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What Are You Giving Up?

Pastor's Page

Immediately the father of the child cried out, "I believe; help my unbelief!" Mark 9:24

What do you believe? It's a deeper question than we usually ask each other in polite conversation. It gets into some very personal territory very quickly. When we ask a question like that, we don't usually mean "what do you believe intellectually about something?" We usually mean "What do you hold true at the core of who you are?" That's a deep question indeed. The man whose son needed healing from Jesus in Mark 9 was sharing his honest belief and his lack of belief. We're all a mix of trust and lack of trust, aren't we?



During this 40 day Lenten journey, we'll be exploring our deeply held core beliefs as followers of Jesus. Lent also gives us time to slow down and reflect on Jesus' work on the cross. His love is beyond measure. It cost him everything. There was nothing he held back to save us from sin and death. Do you believe?

I hope you'll join in on this experience together. We'll meet on Ash Wednesday, March 6th at 12 Noon and 7pm to begin the journey with the words, "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return." That's right after our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Feast on March 5th at 6pm!

Then, I hope you're excited for Wednesday night Soup & Worship. We'll enjoy a delicious meal and share together in a meaningful time of reflection in the Commons starting at 6pm. We will again have our "stations" to interact with as we focus on what God is calling us to in this season of repentance and growth. On the first Lenten Dinner on March 13th, Pastor JP from the Zozu Project in Uganda will be sharing the message. It's going to be great.

I believe this will be a special time for us all.

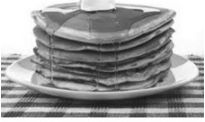
God's Peace
Greg

Lent



Up Coming Events

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner



Shrove Tuesday Pancakes - Tuesday, March 5 at 6 pm

Join us as we celebrate and eat our way through lots of pancakes! Eggs and fat were once forbidden during the 40-day Lenten fast, so on Shrove Tuesday, the day before Lent, Irish bakers would make pancakes to use up their stores of those ingredients.



We will be offering Worship services at 12:00 noon and 7:00 pm.

Lenten Soup Suppers – Each Wednesday in March beginning March 13, we will be meeting for our Lenten Soup Suppers and worship stations. Meetings will take place in the warm and inviting Commons and include yummy soup, fellowship, and an inspirational focus on the cross as we visit various stations including communion.



Fellowship Folks March 9th

We'll be going to the *MELODRAMA*.
Contact Patti Roberts for more Info.

Prayer Ministry

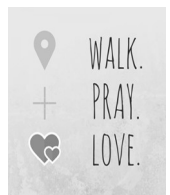
Prayer Ministry Training is scheduled for March 11, at 6:00 pm. and also March 12, at 1:00pm. Please plan on attending one of these important training sessions. If you would like to join the prayer ministry this is a great time to get your questions answered.



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



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 PJ’s for KidsChurch. We’ll have breakfast snacks and a fun morning of Cooking with Jesus during regular KidsChurch time.

5th Serve Sunday March 31st

During KidsChurch on March 31st we will be putting homeless backpacks and care packages together. Thanks to a Thrivent action team grant, we are able to purchase new backpacks. We’d love your help collecting donations to fill the kits. Most needed items are sunscreen, chapstick, and new socks. We would also gladly take travel/hotel sized toiletries and individually wrapped granola or protein bars.

Keep bringing your quarters, praying for Wilfred, and for all the children connected with the Zozu project and Solid Rock Christian School.

Grab your hats & boots! Save the date, invite your friends, and gear up to help out with this years weekend VBS August 2-4, 2019.



Save the
DATE!



Save the Dates

April 7 First Communion Class 11 am - 2 pm

April 13 Easter Fun Day

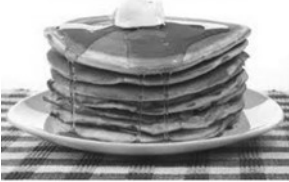
April 21 Easter Sunday: Breakfast & Egg Hunt

Questions? Contact Cindi Wallace.



Youth Group News

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Game Nights continue - **Sunday, March 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!

it's **game**
night

Parent Meeting Sunday, March 17 at 5 pm

Our Annual Youth Fundraiser, City of Angels, is set for Sunday, May 19th. We need all students in 6th-12th grade to get involved. Please make our parent meeting a priority as we will discuss fundraiser involvement for all students as well as details for our summer trip.



Summer Mission Trip, July 7-12. We are headed to Los Angeles to partner with the organization, City Service Mission. CSM helps us help a city. We will be integrated into a variety of hands-on ministry opportunities to ensure that our time is spent supplying substantive help to God's people in the city. If you are currently in 6th-11th grade and are not signed up for our summer trip, talk to Cindi ASAP to see if we can add a spot.



Save the Dates

April 3 Youth host & help Lent Soup Supper
April 13 Easter Fun Day
April 21 Easter Sunday: Breakfast & Egg Hunt
May 19 Annual Youth Fundraiser

Fellowship Folks

Many thanks go to Kerry & Cal Wood, & Shari Bowman for a wonderful afternoon of playing card Bingo. There were a table full of prizes for game winners and by the end of the afternoon they were all gone. Cal kept the action moving right along so there were not any dull periods. We again had a very good turn out, pushing around 60, which was really great and I believe everyone had a very good time regardless of their age. Treats to eat were plenty and were a variety of different eateries from pop corn, chips, candy, cream cheese covered with salsa, you name it, it was there.

WHAT'S FOR NEXT MONTH

Saturday March 9 is our next gathering. We'll be going to the *MELODRAMA*.

We'll be watching "Steel Magnolias" and the show starts at 3:00 P.M., however it's necessary for those that will be going to show up before 2:30 P.M. Due to Melodrama's method of operation it was necessary to obtain an early sign up and submitting of your money to be able to go. Our hosts for the afternoon are Patti and Stan Roberts. Patti had to finalize and pay for the tickets by Tuesday February the 12th. If you missed the early sign up I suggest that you visit the Melodrama office and see if you can obtain tickets close to where the rest of our group will be sitting. Hope you either used our sign up sheet or used the Sunday attendance slip. If you need a ride let that be known and we'll have someone pick you up.



FELLOWSHIP FOLKS - APRIL EVENT

Come join us for an **Italian Mixer & Dinner!! Saturday, April 6 from 4:00-6:00 p.m.**, Shari Bowman and Kathy Lindstaedt will co-hostess an evening of Italian-themed mixer games and singing, followed by a feast of Spaghetti & Meatballs, Italian Salad, Garlic Bread and Dessert.

We've had such great turnouts for the first two events this year (January - Progressive Dinner, and February - Game Night), and have heard there are quite a few sign-ups for the Melodrama in March.

So we thought it would be fun to get together again in Ouimette Hall to be silly, get to know each other a little better, and share a meal. AND, what a wonderful way to invite someone to come to church. This would be a great event to reach OUT (as Pastor Greg has been sharing) and you never know what doors the Holy Spirit might open!!

We'll start sign-ups a few weeks in advance, but be sure to mark your calendars!! Hope to see you all there!!

Looking forward to a year full of fun and fellowship
Your faithful servant Frank Drake



Make a Difference

Lenten Soup Suppers – Each Wednesday in March beginning March 13, we will be meeting for our Lenten Soup Suppers and worship stations. Meetings will take place in the warm and inviting Commons and include yummy soup, fellowship, and an inspirational focus on the cross as we visit various stations including communion. Many thanks go to our various ministry teams that will be providing soup and salad. Free will donations will be collected at each table and be used to assist our members who are in crisis. This will also be a good time to make a donation to our WHAM appeal. Please come join us.

Pastor JP Visit

Pastor JP from Arua Community Church in Uganda is coming Wednesday, March 13 and will be speaking at our Lenten Worship that evening. Pastor JP was influential in the establishment of Solid Rock Christian School and “lit a fire in Mick and Elaine Lebens” to establish the ZOZU Project which supplies ongoing support to Sold Rock. Pastor JP is dynamic and passionate in his enthusiasm for sharing the Word. Don’t miss this opportunity to meet Pastor JP and hear the story of the families with children attending Solid Rock Christian School.

World Hunger Awareness Month

During the month of March we will again be conducting World Hunger Awareness Month (aka WHAM). This event is sponsored by the Social Outreach Services Team. Donations may be in cash or with checks made out to Saint John’s with WHAM in the memo. We are reaching across the world to feed the children at Solid Rock Christian School in Arua, Uganda and locally we will be supporting the “Feed Our Workers” program sponsored by Iglesia Luterana de Santa Cruz Church. This program supplies lunches and brings a Christian message to our local field workers who plant and pick our food. **WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS.** Did you know that for just a few dollars you can feed a child in Uganda for a month? The beautiful children at Solid Rock Christian School are so grateful for the two meals per day that they receive through your generosity through WHAM and sponsorships. Locally sandwiches are made for the fieldworkers by the loving hands of church members in Santa Maria and delivered by the Pastor of Iglesia Luterana de Santa Cruz Church and his wife as they pray with the workers. Open your hearts and your wallets and place your donations in the WHAM jar near the globe and poster in the Commons.

Monthly Food Donations For The 5 Cities Christian Women’s Food Pantry

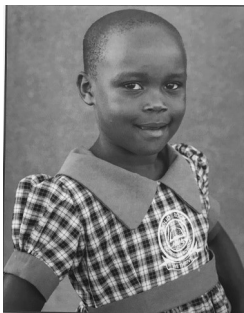
As we head into 2019, the Social Outreach Services team is asking for you to join with us in donating specific foods each month to the Food Pantry as follow:

March-Canned Meats

April-Peanut Butter



Dress a Girl



Viola Munguci

Born: March 31, 2012 1st grade

Dress A Girl and Duds for Dudes

Dress A Girl met on Feb. 9th with a gathering of 15 people. We worked on putting together more dress kits, shorts kits for Duds for Dudes and of course, sewing dresses and shorts. It was a very productive workshop! And, we had lunch compliments of a Thrivent Grant.

Coming up for Dress A Girl - we are in the midst of establishing a new relationship with the local YWAM in Pismo Beach. YWAM (Youth With a Mission) is dedicated to teaching discipleship and developing a closer relationship with God locally, as well as internationally. As a group, they are interested in helping Dress A Girl during our Saturday workshops, as well as transporting dresses on their mission trips. The word is that they will want at least 200 dresses before the end of the year! (That being said, it also means that we will be looking for donations of fabric – our bins are emptying out!) This is another way to participate in Dress A Girl if you don't sew. All the details have not been worked out yet, but this should be an exciting addition for Dress A Girl.

We meet next on Sat. March 9th from 9 am to 2 pm. We have applied for and been approved to do a project for the Points of Light organization, affiliated with Disney. We want to have at least 35 people sign our sign-in sheet on the 9th in order for us to receive 20 one day Disney tickets, that will be donated to the Youth Group Fundraiser to send kids to an inner city mission trip this summer. Our suggestion is that you order the Boy Scout BBQ chicken dinner fundraiser for \$10 which will be delivered here to Saint John's. Kill two birds with one stone! Support the Youth Group and the Boy Scouts in one fell swoop. Candy Kaseman or I will take your order.

Pastor JP from Solid Rock Christian School in Arua Uganda (the Zozu Project) is scheduled to come visit us right after our lunchtime. Plan to attend or just come by in the afternoon to meet Pastor JP – it should be an awesome experience!

Be Blessed – Make a Dress!



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.



Church Highlights

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ The Council is hosting the March 13 Soup/Supper.
- ◆ Stephen Ministry training has been postponed to 2020
- ◆ Treasurer Brian King met with Patti Roberts (outgoing treasurer) and Cheryl Apfel (bookkeeper) and will spend the next few months researching Saint John’s procedures and practices.
- ◆ Updated Safety Policies – Children’s Ministry Team and Youth Committee are reviewing updated safety policies for Saint John’s.



Finance & Attendance

<u>Income/Expenses:</u>	<u>Jan 2019</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	37,169	37,169
Expenses	<u>37,106</u>	<u>37,106</u>
	63	63



February 3 119 (Family Sunday)	February 10 151 includes 19 in Kids Church	February 17 145 includes 16 in Kids Church	February 24 147 includes 14 in Kids Church
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March

2 MEL GOMEZ,
MARGE VAHSHOLTZ

5 JADYN BORJA

6 SUSAN EPP

8 JOHN BELDEN,
JON MCCOID

14 PAM GLENN

17 PETE CARLSON,
KERRY WOOD

18 SKYLAR PERRY

20 LORRAINE GEAR,
JIM KASEMAN

22 KELLY OLSON

24 THERESA WOLFE

31 TOM LEBENS



10 ROBERT & JANICE GONZALES

17 JIM & CANDY KASEMAN
RON & KAY WERNER

19 LESTER & ELIZABETH BLANK

29 RICK & SHAR TERBORCH



Prayer Ministry

Our friends & family:

Tim, Kelly, Rose, Sandy, Louise, Brent, Rick, Carol, Donna, Karen, Diane, Eric, Jim, Robby, Belinda, Frannie, the Family of Janis Immel in the loss of sister Teri, the Ravera family in the loss of Mark's father, family and friends of Jeff Hastings

APRIL Newsletter

Deadline is MARCH 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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