



Saint John's

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pastor's Page

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. Psalm 136:1

You know Halloween is here because of all the Christmas music! I think people are ready for the holidays to begin right now. With the nutty 2020 we've all had, some pumpkin spice lattes, turkey and stuffing, and Christmas carols, all sound pretty good to me.



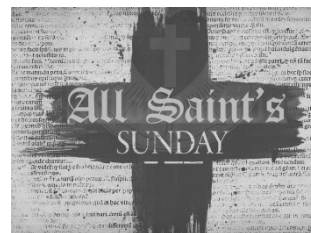
What are you giving thanks for this month? It's a nice time to reflect on the value of our church family. I'm thankful for all of you and the amazing way that you've been caring for each other. I'm grateful for the way you've continued to invest in the ministry at Saint John's during the lockdown and slow re-opening. We are truly blessed to be part of such a vibrant spiritual family.

This month, we're hoping to remain inside with our regular worship schedule. We'll start the month off with All Saint Sunday, giving thanks for those who have passed on to their eternal reward. We'll also have a fun, family, festive Stewardship evening together. This online gathering will be a sweet time to share what God is doing in our lives.

Thankful for you, Greg

Remembering the Saints All Saints Sunday November 1st

We gather for worship on Sunday, November 1st to remember the Saints who have died in the past year. It's hard to say goodbye to so many great folks. We'll wrap up our "I Am" series with Jesus' words, "I am the resurrection and the life." Thank God for heavenly family reunions!



Monthly Food Donations For The 5 Cities Christian Women's Food Pantry November-pasta and/or sauce

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 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

9:30am & 11am

Social Distancing and masks will be required.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study at 10:30am “in the Commons”
(also available on-line. Contact Greg for info)

Church Workday

Saturday, November 7th 9am



Are You Able?

A Christian Response to Racism Workshop

Sunday, November 8th at 4pm



Talents & Testimonies Telethon

An Online Extravaganza

Saturday Night November 21st 5pm

Get ready for some serious fun together as we enjoy an evening in the spirit of the telethons of old. We'll think about our stewardship for the coming year as we share testimonies together. We'll also enjoy some talent from around the church. We're hoping for music and skits and whatever else you've got. Watch for more info.



Daylight-Saving Time Ends

Don't forget to set your clocks back for Sunday November 1st.

Kids News

KidsChurch Update - We sure miss your joyful spirits and energy around Saint John's. We are brainstorming and planning (what's a plan in 2020???) regularly about ways to get kids safely and regularly back into KidsChurch as well as other activities. Our hope is to have a modified Sunday morning KidsChurch experience for grades K-3 in December with older grades returning in January. We are watching the guidelines and updates closely, so please stay tuned. Until then, we have personalized kids baskets and love having kids in worship with their families. If you are not receiving a monthly Family Devotional Box and would like to, please contact Cindi to get on the delivery route. We have a Thankful Grateful box prepared for November and an extra special Christmas in a Box coming your way the first week in December filled with Advent Adventures, crafts, Bible stories, and lots of ways to prepare your hearts for the celebration of the coming King!

Confirmation Sunday, November 15 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. Contact Pastor Greg to get involved!

Family Outing on the Bob Jones Trail - Weather permitting!

Saturday, November 21, 9 am at the trailhead. All ages join us for a time of fresh air, exercise and a little bit of much needed fellowship! Bring your bikes, scooters, strollers and walking shoes. Teenagers are welcome to get dropped off, younger children please have an adult present. If you haven't done this the trail - it is fairly flat and good for all ages. It starts across the street from the parking lot on Ontario Road, right off Highway 101, and ends in downtown Avila Beach. From the trailhead parking lot to the end of the Avila Pier is 3.0 miles. Go as far as you'd like or make it round trip for 6 miles.

Hume Lake Winter Camp is a GO for March 1st-3rd for grades: 7th-12th. As of now, Hume ministries are working diligently to get approval for winter camp activities. Their staff is looking forward to welcoming us on site for a fun, safe, and spiritually renewing weekend. Cost: \$50 per student: \$25 Non-refundable deposit November 15th. If Hume cancels due to Covid-19, deposit will be refunded. Additional \$25 due 2 weeks before. Additional cash for fast food lunch on Sunday and spending money for snacks, souvenirs at the camp store approximately \$30-40. Students will need to take the day off on Friday, March 1st to assure our arrival and full participation in camp. Total cost for non-member friends: \$224 plus spending cash.





I wrote this to our church council and am now sharing it with the congregation. Originally titled "Presidents Report" I now call it a letter to the congregation. These are some thoughts I've put together.

This is not really a report but rather a letter to old and new council members. As you all know the year is coming to an end, and what year, Amen! Some of us will be moving on, some continue serving, and new members will join. I want to hand out a BIG thank you to you all for your support this year, we have been a great team.

Moving on, there is still much to accomplish, but there always seems to something, which is a good thing! Steps have been taken to "standardize" procedures, understand old ways, and incorporate new ideas. We have new programs on board with us now, some are waiting in the wings to begin again.

Getting down to business, this is October, we will be looking at a new budget, start considering nominations for new council members, try to figure out how to hold a congregational meeting, and voting. These next couple months will fly by, and we'll be in next year.

On a side note, be thinking of being a council member, the nomination committee will begin work soon and you may be called upon. Is it your time to serve? Maybe!

Thanks for your time, Steve Kapka, President

Council Highlights

1. Brian reported that September 2020 revenue was up nearly \$4,000 from last year, September 2019. We are through the first 9 months of the year (75%). Revenue is at 75.55% of the budget and expenditures are 69.46% of the budget. This is a good trend.
2. Our new overnight "Safe Parking" is going very well with 3 of the 4 spots filled and providing safety and comfort for those in need of a safe place to park overnight. Discussed possible software upgrades to enhance the exterior security cameras.
3. Council is discussing the possibility of having a fun themed Stewardship Pledge Drive via ZOOM or YouTube in November!
4. Saint John's employee handbook update is making progress with hopes of completing the revised edition by December 2020.

Mark Ravera, Council Secretary

<u>Income/Expenses:</u>	September 2020	YTD
Income	\$ 36,386	\$ 283,967
Expenses	\$ 34,987	\$ 311,754
	\$ 1,399	\$ -27,787



November



2 BOB GOLD,
JEANNIE ORMONDE
5 THERESA SCHULTZ
6 KAREN DIXON,
SUSAN RODRIGUEZ
11 BETTY HANSON,
EDIE OVERDUIN
12 BERRY CARROLL
13 MEGAN WINTERBERG
14 BOB MCGHIE,
DENISE MCCOID,
NEITA OATES
15 SHAR TERBORCH
16 PENNY KRUSE
21 LYNN KALOIAN
24 KATHY LINDSTAEDT
30 MIKE APFEL

6 DAVID & JANIS IMMEL
MONA & HERB HART
7 BOB & SYLVIA GOLD
11 ALAN & LYNN KALOIAN
14 STEVE & RUTH KAPKA
15 GEORGE & CAROL ERICKSON
RALPH & CAROLYN MINER



Prayer Ministry

Bob, Trudy, Keith, William, Carol,
Eric, Andrea, Lizzy, Brian,
Cheryl P, Axel, Alice, Rose



◆ *We were overwhelmed by the love, prayers, checking in on us, wonderful meals and even a gas card! The gas card was so unexpected and helpful in traveling to southern California for a small family memorial. It was all so appreciated and helped Jack and me get through a very difficult time of losing Mel. You all went above and beyond what I could have ever hoped for. I love and appreciate all my sisters and brothers in Christ.*

Cheryl Price and Jack (My stepson)

◆ *Dear Council & Congregation. Thanks so very much for the lovely Pastor Appreciation gift. Cindi and I are so thrilled to be celebrating 4 years at Saint John's this month. You are such a blessing to serve with. -Greg & Cindi*

December Newsletter

Deadline is November 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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Youth

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