



# THE EAGLE

JANUARY 2024



*By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn  
from on high will break upon us. Luke 1:78*

# Pastor's Page

*Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire. Hebrews 12:28-29*



What will 2024 bring? On the world stage, things are as unsure as ever. But God is giving us an unshakable Kingdom and we can give thanks. Whatever we're worried about, God has a plan and a future for us with hope.

I'm trusting God for new growth and new possibilities for Saint John's. I hope you'll keep praying with me for our church family to grow and for God to keep us reaching outward to bring new folks to Jesus.

This month, we'll start the year off right with a Day of Prayer together on Sunday, January 7th. We'll be back to our regular worship schedule at 9:30am & 11am and we'll take time to pray over the campus and the ministries and the staff. I hope you can be a part of it. If it's been a while since you've been with us in person, please come back! We need you in 2024!

We have some great fellowship time this season and some service events. We're handing out scarves to those in need on January 7<sup>th</sup>. And it's time for our Annual Chili Cookoff on January 21<sup>st</sup>! Who's going to be bringing the heat this year? We'll get to celebrate our Scouts on Scout Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>.

Janice Goodwin is starting a new Women's Bible Study in January on Tuesday nights starting Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm. I'll be teaching on World Religions at the Tuesday morning Bible Study at 10 am starting up again on January 9<sup>th</sup>. Who will you invite?

Finally, we've got our Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> in between services to elect some new Council and Nominating Committee members.

Happy New Year

Greg

# Life Together

## Scarf Distribution coming January 7, 2024

Save the first Sunday in January for our annual time of distributing scarves, blankets, and backpacks in strategic places around the local area. Pam continues to do an amazing job leading our knitting crew and they have been hard at work all year making scarves! Thank you ladies! All ages and friends welcome! Kids 6th grade and younger need an adult present.



## Chili Cook-off Sunday, January 21st at 4 pm!

Come out for a good time of great food, games, and prizes! Be one of many judges or just sample some of the most delicious chilis! Want to enter your chili? Here are the guidelines:

- **RED Chili only**
- **\$25 entry fee per person/pot of chili**
- **Bring a large pot of red chili heated in a crockpot**
- **No additional ingredients can be added for judging**



Funds raised go towards scholarships for youth winter camp!  
Sign up in the Commons and let us know you're coming

## Annual Congregational Meeting, Part 2 – Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>

Meeting between services, we will have part 2 of our Annual Congregational Meeting to vote for three new Council Members to fill the three positions vacated by ending terms. Please be sure to sign in on the role sheets and get your ballot. If you are a member, you have a vote.

## 2023 Annual Reports Due by January 15<sup>th</sup>

Please submit your Annual Report for your ministry/committee by January 15<sup>th</sup> to Pam at [office@saintjohnsag.com](mailto:office@saintjohnsag.com). This is our annual reporting of how things have gone over the past year. All the reports will be collated into one document and printed as a booklet for the members and others with an interest to read. Questions? Contact Pam by email or phone 805-489-1259.

# Youth & Children's Ministry

## Hume Lake Winter Camp Jan 12-15

The best weekend of the year is coming up! Students, get ready for the weekend of your life at Hume Winter Camp! If snow, hot chocolate, snowboarding, snow tubing, snow sledding, ice skating, slipping on ice, broom hockey (on ice!), and MORE are your thing, then Hume is right up your alley! This year we are joining with First Christian Church in Santa Maria for transportation, cabins, and fellowship! Spots are full and all students attending need to participate in our Chili cook off fundraiser in January to help cover costs. Talk to Lydia or Matthew about the waitlist if you are not signed up yet!

## Coming and Going:

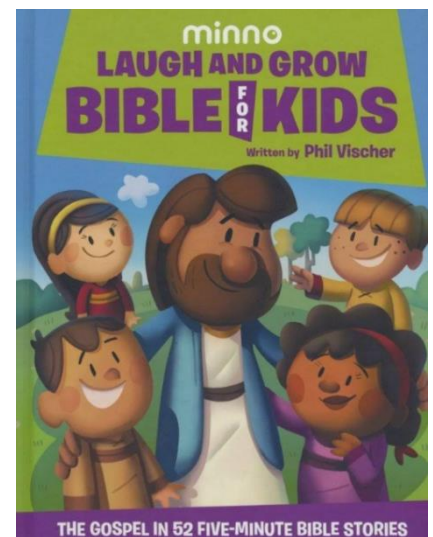
- Drop off at Saint John's at 7:15 am on January 12 - DON'T BE LATE!!
- Pick up at Saint John's at approximately 7:30 pm on January 15. We'll text on the way!

## What to Pack:

- A sleeping bag or bedsheets and blanket, pillow, and toiletries.
- Warm outside clothes & shoes; winter boots & gloves if you have them!
- Clothes for inside (the key is layering!)
- Clothes for any activities you want to participate in.
- Bible
- Meal money on travel days; optional spending money at Hume Lake.

## KidsChurch 2024

Join us this year as we explore our way through The Laugh and Grow Bible for Kids! This new series guides readers from Genesis to Revelation, retelling beloved Bible stories and tackling tricky questions kids ask! Each story is vividly illustrated, takes just a few minutes to read, and includes a family connection to encourage family Bible study and help readers learn, talk, and pray together! We will have extra copies of the Bible with resources available for you to keep a copy and dive deeper at home into the lessons from Sunday morning KidsChurch!



# Dress A Girl



*Dress A Girl Around the World*

Imagine a world where every little girl owned a new dress

Dress a Girl will start meeting again on Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. If you have always wanted to find out more about Dress a Girl, we invite you to visit the group on the second Saturday of the month. We would love to have more folks sewing, as we have more ministries connecting with us and asking for dresses. In 2023, we provided more than 1200 dresses and that number could have been even higher if we had more sewists! Please consider joining us. Contact Pam at 805-710-7941 or DressAGirl agCA@gmail.com.

Be Blessed – Make a Dress!

## Hat & Scarf Knitting

We'll be starting up a new year of knitting & crocheting on Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to noon. We'll meet in the office. If you are a knitter and/or a crocheter and want to join us, please let Pam know. 805-710-7941.

**January Food of the Month – Canned Soup**  
(Benefits Five Cities Christian Women's Food Bank)

# January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<b>31</b> 10:00am KidsChurch 10:00am Worship 6:00pm Youth Group	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>7</b> 9:30am Family Sunday – NO Kids Church, Worship & Communion 11:00am Worship-Holy Communion 6:00pm Youth Group	<b>8</b> 1:00pm Global & Community Mission s	<b>9</b> 10:00am Bible Study - World Religions 11:30am People's Kitchen
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<b>28 Annual Congregational meeting            (between services)</b> 9:30am KidsChurch 9:30am Worship 11:00am Worship 6:00pm Youth Group	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 10:00am Bible Study - World Religions

# January 2024

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 6:00pm Worship Team 7:00pm Property Comm	<b>5</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>6</b> 9:00am Property Day
<b>10</b> 9:00am Knit a Scarf	<b>11</b> 6:00pm Worship Team	<b>12</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>13</b> 9:00am Dress A Girl Workshop
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 6:00pm Worship Team	<b>19</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 6:00pm Worship Team	<b>26</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>27</b>
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# Learning Together

## World Religions Tuesday Bible Study Begins January 9th

This month, Pastor Greg begins a new Tuesday Bible Study on the religions of the world. Ever wonder what Muslims believe? Why do Jewish people avoid pork? Why do Buddhists meditate? There are no dumb questions and all are welcome Tuesday mornings at 10am in the Commons.



*New Women's Bible Study*

Starting Tuesday  
January 23<sup>rd</sup>  
7 – 8 pm  
Childcare Available

Interested? Call Janice Goodwin  
805-235-4505



# January Birthdays & Anniversaries

## Birthdays

LYDIA WALLACE	1/3
JANIS IMMEL	1/3
MATTHEW HARTER	1/4
MARY BARRETTE	1/4
KEVIN COLTON	1/5
ROGER ORMONDE	1/8
JOYCE MC GHIE	1/9
KELLY BERCH	1/14
LESTER BLANK	1/14
BRIAN KING	1/17
RUTH KAPKA	1/18
PATTY OUIMETTE	1/19
KAREN CORRELL	1/28
BETTY KNUDSON	1/29
BARBARA JOHNSON	1/30

## Anniversaries

ERICK & PAT STURCKE 1/10



February Newsletter:

**Deadline for article submission is  
January 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Property Day**

**Saturday, January 6th 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/](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.

Pray For: Betty, Eric, Jan, Alice, Marilyn, Vivi,  
Baby Isla, Emanda, Gene, Paul, Brenda  
Saint John's...  
Pray for God's love & peace to overcome  
all the hate in the world



# Council Highlights

## Highlights from the December 18, 2023 Council meeting:

1. Finalized position descriptions for Assistant Office Manager and Worship Music Leader. Anticipate beginning the hiring process for each position by the end of January, 2024.
2. Discussed engaging a Christian motivational speaker as a community outreach event. More information to follow.
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<b><u>Income/Expenses:</u></b>	<b><u>November 2023</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>
Income	\$ 24,126	\$ 269,968
Expenses	\$ 25,703	\$ 377,806
Totals	\$- 1,577	\$-107,838

# CONTACT information



## STAFF

### Church Council 2023

#### **PRESIDENT**

Mark Haley

#### **VICE PRESIDENT**

Janice Goodwin

#### **TREASURER**

Gordon Eiland

#### **SECRETARY**

Mike Johnson

#### **Youth & Children**

Mark Haley

#### **Worship & Music**

Janice Goodwin

#### **Stewardship**

Frank Drake

#### **Property**

Mike Johnson

#### **Social Outreach**

Emanda Miller

#### **Global Missions**

Pat Muran

#### **Good News**

Jeff Metcalfe

#### **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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