

# The Eagle

April 2023

# Pastor's Page

"It's Friday, but Sunday's coming!"

I love this quote. It's from a sermon I heard years ago. It stays with me because it captures the Easter message so well. Things may look bleak on Friday, but don't forget, Sunday's coming! Good Friday, the day of Jesus' awful death, seems to be anything but good. But it is good because it's not the end of the story. Easter Sunday's glory makes the horror of Friday a powerful good for us.



As we journey together through Lent, we know Sunday's coming. I hope the Rhythms of Grace that we've been learning together are filling you up with Resurrection hope. Jesus is alive and death has been defeated.

How has the resurrection of Jesus changed your life? Are you different in any way knowing that Jesus has offered you eternal life? That's your story, your testimony. If God is alive, then he must be alive and working in you.

Who can you share your story with? We don't need to argue or convince people. We're not fighting with anyone. We simply share out of our experience with God. I was struggling... I was hurting... and God did... These stories of hope are so powerful in drawing people to Jesus. As we lift him up, he will draw them close.

We've got a lot going on this month that might help you invite friends and family to worship. Easter is always a big draw. Are you coming to the sunrise service at the beach? Or back at Saint John's at 9:30 & 11 am? Egg hunt, anyone? Who might come with you? And don't forget our Holy Week gatherings on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

Sunday's Coming!

Greg



**New Member  
Orientation  
April 22nd**

# Life Together

## Holy Week Gatherings

Maundy Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> 7 pm

Good Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> 7 pm

## Easter Gatherings

Easter Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

6:00 am "Sonrise" Worship at the beach  
(end of Grand Ave next to Fin's)

Then, back at Saint John's  
9:30 am Contemporary Worship  
11:00 am Traditional Worship

## Easter Sunday Celebration April 9<sup>th</sup>

Join us for a safe  
& fun Easter celebration  
(including an Easter Egg Hunt)  
between worship services,  
about 10:45 am.  
See pg. 4 for more info  
& ways to help.



## Tuesday Morning Bible Study 10 am

Tuesdays at 10 am Starting April 18<sup>th</sup>

We've just finished a survey of the Christian Denominations and movements. Now, we're digging into the Cults, groups that look a lot like Christianity but aren't. What's the deal with Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses, Scientology, Unitarian Universalists, and more. Join Pastor Greg in the Commons Tuesday mornings at 10 am.

**Save the date:**

**Sunday evening**

**May 21st**

**Annual Youth  
Fundraiser Dinner**

## Regular Worship Schedule

9:30 am Contemporary Worship

11:00 am Traditional Worship

## Special Congregational Meeting

Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm

An important Congregational meeting will be held  
at Saint John's in the Sanctuary on Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> 7 pm.

The sole agenda item for discussion is: Making the decision to use solar panels as the primary source of electrical power for the church.

If you are a member, please plan on attending  
to help make this decision.



# Youth & Children's Ministry

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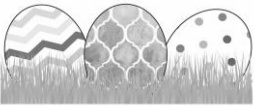
## Weekly Youth Group

Sunday evenings from 6-8 pm in the youth room. We've been seeing a lot of new faces and would love to see yours! Friends welcome!

## Weekly KidsChurch

Kids stay with us in worship for Family Sunday, the first Sunday of each month. All other Sundays, KidsChurch is during 9:30 worship. Includes games, snacks, crafts, and Bible stories.

## EASTER EGG HUNT



## Easter Sunday Celebration April 9

Join us for a safe and fun Easter celebration between worship services about 10:45 am. Invite your friends to join us for an inflatable bounce house with a slide and fun games with prizes for kids of all ages. Designated infant and toddler areas!

## Want to help?

- 🍬 Donate a bag of donated wrapped candy
- 🍬 Help stuff eggs the week before
- 🍬 Volunteer to supervise the bounce house for a 30-minute time slot
- 🍬 Help the youth hide the eggs on Easter Sunday morning!

## 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 low to families. The summer trip is open to students in grades 7-12. Sign up early and get your **\$100 deposit in at the parent meeting to guarantee your spot.**

CHANGE  
OF  
PLANS

Join us for an amazing adventurous week, filled with team building, rock climbing, campfires, worship under the stars, and a day of white water rafting! We will leave after Ukulele Sunday lunch on Sunday, July 9 and return home Thursday evening, July 13. There are limited spots available so sign up early and get your \$100 deposit in at the parent meeting to guarantee your spot.

Sadly, Sonshine Houseboat, our original planned trip, is unable to operate at this time as they are currently on suspension for being a "high density" camp for grades 7-12!

We have the date for our community **VBS July 31 - August 4, 2023** as we partner with several other local churches. VBS will be held at Calvary Chapel, Arroyo Grande.



## **Dress a Girl**



Easter Sunday is April 9<sup>th</sup>. Normally our Dress a Girl workshops are the second Saturday of each month, but our April meeting will be pushed back to April 15<sup>th</sup>, so that we won't be meeting the day before Easter. We hope that everyone has a wonderful and meaning-filled Easter,

thanking God for the gift He has given us through the sacrifice of His Son. (Although, there's not a doubt in my mind, that Jesus would have loved Easter Egg Hunts and chocolate candy!)

Our next Dress a Girl Workshop will be Saturday April 15<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**

If you knit or crochet, come join us for our next meeting on Wednesday April 12<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to noon. Or, if you would like to learn to knit or crochet, we'd love to show you how. Our main focus is to provide hats & scarves for the homeless, but welcome all who would enjoy coming to a knitting and crocheting group on a regular basis. It's a great time of getting to know each other as well as having a great fellowship time. Come and join the fun!

## **Women's Ministry**

### **Attn: Saint John's Women**


Springtime is coming and it's time to clean up our kitchen.

Please join us on Wednesday April 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am and we'll give the kitchen a good, long over-due cleaning.

We will also clean out and reorganize the Women's Ministry Hall Cupboards.

Please come & give us a hand. Remember, *"Many hands make for quick work"*.

# April 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 Rehearsal 2:00pm Stephen Ministry	<b>28</b> 10:00am Bible Study 1:00pm Staff Mtg 6:00pm Instrumental Ensemble
<b>2 Palm Sunday</b> 9:30am Family Sunday NO Kids Church, Worship & Communion 11:00am Worship & Communion 6:00pm Youth Group 6:00pm Parent Meeting	<b>3</b> 11:00am Handbells Rehearsal	<b>4</b> 10:00am Bible Study 6:00pm Instrumental Ensemble
<b>9 Easter Sunday</b> 6:00 am "Sonrise" Worship at Beach 9:30am NO KidsChurch 9:30am Worship 10:45 am Easter Egg Hunt & Celebration 11:00am Worship 6:00pm NO Youth Group	<b>10</b> 1:00pm Global & Community Missions 2:00pm Stephen Ministry Meeting	<b>11</b> 10:00am NO Bible Study 11:30am People's Kitchen 6:00pm Instrumental Ensemble
<b>16</b> 9:30am KidsChurch 9:30am Worship-Holy Communion 11:00am Worship-Holy Communion 6:00pm Youth Group	<b>17</b> 6:30pm Council Mtg	<b>18</b>  10:00am Bible Study – New Series 6:00pm Instrumental Ensemble
<b>23</b> 9:30am KidsChurch 9:30am Worship 11:00am Worship 6:00pm Youth Group	<b>24</b> 2:00pm Stephen Ministry Meeting	<b>25</b> 10:00am Bible Study 1:00pm Staff Mtg 6:00pm Instrumental Ensemble
<b>30</b> 9:30am KidsChurch 9:30am Worship 11:00am Worship 6:00pm Youth Group		

# April 2023

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b> 6:00pm Lenten Soup Suppers	<b>30</b> 6:00pm Worship Team 6:30pm Chancel Choir I	<b>31 OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>1</b> 9:00am Property Day
<b>5</b> 6:30pm Chancel Choir	<b>6 Maundy Thursday</b> 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship	<b>7 Good Friday</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 7:00pm Good Friday Worship	<b>8</b>
<b>12</b> 9:00am Knit a Scarf	<b>13</b> 6:00pm Worship Team 6:30pm Chancel Choir	<b>14 OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>15</b> 9:00am Dress A Girl Workshop 11:30am Scleroderma Support Group 7:00pm Organ Recital
<b>19</b> 10:00 am Women's Ministry – Kitchen Spring Cleaning	<b>20</b> 6:00pm Worship Team 6:30pm Chancel Choir	<b>21 OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>22</b> 9:00am New Member Orientation
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 6:00pm Worship Team 6:30pm Chancel Choir	<b>28 OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>29</b>

# Stephen Ministry

Saint John's Stephen Ministry is happy to announce that Rebecca Linquist recently completed the training classes to become a Stephen Leader, and will be commissioned during services on Palm Sunday, April 2nd.



Please join us in this wonderful caring ministry. We need more Stephen Ministers!

Stephen Ministers are lay people/congregation members that are trained to offer one-to-one Christian care to people going through tough times. A Stephen Minister usually provides that care to one person at a time, by meeting with that person once a week for about an hour. Caring relationships are strictly confidential.

If this sounds intimidating, please believe it is not! All you need is a caring heart and willingness to serve. We help with the rest. It is truly life changing both for your care receivers and yourself, and there is so much support along the way.

We hope that in your prayers you ask God if this is something he is calling you to do, and if so, please just reach out to any member of our Stephen Ministry team.

In service to God and each other, your Saint John's Stephen Ministry Team,

Pastor Greg  
Gordon Eiland  
Robin Eiland

Rebecca Linquist  
Mel Gomez

Galatians 6:2: "Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ"



# Council Highlights

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

A third party had contacted the church, with interest in placing a cell tower on church property. A 'letter of interest' has been approved and signed by Council. More information to follow if the third party contractor contacts the church in the future.

Work on an updated church directory will be moving forward in the near future, likely during the month of May. We hope to include photographs of congregational members.

A survey of skills/interests is being developed, and will be distributed within the next two months.

Goals for this year's Council were discussed and finalized, with names associated with goals. Specific goals include:

- Exploring the addition of another weekly service
- Increasing participation in community events
- Signage on church property
- Men's activities
- Walking path on church grounds

If anyone has questions, ask a Council member!

Thank you to congregation members who have 'zoomed' into the congregational zoom meetings. All congregation members are welcome. Again, these zoom meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, beginning at 8pm. The invite is accessible via the church website: [www.saintjohnsag.com/council](http://www.saintjohnsag.com/council)

Come one, come all!

<b><u>Income/Expenses:</u></b>	<b>February 2023</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Income	\$ 24,392	\$ 47,792
Expenses	<u>-29,705</u>	<u>\$ - 59,307</u>
	\$ -5,313	\$ -11,515

## April Birthdays

Heather	Houston	4/1
Herb	Hart	4/6
Rich	Schultz	4/10
Linda	Mc Nair	4/11
Evan	Reilly	4/16
Tom	Lebens	4/22
Jason	Perry	4/25
Annaliesa	Rule	4/28
Penelope	Rule	4/28

**Food of the Month**  
**April – Peanut Butter**  
Five Cities Christian Women  
Food Pantry

**Church Work Day**  
Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup>  
9:00 am  
Come see what you can do!

## April Anniversaries

David & Janice Goodwin	4/7
Wes & Dawn Drysdale	4/19
Scott & Louise Taylor	4/23
Kelly & Brent Berch	4/26

Jens, Jan, Marilyn, Vivi, Denise D., Simon,  
Shar, Linnea, Carol, Nancy, David M.,  
Denise, Beth, Judi, Adrienne, Betty, Emily,  
Heidi, Eric, George, Stephanie, Ed, Herb &  
Mona

*In Need Of  
Prayer...*

## Columbarium niche for sale!

Long time members of Saint John's, Bernie and Lennette Horton, have settled in Tennessee to be near their family. They have decided that they will not use their Columbarium niche here at Saint John's for their estate planning and would like to sell it to a current member. If you are interested, please contact Janice Goodwin at: Cell: 805-235-4505 or Email: [janice@saintjohnsag.com](mailto:janice@saintjohnsag.com)

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