



Encounter Jesus Experience Family Embrace the Broken



The Eagle

May 2025

Pastor's Page

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

1 Peter 2:24



I'm so grateful for Pastor Carl bringing the messages while our family is away on vacation. Pastor Carl's story of healing is such an inspiration and a faith builder! Thank you, Jesus, for your healing and grace!

This month, we're embracing the Resurrection Power of Easter and learning how God sets us free. What do you need healed in your life? We are all broken on so many levels. We need physical healing, emotional healing, relational healing, and, of course, spiritual healing. When we're under attack from illness, sin, death, our sinful flesh, other people, or even the Devil himself, we need to know how God brings healing. The woman in Matthew 9 had such faith thinking to herself, "if I only touch the hem of his garment, I will be made whole." She knew where healing comes from!

Praying for healing raises all kinds of questions. Should we do it? What if nothing happens? What if something happens? Why does God heal some people and not others? What about chronic situations? What about...? The list goes on and on. We'll tackle these questions and seek to grow in our understanding of how to pray for the sick.

This month, we've got some great opportunities to be together. We'll celebrate the Mom's. We'll learn about cybercrime. All the ladies are invited to my daughter Lydia's bridal shower. We've got a Men's Breakfast and a Marriage Group. We're starting a new Bible Study in the Book of James. There's even a New Member Orientation this month. Life can be challenging, so find a group!

I'm so thankful for all the years (decades) that George Erickson has been leading our Scrip ministry. He's ready to pass the torch and we have some new things we can do with Scrip with apps on our phones and computers. If you feel called to help with this ministry, please let me know.

Thank you, Jesus, for setting us free!

Greg

Let's learn together how to protect ourselves & those we love

Join us for a free seminar on

**Cybercrime
& Identity Theft**
(and a free lunch, too)

**Sunday, May 18th
12:30pm**



New Tuesday Bible Study

The Book of James Starting May 13th at 10am

Come and learn from the Book of James. It's only five chapters but it is chock full of amazing truth, practical tips, wise warnings, and incredible promises.

James says, "Faith without works is dead." Come discover what that might mean for you and why Martin Luther called the book, "an epistle of straw." (It's not as negative as you might think). Pastor Greg leads the discussion each week. All are welcome and there are no dumb questions. The study meets in Room 7 in the Education Wing. Bring a friend.

Lydias's Bridal Shower – Saturday, May 17th 2-4 pm

All ladies of Saint John's are invited to attend Lydia's Bridal Shower, taking place at the church. It will be an outdoor event, so please dress with that in mind.

There is a sign up sheet in the Commons. No gift necessary but if you are gifting, check out myregistry.com and search for "Lydia Wallace".



Youth & Children's Ministry

Weekly KidsChurch - Kids begin with their family in the 9:30 worship service for the first 10-15 minutes before heading off to a special time in KidsChurch!

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

KidsChurch End of School year celebration Nerf and Nachos Sunday June 1 noon - 2 pm

Elementary aged kids: Get ready for an awesome time full of fun, friends, and faith! Join us for a super cool Nerf battle where you can run, dodge, and tag your way to victory—so bring your blasters and best aim! We'll start at noon with some warm, cheesy nachos and end with a little time to thank God for the great school year and all the joy, friendship, and fun He gives us. It's going to be a blast — don't miss it! Parents/Grownups are welcome to stay or not - up to you! You will need to have a medical release on file for each child for this event. Chips, cheese, and salsa provided. Please bring your favorite additional nacho topping to share! **Sign up with Cindi by May 25.**

(cindi@saintjohnsag.com)

Questions? Talk to Cindi or Matthew.

Youth & Children's Ministry

May KidsChurch Series Overview

Tagline: Ready, Set, Go and Tell!

Idea: Jesus gave His followers one final command before leaving Earth: Go and tell everyone about me! It's because of their obedience we worship Him today. God has asked us to keep the momentum going, sharing the news of Jesus with the world.



Objective: Kids will learn, “Jesus has asked me to tell people about Him.”, “daily prayer can help me be ready to serve at all times.”, “daily Bible reading can help strengthen my faith in God.”, & “I have a part to play in God’s mission to tell others about Jesus.”

Youth & Children's Ministry



Annual Youth Fundraiser: Sunday, June 8 at 5 pm

Come out for a fun evening and help raise funds to send our students on a meaningful summer trip to focus on the IN: Experience Family part of our mission statement. You don't want to miss this amazing time of fellowship, fun decorations, silent auction, great raffle prizes, delicious food, dessert dash, photo booth, games and more!

IN: Experience Family - Summer Youth Trip July 27-30, 2025

\$100 Deposit due by June 1 to guarantee your spot. Students who help with fundraising and the annual auction will have the majority of the trip covered. High School students join us for an unforgettable blend of thrill, laughter, and meaningful fellowship. From roller coasters and funnel cakes to heartfelt conversations about faith and life. Between rides and waterslides, we'll find time to sit together, reflect on God's goodness, and encourage one another through scripture and prayer. Talk to Matthew to sign up or with any questions 805-554-1354.

New Member Orientation Saturday, May 31st 9 - 1

Are you new to Saint John's? Would you like to learn more about the church? Come spend the morning with Pastor Greg and Cindi and get your questions answered. You'll meet new folks and have 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 with Pastor Greg.

Alpha Marriage Course Sunday, May 18th 5pm

The Monthly Marriage Group will be meeting at the Drysdale's this month to spend time with other couples and to learn valuable marriage skills that will make your good marriage even better. Interested? Talk to Pastor Greg for more info.

Good News Team

Did you see the **new** GNT visitor welcome bags filled with information about the church and some goodies? We hope you'll join us at our next meeting on Tuesday, May 27th at 6 pm by Zoom, when we will discuss other ideas. Call or email Earlene or Louisa for the link.

Reminder - Dead Sea Scrolls Special Exhibition at the Ronald Reagan Library, Simi, is running through September 2nd. Several members of GNT have gone to see the exhibit in the past few weeks. Neither the cost nor the distance is prohibitive.

Growing Together

Sabbatical Update

Pastor Greg will be on Sabbatical starting July 1st for three months. We'll enjoy visiting clergy and other wonderful preachers while he's away. What questions do you have about the Sabbatical? Each month, we'll try and answer them.

Question: What will Pastor Greg be learning on his Sabbatical?

Answer: A big learning focus of Pastor's Sabbatical will be Developing Leaders. Greg will be visiting other churches to see what they are doing to get their people more involved in meaningful ministry. He will be interviewing leaders, learning online, and reading books on the subject. What ideas do you have for getting more of us at Saint John's involved in serving?

May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
27 9:30am Worship 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Youth Group	28 11:00am Handbells Rehearsal	29 10:00am NO Bible Study 12:00pm AI Anon Meeting	30 6:30pm Worship Team
4 9:30am Worship & Communion 11:00am Worship-Holy Communion 12:00pm Youth Group	5 11:00am Handbells Rehearsal	6 10:00am NO Bible Study 12:00pm AI Anon Meeting	7 6:30pm Worship Team ⁷
11 Mother's Day 9:30am Worship 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Youth Group 7:00pm SLO County Band Concert	12 11:00am Handbells Rehearsal 6:00pm Men's M-6 Dinner Meeting	13 10:00am Bible Study 11:30am People's Kitchen 12:00pm AI Anon Meeting	14 9:00am Knit a Scarf 6:30pm Worship Team
18 9:30am Worship-Holy Communion 11:00am Worship-Holy Communion 12:00pm Youth Group 12:30pm Thrivent Seminar 5:00pm Marriage Course	19 11:00am Handbells Rehearsal 6:00pm Council Mtg	20 10:00am Bible Study 12:00pm AI Anon Meeting	21 6:00pm AI-Anon Mtg 6:30pm Worship Team
25 9:30am Worship 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Youth Group	26 Memorial Day	27 10:00am Bible Study 12:00pm AI Anon Meeting	28 11:00am Staff Mtg 6:30pm Worship Team

May 2025

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3 8:00am Men's Breakfast 9:00am Property Day 8:00pm A.A. Speakers
8	9 OFFICE CLOSED	10 9:00am Dress A Girl Workshop
15	16 OFFICE CLOSED	17 2:00pm All-Church (Ladies) Bridal Shower for Lydia Wallace
22	23 OFFICE CLOSED	24
29 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	30 OFFICE CLOSED	31 9:00am New Member Orientation

MAY 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 May 5 Matt 1
 Tu May 6 Matt 2
 We May 7 Matt 3
 Th May 8 Matt 4
 Fr May 9 Matt 5

Mo May 12 Matt 6
 Tu May 13 Matt 7
 We May 14 Matt 8
 Th May 15 Matt 9
 Fr May 16 Matt 10

Mo May 19 Matt 11
 Tu May 20 Matt 12
 We May 21 Matt 13
 Th May 22 Matt 14
 Fr May 23 Matt 15

Mo May 26 Matt 16
 Tu May 27 Matt 17
 We May 28 Matt 18
 Th May 29 Matt 19
 Fr May 30 Matt 20



Dress A Girl

Dress a Girl will meet Saturday May 10th from 9 am to 2 pm. You can come by and join us anytime during those hours – make a dress, serge some raw edges on dresses cut out so they can be sewn together, or cut some elastic, match fabric to be transformed into beautiful dresses. Or, just come by and find out what's new at Dress a Girl. We don't require that you know how to sew – there are many jobs to do without having to sew. Or, if you want to learn, we can teach you! 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 of them and protection from the human traffickers. Who knew that a simple dress 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.

Knitting & Crocheting

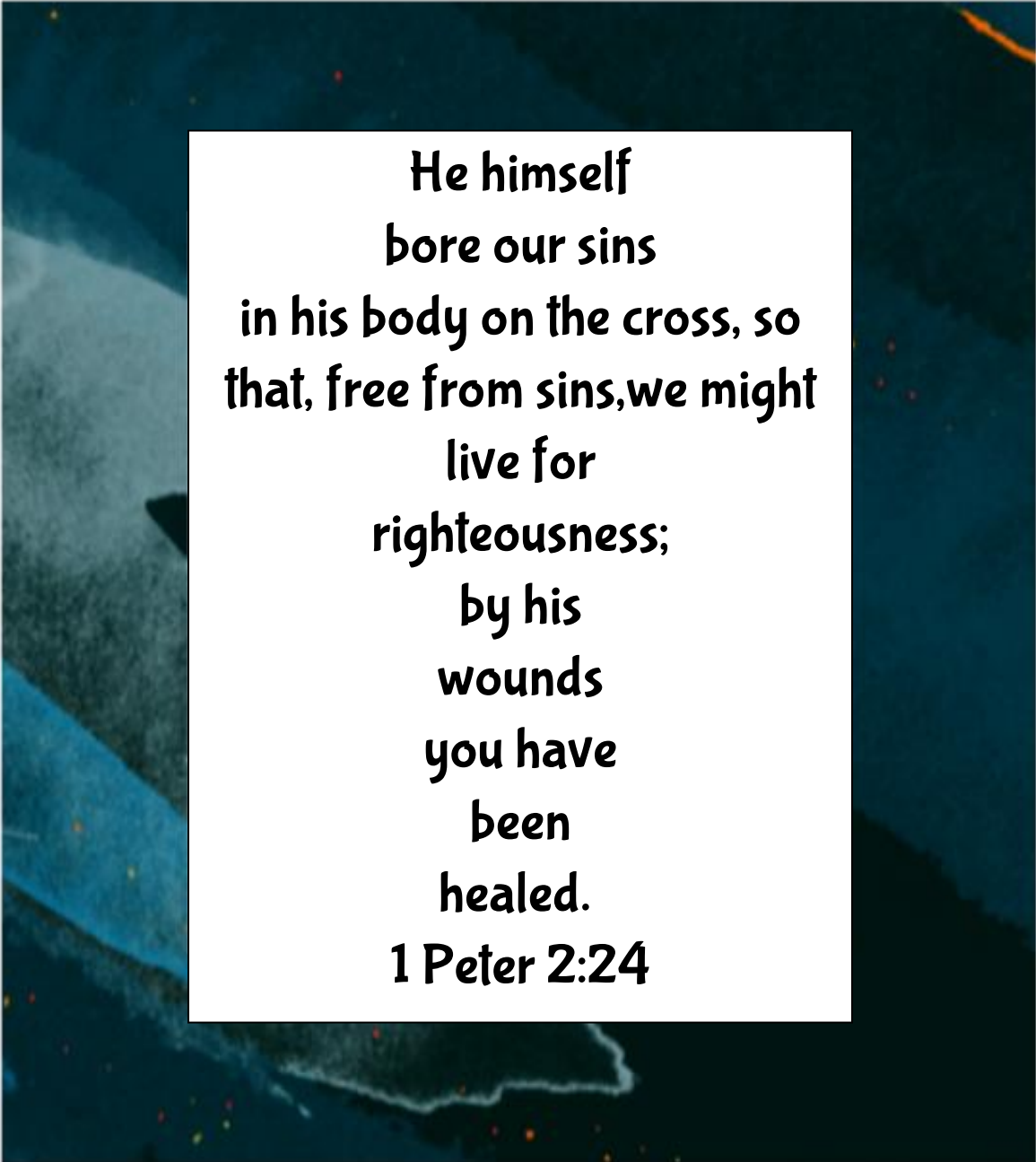
Knitting & Crocheting, Wednesday, May 14th 9 am to noon

Knitters (and crocheters), we'll be meeting on Wed. May 14th 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. Let's plan on working on baby blankets & hats for Lifeline Pregnancy Center. Of course, we will continue to work on scarves and hats for the homeless as well, but for a while we will concentrate on the baby stuff. 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 14th!

Fun, Fitness & Fellowship

Saturday May 17th, 9am – Meet at the Ontario Rd parking lot across from the Bob Jones Trail entrance. You can walk, ride bikes or any other activity you like. Go as far as you like or for as long as you like.

April Memory Verse



He himself
bore our sins
in his body on the cross, so
that, free from sins, we might
live for
righteousness;
by his
wounds
you have
been
healed.
1 Peter 2:24

Men's Breakfast

The Men will be doing a Potluck style Breakfast on Saturday, May 3rd at 8am. Bring something to share! We end at 9am for the Property Work Day.

Women's Ministry

Greetings to all the women of Saint John's Lutheran Church. Please plan to come to our upcoming KITCHEN CLEAN-UP DAY slated for Wednesday morning, May 21 at 10:00 am. More hands make the clean-up go easier and faster. Thank you in advance. Also, a big thank you to Pat Muran who has agreed to serve on our Board of Directors in an Advisory Capacity. We so appreciate her willingness to take the time. Remember to mark your calendars for our special meeting on Wednesday June 11 at 1:00 pm. Ric TerBorch, former chief of the Arroyo Grande Police Department will be the guest speaker, followed by light refreshments. Both men and women are invited to attend the program and refreshment time.

Board of Directors: Louise Frye, Ruth Kapka, Joyce McGhie, Dianna Muraski, and Pat Muran

Property Team

Please come work with the Property Team for our monthly property cleanup on May 3rd from 9-12. As always, there are plenty of jobs to be done and we are so appreciative of those who have stepped up to help out. Jump in where you can, when you can! Any and all help is greatly needed and appreciated.

Fall Women's Retreat

Ladies of Saint John's - We've had a great response to our signup for the Fall Women's Retreat to Hume Lake on September 26, 27, and 28! I pre-reserved 10 spots, and we've got 18 people signed up, which is wonderful! I'll be reaching out to those who signed up regarding accommodations and options, as well as transportation. If you're not currently on the list but still interested in attending, I'll put out a signup sheet on the commons welcome table for those who wish to be put on the waiting list. Please be praying for all of the ladies who will be attending, as well as for the speakers and worship leaders that we will experience a time of fellowship, worship, and restoration this Fall!

May Birthdays & Anniversaries



Wes Drysdale	5/6
George Erickson	5/18
Aaron York	5/24
Pam Webster	5/25
Rena Weiger	5/25



Stephen & Karen Correll	5/1
Bryson & Rebecca Maughmer	5/24



Please pray for:
Julie, Heidi, Travis, Sarah, Shar,
George, Bruce, Morgan, Rena, Kay,
Phyllis, Arnie, Wally, Kelly, Penny,
Sandy, Lois, Crystal, Betty,
Emanda, Sean

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

May Food of the Month Canned Meats & Fish

Your donation will benefit
Five Cities Christian Women
Food Bank

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Looking for a way to donate just a
little of your time? Maybe
once a month for 30-45 minutes?
Call 805-489-1259 or talk to Pam
on Sunday.

Council Highlights

Highlights from the April 21st, 2025 Council meeting

Cell tower contract – final negotiations are complete. Awaiting Verizon Signature.

Security camera upgrades – Installed and staff training on the use of this advanced closed circuit camera system is scheduled in the near future.

Basketball half court in the Los Berros parking lot is complete. Ready for use!

Christian Children's Center – Executive Director position. The Council has decided to conduct an internal interview prior to open recruitment for this position. This internal interview will be conducted in the next few weeks.



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