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THE EAGLE

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Pastor's Page

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It's a new year and a new opportunity to grow together. This year, I'm praying we can Experience Family like never before. In 2026, I would love to see everyone in this congregation feel deeply connected and supported. How will that happen? It will take an intentional effort to get closer more often. Are you up for that? Would you like more support? Would you like to give more support? How about more food, fellowship, fun? Of course! We all need that kind of connection if we're going to grow in Christ.

So, to start the year off right, let's get together for our Day of Prayer on Sunday, January 4th. We're back to two gatherings at 9:30am and 11am. Don't miss it.

Also, we're going to be launching a nine-week experiment together. You're invited to nine Wednesday night small group experiences here at Saint John's. It all starts Weds., January 28th. Give it a try and see what God does.

This month, we've got lots of opportunities to connect. Check out the Fun, Fitness and Fellowship event on January 17th. And don't miss our Usher training on Sunday, January 18th in between gatherings.

Did you sign in to our Online Directory? Did you check your info? Maybe change your picture? Be sure to check it out if you haven't already. It is so convenient.

We have some business to do, so please come and vote in our Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 11th. We'll elect some new Church Council and Nominating Committee members. We'll also vote on a denomination wide constitutional update from the North American Lutheran Church (NALC). It doesn't really affect us, but since we're part of the family, we get a vote.

We've also got a new Bible Reading plan for 2026. Check out page 7 for more info.

God's Peace,

Greg



For additional information, see page 8

Saint John's Annual Congregational Meeting (Part 2) Sunday Jan. 11th

We'll meet at 10:30 in the Sanctuary to vote on New Council Members and a Nominating Committee for 2027. If you are a member, you have a vote!

We also will vote on an NALC constitutional change (see below).

One addition to the agenda of our January 11th Congregational meeting is to update the North American Lutheran Church (NALC) constitution. It doesn't change our Saint John's constitution at all. The NALC met this summer and voted on these changes. Now, at least 51% of the NALC congregations have to vote for it in order for the changes to take effect. Here are the amendments:

Amendment One: Cleaning up Scrivener's errors and moving some language into bylaws. The bylaws are indicated by a three number system such as 01.01.01.

Amendment Two: "North American Lutheran Seminary"

Amendment Three: Article 16 "Legal and Financial Matters"

You can learn more at thenalc.org or talk with Pastor Greg.

Usher Training, Sunday, January 18th at 10:30am

If you want to be an usher at Saint John's, come and join us to learn the ropes. If you already came to the training in December, you don't need to come again (unless you want to).

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!

KidsChurch

KidsChurch meets Sundays during the 9:30 am worship, following Passing of the Peace. Teacher(s) will gather the children and walk them to the classroom(s)



KidsChurch 2026

Genesis to Revelation! This year we will be working our way through the entire Bible beginning with Creation.

Tagline: God Made Everything!

Idea: God created the universe in only six days, but we could spend many lifetimes just admiring His handiwork. When we see all that God has made, we can see his power, beauty, care, and love and we can praise Him for all He has done.

Objective: In addition to memorizing what God created on each day, kids will see how everything God created is still a part of their life today and is something they can praise God for.

Memory Verse: *"The earth belongs to the Lord. And so does everything in it. The world belongs to him. And so do all those who live in it."* Psalm 24:1

Youth & Children's Ministry

Scarf Distribution January 11, 2026

Save Sunday afternoon for our annual time of distributing scarves in strategic places around the local area. Pam continues to do an amazing job leading our knitting crew and they have been hard at work making plenty of scarves and beanies! *Thank you ladies!* We'll meet at Saint John's at noon and carpool to In & Out for lunch together and then head off to distribute. All ages and friends are welcome! Kids 6th grade and younger need an adult present. Youth can ride with Matthew and Lydia

Online Directory

Our new Online Directory was launched as planned in December.

If you have trouble signing in, there are several sources for help, some of which were printed and live on the Welcome Table. If those don't help, please let Pam in the office know at office@saintjohnsag.com or 805-489-0159 or, so we can bring you up to speed.

Additionally, if you don't have a picture, please upload one to your info. They have to be approved by the administrator and will then go live. You may also receive a request to provide us with a picture. If you don't have one, ask Pam or Pastor Greg to take one for you and we will post it.

January 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
28 10:00am Worship 12:00pm Youth Group	29	30	31 6:00pm Worship Team
4 9:30am Worship-Holy Communion 11:00am Worship-Holy Communion 12:00pm Youth Group	5 6:00pm Cross Traffic Practice	6 10:00am Bible Study	7 6:00pm Worship Team
11 9:30am Worship 10:30am Annual Congregational Meeting Part II (Between Services) 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Youth Group	12 1:00pm Global & Community Missions 6:00pm Cross Traffic Practice	13 10:00am Bible Study 11:30am People's Kitchen	14 9:00am Knit a Scarf 6:00pm Worship Team
18 9:30am Worship-Holy Communion 11:00am Worship-Holy Communion 12:00pm Youth Group	19 6:00pm Council Mtg 6:00pm Cross Traffic Practice	20 10:00am Bible Study	21 6:00pm Worship Team
25 9:30am Worship 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Youth Group	26 6:00pm Cross Traffic Practice	27 10:00am Bible Study	28 11:00am Staff Mtg 6:00pm Worship Team 6:00pm Small Groups Connect

January 2026

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3 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 Fun, Fitness & Fellowship TBD
22	23 OFFICE CLOSED 5:00pm Set-up Pinewood Derby	24 8:00am Pinewood Derby (Cub Scouts)
29 11:00am Betty Knudson Memorial & Inurnment; Coffee & Dessert	30 OFFICE CLOSED	31 1:00pm Gary Schultz Memoria (Rich Schultz' Father) & Luncheon

JANUARY 2026

BIBLE READINGS

We're reading through the Bible together. When you read just eleven chapters per week, you'll read through the New Testament in one year and the Old Testament in three years. Pray & ask:

- ♦ *What is God saying to me?*
- ♦ *What am I going to do about it?*

Week 1 ☐ Psalm 1

Mo Jan 5 ☐ Gen 1 ☐ **John 1**
 Tu Jan 6 ☐ Gen 2 ☐ **John 2**
 We Jan 7 ☐ Gen 3 ☐ **John 3**
 Th Jan 8 ☐ Gen 4 ☐ **John 4**
 Fr Jan 9 ☐ Gen 5 ☐ **John 5**

Week 2 ☐ Psalm 2

Mo Jan 12 ☐ Gen 6 ☐ **John 6**
 Tu Jan 13 ☐ Gen 7 ☐ **John 7**
 We Jan 14 ☐ Gen 8 ☐ **John 8**
 Th Jan 15 ☐ Gen 9 ☐ **John 9**
 Fr Jan 16 ☐ Gen 10 ☐ **John 10**

Week 3 ☐ Psalm 3

Mo Jan 19 ☐ Gen 11 ☐ **John 11**
 Tu Jan 20 ☐ Gen 12 ☐ **John 12**
 We Jan 21 ☐ Gen 13 ☐ **John 13**
 Th Jan 22 ☐ Gen 14 ☐ **John 14**
 Fr Jan 23 ☐ Gen 15 ☐ **John 15**

Week 4 ☐ Psalm 4

Mo Jan 26 ☐ Gen 16 ☐ **John 16**
 Tu Jan 27 ☐ Gen 17 ☐ **John 17**
 We Jan 28 ☐ Gen 18 ☐ **John 18**
 Th Jan 29 ☐ Gen 19 ☐ **John 19**
 Fr Jan 30 ☐ Gen 20 ☐ **John 20**



Connect Small Groups

Connect Small Groups Starting Wednesday Nights January 28th at 6 pm

Join us for nine Wednesday evening small group experiences at Saint John's. We'll help you find a group that works for you. If you'd like to help out by leading a group you can sign up on Sunday mornings. There's no experience required and there are no dumb questions. Whether you're brand new or you've been here for decades, come and get connected. You won't regret it.

Dress a Girl

Dress a Girl will be back in action on Saturday January 10th from 9 am to 2 pm. We meet in Saint John 's Fellowship Hall every second Saturday of the month. After having another exciting year of making dresses in 2025, we are looking forward to another year full of kit making, serging and sewing beautiful dresses for some young girl who has probably never had a brand new dress of her own. You can see some of the fabulous sewing our group does displayed in the Commons. If you have questions about this ministry, please talk to Pam or call 805-710-7941

Knit & Crochet

Saint John's Knitters (and Crocheters) will be back Weds. January 14th from 9 am until noon in the church office. We continue to make scarves, hats & blankets for the homeless. Additionally, we are making baby blankets & hats for Lifeline Pregnancy Center – a variety of project available. We have yarn available too. Talk to Pam if you have questions.

January Birthdays & Anniversaries



Lydia Wallace	1/3
Janis Immel	1/3
Sarah De Young	1/4
Roger Ormonde	1/8
Joyce McGhie	1/9
Ruby Burke	1/11
Lester Blank	1/14
Ruth Kapka	1/18
Patty Ouimette	1/19
Mark Crable	1/23
Karen Correll	1/28
Barbara Johnson	1/30
Carrie Ormonde	1/30

Sturcke's 1/10??

Men's Breakfast

Saturday January 3rd 8 am, Rm 8

Join us January 3rd at 8 am for the first Men's breakfast fellowship of the New Year.

Open to those 16ish and up for a time of good food and fellowship discussing biblical topics and growing together. Breakfast is over by 9:00 for those who intend to join the work crew for building and grounds maintenance.

Hope to see you there.

Contact Bruce Metzler if you have any questions at 805-550-3434

Prayers Needed

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

January Property Day

Saturday January 3rd

We start at 9 am.

Your help is appreciated
any day of the week.

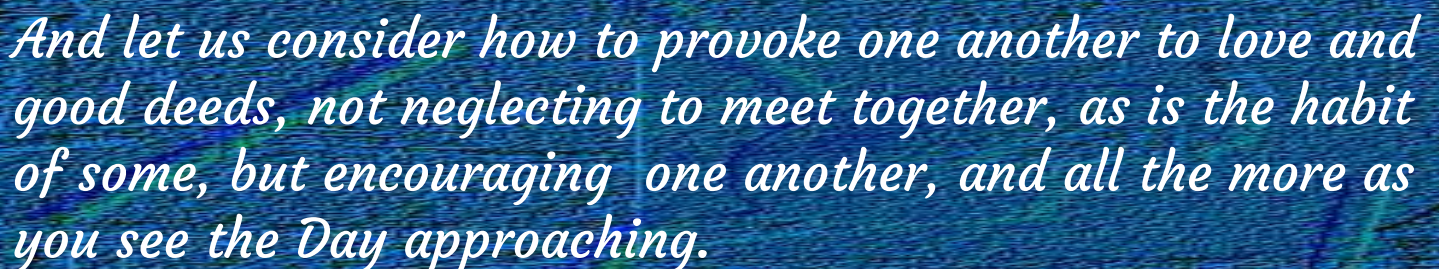
Call Lois Franks 805-202-8558 or
Mike Johnson 805-710-7319
for more information.

Council Highlights

Highlights from the December 15, 2025 Council meeting:

- Offerings to the church for Tax Year 2025 should be to the church office by January 4th.
- Small group gatherings are launching in late January! Beginning on Wednesday, January 28th, come to the church for a potluck, fellowship and connection. Meet at 6pm.
- Discussion will be on the previous week's sermon, though the emphasis will be on connection. These gatherings will continue through Lenten Soup Suppers, until March 25th.
- Nominating Committee will be meeting in December to search the congregation for prospective Council members. There are two Council members leaving at the end of their three-year term in January. The new Council is voted into office at the second Congregational meeting. This year the second Congregational meeting is on Sunday, January 11th.
- Anticipate Fun, Fitness and Fellowship to return on January 17th! More to follow.
- Usher Training: Mark your calendars for January 18th. Many hands make for easy work during the service. Anyone new to the church is most welcome!

January Memory Verse



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