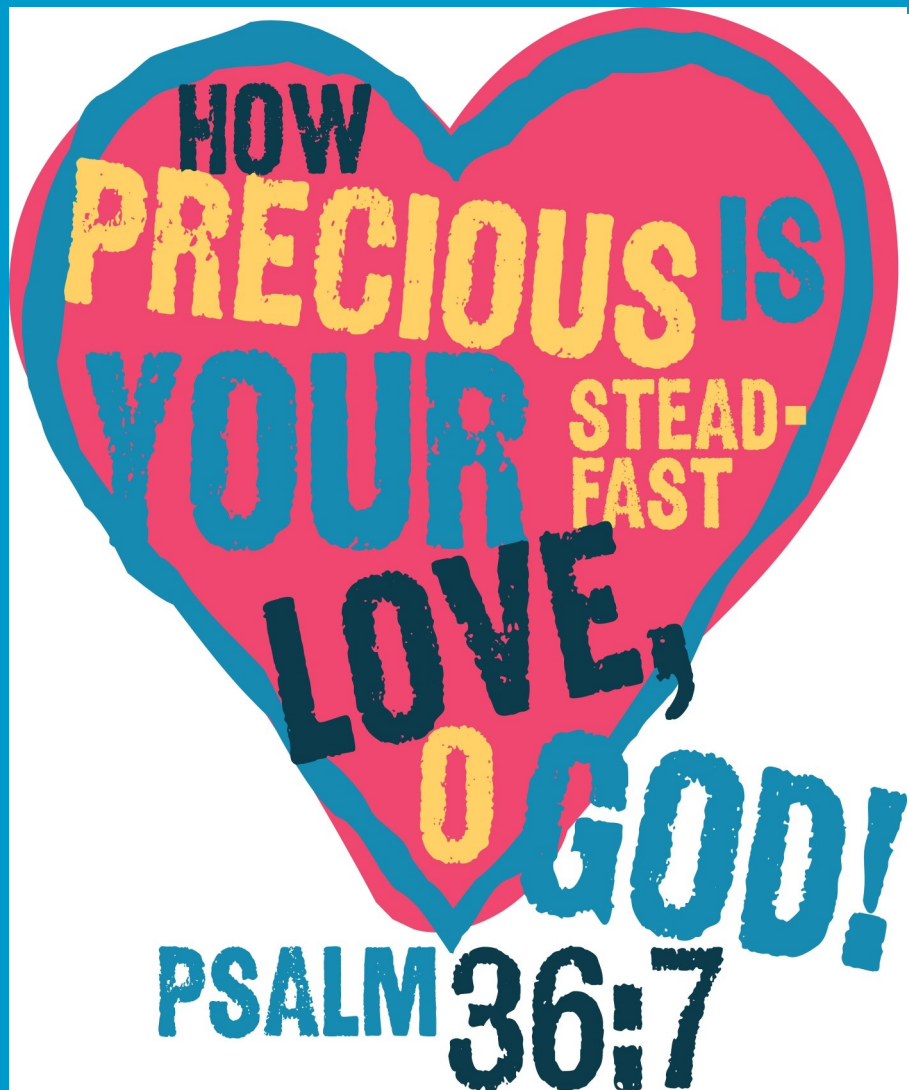
## THE EAGLE

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# Pastor's Page

*But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed?  
And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard?  
And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?  
And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent?  
As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet  
of those who bring good news!"*  
Romans 10:14-15



It's really fun to bring someone good news. Babies getting born, engagements being made, new jobs being taken, illness turning into to healing. Some news is so good, you want to tell the world. When you think about delivering a message that you know people are going to love to receive, there's really a lot going on:

- \* There's the anticipation of sharing the news
- \* There's the thrill of the big reveal
- \* There's the look on the other person's face when they take it all in
- \* Then there's the joy of celebrating together

Do you remember being on the receiving of some great news? What was it like? Did you sit there dumbfounded or did you leap for joy?

Why is it so fun to be the bearer of good news, but we feel so worried about sharing ultimate Good News that Jesus is alive and God is calling people back to his heart?

This month, we'll tackle that issue head-on. We'll learn together how to:

- \* Share our story
- \* Share God's story
- \* Listen lovingly to the stories of those we're reaching OUT to
- \* Connect it all together with a message of hope

This month and over the rest of 2019, we'll be working hard to Reach OUT! If it sounds too scary, don't worry. It's much more fun when we do it together.

God's Peace  
Greg

# Up Coming Events

## Fellowship Folks Game Night February 9th

A big thank you to the hosts of the January progressive dinner: the Lebens, Roberts, Kapkas and Ouimettes. Thank you for coordinating appetizers, main dish and dessert. Everything was so tasty and the fellowship was fabulous!

On Saturday, February 9th, from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm, Cal and Kerry Wood will be hosting a game night in Ouimette Hall. We will be playing 'Card Bingo'. Plan to experience some competitive companionship, win useful and unique prizes, and enjoy light snacks, which will be provided. Please RSVP on your weekly attendance card or on the sign-up sheet in the hall by the kitchen or give the church office a call. (Adults 20 years old to 120+.)



If you'd like to host a future gathering, please jot a note on the attendance card or talk to Frank Drake. (Dates will need to be coordinated with the church main calendar.)

Looking forward to a year full of fun and fellowship, spending time with old friends, and getting to know new folks.

## Beach Bonfire Worship & Hang Out Friday, February 1st 5-8pm

Come and enjoy s'mores around the bonfire. We'll stake out a spot near Grover Beach (where you can drive on the sand) at the end of Grand Ave. Bring a chair or a blanket and anything else you might need. Come anytime.



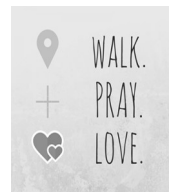
## Movie Night

Families are invited to join us for The Greatest Showman **Movie Night Sunday, February 24 5:30-8:00 pm**. Please see details on the youth page.

## Prayer Walk and Talk @ the Beach

Thursdays 8:30-9:30 am

Prayer is one of the most important aspects of living as authentic followers of Jesus. Through prayer we have the privilege to communicate directly with our awesome God and other believers! Join us any Thursday for a time of prayer, conversation, and a bit of exercise.



# Kids Up and Coming News



Thank you to all who served with us over Christmas Break distributing scarves, making animal toys, and reading to the cats and dogs at two shelters. People are warmer and the animals experienced love because of you!



## KidsChurch Pajama Day! Sunday, March 10

Anyone else dread losing an hour of sleep for your kiddos with “Spring Forward”? We’ve got you covered! All kids are encouraged to come in PJs for KidsChurch. We’ll have breakfast snacks and a fun morning of Cooking with Jesus planned.





# Youth Group News

## **The Greatest Showman Movie Night Sunday, February 24 5:30-8:00 pm**



Join the youth group for a fun movie night open to all ages, at parent's discretion. Kids under 6th grade need an adult present. The movie night is free but our youth will have pizza, soda, popcorn and simple snacks for sale. Bring a beach chair, blanket & pillow or something to cozy up with. The Greatest Showman is rated PG by the MPAA for thematic elements including a brawl, violence, threats (verbal and physical) against a small group. **Showtime begins at 6 pm.**

## **Hume Lake Winter Camp March 1-3**

*Students will need to take a minimum day from school on Friday.* Please eat lunch ahead of time (or pack a lunch) **We will return about 6 pm on Sunday depending on travel time.**

Watch your email for a packing list and more details. *We are past the deadline to guarantee a spot for Winter Camp. If you have not officially signed up, please email or text Cindi right away to see if we can add your spot.*



***No official Sunday Night Youth Group following Winter camp, March 3rd. But please feel free to join us for Pot Luck at the Ravera's from 5-7 pm.***

it's **Game** night

Game Nights continue - **Sunday, February 17th 6-8 pm.** Open to 6th-12th graders. Join us for pizza, fun and games. Bring a friend and a bag of chips or dessert to share!

## Stephen Ministry Training

There is still time to sign up for Stephen Ministry training, which starts on February 18th. Training topics include: The Art of Listening, Distinctively Christian Caring, Process vs. Results, Assertiveness, and so much more. If you have any questions about the Stephen Ministry program or the training, please stop us after church or give us a call. We would love to share the details with you.



Your Stephen Leaders:

Kerry Wood  
Robin Eiland  
Gordon Eiland

Greg Wallace  
Randy Ouimette



“We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.” Hebrews 6: 19

**We are the care givers. God is the Cure Giver.**

## Anniversaries & Special Blessings Fund

Did you know that we have a special fund at Saint John’s used to honor or celebrate those important people or events in our lives? Did you recently celebrate a milestone birthday or anniversary? Did someone you love recover from an illness? How about the birth of a new baby or a graduation or a wedding? Might you wish to acknowledge someone who has passed away? We encourage you to remember these opportunities to honor someone or to celebrate a special occasion by contributing to the “ANNIVERSARIES AND SPECIAL BLESSINGS FUND”.

In the past, these donations have been used for social outreach in our community and around the world (e.g the Homeless Coalition Warming Center, sponsorship of Collins and Consolate through the ZOZU Project, and other community needs). Please remember this opportunity to help and reach outward when those special times occur in your life. If you wish to contribute please use a pew envelope or check marked ANNIVERSARIES & SPECIAL BLESSINGS.

# **Make a Difference**

## **The Warming Center for our Five Cities Area**

Our member Jeff Metcalfe has volunteered the past few years at the Five Cities Homeless Coalition's winter time Warming Center. When the temperature drops below a certain level and/or when the forecast is rain, the shuttle runs from three pick-ups spots and delivers them to the site, this year at Hillside Church on Newport Ave. Beginning at 5:00 PM Jeff greets and checks them in while others prepare the evening meal still others get the cots prepared. The center averages 25-35 'citizens' (Jeff's term of respect), and each person has a task to help out with that evening or in the morning. Everyone also receives a light breakfast before leaving for the day at 7:00 AM. The funds to run this Warming Center come from the Five Cities Homeless Coalition's area-wide fundraisers, such as Empty Bowls, and Finn's Restaurant donations, plus many more. How does Saint John's help out? Members like Jeff (in the past Emanda M. and Sarah O.) Volunteers can become part of the staff as well, or you can purchase tickets to the September Empty Bowls this Fall.

To get more information or to find a way to contribute, see Jeff at church or call him

## **Monthly Food Donations**

### **For The 5 Cities Christian Women's Food Pantry**

As we head into 2019, the Social Outreach Services team is asking for you to join with us in donating specific foods each month to the Food Pantry as follow:

#### **February-Breakfast Cereal**

March-canned meats

April-peanut butter

May-pasta and/or sauce

June-canned soup

July-mac and cheese

August-canned meat

September-canned chili

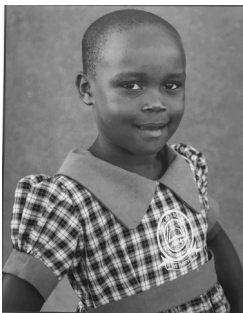
October-peanut butter

November-pasta and/or sauce

December-white rice, dry pinto beans, masa harina for Iglesia Luterana de Santa Cruz



# Dress a Girl



Viola Munguci

Born: March 31, 2012 1st grade

## Dress A Girl and Duds for Dudes

Dress A Girl met on January 12th to start out the new year. As usual we had a great time of sewing, chatting and of course, eating! Besides making dresses, we also focused on putting together dress kits for future sewing. And, we do have some future projects on the horizon. Our next Workshop will be Saturday, Feb. 9th from 10 am – 2 pm. We invite all of you who think they couldn't possibly have anything to offer the Dress A Girl Ministry, to drop by and see what we do. If you don't sew, you would be amazed at how much help you could be!

Lastly, I think it is important to share with everyone, the impact Dress A Girl has had this past year. These dresses not only provide the girls with a brand new dress to wear – it may be the only new dress they will ever have - but also, the Dress A Girl label is a deterrent to human traffickers, in that it denotes that the girls are part of a protected group. We are so blessed that God has given us this ministry – each dress that is made is chosen by God for a certain special girl – how can we not be blessed by that?

Here is a summary of the dresses we distributed in 2018:

March - 30 dresses to Henan, China with the Nellermaes.

July - 200 dresses to Arua Uganda with the Lebens

August - 80 dresses to Myanmar with friends of Janice Goodwin

August - 60 dresses to Santa Maria, CA, Iglesia Luterana Santa Cruz

Sept - 75 dresses to Tijuana with DAG team mate, Nancy Clover, for Homes for Hope/YWAM

December - sent 120 dresses to Iglesia Luterana in Santa Maria

That's a total of 565 dresses! The dresses we made were supplemented by dresses sent to us by House of God in Redlands. With those, we were also able to send another 250 dresses to Impact Ministries in Kampala, Uganda, and 30 dresses with the Work & Witness Program to Belize through El Morro Church of the Nazarene.

God is definitely on the move.

Pamela Glenn, Dress A Girl Coordinator for Saint John's





# Contributions by Text

**Saint John's Text Donation Number is (805) 250-4073**

To register the first time....Enter text number, **(805) 250-4073**,  
Enter **amount** of donation or type “**assist**”, **SEND** text.  
Follow prompts to register.  
(Credit card fees .45 per transaction plus 2.8%)

## FAQs

### **How do members give by text message?**

After members register, they will receive instructions on how to send donations by text message. Text donations are sent to a 10-digit number where they are received and processed by Vanco. Your organization is provided with a dedicated 10-digit number.

### **How will the church know when a text donation is made?**

Text donations will appear on Vanco's standard processing reports along with all other transactions.

### **How do members know when their donations are processed?**

Members receive immediate confirmation via text that their donation was received. After a text donation has been processed, it appears on the member's credit card statement.

### **How quickly are text donations deposited?**

Text donations are electronically deposited into the church bank account within 2 to 4 business days for credit and debit card transactions.

### **Are all contributions set at a fixed dollar amount?**

No. The member chooses the amount of the donation.

### **Are text donations ever charged to a member's mobile phone bill?**

No. Donations are processed using the payment method specified in the member's online profile. Phone carriers handle only the text message, never any financial information.

### **What payment methods are available for giving by text?**

Vanco Give+ Text supports donations via credit and debit cards.

### **Can members set up recurring donations by text?**

Yes. Donors can text “Repeat” after they've made a donation to make it recurring. They can also text “Schedule” to set up a recurring donation.

### **Can members text donations to individual funds?**

Yes, a special texting code must be included in the text message to assign the donation to a particular fund. Your church determines the Texting Code (e.g. “Haiti”) when setting up the fund with Vanco.

# Women's Ministry



A million thanks to Bob and Rena Weiger for all of their hard work in presenting the information for the Dana Cultural Center. For the 12 of us that attended, it was a delightful and inspiring afternoon. The beautiful paintings done over a period of many years by artist, Milfred Zornes, were a big part of the presentation. Milfred Zornes lived to be 100 years old and painted every day. His style is colorful and somewhat impressionistic. It was great fun to tour many of the rooms in the Adobe house and see a timeline of construction and renovations since the 1970's. Bob and Rena have dedicated their services to the Adobe project for the past 10 years.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday February 13 at 1:00 P.M., the Women's Ministry Valentine's Day Celebration. Chaplain Judy Boen from Captive Hearts is the featured speaker. Secret pals will be revealed and new ones will be chosen. Please bring a small gift and card for your present pal, and a Valentine card with your name, birthdate, and anniversary, if applicable, if you want to draw a name for a new pal. PLEASE COME & JOIN THE FUN!

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE:** The Board of Directors is in need of new officers with new ideas. Both Louise, President, and Rena, Treasurer, are in their third year of a two-year term and cannot continue past June. The board works very hard as a team. Please consider serving on the Women's Ministry Board.

Thank You: Louise Frye, Sandra Kermoyan, Roseann Carroll, and Rena Weiger





# Church Highlights

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

1. Council approved motion for Saint John's to hire Cindi Wallace to the position of Director of Youth Ministries beginning February 1st .
2. Greg and Gordon Eiland will attend Stephen Ministry Leader Training from February 2 – 9.
3. "2019 Yearly Focus" is Reaching OUT with Evangelism.



Dear Little Church with the big heart,  
Thank you so much for your  
staff Christmas gifts.  
We count it a privilege  
to be part of Saint John's.  
May He continue to bless  
our congregation.  
In His Love,  
Staff of Saint John's

## Finance & Attendance

### Income/Expenses:

Income  
Expenses

### **Dec 2018**

59,992  
37,870  
**22,122**

### **YTD**

431,512  
445,094  
**-13,582**

Jan 6  
**104**  
(Family Sunday)

Jan. 13  
**144**  
includes 13  
in Kids Church

Jan. 20  
**128**  
includes 17  
in Kids Church

Jan. 27  
**159**  
includes 25  
in Kids Church



# February

5 NANCY DUTY, CHRISSY RAVERA

6 MERLIN WILSON

7 CHUCK LACUGNA,

8 CAY EBERSOLE

10 PASTOR GREG

11 JERRY DEVOS, WILLIAM LARSON

14 DENNIS HARSCH

15 GEORGIANNA HOFSTETTER,

JOANN LINDSTAEDT

16 MARCY RICHARDSON

17 DIANE TORRES

18 RALPH MINER

19 JENS DYBDAHL, FRANK LEBENS

ADRIENNE ST JOHN

20 LORRAINE SUNDQUIST

21 LUCCA RAVERA

23 DAVID IMMEL

26 RUBY WEAVER



2/8 MARK & CHRISSY RAVERA



## Prayer Ministry

### **Our friends & family:**

Brent, Rick, Carol, Irene, Donna, Karen,  
Diane, Eric, Barry, Jim, Robby, Marilyn,  
Belinda, Frannie

March Newsletter

## Deadline is February 15th

Thanks to all the volunteers who have been such a blessing to the office. It would be impossible without you!

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Choir Accompanist

Shari Bowman

Organist

Dawn Russ

Custodian

Janet Forsha

Nursery Attendant

KC Siddle

Financial Secretary

Kerry Wood

### 2019 Church Council

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#### **VICE PRESIDENT**

Cal Wood

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**A Stephen Ministry Congregation**

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