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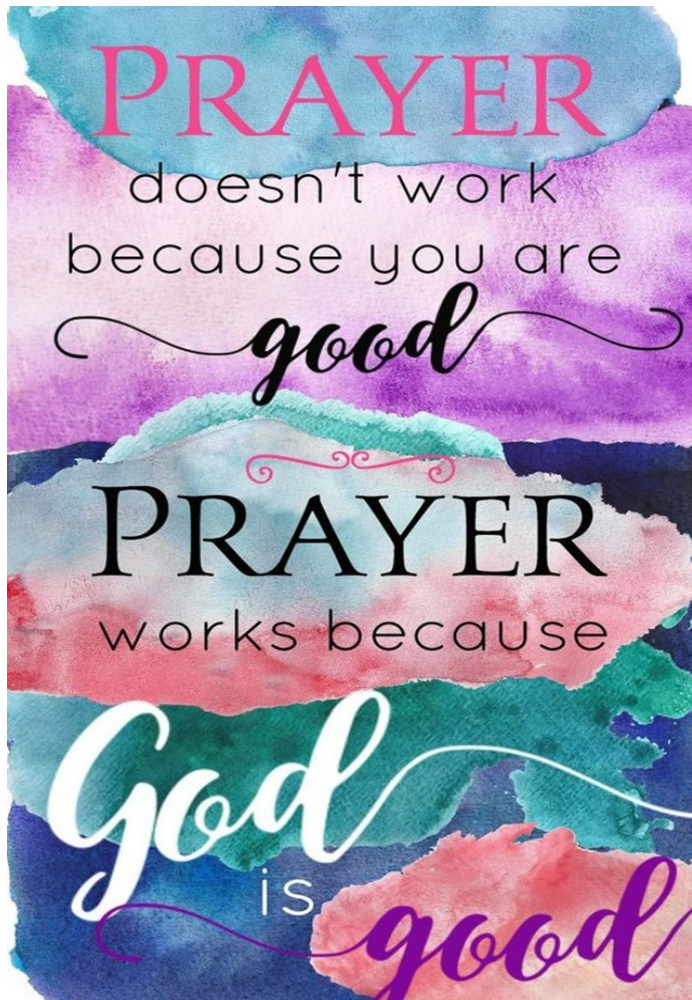
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Pastor's Page

“Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.” Nehemiah 8:10

This summer, we're diving into the Old Testament book of Nehemiah. The Old Testament has been a treasure for those of us that are reading through it in 2020 together. As Nehemiah would say, "the joy of the Lord is your strength." It's also been a real challenge to keep up with the number of chapters each week. Even with more time in quarantine, I know I've fallen behind some weeks. Don't beat yourself up, just jump in. You'll see a new bookmark with the readings for the next two months enclosed.

Nehemiah was an important leader during a pivotal time in the history of God's people. They were coming back from exile and needed to rebuild the city of Jerusalem. The gates and the walls were in ruins and the people had no vision for their role in God's plan. Nehemiah and Ezra give practical and spiritual guidance that we can learn from in our time of rebuilding and re-opening. If you're a "let's get down to business" kind of person, you'll love Nehemiah.

As more and more things open up, the church is getting back to more in-person meetings. Watch for details on groups and committees getting back in the swing of things. We'll keep offering online worship along with in-person Sunday gatherings with precautions.

Grace+Peace
Greg



Church Email Updates Are you getting our emails? Please email Pastor Greg greg@saintjohnsag.com to get on our list.

Life Together

We Are Open! 9:30am and 11am Worship Services

- *Temp Checks
- *Masks required
- *Social distancing

**Also Online Worship will continue at 9:30 and 11:00 am
saintjohnsag.com**

www.youtube.com/user/stjohnsluthchurchag

www.facebook.com/pg/saintjohnslutheran

**DVDs of the Worship Gatherings are available, email
office@saintjohnsag.com**



Church Council Online Forum Sunday, August 2nd at 6pm

The Church Council will be online and ready to give you an update on how things are going at Saint John's. You'll hear a financial overview for the first half of 2020 and some projects they're working on. The Council is eager to answer any questions you have and to help you stay informed. Speaking of questions, would you email our Council President, Steve Kapka, if you have any questions. His email is sdkapka@yahoo.com.

Caught Serving: Saint John's Re-Opening Task Force

Thanks to this hard-working bunch for their efforts to prepare Saint John's to re-open last month. Wes Drysdale, Ron & Kay Werner, Mark Heidepriem, Mark Haley, Kevin Colton, Tom & Julie Lebens, Steve Kapka, Cheryl Apfel, Greg & Cindi Wallace. Also a big thank you to everyone that came out on Sunday, June 14th to set up and clean between services. Ken & Linnea Kleist, Jerry DeVos, Pam Glenn.

Kids News



Pizza & Popsicles at Saint John's Friday, June 26 at 6 pm
Bring a blanket or lawn chairs for your family. And please bring drinks for your family. Pizza & popsicles will be provided if you SIGN UP WITH Cindi

KidsChurch will not be meeting in traditional format and will look a little different this summer. As guidelines and data continue to be released, we are doing our best to stay informed, keep everyone safe and still plan fun and meaningful events. We are looking into some Sunday morning

hybrid KidsChurch - Child care opportunities for August (possibly late July). In the meantime, please join us in your homes and neighborhoods on a journey to Grow Like Jesus. Summer bucket and a printed guide with all you need are available in the Commons. The material is also available to download as a PDF on the Saint John's Website.

All church Campfire worship & S'mores by the fire-pit Sunday, June 19 at 7 pm. Please bring: Your own camp/lawn chair and drinks for yourself. I'll have plenty of supplies for S'mores however if you are more comfortable, you may bring your own s'mores supplies.



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.



Baptism of Galen Kurt Edwin Rule Sunday, July 19th at 9:30am

I hope you can join us as we celebrate little Galen's baptism and new life in Christ. Adrienne & Jason Rule are excited to share this moment with all of us at Saint John's.

How to Give

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 the Church Website Go to www.SaintJohnsAG.com/how-to-give/ where you can learn more and even donate with your credit or debit card.

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.

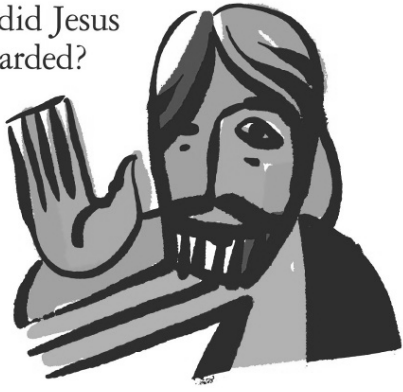
Giving via Simply Giving A very convenient way to give is through our Simply Giving program. You fill out a form and empower Simply Giving to make a weekly/monthly automatic withdrawal from your checking account. Email us in the office (office@saintjohnsag.com) and we'll send you the form.

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

?? ? **Bible Quiz** ? ?

What seemingly small act did Jesus specifically say would be rewarded?

- A. Giving a child a toy
- B. Giving a lost traveler directions
- C. Giving someone a cup of cold water
- D. Giving a sad person a hug



Answer: C (See Matthew 10:42.)




July



- 1 SARAH ORMONDE
- 3 NICCO RAVERA
- 4 ERMA KENDRICK, PATTI ROBERTS
- 7 CAROLYN MINER
- 8 ROBERT HOUSTON
- 13 ANNA DYBDAHL
- 15 TRUDY LINNAN
- 16 DAMON WOOD
- 17 ROSE GODDARD
- 18 TOM REILLY
- 19 PATRICIA MURAN
- 20 BEVERLY KOVALL
MARCIA THORNTON
- 21 LOUISE FRYE
- 22 JEANETTE BARTLESON,
JANICE GOODWIN
- 23 CLARE MURAN
- 25 ROBERT CARLESON,
MICAH COLTON
- 26 MICAH WALLACE, MARY ZOLL
- 27 JOSHUA ORMONDE
- 29 JULIE LEBENS, DARLENE LACUGNA
- 30 RICHARD BEAN
- 31 ELIZABETH BLANK, ED MURASKI

- 13 MEGAN & CHRISTOPHER
WINTERBERG
- 17 KEN & SUSAN RODRIGUEZ
- 18 ROGER & JEANNIE ORMONDE
- 24 BRIAN & ANGIE KING
- 28 MERLIN & JEAN WILSON

 Sandy Lebens, Lynn Peltier, her sister Patti, Kent
Prayer Ministry Penningroth, Amber, Adrienne's Sister-in-law. Dennis, Cheryl, and their four boys, Eric, Saint John's Tim, Kayla, Austin & Carson, Mel, Lester, Elizabeth.

Council Highlights

We are very happy that services resumed on June 14. A very big thanks to all who served in the re-opening Task Force as well as those who helped coordinate entry, exit, and sanitation procedures in the sanctuary. We will continue to proceed in this manner with caution due to the recent uptick in Covid cases nationwide. Treasurer reported a good month of May, 2020 with overall income up nearly \$4,000 from the previous year, 2019. Office staff are back to their usual hours starting the week of June 14. A big SHOUT OUT to those who helped install electrical and mounted the new screens in the sanctuary. Council discussed the need for Saint John's to open up discussions related to racial issues and possibly how Saint John's can minister and shed some light on these issues within our community. Kids church may resume on July 19, in a modified format. Council will host a Budget Forum Sunday, August 2nd at 6pm. Respectfully, Mark Ravera Council Secretary

<u>Income/Expenses:</u>	May 2020	YTD
Income	\$ 30,323	\$ 160,209
Expenses	\$ 32,128	\$ 176,754
	\$ - 1,805	\$ -16,545

Aug. Newsletter

Deadline is July 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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