



Saint John's

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pastor's Page

*"Your kingdom come. Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven." Matthew 6:10*

After our summer worship series in the challenging book of Nehemiah, it will be nice to get back into the New Testament this month. Nehemiah sought to rebuild the brokenness that he saw all around him. We want to keep growing in that same ability.

The Kingdom of God comes as the Good News is proclaimed. It sets people free to be who God made them to be. How do we help people struggling with job loss, poverty, systemic injustice, and racism? We often shy away from these topics because they make us uncomfortable.

This month we'll start talking about **A Christian Response to Racism with a Congregation Discussion Forum on Sunday, September 13th at 4pm.** If you're interested in growing in this key area, I hope you'll come join the conversation. This month, we'll also hear from our amazing **Law Enforcement Officers at Saint John's.** What is life like right now for cops in our culture and how can we support them.

With our students and children back in school with distance learning, they are "Zoomed Out." Can you imagine trying to learn all alone with just a computer screen? Keep praying for our kids and families and teachers! We decided to do **Confirmation in person** (outdoors) once a month to help stay connected.

We'll also have **a lot of opportunities to be together in person** (outdoors) with 3 worship gatherings on the lawn, another Outdoor Movie Night, and a great Night of Worship together.

May your kingdom come,
Greg



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

Life Together

Online Worship will continue as well as Outdoor Worship
saintjohnsag.com

www.youtube.com/user/stjohnsluthchurchag

www.facebook.com/pg/saintjohnslutheran

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

WORSHIP GATHERINGS IN SEPTEMBER

September 6th, 9:30 & 11am Online Only



Outdoor Worship Plan
(Online will still be available)

September 13th, 20th, 27th, Worship on the lawn 10am

A Christian Response to Racism:

Congregation Discussion Forum
Sunday, September 13th at 4pm

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Starts September 8th at 11am

Night of Worship

Sunday, September 27th at 6:30pm

Outdoor Movie Night

Mulan (the brand new live action movie)
Saturday, September 5th 8pm
See page 4 from more details.

Kids News

Outdoor Movie Night

Everyone welcome, family friendly, **OUTDOOR MOVIE night** and enjoy Disney's new live action Mulan. The new live action is rated PG-13 (for sequences of violence). Come anytime after 6:30 pm with a picnic dinner for your family. Movie will begin about 8 pm (as soon as it is dark enough to do so). Be sure to bring warm layers, chairs/blankets, food/snacks, and enjoy some socially distant fellowship on the lawn.



Homework Help

Do you have an hour or two to invest in the social, emotional, and academic life of child? With the majority of our kids returning to school via distance learning - we want to support families and encourage kids!

Saint John's - we need you! We are looking for adults or older teens who are willing to work 1:1 or 1:2 with kids, with a maximum of 3 adults and 3 kids per hour to begin. We will either set up a table outdoors or wear masks indoors as we will be closely motoring, and following Covid safety concerns as a high priority.

We will begin on Tuesday afternoons in September from 3-7 pm with 45 minute time slots. If you are interested in helping or bringing your children, please contact Cindi.

Youth Group Study Group

7th-12th Grade students - come hang out on Wednesdays in September from 3:30-5:30 for a little sense of "normal" (whatever that is!?!). Bring your schoolwork, a laptop or tablet (if needed) and come encourage one another mid week. We'll take a study break mid way and play a game or two! Depending on how Covid guidelines unfold we will either be outdoors or spread out indoors, wearing masks.

Youth Group (7th-12th grades) Skate Park Sunday, September 20th

We'll be at the Grover Beach skate park from 4:30-6:00 pm and then walk to Burger King for dinner. Please bring money for your dinner & be sure to wear a helmet and bring your scooter, skateboard, or even your bike. Don't skate, don't worry - neither do I!! I'll bring some cards and we can hang out in the shade and watch our friends do their thing! Pick up at Burger King at 7 pm and everyone needs a current medical release on file.

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



Dress a Girl

Thanks to all of you who have stayed the course and continue to make dresses during this time when we can't meet together. And let me tell you, the dresses that I've seen coming through are really some of the best dresses we've made! We will continue to put together kits to be picked up

and sewn at home. As many of you know, we recently partnered with the local area Operation Christmas Child team and we have given them more than 600 dresses. What you may not know is that through a series of events, God connected us with another Operation Christmas Child Team in Simi Valley, Santa Clarita and the Van Nuys area. We have also given them about 600 dresses! Amazing! While all of you are so much a part of this ministry, along with our friends in Redlands House of God, and several others who make dresses for us, truly, I give all the glory to God, who has given us great vision for the path this ministry is following - I am truly humbled by the way we have grown in such a short time. We are truly blessed, to be able to bless so many girls who need to know that they are loved by a God that is greater than the troubles they may experience and that there is a hope for a future better life. Lastly, thanks to all of you who have donated so generously monetarily, to keep us in supplies, as well as most recently to my request for donations of underwear and little bars of soap to add to the dress pockets. We were able to fill at least two hundred of those pockets! Thank you! Pamela Glenn

White Elephant Sale

Women's White Elephant



Based on a deep desire to provide a safe atmosphere for our workers and shoppers, we are saddened to report that the Annual White Elephant Sale, normally the first weekend in October, will not be held this year. We will re-evaluate in January to see if we are comfortable holding the event in the spring or just postponing it until October 2021. We truly appreciate those of you that have been setting sale items aside since last October. We ask that you try and hang on to them until we are able to have the sale.

Blessings and stay safe, Kay & Rena

How to Give to Saint John's

Go to www.SaintJohnsAG.com/how-to-give/ where you can learn more about donating with your credit or debit card or follow the link to give on-line .



September



2 JACOB DAY
4 CINDI PERRY, FRED TUGGEY
11 DAWN DRYSDALE
15 KENT PENNINGROTH
20 ALAN KALOIAN
24 SHERI BOWMAN
25 NATALIE FOSSUM
26 LOUISE TAYLOR
27 ABIGAIL COLTON
30 KENT FOSSUM

5 GENE & YVONNE STEPHENS
9 CAL & KERRY WOOD
10 STEVE & LINDA CZIRAKI
STEVE & CYNDI PERRY
23 FRED & SHARLINE TUGGEY
30 BRECK & PRISCILLA THOMAS

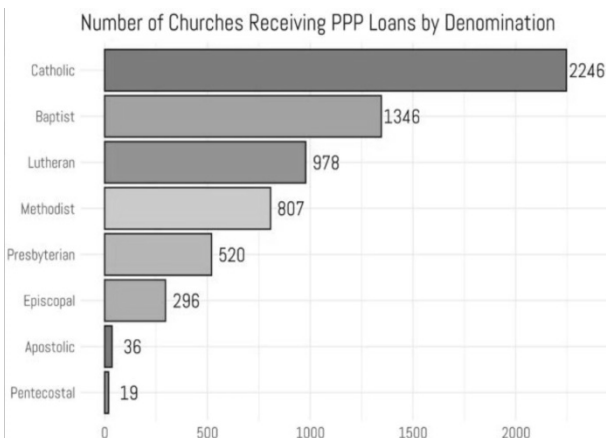


Prayer Ministry

Karen, Herb, Jan, Travis,
Ruby, Sandy, Desiree,
Mel, Cheryl P, Merlin &
Jean, Merlin & Jean

August 2nd Congregational Financial Forum Recap

Thanks to all who came out for our Council Congregational Forum last month. Our Treasurer, Brian King, shared that we're only \$12,000 behind at our mid-year check-up in spite of COVID-19. He also shared how 2020 is comparing to 2019 (see chart). Finally, we got the good news that Saint John's qualifies for \$30,000 in Federal business stimulus PPE funds (a loan that won't need to be repaid) to help with payroll and utilities. Thanks to our Office Manager, Cheryl Apfel, for chasing down those funds. Here's the link to watch the 25-minute presentation. <https://youtu.be/5JDX9jZvYmM> Or just go to the church YouTube channel.



Saint John's Lutheran Church		
January to June for 2019 & 2020		
	2019	2020
Income	184,097	198,675
Expenditures	210,481	211,389
Net	(26,384)	(12,714)

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Income by Month for 2019 & 2020			
	2019	2020	Higher/(Lower)
January	37,169	40,404	3,235
February	25,756	34,022	8,266
March	35,329	25,420	(9,909)
April	32,157	30,039	(2,118)
May	26,378	30,360	3,982
June	27,308	38,430	11,122
Total	184,097	198,675	14,579

October Newsletter

Deadline is September 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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