



Encounter Jesus Experience Family Embrace the Broken



The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth....his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless.....but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. Isaiah 40:28-31

Pastor's Page

Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you."
Hebrews 13:5



As we wrap up our worship series on Moses, we turn to our Fall Stewardship emphasis. Your faithful year-round giving continues to fuel the vision God has given us to make disciples who Encounter Jesus, Experience Family & Embrace the Broken. Without your partnership, this amazing congregational family couldn't share good news with those who need it most. Your commitment ensures that the church will thrive for future generations.

I'm grateful to be a part of the Saint John's timeline and I'm excited to see where God leads in the future. We'll all have a chance to share what God is saying to us as we make commitments and allocate resources. Your input is so important. Your willingness to share your time, talent, and treasure as a part of this family will be an amazing testimony for years to come.

Be on the lookout for your Stewardship Pledge packet and be praying for all the resources we need in 2025 and beyond.

And speaking of stewardship, there are so many ways to share your time in service this month. The White Elephant Sale needs all hands on deck. The Trunk or Treat event is a massive outreach to families in our area, so sign up to decorate your Trunk this month. You can also invite folks to Bible Study, the Men's Breakfast, and the Fun, Fitness & Fellowship Oso Flaco walk. This family is too good to keep to ourselves. Let's spread the word.

Grace+Peace

Greg

Life Together

Trunk or Treat Sunday October 27th

Go to page 4 for full details

New Member Orientation Saturday, October 19th 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 9am 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. Sign up in the Commons or email Pastor Greg.

Tuesday Bible Study

Join Pastor Greg Tuesdays at 10 am this fall for a study on "How to Study the Bible for all its Worth." Get the most out of your personal Bible reading as we explore the Psalms, Paul's letters, & some great Old Testament stories, learning how to study the Bible using different methods and resources.

The Chosen Season Two

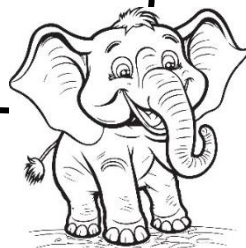
Join Pastor Greg Sunday Nights starting October 6th at 4 pm in Rooms 7 & 8. Enjoy watching with others followed by discussion.

White Elephant & Bake Sale

Friday & Saturday

October 4th & 5th

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Saturday, October 19th 9:30 am

Join us at Oso Flaco:

Easy walk to beach

Bird watching

Looking for other wildlife.

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Youth & Children's Ministry

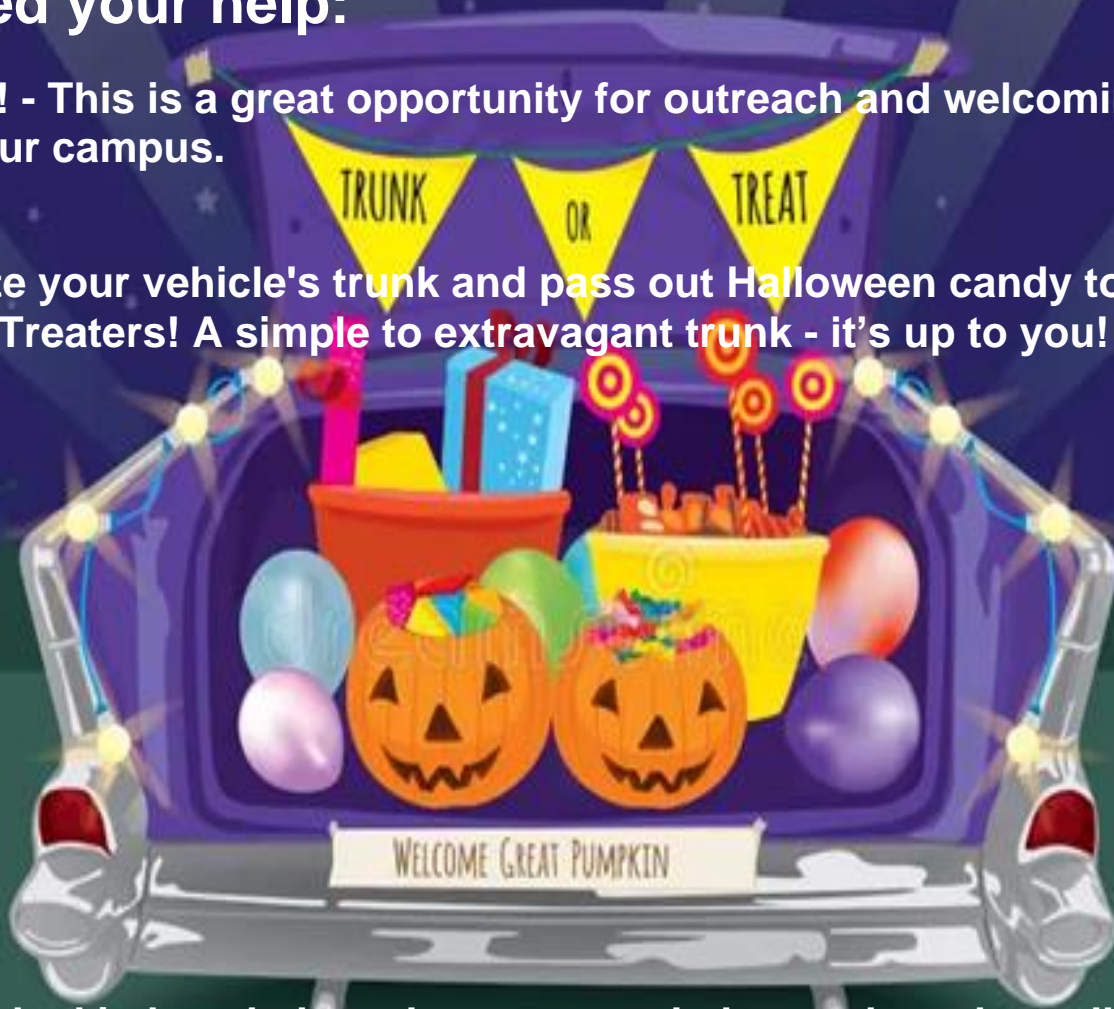
Trunk or Treat Sunday October 27th, 5 pm

FREE Outreach night including dinner! Bring your neighbors and friends

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, bake a dessert treat, help run the cake walk, or simply 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!

Youth & Children's Ministry

NEW TIME for Youth Group

In order to reach more students, we are switching our time to earlier in the afternoon. It is a great time to jump in and connect with other students! 7th-12th graders are encouraged to join us for snacks, games, and meaningful discussions Sunday afternoons from noon-2 pm. Friends always welcome!

KidsChurch Overview

Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 as we continue to discover the stories and life of Jesus through the Laugh and Grow Bible. We are learning a lot as we are working our way through the New Testament and having a blast making new friends! We'd love to see you!

Property Committee Update

Saint John's is blessed with a beautiful & abundant property. As such there is much to be done on a daily basis to maintain our landscaping. Currently we have a gardening service, but they cannot come close to completing all that needs to be done with the current budget. Lois Franks has devoted her time, talents and treasures to keep on top of all the duties but she needs to cut back and give herself some much needed rest. Sadly, very few members step up to help leaving much to do for a very few. If we don't have more volunteers council will be forced to increase the gardening services budget. Current bids would increase our costs significantly, as much or more than \$3000/year. I am calling all members to help the Property Team, and St. John's, to keep our costs in line by having more volunteers to complete the necessary tasks. Lois can guide anyone interested, and Bruce Metzler has a complete checklist so you can determine what you are best suited for. Additionally David Goodwin leads this team and will happily welcome any and all new volunteers. Thanking all members in advance - Mike Johnson, Council Property Team Member.

Saint John's Election Polling Place

2024 Presidential Election: Polling Center at Saint John's



Workers Still Needed on Election Day Tuesday Nov. 5

Dear Saint John's,

Once again, we have volunteered to be a polling place for the 2024 General and Presidential Election. This not only provides a

great service for the County and community, but also is a fundraiser for Saint John's as the County pays us a stipend for hours worked. It is our policy that our poll workers are volunteers & all stipends go to Saint John's general fund.

We still need 5 or 6 more volunteers. The more volunteers we get, the fewer hours each person will need to work. The County provides mandatory training for volunteers on voting processes and procedures in late October; we supplement that with a brief review and refresher, meeting at Saint John's on Sunday Nov. 3 (time TBD). Please email Robin at reiland257@gmail.com or give us a call. Robin 916-759-4153; Gordon 916-759-4262.

In His service, Robin and Gordon Eiland

Fun, Fitness & Fellowship

Join us Saturday October 19th 9:30 am at Oso Flaco. Wear layers including a hat, bring binoculars, sunscreen, a snack and a friend and join us for an easy walk down to the beach while we visit and look for birds and other wildlife. We will meet in the parking lot (\$5 per car parking fee) before setting out together. Let us know to expect you by signing up on the welcome sheet! Strollers welcome but sorry, no dogs or bikes this time!



Men's Ministry

Men's Breakfast Saturday, October 12th 8am

Guys, we need each other. Come spend some time with your brothers in Christ.

Dress A Girl

A great big thank you to all of you who have been making dresses and doing the prep work for the kits! You have all been amazing! Our local group alone has put together and sewn 60 dresses in the last two weeks – by the middle of October, we should have at least another 60 completed! We also have another 300-400 dresses promised by the other groups who sew for us. God is so good – He had a plan! Could we have done this feat on our own? Maybe, but certainly not with the ease and total commitment of all of you to serving our Abba Father. God bless each of you! See you in October on Saturday the 12th for another amazing workday. Be Blessed! Make a Dress!

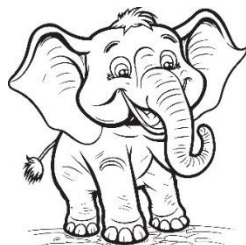
Scarves & Hat Knitting

Saint John's Scarf & Hat Knitters meet on the second Wednesday of each month. Come join us on October 9th from 9 am to noon in the Church Office.

Women's Ministry

Women's Ministry of Saint John's Lutheran Church extends a big thank you to everyone who attended the kickoff meeting on Wednesday September 11. Everyone had a fun time. The California Rare Fruit Growers were inspiring and very knowledgeable. They brought many samples of interesting international fruits to sample. An extra special thanks to Pat Muran who arranged for the speakers.

The White Elephant & Bake Sale will almost be in full swing when you get this newsletter. It's not too late to help out with set-up or during the sale and afterwards with clean-up. Please talk to Janice Goodwin or Ruth Kapka, Co-chairs. Bake sale items can be dropped off on Thursday October 3 until noon & also Friday morning, October 4. Thanks to all from your Board of Directors: Rena Weiger, Louise Frye, Ruth Kapka, Joyce Mcghie, & Dianna Muraski, as well as Janice Goodwin



October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>29</p> <p>9:30am Worship 11:00am Worship 12:00pm White Elephant Sale Set-Up 6:00pm Youth Group</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8:00am White Elephant Sale Set-up</p>	<p>1</p> <p>8:00am White Elephant Sale Set-up 10:00am NO Bible Study 12:00pm NO AI Anon Meeting</p>
<p>6</p> <p>9:30am Family Sunday - NO Kids Church, Worship & Communion 11:00am Worship-Holy Communion 12:00pm Youth Group 4:00pm The Chosen</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10:00am Bible Study 11:30am People's Kitchen 12:00pm AI Anon Meeting</p>
<p>13</p> <p>9:30am Worship 9:30am KidsChurch 11:00am Worship; 12:00pm Youth Group 3:00pm Central Coast Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (CCC of AGO) Recital 4:00pm The Chosen</p>	<p>14 Columbus Day</p> <p>11:00am Bells Rehearsal 1:00pm Global & Community Missions</p>	<p>15</p> <p>10:00am Bible Study 12:00pm AI Anon Meeting :00pm AA Meeting</p>
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<p>27 Reformation Sunday</p> <p>9:30am Worship 9:30am KidsChurch 11:00am Worship 5:00pm Trunk or Treat</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>10:00am Bible Study 12:00pm AI Anon Meeting</p>

October 2024

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 8:00am White Elephant Sale Set-up	3 8:00am White Elephant Sale Set-up 6:00pm Worship Team 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	4 OFFICE CLOSED 8:30am White Elephant Sale	5 8:30am White Elephant Sale 9:00am Property Day 8:00pm A.A. Speakers
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16	17 10:00am Organist Rehearsal 6:00pm Worship Team	18 OFFICE CLOSED	19 9:00am New Member Orientation 930am Fun, Fitness & Fellowship at Oso Flaco
23 11:00am Staff Mtg	24 6:00pm Worship Team	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26
30	31 6:00pm Worship Team 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	1 All Saints Day OFFICE CLOSED	2 9:00am Property Day 8:00pm A.A. Speakers

Letter from Our Council President

Dearest Saint John's Family,

The summer has flown by and we are fast approaching another busy Fall season in our church and family life - Thanksgiving! Advent! Christmas! Elections! Congregational Meetings (I heard you groan)! With the approach of Fall we also have our annual Stewardship Campaign on the horizon. What does all of this mean to you? It is the time of year when we have a wonderful opportunity to reflect upon our many blessings and our unbelievable abundance that we enjoy in this country, in this community, and in our daily lives. We have opportunities to bless those around us who are less fortunate. We have an opportunity to make a commitment to our future within this congregation and the work that it does locally and globally. We have a chance to turn our blessings into opportunities for others to meet the real Jesus and know the freedom of grace. Can you even imagine what it would be like to walk through the uncertainties of this life and all the craziness out there without the peace of knowing Jesus?! I can't. The Council and I don't want Saint John's to keep this nugget of Truth to ourselves. There are so many people right in our backyard who need His peace and grace! What's the bottom line?

As we turn the corner in to Fall and toward the celebration of the birth of our Savior we, the Council, are begging each and every one of you to prayerfully consider how you can "up your game" when it comes to offering your time, talents, and treasure to the Kingdom right here on our corner. Whether it be helping one or two hours a month with any ministry here on the campus (we can ALL think of something that we waste one or two hours a month doing...), offering your skills or knowledge by agreeing to serve on a committee or on the Council (again, this usually only means a handful of hours a month), or finally making that commitment to regular financial gifts or setting/accomplishing a goal to increase that financial support little by little each year. We have NOTHING that did not belong to God first. He gave us everything we hold dear, and then He gave us Jesus. Wow. So, what will you give Him this Fall in an act of thanks and gratitude? NOTHING gets done for the Kingdom of Heaven through this congregation without YOUR time, talents, and treasures. In Christ's Service, Janice

Church Council

Council Highlights from Meeting on September 16, 2024:

1. Gordon, our Treasurer predicts that we will come in at or better than the budget this year based on current giving.
2. KC Siddle was approved as the new hire for Nursery Attendant.
3. Council reviewed attendance and membership & is looking at follow up. Greg has a New Member class scheduled for October 19th.
4. The Verizon Cell Tower is still under discussion & legal advice will be sought.
5. The painting/termite project will begin with no interruption to activities on campus; will be completed by early November
6. Greg did not get the Sabbatical grant he was hoping for, but other options will be presented by the Sabbatical Team next month.
7. Prep continues for the Harvest Festival for the end of September.
8. The process of permitting for the LED sign has begun with the City of AG – update next month.
9. October is Stewardship month; ideas were discussed and some plans made.

Next meeting: Monday October 21, 2024 at 6 pm.

Wanna Give Online?

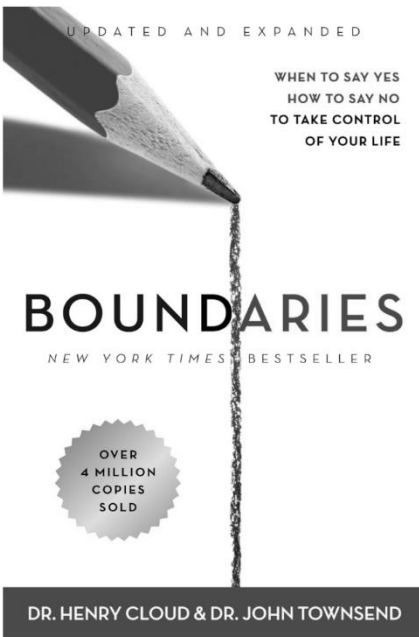
Many of you have asked about how you can give online. We are providing this QR code to scan with your phone camera – it will take you directly to our website Giving Page.



SCAN ME

www.SaintJohnsAG.com/give

Saint John's Book Club



Saint John's Book Club #3, Sponsored by Stephen Ministry

Does your life feel like it's out of control? Perhaps you feel like you have to say yes to everyone's requests. Maybe you find yourself readily taking responsibility for others' feelings and problems. Or perhaps you focus so much on being loving and unselfish that you've forgotten your own limits and limitations. Or maybe it's all of the above. In the New York Times bestseller, *Boundaries*, Drs. Henry Cloud and John Townsend help you learn when to say yes and know how to say no in order to take control of your life and set healthy, biblical boundaries with

your spouse, children, friends, parents, co-workers, and even yourself.

This book continues to help millions of people around the world answer these tough questions:

- Can I set limits and still be a loving person?
- What are legitimate boundaries?
- How do I effectively manage my digital life so that it doesn't control me?
- What if someone is upset or hurt by my boundaries?
- How do I answer someone who wants my time, love, energy, or money?
- Why do I feel guilty or afraid when I consider setting boundaries?
- How do boundaries relate to mutual submission within marriage?
- Aren't boundaries selfish?

Books available in the office, provided by Saint John's Stephen Ministry (\$15 optional donation to cover cost)

**Group discussion meeting:
Sunday, Nov. 10th , 12:30 - 2:00 pm, Rooms 7 and 8**

October Memory Verse

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And be content with what you have,
for He has said....

*I will never leave you
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Hebrews 13:5



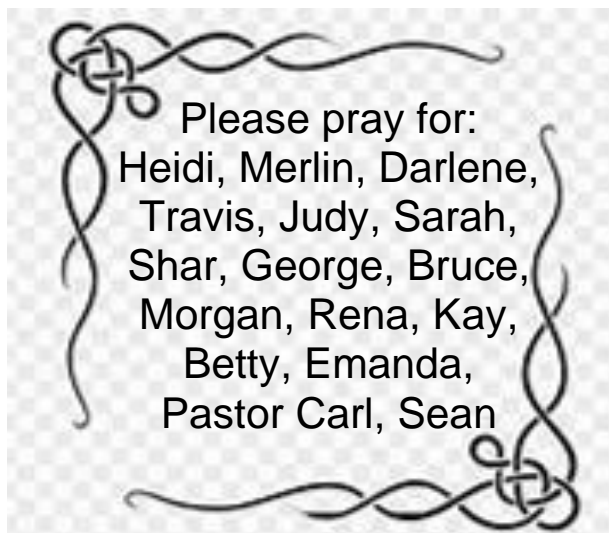
October Birthdays & Anniversaries



Steve Correll	10/2
Meghan Reilly	10/2
Sandy Varley	10/2
Charlotte Potter	10/6
Sandra Kermoyan	10/13
Randy Ouimette	10/15
Sandy Brantingham	10/16
Dianna Muraski	10/16
Erick Sturcke	10/16
Alice Witt	10/20
Ron Lindstaedt	10/22
Flo Sasse	10/24
Kay Werner	10/24
Sharline Tuggey	10/27
Joan McBain	10/30



Kent & Natalie Fossum	10/4
Mike & Valerie Lund	10/10
Bob & Joyce McGhie	10/10
Richard & Theresa Schulz	10/11



October Workday
Saturday, October 5th 9 am
 Come help beautify our campus!

Many Hands Make Light Work!
 You can help any day you are available. Check with Lois Franks for list of tasks to complete.

October
Food of the Month
Canned Chili
 Your donation will benefit
 Five Cities Food Bank

November Newsletter Deadline
for submission of an article is October 15th

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