



Encounter Jesus Experience Family Embrace the Broken



**The Eagle**  
**April 2025**

# Pastor's Page

*"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen."*

Luke 24:5



Christ is Risen, He is risen, indeed! Alleluia! I'm so excited to celebrate the resurrection together in 2025. God has been so faithful to us here at Saint John's. Thank you, Jesus, for revealing yourself to us during the Season of Lent! Thank you, Jesus, for bringing us new people to love and serve with! Thank you, Jesus, for giving us the Good News to share with a hurting world! The resurrection of Jesus means that anything is possible. The same Spirit that raised Jesus lives in us. What "impossible" thing are you praying for this season? God isn't finished with us yet!

This month, we still have a few Lenten Soup Suppers. Thanks to the Council and Music Teams for hosting the last two. Holy Week brings Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday. These special gatherings make Easter sing in new ways. And, of course, Easter is going to be a blast! Please take a look at pages 3 & 4 for more details.

Who might you invite to join the fun? Many people are open to invitations for these high Holy days. Be praying about who God is calling you to reach out to. We'll have some postcard invitations for you to use.

Christ is risen!

Greg

P.S. There's still time to grab a Baby Bottle to fill with coins, cash or a check for Lifeline Pregnancy Center in GB.  
Bottles collected on Palm Sunday.  
Thanks for your support!

## CELEBRATE EASTER WITH US

9:30am Contemporary Worship

10:30am Egg Hunt & Brunch

11:00am Traditional Worship



**SUNRISE  
WORSHIP**  
**6:30AM**  
GROVER BEACH PATIO  
AT THE END OF GRAND AVE

### **Easter Worship Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**

Bring a friend or ten to celebrate the Good News of Easter on Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. It all starts at 6:30am with a Sunrise Worship Gathering at the Grover Beach Patio (at the end of Grand Ave.) Bring a chair and a warm drink! Then, back at Saint John's, we'll have our two worship times at 9:30am and 11am. At 10:30am we'll enjoy a potluck brunch (bring something you love to eat) and, we'll enjoy an Egg Hunt and Bounce House for the Kids. It's going to be a big day. Who are you bringing?

### **Cross Traffic - Palm Sunday April 13<sup>th</sup>**

We're thrilled to welcome back Cross Traffic to share their musical gifts with us on Palm Sunday at both gatherings. They did such a good job getting us ready for Christmas! Now we can raise our palm branches and shout, "Hosanna in the Highest!"

### **Maundy Thursday & Good Friday April 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> 7pm**

Join us for these two special gatherings during Holy Week. On Maundy Thursday, we remember the Last Supper Jesus had with his disciples. On Good Friday, we gather around the Cross and reflect on Jesus' sacrifice for us.



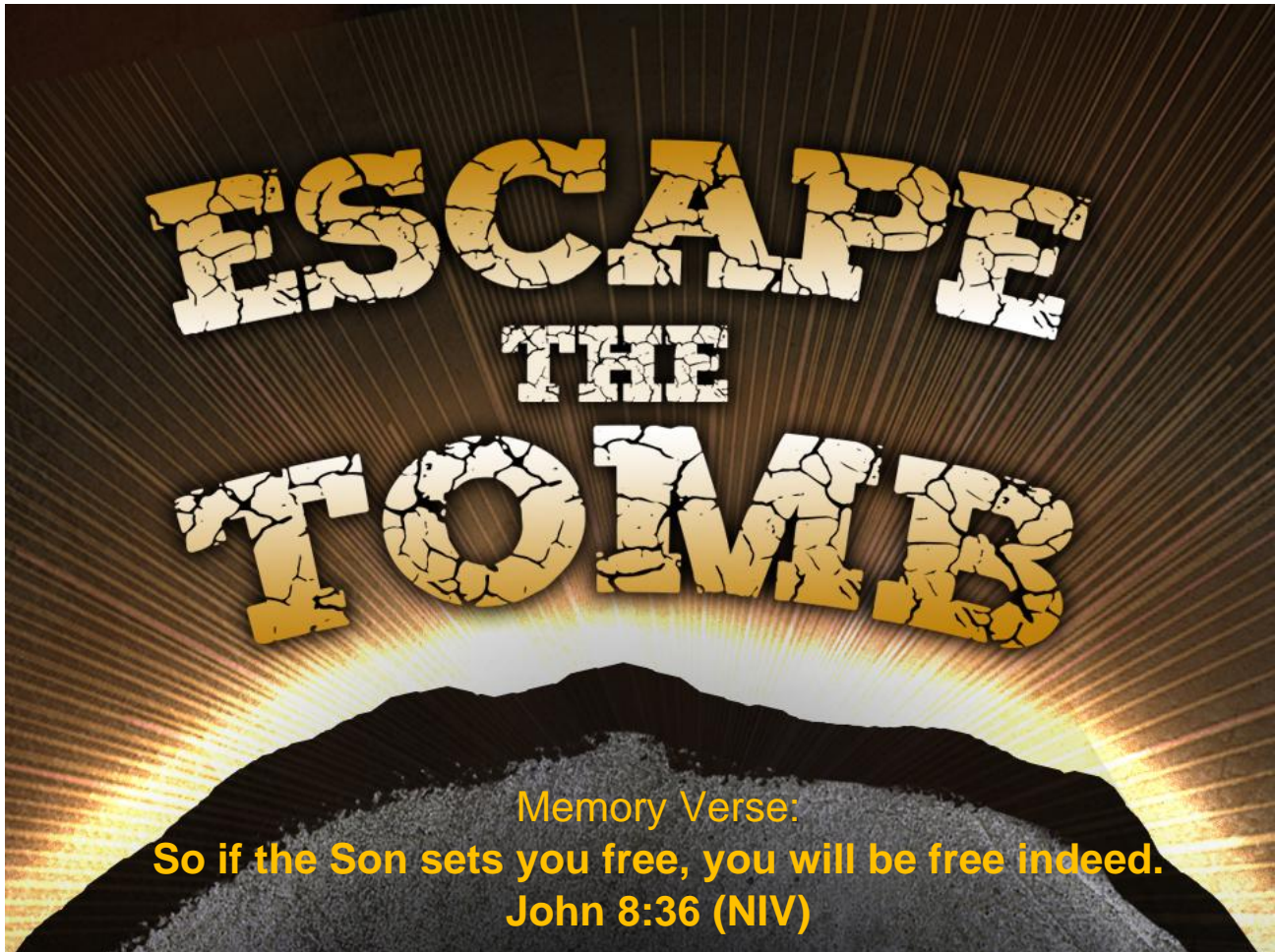
**Soup Suppers**  
**Wednesdays at 6pm**  
**April 2<sup>nd</sup> & April 9<sup>th</sup>**

# Youth & Children's Ministry

**KidsChurch** – Meets on Sundays during 9:30 worship with games, snacks, crafts, and Bible stories. Easter Sunday, April 20, will be a Family Sunday. Kids will stay in worship; however nursery care will be provided for kids 5 years and younger.

## April KidsChurch Series Overview

**Tagline: Escape to New Life!**



**Idea:** Earth was the ultimate escape room, a place where all God's people were doomed to die from sin. Then God sent us a hero, a Savior, who would show us the way out. The story of Jesus' death and resurrection is the ultimate escape story. If we follow the way Jesus has made for us, we can escape to new life.

**Objective:** Kids will learn how Jesus made a way for us to escape the price of sin.



# Youth & Children's Ministry

## Easter Sunday Celebration April 20

Join us for a safe and fun Easter celebration following the 9:30 worship service about 10:45 am. Invite your friends to join us for an Easter Egg Hunt and an inflatable bounce house with a slide for kids of all ages. We will have a designated infant and toddler area for the egg hunt.

## Want to help?

- 🍬 Donate a bag of donated wrapped candy
- 🍬 Volunteer to supervise the bounce house for a 30 minute time slot
- 🍬 Help the youth hide the eggs on Easter Sunday morning!

**Youth Group** – Weekly Youth Group happens Sunday afternoons, following the 11 am worship service.

NO Youth Group on Easter!  
Instead, the students will be helping with the Egg Hunt.



# Growing Together

## **Prayer Walk, End of Grand Ave, Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> 9 am**

Join us at 9am on Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> in the parking lot at the end of Grand for a prayer walk. This will be a time to walk alone or in small groups either on the boardwalk or in the sand to contemplate what Jesus did for us on Good Friday and prepare our hearts for his resurrection on Sunday. Everyone is welcome to walk as long or as short as you like and pray while soaking in the beauty of God's creation. Questions, please contact Adrienne 805-458-4626  
stiohn.adrienne@gmail.com



## **2025 Fall Women's Retreat**

Ladies of Saint John's - we've selected a date for a women's retreat! We will head to Hume Lake in the Fall of the weekend of September 26, 27 & 28! You can go to Hume Lake's website with the link provided and read about the "2025 Fall Women's Retreat 2." I have reserved 10 spots in order to get a \$55 discount on the price per person for "Standard Housing." If you are interested in the "Deluxe Housing" you'll need to sign up on your own via the website. We will provide transportation and coordinate those details as we get closer. There will be a new signup sheet in the commons for this trip, and we will need commitment to fill the spots. Invite a friend!! <https://hume.org/lake/women/>

## **The Good News Team**

The Good News Team, once an active committee in fulfilling Saint John's mission of evangelization, is looking to recruit new members to the team. Even though since COVID, GNT has largely been inactive, several of us continued to greet visitors, send cards to members who were ill or grieving, & organized the Easter Brunch a couple of years. We will be holding a ZOOM meeting on April 8 and would appreciate input on reconstituting and renewing GNT's mission. Please contact Louisa Troemel, Jeff Metcalfe, Earlene C. Leijonhufvud if you are interested.

## **Marriage Course Sunday April 13<sup>th</sup> 5 pm**

Check in with Pastor Greg if you're interested in coming.

# Dress A Girl



Dress a Girl will be meeting the second Saturday of April, on the 12<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 2 pm. That means, you can come by and join us anytime during those hours – make a dress, serge some raw seams on dresses cut out so they can be sewn together, or cut some elastic, match fabric to be transformed into beautiful dresses. We don't require that you know how to sew – there are many jobs to do without having to sew. Last month, Dress a Girl was blessed to receive a grant from the NALC, that will allow us to update our sergers and purchase a few more sewing machines. We also will be able to have our current machines serviced, so that they work like new again. That being said, I am looking forward to seeing all the new faces God is sending us to help make dresses for all His beautiful little girls around the world, who need clothes, prayer, a new confidence that God has a plan for each girl, and protection from the human traffickers. Who knew that such a beautiful creation inspired by our loving God, could be so powerful! If you would like to be a part of this inspiring ministry, please contact Pam at 805-710-7941 or email [dressagirlagca@gmail.com](mailto:dressagirlagca@gmail.com).

## Knitting & Crocheting

### Knitting & Crocheting, Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> 9 am to noon

Knitters (and crocheters), we'll be meeting on Wed. Apr 9<sup>th</sup> in the Church office (Valley Rd parking lot). Bring your sticks & hooks & bring your yarn – or pick some up when you come to knit & crochet. **Update:** We have been knitting scarves and hats for the homeless for the last 5 years or so. We will continue to do so, but we also are taking on a new mission: Saint John's has partnered with Lifeline Pregnancy Center in Grover Beach for a couple of years. Recently we heard that they need baby blankets and hats. On that note, we are taking on a new challenge to provide baby blankets and hats for them. While we will continue to make scarves and hats for our homeless people, we will do it on a smaller scale, as there are fewer opportunities to give them away. We hope you will join us in this new venture! Call Pam for more info 805-710-7941. See you at 9 am on the 9<sup>th</sup>!

# April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<b>30</b> 9:30am New Member Welcome 9:30am Worship 11:00am New Member Welcome 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Youth Group	<b>31</b> 10:30am OA Meeting 11:00am Handbells Rehearsal	<b>1</b> 10:00am Bible Study 12:00pm AI Anon Meeting	<b>2</b> 6:00pm Lenten Soup Suppers
<b>6</b> 9:30am Worship & Communion 11:00am Worship-Holy Communion 12:00pm Youth Group	<b>7</b> 11:00am Handbells Rehearsal	<b>8</b> 10:00am Bible Study 11:30am People's Kitchen 12:00pm AI Anon Meeting	<b>9</b> 9:00am Knitting & Crocheting 6:00pm Lenten Soup Suppers
<b>13</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b> 9:30am Worship 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Youth Group 5:00pm Marriage Course	<b>14</b> 11:00am Handbells Rehearsal 1:00pm Global & Community Missions	<b>15</b> 10:00am Bible Study 12:00pm AI Anon Meeting	<b>16</b> 6:30pm Worship Team
<b>20 Easter Sunday</b> 6:30am Sunrise Worship @ Beach 9:30am Worship-Holy Communion; Family Sunday 10:30am Brunch & Egg Hunt 11:00am Worship-Holy Communion	<b>21</b> 6:00pm Council Mtg	<b>22</b> 10:00am Bible Study 12:00pm AI Anon Meeting	<b>23</b> <b>Administrative Professionals Day</b> 11:00am Staff Mtg 6:30pm Troop 13 Meeting 6:30pm Worship Team
<b>27</b> 9:30am Worship 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Youth Group	<b>28</b> 11:00am Handbells Rehearsal	<b>29</b> 10:00am NO Bible Study 12:00pm AI Anon Meeting	<b>30</b> 6:30pm Worship Team



# April 2025

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>3</b> 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>4 OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>5</b> 8:00am Men's Breakfast 9:00am Property Day 8:00pm A.A. Speakers
<b>10</b> 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>11 OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>12</b> 9:00am Dress A Girl Workshop
<b>17 Maundy Thursday</b> 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Gathering	<b>18 Good Friday OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>7:00pm Good Friday Gathering</b>	<b>19</b> 9:00am Fun, Fitness & Fellowship Prayer Walk, Beach @ end of Grand Ave
<b>24</b> 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>25 OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>1</b> 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>2 OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>3</b> 8:00am Men's Breakfast 9:00am Property Day 8:00pm A.A. Speakers

## APRIL 2025

### NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

We're reading through the New Testament together. When you read just five chapters per week, you'll read through the entire New Testament in 2025!

- ♦ *What is God saying to me?*
- ♦ *What am I going to do about it?*
- ♦ *Who can I share this with?*

Mo Mar 31  Heb 1  
 Tu Apr 1  Heb 2  
 We Apr 2  Heb 3  
 Th Apr 3  Heb 4  
 Fr Apr 4  Heb 5

Mo Apr 7  Heb 6  
 Tu Apr 8  Heb 7  
 We Apr 9  Heb 8  
 Th Apr 10  Heb 9  
 Fr Apr 11  Heb 10

Mo Apr 14  Heb 11  
 Tu Apr 15  Heb 12  
 We Apr 16  Heb 13  
 Th Apr 17  Gal 1  
 Fr Apr 18  Gal 2

Mo Apr 21  Gal 3  
 Tu Apr 22  Gal 4  
 We Apr 23  Gal 5  
 Th Apr 24  Gal 6  
 Fr Apr 25  1 Tim 1

Mo Apr 28  1 Tim 2  
 Tu Apr 29  1 Tim 3  
 We Apr 30  1 Tim 4  
 Th May 1  1 Tim 5  
 Fr May 2  1 Tim 6



# President's Message

In January we bid farewell to Louisa Troemel and Jeff Metcalfe following three years of faithful service to this congregation on the Council. We also welcomed two new members to Saint John's Council - Mark Haley and Adrienne Rule. Louise Taylor was also welcomed back as she agreed to serve a full three-year term after completing the term vacated by our dear Emanda Miller when she was unable to complete her final year due to health concerns. There is much to be done in the coming year & your Council's been busy!

We've been overseeing the completion of the commons restoration after the flooding that occurred in the days before Thanksgiving. I'm pleased to report that, as far as outside contractors and restoration are concerned, that work is finished! Thanks to a generous donation by a congregation member we are meeting with an interior designer to offer some insight as to how to best make the commons the most inviting, functional, and multi-purpose space possible. We are excited to see what she has to offer and to see our beautiful space made even better!

Our Property Committee liaison, Mike Johnson, has been VERY busy for the last few months. We are beginning to see the signs of our aging building show up in many different places. Little things are beginning to wear out, break down, and give out. Mike and the Council are doing our best to try to manage all of these little things before they become big things, although even the little things have become more and more expensive. We are obtaining multiple bids for the things that MUST be fixed and replaced to make sure we are getting the best value for our investments. If you have expertise in **any area** that might fall under the "Property Maintenance" category we would love your assistance in obtaining bids and helping us to coordinate the work. Please reach out to Mike if you might be able to help us.

The BIG news is that you all approved the Christian Children's Center Project here at Saint John's. We are currently at work to outline the process by which we will select and hire a director, and we are wasting no time to get the ball rolling. This is an enormous undertaking, and I trust that you ALL will be praying fervently without ceasing for our Council, for the process, for our staff, and for every child that will walk through our doors and Encounter Jesus! Very soon you will also see some fundraising opportunities and events, so please prayerfully consider if you'd like to help with this initiative or donate.

We are waiting for a response about the Cell Tower land lease project and should know something definitive and final by April.

Thanks to each of you who has "gotten out of the boat" to support and pray for Council and the work that Saint John's is doing for the kingdom of God here on our corner. Please don't ever forget our mission: Encounter Jesus - Experience Family - Embrace the Broken. God's Peace to you, Janice.

## **April Memory Verse**

**So if the son  
sets you free,  
you will be  
free indeed.  
John 8:36**

# **Women's Ministry**

Greetings from Women's Ministry. All women and men are invited to attend a special meeting on Wednesday, June 11, 2025 at 1:00 pm. Please add this event to your calendar. We will meet in Ouimette Hall and our guest speaker will be Rick TerBorch who served as Chief of the Arroyo Grande Police Department. He will be speaking about his experiences as a police officer for so many years. So, please come. Light refreshments will be served following the program, which will begin promptly at 1:00 pm. Also, on Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 am, Women's Ministry is planning a kitchen cleaning. We will need lots of helpers! So mark your calendar and we'll see you on the 21<sup>st</sup> of May. The Board of Directors: Louise Frye, Ruth Kapka, Joyce McGhie & Dianna Muraski

# **Property Team**

Please come work with the Property Team for our monthly property cleanup on April 5<sup>th</sup> from 9-12. This month we really need additional hands as we're cleaning out one of our sheds in preparation for storing equipment and supplies for the Christian Children's Center. There has already been much accomplished this year: the water fountain in Ouimette Hall has been repaired (yes it works now!), new Commons upgrades, fencing of existing playground and new play area, termite abatement, complete painting of the building; future needs include furnace/air conditioning repairs, security system update, locksmith for door repairs and re-keying, repairs for leaks prior to sealing skylights, just to mention a few. Jump in where you can, when you can! Any and all help is greatly needed and appreciated.

# **Men's Breakfast**

**Calling all the guys! Men's Breakfast  
Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> 8am**

Join us for one hour for a hearty breakfast and some meaningful discussion on being a Jesus-following man in our crazy world.

# April Birthdays & Anniversaries



Bruce Metzler	4/5
Richard Schultz	4/12
Nick Watry	4/12
Evan Reilly	4/16
Annaliesa Rule	4/27
Penelope Rule	4/27
Breck Thomas	4/29



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

**April Food of the Month  
For Easter Baking:  
Packaged Cake Mix, Frosting,  
Brownie Mix, Cookie Mix**

Your donation will benefit  
Five Cities Christian Women  
Food Bank



Please pray for:  
Julie, Heidi, Travis, Sarah, Shar,  
George, Bruce, Morgan, Rena, Kay,  
Betty, Emanda, Sean.

**May Newsletter Deadline  
for submission of an  
article is April 15<sup>th</sup>!!**



# Council Highlights

Highlights from Council Meeting March 17, 2025

- Property Day on Saturday, April 5th will be busy! We are cleaning out the storage shed, as well as general clean up. Come one, come all!
- The Council is beginning the process of hiring an Executive Director for the Childcare Center, as approved by the Congregation at the February Congregational meeting.
- New Member Orientation was well received, be sure to welcome new members!
- Restoration of the Commons area is continuing. Waiting for certain materials to arrive. An interior designer has been asked to provide ideas of how to update the Commons area. At a minimum, expect new padded chairs at either side of the center double door entrance.
- Council approved the purchase of a new security camera system. The present system is not functioning and upgrading the present system is too costly.

If anyone has any questions, please ask a Council member!



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