



The Eagle



April 2024

Pastor's Page

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! 2 Corinthians 5:17



Christ is Risen! He is Risen, indeed! After the reflective season of Lent, we get to delight in the joy of the Easter season. These 50 days from Easter to Pentecost will give us time to ponder the New Life that has been purchased for us. We are New Creations filled with the wonder of resurrection power. We once were something else and now we are something greater, all because of him!

This month, we'll celebrate the good news with testimonies of God's faithfulness. How has God made a difference in your life? We'll have some great family time together. Our Bingo Potluck is coming as well as some time in the great outdoors with the Fun, Fitness and Fellowship group. If you're new, sign up for our New Member Orientation and learn more about Saint John's. We'll have another Stephen Ministry book club and some beautiful music. Keep reading and see where you can plug in.

We'll also try a new spiritual discipline together as we memorize scripture verses. We'll start with 2 Corinthians 5:17 listed above and on page 12. My hope is that we can do one verse per month. If you've never tried memorizing the Bible, this will be a great way to hide God's Word in your heart. I promise you can do it and I'll have tips for making it easier in my weekly emails. If you're not getting those, send me an email (greg@SaintJohnsAG.com and we'll get you on the list.

God's Peace to you,

Greg

Life Together

New Member Orientation Saturday, April 20th 9am

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.

Bingo Potluck Sunday, April 21st 5pm

When was the last time you
enjoyed a rousing game of
Bingo? This month, we're
playing Bingo and having a
nice potluck at the same time.
Bring a dish to share, and
maybe a few friends.
There'll be prizes!

Saint John's Book Club

The Gift of Empathy

Group Discussion, Part 2

See page 11 for more info

Fun, Fitness, Fellowship

A new adventure
Johnson Ranch Trail
Saturday, April 20th
– see page 7

April Food of the Month Peanut Butter

Be it smooth or chunky,
Your donation will benefit the
Five Cities Food Bank

Children & Youth Ministry

Youth Group Outreach at Boomers Sunday April 14 Time TBD

Unlimited free attractions **IF YOU BRING A FRIEND!** We'll cover the cost for you and your friend! Pizza provided but please bring money for additional food, snacks and arcade games. Sign up with Matthew 805.554.1354.

Save the date! Sunday, June 2nd 4 pm

Annual Youth Fundraiser

Fun, games, door prizes along with dinner and a silent auction. What will you bid on? Will your table select the first dessert?

A graphic of the words "Thank you!" written in a large, black, cursive script. The text is slanted and has a slight shadow effect, giving it a three-dimensional appearance.

A huge thank you!

Thanks to ALL who helped make Easter morning a fun experience and beautiful day for families!

KidsChurch Sundays at 9:30 am

Join us as we laugh and grow with Jesus and continue working our way through the whole Bible in a year!

April Music

A Musical Afternoon - Piano Recital April 27th 3 pm

All members and friends of Saint John's are invited to attend a recital of beautiful piano music Saturday afternoon April 27th 3:00 pm at Saint John's Lutheran Church. Louise Frye & Mary Stornetta will perform mainly four-hand selections with a few surprise solos. The music will be a mixture of classical, light and breezy and some jazz as well.

The concert is free and open to the public. Freewill donations will be welcome and appreciated. All proceeds go to benefit the Youth and Children at Saint John's Lutheran Church. Cookies and beverages will be served following the recital, which will be about 45 minutes. Thank You, Louise Frye

SLO County Band Spring Concert Sunday April 28th 3 pm

Enjoy a musical journey into the cosmos! Musical interpretations by composers from contemporary to classical express the majesty of outer space. Admission is **free!** Donations accepted.



Hat & Scarf Knitting

Our knitting group meets each month on the second Wednesday from 9 am to noon. If you knit or crochet, and would like to be a part of this ministry, please come and join us. Or, if you want to learn how to knit and/or crochet, we'll show you how. In April, we meet on Wednesday, April 10th from 9 am to noon. Questions? Need more info? Contact Pam 805-710-7941.

Dress A Girl



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 finish around 2 pm. Our April Workshop is on Saturday the 13th. We'll be making dress kits and getting them ready to sew. If you love to sew and would like to be a part of this ministry, you can join our workshops on any Saturday from 9 am to 2 pm. Or you can join us for just an hour or two. Many of our Seamstresses work at home, picking up kits here at Saint John's and taking them home to sew. On any second Saturday, kits may be picked up in the Fellowship Hall. Kits are available for pick-up during the week Monday through Thursday between 9 am and 3 pm in the Office at Saint John's located on the Valley Road side of the campus. Please call Pam first and let her know that you want to pick up dress kits. 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!**

Fun Fitness & Fellowship

Fun, Fitness & Fellowship Saturday April 20th 9:30 am

We will meet at Johnson Ranch Trail on Saturday April 20th at 9:30 am. There are a couple different distance options, but all fairly easy to moderate in some sections. We will decide which trail to do once we meet that morning and see who is able to join us. Bring water, a snack, and layers as it can be cool in the shade this time of year.

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study, led by Janice Goodwin, meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Meeting date in April will be the 9th and 23th at 7 pm in Education Room 2. Childcare is available, but please contact Janice ahead of time to let her know you need childcare.

janice@saintjohnsag.com or 805-235-4505

Women's Ministry

Women's Ministry March Meeting

At our meeting in March, Brandee Brown-Puett gave a very interesting talk about Meals that Connect, a program that provides nutritious meals for the senior community. All the info about this program is posted on the hall bulletin board between the Commons and Ouimette Hall.

Spring Cleaning of Our Kitchen

Once again, the Women's Ministry is organizing a cleaning of our kitchen. Please come and help. Remember that many hands make light work. We'll clean on Wednesday April 10th at 10:00 am. Let's make our kitchen sparkle and shine. Women's Ministry Board.

April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>31 Easter Sunday</p> <p>6:30am Easter Sunday - Sunrise Service at the Beach 9:30am Worship 11:00am Worship 6:00pm NO Youth Group</p>	<p>1</p> <p>6:00pm Stephen Ministry Training</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:00am NO Bible Study 12:00pm AI Anon Meeting 6:00pm AA Meeting</p>
<p>7</p> <p>9:30am Family Sunday - NO Kids Church, Worship & Communion 11:00am Worship-Holy Communion 6:00pm Youth Group</p>	<p>8</p> <p>1:00pm Global & Community Missions 6:00pm Stephen Ministry Training 7:00pm Council Connect Zoom Call</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:00am Bible Study - World Religions 11:30am People's Kitchen 12:00pm AI Anon Meeting 6:00pm AA Meeting 7:00pm Women's Bible Study</p>
<p>14</p> <p>9:30am Worship 11:00am Worship 6:00pm Youth Group - Boomers</p>	<p>15</p> <p>11:00am HandBells 6:00pm Council Mtg 6:00pm Stephen Ministry Training</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:00am Bible Study 12:00pm AI Anon Meeting 6:00pm AA Meeting</p>
<p>21</p> <p>9:30am Worship-Holy Communion 11:00am Worship-Holy Communion 5:00pm Bingo Potluck 6:00pm NO Youth Group</p>	<p>22</p> <p>11:00am HandBells 6:00pm Stephen Ministry Training</p>	<p>23</p> <p>10:00am Bible Study - World Religions 12:00pm AI Anon Meeting 6:00pm AA Meeting 7:00pm Women's Bible Study</p>
<p>28</p> <p>9:30am Worship 11:00am Worship 3:00pm San Luis Obispo County Band Performance 6:00pm Youth Group</p>	<p>29</p> <p>6:00pm Stephen Ministry Training</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10:00am Bible Study - World Religions 12:00pm AI Anon Meeting 6:00pm AA Meeting</p>

April 2024

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4 6:00pm Worship Team 6:30pm Chancel Choir 7:00pm Property Comm	5 OFFICE CLOSED	6 9:00am Property Day 8:00pm A.A. Speakers
10 9:00am Knit a Scarf	11 6:00pm Worship Team 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Boy Scouts	12 OFFICE CLOSED	13 9:00am Dress A Girl Workshop
17	18 6:00pm Worship Team	19 OFFICE CLOSED	20 9:00am New Member Orientation
24	25 6:00pm Worship Team	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27 9:00am Stephen Minister Training 12:00pm Stephen Minister Training 2:00pm Louise Frye Recital & Refreshments
1	2 6:00pm Worship Team 6:30pm Chancel Choir 7:00pm Property Comm	3 OFFICE CLOSED	4 9:00am Property Day 8:00pm A.A. Speakers

Easter Word Search

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Saint John's Book Club

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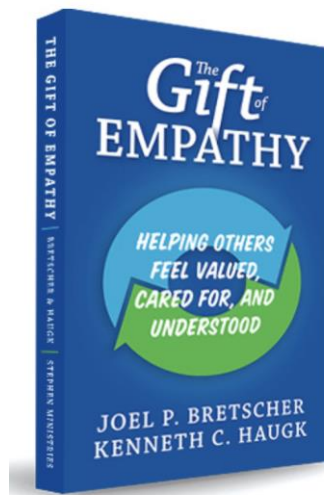
Book Club

959 Valley Road,

Arroyo Grande

Questions: call Gordon

at 916-759-4262



“The Gift of Empathy”

Group Discussion

Part 2

Sun. Apr.28,

12:30-2:00pm

rooms 7 and 8

Books available, \$15

Call Gordon, 916-759-4262

Empathy is something we all need—and it's something we all can give.

A Book Anyone Can Benefit From

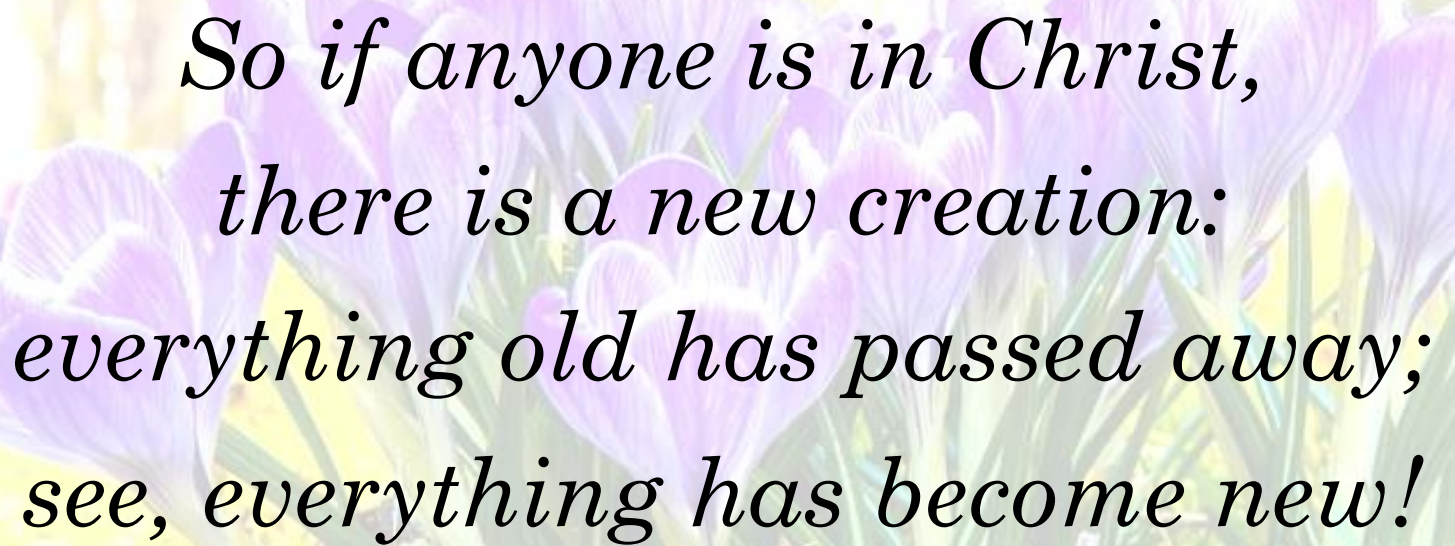
The Gift of Empathy: Helping Others Feel Valued, Cared for, and Understood presents a fresh approach to a familiar concept, providing practical insights and real-life examples that equip readers to relate in empathetic ways that make a difference in the lives of all those they encounter.

Empathy is a skill anyone can learn, and this book lays out principles and practices that empower you to better understand, connect with, and care for family, friends, coworkers, and others. As you practice and strengthen your ability to empathize, you will experience more caring interactions and more meaningful connections in all areas of your life.

The book shows readers how to apply empathy in a wide range of situations and relationships. It defines what empathy is and isn't, offers practical insights on how to empathize, and demonstrates unique applications of empathy in various kinds of relationships. Throughout the book, you'll find key points illustrated by a rich tapestry of personal stories gathered through extensive research with people from diverse backgrounds, locations, and walks of life.

The Gift of Empathy is written in a clear, conversational style, making it easy to read and apply the concepts it introduces. Readers have found the book an inspirational tool for personal growth and an encouragement to make empathy a more significant part of their everyday lives and relationships.

April Memory Verse



*So if anyone is in Christ,
there is a new creation:
everything old has passed away;
see, everything has become new!*

2 Corinthians 5:17

Council Highlights

March 18, 2024 Council Meeting:

Your council has been working diligently together to “get out of the boat and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus” as we navigate the road ahead - How do we grow? How do we reach people who don't know Jesus? How do we make this place shine as a beacon of hope in our community?

Janice continues to host the “Council Connect” zoom meetings on the second Monday of each month (7:00 pm, 30 minutes) so that congregation members may reach out with questions, concerns, or ideas. The link to this virtual meeting is included in Pastor Greg's weekly email. Anyone is also welcome to call or email any of us at any time with your thoughts, ideas, and questions. There is a poster located outside the sound booth in the commons with our photos and contact information and we'd love to hear from you.

We had a great turnout for the Wendi Lou Lee dinner event on March 16th, and decided it's a great model for outreach to our community. If you have other ideas for similar events where we can share the hospitality of Saint John's and a healthy dose of the gospel, please share them with us.

Christian Children's Center update: Two smaller working teams have been established to continue our exploration and research into opening a Christian Children's Center at Saint John's. One team is responsible for doing the necessary work to research and apply for necessary licensing from the State (this is required before anything else can truly move forward), and the second team is responsible for determining what the associated costs would be at various steps along the way. You may recall from the congregational meeting, where we voted on the budget, that a line item for “Children's Center Director” was approved as a new position in order to secure the necessary licensing. We have determined that a better course of action in the short term is to use the staff and congregational “Human Resources” that we already have at our disposal to complete this research phase of the project rather than hiring an outside person. We believe this is the wisest decision for two big reasons: 1) it will be more cost-effective to the congregation; and 2) it means that the people involved in doing the deep dive into the project are people who have a vested interest in this congregation, its mission, and its culture. We will keep you posted as this moves along.

And finally, the council wants to encourage each and every person at Saint John's, whether you're a member or not, to prayerfully consider what you can do to become just a little more involved in daily life here on our campus and in our ministries that reach out to the community and the world. The work gets easier when more hands are involved.

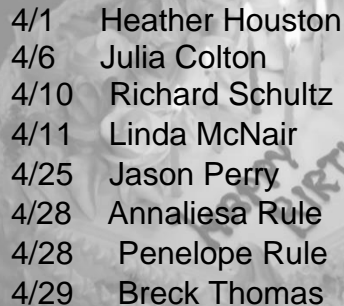
Remember, “We can't expect to walk on water with Jesus if we never get out of the boat.”

In Christ, Janice Goodwin, Council President

Income/Expenses:	February 2024	YTD
Income	\$ 52,189	\$71,150
Expenses	\$ 30,929	\$ 67,366
Totals	\$ 21,260	\$ 3,784

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays




4/1 Heather Houston
4/6 Julia Colton
4/10 Richard Schultz
4/11 Linda McNair
4/25 Jason Perry
4/28 Annaliesa Rule
4/28 Penelope Rule
4/29 Breck Thomas

Anniversaries



4/7 David & Janice Goodwin
4/19 Wes & Dawn Drysdale
4/23 Scott & Louise Taylor
4/26 Kelly & Brent Berch



Please pray for:
Joyce, Linda, Betty,
Eric, Jan, Marilyn,
Emanda, Alice,
Pastor Carl,
Brian, Sean, Kleo,
Saint John's

April Workday Saturday, the 6th

Lots of hands are needed to keep the Church Campus groomed. Please donate some time pulling weeds or picking up trash, or doing whatever needs to be done.

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 online. For more info, call the Church Office.

**May Newsletter Deadline
for submission
of an article
is April 15th**

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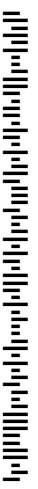
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