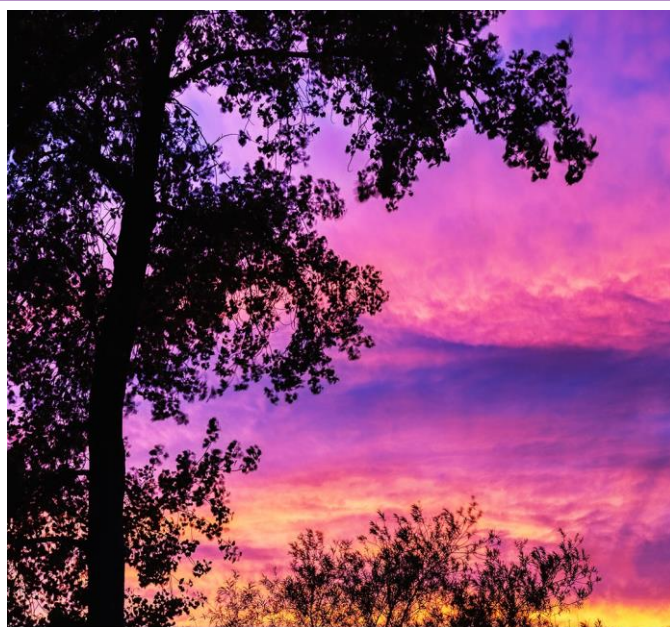




THE EAGLE



EPHESIANS 4:6 KJV

*One God and Father
of all, who is above
all, and through all,
and in you all.*

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Pastor's Page

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."

Luke 23:33-34



When we see things that are uncomfortable, we tend to look away. Why would we deliberately focus on something so graphic and jarring? The horror of Jesus' crucifixion is at the center of our Lenten journey. Rather than turn away, let's try and turn toward. Instead of jumping to the good news of the empty tomb, let's journey with the Lord toward his cross. His death is our death, so that his life can be our life.

We'll have many worship & fellowship opportunities this month. It starts with Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras on Tuesday, February 13th. Then Ash Wednesday at noon and 7pm on February 14th. We'll have our Lenten Soup Suppers on Wednesday nights starting February 21st at 6pm.

What might God do in our hearts during this season as we focus on his sacrifice for us?

Blessings,

Greg

PS Don't miss Scout Sunday on February 4th. We'll hear about our troop's Eagle projects and celebrate our Scouts.

Life Together

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Feast

Tuesday February 13th 6 pm

Are you ready for
Mardi Gras?

Join us for our annual
Shrove Tuesday Pancake
Feast on February 13th
at 6 pm! We'll also have
gluten-free pancakes
available. Bring a friend.

Ash Wednesday Worship Wednesday February 14th Noon & 7pm

Let's start Lent right with
Ash Wednesday together,
February 14th
at 12 Noon and 7pm
to begin the journey
with the words,
*"Remember you are dust,
and to dust you shall return."*

Lenten Soup Dinners Start Wednesday February 21st 6pm

Come enjoy soup, salad,
bread and worship together
on Wednesday nights
at 6 pm during Lent.
We'll have a brief devotion
and our
Lenten Prayer Stations.

Passover Seder Dinner

Maundy Thursday

March 28th at 6pm

Save the Date:

**March 16th at 5:30pm Dinner and
Presentation**

**Wendy Lou Lee "Baby Grace" from
Little House on the Prairie**

We're Hiring!

Saint John's is looking for a
Music Leader and an **Office Assistant**.
Pick up a job description in the Commons.
We're also exploring the idea of a
Children's Center/Preschool
and may need a Director soon

Children's & Youth Ministry

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Weekly youth group happens Sunday evenings from 6-8 pm in the youth room. We've been seeing a lot of new faces and still missing many of you!

Thanks so much for your help and participation with our Chili Cook Off fundraiser! We were able to raise just over \$1000 to help offset the cost of Hume Lake Winter camp.



Weekly KidsChurch

Kids stay with us in worship on Family Sunday, the first Sunday of each month. We have a special time created just for kids on all other Sundays during 9:30 worship with games, snacks, crafts, and Bible stories.

Youth and Children's team CPR/First Aid training

All volunteer, staff, and committee members of our youth and children's team are encouraged to participate in a CPR/First Aid training held at Saint John's. Training starts at noon on Sunday, February 4th and will last about four hours. Sandwiches will be provided about 11:30 if you would like to join us for lunch. Please let Cindi know asap if you are not yet signed up and would like to attend.

Youth Group Super Bowl Party February 11th

Head over to the Wallace house anytime after 3 pm for football, pizza, snacks, and a chance to win a \$25 gift card each quarter. Great opportunity to invite friends! Talk to Matthew or Lydia for more information.

Wallace Home: 1686 Monterey Ave in Grover Beach

Dress A Girl

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Dress A Girl Around the World

Imagine a world where every little girl owned a new dress

Dress a Girl meets the second Saturday each month in the Saint John's Fellowship Hall. We start at 9 am and usually finish around 2 pm. Our Workshop in February is the 10th. We'll be making dress kits and getting them ready to sew. Our sewing team will be putting the dresses together for those special girls who may not ever have had a new dress to call their own. If you would like more info about this ministry or know of ministries that would like to take dresses with them on their missionary trips, please contact Pam at 805-710-7941 or DressAGirlAGCA@gmail.com.

Be Blessed – Make a Dress!

Hat & Scarf Knitting

We've already added some new hats and scarves for 2024! If you knit or crochet, and would like to be a part of this ministry while getting your knitting and crocheting time in, please come and join us on the second Wednesday of each month. In February, we will be meeting on Wednesday, February 14th from 9 am to noon. Keep in mind, that the 14th is also Ash Wednesday, so you'll be here to receive the ashes at our noon service if you'd like, as Lent begins. Questions? Need more info? Contact Pam - 805-710-7941.

February Food of the Month – Pasta & Sauce
(Benefits Five Cities Christian Women's Food Bank)

February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
28	29	30
4 Scout Sunday 9:30am Family Sunday – NO Kids Church, Worship & Communion 11:00am Worship-Holy Communion 12:00pm CPR Training 6:00pm Youth Group	5	6 10:00am Bible Study - World Religions
11 9:30am Worship 11:00am Worship 6:00pm Youth Group	12 11:00am Handbells 1:00pm Global & Community Missions	13 10:00am Bible Study - World Religions 11:30am People's Kitchen 6:00pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Feast 7:00pm Women's Bible Study
18 9:30am Worship-Holy Communion 11:00am Worship-Holy Communion 6:00pm Youth Group	19 6:30pm Council Mtg	20 10:00am Bible Study - World Religions
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February 2024

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 6:00pm Worship Team 6:30pm Chancel Choir 7:00pm Property Comm	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3 9:00am Property Day 11:30am Council Retreat
7	8 6:00pm Worship Team 6:30pm Chancel Choir	9 OFFICE CLOSED	10 9:00am Dress A Girl Workshop
14 9:00am Knit a Scarf 12:00pm Ash Wednesday Service 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service	15 6:00pm Worship Team	16 OFFICE CLOSED	17
21 6:00pm Lenten Soup Supper	22 6:00pm Worship Team	23 OFFICE CLOSED	24 9:00am Handbells
28 6:00pm Lenten Soup Supper	29 6:00pm Worship Team 6:30pm Chancel Choir	1 OFFICE CLOSED	2 9:00am Property Day

Stephens Ministry



Stephen Ministers are everyday lay congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness. Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life, but they all share a passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during a time of need. Being a Stephen Minister will be one of the most rewarding experiences you can imagine! We hope you will prayerfully consider God's guidance in your life and how you can serve Him and join us!

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2

My command is this: Love one other as I have loved you. John 15: 12

Training classes for new Stephen Ministers begin on March 6.

Stephen Minister training:

- teaches principles and skills that equip you to provide high-quality, Christ-centered emotional and spiritual care to others.
- gives you new insight into the thoughts, feelings, and actions of people who are hurting.
- equips you with relational and caring skills you can apply to all aspects of your life.
- helps deepen your faith as the Holy Spirit fashions you into a Christ-centered caregiver.
- builds a special bond of Christian community and camaraderie among all those in your class.
- is highly interactive, engaging, and a lot of fun!

Is God giving you a nudge to consider Stephen Ministry?

Just let Pastor Greg know, or turn this in with your offering, and we'll reach out to you.

I would like to learn more about becoming a Stephen Minister:

Name _____

Phone _____

February Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

ROBIN EILAND	2/2
PATRICIA STURCKE	2/4
CHRISSEY RAVERA	2/5
STEVE PERRY	2/6
MERLIN WILSON	2/6
GREG WALLACE	2/10
JERRY DE VOS	2/11
WILLIAM LARSEN	2/11
MARCY RICHARDSON	2/16
DIANE DOLPHIN-TORRES	2/17
FRANK LEBENS	2/19
ADRIENNE RULE	2/19
LUCCA RAVERA	2/21
DAVID IMMEL	2/23

NO Anniversaries



Property Day

Saturday, February 3rd 9 am

Everyone has a skill that we can use!

Join us on Workday –

Many hands make fast work.

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.

Pray For:

Betty, Eric, Jan, Alice, Marilyn, Emanda,
Gene, Pastor Carl,
Saint John's New Church Council



Council Highlights

Highlights from the January 22, 2023 Council meeting:

1. Nomination Committee has brought forward 3 names for approval of the congregation at the Jan. 28th meeting. Outgoing members are Mark Haley, Pat Muran, Frank Drake.
2. Gordon reported that our December income exceeded budget, and we also rec'd an additional estate contribution, putting our financial picture in a much more positive light. Report to the congregation to follow.
3. Pastor reported on upcoming events & his and Cindi's Florida retreat.
4. Council approved moving forward with a guest speaker; information will be provided to the congregation and community.
5. Council approved posting a job description/ad for the potential position of Child Center Director. Once resumes are rec'd a full report to the congregation will follow for approval.
6. 2 new positions were approved with the 2024 budget and will be advertised; Assistant Office Manager and Music Worship Leader.
7. Retreat for the new Council to be held on Feb. 3rd.
8. Janice and the council thanked the outgoing council leaders for their service in a very challenging time.

<u>Income/Expenses:</u>	<u>December 2023</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$ 43,821	\$ 297,488
Expenses	\$ 39,405	<u>\$ 401,627</u>
Totals	\$ 4,416	\$-104,139

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Global Missions

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At-Large

Louisa Troemel

Pastor	Greg Wallace
Office Manager	Pam Glenn
Children & Youth Director	Cindi Wallace
Music Coordinator	Janice Goodwin
Chancel Choir & Handbells Director	Shari Bowman
Songfest Director	Cal Wood
Choir Accompanist	Shari Bowman
Organist	Dawn Russ
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March Newsletter:
**Deadline for article submission is
February 15th**

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study
10 am in the Commons**

**Women's Bible Study
February 13th & 27th
7 pm**

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