



Saint John's

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Pastor's Page

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:3-6



Paul sums up my feelings about you all so well. I'm thankful for you. I'm praying for you. And I'm confident that God will keep bringing us through and building us up. There is so much to be thankful for.

I'm especially grateful for the huge effort that so many of you put into our Fellowship Folks Cultural Fair & Auction last month. We raised a ton of money for the Daily Meals for the kids at the Zozu Project in Uganda and the Feed My People program for the field workers with Iglesia Luterana Santa Cruz in Santa Maria. Thanks especially to Sandy & Frank Lebens, Pastor Randy & Patti Ouimette, and Pastor Pat Muran for heading up this enormous effort. What a dream team you all are! (Watch for more info next month.)

We said goodbye last month to a key player on the team at Saint John's. Tyler Drysdale has been an amazing Sound & Media Tech booth wizard for us for a long time. Adam McCoid has been graciously filling in this month but can't stay on permanently due to summer commitments. We need to hire someone new so please let me know if you know anyone who would be interested. The same goes for a new Nursery Attendant we'd like to hire for Sunday mornings. Do you know someone who would be good? Let me know.

Finally, this month, we'll celebrate seven students as they Confirm their Faith on Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd. See page 4 for more info.

God is good! All the Time!

Greg

P.S. Cindi and I are going to be enjoying Fins and supporting the Five Cities Homeless Coalition May 4th (see page 8 for more info)

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

Life Together

Sunday Worship Schedule
9:30AM Contemporary & 11AM Traditional
For up-to-date info and online streaming
SaintJohnsAG.com



Mother's Day

Sunday, May 9th

Join us for worship as we celebrate the moms in our lives.

Confirmation Sunday

Pentecost

Sunday, May 23rd

Join us for worship as we enjoy seven of our student choosing to confirm their faith, affirm their baptism and take this important step of faith. Are you wearing red?

Church Workday

Saturday, May 1st

Come one, come all for the monthly church workday. We start at 9am.

Fiesta at Fin's Fundraiser Tuesday May 4th.

for 5 Cities Homeless Coalition 4:00pm-7:00pm. (see page 8 for info)

May Food Of The Month

For The 5 Cities Christian Women's Food Pantry
Monthly Food Donations

May-Pasta and/or Sauce

Thank you so much for keeping the wagon full!



Kids News

Kids Ministry Returns!

Beginning in May kids in K-6th will have the return of Kid specific Sunday morning opportunity during the 9:30 worship hour! Yay!! It's been far too long! Family Sundays will continue on the first Sunday of the month. Pew baskets have been prepared for each child (baskets stay at Saint John's and get refilled each week). On the other Sundays - we will be doing a modified KidsChurch experience to finish out the school year and throughout summer. What this means is we plan to get outside for games as much as possible, do a simple craft, Bible story, snack, and sometimes Bible videos. We will have Covid safety protocols in place and look forward to reconnecting kids with each other and their teachers. We've all been missing each other!



At home Family Devotions

We will continue resourcing families with monthly bags/boxes/buckets through summer in order to stay connected with those who are not yet ready to return to in person worship. And, if you are returning to worship, these will be a great reinforcement to what we are diving into on Sunday mornings. May will focus on the **Gentleness and Self Control**. Bags for the month will have activities, snacks, and discussions for families to share in together. Pick yours up on Family Sunday or they will be dropped off the following week.

Youth Summer Trip

Save the Dates for July 18th-22nd for a 4 night adventure filled with fun, exploring, fellowship, swimming, hiking, worship, outdoorsy "things" and more! This trip is open to students currently in Jr High or High School. Details coming soon...

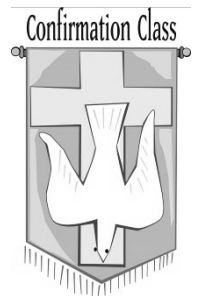


Confirmation Class

Last official class of the year, May 2nd at 4 pm. Don't miss this one!

Saturday May 22nd Confirmation family dinner and rehearsal.

We will start with a Chipotle catered dinner at 5:30 followed by a run through rehearsal. Parents and siblings encouraged to attend. *Please RSVP your family count for dinner to Cindi by Sunday May 16.*



Sunday, May 23rd CONFIRMATION SUNDAY 9:30am!



A lasting promise

Before ascending into heaven, Jesus speaks a final promise to the disciples.

Directions: Use the picture clues to find the letters. Then write that word below to complete Acts 1:8, NIV.

Find a letter that's in  but not in . _____

Find a letter that's in  but not in . _____

Find a letter that's in  but not in . _____

Find a letter that's in  but not in . _____

Find a letter that's in  but not in . _____

"But you will receive _____ when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

ACTS 1:8, NIV

Women's Ministry

White Elephant & Bake Sale-Save the Date -October 1st & 2nd

It feels so good to be able to worship in person, praise God.
It's also good that Saint John's Ministries can once again meet,
plan and execute their missions.

That being said, the Women's Ministry is happy to announce
that we will be having our White Elephant and Bake Sale this
year. The sale will be on October 1st & 2nd and the format will
be the same as in the past.



Hopefully you've been putting those donation items away.
Remember that we cannot accept clothing other than outerwear and shoes.
Stay tuned for more information.

Blessings, Kay Werner & Rena Weiger, Event Coordinators

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A promotional flyer for "Fiesta at Fins!" at Fin's Restaurant. The flyer has a grey background with a colorful border at the top. On the left, there is a stylized illustration of a sombrero and a sombrero. The text on the flyer reads: "Fiesta at Fins! Drive Thru Take Out! Tuesday, May 4 4:00 - 7:00 pm. Fixed Menu Dinner \$25. No Substitutions Please. 3 Pieces Fish + 3 Shrimp. Cup of Clam Chowder & Mountain of Chips! Bring Added Gift for Children & Youth Or Make An Added Financial Donation. Local Food Gift Cards • Backpacks • Watch or Clock. First Aid • Laundry Soap • School & Art Supplies. FIN'S SEAFOOD RESTAURANT. FIN'S Restaurant. Grand Ave & Hwy 1, Grover Beach. 805-574-1638 www.5CHC.org. 5CITIES HOMELESS COALITION." The flyer also includes a Facebook logo and the text "5CITIES HOMELESS COALITION".

Council Highlights

Dear Church Family-

The church council wants to keep you informed about our financial status throughout the year. If the trends from January through March were to continue, income could be at 76% of budget by year-end and expenditures could be at 91% of budget by year-end. With no other changes to income or expenditures, this could potentially increase the need to draw from Church investment funds. On a positive note, while income is below budgeted levels through the first quarter, monthly giving has increased each month. April (which includes Easter) so far - appears to be further increasing. We have much to do to serve God, and fully re-opening our church will take all of us together. We are planning to be back to regular church in June, and pray that those of you that have not been attending will come back. We miss you! We pray that you will pray for our church and its financial giving. In the current times, with all of the challenges that each of us are faced with, please join us in prayerfully considering your stewardship and financial support of the church. Yours in Christ, Wes Drysdale, Council President

- ♦ The Council approved Cindi Wallace's recommendation to re-open with a modified KidsChurch in May.
- ♦ The Council made plans to share our current financial situation with the Congregation with a first Quarter offering statement letter, Eagle article, and Sunday announcement.
- ♦ The Council finalized new security protocols for dealing with our Thrivent accounts.
- ♦ The Council thanked Tyler Drysdale for his great service to Saint John's and made plans to find a replacement.
- ♦ The Council approved a new display area for the Stephens Ministry.

<u>Income/Expenses:</u>	March 2021	YTD
Income	\$ 27,063	\$ 73,050
Expenses	<u>\$ 35,955</u>	<u>\$ 101,359</u>
	\$ -8,892	\$ -28,309

Safe Parking Thank you!

For every kindness you have shown me along this journey with you kind & loving people. Words can't explain what this safe sleeping program has meant to me.

Love & Best Wishes to every single one of you. Carol





May

2 RACHEL MASICAMPO

6 WES DRYSDALE, AYL A MCGHIE

8 TYLER DRYSDALE

9 LINNEA KLEIST

18 GEORGE ERICSON

23 KAMRYN VILLANTI

24 ANDREW WOOD

PAM WEBSTER, RENA WEIGER,

28 ALFRED SCHIRMER

31 CHELSEA PERRY



Happy Anniversary!

5/1 STEPHEN & KAREN CORRELL

5/7 JENS & ANNA DYBDAHL

5/8 MARK & JEANNE HEIDEPRIEM

5/9 KEN & LINNEA KLEIST



Prayers for
Skylar, Stephanie, Jan, George, Eric, Chery P and
family, Eric, Cheryl A, Tyler, Jan

JUNE Newsletter

Deadline is May 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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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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