



The Eagle February 2020

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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

Greetings Kingdom Scribes!

I hope your February is off to a great start. As we continue to read and study the Old Testament together, I hope God is showing you some wonderful treasures. It's amazing the way the Holy Spirit enlivens the Word for us. It certainly has taken an extra level of dedication and time. Thank you for putting in the effort. I know the reward will be a closer walk with the Lord and a greater understanding of his nature and plans for us.

At the end of the month, we'll make the transition into the meaningful Season of Lent. These 40 days before Easter are a sacred time to draw near to Jesus and his cross. I always think that Easter is more meaningful when we've done the work of Lent. Kicking things off will be our Shrove Tuesday Mardi Gras on Tuesday, February 25th. Watch for more details. Ash Wednesday is a somber experience remember that we dust and to dust, we shall return. We'll observe that day with two gatherings at noon and 7pm.

Also this month, I'll be away for some Stephen Ministry Leader Training with Gordon Eiland. Any time with Gordon is time well spent and I can't wait to learn more about this important ministry. If you've ever thought about being a Stephen Minister I hope you speak with Kerry Wood for more info.

Peace

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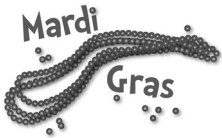
Forty
Days
OF LENT

Up Coming Events



Fellowship Folks - Baby Rule Bash

February 22nd, 2020, at 4:30! See details on page 10



Fat Tuesday - Tuesday, February 25th at 6 pm

Come, Come Come!!!

Come for great Food & Fellowship. Watch for more info!



February 26th

Join us at 12:00 noon and 7:00 pm.

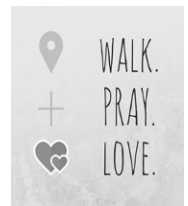


Lenten Soup Suppers – Each Wednesday in March beginning March 4, at 6:00 pm, we will be meeting for our Lenten Soup Suppers and worship stations. Meetings will take place in the warm and inviting Commons and include yummy soup, fellowship, and an inspirational focus on the cross as we visit various stations including communion.

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



Rockin' Jump Sunday, February 23rd

Kids and families - let's meet up for a fun family afternoon of jumping, play and all kinds of silly! 60 minutes of jump time is \$15 per hour per person (or \$18 for 90 minutes). Every minor needs to have a signed waiver on file. You can do that at the park or ahead of time online at santamaria.rockinjump.com. This not a drop off event, so please plan on at least one parent or adult staying on site with children 6th grade and younger. Let Cindi know if you're coming! We'll **meet at Rockinjump at 3 pm**: 142 Town Center East, Suite G-58 in Santa Maria.



We are a little behind with our offerings for 2019- please keep bringing your quarters to help support Wilfred and his great education at Solid Rock School in Uganda. Thanks for praying for all the children connected with the Zozu project.



KidsChurch Pajama Day! Sunday, March 8th

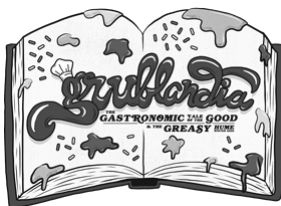
Anyone else dread losing an hour of sleep for your kiddos with "Spring Forward"? We've got you covered! All kids are encouraged to come in PJs for KidsChurch. We'll have breakfast snacks and a fun morning planned for kids in K-6th.

Youth Group News



Many thanks to Louise Frye for your amazing efforts and beautiful piano concert in January. And thanks to all for your generosity to our youth and children's ministries. Louise helped us raise almost \$1400.

Thank you to all my good friends and donors at Saint John's Lutheran Church. I was overwhelmed by the attendance and support I received at the concert on Sunday January 12th. The audience was very energizing. A special thanks also to Pastor Greg, Cindi, and the wonderful youth helpers: Lydia, Micah, Lucca, & Evan. I love the beautiful floral bouquet, the candy, and the sweet messages in the lovely card. Blessings to all, Louise Frye



Hume Lake Winter Camp

When: February 28th - March 1st

Grades: 7th-12th

No Sunday Night Youth Group following Winter camp, March 1st.

What should I bring?

Bible, notebook, pencil
flashlight
sleeping bag, pillow
towel & toiletries
warm clothes, extra shoes, jacket
hat, gloves, boots
spending money (\$40-\$50)



February 23rd we'll jump back into our 4th Sundays rotation of serving together! 7th-12th graders will put our faith into action, work together and care for God's people, his world, and others around us. We will serve Iglesia Luterana in Santa Maria following worship on Sunday 2/23. Please let Cindi or Chrissy know if you can join us or you need a ride.

Make a Difference



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:



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

**February-
Mac and Cheese**

Social Outreach Services Team Says Thank You

Thank you Saint John's for your support of the Alternative Gift Giving Fair on Sunday, December 8. In total you contributed \$3,138 to help our brothers and sister in need both locally and around the world. By donating to one of the designated non-profits, we also honored a loved one. Disbursements to the non-profits were as follows:

Heifer International - \$125

Iglesia Luterana - \$1,535

ZOZU Project - \$1,263

China Venture Services - \$215

Through your BIG HEARTS, Saint John's embraced the broken and made a difference at Christmas. Thank you also for continuing to fill the little food wagon each month for the 5 Cities Christian Women's Food Coalition. During the winter months the shelves at the food pantry get so low that your generosity is especially appreciated, The first Sunday of each month on Family Worship Sunday, our children collect the food contributions during the service to take to the wagon at the altar. The "food of the month" is always promoted in the Eagle and in the weekly bulletin. If you forget to bring your contribution to this worthy cause, you can bring it at any time throughout the month. Let's continue to fill the wagon and fill the tummies of the hungry in our community! Thank you to the knitters of Saint John's who made over 100 scarves to distribute to the homeless in our community and to Jeff Metcalf for volunteering at the Homeless Warming Center

World Hunger



W.H.A.M. **= World Hunger Awareness Month**

W.H.A.M. (World Hunger Awareness Month) is here! February 2-March 1 is the BIG PUSH by the Social Outreach Services Team to raise awareness of those who are hungry and in need in our community and around the world.

In Matthew 25:40, Jesus tells us, "Amen, I say to you, whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do unto me."

This year our donations will be divided equally between the "Feed the Workers" program at Iglesia Luterana Church in Santa Maria and the ZOZU Project meal program at Solid Rock Christian School in Arua, Uganda where the over 430 students are fed 2 meals/day through donations. When you come to church each Sunday during the month of February, you will see a large WHAM display created by our own Shelley Malcolm in the Commons area outside the sanctuary. We ask that you place your cash donations and checks in the jar. Checks should be made out to Saint John's Lutheran Church with reference on the memo line to World Hunger Awareness. Blank offering envelopes will be found next to the jar, so if you choose, you may complete the information on the envelope with your name, envelope number, and amount and put it in the jar.

FEBRUARY IS THE MONTH OF LOVE SO LET US GIVE GENEROUSLY WITH AN OPEN AND LOVING HEART. It is heartbreaking to think of hungry children or workers toiling in the fields who are hungry and not making enough money to feed their families. As God has blessed us, let us see if we can be a **BIG BLESSING** to those who need our help.



Fellowship Folks

February's Fellowship Folks event will be held on Saturday, February 22nd, at 4:30 pm in Ouimette Hall and being hosted by Janice and David Goodwin and Shari Bowman. As you may know, Adrienne and Jason Rule are expecting their first child who is due on March 23rd. Neither mom or dad are much into the traditional "baby shower," but do want to celebrate with their Saint John's Family, so we are going to "Welcome Baby Rule" by having a Family Game Night! Adrienne and Jason love to play board games, love nature and spending time outdoors, and are both self-proclaimed nerds and LOVE to read - they are hoping that Baby Rule will enjoy the same! All sorts of games for all ages will be available throughout Ouimette Hall, and we will share potluck appetizers and finger foods.

They won't know the gender of the baby until Baby's Birth Day, so we will handle gifts in the following way - you can:

- "Fill the Bookshelf" by bringing any sort of book that you think you would like to share with them,
 - Bring a gift card to hang on the "Gift Tree." Here's the link to their baby registry: <https://www.babylist.com/baby-rule-JandA>
 - Contribute to Baby Rule's 529 College Savings Plan (more details to come on that - contact Janice or David Goodwin)
 - Or just come, play games, and enjoy the fellowship and celebration of Baby Rule!
- We will also have a friendly little Baby Stats Pool - the winner will get to donate the proceeds to the ministry of their choice at Saint John's!

We hope to see you on February 22nd, 2020, at 4:30!

Women's Ministry



All women of Saint John's are invited to our Women's Ministry Valentine Celebration on Wednesday, February 12th at 1:00 PM. Please come to enjoy our fellowship, and bring your sweet tooth, as we always serve dessert!

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.

Dress a Girl

Dress A Girl met Sat. Jan. 11th to make dresses and prepare kits, which involves cutting out the body of the dress, the sleeves or straps and pockets. Sounds simple – right? Actually there are many steps involved and we invite you to come by the Fellowship Hall on the second Saturday of the month to see the whole process. Along with making kits, we also had a total of about 20 dresses completed, thanks to our fabulous seamstresses! Of course, we always have a great time of fellowship, too! Our group is so blessed!



On Wed. Jan. 22nd from 10 am to 2 pm, we met again to finish the serging of the dress pieces before they are sewn together. In December, we received 300 dresses from House of God in Redlands. In January, God prompted the local area team leader for Operation Christmas Child to contact me about having dresses to put in their shoeboxes. She wants 250 dresses to start! How awesome is that!

Hope to see all of you at one time or another.
Come see our Dress A Girl operation – you'll be amazed!

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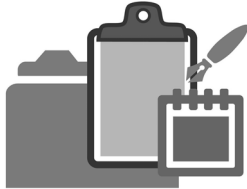




Church Highlights



Annual Reports are available in the Commons



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Income/Expenses:

	December 2019	YTD
Income	\$52,771	\$369,686
Expenses	\$40,956	\$429,234
	\$11,815	\$-59,548



ATTENDANCE

Jan. 5 107 (Family Sunday)	Jan. 12 161 includes 17 in Kids Church	Jan.19 119 (one Service) includes 12 in Kids Church	Jan.26 143 (one Service) includes 17 in Kids Church
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February

- 2 ROBIN EILAND
- 5 NANCY DUTY,
CHRISSEY RAVERA
- 6 STEVE PERRY,
MERLIN WILSON
- 7 CHUCK LACUGNA
- 8 CAY EBERSOLE
- 10 PASTOR GREG
- 11 JERRY DEVOS,
WILLIAM LARSON
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- 18 RALPH MINER
- 19 JENS DYBDAHL,
FRANK LEBENS
ADRIENNE RULE
- 21 LUCCA RAVERA
- 23 DAVID IMMEL



2 MARK & CHRISSEY RAVERA



Prayer Ministry

Jan, Gloria, Dave, Pam, Tim, Buddy, Crystal, Trudy, Emily, Candy, Stan, Bob, Dawn, Tom, Flo, Maxine, Axel, Buddy, Noelle, Shirley, Barbara, Rose, Karen, Belinda, Eric, Home of Hope.



March Newsletter

Deadline is Feb. 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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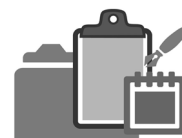


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