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LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pastor's Page

"Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old." Matthew 13:52

Happy New Year!

I believe 2020 is going to be a wonderful year. What will they call the 2020's? Will it be the "Roaring 20's" again? I wonder. It really is an exciting time to be alive. I know Jesus will be with us this year (just like he was with us last year). He's got great things in store as we live out our mission together. I love Jesus' words from Matthew 13 above. When we're living in his kingdom, we're like diligent collectors that can bring out the old and work with the new.

We have a chance to sort through our rich heritage and bring out amazing "old school" treasures. These resources will serve us well as we encounter new challenges. And, of course, we'll keep listening to what God is saying to us right now. What's new and exciting that he wants us to focus on. This blend of old and new is what life in the kingdom is all about.

Speaking of old, this year we'll spend time reading the Old Testament together in our daily readings. What old treasures might we find there?

Be sure to check the calendar. We've got a fun Chili Cook-off and an important Congregational Meeting, as well as an awesome piano concert. It's great to be the church together.

God's Peace
Greg
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Welcome
2020!

Up Coming Events



Don't Forget!
Congregational Meeting Part II
Sunday, January 26
Between Services



Please be sure to join us for a time of Sharing Piano Music & Memories at Saint John's with pianist **Louise Frye & Belva Hanson** on **Sunday, January 12, 2020** at **3:00 P.M.** FREEWILL OFFERING with donations benefitting the Youth and Children of Saint John's Lutheran Church. See page 4 for details

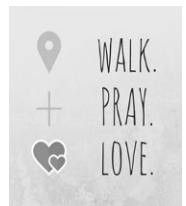


Do not miss our annual Chili Cook Off and Fun Family Night Sunday, January 26th. See details on page 6.

Prayer Walk and Talk @ the Beach

Thursdays 8:30-9:30am

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 of our fabulous kiddos for your hard work, fun energy and fantastic job on our Heaven and Nature Sing Christmas Program! Special thanks to Carol Johnson, Patti Roberts, Linda Cziraki & KC Siddle for all of your help with the costumes and props! Thank you Songfest and choir for your dedication and sharing your beautiful musical talents with us! And to all our moms, dads, grandmas and grandpas for your extra hours of practice help.

Please be sure to join us for a time of Sharing Piano Music & Memories at Saint John's with pianist Louise Frye & Belva Hanson on Sunday, January 12, 2020 at 3:00 P.M. FREEWILL OFFERING with donations benefitting the Youth and Children of Saint John's Lutheran Church.

The concert will include solo piano works by Martha Mier, J.S. Bach, C.P.E. Bach, Beethoven, Haydn, Greig, Liszt, and Chopin. Also included will be one piano, four hands with Belva and will feature Four American Folk Songs, and the delightful "Little White Donkey". Louise will be sharing some of her memories as a student in her early teens to adulthood from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. Many of the pieces were first learned during those years. Please plan to attend the recital and refreshments will be served following the recital.



Kids and parents (or grandparents!) are invited to join us for Scarf distribution on Sunday, December 29th following worship. Kids 6th grade and younger need an adult present for this outing. Please see details on the youth page.

Youth Group News



CHILI COOK- OFF

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Hume Lake Winter Camp

When: February 28 - March 1

Grades: 7-12

Cost: \$50 per student: \$25 Non-refundable deposit is past due.

All changes need to be made by the end of December. Talk to Cindi if you are not signed up and we'll see if there is room to add. **Total cost for non-member friends: \$215 plus spending cash.**



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KidsChurch teachers and Youth & Children's Committee Year End Celebration Sunday, December 29th at the home of Rich and Theresa Schultz. We want to enjoy fellowship with one another, celebrate together and thank you for another year of faithful dedication to the youth and children of Saint John's! You all are awesome! We couldn't do it without each one of you! Check your email and talk to Cindi, Dawn or Theresa for details.

January's Fellowship Folks

Sunday, January 26th

at 4:30 p.m. in Ouimette Hall



**Come out for a fun filled night of great food
and lots of fun! Be one of many judges or just
sample some of the most the delicious chili!**

ATTENTION CHILI COOKOFF ENTRIES:

- RED Chili only
- \$20 entry fee per person/pot of chili
- Bring a large pot of red chili heated in a crock pot
- No additional ingredients can be added for judging
- Prizes will be awarded!
- Sign Ups in the Commons

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Getting to know our newer members....



Steve and Cyndi Perry

Steve and Cyndi are both native Californians. Steve was born in Tulare and Cyndi in Riverside. Their daughter Sarah is 33 and son Ian is 31. Steve's favorite job is programming and it is also his least favorite at times. Cyndi enjoys teaching science and art but confesses that at home she avoids unloading the dishwasher. Steve enjoys soaking in the hot tub, reading, and flying a plane and Cyndi likes exploring with Steve, horseback riding, and encouraging others. At Saint John's Steve is looking for liturgical worship and Cyndi is seeking the love of Jesus, a church family to love and serve with, and solid leadership. Steve and Cyndi are still looking for and praying about the best ways to serve at Saint John's. Steve is very blessed by his wife, Cyndi, his family, and living on the Central Coast. Cyndi is thankful for her husband, Steve, her children, her friends, and the joy of knowing Jesus.

Welcome to Saint John's Steve and Cyndi, dear brothers and sisters in Christ!!
The Good News Team

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Prayer Quilt Ministry

"God bless you for your loving care and prayer quilt. I've never gotten a card like this before. You made my year!!"

Darlene, Jeff Nellermoes mother

Prayer blankets are available for any member who has someone in need. For more details (or if you would like to participate in sewing them) please contact with Kerry Wood.

Fellowship Folks

As previously noted Fellowship Folks tied in with our Advent event. There was a good turn out I believe everyone enjoyed a good brunch and then contributed to making wreaths, decorating the church, putting up the nativity scene, or baking Norwegian lefsa and krumkaka. What a great time we all had.

Looking ahead----January has been spoken for by our youth so look for the announcement of the activity on page 6. There is an event planned for February also so keep looking for the announcement.



We need hosts starting in March for the rest of the year, so don't be shy step forward and provide our congregation with an opportunity to fellowship. For all future events you can pick the date, time and what you would like to do for any of the months available. Just let us know by either jotting a note down on the attendance slip or give Frank Drake a call, so we can provide any assistance you might want.

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

Make a Difference



SOS
Social Ministry
Committee

Monthly Food Donations

For The 5 Cities Christian Women's Food Pantry

As we head into 2020, 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:

January-canned soup

February-mac and cheese

March-canned meats

April-peanut butter

May-pasta and/or sauce

June-cereal

July-mac and cheese

August-canned meat

September-canned soup

October-peanut butter

November-pasta and/or sauce

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



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.

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.

Dress a Girl

Dress A Girl will resume its monthly meeting every second Saturday of the month, starting January 11, 2020 from 9 am to 2 pm. We took a couple of months off during the holidays, other than meeting once to put together dress kits on December 4th. We were a small group but accomplished much and we have a new stock of dress kits ready for those of you who like to take your dresses home to sew. We are hoping to establish some new partners this year – more about that as details are worked out. Just a reminder, our Workshops are open to everyone and we'd love to have you involved in the Dress A Girl ministry. Even if you don't sew, there are many non-sewing jobs that need to be done – come and see how you could be involved! Pamela Glenn, Dress A Girl Coordinator for Saint John's dressagirlagca@gmail.com.



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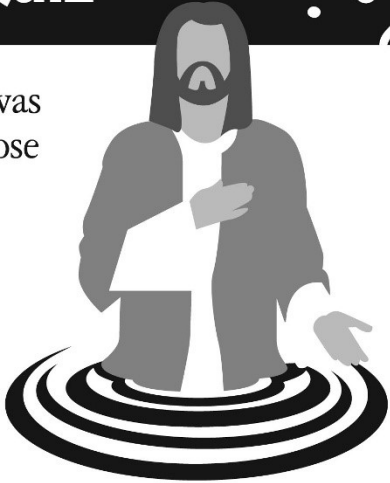
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Bible Quiz

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According to Matthew, who was present at Jesus' baptism? (Choose as many as apply.)

- A. John the Baptist
- B. The Spirit of God
- C. Jesus' mother, Mary
- D. His first disciples



Answer: A and B (See Matthew 3:13-17.)



Church Highlights

Please make sure that any contributions that are to be included in 2019's totals, are submitted by January 5th, 2020 and are designated as such. All donations received after that date, even if predated, will be entered into 2020's offerings. Thank you. If you have any questions, please contact Kerry Wood, Financial Secretary. If you would like information about automatic giving, text giving or receiving offering envelopes, please contact the church office. Note: 2019 Contribution Statements will be mailed out before the end of the month.

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Congregational Meeting, Part 2



Income/Expenses:

Income

Expenses

November 2019

30,461.26

37,741.56

-7,280.30

YTD

321,234.36

393,626.80

-72,392.44



ATTENDANCE

Dec. 1
Dec.29

Dec. 8

Dec.15

Dec.22

143
(Family Sunday)

150
includes
in Kids Church

153
includes
in Kids Church

NA

NA



January

- 3 JANIS IMMEL, LYDIA WALLACE
- 4 MARY BARRETTE
- 5 KEVIN COLTON
- 8 JANICE GONZALES
- RODGER ORMONDE
- JOYCE MCGHIE
- 13 MARK HEIDEPRIEM, GERALD YOPS
- 14 LESTER BLANK, CAROL JOHNSON,
KELLY BERCH,
- 17 BRIAN KING, ADAM MCCOID
- 18 ROSEANN CARROLL, RUTH KAPKA
- 19 PATTY OUIMETTE
- 20 BRANDON APFEL, RYAN APFEL,
JENNIFER HYMAN
- 23 JAMAINE MYER
- 26 DEBBIE BELDEN
- BARBARA MAYFIELD
- 28 KAREN CORRELL,
- 29 BETTY KNUDSON
- 30 CARRIE ORMONDE,
OLIVIA WINTERBERG
- 31 SYLVIA GOLD,
THOMAS LINDSTAEDT



6 STAN & PATTI ROBERTS



Prayer Ministry

Flo, Maxine, Sandra, Axel, Betty, Shirley, Barbara, Arianna, Tim, Rose, Karen, Jim, Belinda, Eric, Jim, Kelly, the family of Donna Filter



February Newsletter

Deadline is Jan. 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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