



The Eagle

February 2023



**The grass
withers, the
flower fades;
but the word of
our God will
stand forever.
Isaiah 40:7**

Pastor's Page

"The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the LORD'S favor"
Isaiah 61:1-2a



This month, we wrap up our study of Isaiah and begin the Season of Lent. Jesus himself quotes the words of Isaiah above in his first sermon in Luke's Gospel. He's visiting his hometown of Nazareth and the message ends with the crowds trying to kill him. I haven't had that experience (yet)! Jesus certainly calls the question when he speaks. How people respond is a thing to behold.

We can respond in faith that Jesus has placed the same anointing upon us. We are called to bring good news, bind up, proclaim, and release. Far beyond just gathering as a church on Sundays, the Lord sees us going OUT to those who need the grace of God.

Lots going on this month. I hope you'll join in on the Pancake Feast and our Ash Wednesday Worship. God is good and he's got big plans for us.

Blessings

Greg

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

Life Together

Shrove Tuesday Pancakes

Are you ready for Mardi Gras?

Join us for our annual

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake (and
bacon) Feast on February 21st
at 6 pm!**

We'll also have gluten free
pancakes available. Bring a friend.

Save the Date!

M6 Men's Dinner

Monday, March 13th 6 pm

Now that things are warming up, we
meet at 6 pm on the 2nd Monday of the
month at

Thousand Hills Ranch
855 Thousand Hills Rd. Pismo Beach.

A couple hundred guys and some
delicious food, combined with a
powerful gospel message...

Who knows what God will do!

Let's start Lent right with
Ash Wednesday together,

February 22nd at
12 Noon and 7 pm

to begin the journey with
the words, "*Remember you
are dust, and to dust you
shall return.*"

We'll have the Imposition
of Ashes available in the
parking lot after both
gatherings.

Save the Date:

Lenten Soup Dinners
Start Wednesday,
March 1st at 6 pm

Worship Schedule

9:30 am Contemporary Worship

11:00 am Traditional Worship

Youth & Children's Ministry

We are continuing our exploration of Bible Hero Adventures focusing on Joseph and Moses this month. Join us!

Weekly KidsChurch

Kids stay with us in worship for Family Sunday on the first Sunday of each month. We have a special time created just for kids on all other Sundays during 9:30 worship with games, snacks, crafts, and Bible stories.



July 21 – August 4, 2023

Youth & Children's Ministry

Weekly youth group happens Sunday evenings from 6-8 pm in the youth room. We've been seeing a lot of new faces and still missing many of you!

Thanks so much for your help and participation with our Chili Cook Off fundraiser!

High School Youth Lock-In Sunday Feb. 19th- Monday Feb. 20th

Stay up late, chill and play, fun games, laser tag, movies, connect and make new friends, and enjoy midnight pancake breakfast! Watch the bulletin for times. Contact Lydia or Matthew to sign up. Friends welcome!



Winter Camp March 3-5, 2023

Please pray for our youth and leaders for our time away for fresh mountain air, lots of worship, snow play and fellowship time!

Camper details: Meet at Saint John's at 9 am on Friday. We will return before dinner on Sunday (between 4-6 pm)

Packing List: Bible, flashlight, sleeping bag & pillow, towel & personal toiletries, winter clothes: jacket, hat, gloves, boots. We will be participating in Winter camp activities like ice skating, snowboarding, and snow tubes!

Spending money of \$40-50 recommended.



**Save the Date for our summer houseboat trip
July 16-22, 2023
for grades: 7-12!**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
29	30	31
5 9:30am Family Sunday - NO Kids Church, Worship & Communion 11:00am Worship-Holy Communion 6:00pm Youth Group	6	7 10:00am Bible Study 11:30am Beverly Aiken - Tune Piano
12 9:30am KidsChurch 9:30am Worship 11:00am Worship 6:00pm Youth Group	13 1:00pm Global & Community Missions 2:00pm Stephen Ministry Meeting	14 Valentine's Day 10:00am Bible Study 11:30am People's Kitchen
19 Transfiguration Sunday 9:30am KidsChurch 9:30am Worship-Holy Communion 11:00am Worship-Holy Communion 6:00pm Youth Group	20 Presidents' Day 6:30pm Council Mtg	21 10:00am Bible Study 6:00pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
26 9:30am KidsChurch 9:30am Worship 11:00am Worship 6:00pm Youth Group	27 11:00am Handbells Rehearsal 2:00pm Stephen Ministry Meeting	28 9:00am Bible Study 1:00pm Staff Mtg

February 2023

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 9:00am Quilting Session 1 10:00am Organist Rehearsal 6:00pm Worship Team 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Property Comm	3 OFFICE CLOSED	4 9:00am Property Day
8 9:00am Knit a Scarf	9 6:00pm Worship Team 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	10 OFFICE CLOSED	11 8:30am Central Coast Music Teachers Association Annual Competition 9:00am Dress A Girl Workshop
15	16 6:00pm Worship Team 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	17 OFFICE CLOSED	18 11:00am Scleroderma Support Group
22 Ash Wednesday 12:00pm Ash Wednesday Worship 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Worship	23 6:00pm Worship Team 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	24 OFFICE CLOSED	25
1	2 6:00pm Worship Team 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Property Comm	3 OFFICE CLOSED World Day of Prayer	4 9:00am Property Day

Dress a Girl



Dress A Girl meets every second Saturday February 11th from 9 am to 2 pm coming up. Doesn't matter if it's rain or shine, most of us always show up. Why is that? I think that the satisfaction that we get in sewing a sweet little dress for some young lady in another country, who might never have had new anything, let alone a dress. In the process of cutting out and getting the dress ready to be sewn, each person prays for the young lady that God has in mind for this particular dress. It is so exciting to hear where our dresses have gone and how they have helped some the girls. Recently we did find out that a lot of our dresses shared with Operation Christmas Child, went to Peru, struggling with protests and riots over the rain forests. It is such a blessing to know that we have been a help in this way. We would love to have you come and share the blessing – even if you don't sew. There are so many details to be looked after. We welcome your visit to this ministry any Saturday. We continue to receive dresses from other churches in Southern California and already have another five hundred dresses to find homes for. If you can spare an hour or so, we are in need of people to help us size the dresses. Thanks!

Scarf & Hat Knitting

We continue to knit hats and scarves every second Wednesday, in February on the 8th from 9 am to noon. It's a fun time of incessant talking, knitting and getting to know one another better. We have some new folks too, so feel free to come out and join in the fun! If you already knit, great! If not, we can teach you. You won't regret it! Come see what you are able to do!

Annual Report 2022

The 2022 Annual Report will be available to all on Sunday February 5th in the Commons.

Council Highlights

Highlights of Council meeting of Tuesday, January 17th:

- Refurbishment of the Outdoor Sign was discussed.
- Council retreat for the new Council will be on February 11th.
- The Annual Report will be printed at the end of January.
- Chili cook-off on January 29th at 4 pm.

<u>Income/Expenses:</u>	<u>December 2022</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$ 39,556	\$ 352,315
Expenses	<u>36,128</u>	<u>\$ 399,251</u>
	\$ 3,428	\$ -46,936

Your 2023 Church Council



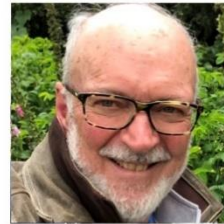
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February Birthdays

Robin Eiland	2/2
Patricia Sturcke	2/4
Nancy Duty	2/5
Chrissy Ravera	2/5
Steve Perry	2/6
Merlin Wilson	2/6
Greg Wallace	2/10
Jerry De Vos	2/11
William Larsen	2/11
Georgianna Hofstetter	2/15
Joann Lindstaedt-Wing	2/15
Marcy Richardson	2/16
Diane Dolphin-Torres	2/17
Ralph Miner	2/18
Jens Dybdahl	2/19
Frank Lebens	2/19
Adrienne Rule	2/19
Lucca Ravera	2/21
David Immel	2/23

February Anniversaries

Mark & Chrissy Ravera 2/8

Church Work Day
Saturday February 4th
9:00 am
Come see what you can do!

Food of the Month
February – Mac & Cheese
Five Cities Christian Women
Food Pantry

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



Many thanks to Brian King, Treasurer, & Wes Drysdale, President,
for their years of service.

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