



Saint John's

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God
didn't promise;
days without pain,
laughter
without sorrow,
nor sun without rain,
but he did promise;
strength
for the day,
comfort
for the tears
&
light for the way

Pastor's Page

"But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you."

-Jesus in Matthew 6:3-4



Jesus has the unusual idea that we might do good things for people without them knowing it. Or at least they wouldn't know it was us. He thinks we'll be so sneaky that our left hand won't even catch on to what our right hand is doing. Do you have that slyness in you? Have you mastered the ability to bless folks covertly? It's fun and rewarding. It's even more fun when we do it together.

As we continue our Lenten journey, we've been engaging together in a Conspiracy of Kindness where we give and love and serve others. On Wednesday nights, we can't have soup together but we can still learn to serve together. If you can't make Vespers, check out the videos online and join in with us in these weekly "missions". Who knows what God will do with your creative sneakiness.

With things opening up again slowly, we're looking forward to Holy Week gatherings and Easter Sunrise at the beach. Slow and steady, we're coming back together again. I hope you can join us in-person this month as you feel comfortable. Of course, we'll still keep everything available online as well.

God'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

In-Person & Online Worship Schedule

For up-to-date info
SaintJohnsAG.com
Sundays 9:30am & 11am

Lenten Vespers Begin February 24th 6:00 pm
On-Line and in the Sanctuary. (subject to change)
Join us each week, March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th



April 1st Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm

April 2nd Good Friday 7:00 pm

Join us as we remember Jesus's death on the cross of Calvary.



Sunday, April 4th

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Easter Sunrise by the Beach 6:30 am

Meet at the patio at the end of Grand Ave, in Grover Beach. Bring your lawn chair. Bring your neighbors, relatives, and friends to this Sunrise Celebration. Songfest leads us, as The Old Rugged Cross is transformed into a sign of new life.



Worship at 9:30 and 11:00 am,

Come celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord.

9:30 am Contemporary Worship 11:00 am Traditional Worship
Come Hear the Good News. Christ is Risen, He has Risen, Indeed!

Food Of The Month

For The 5 Cities Christian Women's Food Pantry

Monthly Food Donations

March-canned meats

May-pasta and/or sauce

July-mac and cheese

September-canned chili

November-pasta and/or sauce

December-white rice, dry pinto beans, masa harina for Iglesia

Luterana de Santa Cruz

April-peanut butter

June-canned soup

August-canned meat

October-peanut butter



Thank you so much for keeping the wagon full!

Kids News

Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, April 4th

Join us for a safe and fun Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday morning April 4th. Details will follow as we get closer and have better knowledge of the current Covid restrictions and protocols. BUT please save the date and plan to join us for worship and fun!



Holy week and Easter buckets coming in March. This month is filled with a craft, devotional activities, games and all the supplies along with a family guide for a fun at home Glow in the Dark Easter Egg Hunt. Let Cindi know if you want to swing by Saint John's the week before March 7th so your kids can have their supplies available to go through virtually with Cindi during the service on Sunday morning. Otherwise they will be dropped off the week following.

Confirmation Class - Save the dates!

Sunday, March 21st, Sunday, April 18th, Sunday, May 2nd all at 4 pm, and Sunday, May 23rd CONFIRMATION SUNDAY 9:30am!



Usborne Online Book Party Thursday, March 18th

Join us for some fun and fellowship on line AND help raise funds for Iglesia Luterana Santa Cruz. It's simple, you buy books for all the kiddos (or awesome teachers!) in your life and a percentage of the sales will be donated to Iglesia Luterana Santa Cruz. Watch your email for a link or talk to Adrienne Rule for more info.



Council Highlights

- Brian King Reported a \$10,700 deficit for January
- Roseann Carroll was voted in as Secretary
- The septic system needs extensive repair. We have contacted Fluid Dynamics and they have ordered parts. In the meantime, we will be "limping along".
- Sandy Lebens has agreed to continue to work on the Employee Handbook, along with Roseann Carroll and Pastor Greg
- Frank Lebens is working on a design for a new sign for the front of the property

Committee Liaison assignments

Music & Worship	Wes Drysdale
Property	Mark Haley
Social Outreach	Jeff Metcalfe
Global Missions	Pat Muran
Stewardship	Frank Drake
Women's Ministry	Roseann Carroll
Children & Youth	Kevin Colton
Good News	Cheryl Price



Income/Expenses: January 2021

Income	\$ 21,019
Expenses	<u>\$ 31,724</u>
	\$ -10,705

YTD

\$ 21,019
<u>\$ 31,724</u>
\$ -10,705



Pastor Greg and Cindi Wallace, Pastor emeritus Randy and Patty Ouimette and many others in the Saint John's Lutheran family: Axel and I want to thank you for your prayers, support, and help during this difficult time in our lives. Axel is doing reasonably well with the chemotherapy

treatment. We also appreciate the sympathy and support on the loss of Axel's son, Carl. The online memorial for Carl was beautiful and managed to link us up not only with some of the caregivers but also Carl's Swedish relatives. Pastor Barker of Trinity Lutheran (Simi) will officiate at the small graveside service in Chatsworth, Tuesday, February 23. Earlene and Axel Leijonhufvud

Ash Wednesday 2021

Indoors



Ash Wednesday 2021

Drive-Thru



Social Outreach Services (SOS)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 24th, 2021, at 2:00 pm for a special church-wide FELLOWSHIP FOLKS to have some long overdue fun together and an afternoon of fellowship with our Saint John family. This event will not only be fun for us but will benefit two of our favorite non-profits, Iglesia Luterana Santa Cruz "Feed the Field Workers" and Zozu Projects' "Two Meals A Day" for the children at Solid Rock Christian School in Arua, Uganda.

We are very excited about co-hosting this event with the Global Missions Team as we strive to pour love on places throughout the world. It has been challenging trying to navigate the past year and a half during a pandemic to continue to be of service to others. Social Outreach Services has had to cancel Alternative Gift Giving Christmas and our usual WHAM (World Hunger Appeal Month). However, we have a great opportunity to be "a church on the move" to help our brothers and sisters in Christ who are in need. To date, we really have no idea whether this will be an inside or an outside event or whether it will include food representing Mexico and Africa in individually packaged boxes or no food at all, but what we do know is this:

On April 24th, 2021, at 2:00 pm a fun-filled Fellowship Folks event will happen at the Church someplace, either inside or outside!!! Games, African and Mexican music will happen, a silent auction with amazing donations will be happening with donations going to our two designated Non-Profits. A raffle will happen periodically throughout the afternoon for several items.

Stay tuned, more information will be coming in the April Newsletter and as we continue to plan for this special event. A big thank you to many members of Saint John's and the community who have been working throughout this past year to have projects ready to donate for our raffle and silent auction. If you have an idea or something to donate, please call Sandy Lebens. It will definitely make her day!!!!



Social Outreach Services (SOS)

SOS Challenge and Thank You

The Social Outreach Services Team is challenging members of the congregation who are also members of Thrivent to write an Action Grant for \$250.00 towards a goal to make a difference in our community. When I wrote my article for the Eagle last month asking for donations for the Homeless Shelter Warming Center, I got a call from Kerry Wood in response. Kerry successfully wrote a Thrivent Action Grant that was approved. As a result Kerry will be able to use this money to purchase sweatshirts, sweat pants, socks and underwear for our homeless friends. When these people come to the shelter out of the rain and the cold, they need warm and dry clothing. Thank you, Kerry, for responding to this call to action. Thank you, also, to those of you who have donated snack items into our blue warming center tub in the Commons area. Since this will be an on-going need, please consider donating designated items of new clothing or snacks by placing them in the blue tub. Financial donations are also appreciated with checks made out to : Saint John's Lutheran Church and then in the memo line write HOMELESS SHELTER WARMING CENTER. Of course all of your donations (clothing, snacks, or checks) are tax deductible. Thank you so much!!!! If you have questions, call Sandy Lebens.

Warming Center



Kerry Wood shopping with some the money she received from a Grant from Thrivent.



March

- 2 MEL GOMEZ,
4 ETHEL LENZ,
AVERY REITSMA
5 JADYN BORJA,
JENNIFER STOWE
6 SUSAN EPP
8 JOHN BELDEN,
JON MCCOID
14 PAM GLENN
17 PETE CARLSON,
KERRY WOOD
18 SKYLAR PERRY
20 LORRAINE GEAR,
JIM KASEMAN
24 THERESA WOLFE
31 TOM LEBENS



Happy Anniversary!

- 10 ROBERT & JANICE GONZALES
17 JIM & CANDY KASEMAN
RON & KAY WERNER
19 LESTER & ELIZABETH BLANK
29 RICK & SHAR TERBORCH



Prayers for
Greg, Crystal, Matthew and his father, Dan, Pastor Terry, Esther, Ted, Cheryl P., Eric, Travis

April Newsletter

Deadline is March 15

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

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How to Give to Saint John's

Go to www.saintjohnsag.com/give/ where you can learn more about donating with your credit or debit card or follow the link to give on-line . Or call the Church Office for more info.



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