



Saint John's

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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joy
OF THE
LORD IS YOUR
STRENGTH
NEHEMIAH 8:10

Pastor's Page

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6



After six months of COVID separation, we finally get to be back in worship together inside! (I know we had a few Sundays inside in June, and of course, we've had some good times out on the lawn.) Still, six months! We haven't had the whole gang together since March! And truthfully, who knows what October will bring. My prayer is that many of us can all be together in worship this month and that our county will keep showing better numbers. We'll keep you posted.

Sadly, we've had to cancel or adjust some big events. No White Elephant this year. No big Stewardship dinners. No Missions Festival. No Trunk or Treat. It's easy to focus on what we're missing, but what is God calling us to focus on right now? There is a great opportunity to love and invite people into the family of Saint John's. We've been learning that the Jesus' "I AM" statements give us great access to God. Did you know that God is using you to share that same access with people in your life?

As we meet in person this month, who are you inviting to come along? Of course, we'll still be sharing together online for those at risk. Together or scattered, God has given us a great family here at Saint John's.

Peace

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 Returning to Indoor 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 October will resume in the Sanctuary
9:30 & 11am
Social Distancing and masks will be required.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study has resumed at 10:30am

Night of Worship
Sunday, October 18th at 6:30pm

Halloween Outdoor Movie Night
Saturday, October 24
See page 4 from more details.

Kids News

Outdoor games, Physical activity & Homework Help

K-8 students get in on the fun and academic help! Join us Tuesday afternoons in October for outdoor games and physical activity from 3-3:45 pm followed by brain games and homework help from 4-4:45. If your child stays for both we provide an individually wrapped simple snack during the 15 minute break. Please send your child with a refillable water bottle. Due to current Covid-19 guidelines, we are limited in number. Sign ups are required - please see the Saint John's KidsChurch page on the website or contact Cindi. *Extra special thanks to our volunteers* Louise Frye, Pam Glenn, Adam McCoid, Marcia Thornton, Greg and Lydia Wallace. Your investment makes a difference and we appreciate YOU!



Youth Wednesday Group Study Group

7th-12th Grade students - come hang out on Wednesdays in October from 3:30-5:30. Bring your schoolwork, a laptop or tablet (if needed) and come encourage one another mid week. Depending on the weather we will either be outdoors or spread out indoors, wearing masks.



High School Girls Zoom

Join us **Wednesdays in October 5:30-6:30 pm** as we continue sharing life, wrestling with what it means to be Brave and leaning into the next steps God has for us.



Confirmation Sunday, October 18 4-6 pm

Students in 7th grade and up join us for our monthly time of digging into the Bible and understanding more about what makes a Lutheran, Lutheran. We currently meet once a month for two hours followed by a congregational night of worship. Contact Pastor Greg to get involved!



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



**HALLOWEEN
COCO OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24**

Join us for an all church, all ages, everyone welcome family friendly OUTDOOR MOVIE.

Wear a costume or dress the theme!

Come anytime after 6:00 pm with a picnic dinner for your family.

We'll have goody bags with a simple craft and snack for kids.

Movie will begin at 7 pm (as soon as it is dark enough).

Bring warm layers, chairs/blankets, food, snacks, and let's enjoy some socially distant fellowship on the lawn.





Social Distance

Social distance, something to remember in 2020. We can only pray it will not continue for years or months. Staying away is not our nature, at least for some of us. Still, some of us are still plugging along, doing all the daily needed chores week after week.

I would like to try to recognize some of these warriors if I can. The worship team online on Sundays including Songfest, the pastor and his family, Tyler who we never see! Pastors music group including Kevin, Cheryl in the office, Kerry Wood who still counts offering. Pam still leading and making dresses for Dress a Girl. Outside is Lois Franks and Kay Werner. The property committee working to keep our grounds neat and tidy. All the volunteers we never see behind the scene on committees trying to figure what to do instead! Cindi Wallace, bless her heart, pulling strings where ever she can to keep our youth together and their parents and everyone else!

I know I haven't named or remembered everyone, Ron Werner, but I want you all to know that Saint John's would not be same without you. God Bless you all, we WILL be together again. Thank you.

In His name,
Steve Kapka,
Church president





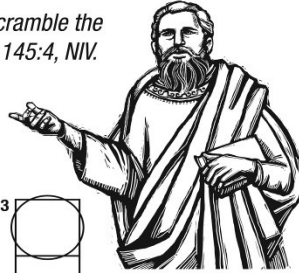
Roman David Dodds
October 19, 2019



Grandparents of the Old Testament

Can you name these biblical grandparents? If you get stuck, find an Old Testament family tree in your Bible or online.

Directions: After filling in the crossword, unscramble the circled letters to complete Psalm 145:4, NIV.



ACROSS

- David's grandfather
- Jacob's grandfather
- Esau's grandmother

DOWN

- Judah's grandmother
- Joseph's grandfather
- Solomon's grandfather
- Jesse's grandmother

One G _ N _ _ _ _ N commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. Psalm 145:4, NIV

Answers: ACROSS 2. Obed, 5. Abraham, 6. Sarah; DOWN: 1. Rebekah, 3. Isaac, 4. Jesse, 7. Ruth. Generation

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 .

Make a Difference

Safe Parking at Saint John's

We are partnering with the 5 Cities Homeless Coalition and the City of Arroyo Grande to launch a pilot program to help women and children in need. Since last fall, we've been exploring a program called Safe Parking. We've been learning from churches in Santa Barbara and Washington state how to do this well.

Here's the basic idea. We will allow up to four cars to park overnight in designated spots in our parking lot to provide a safe place for homeless women (and their kids). Each applicant is screened and interviewed. We provide a parking spot and a portable bathroom. The guests stay overnight and leave each morning. Only approved cars are allowed. We monitor the situation with video cameras and volunteers staying overnight.

We're hoping this will be successful and other churches and businesses will join in. The city has been great to work with in dealing with all the permits and paperwork. They are so grateful that we're offering this option. Of course, it's just an experiment and we can stop anytime. We don't have anyone staying with us yet, and we'll let you know when the program starts.

Please be praying for these women and thinking about how we can bless them and get them back on their feet. If you'd like to get involved or have questions, please contact Pastor Greg.

Greg

**Safe
Parking**






October



- 2 MEGHAN REILLY
- 3 BRENT BERCH, KEN KLEIST
- 5 ELIZABETH LEBENS
- 6 HEATHER MCCOID,
CHARLOTTE POTTER,
- 9 LILA BORJA,
- 10 SEAN BORJA, MONA HART,
- 12 SANDY LEBENS
- 13 SANDRA KERMOYAN
- 15 RANDY OUIMETTE
- 16 SANDY BRANTINGHAM,
DIANNA MURASKI,
- 17 LINDA CZIRAKI
- 19 ROMAN DODDS
- 20 ALICE WITT
- 22 RON LINDSTAEDT,
- 24 FLO SASSE, KAY WERNER
- 25 ROSIE OVERDUIN
- 27 SHARLINE TUGGEY
- 30 JOAN MCBAIN
- 31 GENE STEPHENS

- 4 KENT & NATALIE FOSSUM
- 10 BOB & JOYCE MCGHIE
- 11 RICHARD & THERESA SCHULTZ
- 16 GERALD & DIANE YOPS
- 17 BARRY & ROSEANN CARROLL



Prayer Ministry

Price Family, Tim, Karen, Shar, T,
Alyssa, and baby Eleanor, Lorene,
Taylor Family, Travis, Pam

Council Highlights

- 1. Total August income was \$4,440 higher than the previous August 2019.
 - 2. Total August expenses were also down \$3,200 from the previous August, 2019.
 - 3. The city approved Saint John's "Safe Parking" application. We will continue to move forward with this from here.
- Mark Ravera, Council Secretary

<u>Income/Expenses:</u>	August 2020	YTD
Income	\$ 27,908	\$ 247,580
Expenses	\$ 31,399	\$ 276,766
	\$ - 3,491	\$ -29,186

November Newsletter

Deadline is October 15 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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