

*In God
We Trust*



*The
Eagle*

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July

2022

Pastor's Page



“Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help. Again, if two lie together, they keep warm; but how can one keep warm alone? And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken.” Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

I've always loved this admonition from Ecclesiastes. It's so clear that we need each other now more than ever. There are so many folks out there in our culture right now that feel very alone. They don't have the sense that someone has their back. If you know them, reach out to them. If you haven't seen someone in church for a while, give them a ring (or a text, or an email, or a carrier pigeon).

This month, we get to share the spirit of Aloha (welcome) with Ukulele Sunday on July 10th. We'll have just one gathering all together at 10 am with a Luau lunch of delicious smoked pulled pork. I can already taste it! There's even a waterslide for the kids. We'll enjoy the power of Ohana (family) as we share life and grow closer together. This would be a great morning to bring a friend or family member you've been praying for.

Speaking of praying, would you be sure to lift up our Vacation Bible School and Summer Youth Mission Trip this month? As we love and invest in future generations of the followers of Jesus, we are trusting that God isn't done with us Lutherans yet. It's so important to keep passing on the faith.

It's the summer of fun and fellowship, so I hope you'll jump in.

God's Peace

Greg

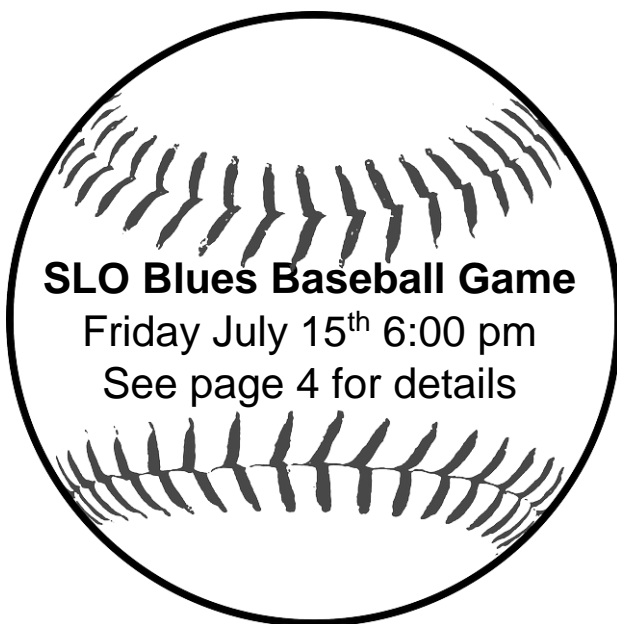
Life Together



Ukulele Sunday July 10th at 10 am (One gathering only)

Come and join us for an awesome time of worship and praise, as all our songs are accompanied by Ukuleles – and it's not just the worship band! If you have a ukulele or know someone who does, we hope you will bring it and play along with the worship band. You are welcome to stand up front or stay in the pews – whatever is most comfortable for you. Be sure you ask one of the band members for the music, so you can practice before hand if you want.

After our worship gathering, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall to feast on pulled pork, rice and...delicious cupcakes made by Theresa Schultz! Yum! It's great when we can all be together as one congregation. Help us spread the word with invite postcards. Be sure to invite a friend..... or ten!



**You Can Join Us
Online or In-Person**

**Contemporary – 9:30 am
(July 10th 10 am)**

Traditional – 11:00 am

Youth & Children's Ministry



Don't miss our Family Ukulele worship and lunch Sunday, July 10th at 10 am. Kids stay for water play and enjoy this fun waterslide following lunch. FREE beach towels for kids! Bring some sunscreen!

Join us for some Fellowship Fun at the Ballpark on Friday July 15th at 6 pm! Tickets are \$10 and we recommend purchasing them ahead of time online before they sell out. Let Greg know if you plan to meet us and we'll save some seats!



bluesbaseball.com



**VBS Monumental:
Celebrating God's Greatness
July 12-15, 2022**

Saint John's is partnering with several local church Children's Ministries for a blow out week of VBS held at the Calvary Chapel AG campus. Cindi will be leading the Imagination Station if you would like to help one day or all 4 days. Additional help is needed for Crew Leaders: high school and adult leaders with a group of 8 kids from station to station. If you are interested in helping, talk with Cindi and she will get you connected! cindi@saintjohnsag.com or 310-613-0284.

Youth & Children's Ministry



Please pray for our students and leaders as we head to San Diego **July 17-23**. We will get our serving specifics once we arrive but we are ready to tackle any project and expect to interact each day with local residents from the community. Crews typically serve at the same organization for the entire camp creating an environment where meaningful relationships develop. We will be hosted by Quest Church in El Cajon.

Packing List plus \$100 recommended spending money: Students will need money for 5 meals: Sunday lunch, Tuesday night out on the town, Friday lunch and dinner, and Saturday lunch. Plus any additional spending money for souvenirs, snacks, etc.

- Work gloves
- Air mattress, cot, or foam pad (twin-size)
- Sleeping bag or sheets with blanket and pillow
- Towels and washcloths
- Modest swimsuit and shower shoes
- Toiletries
- Clothes: Long pants or jeans, modest shorts and work t-shirts
- Sturdy shoes
- Water bottle (refillable, to be used at your work site)
- Bible & pen/pencil
- Snacks*
- Fun items for our theme dinners*: Christmas Monday, Wacky Wednesday, Tropical Thursday
- 1 mask per day (either disposable or enough cloth ones to get through the week without laundry- to be determined later in the spring)

*Optional Items

Community & Global Missions

“Listen Up” in July as we feature a Mission Moment on four Sundays. We want the congregation to know about the outreach Saint John’s has to the world and here at home. On Sunday July 10th, you will hear about the Zozu ministry in Uganda from Mick & Elaine Lebens, just back from Uganda. July 17th will be Frontiers with Pastor Dan Harter who will speak of people coming to Jesus in Iraq and other Middle Eastern places. On Sunday July 24th, we will have Pastor Hosanna from China Service Ventures, telling about refugees coming from China to London. Sunday July 31st, a member from Igreja Luterana de Santa Cruz, will come and talk about growing and feeding the church in Santa Maria. You will have an opportunity to support these ministries, so we can reach even more people for Christ.



Gardeners Wanted!

Would you like to learn how to care for plants and maintain a beautiful garden? Lois Franks heads up our gardening team here at Saint John’s. You’ll often see them trimming the roses and making the beds look beautiful. And they’re willing to teach you their skills. You can learn about plants that do well in our area and make Saint John’s a more welcoming place.

Church Work Day

Saturday July 9th at 9 am
Come see what you can do!
There’s a job for everyone!

Food of the Month

July – Macaroni & Cheese
For 5 Cities Christian
Women’s Food Pantry

Psalm 33

The Greatness and Goodness of God

1 Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous. Praise befits the upright.

2 Praise the Lord with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.

3 Sing to him a new song; play skilfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

4 For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.

5 He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

6 By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and all their host by the breath of his mouth.

7 He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle; he put the deeps in storehouses.

8 Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

9 For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

10 The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples.

11 The counsel of the Lord stands for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

12 Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

13 The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all humankind.

14 From where he sits enthroned he watches all the inhabitants of the earth—

15 he who fashions the hearts of them all, and observes all their deeds.

16 A king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

17 The war horse is a vain hope for victory, and by its great might it cannot save.

18 Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love,

19 to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

20 Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield.

21 Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.

22 Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you

A quote from Billy Graham:

While we look with gratitude to the past on this July 4th, may we also look in faith to the future, and commit it and our lives to God and His will. The ancient words of the Psalmist are still true: "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12).

From Billy Graham Evangelist Association (billygrham.org)

July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
26 The Gideons 9:30am Worship 11:00am Worship	27 10:30am OA Meeting 2:00pm Stephen Min. 6:00pm Troop 414 Awards 7:00pm Boy Scouts	28 12:00pm Al Anon Meeting 6:00pm AA Meeting 6:00pm Instrumental Ensemble
3 9:30am Family Sunday – Holy Communion NO Kids Church 11:00am Worship-Holy Communion	4 Independence Day 10:30am OA Meeting 6:30pm Youth Comm Mtg 7:00pm Boy Scouts	5 12:00pm Al Anon Meeting 6:00pm AA Meeting 6:00pm Instrumental Ensemble
10 Ukulele Sunday 10:00am Worship	11 VBS at Calvary AG 10:30am OA Meeting 2:00pm Global Mission 7:00pm Boy Scouts	12 VBS at Calvary AG 11:30am Chapel People's Kit. 12:00pm Al Anon Meeting 6:00pm AA Meeting 6:00pm Instrumental Ensemble
17 Youth Summer Trip - Week of Hope San Diego 9:30am Worship-Holy Communion 11:00am Worship-Holy Communion	18 Youth Summer Trip - Week of Hope San Diego 10:30am OA Meeting 6:30pm Council Mtg 7:00pm Boy Scouts	19 Youth Summer Trip - Week of Hope San Diego 12:00pm Al Anon Meeting 6:00pm AA Meeting 6:00pm Instrumental Ensemble
24 9:30am Worship 11:00am Worship	25 10:30am OA Meeting 2:00pm Stephen Min. 7:00pm Boy Scouts	26 12:00pm Al Anon Meeting 1:00pm Staff Mtg 6:00pm AA Meeting 6:00pm Instrumental Ensemble
31 9:30am Worship 11:00am Worship	1 10:30am OA Meeting 6:30pm Youth Comm Mtg 7:00pm Boy Scouts	2 12:00pm Al Anon Meeting 6:00pm AA Meeting 6:00pm Instrumental Ensemble

July 2022

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30 10:00am Organist Rehearsal 6:00pm Worship Team 6:30pm Sweet Adelines 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Property Committee	1 OFFICE CLOSED 10:00am Lucia Mar Knitting	2 8:00pm A.A. Speakers
6	7 10:00am Organist Rehearsal 6:00pm Worship Team 6:30pm Sweet Adelines 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Property Comm	8 OFFICE CLOSED 10:00am Lucia Mar Knitting	9 9:00am Property Day 9:00am Dress A Girl Workshop
13 VBS at Calvary AG 9:00am Knit a Scarf	14 VBS at Calvary AG 10:00am Organist Rehearsal 6:00pm Worship Team 6:30pm Sweet Adelines 7:00pm Boy Scouts	15 OFFICE CLOSED 10:00am Lucia Mar Knitting 6:00pm SLO Blues Game	16
20 Youth Summer Trip - Week of Hope San Diego 1:00pm (on hold) Shalom Circle 6:00pm Al-Anon Mtg	21 Youth Summer Trip - Week of Hope San Diego 10:00am Organist Rehearsal 6:00pm Worship Team 6:30pm Sweet Adelines 7:00pm Boy Scouts	22 OFFICE CLOSED Youth Summer Trip - Week of Hope San Diego 10:00am Lucia Mar Knitting	23 Youth Summer Trip - Week of Hope San Diego
27	28 10:00am Organist Rehearsal 6:00pm Worship Team 6:30pm Sweet Adelines 7:00pm Boy Scouts	29 OFFICE CLOSED 10:00am Lucia Mar Knitting	30

Welcome, New Members



Pat & Erick Sturcke



Wanda Parker



Barb & Mike Johnson



Beth Webb



Darlene Lacugna

Acknowledgement of Graduates



On June 3, Evan Mundahl, youngest son of Mitch and Susan, graduated from the 20 week training at the San Francisco Fire Academy. It was impressive to see 39 men and 8 women in their “dress blues” get called on stage to get their badges pinned on them.

Evan’s cheering family included his wife Alexis, her parents, her sister and boyfriend. Also there was his father, Mitch and his mother Susan Mundahl-Rodriguez and her husband Kenny Rodriguez. The applause was joyous and loud!

Congratulations, Evan and good luck as a SF City Fireman. We are so proud of you!”

Thank you so much! Darlene Lacugna, In Care of Her Daughter Susan

Endowment Committee

On behalf of your Endowment Committee, I’m pleased to announce that our funds did very well during 2021 and that we are able to make sizable distributions for last year. The Committee apologizes for this being late.

The total distribution for calendar year 2021 will be \$8,121.

Based on our by-Laws, the following designated distributions will be made:

Youth - \$2463

Global Missions - \$2774

Local Missions - \$678

Worship & Music - \$509

This leaves \$1696 to be distributed as Grants, requested by various Ministries. Grant Request forms are available in the Commons.

Completed requests need to be submitted by July 10th. They may be placed in the Endowment mailbox in the hally or turned in to the office.

We plan to make formal distributions on Sunday August 7th.

Respectfully, your Endowment Committee: Terry Fibick, Brian King, Gordon Eiland, Pastor Greg and Bob Weiger.

Women's Ministry

Women's Ministry will not be holding meetings for July 7 August. Our Next Meeting will be in September. Hope to see you there.

We've been asked how we distribute our funds. So far this year we have donated funds to the following:

Saint John's Ministries:

Kitchen supplies – coffee, condiments, juice, cookies, juice, cookies & paper goods.
Good Samaritan Fund

Community Donations:

Captive Hearts, People's Kitchen, Salvation Army, Boys & Girls Club, Disabled Veterans of SLO County, Meals that Connect (Senior Nutrition), New Life K-9s (Dogs trained to assist veterans with PTSD), Children's Resource Network.

Outreach Ministries:

Zozu Project (student sponsorship)
Lutheran World Relief (personal care kits)
SON (Ukrainian Refugee Relief)

If you would like more information on any of these, please contact a committee member.

SJWM Committee: Rena Weiger, Louise Frye, Ethel Lenz, Linda McNair & Ruth Kapka

Council Highlights

Highlights of Council Meeting June 20th

- The Council wishes to thank Sandy Lebens for her expression of support.
- The Sanctuary Upgrade is complete, the drum cage is installed and the new microphones are in place.
- Look for an upcoming notice of a SLO Blues Day for the congregation.
- Ukulele Sunday is July 10th.
- A 'Welcome' video featuring Pastor Greg and Cindi is in development, for posting to the church website.
- A social media campaign is being developed to increase the presence of church activities to online platforms.

<u>Income/Expenses:</u>	<u>April 2022</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$ 34,674	\$ 106,987
Expenses	<u>31,775</u>	<u>\$ 130,765</u>
	\$ 2,899	\$ -23,779

Dress a Girl

About two and a half years ago, Dress a Girl became involved with Points of Light, a group affiliated with the Disney world. Points of Light encourages groups to become involved in their communities by doing projects that are beneficial. Points of Light offered Disney Tickets to the groups involved in the projects, with up to 20 tickets being available. If you think back, Dress a Girl had everyone who came to church one Sunday be involved by writing a prayer card for each girl who would be receiving a dress. We had enough participants that we qualified to receive 20 tickets. The previous year, we donated them to the Youth Group Fundraiser to be auctioned or raffled, or whatever would be of the most value. It was a great success. So when the next year came around, we thought we would do the same thing. But COVID 19 also came around and everything stopped. We were told by Points of Light that everything was cancelled indefinitely, although they hoped that soon they could offer the program again. Well, finally this year, I received an email that said, they were once more distributing tickets and we would receive the tickets awarded to us in the Springtime. They finally did come, but not soon enough for the Fundraiser this year. However, since we knew they were coming, the Youth Committee decided to go ahead and auction off IOU's. And true to their word, Points of Light sent the tickets a couple of weeks after the fundraiser – I'm sure everyone who had tickets coming have now received them. We do hope that they will be able to re-open this program soon. In the meantime, we continue to sew dresses and send them wherever we can.

Scarf & Hat Knitting

Knitting is still going strong! We have made more than 100 scarves already this year plus quite a few hats. This is a wonderful time of fellowship with conversations in abundance. It's a terrific social time that allows us to catch up with each other and still accomplish something of value. So if you knit or not, or you think you would like to get back into it, we would love to have you come join us! Even if you don't know how to knit, but may have always wanted to, we will be glad to show you how to get those needles clicking! The pay-off (so to speak) is at the end of the year when the scarves and hats are distributed. We take the time to personally deliver them to some of the homeless camps around the Five Cities area – people are so grateful, it will bring tears to your eyes. Right now, we meet just once a month on the second Wednesday – in July, that will be the 13th, from 9 am to noon. We meet at the Church and the number of people we have decides where we will meet. I'd love to do a second meeting on a different day, if there is enough interest. For more information, text, call or email me. 805-710-7941 or pamelaglenn@hotmail.com.



SARAH ORMONDE	7/1
NICCO RAVERA	7/3
ERMA KENDRICK	7/4
PATTI ROBERTS	7/4
CAROLYN MINER	7/7
ANNA DYBDAHL	7/13
TOM REILLY	7/18
PATRICIA MURAN	7/19
MARCIA THORNTON	7/20
LOUISE FRYE	7/21
JANICE GOODWIN	7/22
MICAH COLTON	7/25
ROBERT CARLESON	7/25
MICAH WALLACE	7/26
JOSHUA ORMONDE	7/27
DARLENE LACUGNA	7/29
JULIE LEBENS	7/29
ED MURASKI	7/31
ELIZABETH BLANK	7/31

ROGER & JEANNIE ORMONDE	7/18
BRIAN & ANGIE KING	7/24
MERLIN & JEAN WILSON	7/28

Prayers:

Ethel, Heidi, Cay, Stan, Betty,
Eric, George, Stephanie,
Lisa, Theresa, Claude.



Thank-you

I wish to thank my church family for their prayers and their support during this difficult time. Christina and Gabriella join me in also thanking Pastors Greg and Randy who by word and deed expressed Christ's love for Axel and for us.

Earlene C. Leijonhufvud

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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. For more info, call the Church Office.

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