



## The Eagle April 2021

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# Pastor's Page

Christ is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!

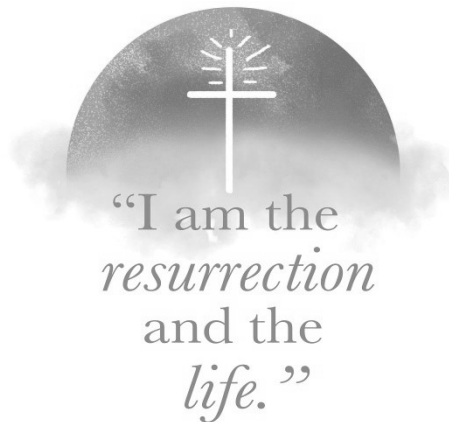
The tomb is empty and the good news is meant to be shared. Can you believe it's been a year since we first went into lockdown? The signs of re-opening are like the signs of spring coming. There's a little bit here and a little more there. As we move to safer and safer colored tiers, more and more folks are returning to worship. What's your plan for re-entering the in-person worship family life at Saint John's?



I'm still waiting my turn for the vaccine. With pastors on the "non-essential" list, it may be a while for me, but at least I am now able to register for the vaccine lottery.

Perhaps Easter is the time to return. We're open for our usual gatherings at 9:30AM & 11AM. We'll be celebrating Holy Communion together. What if I sweeten the deal with cinnamon rolls and an egg hunt for the kids! We're even hoping for our Sunrise Service at the beach at 6:30 AM. Who might you bring to a part of the family at Saint John's? Of course, we'll be online as well if that's better for you.

With Resurrection Hope,  
Greg



John 11:25

**Church Email Updates** Are you getting our emails? Please email Pastor Greg [greg@saintjohnsag.com](mailto: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



HOLY WEEK  
WORSHIP  
SCHEDULE

**April 1<sup>st</sup> Maundy Thursday 7:00 PM**

**April 2<sup>nd</sup> Good Friday 7:00 PM**

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

**Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**

**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**

### **April-peanut butter**

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

Thank you so much for keeping the wagon full!

June-canned soup

August-canned meat

October-peanut butter



# Kids News

## Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, April 4th

Join us for a safe and fun Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday morning April 4th. We will also have a Scavenger Hunt with prizes for older youth. Both will take place between worship services about 10:45 am.



## April Family Devotions

This month we will focus on the Miracles of Jesus starting with the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Bags for the month will have activities, snacks, and discussions for families to share in together. Pick yours up on Easter Sunday or they will can be dropped off the following week.

## Confirmation Class - Let's get outside

**Sunday, April 18th join us from 4-5:30 pm on the sand in Pismo.** Weather permitting, we are planning for an afternoon at the beach for some fun and digging into the **Miracles of Jesus**. What was it like for the fishermen in the days of Jesus? How did they catch so many fish? And, did Jesus really calm the waves and wind? Bring a chair or blanket/towel, Bible, and clothes you can wade in the water in - just a little bit.

## Youth Dinner Out Sunday, April 18th

Join us for dinner out in downtown Pismo from 5:30-7:30 pm. All **7th-12th graders**. We'd love to check in and hear how your schooling is going, what the transitions have been like, and how we can best support & pray for you as you wrap up this crazy 2020-2021 school year! The food will be covered but please **bring about \$5** to cover your drinks or anything extra for yourself.

**Future dates to save:** May 2nd all at 4 pm last confirmation class  
Saturday May 22nd Confirmation family dinner and rehearsal  
Sunday, May 23rd CONFIRMATION SUNDAY 9:30am!



Join us on Easter Sunday....  
Easter Egg Hunt, Scavenger Hunt and  
Yummy Cinnamon Rolls



Are you going through a difficult time?  
A Stephen Minister can help.



*Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ  
Galatians 6:2*

### What Is Stephen Ministry?

Stephen Ministry is a confidential, one-to-one lay caring ministry within Saint John's and also in over 13,000 other congregations worldwide.

Stephen Ministry congregations equip and empower Stephen Ministers to provide high quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting. Stephen Ministers are laypeople and members of the congregation that have received 50 hours of training in providing spiritual and emotional care. They are caring Christians who listen, support, pray for, and encourage. They are someone who will "be there" for his or her care receiver, meeting faithfully for an hour each week, for as long as there is a need. Stephen Ministers are not professional counselors, psychologists, social workers, or experts in law, finance, church doctrine, and so on, but neither are they merely casual visitors. "Stephen Ministers are the caregivers, but God is the curegiver."

### Who can receive the care of a Stephen Minister?

Care receivers are people – congregation members and others in the community – who receive care from a Stephen Minister. They are people struggling through a difficult time in life: experiencing grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or some other life crisis.

### Would you or someone you know...

Benefit from having a Stephen Minister walk alongside them as they face a difficult time in their lives? Interested in becoming a Stephen Minister?

Reach out to Pastor Greg, Kerry Wood, Shar TerBorch, Robin Eiland, or Gordon Eiland to find out more.

# **Social Outreach Services (SOS)**

## **Fellowship Folks Multicultural Fair - April 24, 2:00 PM**

We invite you to attend the upcoming Fellowship Folks Multicultural Fair Silent and Live Auction Gathering. This love-fundraising event will benefit Zozu Project's "Two Meals A Day" for the students at Solid Rock Christian School in Arua, Uganda and Iglesia Luterana Santa Cruz's "Feed the Field Workers" Outreach in Santa Maria.

WHEN: Saturday, April 24, 2021

TIME: 2-4 pm or so

LOCATION: Saint John's Lutheran Church patio and parking lot

WHAT ELSE: Music, Finger food with an African and Mexican flair that is individually packaged for those in attendance

AUCTION: Our own, Richard Schultz, auctioneer extraordinaire, will be our Auctioneer  
WHAT WILL BE AUCTIONED: (some by live auction, some by raffle, some by silent auction) Specialty quilts; a 3 night stay at Tom and Julie Lebens' Living Pines condo near Shaver Lake; Ocean fishing with Ron Linstaedt from Hartford Pier; gift baskets donated by Saint John's Ministry Teams and individuals; wine from prestigious Central Coast wineries; a 2 night stay at Castle Noland off of Hwy. 101 south near the Avila exit; Disc golf lessons and 3 discs; Anna Dybdahl's famous cinnamon rolls; handmade jewelry by Linda Cziraki; Cal's gorgeous succulent arrangements in planter boxes; beautiful scenery photography on metal and an ocean scene on canvas, and so very much more! IT HAS TRULY BEEN A BLESSING TO SEE THE OUTPOURING OF LOVE AND GENEROSITY IN PROVIDING FOR THIS EVENT. WE THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS!

One special item which we plan to raffle is an adorable handmade large doll with 3 additional outfits and shoes generously donated by Georgianna Hofstetter. IT IS SURE TO MAKE SOME YOUNG GIRL'S HEART LEAP FOR JOY!

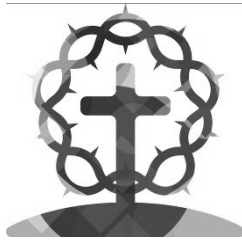
We, the members of Social Outreach and Global Missions, are very excited about this event. We will practice safe care with masking, spacing, and distance hugging. COME AND ENJOY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP WITH A MISSION PURPOSE. WE ARE SETTING OUR SIGHTS ON CHRIST-LOVE AND CHRIST-CARE FOR CHRIST'S CHILDREN!

WHAT A GREAT AFTERNOON THIS WILL BE.  
PLEASE COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN TO DO GOD'S WORK.

QUESTIONS: call or text Sandy Lebens Pastor Pat Muran

# Council Highlights

- ♦ Worship services are set for Easter Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 AM (hopefully) at the beach, 9:30 for contemporary worship, and 11 AM for traditional worship.
- ♦ The 2021 Church Council Goals were approved.
- ♦ The combined Social Outreach and Global Missions Committees are planning a fundraiser on April 24<sup>th</sup> to feed the hungry. The funds will go to Solid Rock Christian School in Arua, Uganda, and Iglesia Luterana Santa Cruz in Santa Maria, California.
- ♦ Tyler Drysdale has gotten a job in Tucson, Arizona. We will need to find a replacement for Tyler. We will miss Tyler!



<b><u>Income/Expenses:</u></b>	<b>February 2021</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Income	\$ 24,967	\$ 45,986
Expenses	<u>\$ 37,606</u>	<u>\$ 65,392</u>
	\$ -12,639	\$ -19,406



+Thank you for the beautiful prayer quilt and wonderful card. Baby Matthew is now home from the hospital, pain free, and awaiting a diagnosis. He will be returning to Salt Lake City in June for follow up testing. Prayers are appreciated for a diagnosis which will be treatable.

Blessings to all, Louise Frye, Great Auntie



# April

1 HEATHER HOUSTON  
2 LAURA EMMERLING  
6 JULIE COLTON, HERB HART  
10 RICHARD SCHULTZ  
11 LINDA MCNAIR  
15 CHERYL APFEL  
16 EVAN REILLY  
22 THOMAS LEBENS  
25 JASON PERRY  
27 DIANE YOPS  
29 BRECK THOMAS



**Happy Anniversary!**

2 BRIAN & DEBBIE BELDEN  
7 DAVID & JANICE GOODWIN  
15 TERRY & LINDA FIBICH  
19 WES & DAWN DRYSDALE  
23 SCOTT & LOUISE TAYLOR  
26 KELLY & BRENT BERCH  
SUSAN & KELLY CARLSON



Prayers for Tim, Baby Matthew,  
Betty, Carla, Emanda, George,  
Eric E, Cheryl P, Eric K, Travis

May Newsletter

## Deadline is April 15

Thank you to my newsletter crew, they are 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/](http://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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