



The Eagle

# Pastor's Page

*"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." Matthew 11:28-29*



When you get stressed out, what do you do to get back on track? When you feel distant from God, what do you do to reconnect? When people in your life are driving you crazy, how do you deal with it?

Everyday life can be challenging. This month, we're learning from Jesus' invitation to rest with him in Matthew 11. Lent is the perfect time tune up our routines and spiritual disciplines. We'll grow together in Rhythms of Grace on Sunday mornings and at our Wednesday Soup Suppers.

And speaking of soup, I hope you're planning to join us on Wednesdays in March at 6 pm for a simple meal, devotions and our prayer stations. It's meaningful time together.

On Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> Pastor Carl Neilsen will be bringing the message. Carl was the Pastor at Bethel Lutheran for over 20 years. We used to run Confirmation Camps together way back. You're going to love this guy, I promise!

I'm looking forward to these 40 days together.

Grace+Peace

Greg

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Email me to get on our list.  
**greg@saintjohnsag.com**

# Life Together



## Lent Soup Suppers in March

Come enjoy delicious soup, salad, bread and fellowship, Wednesdays in March. It all starts at 6 pm. We'll worship together, enjoy Holy Communion, and have time with our prayer stations. Bring a friend.

Thanks to all the groups hosting this month.

3/1 Global Missions	3/15 Property
3/8 Council	3/22 Music
3/29 Stephen Ministry	

## M6 Men's Dinner

**Monday, March 13th 6 pm**

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

Questions, talk to Pastor Greg.

## Worship Schedule

9:30 am Contemporary Worship  
11:00 am Traditional Worship

## Save the Date:

### Work Day

Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> 9 am

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### New Member Class

Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

## Tuesday Morning Bible Study 10 am

### 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

**Weekly youth group** takes place on Sunday evenings from 6-8 pm in the youth room. We have a lot of new faces, but still missing many of you!

## Winter Camp March 3-5, 2023



Please pray for our youth and leaders for our time away!

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.***

## IMPORTANT Parent Meeting! Sunday, April 2 at 6 pm.

Join us for details about our Spring Fundraiser and summer trip. This trip is a little more expensive so we need everyone to help keep the cost to families low. The Houseboat trip is July 16-22, 2023 for grades 7-12! We have limited spots available so sign up and early and get your \$100 deposit in at the parent meeting to guarantee your spot.



Save the date for our community **VBS July 31 - August 4, 2023** as we partner with several other local churches.

We are continuing our exploration of Bible Hero Adventures focusing on Moses and gearing up for Palm Sunday and Holy Week 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.

## **Dress a Girl**

If you have been in Room 7/8 since our last workshop on February 11<sup>th</sup>, you've probably seen multiple boxes sitting under the large conference table. In those boxes are 640 dresses, made not just by our Dress a Girl group here at Saint John's, but also another 300 – 350 dresses were made by House of God in Redlands, and, another 200 at least, were made by another church in Yucaipa and were delivered to Saint John's the middle of February. Now, all 640 dresses have homes and will soon be making their way to the little girls God has chosen. We are so appreciative that YOU make this incredible blessing happen! You are deserving of thanks if you have prayed for this ministry, if you have donated cash, fabric or supplies, thank you; if you have contributed your time and effort to make a dress, thank you! If you have been the means of transport for the dresses, thank you! Thank you Father in heaven, for always providing our needs. Our next meeting will be Saturday March 11<sup>th</sup> starting at 9 am. Questions? Contact Pam at [dressagirlag@gmail.com](mailto:dressagirlag@gmail.com) or 805-710-7941.



## **Scarf & Hat Knitting**

We are already collecting scarves and hats to be given away to those who need something warm to wear during our cold weather. If you would like to contribute, come join us on Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to noon. It's a great time of getting to know each other, making scarves and hats and fun! Crocheters are welcome too! Come on out and join in the fun!

## **Women's Ministry**

The Women's Ministry will be meeting on Wednesday March 8. Please join us at 1:00 PM, in Ouimette Hall. Our speaker will be Bonnie from the Tree of Life Pregnancy Support Center. This non-profit organization provides counseling for women facing difficult pregnancy decisions. Here they can find help, hope and positive options for themselves and their unborn children. All services are totally confidential and completely free. After the talk we will have our normal business meeting and will vote on recommended donations. Hope to see you there.

# March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<b>26</b> 9:30am KidsChurch 9:30am Worship 11:00am Worship 6:00pm Youth Group	<b>27</b> 11:00am Handbells 2:00pm Stephen Ministry Meeting	<b>28</b> 10:00am Bible Study 1:00pm Staff Mtg 6:00pm Instrumental Ensemble
<b>5 Youth Winter Camp</b> 9:30am Family Sunday - NO Kids Church, Worship & Communion 11:00am Worship-Holy Communion 6:00pm Youth Group	<b>6</b> 11:00am Handbells 6:30pm Youth Comm Mtg	<b>7</b> 10:00am Bible Study 6:00pm Instrumental Ensemble
<b>12 Daylight-Saving Time Begins</b> 9:30am KidsChurch 9:30am Worship 11:00am Worship 6:00pm Youth Group	<b>13</b> 11:00am Handbells 1:00pm Global & Community Missions 2:00pm Stephen Ministry Meeting 6:00pm M6 Meeting	<b>14</b> 10:00am Bible Study 11:30am People's Kitchen 6:00pm Instrumental Ensemble
<b>19</b> 9:30am KidsChurch 9:30am Worship-Holy Communion 11:00am Worship-Holy Communion 6:00pm Youth Group	<b>20 First Day of Spring</b> 11:00am Handbells 6:30pm Council Mtg	<b>21</b> 10:00am Bible Study 6:00pm Instrumental Ensemble
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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 6:00pm Lenten Soup Suppers	<b>2</b> 6:00pm Worship Team 6:30pm Chancel Choir 7:00pm Property Comm	<b>3 OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>Youth Winter Camp</b>  <b>World Day of Prayer</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Youth Winter Camp</b>  9:00am Property Day
<b>8</b> 9:00am Knit a Scarf 1:00pm Women's Ministry Business Meeting 6:00pm Lenten Soup Suppers	<b>9</b> 6:00pm Worship Team 6:30pm Chancel Choir	<b>10 OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>11</b> 9:00am Dress A Girl Workshop
<b>15</b> 6:00pm Lenten Soup Suppers	<b>16</b> 6:00pm Worship Team 6:30pm Chancel Choir	<b>17 OFFICE CLOSED</b>  <b>St. Patrick's Day</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>22</b> 6:00pm Lenten Soup Suppers	<b>23</b> 6:00pm Worship Team 6:30pm Chancel Choir	<b>24 OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>29</b> 6:00pm Lenten Soup Suppers	<b>30</b> 6:00pm Worship Team 6:30pm Chancel Choir	<b>31 OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>1</b> 9:00am Property Day

# **Council Retreat**

Janice Goodwin hosted a productive Council retreat on Saturday, February 11th - Thank you Janice! At the monthly February Council meeting, we are finalizing goals for this year. More to follow in the near future.

Council members filling the liaison positions to the ministries/committees of the church will be finalized during the February Council meeting. Expect an announcement in March.

A third party contractor has contacted the church with a proposal to construct a cell tower on church property. The Council will be considering this proposal.

The renovation of the outdoor church sign is still be evaluated.

# **Council Connection**

In an effort to reach out to the congregation, the Council will be hosting a zoom meeting twice a month. The purpose of this zoom meeting is to provide another avenue for communication between the Council and the congregation. A Council member will be available to answer questions, and discuss issues of concern. This is a work in progress, Presently this zoom meeting will be held at 8pm on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, and will last 30 minutes. Church staff will not be in attendance. Based on congregation response, this zoom meeting may be held once a month. The first zoom meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. The zoom invite is below:

Join Zoom Meeting – (Link will be posted in Greg's Weekly Email and/or on our Website)

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85827668651?pwd=NnVKZGtabGx5SHE5dTEyQlFycUZaQT09>

Meeting ID: 858 2766 8651

Passcode: 124983



# Council Highlights

## Highlights of Council meeting of Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>:

Board Members present: Mark Haley, Frank Drake, Gordon Eiland, Janice Goodwin, Jeff Metcalfe, Louisa Troemel, Mike Johnson, Pat Muran and Pastor Greg Wallace. Emanda Miller attended via ZOOM.

- Council to host March 8th Lenten Soup Supper.
- Outdoor Sign discussed, bids to be reviewed
- Liaison positions for board members assigned
- QuickBooks and Bank statements reviewed
- Cell tower proposal reviewed, potential income
- 2023 goals established, much more to come
- Global Missions/Social Outreach – committee donated \$500 to the farmworkers affected by the recent flooding. Iglesias Luterana Santa Cruz facilitates release of funds.
- Property can always use help during the week with trash pickup. Great way to get your steps in!

<b><u>Income/Expenses:</u></b>	<b>January 2023</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Income	\$ 23,400	\$ 23,400
Expenses	<u>-29,602</u>	<u>\$ - 29,602</u>
	\$ -6,202	\$ -6,202

## March Birthdays

JADYN BORJA	3/5
PETE CARLSON	3/17
LORRAINE GEAR	3/20
PAMELA GLENN	3/14
MEL GOMEZ	3/2
TOM LEBENS	3/31
ETHEL LENZ (celebrating in Heaven!)	3/4
JON MC COID	3/8
KELLY OLSON	3/22
SKYLAR PERRY	3/18
AVERY REITSMA	3/4
GALEN RULE	3/20
JENNIFER STOWE	3/5
THERESA WOLFE	3/24
KERRY WOOD	3/17

**Food of the Month**  
**March – Canned Meats**  
 Five Cities Christian Women  
 Food Pantry

**Church Work Day**  
 Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup>  
 9:00 am  
 Come see what you can do!

Carol, Natalie, David M., Beth, Judi,  
 Adrienne, Betty, Emily, Heidi, Eric,  
 George, Stephanie, Ed, Herb & Mona

*In Need Of  
 Prayer...*

## March Anniversaries

LESTER & ELIZABETH BLANK	3/19
ROBERT & JANICE GONZALES	3/10
RICK & SHAR TERBORCH	3/29
RONALD & KAY WERNER	3/17



Sunday, March 12th

# Church Contacts



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### **VICE PRESIDENT**

Janice Goodwin

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