



Encounter Jesus Experience Family Embrace the Broken

The Eagle

The Harvest is abundant...



...but the workers are few. Luke 10:2

October 2025

Thoughts from Pam...

Greg's not back yet, Janice is immersed in the upcoming White Elephant Sale and someone needed to write this note! Don't worry – Greg will do this page again in November!

Hello Saint John's and Friends of Saint John's that we've seen worshipping with us these last few months! While we are completely joyful that Pastor Greg was able to take a three-month sabbatical, we are just as joyful and more so that our friend and keeper of the Saint John's Flock is coming back to us renewed and refreshed and with a new sense of God's purpose for him and for Saint John's.

Even without the renewed spirit and sense of God's eternal loving care of us in the best of times and the worst of times, we have experienced over the last year or so particularly, a new fragrance finding it's way through all of Saint John's – a fragrance of hopefulness and positiveness about what God has in the works for Saint John's. I think this is mostly the result of our Church Council being bold and faithful to God's Word, even in a time when we just didn't know which way things would go. But because of the positiveness of our Council to rely on Jesus, we also are learning to just step out of the boat and depend on Jesus to keep us walking on water! What an experience we've had!

I hope you all are as excited about what's next as I am – I know that God has a grand plan for Saint John's! We all know Jeremiah 29:11, "I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you a future with hope." Thanks to all of our leaders who have heard God's voice and together, got out of the boat, trusting the Word of our gracious, loving Father. Keep trying to walk in His steps – it's so much easier than taking the unknown path. Living in God's Peace, Pam

Sunday, October 12th at 5 pm
in the Fellowship Hall
Welcome Back Potluck for Pastor Greg

Life Together



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.

Fun, Fitness & Fellowship
Ready for another round of golf?
Disc Golf, that is!
See page 9 for details
October 18th 10 am

Sh-h-h! Don't tell Anyone!
New Online Directory –
Coming Soon!
See insert for details

Sunday, October 26th
5 - 7 pm

TRUNK
OR Treat
See all the details
on page 8

October Property Day in
October is Saturday the 11th.
We start at 9 am, but you can
come any time & stay for
however long you can - your
help is always appreciated!!



Articles for the Newsletter should be submitted to
office@saintjohnsag.com by the 15th of the month
i.e. for November, by October 15th.

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!



Youth Group Pumpkin Carving Sunday, October 12 at 12 noon

Get ready for a messy afternoon of pumpkin carving fun at noon! We'll provide the pumpkins and a few tools, but feel free to bring your own special carving tools or decorations if you'd like. Invite a friend and come ready to laugh, carve, and get messy! So we have enough pumpkins for everyone, please text Matthew to RSVP (805-554-1354).



Youth & Children's Ministry

KidsChurch Overview

KidsChurch meets Sundays during 9:30 worship! Kids start in worship with families & are dismissed during the passing of the peace.

Welcome to our newest KidsChurch Team Members

Rocky King & Sarah De Young! Yay!!! We are so grateful for their hearts for Jesus & our Saint John's kiddos!



October Series: Pumpkin Prayers *Prayer is a real treat!*

This fall we're learning that prayer isn't a trick, it's a sweet way to connect with God, grow in faith, and find His guidance. Each week kids will discover how prayer can help us in everyday life, using pumpkins as a fun reminder.

Memory Verse:

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." – Philippians 4:6

Lessons:

1. Get Connected – Just as pumpkins need to stay connected to the vine, we need daily prayer to stay nourished in faith
2. Lose the Gunk – Pumpkins need to be cleaned out, and so do our hearts. Prayer is a time to ask for forgiveness and extend grace to others
3. Joyful Noise – Like a Jack-o-lantern shining with character, our prayers can shine with praise and thanksgiving to God
4. Light in the Darkness – A glowing pumpkin lights the way in the dark. God's light guides us away from sin and closer to Him

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
28 9:30am Worship 10:30am White Elephant & Bakesale Set Up 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Youth Group	29 8:00am White Elephant & Bake Sale 11:00am Bells Rehearsal 6:00pm Cross Traffic Practice	30 8:00am White Elephant & Bake Sale 11:00am Stephen Ministry Training	1 8:00am White Elephant & Bake Sale 6:00pm Worship Team 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
5 9:30am Worship & Communion 11:00am Worship-Holy Communion 12:00pm Youth Group	6 11:00am Bells Rehearsal 6:00pm Cross Traffic Practice	7 11:00am Stephen Ministry Training	8 9:00am Knit a Scarf 6:00pm Bells Rehearsal 6:00pm Worship Team 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
12 9:30am Gideons Presentation 9:30am Worship 11:00am Gideon's Presentation 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Youth Group 5:00pm Welcome Back Potluck for Pastor Greg	13 Office Closed Columbus Day 11:00am Bells Rehearsal 1:00pm Global & Community Missions 6:00pm Cross Traffic Practice 6:00pm Stephen Ministry Training Classes	14 11:00am Stephen Ministry Training 11:30am People's Kitchen	15 6:00pm Worship Team 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
19 9:30am Worship-Holy Communion 11:00am Worship-Holy Communion 12:00pm Youth Group	20 11:00am Bells Rehearsal 1:00pm Literacy Group 6:00pm Council Mtg 6:00pm Cross Traffic Practice 6:00pm Stephen Ministry Training Classes	21 11:00am Stephen Ministry Training	22 11:00am Staff Mtg 6:00pm Worship Team 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Troop 13 Meeting
26 Trunk or Treat Reformation Sunday 9:30am Worship 11:00am Worship 12:00pm NO Youth Group 5:00pm Trunk or Treat	27 11:00am Bells Rehearsal 6:00pm Cross Traffic Practice 6:00pm Stephen Ministry Training Classes	28 9:00am Quilters - Session 2 Fall 11:00am Stephen Ministry Training	29 6:00pm Worship Team 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

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Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 8:00am White Elephant & Bake Sale	3 OFFICE CLOSED White Elephant & Bake Sale	4 White Elephant & Bake Sale 9:00am Property Day 8:00pm A.A. Speakers
9	10 OFFICE CLOSED	11 9:00am Dress A Girl Workshop 9:00am Stephen Ministry Training Classes 12:00pm Stephen Ministry Training Classes
16	17 OFFICE CLOSED	18
23	24 OFFICE CLOSED	25
30	31 OFFICE CLOSED	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

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



October Memory Verse

Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt so that you may know how you ought to answer everyone. Colassians 4:6

Youth & Children's Ministry

Mark your calendars for our annual **Trunk or Treat**

A FREE community outreach event!



FREE Dinner provided for everyone!



Games, bounce house, cake walk, and of course...



Trunks full of candy and prizes!

This is a wonderful chance to invite friends, neighbors, and families from the community to join us for a fun and welcoming night.

We Need Your Help!

1. **Invite!** Spread the word and bring friends and neighbors
2. **Decorate a Trunk!** Simple or extravagant, your choice! Fill it with candy for the kids
3. **Volunteer!** Help in the kitchen, run a game booth, bake a treat, or lend a hand with setup/cleanup
4. **Donate Candy!** Grab a bag of individually wrapped candy (early sales are the best!) and drop it off at church

Let's come together to make this year's Trunk or Treat an unforgettable blessing for our church and community!



Women's Ministry

Our Women's Ministry is asking for donation of bars of soap for the Lutheran World Relief Hygiene Kits. 200 3-4oz bars are needed for the 100 kits we will prepare. There will be a collection box in the Commons. Please help us with this valuable Ministry. Blessings, Rena Weiger

Fun, Fitness & Fellowship

Come join us for a fun day of Disc Golf! We will meet at Priesker Park in Santa Maria at 10AM on Saturday, October 18th. Wear layers and bring water (and a friend!). Jeff has all the gear you need and will teach those who need guidance! Contact Jeff Metcalf with any questions: 805-709-0343.

Knit & Crochet

Knitting & Crocheting, Wednesday, October 8th 9 am to noon

Knitters (and crocheters), we'll be meeting on Wed. the 8th. in the Church office (Valley Rd parking lot). Bring your sticks & hooks & yarn – or pick some up here. 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, are concentrating more on the baby apparel. Come join us! Questions? Call Pam 805-710-7941. See you at 9 am on the 8th!



Dress a Girl

Dress a Girl will meet Saturday October 11th from 9 am to 2 pm. This is the time of the year when we start looking at who will get dresses from us and how many they might take. We also start hearing from other groups who sew for Dress A Girl to let us know how many dresses they are bringing to us for distribution. By Christmas or soon after, most of these dresses will have happily found their home. Should that not happen, I start calling different ministries to see if they would like to take some dresses to wherever their ministries are. By the end of the year, all the dresses made will be gone – just imagine how excited one of these girls who receive the dress, will be! Something of their very own, and it's brand new! No one has ever worn it before. Surely God is smiling when His children are smiling! And that's why we keep sewing dresses!

Council Highlights

Highlights from the September 15, 2025 Council meeting:

- ✓ Attendance: has been up over the summer months, by about 15%. Good news!
- ✓ Basketball Court at the Los Berros parking lot: Trevor, grandson of the Weiger's, has a business painting artwork on basketball courts. Artwork for our basketball court has been approved and anticipate work to begin sometime this fall.
- ✓ White Elephant Sale: October 3rd and 4th. Volunteers are needed! Signups are in the Commons.
- ✓ Cell Tower: Contract for a cell tower to be placed on church grounds is still being reviewed by the contracting company. More information as the process nears completion.
- ✓ Several projects are awaiting the return of Pastor Greg from his sabbatical. Waiting projects include an employee handbook.
- ✓ Pastor Greg returns on October 1st! His first Sunday back will be October 5th. Plan on a congregational celebration on Sunday, October 12th. More information to follow.



October



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sandy Brantingham	10/16	Kent & Natalie Fossum	10/4
Stephen Correll	10/2	Mike & Valerie Lund	10/10
Lois Franks	10/28	Bob & Joyce Mc Ghie	10/10
Doreen Ley	10/30	Richard & Theresa Schultz	10/11
Ron Lindstaedt	10/22		
Mike Lund	10/8		
Joan McBain	10/30		
Dianna Muraski	10/16		
Randy Ouimette	10/15		
Charlotte Potter	10/6		
Meghan Reilly	10/2		
Florence Sasse	10/24		
Erick Sturcke	10/16		
Sharline Tuggey	10/27		
Sandy Varley	10/2		
Kay Werner	10/24		

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