



## The Eagle April 2020

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# Pastor's Page

**He is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

The traditional Easter greeting is an important word for us right now. Death seems to have a grip on this world, and on the hearts of so many. Fear, doubt, scarcity. These words are not resurrection words, they're tomb words. Our world seems to be waiting for renewal and hope to return, or worrying it never will. The three days in the grave conjure similar feelings in the first disciples. They too may have asked, "What will we do in the face of death and loss?"



As I write this, on Monday, March 23rd, we're still stuck on lockdown in our homes. It's only been a little over one week since we were able to gather freely in person, yet it feels like months to me. Crazy how time can stretch in such weird ways.

There are some great signs of resurrection though. The church met online through Youtube and Facebook and Zoom yesterday. We connected and worshipped even as we were scattered. We proclaimed our faith in the risen Lord Jesus in the face of this trial. I've been hearing from many how they are caring for others and experiencing love and connection during this time. We need more and more of that. Keep checking in with neighbors in need and keep connecting. This physical isolation doesn't have to be social isolation. Please call or text me (310-613-0283) or email me ([greg@saintjohnsag.com](mailto:greg@saintjohnsag.com)) and let me know how you're doing (even if you're doing great).

God's Easter Hope to you!  
Greg

## Mask Making Party

Do you sew? Would you like to help save the day in this time of crisis? Janice Goodwin is heading up our efforts to make masks during this time. Shoot her an email at [Janice@saintjohnsag.com](mailto:Janice@saintjohnsag.com) to learn more.

**On-Line Worship  
Worship at 9:30 and 11:00 am  
[saintjohnsag.com](http://saintjohnsag.com)**

# Up Coming Events



## HOLY WEEK SERVICE LOCATION SUBJECT TO CHANGE



**April 9<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm**

**April 10<sup>th</sup> Good Friday 7:00 pm**

Join us as we remember Jesus's death on the cross of Calvary.



**Sunday, April 12th**

**The Resurrection of Our Lord**

**Easter Sunrise by the Beach 6:30 am**

Meet at the patio at the end of Grand Ave, in Grover Beach. Bring your lawn chairs and coffee to share. Bring your neighbors, relatives, and friends to this Sunrise Celebration. Songfest leads us, as The Old Rugged Cross is transformed into a sign of new life.

**Worship at 9:30 and 11:00 am, back at Saint John's**

Come celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord.

9:00 am Contemporary Worship    11:00 am Traditional Worship

Come Hear the Good News. Christ is Risen, He has Risen, Indeed!

# News during the Crisis

**On-Line Worship** As we face this crisis together, we are moving all of our Worship, Lenten Services, Bible Studies, and meeting to on-line. If you have any questions how this works please contact Greg at [greg@saintjohnsag.com](mailto:greg@saintjohnsag.com) or give him a call at 310-613-0283. **Sunday Worship is at 9:30 and 11:00 am.**

**Kids & Youth News** During this season of “Shelter in Home” we still want to connect! Be sure to watch your email and Facebook for regular communications and don’t hesitate to reach out. If you have kids in 12th grade or younger and you do not receive emails from me, please let me know and I will get you added right away. In your email you will find links, meeting id, and passwords to join the following Zoom meetings: **Wednesdays 1-1:30 Kids 6th grade and under** - While this time is geared for younger kids, parents and older siblings are encouraged to join along side them. **Thursdays 7-8 pm Parents & adults leaders** - come talk about how your week is going, share concerns, joys, and what is working so far with your kids. **Sundays 6-6:45 7th-12th grade** - talk, connect, laugh, play games, try out goofy backgrounds, and pray together.

It is with a very heavy and sad heart that due to COVID-19 we will not be celebrating Easter Fun Day or enjoying Easter Breakfast together as we had planned. (Worship Services will still be held, location to be determined) Please stay tuned as we look forward to other ways to connect and celebrate together in the future. As of now, we are still hopeful we will enjoy our **Summer Youth Trip, July 5th-11th** with Sonshine Ministries on Lake Shasta. Our parent meeting is postponed for now, but will be rescheduled as soon as we are able to do so.

Questions? Ideas on how we can serve you or others during this time? I want to hear from you! Contact Cindi Wallace: [cindi@saintjohnsag.com](mailto:cindi@saintjohnsag.com) or 310.613.0284

**Dress a Girl News** If you need Dress a Girl Kits contact Pam @ [Dressagirlagca@gmail.com](mailto:Dressagirlagca@gmail.com)

**Prayer Request** Even though the campus will be closed due to the virus, I will still be sending out all prayers and updates. Please email, text, leave voicemail or send in your requests. The schedule may be a little different, but I will send them out when I receive them. Cheryl  
[office@saintjohnsag.com](mailto:office@saintjohnsag.com), 959 Valley Rd Arroyo Grande 93420

# Contributions during the Crisis

People have been asking how they can keep giving financially during this time of isolation. Thank you so much for your financial support. If you're able to keep giving, please do so. If you're not able, of course, we totally understand. If you have needs we can help with, please get in touch. -Greg

## Giving by Mail

We are still receiving mail so you can send a check to:

Saint John's Lutheran Church

**959 Valley Road Arroyo Grande, CA 93420**

## Giving via Online Bill Pay through your bank

If you pay your bills online through your bank's website, you can simply add Saint John's as a "payee" and we'll receive your contribution. Use the church address and phone (805) 489-1259.

## Giving via Simply Giving

A very convenient way to give is through our Simply Giving program. You fill out a form and empower Simply Giving to make a weekly/monthly automatic withdrawal from your checking account. Email us in the office ([office@saintjohnsag.com](mailto:office@saintjohnsag.com)) and we'll send you the form.

## Giving by Text

To register the first time...Enter text number, **(805) 250-4073**,  
Enter **amount** of donation or type "**assist**", **SEND** text.  
Follow prompts to register.

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

### 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 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.

### 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.



# APRIL

- 1 HEATHER HOUSTON
- 2 LAURA EMMERLING
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- 11 LINDA MCNAIR
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- 16 EVAN REILLY
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- 27 ALFRED & CAROLYN SCHIRMER



## Prayer Ministry

Birth of Galen Kurt Edwin Rule,  
Mike C., Shirley Swododa, Shaun, Tim,  
Mel, Kayla, Austin & Carson, Lester  
and Elizabeth, Judy



May Newsletter

**Deadline is April 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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