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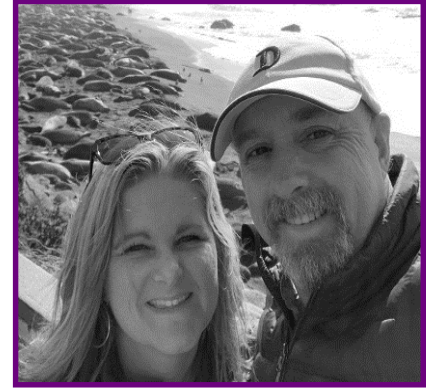


January 2023

Pastor's Page

Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. Isaiah 40:30-31

Happy New Year! One more trip around the sun, and here we are in 2023. I remember when the 2020s felt like science fiction. Who knew we'd all live this long?



What are you excited for in this new year together? Where will God guide us and we rebuild and reach out? There are so many people hurting in our culture, far from God. I'm praying they'll find their way home to their loving Heavenly Father. And I hope the Spirit guides some of them to us to love and care for. Martin Luther once called the church a "hospital for sinners." Isn't that the truth?!

This month, we start the New Year off with a Day of Prayer on Sunday, January 1st. We'll have just one combined gathering at 10am. Then, for the rest of the month, we'll be back to our 9:30am & 11am routine.

We've got lots of opportunities to be together this month. I hope you join in. Read on and learn more about the Chili Cook-off, a Congregational Meeting, the Gold's Memorial, and a chance to give out scarves to those in need. What a great way to be the church in 2023!

Happy New Year!

Greg

PS If you're looking for a good New Year's resolution, join us in reading the New Testament together in 2023. Just one chapter per day, five days per week! You can do it.

Are you getting our weekly email updates?
Email me to get on our list.
greg@saintjohnsag.com

Life Together

Day of Prayer

Sunday, January 1, 2023

One Gathering at 10 am

We'll spend time in worship and the Word. Then we'll break up and pray over different parts of the campus. We need God's guidance and strength if we're going to be the mission outpost God is calling us to be.

Congregational Meeting Part Two

Sunday, January 22, 2023

(between worship
gatherings)

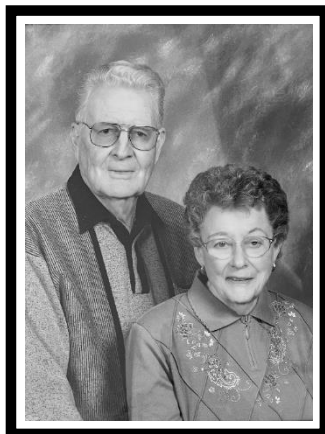
Come and vote for new
Church Council members
and a new Nominating
Committee for 2023.

Bob & Sylvia Gold Memorial

You're Invited

11:00 am Saturday
January 28, 2023

At Saint John's



Worship Schedule

Starting January 8th

9:30am Contemporary Worship

11:00am Traditional Worship

Hand out Scarves

Sunday, January 8th Noon

(see page 4 for more info)

Chili Cook-off 4 pm

Sunday, January 29th

See page 5 for more info

Tuesday Morning Bible Study Begins January 10th at 10am

A Tapestry of Traditions

Join Pastor Greg in the
Commons for a look at the
different Christian
denominations and movements.

How's a Presbyterian different
from a Methodist? What is God
doing with the Evangelicals and
the Pentecostals? What can we
gain from these other rich
traditions of faith?

No experience required.

Youth & Children's Ministry

KidsChurch

Just a reminder - Weekly KidsChurch continues each week! Except for Family Sundays (on the first Sunday of each month), we have a special time created just for you, K-6th graders! Join us Sundays during 9:30 worship, for games, snacks, crafts, and Bible stories. Weekly youth group happens Sunday evenings from 6-8 pm in the youth room. We've been missing many of you and would love to see you!

Scarf Distribution coming January 8, 2023

Save Sunday afternoon for our annual time of distributing scarves in strategic places around the local area. Pam continues to do an amazing job leading our knitting crew and they have been hard at work making over 150 scarves! Thank you ladies! We'll meet for lunch at noon at In & Out together and then head off to distribute. All ages and friends welcome! Kids 6th grade and younger need an adult present. Youth can ride with Cindi.

Winter Camp March 3-5, 2022

Friday: Students will need to be excused from school early on Friday, March 3rd. Sign up now and save your spot with a deposit of \$50! Sign up with Cindi or Matthew ASAP!



Grades: 7-12 (entering fall 2023)
SAVE THE DATES for this summer's
houseboat trip with Sonshine
Ministries July 16-22, 2023



July 10 -14, 2023

Youth & Children's Ministry

Sunday, January 29th

4:00 p.m. in Ouimette Hall



Come out for a fun filled night of great food and lots of fun! Be one of many judges or just sample some of the most the delicious chili!

ATTENTION CHILI COOKOFF ENTRIES:

- RED Chili only
- \$20 entry fee per person/pot of chili
- Bring a large pot of red chili heated in a crock pot
- No additional ingredients can be added for judging
- Prizes will be awarded!
- Sign Ups in the Commons

SPONSORED BY THE YOUTH COMMITTEE

Help us raise funds for Hume Lake Winter Camp!

January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
1 New Year's Day 10:00am Day of Prayer - NO Kids Church, Worship & Communion 6:00pm NO Youth Group	2 6:30pm Youth Comm Mtg	3 10:00am NO Bible Study
8 9:30am KidsChurch 9:30am Worship 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Scarf Distribution	9 1:00pm Global & Community Missions	10 10:00am Bible Study 11:30am People's Kitchen
15 9:30am KidsChurch 9:30am Worship-Holy Communion 11:00am Worship-Holy Communion 6:00pm Youth Group	16 OFFICE CLOSED Martin L. King, Jr. Day	17 10:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Council Mtg
22 9:30am KidsChurch 9:30am Worship 10:30am Congregational Meeting #2 11:00am Worship 6:00pm Youth Group	23 2:00pm Stephen Min.	24 10:00am Bible Study 1:00pm Staff Mtg
29 9:30am KidsChurch 9:30am Worship 11:00am Worship 4:00pm Chili Cook-Off	30	31 10:00am Bible Study

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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4	5 6:00pm Worship Team 7:00pm Property Comm	6 OFFICE CLOSED	7 9:00am Property Day
11 9:00am Knit a Scarf	12 6:00pm Worship Team	13 OFFICE CLOSED	14 9:00am Dress A Girl Workshop
18	19 6:00pm Worship Team	20 OFFICE CLOSED	21
25	26 6:00pm Worship Team	27 OFFICE CLOSED	28 Bob & Sylvia Gold Memorial, 11:00am
1	2 6:00pm Worship Team 7:00pm Property Comm	3 OFFICE CLOSED	4 9:00am Property Day

Dress a Girl

The Dress A Girl ministry will be back in action this month! We will meet for our regular workshop on Saturday, January 14th from 9 am to 2 pm. A few of us met over the holidays and made dress kits and serged them, so all of you would have some dresses to be working on. We produced close to a thousand dresses in 2022, with the bulk of them going to Operation Christmas Child here locally and also in Simi Valley, Santa Clarita and Van Nuys. At the end of 2022, we received a large batch of dresses from House of God in Redlands, and as always they are just beautiful. This year, I am hoping to find some other groups who travel to other countries – there are so many in need! If you love to sew, please come out Saturday, January 14th and just find out what we do. We can always use some people who don't know how to sew, but can cut fabric, and prepare the dresses to pass along to the ladies that sew. It is a great time of fellowship and fun, not to mention, usually there is food!

Scarf & Hat Knitting

Our knitters are ready to get back to their knitting, making scarves and hats for the homeless and needy. We also started making some simple blankets last year – when it's cold like it has been, they are very welcome indeed! So think about it and then talk to Pam, either in the Church Office or call 805489-1259. You can also call her cell phone number 805-710-7941. I'm always happy to help you get started and answer questions. On January 8th, along with the Youth Group, we distributed 130 scarves & hats, plus about 25 blankets. Hope you will come and help us increase the bounty that God has given us to give away!

Annual Report 2022

Committee Leaders: Just a reminder – It's time to start preparing your Annual Report for 2022. Copies of last year's report are available. Please send your report to the Office no later than January 23, 2023.

Women's Ministry

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the Women's Annual Christmas Luncheon December 14th. We had 37 attendees & a great time was had by all. Thank you to Shari, our wonderful song leader and artistic director. She planned all the music and beautiful stories that accompanied the music. Louise and Shari had a wonderful time playing the four-hand carols for piano. What would we do without Ruth, our chief decorator and table designer. The combinations of colors, decorative Christmas plants, cloths, & ornaments were stunning. A special thanks to Rena & Linda for providing the lovely dessert items and candy for the tables. Rena also provided the towels for the game of left and right as well. Thank you to Pastor Greg, for the opening prayer, Pam for her inspiring and personal devotion, & Rebecca for the special reading of the Night Before Christmas. The leftover food was donated to a special feast for the Youth at Bethel Lutheran Church. Mim was very pleased to take the food. A big thanks to everyone who helped set up and clean up afterwards. Women's Ministry is taking a break until our next meeting on March 8, 2023 at 1 pm. Stay tuned to find out the program topic. Board of Directors: Rena Weiger, Louise Frye, Ruth Kapka, Linda McNair, Ethel Lenz (we miss you Ethel). Have a joyous & blessed New Year!

Council Highlights

Highlights of Council meeting of Monday, December 19th:

- Review of the 'Table Talk' discussions of the November 6th Stewardship Sunday.
- A 'thank you' to Gordon Eiland for conducting an internal audit of church finances and internal controls.
- Candidates for the Nominating Committee to be presented during the January Congregational meeting.
- Get ready for the Chili Cookoff on January 29th!
- The Council encourages all to attend the January Congregational meeting!

<u>Income/Expenses:</u>	<u>November 2022</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$ 23,489	\$ 312,795
Expenses	32,703	\$ 363,123
	\$ 9,214	\$ -50,328

January Birthdays

Janis Immel	1/3
Lydia Wallace	1/3
Mary Barrette	1/4
Kevin Colton	1/5
Janice Gonzales	1/8
Roger Ormonde	1/8
Joyce Mc Ghie	1/9
Mark Heidepriem	1/13
Kelly Berch	1/14
Lester Blank	1/14
Carol Johnson	1/14
Brian King	1/17
Adam Mc Coid	1/17
Roseann Carroll	1/18
Ruth Kapka	1/18
Patty Ouimette	1/19
Brandon Apfel	1/20
Ryan Apfel	1/20
Jennifer Wood	1/20
Jamaine Myer	1/23
Debby Belden	1/26
Karen Correll	1/28
Betty Knudson	1/29
Barbara Johnson	1/30
Carrie Ormonde	1/30
Olivia Winterberg	1/30
Thomas Lindstaedt	1/31

January Anniversaries

None

Church Work Day
Saturday January 7th
9:00 am

Come see what you can do!

Food of the Month
January – Canned Soup
Five Cities Christian Women
Food Pantry

Judi, Ethel, Adrienne, Betty, Emily, Joy,
Heidi, Eric, George, Stephanie, Lisa, Ed,
Herb & Mona



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