

Encounter Jesus Experience Family Embrace the Broken

The Eagle



May 2024

Pastor's Page

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This month we celebrate Pentecost. It's the birthday of the church. Jesus rose from the dead, appeared to hundreds of people, and ascended into heaven. He told his disciples to wait until they had been clothed in power from on high with the promise of the Father (Luke 24:49).

In Acts 2, that power comes in the person of the Holy Spirit. These New Creations in Christ are filled to the brim with the Holy Spirit and nothing can stop them. They would heal and preach, speak in tongues and prophesy. They would serve and give and love in ways that would change the world.

On May 19th, this Pentecost Sunday (wear red!) will be a wonderful time at Saint John's. We'll be receiving new members that morning and making Agape (Love) Baskets for our homebound members and others in need. It's a great time to be the church together. I hope you can be with us on Sundays and for all the times of fellowship you see in this month's Eagle.

Oh, and if you're not getting our weekly email updates, please let me know (greg@saintjohnsag.com).

Grace+Peace

Greg

Life Together

Pentecost Sunday May 19th Wear Red!



Welcome our New Members



Make Agape Baskets for the homebound

Agape - brotherly love, affection, goodwill, love, benevolence

The Global and Community Missions Team will be sponsoring Agape love gift baskets again Pentecost Sunday May 19th in Ouimette Hall right after the 9:30 am gathering. Feel the joy of assembling them, sharing the love of Jesus with friends, neighbors, folks going through tough times, are homebound or just need to know that we are thinking of them. Please join us to fill the baskets with gifts and goodies. Take one or two to share. Know that there will be smiles on faces & joy in touched hearts.

Saint John's Stephen Ministry Book Club

Our first Book Club reading, "The Gift of Empathy" provided some great reading and discussion. Stephen Ministry is happy to sponsor a second book for May: "Speaking the Truth in Love, How to be an Assertive Christian" by Ruth Koch and Kenneth Haugk. Books will be given out in May at no charge, or a \$15 donation is welcome. Discussion will be scheduled in June or July. To join the club and discussion, contact Gordon & Robin Eiland, gordon.eiland@icloud.com.

Fun, Fitness, Fellowship

Pickleball
Sunday, May 5th 4:30 pm
AG Pickleball Courts
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Youth Fundraiser Save the Date!

Sunday, June 2nd 5 pm
Ouimette Hall
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Children & Youth Ministry

Weekly Youth Group

Sunday evenings from 6-8 pm - Friends welcome!

Weekly KidsChurch

Kids stay with us in worship for Family Sunday (first Sunday of each month). KidsChurch happens all other Sundays during 9:30 worship!

Annual Youth Fundraiser

The Streets of San Francisco Sunday, June 2 at 5 pm

Come out for a fun evening and help raise funds to send our students on an impactful summer mission trip! We'll go on a journey through the landmarks of San Francisco as we prepare to get to the heart of the city where our youth will embrace the broken and serve the people of San Francisco. You don't want to miss this amazing night of fellowship, fun decorations, silent auction, great raffle prizes, delicious food, dessert dash, photo booth, games and more!

San Francisco City Impact

Summer Youth Mission Trip August 3-8, 2024

\$100 Deposit due by May 19th to guarantee your spot. Students who help with fundraising and participate in the annual auction will have the majority of the trip covered.

Save the date for our community VBS July 29 - August 2, 2023

as we partner with several other local churches. We need your help! Talk to Cindi or Lydia if you can volunteer with our Saint John's team 1 day or all 5 days.

Scarves & Hat Knitting

If you enjoy knitting or crochet and have a heart to help others, we'd love to have you join us on the second Wednesday of each month from 9 am to noon. Or, if you want to learn how to knit and/or crochet, we'll show you how. In May, we meet on Wednesday, May 15th and look forward to seeing you. We provide yarn and needles. Questions? Need more info? Contact Pam 805-710-7941.

Dress A Girl

Dress a Girl meets the second Saturday each month in Saint John's Fellowship Hall. In May, our Workshop is on Saturday the 11th from 9 am to 2 pm. Some will be making dress kits to sew and others will be sewing up a storm to get these dresses off to that one special girl who has never had a brand new dress of her own. There are many ways to be a part of this ministry, whether it's making kits, sewing, serging, cutting elastic, or just making a donation to buy the needed extras other than fabric. Call Pam for more info at 805-710-7941.

Fun Fitness & Fellowship

Fun, Fitness & Fellowship Sunday May 5th 4:30 pm

Meet at the Arroyo Grande Pickleball courts on Sunday May 5th at 4:30pm for our rescheduled Pickleball event! Tom Reilly has all the gear we need and will lead us in this event. Bring friends and get ready to have fun!

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study, led by Janice Goodwin, meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Meeting dates in May will be the 14th and 28th at 7 pm in Education Room 2. Childcare is available, but please contact Janice ahead of time to let her know you need childcare. Our current study is based on the book, <u>The Most Extraordinary Life</u>. For more information, please contact Janice. janice@saintjohnsag.com or 805-235-4505

May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
28	29	30
9:30am Worship 11:00am Worship 6:00pm Youth Group	10:30am OA Meeting 1:00pm Literacy Group 6:00pm Stephen Ministry Training 7:00pm Boy Scouts	9:00am AG Dept of Rec Quilters Session 2 10:00am Bible Study 12:00pm Al Anon Meeting 6:00pm AA Meeting
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9:30am Family Sunday - NO Kids Church, Worship & Communion 11:00am Worship-Holy Communion 4:30pm Pickleball	6:00pm Stephen Ministry Training	10:00am Bible Study 12:00pm Al Anon Meeting 6:00pm AA Meeting
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19 Pentecost Sunday	20	21
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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 6:00pm Worship Team 6:30pm Chancel Choir 7:00pm Property Comm	3 OFFICE CLOSED 10:00am AG Dept of Rec Knitters Session 2	9:00am Property Day 8:00pm A.A. Speakers
8 9:00am Knit a Scarf	9 6:00pm Worship Team 6:30pm Chancel Choir	10 OFFICE CLOSED	11 9:00am Dress A Girl Workshop
15 6:00pm Al-Anon Mtg	16 6:00pm Worship Team	17 OFFICE CLOSED	9:00am Stephen Minister Training 11:00am Scleroderma Group 12:00pm Stephen Minister Training
22 11:00am Staff Mtg	23 6:00pm Worship Team	24 OFFICE CLOSED	25
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May Memory Verse

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Council Highlights

Council Highlights from Meeting on April 15, 2024

- * Gordon Eiland will present a Financial Forum in May to review the first 3-4 months of 2024 and provide insight and details as to our current financial plans and positions. Date to be announced.
- * Council is working on best practices to follow-up with visitors and guests, as well as members that we have missed.
- * Christian Children's Care Center has 2 teams working on necessary research and licensing to see if we can begin a preschool. These teams will provide updates as information becomes available.
- * The Property Team will begin monthly meetings the Thursday prior to Work Day. There are many items that need addressing, given the size and scope of our campus, and this team will provide plans to keep our campus and facilities in great condition. David Goodwin will lead these efforts and invites all members to join the team "Many hands make light work".
- * Worship and Music and Good News/Social Outreach teams are working on various ideas to make our church facility more welcoming to all. Let Louise Taylor and Louisa Troemel know if you'd like to help.
- * Youth and Children team had a great outing at Boomers with 13 youth in attendance. Planning is underway for a fundraiser in June for their servant trip to San Francisco in August. The theme is "Heart of the City". Louise Frye is also doing a piano recital and proceeds will go to this team.
- * Global Missions will once again do Agape baskets and is planning a Fall event.
- * Women's Ministry distributed funds in March and will do so again in June.
- * Gordon shared the data from our member surveys. These will be part of new member orientation so we can plug members in to their interests and talents here at St. John's.
- * Next meeting is May 20th. Contact any council member with questions, comments, suggestions, etc. They value and need your input.*

May Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Drysdale, Wes	5/6
Drysdale, Tyler	5/8
Erickson, George	5/18
Webster, Pam	5/25
Weiger, Rena	5/25

Anniversaries





May Workday Saturday, the 4th

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.

May Food of the Month Canned meats, tuna, salmon

Your donation will benefit the Five Cities Food Bank

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.

June Newsletter Deadline for submission of an article is May 15th



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