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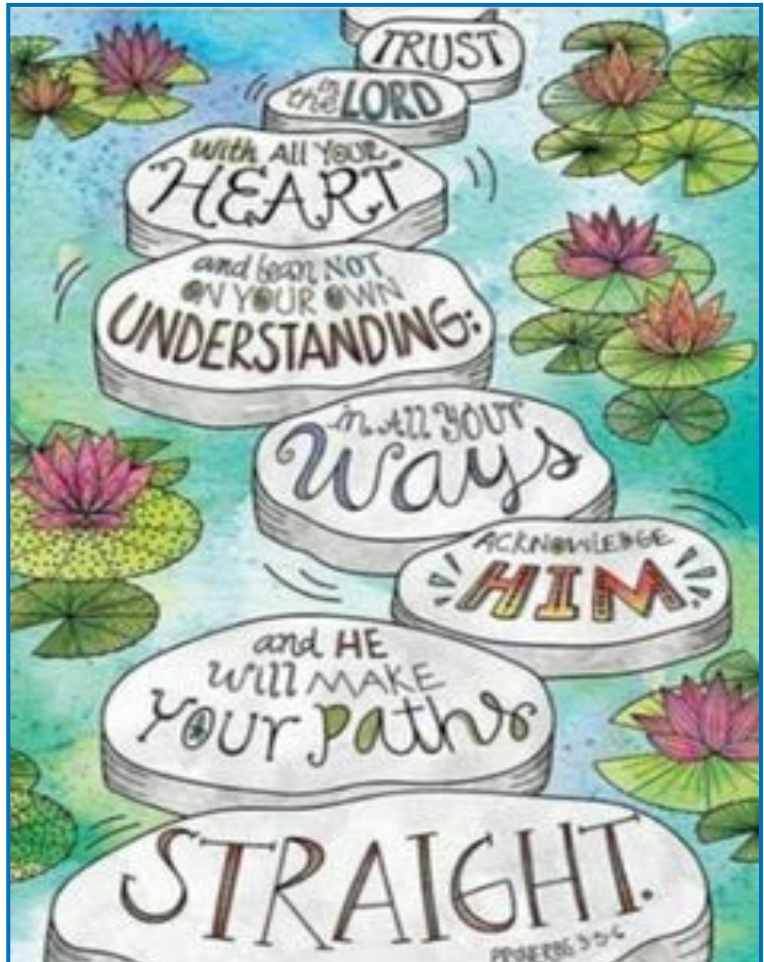
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Pastor's Page



But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him”— these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ~Paul in 1 Corinthians 2:9-10.

When the Bible talks about Heaven, there is a lot to say! It's also a lot to imagine. What will it be like? Can our small mortal brains even comprehend what God has in store for us? Paul seems to be saying that we've never seen or heard or even dreamed in our hearts about how great it will be. God has prepared quite a place for you and me.

Of course, the Bible isn't just about getting you into Heaven someday. It's about getting Heaven into you today. Jesus spoke about the Kingdom of Heaven more than any other subject in his teaching. And a lot of it sounds like it applies to the here and now. He comes as the Ambassador of Heaven to make sure our visas are in order and invites us to represent the Kingdom as well.

This summer, we'll be exploring Heaven with a new series called Heaven Bound. I hope you'll join us in person or online, and bring a friend.

June 15th seems to be a big day of reopening in our state. I hope you'll join me in prayer as things get back to normal (whatever that means).

God's Peace

Greg

P.S. Congrats to our graduates. See page 3 for the party info.

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



2021

Fellowship Folks - It's a Graduation Party!

Sunday, June 13th 12:30 pm

Meghan Reilly and Lydia Wallace are graduating from High School this month and they are throwing a luncheon for the whole church. We'll have delicious BBQ (Thanks to Kevin Colton) and a great time of fellowship and fun. They'll be seating inside and outside. Sign up on Sunday mornings. We'll be praying for the girls that morning in worship.

Father's Day Worship

Sunday, June 20th

Come celebrate Dads as we give praise to our Heavenly Father. Who are you inviting?

Church Work Day

Saturday, June 5th 9 am

Come out and help beautify the campus.

Men's Ministry Dinner

See page 10 for more info

June Food of the Month

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

Canned Soup

Thanks for helping keep the Wagon full!



Kids News

Kids Ministry: Kids in K-6th have the return of Kid specific Sunday morning opportunity during the 9:30 worship hour! Kids are always welcome to stay with families in worship & pew baskets are ready for each child (baskets stay at Saint John's and get refilled each week). The first Sunday of the month will remain as Family Sundays with all kids staying in "big church". On the other Sundays, we have a modified KidsChurch experience where we will get outside for games as much as possible, do a simple craft, Bible story, snack, and Bible videos. We will have COVID safety protocols in place and look forward to reconnecting kids with each other and their teachers.

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 are a great way to dig into Spiritual conversations and a reinforcement of what we are diving into on Sunday mornings. June will focus on the power of God and the presence of Holy Spirit. Pick yours up on Family Sunday or let us know if you would like yours dropped off!

Boomers Youth Outing: Students in 7-12th grade let's blow off some steam and kick off summer Tuesday, June 22! SIGN up with Cindi (no later than Sunday, June 20)! Meet at Saint John's at 2:30 pm & we will return to Saint John's at 8 pm. The cost of this outing is covered for Saint John's members. Cost to bring a friend \$25. All Students please bring money for dinner, snacks, arcade games, and batting cages. Attractions included: Go Carts, Rockwall, Bumper Boats, Mini Golf, and Bumper Cars. First 2 students to sign up bring a friend for free!!

Youth Summer Trip: We have a few remaining spots for our summer adventure! We are headed to Big Bear July 18-22 for a 4 night adventure filled with fun, exploring, fellowship, swimming, hiking, worship, and outdoorsy "things"! We are hoping to include a day trip to Lake Gregory outdoor inflatable water park (it is currently closed due to COVID but projected to open beginning of June)! This trip is open to students currently in Jr High or High School. If you are not signed up, talk to Cindi ASAP to see if there is space!

Details: We will depart from Saint John's at noon on Sunday, July 18. We will return before dinner on Thursday, July 22 (between 4-6 pm)

What is covered? The majority of the trip costs will be covered by previous fundraising. Lodging, transportation & gas, dinners (except travel days) breakfasts each day, and one day admission to the water park.

What money is needed? Students will need to bring about \$100 to cover several meals: Fast food meals on both travel days plus lunch out each day in Big Bear for a total of 6 meals (Big Bear will be a mix of fast food and diners). OPTIONAL additional money for shopping, extra food treats/ice cream/coffee etc. and (optional) water sport rentals on our free afternoon lake day in Big Bear.

What to bring: Linens and bath towels provided. Please bring a beach towel, clothing for both warm and cool weather, swimsuit (or two!), comfy shoes for lots of walking, personal toiletries, Bible, and a good, adventurous attitude!

Confirmation

Our 2021 Confirmands & Their Confirmation Verses



Avery Reitsma

The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand
Isaiah 40:8

Riley Reitsma

Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and
conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.
1 Timothy 4:12

Rose Overduin

I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go. Genesis 28:15 NIV

Abigail Kaseman

My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but
joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance.
James 1:2-3

Evan Reilly

The LORD is my light and my salvation; I will fear no one. The LORD protects me from
all danger; I will never be afraid.
Psalm 27:1 GNB

Lucca Ravera

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things
present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all
creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Romans 8:38-39

Micah Wallace

We walk by faith, not by sight.
2 Corinthians 5:7



Saint John's You Did It!!!

With much help from the congregations of Saint Johns, Bethel Lutheran and Iglesia Luterana in Santa Maria and donations from individuals including members of Mount Carmel Lutheran Church in San Luis Obispo, our Fellowship Folks Multicultural Fair and Auction was a smashing success. The Woodland Drive Band was awesome with music that added so much to the festivities! It was so inspiring to see our congregation coming together once again for fun, fellowship and service. This benefit event raised \$14,476 to be divided equally between the two non-profits selected by the Social Outreach Services and Global Missions Ministry Teams. As a result, the ZOZU Project will be able to continue to feed nearly 500 students at Solid Rock Christian School in Arua, Uganda two meals per day (often the only meals these students receive each day). Our timing for distribution of these funds is perfect since the students return to school this month. Closer to home in Santa Maria, Pastor Esteban and Angie who head up the "Feed and Pray with the Field Workers Program" at Iglesia Lutheran Santa Cruz will be able to continue to deliver hundreds of sandwiches each week to the field workers.

Glory to God for giving us precious people locally and globally to love and with whom we can share God's bountiful goodness. We so appreciate the time, talents and financial support that so many of you contributed to making this event possible. Our cup overflows with gratitude and love for each of you and the various roles you served through your attendance and participation in support of these causes to combat hunger.

A special shout out to the members of the Saint John's Social Outreach and Global Missions ministry teams and to Patty and Randy Ouimette for countless hours spent planning and tending to the many tasks needed to make this event happen. Securing and documenting donations, food preparation and serving, set up and takedown, phone calls inviting us to attend, donors of special items for the auctions, the cashiers, the registration desk workers, raffle salespersons, our outstanding auctioneer, the call to action team, and proctors for the silent auction - so much behind the scenes. You all came to the rescue when you sensed our need for help.

Saint John's, with God's help we can do anything in His service. Congratulations for responding to His call. Job well done!

Sandy Lebens, Chairperson Social Outreach Services Ministry Team

Pastor Pat Muran, Chairperson Global Missions Ministry Team

Stephen Ministry

Saint John's Stephen Ministry



Saint John's will begin classes for new Stephen Ministers on Monday August 30. We hope you will consider God's guidance in your life and join us this fall!






Stephen Minister training

- teaches principles and skills that equip you to provide high-quality, Christ-centered emotional and spiritual care to others.
 - gives you new insight into the thoughts, feelings, and actions of people who are hurting.
 - equips you with relational and caring skills you can apply to all aspects of your life.
 - helps deepen your faith as the Holy Spirit fashions you into a Christ-centered caregiver.
 - builds a special bond of Christian community and camaraderie among all those in your class.
- is highly interactive, engaging, and a lot of fun!

What is a Stephen Minister?

Stephen Ministers are lay congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness. Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life, but they all share a passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during a time of need.

Interested? Just let Pastor Greg know.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>30 Trinity Sunday 9:30 AM Family Sunday - NO Kids Church 9:30 AM Worship 11:00 AM Worship</p> 	<p>31 Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED</p> 	<p>1 10:00 AM Morning Bible Study</p>
<p>6 9:30 AM Kids Church 9:30 AM Worship-Holy Communion 11:00 AM Worship-Holy Communion</p>	<p>7 6:30 PM Youth Comm Mtg</p>	<p>8 10:00 AM Morning Bible Study 11:30 AM Chapel People's Kit.</p>
<p>13 9:30 AM Kids Church 9:30 AM Worship 11:00 AM Worship 12:30 PM Fellowship Folks - Graduation Party</p>	<p>14 3:00 PM Stephen Min. 6:00 PM M6 Men's Ministry Dinner</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>20 Father's Day 9:30 AM Kids Church 9:30 AM Worship-Holy Communion 11:00 AM Worship-Holy Communion</p> 	<p>21 First Day of Summer 5:00 PM Council Mtg</p> 	<p>22 1:00 PM Staff Mtg</p> 
<p>27 9:30 AM Kids Church 9:30 AM Worship 11:00 AM Worship 6:00 PM</p>	<p>28 3:00 PM Stephen Min.</p>	<p>29</p>

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	3 10:00 AM Organist Rehearsal 5:00 PM Heavenly Handbells 6:00 PM Worship Team Rehearsal 6:30 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Property Comm	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5 9:00 AM Property Day  CHURCH WORK DAY
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Dress a Girl Around the World

It's hard to believe that it's been over a year since the Dress a Girl team has met together as a group. Still, we've kept the ministry going by a few of us making kits for others to sew and return. In this process, we have recruited several more sewists as well as outside groups who have continued making dresses. Through the faithful work of several, we have over 700 dresses that will be going to Operation Christmas Child. And that partnership has been renewed and in fact will most likely be growing to include additional areas of California.

Best of all, come June 19th, a Saturday, from 9 am to 2 pm, we will resume meeting in our fellowship hall with all of our ladies (and gents) who wish to come. We will celebrate with fellowship, talking and lunch provided thanks to a Thrivent Grant.. This will be a special time of re-establishing friendships, joyful fellowship that most of us have not had, and of course good food.

We hope to see many of you whom we haven't seen in a long time.

Be Blessed - Make a Dress

Pamela Glenn
Dress A Girl Coordinator



Hat & Scarf Knitting

We have also been in the process of starting up our Knitting Group, making Scarves and Hats for the homeless, which are generally distributed the last Sunday of the year, although we also would be glad to give them to others. If you know of a group in need, come talk to me.



Right now we are back to meeting the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the church, which may be expanding to include a second group on a different day. This year so far, we have already completed many scarves and hats. It is a fun time of getting together with people that are like-minded and enjoy each other's company, while we knit, chat, fellowship and just have a good old time. If you think you would like to come, we'd love to have you, whether you knit or not. We have yarn, needles and a fantastic teacher! (That would be me!) Hope to see you at our next meeting, June 9th, from 9 am to noon.

Pamela Glenn

Men's Ministry

JOIN OTHER MEN ON THE CENTRAL COAST TO EAT GREAT FOOD, HEAR FROM A DYNAMIC SPEAKER, AND ENCOUNTER GOD.



M6
MEN AT 6

M6 Men's Dinner Monday, June 14th at 6 pm

Join other men on the Central Coast for some delicious food, a chance to hear how God is moving within our community, and get to know some other men!

We meet on the 2nd Monday of the month at 6pm at Thousand Hills Ranch: 855 Thousand Hills Rd., Pismo Beach, CA.

Plus it's all free!

We hope you will join us, and be bold and invite someone!

Kids Page

RUNNING THE RACE

Summer Reading Plan

Loving and following Jesus is like being a runner, the Bible says. And a special "prize" waits at the end of the race! When you're tired or your faith feels weak, trust Jesus to give you strength.

With this Summer Reading Plan, you can complete a box every day or every other day. Read the Scripture and complete each activity to grow closer to Jesus. When you reach the finish line, start over for more practice. Invite a friend or family member to "run" with you!

START

<p>1 Corinthians 9:24-26 Run in place as long as you can. Think of ways you "run" for Jesus.</p>	<p>Matthew 18:10-14 Think of a time you "wandered off" — and how Jesus found you.</p>	<p>Matthew 24:13 Write the verse with sidewalk chalk. "Stand firm" by it and say it aloud.</p>	<p>Luke 15:11-32 (or a book about it) Why did the son run away? What makes his father run?</p>	<p>Revelation 22:20 Pray, "Come, Lord Jesus!"</p>
<p>Deuteronomy 31:1-8 (focus on vs. 6) How does it feel to know God always runs with you?</p>	<p>Psalm 119:32 Why do we need to follow rules — and God's commands?</p>	<p>John 20:1-10 Act out Easter morning, with runners sharing the good news.</p>	<p>2 John 8 Play Tag, then "reward" yourself with a cold drink or treat.</p>	<p>2 Timothy 4:7 Draw or make a finish line and run through it.</p>
<p>Hebrews 12:1-3 Find out what "perseverance" means. Why do runners need that?</p>	<p>1 Peter 2:21 Play Follow the Leader with friends & family.</p>	<p>Acts 8:26-40 Why did Philip run? How do you share Jesus with others?</p>	<p>2 Corinthians 12:9-10 Show muscles and say, "When I'm weak, I am strong."</p>	<p>2 Corinthians 12:9-10 Show muscles and say, "When I'm weak, I am strong."</p>
<p>Jeremiah 10:23 Pray that God always directs your steps.</p>	<p>Jonah chapter 1 (or a book about Jonah) What happens when Jonah runs from God?</p>	<p>Galatians 5:7 Make an obstacle course. What gets in the way of faith?</p>	<p>Philippians 3:13-14 Make a sign that reads "Press on!"</p>	<p>Philippians 3:13-14 Make a sign that reads "Press on!"</p>
<p>Proverbs 3:5-6 Run backward, then in circles, then with eyes closed. Why are "straight paths" simpler?</p>	<p>Isaiah 41:10 Make a paper baton. Practice relay handoffs & discuss God's helpful hand.</p>	<p>2 Timothy 2:5 Make a crown to remember your victory in Jesus.</p>	<p>James 1:12 Brainstorm ways to support and cheer other runners.</p>	<p>James 1:12 Brainstorm ways to support and cheer other runners.</p>
<p>Psalms 18:32 Memorize this verse.</p>	<p>Philippians 4:13 Write or tell someone your strengths.</p>	<p>1 Timothy 4:8 Do jumping jacks, stretches and physical training.</p>	<p>Hebrews 10:36 Talk about the promises God keeps to us.</p>	<p>Hebrews 10:36 Talk about the promises God keeps to us.</p>

FINISH

Council Highlights

Kevin Colton led a discussion about Jesus' feeding of the 5000 when it first appeared there were only five loaves of bread and two fish from Mark 6:30-44 & John 6:1-15.

Pastor Greg shared that seven students will be confirming their faith on Confirmation Sunday, May 23rd. One of the students will be baptized at Avila this week.

The Council discussed the new CDC guidelines and voted to implement them at Saint John's beginning Sunday, May 23rd. Vaccinated people no longer need to wear face coverings at worship when space can be maintained.

Cheryl Price submitted her Council resignation because she is moving to Nevada. We thank her for her faithful service.

The Council chose Cyndi Perry to fill Cheryl's term until the next congregational meeting.

Roseann announced that the Women's Ministry will hold a White Elephant rummage sale/fundraiser in October.



Our newest Council Member
Cyndi Perry
(pictured with husband Steve)

<u>Income/Expenses:</u>	April 2021	YTD
Income	\$ 33,594	\$106,644
	<u>\$ 34,206</u>	<u>\$134,850</u>
	\$ -612	\$- 28,206



Congratulations to Theresa Wolf who has graduated from Cuesta College with honors. She has completed the following AA's: Recreation Administration, Arts in Behavioral Science, Business Management and Business Administration Career Path. Wow and well done!



June

1 SHELLEY MALCOLM,
MIRIAM RAVERA
4 JAMIE ORMONDE,
5 CINDI WALLACE
11 ANGIE KING
14 JEANNE HEIDPRIEM,
NAOMI KLINKENBERG,
CAMILLE PENNINGROTH,
18 STAN ROBERTS
19 YVONNE STEPHENS
21 CHERYL PRICE
22 ELLIOT PERRY
26 DAVID GOODWIN
29 RICHARD DROSTE,
RICK TERBORCH



Happy Anniversary!

3 JIM & JOAN MCBAIN
10 FRANK & SANDY LEBENS
14 MIKE & CHERYL APFEL
20 ED & DIANNA MURASKI
SEAN & JANICE BORJA
22 KEVIN & JULIA COLTON
24 GREG & CYNDI WALLACE
25 KENT & CAMILLE
PENNINGROTH



Prayers for Nancy, Jeff, George, Eric,
Cheryl P., Cheryl A., Tyler, Elijah

JULY Newsletter

Deadline is June 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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Cyndi Perry

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