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Lutheran Church

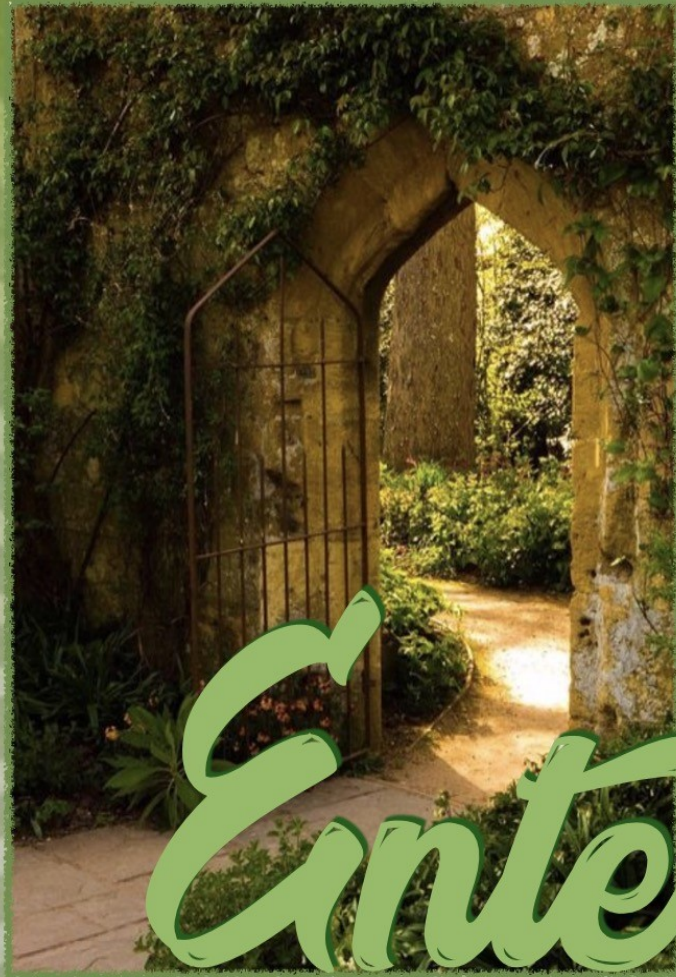
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Pastor's Page

Greetings

If you thought April was busy around Saint John's with Lent, Holy Week and Easter, then buckle up, because May is jumping. Thanks to everyone who made Lent & Easter so powerful. There are so many great events and opportunities to serve in this Easter Season. I love being a part of a spiritual family that loves getting together.



For the UP dimension (our time with God) we've got the National Day of Prayer Gathering on Thursday, May 2nd at 7pm. I hope you'll join us for this night of seeking the Lord together and interceding for our nation. Faith Lutheran Church in Albuquerque is sending us SHINE, a marvelous student drama group, that will be with us for Memorial Day weekend.

The IN (our connection with each other) events are many with Taco Bingo, Frannie's memorial, our NALC District meeting in Santa Barbara and on and on. If you're new, we've got a New Member Orientation this month as well. Why not join up?

Our OUT (serving others in word and deed) events this month are going to be so fun. I hope you're coming to the Youth Dinner Auction/Fellowship Folks evening on May 19th. We'll have a great time raising funds for our student summer trip to downtown LA serving the poor. There's also Dress a Girl and our monthly run to Iglesia Luterana Santa Cruz (with SHINE!). The list goes on and on. I'm sure I'm leaving things out.

Some sad news. Our excellent custodian Janet Forsha will be leaving us this month for health reasons. She's been amazing and we'll miss her. If you know of anyone who would be interested in the Custodian job, please let Cheryl know.

Can't wait to hang out with you all in May,

Greg



We're Hiring!
Church Custodian
Talk to Cheryl for details



Up Coming Events

SHINE! Drama Team Memorial Weekend

Faith Lutheran Church in Albuquerque New Mexico has a wonderful touring student drama group that will be with us Sunday morning, May 26th for worship. They'll also put on a wonderful presentation that night. You don't want to miss it.

National Day of Prayer Thursday, May 2nd at 7 p.m.

Join us as we pray for our Nation with congregations around the country. The first Thursday of May is a call to pray for God's Kingdom to come and his will to be done in our midst. This year's theme is Love One Another.



New Member Orientation Saturday, May 4th

Interested in learning about membership at Saint John's? Join Pastor Greg & Cindi for a fun morning of learning together. We meet at 9am on Saturday, May 4th and wrap up with a delicious lunch. It's a great way to meet new folks and learn more about this amazing family of faith. There's no pressure to join, but, if you want to, this class is the way to do it. Talk to Pastor Greg to sign up.

Women's Annual Taco/Bingo Fundraiser for WHAM. TIME & DATE: Saturday May 4, 12:00 (See pg. 12 for more info.)

Youth's Annual Fundraiser Event & Dinner on Sunday, May 19 at 5:00 p.m.

This year's theme is "City of Angels" (See pg. 5 & 11 for more info)

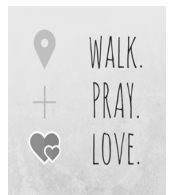
Youth Bonfire Saturday, May 25 at 6 pm

Join us for a time of food, games, and connecting with visiting students from the Shine youth drama team. We'll provide hot dogs, and s'mores. Bring chips, snacks, drinks, a chair and/or a blanket to sit on. Meet at the end of Grand Ave. All ages welcome to join! Children under 6th grade need to have a parent or adult present.

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



First Communion

Thanks for celebrating with us on Palm Sunday and praying for our First communion students. We had 11 kids participate in the class and 6 receive their first official communion on Sunday, April 14. Special thanks to **Theresa Schultz** for making bread with everyone! Continue praying for Jacob Day, Luke Dodds, Heather Houston, Owen King, Rose Overduin, and Memphis Doropact and their families.

Grab your hats & boots! Save the date, invite your friends, and gear up to help out with this year's weekend **VBS August 2-4, 2019**. This year we will kick off Friday evening with a family dinner, fun time of worship, skits and games for people of all ages. Saturday will be more typical VBS style with rotations of crafts, games, Bible exploration, projects with a purpose, lunch, snacks and more. Be sure to join us Sunday morning for Family Worship followed by a special VBS wrap up time.



Get on board and join the team! Volunteers are absolutely necessary for the success of VBS! Age range for volunteering is from 7th grade up to adults of all ages. We need help decorating, before, during (directly with kids and behind the scenes), and after the weekend. We'll also need craft, food and decor donations as well as school supplies and backpacks for our friends at Iglesia Lutherana Santa Cruz in Santa Maria. Watch for a detailed list in June or talk to Cindi to find out more.

Questions? Contact Cindi Wallace:





Youth Group News

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. Students must have completed 6th grade to participate. At the time of writing this, spots during our week are almost full. 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.



May 19 Annual Youth Fundraiser



All students need to help with fund-raising for this and other trips! We are asking every student in Middle or High School to help collect items for our raffle or silent auction. Details and donation letters were sent home with students during youth group or have been emailed. We need lots of support for this event and look forward to a fun evening for all! Talk to Cindi or Dawn Drysdale (youth committee chair) about how to get involved. Please see the community article for details about the event.

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ZOZU Child
Sponsored by SOS

Hello Saint Johns church

I greet you in the name of our lord Jesus christ

I am fine and I hope America is fine.

I am so happy to write this letter to you and I thank you for your wonderful support that you have given me.

I don't know where I would be if I had stoped in P.2, so I thank you for the wonderful work that you have done to me. And I will continue working hard untill I reach my dreams. I would send you my pictures but we are \$ too busy so I will send you my pictures in June when those of Eliane are coming back in uganda. Our family is always praying and we enjoy reading the letters you send me. After I have finished my studies, I would like to visit America so I am working hard to reach America. I want to thank God that I have two families.

I have one family in uganda and I have one family in America so I thank God for that. I would request you to visit uganda one day.

And will continue praying for you.

These are my words to you.

The hand that gives is more blessed than the hand that receives.

It means God will bless you for sponsoring me.

MAY GOD BLESS THE WORK OF YOUR HANDS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

MAY GOD BLESS YOU

THANKS



SOS
Social Ministry
Committee

Make a Difference

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

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:

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



May Food of the Month
Pasta & Sauce

Global Missions

The Global Missions Ministry met again April 9th for their monthly meeting. We were surprised and pleased to have a firsthand report from Pastor Jeff Nellermoe, our missionary to China. He was back in town for a couple of days before he & Mim would be heading to China once again. We talked about the work being done and how they have been able to partner with others in China to expand their outreach. The question always comes up: What can we do to support your work there? Pastor Jeff said that the two big challenges are: 1) Continue to gather funds for libraries in three schools. This will provide books, tables, chairs & bookshelves. These school have nothing at this time. 2) Also needed are a couple of vans to transport both children, staff and supplies. There are two staff members in China that have driver's licenses so they are ready when that time comes to expand our reach. Donations can be made through our giving to Saint John's. Just write in the memo line of your check: CSV Library Fund, or CSV Vehicle Fund. We will make the progress known.

It's an exciting time for Global Missions. If you share this excitement, please come and join us at our next meeting scheduled for **May 13 at 2 PM** and meet our new Leader, Pastor Patricia Muran. Know the joy of God's hand working miles away. It's exciting!!! We certainly thank Jeff Metcalfe for leadership in carrying us to this level. Thanks Jeff for your continued dedication to Global Missions.

Our focus isn't just China, but we continue to look at support that our congregation gives to the Zozu Project in Uganda and Iglesia Luterana Santa Cruz in Santa Maria, CA.

Dress a Girl

Dress A Girl and Duds for Dudes

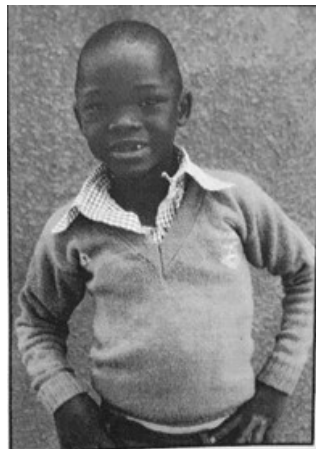
Dress A Girl met the first Saturday of April. Our concentration right now is of course, making dresses, but also making more cargo shorts for the boys. Last month when Pastor JP was here, Dress A Girl decided to support another child with the Zozu Project, this time a boy, to be the face of Dudes for Dudes. We are waiting for pictures from Arua of Edwin, in the shorts we sent along with Pastor JP. In the works, is a partnership with YWAM, as yet undefined.

Additionally, thanks, to Esther Jensen, Dress A Girl will be helping to start another sewing group at a church in Orcutt. More information to follow as that develops.

Our next workshop will be Saturday, May 11th from 9 am to 2 pm. Hope you'll join us to be blessed by making dresses and shorts for God's kids!

Pamela Glenn, Dress A Girl Coordinator for Saint John's & Ambassador for the Central Coast.

Be Blessed – Make a Dress!



May's Fellowship Folks Event
Annual Youth Fundraiser



Sunday, May 19, 2019

5:00 p.m.

Quimette Hall

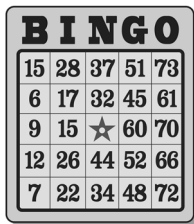
This summer our youth are spending a week in Los Angeles doing inner-city mission work at City Service Mission. While helping the needy, the experience is sure to deepen their faith, while honoring Christ.

**COME OUT for a FUN EVENING while HELPING US RAISE FUNDS
to SEND OUR YOUTH GROUP to LA!**

- ❖ Theme Dinner Tables featuring LA's hot spots!
- ❖ Silent Auction with Amazing Items & Packages
- ❖ A variety of delicious culturally ethnic Appetizers & Dinner
- ❖ A fun and exciting Dessert Dash!
- ❖ Photo Booth & Games
- ❖ Loads of fun!!
- ❖ EVERYONE IS INVITED!!

You don't want to miss this event!

Women's Ministry



SPRING GREETINGS from Women's Ministry.

Please plan to come to the Annual Taco/Bingo Fundraiser for WHAM.

TIME & DATE: Saturday May 4, 12:00 Noon.

\$10.00 includes lunch and two bingo cards.

Prizes will be awarded. Invite friends and neighbors.

Thank You,

Louise Frye, Sandra Kermoyan, Roseann Carroll, and Rena Weiger.

Fellowship Folks

Thank you Shari Bowman and Kathy Lindstaedt for a wonderful evening. The evening started off with a mixer game so you were required to walk around and ask a yes or no question to determine what name had been placed on your back. It was fun and everyone enjoyed the game. The group then enjoyed a feast of spaghetti, meatballs, salad, garlic bread and dessert. The evening ended with everyone joining in and singing.

What's Up Next Month - Next month our youth committee has volunteered to host our festivities. We'll be gathering Sunday May the 19th in the afternoon. Please read the following message from Theresa Schultz for this month's program. "I am happy to announce that this month's "Fellowship Folks" is the Youth's Annual Fundraiser Event & Dinner on Sunday, May 19 at 5:00 p.m. This year's theme is "City of Angels" because in July, the youth are spending a week doing mission work in Los Angeles with City Service Mission. The Bible commands us as followers of Christ to meet the needs of the "least among us". CSM will have our youth rise to this challenge by serving the needy all around LA. The "City of Angels" event will be a fun-filled evening for people of all ages, with a delicious dinner and appetizers representing different cultural ethnicities of the city. Plus there will be a silent auction with wonderful items for your bidding pleasure; a few fun and engaging games and a photo booth during the social-time; and what's sure to be a memorable Dessert Dash. Everyone is invited! We hope all can come out to support our youth and have a great time

Looking ahead --- We are looking for hosts for the future starting in June. If you would like to host an event, you can pick the date, time (confirm with office for date availably) and what you would like to do, just let us know by either jotting a note down on the attendance slip or give Frank Drake a call, 805 343-2200, so we can provide any assistance you might want.

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



Church Highlights

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

1. Social Outreach Committee shared that total W.H.A.M donations were \$1,039
2. Saint John's is switching to Charter Spectrum for phone and internet service. Annually we will save over \$4,600 and our internet speed will go from 7mbps to 400mbps!
3. A motion was made by Dave Goodwin and seconded by Mark Ravera to use \$500 from Council discretionary fund towards a new church logo.



♦ Thanks to our Lord for a successful back surgery on April 1st. God is good! Also a very special thanks to my Saint John's family for all the prayers, cards, love, offers of food and support. My recovery is going well. I'm able to get out and around with limitations. I hope to see you all soon. Love, Rena Weiger

- ♦ Dear Saint John's Family, It was with grateful hearts that we received your condolences and sympathy cards. The passing of Els, Louise's sister, came completely unexpected. Els died of a massive brain aneurism and never regained consciousness. We know that Els is in the good hands of our Lord and Savior now. Thank you again for your kind words, cards and your prayers. Scott and Louise Taylor



Income/Expenses:

Income

Expenses

Mar 2019

35,327.23

34,888.60

438.63

YTD

97,206.23

107,988.98

-10,782.75



ATTENDANCE

April 7

150

(Family Sunday)

April 14

177

includes 20
in Kids Church

April 21

317

Easter

April 28

NA

includes
in Kids Church



May

2 RACHEL MASICAMPO

3 CAROL ERICKSON

6 WES DRYSDALE, AYL A MCGHIE

8 TYLER DRYSDALE

9 LINNEA KLEIST

18 GEORGE ERICSON

23 KAMRYN VILLANTI

24 ANDREW WOOD

25 PAM WEBSTER, RENA WEIGER

28 ALFRED SCHIRMER

31 CHELSEA PERRY



5/1 STEPHEN & KAREN CORRELL

5/7 JENS & ANNA DYBDAHL

5/8 MARK & JEANNE HEIDEPRIEM

5/9 KEN & LINNEA KLEIST

5/27 REV. PAT & TOM MURAN



Prayer Ministry

Our friends & family:

Rena, Emily, Carol, Kelly, Audrey, Nancy, Axel, Glenn, Susan, Jack, Georgiana, Tim, Trudy, Rose, Sandy, Riley, Brent, Karen, Diane, Jim, Robby, Belinda, Janice, Friends & Family of Frannie



June Newsletter

Deadline is May 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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