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President's Page

President's Message:

I pray that this finds you all well and that you are taking opportunities this summer to reflect on your personal blessings, as well as the blessings that we have here at Saint John's. During this time of Pastor Greg's sabbatical I have been thankful for the blessing of our guest preachers, Dan, Pastor Marv, and Adrienne, who shared their messages with us in July. I'm really looking forward to our continued dive into the parables of Jesus with Pastor Randy, Cindi, and Pastor Pat in August!

Here are some things that the council is working on that you can be praying about: We are waiting on word that the Cell Tower Lease Agreement has been signed by Verizon and their agents, and we anticipate that this may very well move forward before the end of the year. The Christian Children's Center (CCC) progress is moving forward with some sinks being added to classrooms, a storage container being brought to the property for both CCC and the church's storage needs, and some cleaning and rearranging of classrooms and work spaces. I know that some of this can feel disruptive, and maybe a little frustrating. I get it. New and different can be scary, and it also isn't going to be completed in one fell swoop. However, we are doing all that we can to support those doing the work and making the decisions in order to move the CCC forward as steadily as possible. I anticipate that by the end of August you'll see that things are becoming more organized and our spaces will start to take on their new feel. There are going to be some growing pains for everyone as we work through this process, so be patient, pray, and ask someone how you can help. Be sure to reach out to your council members with questions or concerns so that we can address them. We want to do all we can to ensure the success of the CCC and provide a place for local children and their families to Encounter Jesus and Experience Family!

Thank you for your faithfulness to the mission of this congregation and for your prayerful support of the council. We can't do it without your prayers! Thank you also for stepping out of the boat in faith with us during this season of change and progress. *God has blessed us with so much so that we can share His gospel of truth with the world!*

Peace to you, Janice.

Life Together

Men's Breakfast Saturday August 2nd 8:00 am Men of Saint John's

The men's breakfast will move back to the first Saturday of the month on August 2nd. Breakfast will be ready at 8:00 am followed by devotional and discussion time finishing up by 9:00 am. This Fellowship though only monthly has provided opportunity for the men of Saint John's to get to know one another better in relationship with our Lord and Savior.

I hope you all can make it!

Should you have any questions or need transportation, please reach out to Bruce Metzler or Jeff Metcalfe.

And yes there will be bacon!

Fun, Fitness & Fellowship Saturday, August 16th 10am

A walk & a picnic lunch at Dinosaur Caves – for all the details, see page 5

Men's M6 Dinner Monday August 11th 6 pm

Questions? Need more info? Call
Bruce Metzler 805-550-3434 or
Jeff Metcalfe 805-709-0343



*Wedding Pictures
7/11/2025
Matthew & Lydia Harter*

Youth & Children's Ministry

August KidsChurch Series Overview



Journey to Mars

Tagline: Boldly Go Where Jesus Leads

Synopsis: The astronauts, who will one day travel to Mars, will leave everything they know behind to boldly go where no one has gone before. Kids will learn about trusting God from the story of Abraham who trusted God completely, even when God asked him to do some really hard things.

Objective: Kids will learn they can trust God and follow him in faith.

Memory Verse: *"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path."*

Psalm 119:105

Sunday, August 17 Back to School Bash

Middle and High School students, save the date and watch for details as we celebrate the end of summer and kick off the new school year. If you do not receive text messages from Matthew - send him a text and make sure he adds you to the group chat! Matthew 805.554.1354

Thanks for your continued support of our youth ministries and investment in our summer trip! We had a wonderful time growing in faith and relationships with one another.

Fun, Fitness & Fellowship

Fun, Fitness and Fellowship for August

The next Fun, Fitness and Fellowship will be on August 16th from 10-noon at the Dinosaur Caves Park. The bluff trail out and back is a leisurely walk that covers about 1.1 miles. There is also the option to go down to the beach via the stairs located next to the Inn at the Cove. (This is definitely more advanced). We also plan to finish the outing with a bring your own picnic lunch for those who are interested in staying at the park. We plan to meet in the main parking lot. For more information see Wes or Dawn Drysdale

Women's Ministry

The next meeting is planned for Wednesday September 10th at noon, featuring Robin Eiland, who will speak about the Daughters of the American Revolution. Please plan to come. We will have a salad and dessert luncheon. Thank you from Louise Frye, Ruth Kapka, Joyce McGhie, Dianna Muraski and Pat Muran.

Prayer Quilt Ministry

At one time, Saint John's had a group who met four times a year to make prayer blankets. The purpose of these blankets or quilts was to provide prayerful connections to friends and families experiencing health or other challenges. A quilt would be laid out in the Commons for members and friends to say a healing prayer while tying a yarn tie attached to the quilt. A "greeting card" could also accompany the quilt with messages of encouragement and care. Once the quilt was received, that person could lay it over themselves and be covered in those healing prayers.

This ministry has fallen by the wayside, but if you would like to revive it by being involved or heading it up, please contact Kerry Wood. (Email to kwood.r12.9.12@gmail.com or through the church office.) It would be so meaningful if we could support and encourage our sisters and brothers in this way once again.

August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
3 9:30am Worship & Communion 11:00am Worship-Holy Communion 12:00pm Youth Group	4 11:00am Bells Rehearsal 6:00pm Cross Traffic Practice	5	6 3:00pm Stephen Ministry 6:00pm Worship Team
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August 2025

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 OFFICE CLOSED	2 9:00am Eagle Scout Project - Community Blood Drive 9:00am Property Day 8:00pm A.A. Speakers
7	8 OFFICE CLOSED	9 9:00am Dress A Girl Workshop
14	15 OFFICE CLOSED	16
21	22 OFFICE CLOSED	23
28	29 OFFICE CLOSED	30

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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 July 28 ☐ Luke 20

Tu July 29 ☐ Luke 21

We July 30 ☐ Luke 22

Th July 31 ☐ Luke 23

Fr Aug 1 ☐ Luke 24

Mo Aug 4 ☐ 1 Pet 1

Tu Aug 5 ☐ 1 Pet 2

We Aug 6 ☐ 1 Pet 3

Th Aug 7 ☐ 1 Pet 4

Fr Aug 8 ☐ 1 Pet 5

Mo Aug 11 ☐ James 1

Tu Aug 12 ☐ James 2

We Aug 13 ☐ James 3

Th Aug 14 ☐ James 4

Fr Aug 15 ☐ James 5

Mo Aug 18 ☐ 1 John 1

Tu Aug 19 ☐ 1 John 2

We Aug 20 ☐ 1 John 3

Th Aug 21 ☐ 1 John 4

Fr Aug 22 ☐ 1 John 5

Mo Aug 25 ☐ 2 John 1

Tu Aug 26 ☐ 3 John 1

We Aug 27 ☐ 2 Pet 1

Th Aug 28 ☐ 2 Pet 2

Fr Aug 29 ☐ 2 Pet 3



August Memory Verse

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

Colossians 2:6-7

Sabbatical Preaching Update

Question: Who's preaching while Pastor Greg is away? Update

Just an FYI for everyone – there is a slight change in the calendar of pastors/speakers due to a change in one person's schedule. If you look at the calendar below, you will now see Mim giving the message on August 31st and Angie Salazar giving the message on September 28th. That was an easy switch!

August 3rd Pastor Randy Ouimette Matthew 18:23-35, Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

August 10th Cindi Wallace Luke 14:15-24 Parable of the Great Banquet

August 17th Pastor Randy Ouimette Matthew 20:1-16 Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard

August 24th Pastor Pat Muran, Luke 12:13-21 Parable of the Rich Fool

***August 31st** Mim Nellermoe, China Service Ventures Text:TBA

September 7th Pastor Carl Nielsen Luke 15:11-32: Parable of the Prodigal Son (part one)

September 14th Katy Griffin, Zozu Matthew 18:10-14 Parable of the Lost Sheep

September 21st Pastor Carl Nielsen [Communion] Text: Luke 15:11-32: Parable of the Prodigal Son (part two)

***September 28th** Angie Salazar, Iglesia Luterana San Juan Bautista Mark 4:30-34 Parable of the Mustard Seed

Good News Team

Thank you to all that have donated School Supplies to Foster Kids. Saint John's congregation really stepped up to this calling. The children are such a marginalized population, that any act of kindness is appreciated. I am working closely with the Director of Foster Care to distribute the items to social workers. Foster Kids are in desperate need of socks and T-shirts for Teen Boys right now. There is a great need for Foster Families in our County. Due to limited resources, children that are brought into protective care are living in motels with social workers because of limited availability of Foster Families (Resource Families). Please consider praying for this need. In Gratitude, Louisa

Property Team

Our property cleanup day is August 2nd from 9-12. As always, there is plenty of work 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. Lois is requesting specific help this month with weed whacking – so if you have a weed whacker, please bring it!



Dress a Girl

Dress a Girl will meet Saturday August 9th from 9 am to 2 pm and will continue to meet through the summer, preparing the dresses we have made and received from other sewing teams to get them ready to travel to their new destination. Where will they go? Pretty much any place you mention! Mexico? China? Brazil? Africa? India? Pretty much any of these places could be receiving dresses from us because the ministries we work with ship or take dresses to any and all of the places mentioned. If you are looking for a ministry, please come check us out & see what we do – see what you could be doing! If you would like to be a part of this inspiring ministry, please contact Pam by email at dressagirlagca@gmail.com or call 805-710-7941. We meet the second Saturday of each month in the Fellowship Hall.

Knit & Crochet

Knitting & Crocheting, Wednesday, August 13th 9 am to noon

Knitters (and crocheters), we'll be meeting on Wed. August 13th 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. We are currently working on baby blankets & hats for Lifeline Pregnancy Center. Of course, we also continue to work on scarves and hats for the homeless as well, but for a while we will concentrate on the baby apparel. 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 13th!

Birthdays



Gordon Eiland	8/31
Steve Kapka	8/4
Bryson Maughmer	8/18
Jeff Metcalfe	8/23
Emanda Miller	8/26
Marilyn Morris	8/27



Anniversaries

Mike & Barb Johnson	8/11
Randy & Patty Ouimette	8/6
Bob & Rena Weiger	8/6

Council Highlights

Highlights from the June 16th, 2025 Council meeting:

1. The Council fully supports the sabbatical for Pastor Greg as a time of rest and reflection. Prior to the beginning of the sabbatical, a memorandum of agreement was signed, as an expression of support for Pastor Greg, and his continued commitment to this congregation for a period of no less than 24 months. Such an agreement between a Pastor and their congregation was found to be recommended while researching details of the sabbatical last year and is considered standard practice.
2. As the plans for the Children's Center move forward, the BBQ grill will need to be moved from within the newly fenced area. No decision as of yet as to the new location. Also, a storage container was purchased and placed at the far end of the Los Berros parking lot, to be used for storage. There will be a storage shed purchased to support the Children's Center in the near future.
3. While renovation of the Commons Area is important, given both the financial and time commitment required, the Council has decided to postpone further discussions until later in the year.
4. The Council will begin work to update the church Employee Handbook.
5. Harvest Festival is coming up, mark your calendars for Friday and Saturday, September 26 & 27th! The congregation will be hosting two booths and will be participating in the parade Saturday morning. Mark your calendars, and signups will be posted in August.



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