



Encounter Jesus Experience Family Embrace the Broken

# THE EAGLE



# SEPTEMBER 2025

# President's Page

Greetings to my Saint John's Ohana! I'm so thankful for each and every one of you, and grateful that we get to do life together here at Saint John's. During this first half of Pastor Greg's sabbatical we were blessed with terrific preachers who brought wonderful parables to life. Isn't it always good to hear the teachings of Jesus, just like the disciples did? I'm also very grateful for the way everyone has pitched in to keep things running smoothly and to make sure that people's needs are met. You are truly a wonderful family of faith. Another thought I had this week: if you recall the encouraging sabbatical video that Pastor Marv made for us, he likened Saint John's to a train that would keep right on moving down the tracks — full speed ahead — while Pastor Greg was away. And boy, was he right! There's so much going on around our campus and outside our walls in the community. I pray that each of you finds a way to get involved and to be the hands and feet of Jesus.



Janice Goodwin,  
Council President

Many of you have answered the call and have stepped in to new ministries! I hope you will find it fulfilling and faith-building. If you haven't found your niche yet and want to know how or where you can jump in, reach out to any council member. Adrienne Rule is compiling a "ministries handbook" of sorts that will offer a quick blurb of what the various ministries around Saint John's are all about and how to get involved. Your council is praying for you.

As we head into Fall there will be plenty of opportunities for you to serve! The last weekend of September (26th & 27th) brings the Arroyo Grande Harvest Festival, and Saint John's is a "Major Sponsor" of the event. This means we will have a booth where we can meet and greet folks and we're also working on a parade entry. We want Saint John's to be known in our community as a place where people can "Encounter Jesus - Experience Family - and Embrace the Broken." Adrienne Rule and Jeff Metcalfe are heading up this event and can use your help. Please consider joining us that weekend to share our special family of faith with our neighbors! Signup sheets will be in the Commons.

Then on Sunday, September 28th, immediately following the 9:30 service, we will transform Ouimette Hall into our White Elephant sales floor! We will need all hands on deck that day to get the room ready for donations to be brought in and for pricing and sorting to begin. All of the proceeds from the White Elephant and Bake Sale go to the Women's Ministry, who in turn sends those funds out into the community and around the world. The Women's Ministry supports a wide variety of missions locally and globally, and are very generous with their money. I hope you'll help us make this event a huge success.

Thank you again - each of you - for being my faith family. God's peace to you this week, Janice.

# Life Together

**Men's Breakfast**  
**Saturday September 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**8:00 am Room 7**

Questions? Need transportation?  
Reach out to  
Bruce Metzler or Jeff Metcalfe

**Fun, Fitness & Fellowship**  
No FFF event this month but  
we **will be** helping with the  
Harvest Festival!

## Harvest Festival!

**Friday September 26<sup>th</sup> &  
Saturday September 27<sup>th</sup>**

Saint John's will host a booth  
and participate in the parade.

Signups will be in the  
Commons. Please contact  
Adrienne or Jeff with any  
questions on how you can help!

**On Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at  
12:00 noon, Women's Ministry**  
presents a program featuring Robin  
Eiland, who will speak about the  
Daughters of the American Revolution  
and how it relates to our community.  
All are welcome! Read more about  
lunch on page 6



## WHITE ELEPHANT & BAKE SALE



**Friday & Saturday, October 3 & 4, 2025**  
**8:00 am - 12:00 pm**

We will be accepting donations on the following dates/times:  
Monday, 9/29, through Wednesday, 10/1, from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Thursday, October 2, from 8:00 am-9:00 am only.

# Youth & Children's Ministry

## Weekly Youth Group

Weekly youth group happens Sunday afternoons beginning at noon  
**Friends welcome!**

## KidsChurch

happens Sundays during 9:30 worship! Kids start in worship with families & are dismissed during the passing of the peace. **Welcome our newest KidsChurchTeam Members**, Rocky King & Sarah De Young! Yay!!! We are so grateful for their hearts for Jesus and our Saint John's kiddos!

## September KidsChurch Series Overview

### Bible Ninjas:

#### Mastering The Wisdom of Proverbs

**Idea:** Ninjas continually train to hone their skills and to be the best warriors they can be. If we train ourselves in the wisdom of the Bible we will be ready for whatever life throws at us.

**Memory Verse:** "Having respect for the Lord leads to life. Then you will be content and free from trouble."  
Proverbs 19:23 NIRV



### Lessons:

1. Quick – Fools are quick to get angry to mock others. Kids will learn that we should be quick to seek righteousness. Proverbs 14:7-19, The Foolish Person
2. Strong – Fools try to do everything in their own strength. Kids will learn that when we lean on God he will make us strong. Proverbs 3:3-12, Health and Strength
3. Stealthy – Fools let their mouths run free, stirring up trouble and drawing attention to themselves. Kids will learn that there is great value in training the tongue. Proverbs 15:1-7, A Gentle Answer
4. Wise – Fools trust only in their own ideas. Kids will learn that there is great value in following the wise instruction of others. Proverbs 4:10-15, The Way of Wisdom

A note from Cindi - I am so grateful the church council is allowing me to take an unpaid one month leave to join Greg on his sabbatical. Lydia will pick up some of my hours & responsibilities. Please reach out to Lydia - 909-280-1512 or Matthew Harter - 805-554-1354, if you need anything while I am away. In His Grace & Peace, Cindi



# Children Center Update

It continues to be an exciting and busy time around Saint John's! We've been working hard to clear out and clean up the classrooms, setting up sheds, moving cabinets, organizing the sea train with lots of storage, installing plumbing for sinks, and filling up the dumpster! :) Be sure to thank some amazing volunteers who have gone above and beyond helping with the ongoing tasks: Barb and Mike Johnson, Dawn Drysdale, June Crooks, Janice Goodwin, Pam Webster, Sandy Varley, Jeff Metcalfe, Taylor Broyles, Lydia and Matthew Harter, Greg and Micah Wallace, and a bunch of strong young men from our awesome youth group!

Current help needed: In September ongoing help is still needed with sorting, organizing, and labeling all sorts of art/craft supplies, books, theme unit materials, and other random kitchen type supplies.

Current Center Donation needs: We are still on the look out for gently used bikes, scooters, tricycles, playground/soccer type balls, jump ropes, and outdoor toys geared for 2-5 year olds that encourage running, jumping, balancing, and coordination!

## Women's Ministry

Saint John's Women's Ministry is hosting a Salad & Dessert Potluck on Wednesday September 10th at 12:00 noon along with a program featuring Robin Eiland who will speak about her long-term relationship & key leadership with the organization, Daughters of the American Revolution. Men are invited to this event as well. Please sign up in the Commons if you are joining us for this event and indicate whether you will bring a salad or dessert. For any questions you may have please contact Pat Muran 805-459-2362 or Dianna Muraski 805-748-3747.

## September Memory Verse<sub>7</sub>



**Above all, clothe yourself with love, which  
binds everything together in perfect harmony.  
Colossians 3:14**

# September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<b>31</b> 9:30am Worship 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Youth Group	<b>1 Office Closed</b> <b>Labor Day</b> 11:00am HandBells Rehearsal 6:00pm Stephen Ministry Training Classes Fall 2025	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 6:00pm Worship Team 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>7</b> 9:30am Worship & Communion 11:00am Worship-Holy Communion 12:00pm Youth Group	<b>8</b> 11:00am HandBells Rehearsal 1:00pm Global & Community Missions 6:00pm Stephen Ministry Training Classes Fall 2025	<b>9</b> 11:30am People's Kitchen	<b>10</b> 9:00am Knit a Scarf 12:00 Women's Ministry Lunch and Speaker 6:00pm Worship Team 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>14</b> 9:30am Worship 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Youth Group	<b>15</b> 11:00am HandBells Rehearsal 6:00pm Council Mtg 6:00pm Stephen Ministry Training Classes Fall 2025	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 10:30am AG Rec - iPhone for Seniors 6:00pm Worship Team 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>21</b> 9:30am Worship-Holy Communion 11:00am Worship-Holy Communion 12:00pm Youth Group	<b>22</b> <b>First Day of Autumn</b> 11:00am NO Bells Rehearsal 6:00pm Stephen Ministry Training Classes Fall 2025	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 10:30am AG Rec - iPhone for Seniors 11:00am Staff Mtg 6:00pm Worship Team 6:30pm Troop 13 Meeting
<b>28 White Elephant Sale Set-Up</b> 9:30am Worship 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Youth Group	<b>29 White Elephant Sale Set-Up</b> 11:00am HandBells Rehearsal 6:00pm Stephen Ministry Training Classes Fall 2025	<b>30 White Elephant Sale Set-Up</b>	<b>1 White Elephant Sale Set-Up</b> 6:00pm Worship Team 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

# September 2025

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 5:00pm Set-up for Cancer Survivor Luncheon	<b>6</b> 9:00am Palchak Luncheon Survivors 9:00am Property Day 8:00pm A.A. Speakers
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>13</b> 9:00am Dress A Girl Workshop
<b>18</b> 7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 413 Court of Honor	<b>19</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>20</b> 11:00am Scleroderma Group
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 5:00pm Harvest Festival	<b>27</b> 9:00am Harvest Festival
<b>2</b> White Elephant Sale Set-Up	<b>3</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> White Elephant & Bake Sale	<b>4</b> White Elephant & Bake Sale 9:00am Property Day 8:00pm A.A. Speakers

## SEPTEMBER 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 Sept 1 ☐ Acts 1

Tu Sept 2 ☐ Acts 2

We Sept 3 ☐ Acts 3

Th Sept 4 ☐ Acts 4

Fr Sept 5 ☐ Acts 5

Mo Sept 8 ☐ Acts 6

Tu Sept 9 ☐ Acts 7

We Sept 10 ☐ Acts 8

Th Sept 11 ☐ Acts 9

Fr Sept 12 ☐ Acts 10

Mo Sept 15 ☐ Acts 11

Tu Sept 16 ☐ Acts 12

We Sept 17 ☐ Acts 13

Th Sept 18 ☐ Acts 14

Fr Sept 19 ☐ Acts 15

Mo Sept 22 ☐ Acts 16

Tu Sept 23 ☐ Acts 17

We Sept 24 ☐ Acts 18

Th Sept 25 ☐ Acts 19

Fr Sept 26 ☐ Acts 20

Mo Sept 29 ☐ Acts 21

Tu Sept 30 ☐ Acts 22

We Oct 1 ☐ Acts 23

Th Oct 2 ☐ Acts 24

Fr Oct 3 ☐ Acts 25



# 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 31<sup>st</sup> and Angie Salazar giving the message on September 28<sup>th</sup>. That was an easy switch!

**\*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

## Update From Pastor Greg

Hi all,

I have been missing you all so much. I pray for you every day, and I'm so thankful for your prayers for me. I'm writing this on Day 46 of my 90 Days away. We've reached the halfway point! I drove up to the top of Pike's Peak in Colorado Springs with a dear friend of mine yesterday. You can see a lot from 14,000 feet up. It was a perfect day.

This Sabbatical time has been like that too. I feel like God is giving me a wonderful view. Pulling away brings a whole new perspective on life and ministry. I'm seeing in new ways the depth of his love for me. When I left, the tank wasn't empty, but I realized it was lower than it should have been. I'm feeling new energy and vision for the future.

I've been hearing wonderful things about you and your continued passion for ministry. I'm excited to hear what God has been up to at Saint John's this summer. As you read this, Cindi and I should be in Hawaii for the final leg of my renewal leave. Thanks for your prayers for us.

Can't wait to get back to being your pastor!

Greg





## Dress a Girl

Dress a Girl will meet Saturday September 13<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 2 pm and will continue to meet through the summer, preparing the dresses we have made and/or 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 but sometimes we aren't sure where they will end up! 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.

## Knit & Crochet

### Knitting & Crocheting, Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> 9 am to noon

Knitters (and crocheters), we'll be meeting on Wed. the 10<sup>th</sup>. 55 Bring your sticks in the Church office (Valley Rd parking lot). & 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 13<sup>th</sup>!



## September Birthdays & Anniversaries



Shari Bowman	9/24	Greg & Stephanie Smith	9/18
Susan Carlson	9/18	Breck & Priscilla Thomas	9/30
Dawn Drysdale	9/11	Fred & Sharline Tuggey	9/23
Kent Fossum	9/30	Cal & Kerry Wood	9/9
Natalie Fossum	9/25		
Louise Taylor	9/26		
Fred Tuggey	9/4		

**Prayers needed:** Daisy, Pastor Randy, Rocky, Anthony, Nick, Penny, Sandy, Lois, Crystal, Shar, Fiona, Heidi, Travis, Sarah, George, Bruce, Rena, Kay, Emanda, Sean, Pastor Greg's Sabbatical

# Council Highlights

Highlights from the July 21, 2025 Council meeting:

- Children's Center Update: Many thanks to those who have helped sort items and organize storage areas recently. There are three newly installed sinks in classrooms, you may notice. While small, this type/size of sink is specifically required by State licensing. These actions are small but necessary steps as we move closer toward fulfilling the State licensing process. We are in need of gently used toys geared to the ages of 2-5. Please see Cindi or a Council member for more specifics.
- Cell Tower Contract: This also is inching forward. The cell tower company is still interested as all the 't's' are crossed and 'i's' are dotted. More information in September, hopefully.
- Basketball court: Final artwork needs to be approved.
- Harvest Festival: Signups are at the Welcome table in the Commons. There are plenty of opportunities to participate, including manning the booth, walking during the parade, and assisting with setup and/or tear down.
- Pastor Greg's Sabbatical: The Council continues to thank all who are assisting with making the Sunday services spiritually meaningful, to include the guest Pastors and Council President Janice Goodwin. The Sabbatical is half over, and we are on the 'back nine' holes!

**Property Day** in September is Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup>, starting at 9 am. Stay for however long you can - your help is always appreciated



Articles for the Newsletter  
should be submitted to  
[office@saintjohnsag.com](mailto:office@saintjohnsag.com) by  
the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month before  
i.e. for October, by  
September 15<sup>th</sup>.

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