



The Eagle



AND GOD IS ABLE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH EVERY BLESSING IN ABUNDANCE,
SO THAT BY ALWAYS HAVING ENOUGH OF EVERYTHING, YOU MAY SHARE
ABUNDANTLY IN EVERY GOOD WORK 2 COR. 9:8

October 2023

Pastor's Page

"I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing."

The LORD to Abraham in Genesis 12:2



Has God blessed you? Of course he has. It's a big deal to recognize God's blessings and to give thanks for all he's given. We don't want to take anything for granted.

But did you know one of the reasons that God has blessed you is so that you can be a blessing to others? We were designed to live life with an open hand. Blessings come in and they flow out. Abraham's blessings are still blessing us today. Without him, there's no chosen people and no Jesus born to save the world. Blessings are the gift that keeps on giving. It's as if God has answered your prayers again and again and now, you can be the answer to someone else's prayers.

This month, in our Stewardship campaign, we'll look at the life of Abraham and learn how we are "Blessed to be a Blessing." As you prayerfully consider your giving, I hope this series will be a blessing to you. On Sunday, Oct. 8th, Ryan Sutherland from Thrivent will be with us to help us with financial planning so you can be a blessing even when you're on to your Heavenly reward. On Sunday, November 5th, we'll have a fun congregational wide Potluck to celebrate the Blessings we have together.

There's a lot going on this month. We need all hands on deck for the White Elephant Sale and the Trunk or Treat Outreach. Also, you can join the church with our New Member Orientation on Saturday, Oct. 14th or learn more about Empathy with the Stephen Ministry Book Club.

Life is good when you have a church family that cares.

Greg

PS If you have some time on Saturday mornings, Lois and the team could use some help keeping the grounds beautiful. The October workday is on the 14th at 9am

Life Together

Trunk or Treat We Need YOU! Sunday, Oct. 29th 5pm
(See Youth & Children's page for all the details).

The Chosen Discussion Group
Sunday nights at 6 pm
Come watch with us
Sunday evenings at 6 pm.
Discussion will follow

Pastor Greg's
Tuesday Bible Study
10 am in the Commons
Come & learn more about Job
No Experience required!

White Elephant & Bake Sale
Friday & Saturday - October 6th & 7th

Financial/Estate Planning Seminar Sunday, Oct. 8th at noon

Ryan Sutherland from Thrivent Financial will be sharing ideas about estate planning, short & long-term investments, and what to make of the current financial climate. Sign up in the Commons

New Member Orientation Saturday, Oct. 14th 9 am

Wanna join up with Saint John's? Come spend the morning with Pastor Greg & Cindi and learn more about this amazing church family. We start at 9 am and end with a nice lunch together. There's no pressure to join, but if you want to, this class is the way to do it.



Fun, Fitness & Fellowship Family Picnic Sat., October 21st

We'll see you at Rancho Grande Park on October 21st at 11 am for a family picnic and game day. We will bring corn hole, giant jenga and chalk for a hopscotch tournament and hot dogs. There are two playgrounds and tons of open space! Come with your favorite custom hopscotch marker & your favorite backyard games, drink & sides to go with your hot dogs. Bring your friends, family, and neighbors to this fun afternoon of fellowship. Questions? Talk to Adrienne or Janice.

Join Us Online or In-Person for Our Regular Schedule of Services

Contemporary Service – 9:30 am

Traditional Service – 11:00 am

**Save the Date: November 5th 10 am One Gathering &
International Potluck Lunch**

Youth & Children's Ministry

Youth Group Nights

Students in 7th-12th grade are encouraged to join us for snacks, games, and discussion Sunday evenings from 6-8 pm. Friends welcome!



Youth Group Pumpkin Carving Sunday, October 22

Join us at 6 pm for a messy night of fun, fellowship, and pumpkin carving chaos. All students in 7th-12th grade are welcome to come and bring a friend! Bring your own special tools and decorations if you want them. We'll provide the pumpkins but text Matthew 805-554-1354 and let him know you are coming.

KidsChurch Overview

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

Youth & Children's Ministry



TRUNK TRICK OR TREAT

Trunk or Treat Sunday, October 29th

FREE outreach night including dinner! Bring your neighbors and friends! Dinner begins at 5 pm followed by an obstacle course, bounce house, cake walk, and trunks filled with candy and prizes.

WE NEED YOUR 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!

October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
1 9:30am Family Sunday - NO Kids Church, Worship & Communion 10:30am White Elephant & Bake Sale Set-up 11:00am Worship-Holy Communion 6:00pm The Chosen - Study 6:00pm Youth Group	2 8:00am White Elephant & Bake Sale Set-up	3 8:00am White Elephant & Bake Sale Set-up
8 9:30am KidsChurch 9:30am Worship 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Thrivent - Financial Planning 6:00pm The Chosen - Study 6:00pm Youth Group	9 Columbus Day 11:00am Handbells Rehearsal 1:00pm Global & Community Missions 2:00pm Stephen Ministry Meeting	10 11:30am People's Kitchen 7:00pm SJ's Council Connect Zoom Meeting
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Saint John's Book Club

Save the Date: We'll be gathering on Sunday, October 22nd to discuss what we have been reading in the book The Gift of Empathy. While we discuss it, we'll enjoy refreshments and interact with each other.

Dress A Girl



Dress A Girl Around the World
Imagine a world where every little girl owned a new dress

Join us on Saturday, October 14th at 9 am. We'll be cutting out dresses, putting together dress kits and getting them ready for sewing together – No Sewing Experience Needed! If you know how to sew, great! If not, we are more than happy to teach you how to make these simple but cute dresses that go all over the world. Questions? Talk to Pam or call/text 805-710-7941. Be Blessed – Make a Dress!

Hat & Scarf Knitting

The Knitting Group meets on Wednesday, October 11th from 9 am to noon. We encourage you to join us and bring your knitting and/or crocheting skills with you! Or if you want to learn how to knit or crochet, we would love for you to join us. 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.

October

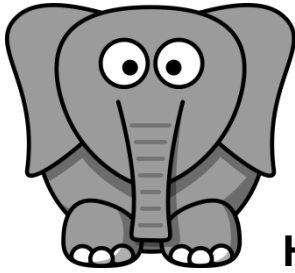
Anniversaries

BOB & JOYCE MC GHIE	10/1
SHAWN & VALERIE SMALL	10/2
KENT & NATALIE FOSSUM	10/4
RICHARD & THERESA SCHULTZ	10/11

Birthdays

STEPHEN CORRELL	10/2	ERICK STURCKE	10/16
SANDY VARLEY	10/2	LINDA CZIRAKI	10/17
MEGHAN REILLY	10/2	ALICE WITT	10/20
CHARLOTTE POTTER	10/6	RON LINDSTAEDT	10/22
MARK RAVERA	10/11	KAY WERNER	10/24
SANDY LEBENS	10/12	FLORENCE SASSE	10/24
SANDRA KERMOYAN	10/13	SHARLINE TUGGEY	10/27
RANDY OUIMETTE	10/15	GENE STEPHENS	10/31
DIANNA MURASKI	10/16	JOAN MCBAIN	10/30
SANDY BRANTINGHAM	10/16		

Women's Ministry



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

Council Highlights

Highlights from the September 25, 2023 Council meeting:

1. Giving for August increased significantly, improving outlook for remainder of 2023. Ongoing discussion of our income and expenses will continue as council determines the best paths to follow to bring more to Jesus
2. Saint John's will be receiving a generous bequest from a member family, growing our unrestricted funds
3. One scout project is complete (enjoy the new seating by our playground) and the walking/meditation path was approved to begin by another Eagle Scout
4. Extensive discussion and planning by council regarding GROWING our church family took most of the meeting. Council agreed it is time to "Step out of the boat and keep our eyes on Jesus" and be faithful that we will do God's good work
5. Pat and Jeff have been in contact with LCMC and NALC regarding consultation help in our efforts to Grow
6. Many outreach and stewardship opportunities in the next couple of months, check your bulletins!

<u>Income/Expenses:</u>	<u>August 2023</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$ 31,610	\$ 203,002
Expenses	29,572	<u>\$ 281,619</u>
	\$ 2,038	\$ -78,617

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Property Day

Saturday, October 14th 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

Pray For:

Betty, Eric,
Jan, Alice
Family &
Friends of
Ruby Howell

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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Deadline is October 15th

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