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Out of the fullness of *His* grace
He has *blessed* us all, giving us
one blessing after another.

— John 1:16

November 2023

Pastor's Page

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 1:4-7



I am so grateful for you. It is a huge blessing to have a church family that cares for you. I love that so many at Saint John's are aware of the blessings we've been given and how God is calling us to bless the world with those blessings. We have a family and we have a family business. It's good to be in ministry together with people you love.

This month, we begin with All Saints Sunday on November 5th. We'll have just ONE GATHERING at 10 am to remember God's faithfulness to us in the ups and downs of life. We'll also remember those who have gone on to their reward in the last 12 months. We know they're in a better place, but we miss them still.

Right after worship, we'll enjoy an International Potluck Luncheon with all the fun ethnic dishes you bring. We'll give thanks for the legacy that we are stewarding here at Saint John's and dream about the future together.

This month, the students will be celebrating our Veterans with a wonderful dinner (see page 5 for more info).

Thankful for you!

Greg

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PS If you weren't able to turn in your 2024 Stewardship Pledge on Sunday, October 29th, you can bring it to worship with you November 5th at 10 am.

PS There's a new Bible Bookmark included this month!
Check it out! What will you be reading in
November & December?

Sunday, November 5th



**All Saints Sunday
Worship
One Gathering
10am**

**International Potluck Luncheon
11am
Bring a dish
from around the world to share**

Come celebrate those
we've said goodbye to this year
as we gather
for All Saints Sunday.
We'll be united together in
ONE GATHERING at 10 am.
The Bell will toll
and we will remember.

God is calling us to be a light to
the whole world.
We're thankful for all our
International Mission Partners.
To cap off our Stewardship
Campaign, let's eat!
Bring an ethnic dish to share and
we'll enjoy our calling together,
that we are Blessed
to be a Blessing!

**Fun, Fitness & Fellowship Pickleball
Saturday, November 18th 4:30 pm
Meet at the AG pickleball courts**

Youth & Children's Ministry

Brookshire Farms in SLO

Corn Maze

Sunday November 5th 5-8 pm

The Your Group will meet at Saint John's at 5 pm (don't be late!). We will cover the Corn Maze experience. Students need to bring money for optional dinner, snacks, or other purchases at the farm. Sign up to save your seat with Matthew at 805.554.1354!



KidsChurch Sundays at 9:30

Imperfect People Pointing to a Perfect Savior! Over the next few months we will look at the people and stories leading us to the birth of Jesus and preparing our hearts for Christmas!

Winter Camp

When: Jan 12-15

Grades: 9-12

Where: Hume Lake

If you want to go, we may be able to add a spot, but you need to talk to Matthew or Lydia ASAP!

Trunk or Treat

Thanks

Thanks to ALL who helped make Trunk or Treat a fun experience and successful night for so many!

Youth & Children's Ministry

Veterans' Dinner Sunday, November 12th at 6 pm

The youth of Saint John's would like to invite all Veterans of Saint John's to a special dinner in honor of your service. Thanks to a generous donation the meal will be catered and served by our youth group. This dinner is for members and regular attendees of Saint John's. Spouses are encouraged to attend with your veteran. We need RSVP's for food purchase and prep. Please sign up in the Commons.

Saint John's Veterans

Bob Carleson

Jerry DeVos

Frank Drake

George Erickson

Mark Haley

David Immel

Steve Kapka

Frank Lebens

Linda McNair

Al Schirmer

Gene Stephens

Nick Troemel

Sandy Varley

Bob Weiger

Veterans No Longer With Us

Bob Gold

Herb Hart

Ralph Miner

Jerry Pemberton

Stan Roberts



November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
5 Daylight-Saving Time Ends 10:00am One Service Only NO Kids Church, Worship & Communion Followed by International Potluck Lunch 3:00pm SLO Cty Community Band Performance 6:00pm The Chosen - Study 6:00pm Youth Group – Corn Maze	6 6:30pm Youth Comm Mtg	7 10:00am Bible Study - Job
12 9:30am KidsChurch 9:30am Worship 11:00am Worship 6:00pm The Chosen - Study 6:00pm Veterans' Dinner	13 11:00am Handbells Rehearsal 1:00pm Global & Community Mission s 2:00pm Stephen Ministry Meeting	14 10:00am Bible Study - Job 11:30am People's Kitchen 7:00pm Council Connect Zoom Meeting
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November 2023

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 All Saints Day	2 6:00pm Worship Team 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 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 Veterans Day 9:00am Dress A Girl Workshop
15	16 6:00pm Worship Team 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	17 OFFICE CLOSED	18
22	23 Thanksgiving Day OFFICE CLOSED	24 OFFICE CLOSED	25
29	30 6:00pm Worship Team 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	1 OFFICE CLOSED	2 9:00am Property Day

Dress A Girl



Dress A Girl Around the World

Imagine a world where every little girl owned a new dress

In November, Dress A Girl will meet for a regular Workshop on Saturday, November 11th from 9 am to 2 pm. Even though we are coming up on the end of the year and most of the dresses we have made or have received from our partner groups have been distributed at this point, we will continue to make kits and get them ready for another awesome year of Dress A Girl. And when I say, “Awesome”, let me tell you how many dresses we were able to circulate this year not only through Operation Christmas Child, but also through several other ministries that have requested dresses. I have to tell you, I was astounded at the number when I added up the total! 1707 Dresses!! That’s approximately 500 more than we’ve ever sent out before in the six years we’ve been doing Dress A Girl! I want to give a shout out to the groups that bring dresses to us for distribution. Besides House of God in Redlands and Grace Point Fellowship in Yucaipa, we also have many ladies that can’t always come to our workshops. Instead they take dress kits home and sew them up into beautiful dresses that any little girl would love to wear. These account for literally, hundreds of dresses. If this ministry interests you, but you aren’t sure where you might fit, please call Pam or text 805-710-7941. Be Blessed – Make a Dress!

Hat & Scarf Knitting

The Knitting Group meets on Wednesday, November 8th from 9 am to noon. We encourage you to join us and bring your knitting and/or crocheting skills with you! Or we can teach you how to do either if you have the desire. We always start out making a simple scarf that anyone can do and then your progression is limited only by yourself. Of course, our ultimate goal is to provide scarves and hats for the homeless and the needy folks in our community, especially now as we go into fall and winter. We will be starting to distribute some of these items soon as the weather cools off and we’ll be figuring out the best time to go on our annual distribution walk around the area. If you don’t knit or crochet but would like to help this ministry, we can use donations of yarn that is soft, warm and washable – bulky acrylics work well. Please call or text Pam 805-710-7941.

Women's Ministry

White Elephant & Bake Sale

A huge "Thank You" to all that were involved in the White Elephant & Bake Sale. We could not have done it without your help with everything from set-up to tear down. Thanks to your efforts, our results are as follows:

Floor Sales	\$7,058.56
Bake Sale	\$ 548.75
Total Sales	\$7,645.31

Thank you all so much!! Rena & Janice

Annual Women's Ministry Christmas Luncheon & Celebration

This year, the luncheon is planned for Wednesday December 13th, at noon in the Commons. All women of Saint John's are invited to attend. The luncheon will be catered by either Panera's or JJ's Market. The cost per person will be \$15.00-\$20.00. Reservations will begin around Thanksgiving Weekend. Please mark your calendars. We will have games, door prizes and special music. It is always a fun & festive way to prepare for Christmas. Board of Directors: Rena Weiger, Louise Frye, Joyce McGhie, Linda McNair & Ruth Kapka

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

ORMONDE, JEANNIE	11/2
SCHULTZ, THERESA	11/5
RODRIGUEZ, SUSAN	11/6
MC COID, DENISE	11/14
MC GHIE, BOB	11/14
SHAVER, JANICE	11/15
TERBORCH, SHAR	11/15
KRUSE, PENNY	11/16
LINDSTAEDT, KATHY	11/24



DAVID & JANIS IMMEL 11/6

STEVE & RUTH KAPKA 11/14

Council Highlights

Highlights from the October 16, 2023 Council meeting:

- A 'Thank You' to all who helped out for the Harvest Festival and the White Elephant & Bake Sale!
- In September, the Council voted to increase the weekly hours of our hard working Office Manager to forty hours per week. Pam was putting in too many hours without proper compensation.
- The Council voted to approve a 'Social Media' position, to be held by Matthew Harter. This position will increase the church presence on Facebook and Instagram. He will be working eight hours per week in this new position.
- The Council made no decisions on details of the 2024 budget. We agreed in principle not to decrease funding for the 2024 budget. More information to follow.
- Anticipate a 'Congregational Forum' on Sunday December 3rd, to discuss the budget the Council will present for congregational approval later in December. Mark your calendars!

<u>Income/Expenses:</u>	<u>September 2023</u>	
YTD		
Income	\$ 18,861	\$ 221,863
Expenses	29,289	<u>\$ 310,908</u>
	\$-10,428	\$ -99,473

Property Day

Saturday, November 4th 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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Betty, Eric, Jan, Alice, Travis,
Marilyn, Vivi, Kenny, Frank, Yvonne



December Newsletter:
Deadline is November 15th

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

Tuesday Morning Bible Study
10 am in the Commons

We are studying the Book of Job with
Pastor Greg

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