



The Eagle
September 2023

Pastor's Page

And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Matthew 3:16-17



When Jesus was baptized, amazing things happened. I love that the entire Trinity showed up for the event! God, the Father, speaks a powerful word to God, the Son. He is family, he is beloved, and Dad is proud. What a great beginning to the public ministry of Jesus.

Did you know that at your baptism, amazing things happened as well? God claimed you as his own dear child. He expressed how beloved you are to him and he is so proud of you. Maybe the heavens didn't open up with a loud voice and no one saw any doves, but God was present in a powerful way. This month, we'll explore the Baptismal Way of Life. Just add water and see what happens! When we live in our Baptismal identity, our lives change. When we know who we are and whose we are, nothing can separate us from God's love. He has a plan for all of us and he'll never leave.

I hope you can come camping with us out at Lake Lopez. The lake is high and it will be wonderful time of fellowship and fun.

I'm leading a new discussion group around The Chosen TV show on Sunday evenings, starting September 10th. Tuesday Bible Study is back on September 12th. Finally, we've got a great opportunity to reach out to the community with the Arroyo Grande Harvest Festival. We need your help!

Blessings

Greg

PS If you have some time on Saturday mornings, Lois and the team could use some help keeping the grounds beautiful. The workday in September is on September 9th at 9am.

Life Together

Saint John's Annual Family Campout September 15th - 17th Lopez Lake

Let's get out and enjoy the great outdoors. Lopez Lake is calling and you are invited. We have reserved a lovely group site for the weekend. It all starts Friday night and we wrap up Sunday morning. There's no cost, just bring your own food and camping gear. We can have up to 8 vehicles and 30-40 people. If you don't want to stay in a tent, there are some cabins available nearby that you can rent. Sign up in the Commons & contact Pastor Greg with questions.



Let's Reach out! Arroyo Grande Harvest Festival September 29th & 30th

The Harvest Festival is back and Saint John's will be there reaching out as a major sponsor. We need help manning our booth and walking in the parade.

You can serve anytime Friday 4pm-9pm and Saturday 10am-4pm. The Parade is Saturday morning at 10am.

Let's get the word out about the Saint John's family! Sign up in the Commons. Questions? Talk to Jeff Metcalfe.

The Chosen Discussion Group Sunday nights starting Sept. 10th

Have you seen the TV show about Jesus? The Chosen is a powerful retelling of Jesus' ministry. Would you like to watch and discuss it? Join us on Sunday, September 10th at 6 pm and we'll watch the first episode together.

Tuesday Bible Study Resumes September 12th 10 am

This fall, we'll dive into the Book of Job in the Old Testament. Why do bad things happen to good people? With friends like Job's who needs enemies? Come and learn together, no experience required.

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

Children & Youth Ministries

Youth Group Outreach Night Sundays Starting September 10th

Students in 7th-12th grade are encouraged to join us for pizza, games, discussion, and prizes!!! This is a great night to invite a friend!! If we haven't seen you in awhile, this is a perfect time to plug back in and build relationships for the new school year.

Family Camp Lake Lopez Retreat September 15th – 17th

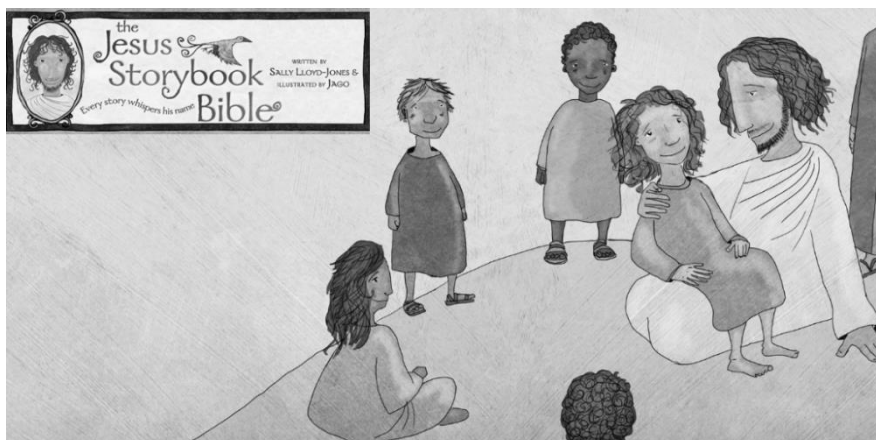
Fellowship, worship, games, hiking, rest and fun for all ages. See page 3 for details! We have extra tents available for students in 7th-12th grade. Middle and High School students can attend without an adult but please sign up and coordinate supplies needed with Cindi.

KidsChurch Overview

Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 as we continue to discover the life of Jesus through the Jesus

Storybook Bible. The Jesus Storybook Bible tells that wonderful Story beneath all the stories in the Bible. The

story of how God loves his children and comes to rescue them. And at the center of that story there is a baby. Every story in the Bible whispers his name. The Jesus Storybook Bible invites children to discover for themselves the one who is at the center of God's great rescue story — and at the center of their story, too.



Trunk or Treat Sunday, October 29th

Lots of ways you can help:

1. INVITE!! - This is a great opportunity for outreach and welcoming new folks to our campus.
2. Decorate your vehicle's trunk and pass out Halloween candy to the Trunk-or-Treaters! A simple to extravagant trunk - it's up to you!
3. Help in the kitchen, run a game booth, bake a dessert treat, give us an hour of your time to help with set up or clean up.
4. Donate a bag of individually wrapped candy. Get it early on sale!



Dress A Girl Around the World

Imagine a world where every little girl owned a new dress

Dress a Girl

Dress a Girl is back to a regular schedule, meeting the second Saturday of the month

from 9 am to 2 pm in the Fellowship Hall. So please add Saturday September 9th to your Calendar! We can definitely use your help! And you don't have to know how to sew or use a serger! There are many jobs to do, even for non-sewers! But if you want to learn, we can teach you. Or if you would like to help put dress kits together, we'd appreciate your help. One of our main distributors of dresses, Operation Christmas Child, has asked us for more than 1200 dresses this year by mid-September, to have when they start their "Packing Parties." We have about half of those coming to us at the beginning of September! It's an exciting time! If you would like to be involved in a ministry like Dress a Girl, where the rewards for your work are almost instantaneous, not to mention, never done - please talk to Pam or call/text 805-710-7941. Be Blessed – Make a Dress!

Hat & Scarf Knitting

The Knitting Group meets every second Wednesday of the month and in September we will meet on the 13th from 9 am to noon. We continue to knit beanie-type hats and scarves for the homeless folks and others in need. We are also looking at some other possible items to knit and/or crochet that would benefit our needy friends. If this is something you would like to do, please come and join us – you are welcome to work on your own projects too! Just come to enjoy the fellowship!

September

Birthdays

Anniversaries

Valeri Small	9/2	Shari Bowman	9/24	Gene & Yvonne Stephens	9/5
Cyndi Perry	9/4	Natalie Fossum	9/25	Cal & Kerry Wood	9/9
Fred Tuggey	9/4	Louise Taylor	9/26	Steve & Cyndi Perri	9/10
Dawn Drysdale	9/11	Krista Barrette	9/28	Fred & Sharline Tuggey	9/23
Susan Carlson	9/18	Kent Fossum	9/30	Breck & Priscilla Thomas	9/30

September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
27 9:30am KidsChurch 9:30am Worship 11:00am Worship 6:00pm Youth Group Pickleball	28 11:00am Handbells Rehearsal 2:00pm Stephen Ministry Meeting	29 7:00pm Saint John's Council Connect Zoom Meeting
3 9:30am Family Sunday Worship & Communion, NO Kids Church, 11:00am Worship-Holy Communion 6:00pm Youth Group	4 Labor Day 11:00am Handbells Rehearsal 6:30pm Youth Comm Mtg	5
10 9:30am KidsChurch 9:30am Worship 11:00am Worship 6:00pm Youth Group 6:00pm Chosen Study	11 1:00pm Global & Community Missions 2:00pm Stephen Ministry Meeting	12 10:00am Bible Study 11:30am People's Kitchen 7:00pm Saint John's Council Connect Zoom Meeting
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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 11:00am Staff Mtg	31 6:00pm Worship Team 6:30pm Chancel Choir	1 OFFICE CLOSED	2
6	7 6:00pm Worship Team 6:30pm Chancel Choir 7:00pm Property Comm	8 OFFICE CLOSED	9 9:00am Dress A Girl Workshop 9:00am Property Day
13 9:00am Knit a Scarf 1:00pm Women's Ministry Meeting - BeeKeeping 6:30pm Cub Scouts Meeting	14 6:00pm Worship Team	15 Lopez Lake Family Camping OFFICE CLOSED	16 Lopez Lake Family Camping 11:30am Scleroderma Support Group 2 hours
20	21 6:00pm Worship Team	22 OFFICE CLOSED	23 First Day of Autumn
27 11:00am Staff Meeting	28 6:00pm Worship Team 6:30pm Chancel Choir	29 Harvest Festival OFFICE CLOSED	30 Harvest Festival

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 October (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.

We are excited to have over 20 people signed up for the book club, so it should be a great discussion group!

The "Gift of Empathy" books are being ordered now for those who signed up, and we will deliver the books in early September.

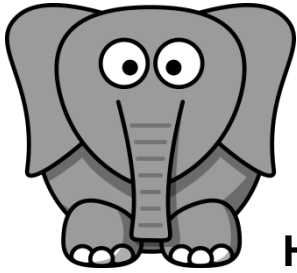
Look for an email to those who signed up to select the best meeting times in October for the discussion. The books are being provided for you at no charge by Stephen Ministry. Donations of \$15 to offset the cost of the book are welcomed.

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

Women's Ministry

Coming Soon!!!



White Elephant & Bake Sale

Friday & Saturday - October 6th & 7th

Hours of the sale:

Friday October 6th 8 am-1pm & Saturday October 7th 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 1st 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

Saint John's Women's Ministry will meet on Wednesday, September 13th at 1:00 PM. Our speaker will be Katherine Vouse, a Beekeeper. She will speak about the importance of Bees and what is happening with the Bee population. Since all Saint John's Women are members, please mark your calendars and plan on joining us.

Council Highlights

Highlights from the August 21, 2023 Council meeting:

- Council President will wash cars of Council Liaison & Committee Chair for committees submitting their budget requests by Sunday, Sept 17th.
- Blessing of the Animals was very successful with over 78 attending & at least 35 dogs and cats and one dragon lizard.
- Scout Sabrina “Rinn” Leonard presented her work on a path for walking/meditation.
- Gordon informed the council that the city of Arroyo Grande required an inspection prior to the start of our solar project. All is in order.
- Congregation Informational Meeting 8/27/23 between services for all members.
- Council has reached out to local churches that have grown for ideas for Saint John’s.
- Join President Mark via Zoom for Council Connect Meeting twice monthly; link found on website as Council Connect. Time change from 8 pm to 7 pm.
- Property Day in September & October moved to the second Saturday to not conflict with Labor Day Weekend & the White Elephant Sale. Members are encouraged to help any Saturday or weekday though to keep the property beautiful. Lois Franks & team need your help!

<u>Income/Expenses:</u>	<u>July 2023</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$ 22,245	\$ 169,354
Expenses	<u>35,310</u>	<u>\$ 252,047</u>
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Property Day

Saturday, September 9th 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.

How to Give to Saint John’s

Go to 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.

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October Newsletter:

Deadline is September 15th

Thank you to everyone who helps to get the newsletter ready for mailing.

September Food of the Month
Canned Chili
(For Five Cities Food Bank)



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