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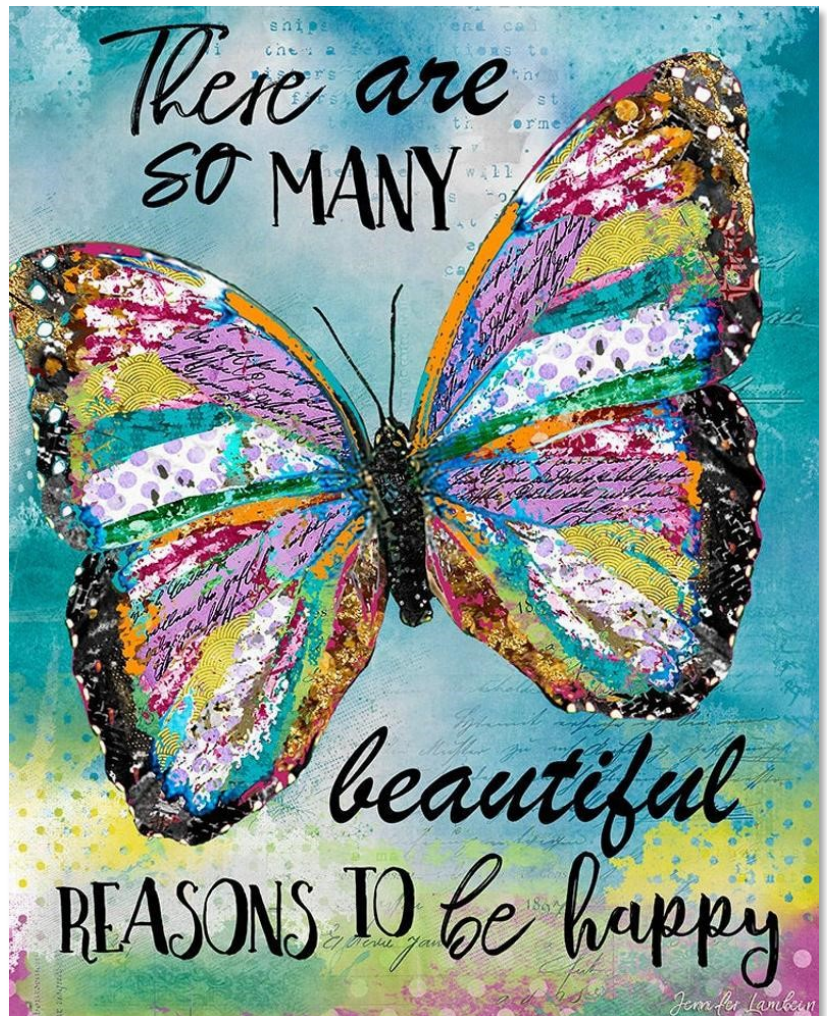
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pastor's Page

"See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves." Jesus in Matthew 10:16



Whew! We made it! 2021 is here. 2020 was rough! I'm so glad everything is back to normal now... Wait a minute! Can you tell I'm writing this back in the middle of December? No, I don't expect we'll be back to normal any time soon. Do you?

As God's church, we need to find new ways to stay connected and new ways to do ministry together. We survived 2020, now it's time to get back out there in 2021. Committees were put on hold for the most part last year. Ministries were scaled back. Large group meetings were just about non-existent. How can we ramp things up and get back to our kingdom work? As Jesus says, we need to be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. That means we need to be smart and safe, and bold and fearless. Would you pray with me about what the church can be and do in 2021 to Encounter Jesus, Experience Family, & Embrace the Broken?

We're not out of the woods yet so we'll have to get creative. I know God has a plan for us all in this new year. Let's keep listening.

We're still in a waiting mode to hear about the various lockdown protocols about weekly worship. We're planning the Day of Prayer on Sunday, January 3rd with one Gathering at 10am. Then we'll go back to our normal two service schedule for the rest of the month. We'll be online and (hopefully) in person soon. We have Congregational Meeting this month on Sunday, January 17th to elect some new leaders to our Church Council. If we can't meet in person, we'll plan to do a mail-in ballot again. Watch for details.

God has big plans for us in 2021. Are you ready?

Peace



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

Life Together

On-line Worship Schedule

For up-to-date info

SaintJohnsAG.com

10:00 am (1 gathering only) December 27th

Day of Prayer on Sunday, January 3rd with one Gathering at 10am.

Resumes January 10th

9:30am & 11am (2 Gatherings)



Congregational Meeting, Part 2

January 17th, 2021

(Time and format to be announced)

New Member Orientation

Saturday, January 16th



New Member Class

Want to join in with the crazy band of misfit toys? We'd love to get to know you better and share what God is doing in this wonderful congregation. Spend the morning with Pastor and Cindi and make some new friends. There's no pressure to join, but if you want, this class is the way to begin. Call the church office to sign up.



**Food
Collection**

Fod Of The Month

For The 5 Cities Christian Women's Food Pantry January-Canned Soup

Thank you so much for keeping the wagon full !!

Kids News

KidsChurch Update - With numbers rising, we are going to hold off on any official KidsChurch for now. Watch your email for most up to date plans and procedures! Until we can safely gather, we will continue to prepare and distribute monthly Family Devotional Boxes. Our January "box" for kids will be about prayer and will include letters about prayer partners as well as exercise for families to do together. Get in touch with Cindi if you would like to be on the receiving list or help deliver.

Confirmation Sunday, January 24 4-5:30 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 will begin our new book Case for Faith and work our way through some Psalms and Proverbs. Contact Pastor Greg to get involved!



New prayer partners launching on January 3, 2021. Sunday morning will be one service at 10 am with the focus on Prayer. We are so thankful for Saint John's dedication to prayer and our terrific list of women committing to pray for our children and youth in 2021.

January Highlights



I have sold my home, and will be moving to Atascadero. I will be close to my son Denny. this will make it easier for him, as he comes down here often. After 23 years at Saint John's, I will be too far away to attend services here. I will miss the Church and my Church family very much! Saint Johns has helped me get through some very hard times. I can't imagine how I would have done without that support. I loved cooking for the senior lunch and was sad to give it up. I always had a fun time working our White Elephant Sale. I will really miss that. Helping with

memorials was a blessing. Also the newsletter was fun lots of good visits! Good talks. Even Altar Guild, though I would forget how from one time to the other! I want to thank everyone for all of the cards and support. I will miss all! I do plan to come for special occasions. I want to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and new year. Blessings, and hugs. I pray for normal times to be back. I don't have a date yet to move. Waiting for escrow.

My phone # will be the same. (The cell) phone. (805)709-2083.

My address will be. 10951 Las Casitas. Atascadero ca 93422.

God bless!! Irene Rodin



Council Highlights

1. Council has agreed to move forward with the beginning steps to replace our old, illuminated sign on Valley Road.
2. Saint John's congregation recently voted and passed the 2021 Budget!
3. Financial report: November 2020 income down -\$3,000 from the previous year. Fortunately Year to Date expenditures are down nearly \$17,000 from the previous year 2019.

Respectfully submitted, Mark Ravera Council Secretary

Thanks to all who sent in your mail-in ballot on our proposed 2021 Church Budget. The results were and the budget passed (94 votes were cast. 84 in favor of the budget and 10 against). If you have any lingering questions or concerns, please reach out to me or the Church Council and let's talk. We'll have our next Congregational Meeting (hopefully in person) on Sunday, January 17th. Greg



A Huge Thank You! to our out going Council Members,

Steve Kapka, Sandy Lebens and Mark Ravera

Please make sure that any contributions that are to be included in 2020's totals, are received by the church office by January 4th, 2021 and are designated as such. All donations received after that date, even if predated, will be entered into 2021's offerings. Thank you. If you have any questions, please contact Kerry Wood, Financial Secretary.

(financialsecretary@saintjohnsaq.com or 805-481-2645.)

If you would like information about automatic giving, text giving or receiving offering envelopes, please contact the church office.

Income/Expenses:	November 2020	YTD
Income	\$ 27,135	\$ 346,234
Expenses	\$ 30,744	\$ 376,677
	\$ -3,609	\$ -30,443*

(* does not include the \$29,000 PPP Grant from the Cares Act)



JANUARY

3 JANIS IMMEL, LYDIA WALLACE

4 MARY BARRETTE

5 KEVIN COLTON

8 JANICE GONZALES,

RODGER ORMONDE

JOYCE MCGHIE

13 MARK HEIDPRIEM

14 LESTER BLANK, CAROL JOHNSON,

KELLY BERCH,

17 BRIAN KING, ADAM MCCOID

18 ROSEANN CARROLL, RUTH KAPKA

19 PATTY OUIMETTE

20 BRANDON APFEL, RYAN APFEL,

JENNIFER WOOD

23 JAMAINE MYER

26 DEBBIE BELDEN

BARBARA MAYFIELD

28 KAREN CORRELL,

29 BETTY KNUDSON

30 CARRIE ORMONDE,

OLIVIA WINTERBERG

31 SYLVIA GOLD,

THOMAS LINDSTAEDT



Happy Anniversary!

6 STAN & PATTI ROBERTS



Prayer Ministry

Goddard Family, Francine, Charles, Xavier , Cheryl P, Tim & Kids, Axel, Betty, David, A.G Care Center, Eric



In Memory of Rose

Carol Erickson, Rose Goddard, Flo Sasse

February Newsletter

Deadline is January 15

Thanks to all the volunteers who have been such a blessing to the office. It would be impossible without you!



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