



*And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. Genesis 1:24*

# August

# The Eagle

# Pastor's Page

*Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O LORD. Psalm 36:6*



It's a great month to reach out and invite people to the Saint John's family. This month, we've got a perfect event for you to share with others. We have postcards and door hangers and social media posts... So, why not help spread the word.

What's the event? The **Blessing of Animals** outdoor worship and picnic on the lawn! Sunday, August 20th, we'll enjoy one combined outdoor service at 10am. Bring a camp chair and your furry friends. It will be an inspiring morning with a great message geared for pet lovers.

We'll also have a bunch of outside groups sharing info about their pet training and pet rescues and pet doctors. It will be a fun Pet Fair.

And, of course, we'll eat. If you'd like to help put the food together, please let me know.

So, who do you know that would love to come to an event like this? Please, prayerfully invite them and bring them and show them a good time. I'm not saying events like this are life and death to the future of Saint John's, but we may look back and agree they were.

Thanks for doing your part and reaching out in Jesus' name.

Peace

Greg

P.S. Remember to pray for Saint John's at 12:12 pm each day.



**Life Together**

# Blessing of the Animals

**OUTDOOR WORSHIP & PICNIC**

**SUNDAY  
AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup>  
10<sup>AM</sup>**



All Creatures Great and Small! Come and join us on Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 am for a fun time together as we give thanks for the animals in our lives. Bring your furry friends (and your human friends). We'll have a Pet Fair with lots of local animal services. We'll also enjoy a picnic lunch afterward. Please help spread the word with Postcards, Invitations and Social Media!

## **Fun, Fitness, Fellowship Saturday August 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am**

Join us for a beautiful morning walk at Oso Flaco State Park at 9AM on August 12th. Bring your binoculars or camera to capture sights of many different bird species (Janice and Adrienne can help with identification!) and some water and a light snack if needed. The walk is about 2 miles round trip and fairly flat. It leads to the beach for people who would like to walk out on the sand. There is a \$5/car parking fee to park in the lot, so there is an option to meet at Saint John's at 8:30 for those who would like to carpool or caravan. Please contact Adrienne or Janice with any questions.

# Youth & Children's Ministry

## Keepers of the Kingdom!

Standing strong in today's battle with our community **VBS**

**July 31 - August 4, 2023** partnering with several other local churches. VBS will be held at Calvary Chapel, Arroyo Grande. Thanks to our great team of volunteers: Dawn, Barbara, Paula, Matthew, Lydia, Greg, and Cindi.



Thanks for your continued  
support of our youth  
ministries and our recent  
summer trip!



## Youth Group Pickleball and Pizza August 27th

Join us as we kick off the new school year with an evening of fun and games playing pickleball and eating pizza. We will meet at the AG pickleball courts at 6 pm on Sunday. Bring a friend! Contact Matthew with questions 805-554-1354.

**Save the Date:**

**Annual Family Camping Weekend at Lake Lopez**

**September 15-17!**

**Youth Group** will not be meeting every week during August, but Matthew and Lydia will be keeping up with everyone by text. On Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> Youth Group will meet for Pickleball!



**Weekly KidsChurch** - Kids stay with us in worship for Family Sunday on the first Sunday of each month. KidsChurch happens all other Sundays during 9:30 worship with games, snacks, crafts, and Bible stories.

# **Music Ministry**

## **Bells And Choir Starting Soon!**

We're starting a new schedule soon for both Heavenly Handbells & Chancel Choir, so if you've been contemplating making a commitment to our music ministry, perhaps this is your time! Both groups will be rehearsing the 2 Mondays (for Bells) or 2 Thursdays (for Choir) prior to their ringing/singing in worship. We're finding that each year brings more & more commitments to other ministries, travel, grandkids, etc. It's a shorter commitment of time, but equally important to enhance our worship experience as a congregation. Of course, we'll need to rehearse weekly for a few weeks just prior to our Christmas program in December.

Bells begin Monday August 28 at 11am, and Choir starts Thursday August 31 at 6:30pm. Watch your monthly Eagle newsletter for the calendared schedule of rehearsals. And if you're not able to join us, please remember all of our music ministries in your prayers – we're so blessed with musical talents here at Saint John's and are grateful for everyone's desire to give back to our church in lifting His mighty name in song!



Shari Bowman, Heavenly Handbells and Chancel Choir Director

## **Dress a Girl**

Dress a Girl will NOT meet for our regular Workday on August 12<sup>th</sup>. Instead we will have one more "Serging & Kit Making Day" on Wednesday August 16<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 2 pm. If you know how to use a serger or want to learn, we would love to have you join us. We have enough sergers for up to 7 or 8 people or you can bring your own. Or if you would just like to help put dress kits together, we'd appreciate your help. We will be back to our regular schedule of meeting every second Saturday, starting September 9<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 2 pm. Hope to see all you sewists back in action and sewing again. In the meantime, there are dress kits in a bin outside the office door here at church, ready for you to pick up and work on until then. Questions? Talk to Pam or call or text 805-710-7941. Be Blessed – Make a Dress!

## **Scarf Knitting**

Join us Wednesday August 9<sup>th</sup> 9 am to noon, to knit/crochet scarves & hats.



# August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<b>30</b> 9:30am KidsChurch 9:30am Worship 11:00am Worship 6:00pm Youth Group	<b>31 VBS</b>	<b>1 VBS</b>
<b>6</b> 9:30am Family Sunday NO Kids Church, Worship & Communion 11:00am Worship-Holy Communion 6:00pm NO Youth Group	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 11:30am People's Kitchen
<b>13</b> 9:30am KidsChurch 9:30am Worship 11:00am Worship 6:00pm NO Youth Group **Deadline to respond to invitation to join Stephen Ministry	<b>14</b> 1:00pm Global & Community Missions 2:00pm Stephen Ministry Meeting	<b>15</b>
<b>20 Blessing of the Animals</b> 10:00am (One service Only, Outdoors) Worship & Blessing of the Animals; Picnic Lunch 6:00pm NO Youth Group	<b>21</b> 6:30pm Council Mtg	<b>22</b> 1:00pm Staff Mtg
<b>27</b> 9:30am KidsChurch 9:30am Worship 11:00am Worship 6:00pm Youth Group – Pickleball & Pizza	<b>28</b> 11:00am Bells Rehearsal 2:00pm Stephen Ministry Meeting	<b>29</b>

**You Can Join Us Online or In-Person  
for Our Regular Schedule of Services**  
**Contemporary Service – 9:30 am**  
**Traditional Service – 11:00 am**

**August Food of the Month**  
**Canned Meat**  
 (For Five Cities Food Bank)

# August 2023

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2 VBS</b>	<b>3 VBS</b> 6:00pm Worship Team 7:00pm Property Comm	<b>4 VBS</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>5</b> 9:00am Property Day
<b>9</b> 9:00am Knit a Scarf	<b>10</b> 6:00pm Worship Team	<b>11</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>12</b> 9:00am <b>NO</b> Dress A Girl Workshop 9:00am Fun, Fitness & Fellowship at Oso Flaco State Park
<b>16</b> 10:00am Dress a Girl – Serging & Kit Making	<b>17</b> 6:00pm Worship Team	<b>18</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>19</b> 11:30am Scleroderma Support Group
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 6:00pm Worship Team	<b>25</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 6:00pm Worship Team 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>1</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>2</b> 9:00am Property Day

## Picture Directory Coming Soon!

Our goal is to have everyone's picture in the new Directory! If you haven't had a picture taken yet, please call, text or email Greg - he will make arrangements for the camera to come to you and take your picture. When you come to church, please verify all your information is accurate. There is a form to fill out in the Commons. Or send an email to [office@saintjohnsag.com](mailto:office@saintjohnsag.com) with your correctly spelled name, street address, city, state and zip code, along with home phone number (if you have one), cell phone number(s) designating which number belongs to whom. Same story with email addresses. We know this is a lot of work for you, but in the long run, if we can get it right the first time, we won't have to keep running revised updates. We are so grateful for your cooperation!

# Stephen Ministry

## Saint John's Book Club is coming!

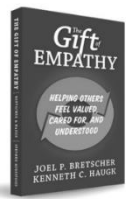
The Stephen Ministry team at Saint John's is launching a Book Club to improve skills and awareness around topics of caring for ourselves and others in a Christian way. Our first Book is The Gift of Empathy: Helping Others Feel Valued, Cared For, and Understood, written by the founder of Stephen Ministry, Kenneth Haugk in collaboration with Joel Bretscher.



After reading the book, we'll gather in September (date TBD) to discuss how empathy can impact our lives and improve the quality of our relationships. Would you like to get better at caring for important people in your life? Do you sometimes fear you'll say or do the "wrong thing"? This book addresses practical examples of what to do and what to avoid when interacting with people in our daily lives. Topics will focus on ways to show empathy in specific relationships: marriage, with children, friends, or family members. And while we discuss it, we'll enjoy refreshments and interact with each other.

To join the club:

Look for the signup sheet on a table in the Commons, along with book descriptions; simply print your name and preferred meeting times. After signups close in late August, we will order the books for you to read, use during the sessions (there may be more than one), and keep for your later reference. While the books will be provided at no charge by Stephen Ministry, donations of \$15 to offset the cost of the book are welcomed.



Think about who you can invite to the session: Your spouse? Your neighbor? Your friend? This is a great way to share the Saint John's family with those you care about and learn some new skills while you're at it! We look forward to seeing you at the first session!  
Your Saint John's Stephen Ministry Team

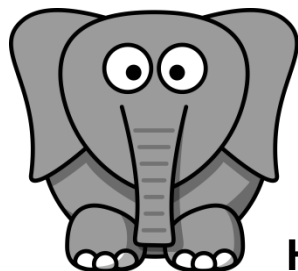
**Last chance to join Stephen Ministry this fall! Respond by Sunday, August 13th**

Are you a compassionate, trustworthy person that wants to serve God in a uniquely personal and deeply satisfying way, while deepening your own faith? Then consider becoming a Stephen Minister at Saint John's! What you learn will benefit you in all your life relationships, as well as those you serve. We would love to talk to you and tell you more...call Pastor Greg at 310-613-0283, or Gordon Eiland at 916-759-4262



# Women's Ministry

*Coming Soon!!!*



## *White Elephant & Bake Sale*

*Friday & Saturday - October 6th & 7th*

### **Hours of the sale:**

Friday October 6<sup>th</sup> 8 am-1pm & Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup> 8 am-12 pm

**Clothing:** We are only accepting Jackets, Coats, Cardigan Sweaters and shoes. Items must be clean, without tears or rips.

**What to Donate:** household items, glassware/china, antiques, sporting goods, tools, garden equipment, jewelry, purses, linens, holiday items, books, CDs, games, toys, small electrical items and appliances and small pieces of furniture. **ALL ITEMS MUST BE IN WORKING CONDITION!!**

**What not to Donate:** Large pieces of furniture/appliances, magazines, textbooks, VHS/Cassette tapes, cosmetics, lotions, and perfumes (even if unopened).

**When to Donate:** Bring donations to Ouimette Hall on Monday 10/2 thru Thursday 10/5 8 am to 12 pm. **No donations accepted after Thursday.**

**Baked Goods:** Drop off 9 am Thursday 10/5 until noon Friday 10/6.

**Volunteers:** We need your help in the following ways:

1. Setting up Ouimette Hall on Sunday 10/1, after 1<sup>st</sup> service.
2. Help with unpacking, pricing & staging articles. Mon-Thur 8:30 am—1 pm.
3. Cashiers and Floor Workers on Fri and Sat @ 7:30, for the sale.
4. Help with cleaning up the hall after the sale closes on Sat.
5. Men - need your help with set-up and selling in the Man Cave.

Rena Weiger/Janice Goodwin Co-Chairpersons

*Happy Birthday!*

## **August**

*Happy Anniversary!*

Steve Kapka 8/4

Tom & Julie Lebens 8/4

Luke Dodds 8/19

Randy & Patty Ouimette 8/6

Jeff Metcalfe 8/23

Bob & Rena Weiger 8/6

Emanda Miller 8/26

Mike & Barbara Johnson 8/11

Gordon Eiland 8/31

Butch & Peggy Droste 8/21

# Council Highlights

## Highlights from the July 17, 2023 Council meeting:

- Eagle Scout walking path is beginning. Discussion of prayer stations and dedicated plaques and benches. More details to follow.
- Investment team reallocated funds to improve returns.
- Thrivent will host an Estate Planning luncheon sometime in September, more information to follow.
- Solar project is beginning, waiting on final details from supplier.
- Council Connect ZOOM meetings continue with President Mark Haley, see bulletin for details.
- Get your pictures in for our updated directory. Janice and Dave Goodwin will complete this project soon.
- Skills Inventory is ongoing, please complete and return.

<b><u>Income/Expenses:</u></b>	<b><u>June 2023</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>
Income	\$ 18,032	\$ 147,109
Expenses	<u>26,099</u>	<u>\$ 216,737</u>
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A big "Thank You" to all the Saint John's family for the prayers and good wishes as I recover from back surgery.

With God's grace and mercy, I'm getting a little better each day.

Love & Blessings,  
Rena Weiger

### How to Give to Saint John's

Go to [www.saintjohnsag.com/give/](http://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.

**Property Day Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> 9 am**  
Everyone has a skill that we can use! Join us on Workday and see what you can do to help beautify our campus.

# CONTACT information



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September Newsletter:  
**Deadline is August 15<sup>th</sup>**

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Betty, Eric, Jan, Pam W.,  
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