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THE EAGLE

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Pastor's Page

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This month, we have so many chances to put into practice this new commandment from Jesus. The best way to love one another is to be together, in the same room, sharing our lives. It's been great to have a bunch of new small groups meeting together on Wednesday nights. There's still time to get involved.

This month, we begin the Season of Lent. We'll gather for the traditional imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday, February 18th at Noon and 7pm. What are you fasting from during this Lenten time? Then, on February 25th, we'll start our Lenten Soup Dinners at 6pm. Since we're doing small groups on Wednesdays, we'll enjoy the meal and worship and then spend some time with our groups. Don't have a group? Don't worry, we'll get you sorted! Come and check it out. Who do you know that might enjoy an experience like this? Bring them along.

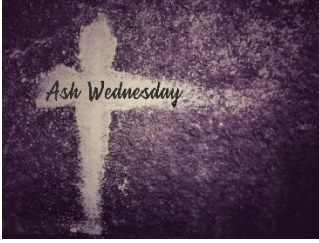
And for the guys, we have a great Breakfast on Saturday, February 7th and a Men's Event that night at the Santa Maria Raceway.

Be sure to read the rest of the Eagle this month for a great hike, Dress a Girl Workday, knitting, and our March 1st Chili Cookoff! It's nice to be a family on mission together.

God's Peace

Greg

Life Together



Ash Wednesday February 18th at Noon & 7pm

Join us for a meaningful time of worship as we “remember we are dust and to dust we shall return.” The evening service will include time for small groups.

Lenten Soup Dinners Wednesday nights 6pm Starting February 25th

Come enjoy fellowship, worship, soup, and small groups together. It will be a little different this year with the small group time. Want to make a soup to share? You can sign up on Wednesdays.



Chili Cook Off Sunday, March 1st 5pm

It's time for Chili! Sign up on Sundays if you want to enter your special chili. Who will make our prize-winning chili this year? See page 4 for more info.

Santa Maria Raceway Men's Event, Saturday, February 7th starts at 4pm

Come join with guys from all over the area to grow in faith together. There will be a race, music, and a speaker sharing on “Every Man's Battle”. Tickets are free but you need to sign up. Talk to Pastor Greg

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)

Save the date for our annual Chili Cook-off Sunday, March 1

Come out for a good time of great food, games, and prizes! Help us judge and vote for the best chili or just sample some of the most delicious chilis! \$25 to enter and a free will donation to help financially support our students! Please sign up so we know who is making chili! The Sign-up sheet is on the Connect table in the Commons.

Sky Zone February 8

High school students are invited to join us for a fun Sunday afternoon outing at Sky Zone Indoor Trampoline Park on February 8! Come jump, laugh, and hang out with friends in a high-energy environment that's all about connection and fun. This is a great chance to bring a friend and build community. Meet at Saint John's at noon and text Matthew to sign up. Everyone under 18 needs a waiver on file which can be done ahead of time at skyzone.com/santa-maria.

KidsChurch Meeting and CPR training February 1

KidsChurch curriculum planning and brainstorming meeting on February 15 at 11:00 a.m., followed by CPR/First Aid training at noon combined with our youth staff. This will be a time for staff and volunteers to collaborate, share ideas, and look at some new curriculum options together. The cost of the CPR/First Aid training will be covered for all current staff and volunteers. A simple lunch will be provided. Talk to Cindi or Lydia if you are interested in joining the team!

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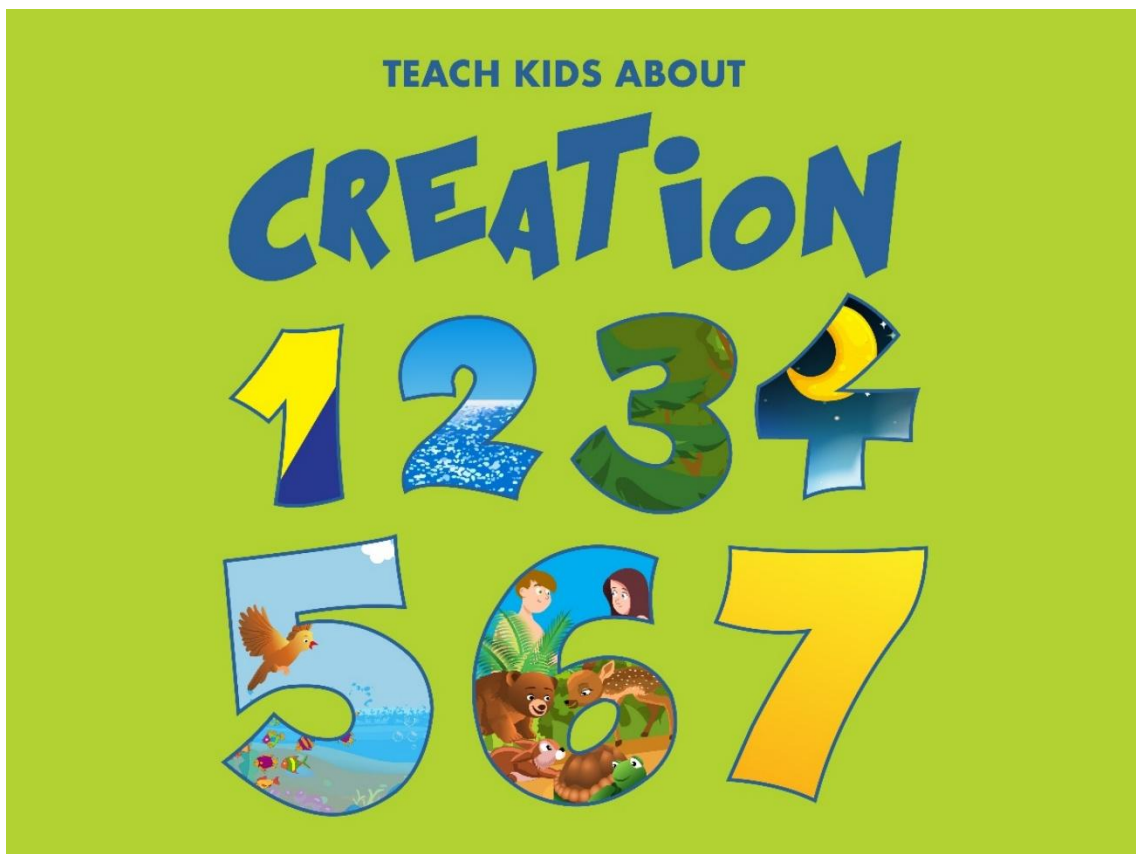
We are continuing our deep dive into Genesis and figuring out our purpose!

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, 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



Fun, Fitness & Fellowship

Saturday February 21st we will be hiking Bishop Peak. Meet at 9:30am at the trail head on Patricia Dr in San Luis Obispo. This is a moderate to strenuous hike. Bring water, snacks, friends, and sunscreen. Wear layers and hats. Great views at the top to reward the hard work. The trail has a lot of poison oak along the edges, so be aware and prepared of that. For questions or directions, contact Adrienne. 805-458-4626

Global And Community Outreach Team News

San Juan Bautista Resource Distribution Project

The Saint John's goal to raise \$3300 to assist with the renovation of the storage garage at Bethel Lutheran Church in Santa Maria resulted in donations totaling \$4600. The project was recently completed, resulting in great improvements in the use of the space that serves as a distribution point for food and clothing to assist the farm worker families that are part of the San Juan Bautista Lutheran congregation. Thank-you to all who joined in raising these funds to improve the outreach to these needy families.

Bible Portions for Muslims in Syria

Through our contacts with Frontier Missions we learned that the people of Syria are greatly interested in a book, The True Meaning of the Gospels and Act, an Arabic translation of the part of the Bible that is known as the "Ingil" in the Muslim world. There was an immediate need for 8000 copies. The Outreach Team decided to help with this need by sending funds to cover the cost to print 150 copies, funds that were budgeted for the Outreach Team. We thank God for this interest in His Word that has emerged in Syria.

If you are interested in being part of this TEAM, please contact Pat Muran at 805 459-2362

Women @ Saint John's

Some additional women's activities are being planned for 2026...especially for those who work or have other daytime commitments. The first one is right around the corner: a Valentine Bunco Night at the church.

Valentine Bunco Night

All women are invited to join us on Friday, February 13th at 6:30 p.m. for an evening of fun, fellowship, and Valentine's Day treats. If you have never played Bunco before...don't worry, it's easy and we will teach you! There will be prizes! Please bring a treat to share. Sign-up at the Connect Center in the Commons or email Sarah at sdeyoung4@gmail.com.

Other Activities Being Planned

Other activities that are in the planning stages include quarterly Functional Fitness classes with Heidi, wine tasting/appetizer sharing at a local winery, a potential prom day service project with the Wolf Den at Lopez High, more craft workshops and a June retreat at the church. We welcome your ideas and suggestions as well as your participation.

Connect Small Groups

Connect Small Groups Wednesdays 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.

February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
1 9:30am Worship & Communion 11:00am Worship-Holy Communion 12:00pm Youth Group	2 11:00am Bells Rehearsal 6:00pm Cross Traffic Practice	3 10:00am Bible Study	4 6:00pm Small Groups Meetings 6:00pm Worship Team
8 9:30am Worship 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Youth Group – Sky Zone	9 11:00am Bells Rehearsal 1:00pm Global & Community Missions 6:00pm Cross Traffic Practice	10 10:00am Bible Study 11:30am People's Kitchen	11 9:00am Knit a Scarf 6:00pm Small Groups Meetings 6:00pm Worship Team
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February 2026

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5	6 OFFICE CLOSED	7 8:00am Men's Breakfast 9:00am Property Day 10:30am Merlin Wilson Funeral 4:00pm Santa Maria Raceway Men's Event 8:00pm A.A. Speakers
12	13 OFFICE CLOSED 6:30pm Women's Valentine Bunco Night	14 9:00am Dress A Girl Workshop 3:00 pm Mavis Trelstead Funeral Service @ Bethel in SM
19 6:00pm Boy Scout Troop 413 Court of Honor	20 OFFICE CLOSED	21 11:00am Don Stever Memorial
26	27 OFFICE CLOSED 🔒 6:00pm Set-up for Bingo	28 10:00am Women's Club Bingo

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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 5 Psalm 5

Mo Feb 2 Gen 21 **John 21**

Tu Feb 3 Gen 22 **1 Cor 1**

We Feb 4 Gen 23 **1 Cor 2**

Th Feb 5 Gen 24 **1 Cor 3**

Fr Feb 6 Gen 25 **1 Cor 4**

Week 6 Psalm 6

Mo Feb 9 Gen 26 **1 Cor 5**

Tu Feb 10 Gen 27 **1 Cor 6**

We Feb 11 Gen 28 **1 Cor 7**

Th Feb 12 Gen 29 **1 Cor 8**

Fr Feb 13 Gen 30 **1 Cor 9**

Week 7 Psalm 7

Mo Feb 16 Gen 31 **1 Cor 10**

Tu Feb 17 Gen 32 **1 Cor 11**

We Feb 19 Gen 33 **1 Cor 12**

Th Feb 19 Gen 34 **1 Cor 13**

Fr Feb 20 Gen 35 **1 Cor 14**

Week 8 Psalm 8

Mo Feb 23 Gen 36 **1 Cor 15**

Tu Feb 24 Gen 37 **1 Cor 16**

We Feb 25 Gen 38 **2 Thess 1**

Th Feb 26 Gen 39 **2 Thess 2**

Fr Feb 27 Gen 40 **2 Thess 3**



Dress a Girl

Dress a Girl meets every second Saturday with our next workshop being Saturday February 14th from 9 am to 2 pm. We meet in Saint John 's Fellowship Hall. We had another great year! Made a bunch right here at Saint John's, plus had 790 dresses delivered to us right after Thanksgiving. All have found their new homes within just a few weeks. We had another great year of making and distributing around 1500 dresses in 2025 and looking forward to seeing what the Lord has for us in 2026. please talk to Pam or call 805-710-7941



Knit & Crochet

Saint John's Knitters (and Crocheters) are back to "work" making scarves, hats, blankets and baby blankets. We meet on the second Weds. Of each month from 9 am until noon in the church office. In February, we meet on the 11th. Talk to Pam if you have questions.

Stephen Ministry

Resources to Help Cope with a Life Crisis

Life is not easy, and we all face crises along the way. God is always with you, and here at Saint John's we are also blessed with a wonderful church family that reaches out and helps each other when the need arises, just as Jesus commanded us to do. In addition, we have over 100 books, pamphlets, and prayer guides dealing with all types of life's challenges. And we are also blessed to have several church members who are professionals in specific disciplines.

In many cases, we find a Stephen Minister can be a huge support too. Our Stephen Ministers at Saint John's are trained to provide one-to-one, confidential, Christ-centered care. They have a compassionate heart for those who are hurting, and they're equipped with caring ministry skills through their training by our Stephen Leaders. The relationship with your Stephen Minister can last a day, a week, a month, a year, or longer. You determine the length. We promote confidentiality in every relationship. We listen, we pray, we hug, we care! Stephen Ministry is appropriate for people experiencing:

Grief	Divorce	Cancer	Hospitalization
Chronic illness	Terminal illness	Job loss	Loss of a home
Spiritual crisis	Military deployment		Physical rehabilitation
Long-term care	The onset of a disability		Many other life struggles

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Sincerely, Your Saint John's Stephen Ministry Team

Pastor Greg

Robin Eiland

Barb Johnson

Bruce Metzler

Gordon Eiland

Ruby Burke

Sarah DeYoung

Heidi Parker

February Birthdays & Anniversaries



Robin Eiland	2/2
Jenny Gaalswyck	2/2
Rich De Young	2/4
Patricia Sturcke	2/4
Tristan Chanley	2/10
Greg Wallace	2/10
Jerry De Vos	2/11
Marcy Richardson	2/16
Diane Dopphin-Torres	2/17
Valerie Lund	2/19
Adrienne Rule	2/19
Lois Schmidt	2/19

No February Anniversaries Recorded

Men's Breakfast

Saturday February 7th 8 am, Rm 8

Open to men 16ish and up.

Come for good food, good fellowship & discussion of biblical topics while growing together.

Breakfast is done by 9:00

for those intending 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

Louise, Kyle, Aiden, Elora, India, Bruce, Tim, Heidi, Morgan, Patrick, Judy, Julie, Daisy, Rocky, Anthony, Nick, Penny, Sandy, Crystal, Shar, Fiona, Travis, George, Kay, Emanda, Sean

Health Update from Rena Weiger

I'm happy to share that my year-long ordeal with tummy problems has come to an end. With God's grace and mercy, I'm feeling so much better and life is pretty much back to normal. I'm so thankful for all the prayers, love and support from my Saint John's family. You are such a blessing to me.
Love, Rena

February Property Day

Saturday, February 7th

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 January 19, 2025 Council meeting:

- The Council is planning their annual Retreat/Workshop on Saturday, February 14th, to plan for the coming year.
- The Children's Center team, led by Cindi Wallace, is successfully moving forward with California State licensing requirements. More to follow each month.
- A candidate for the position of Office Manager has been identified, and an offer of employment has been extended to this candidate. Our wonderful Office Manager, Pam Glenn, is looking to reduce her hours in the office and will continue to serve the congregation.
- Basketball Court update: Anticipate seeing work to be started this month to paint the basketball court.
- Cell Tower: You will see work beginning to build a cell tower near the sea train container this month.
- Anticipate the Youth Chili Cookoff in March.
- First Aid CPR/AED training will be conducted on Sunday, February 15th.
- Family, Fitness and Fellowship: Hike Bishop's Peak on Saturday, February 21st. Meet at the Patricia Drive Trailhead at 9:30am. This is a strenuous hike.

February Food of the Month

Pasta & Sauce



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Property

TBD

Good News

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Songfest Director	Cal Wood
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Coming Soon - New Picture Roster of 2026 Council Members

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