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Pastor's Page

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



What are you rejoicing over these days? Paul says to “Rejoice always.” That can be a challenge depending on what we’re facing. He also writes, “give thanks in all circumstances.” Is it really possible to rejoice and be thankful no matter what comes. I believe it is! There’s always something to thank God for and to celebrate. In my darkest times, God has been faithful. He’s provided, encouraged, and brought me through it. I’m sure you can say the same. Especially this month, let’s make thankfulness a big part of our prayers as we “pray without ceasing.” I’m working on complaining less and praising more! We don’t deny hard times but we do not let them disconnect us from Jesus. We always want to stay close to him.

This month, we’ll have our Stewardship Ingathering on All Saints Sunday, November 2nd. Remember, we’ll have just one service at 10am. And don’t forget the time change. Can’t wait to see what you bring for the Potluck Brunch! Be sure to bring your sealed pledge with you that day.

I love that we’re learning to hear God’s voice more clearly. I’m trying to tune out the distractions and tune in to the voice of my shepherd. This month, I’m sure God will lead you to reach out and encourage folks around the holidays. It’s so important to stay connected. Check out the many events this month and bring a friend. I’m really pumped about our new online Church Directory!

What else is God saying to you? Don’t wait too long to respond, just do it.

I am so thankful for you and for the blessing of being your pastor. You are a gift to me and my family and I’m so glad we get to partner in ministry together.

Thankful & Blessed

Greg

PS Thank God for our Veterans. See page 4 for more info on the Veteran’s Dinner.

Life Together

Stewardship Sunday & All Saints Sunday & Potluck Brunch November 2nd One Gathering at 10am

Join us for a meaningful morning of worship all together in one service at 10am. We'll be sure to recognize all those who have passed in the last year. Also, please bring your sealed Pledge card with you that morning. We'll have extras if you need them. Following worship, we'll enjoy a Potluck Brunch and share more together about exciting things coming at Saint John's. Bring something to share. We'll also have a chance to bless our Spanish speaking sister church in Santa Maria, Iglesia Luterana San Juan Bautista. (see pg 8)



*"You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows."*

Psalm 23:5

New Member Orientation Sunday, November 2nd at noon

Interested in membership at Saint John's? Want to know more about what makes us tick? Curious about what we believe? Want to get more involved? Then this class is for you. We'll meet Sunday, November 2nd at noon (after the Potluck). Do you need Childcare? Let us know. Join Pastor Greg and Cindi for a fun afternoon of learning together. There's no pressure to join, but if you want to, this is the way to do it. Talk to Greg if you're interested.

Fun, Fitness & Fellowship

Join us for a lovely hike at Johnson Ranch on Saturday November 22nd at 9am. Bring friends, water, and a snack. Dress in layers and come join us! Contact Adrienne Rule 805-458-4626



**November 2nd
is the end of
Daylight Savings
Time for 2025**

Youth & Children's Ministry

Weekly Youth Group

The youth group meets Sunday afternoons from 12-2 pm. All 7th-12th graders are invited for snacks, games, & meaningful conversations about life and faith. Friends are always welcome too!

Veteran Appreciation Dinner Saturday, November 8 at 5:00 pm

The youth of Saint John's would like to invite Veterans of Saint John's to a special dinner in honor of your service. Thanks to a generous donation the youth will serve this catered meal for members and regular attenders of Saint John's who are Veterans. Spouses are encouraged to attend with your veteran. We are grateful for your service! Please RSVP's for food purchase and prep with Matthew 805-554-1354.

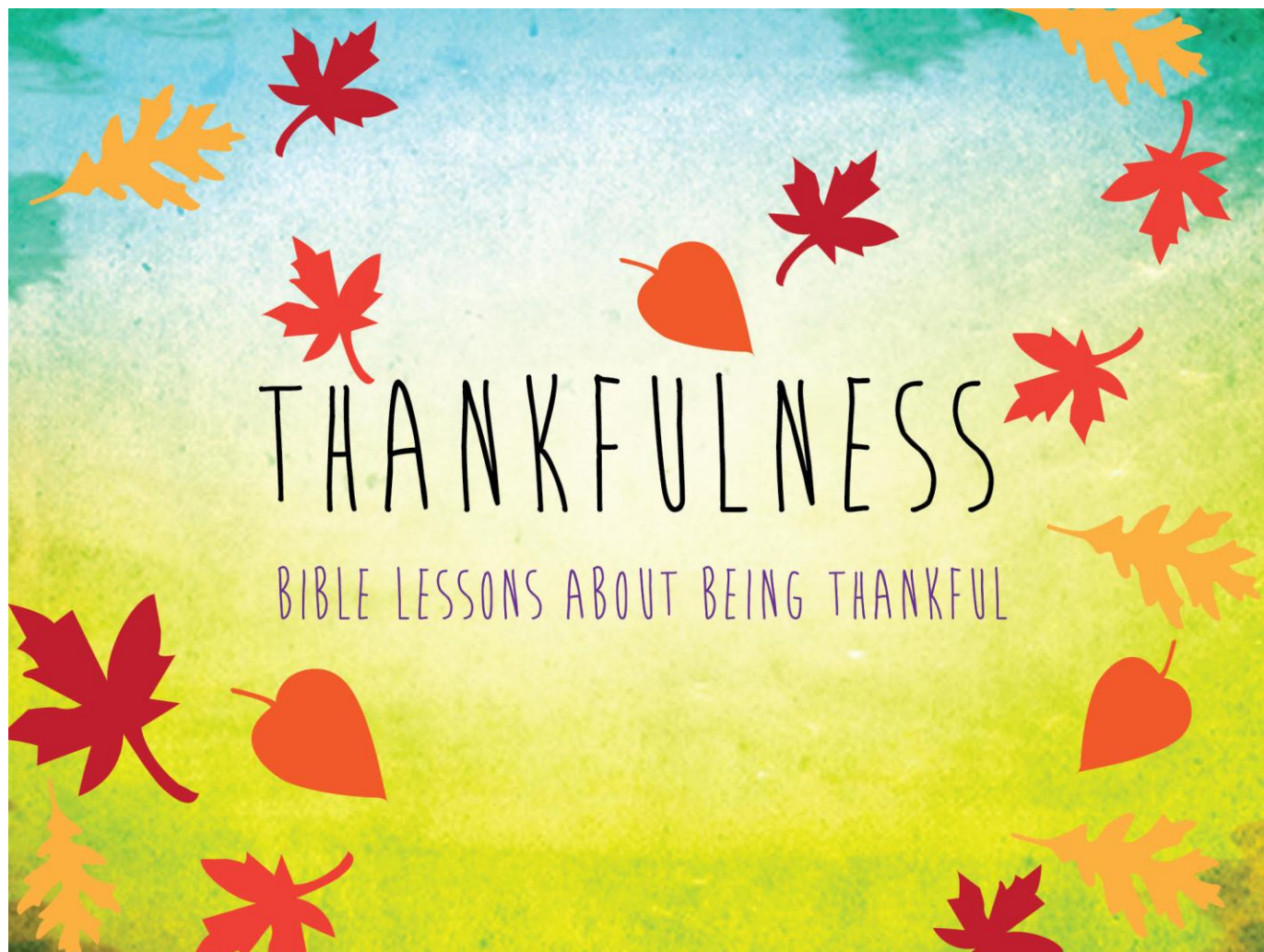
Save the Date:

Wreathmaking Wednesday Evening, December 3



Thanks to ALL who helped make Trunk or Treat a fun night for so many! We couldn't do it without each one of you!!

Youth & Children's Ministry



Memory Verse: "Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done." 1 Chronicles 16:8 (NIV)

Thank you for making me – God is our creator, and he has a special plan for all of us. That's a great reason to be thankful, and a great reason to be obedient. Jeremiah 1, God calls Jeremiah.

Thank you for blessing me – From friends and family to the little things that make us smile, all good gifts come from God. We need to thank him for his daily blessings. Psalm 138

Thank you for saving me – God sent his son, Jesus, to die for our sins. We can thank God for his amazing love and for wanting a relationship with us. Luke 7:36-50, A woman anoints Jesus' feet.

Thank you for including me – God can use us to share his love with others by showing them what he has done for us. We can thank God by giving of our time and our gifts. Luke 19:1-10, The Story of Zacchaeus

November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
26 Reformation Sunday 9:30am Worship 11:00am Worship 12:00pm NO Youth Group 5:00pm Trunk or Treat	27 11:00am Bells Rehearsal	28 10:00am Bible Study 11:00am Stephen Ministry Training	29 6:00pm Worship Team 6:30pm Chancel Choir
2 Daylight-Saving Time Ends 10:00am Worship & Communion - Stewardship One Service 12:00pm New Member Orientation 12:00pm Youth Group	3 11:00am Bells Rehearsal 6:00pm Stephen Ministry Training Classes	4 10:00am Bible Study 11:00am Stephen Ministry Training	5 6:00pm Worship Team 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
9 9:30am Worship 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Youth Group	10 11:00am Bells Rehearsal 1:00pm Global & Community Missions 6:00pm Stephen Ministry Training Classes	11 Veterans Day 10:00am Bible Study 11:00am Stephen Ministry Training 11:30am People's Kitchen	12 9:00am Knit a Scarf 6:00pm Worship Team 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
16 9:30am Worship-Holy Communion 11:00am Worship-Holy Communion 12:00pm Youth Group 3:00pm SLO County Band Concert	17 11:00am Bells Rehearsal 6:00pm Council Mtg 6:00pm Stephen Ministry Training Classes	18 10:00am Bible Study 11:00am Stephen Ministry Training 6:00pm Stephen Ministry Training Classes	19 6:00pm Worship Team 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
23 9:30am Stephen Ministry Commissioning 9:30am Worship 11:00am Stephen Ministry Commissioning 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Youth Group	24 11:00am Bells Rehearsal 6:00pm Stephen Ministry - First Supervision Group Meeting	25 10:00am Bible Study	26 11:00am Staff Mtg 6:00pm Worship Team

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zThursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 All Saints Day 9:00am Property Day 9:00am Stephen Ministry Training Classes 12:00pm Stephen Ministry Training Classes 8:00pm A.A. Speakers
6	7 OFFICE CLOSED	8 9:00am Dress A Girl Workshop 5:00pm Veterans Dinner
13	14 OFFICE CLOSED	15 9:00am AAUW Bingo 9:00am Cal Poly Pier Walk, plus lunch afterward
20 11:00am Stephen Ministry Training	21 OFFICE CLOSED	22 9:00am Fun, Fitness & Fellowship Johnson Ranch Hike
27 Thanksgiving Day	28 OFFICE CLOSED	29
4	5 OFFICE CLOSED	6 9:00am Property Day 11:00am Scleroderma Group 8:00pm A.A. Speakers

NOVEMBER 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 Nov 3 ☐ Rom 1
 Tu Nov 4 ☐ Rom 2
 We Nov 5 ☐ Rom 3
 Th Nov 6 ☐ Rom 4
 Fr Nov 7 ☐ Rom 5

Mo Nov 10 ☐ Rom 6
 Tu Nov 11 ☐ Rom 7
 We Nov 12 ☐ Rom 8
 Th Nov 13 ☐ Rom 9
 Fr Nov 14 ☐ Rom 10

Mo Nov 17 ☐ Rom 11
 Tu Nov 18 ☐ Rom 12
 We Nov 19 ☐ Rom 13
 Th Nov 20 ☐ Rom 14
 Fr Nov 21 ☐ Rom 15

Mo Nov 24 ☐ Rom 16
 Tu Nov 25 ☐ 2 Tim 1
 We Nov 26 ☐ 2 Tim 2
 Th Nov 27 ☐ 2 Tim 3
 Fr Nov 28 ☐ 2 Tim 4



Global Missions

PROJECT OPPORTUNITY— WILL YOU PLEASE HELP?

We have an opportunity to partner with Bethel Lutheran Church in Santa Maria in their support of Iglesia San Juan Bautista Church that shares their church campus. This congregation is comprised mostly of immigrant agricultural workers and their families that are the working poor and need supplemental food year round. The distribution of food and material aid from the church site can be made more efficient if the storage garage and electrical supply can be up-graded. The project is to support this renovation by raising \$3300 at St. John's. The work will be done by Bethel volunteers and any of us who would like to join them. An anonymous donor from St. John's has pledged to match up to \$1650 given by others in the congregation. This can raise the \$3300 needed for materials to accomplish the renovation. Let's join together to be the hands of Jesus to make a difference in the lives of the poor people among us. Please designate your donation in the memo as "SJB storage upgrade." Thank you in advance! Global and Community Missions, Pat Muran and Team

NALC District Gathering Santa Clarita, CA Saturday, November 22nd 10:00AM - 3:00PM

Want to learn more about one of our Lutheran associations? We'll worship together with churches from Arizona, California and Hawaii. We'll hear from NALC leaders and see where we can partner together in ministry. The event is at Christ Lutheran Church, Santa Clarita, 25816 N. Tournament Rd. Valencia CA 91355. Talk to Pastor Greg if you're interested in going.

Good News

Good News Team will sponsor on November 15 a walk with optional lunch after at the Cal Poly Pier which now belongs to Cal Poly Marine Science and is open to the public just one day a year. It is 3000 feet, double the length of the other two piers, with a honeycombed surface for most of the walk. Closed toe-closed heel shoes are required. See website <marine.calpoly.edu/pier-open-house>. Please sign up at the Welcome table in the Commons or talk with Earlene Leijonhufvud (805) 474-1540 or Ruby Burke.

Knit & Crochet

Saint John's Knitting (and Crochet) group will meet on Weds. November 12th at 9 am until noon in the church office.



Dress a Girl

Dress a Girl will meet on Saturday November 8th from 9 am to 2 pm.

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

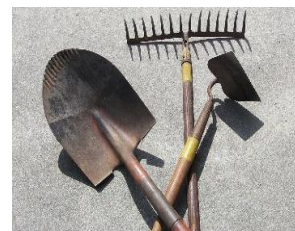


Jeanne Ormonde	11/2
Julie Seals	11/3
Theresa Schultz	11/5
Bob McGhie	11/14
Shar TerBorch	11/15
Penny Kruse	11/16
Heidi Parker	11/21
Kathy Lindstaedt	11/24
Taylor Broyles	11/20
Rocky King	11/30

David & Janis Immel	11/6
Steve & Ruth Kapka	11/14



November Property Day November Saturday the 1st. We start at 9 am.



Prayers Needed

Continue praying for Tim, Shari, Heidi, Morgan, Patrick, Judy,
Julie, Daisy, Rocky, Anthony, Nick, Penny, Sandy, Crystal,
Shar, Fiona, Travis, George, Rena, Kay, Emanda, Sean

All Saints 2025

Chris Edlebeck, Betty Knudson, Phil Paonessa, Emily Souza, June Vang

Council Highlights

Highlights from the October 20, 2025 Council meeting:

- Verizon Cell Tower contract has been signed by Verizon. Verizon signed the deal on September 30th, and Greg signed on October 14th. We had a fully executed and binding copy on the 14th as was reported by Gordon to Council on the 20th. Council is waiting for the contract to be forwarded to the church. Upon a thorough review, Council anticipates signing this contract. Construction of the tower will begin sometime in 2026.
- Online Church Directory - This online service allows members to access the church directory online. Only ADMINS will be able to print the full directory, which we will do periodically). Members can access the current updated directory using the email address that matches their directory listing, via a phone app, or a website. Please read the article in this month's Eagle. The current directory will be uploaded to the online version and go live in late November. To opt out, email the church office. There are security features which protect personal information of the congregation. Expect more information on this valuable service this fall.
- The Council has approved the formation of a volunteer position to help connect new members and increase participation in ministries of the church. More information will be announced in November.
- Property Day - Consider coming to the church grounds for the November Property Day. Trash clean up and shrub trimming skills are always in demand. For the December Property Day, the Christmas figures are set up. Any assistance for even an hour is much appreciated.

A New Chapter

We are sad to announce that our amazing office manager, Pam Glenn, has notified us she would like to retire soon, so we are beginning a search for her replacement. We are so thankful for Pam and all she done for us and what she has meant to all of us at Saint John's. We can never truly replace her!

The job description is currently listed on Indeed.com, and will be also posted on our web site shortly, along with Craigslist, Facebook, and LinkedIn.

In brief, the ideal candidate will be a Christian believer, have excellent organizational, interpersonal, and verbal and written communications skills, be friendly, have a positive attitude, work fast, efficiently and proactively, have a high level of proficiency with QuickBooks and understanding of accounting concepts, proficiency with computers in general, including use of email, scanners, and at least intermediate skills with Microsoft Office, including Excel, Word, and PowerPoint. Phew! That's a lot of hats!

If you know of anyone you think would be a good fit, please let us know!

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