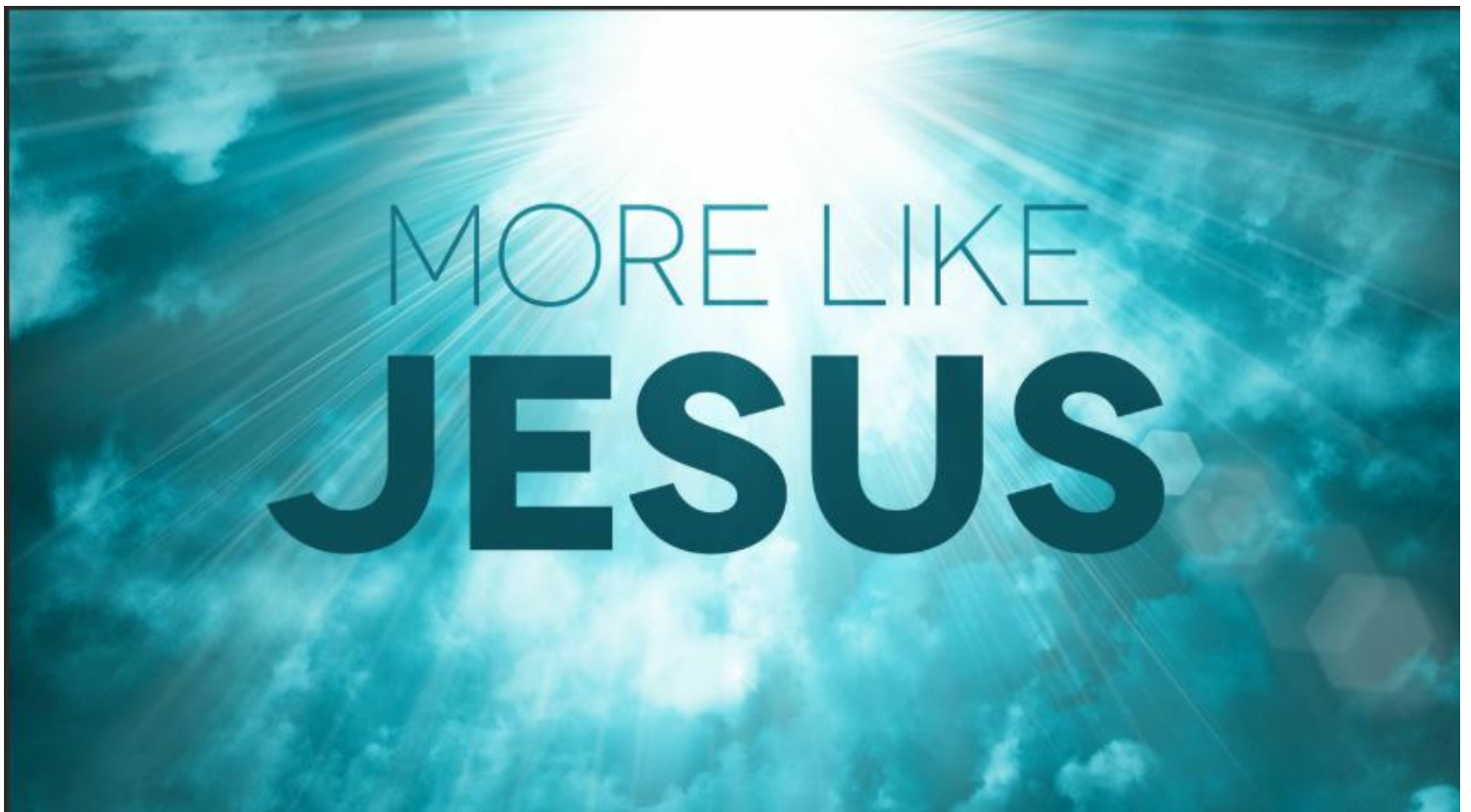




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# THE EAGLE



## MARCH 2026

# Pastor's Page

*For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

2 Corinthians 5:21



I'm so grateful for the yearly rhythms of the church year. The run up to Easter is always so meaningful. As we begin Lent, may these 40 days be intentional and useful and filled with God's grace. He was made sin so that we can become the righteousness of God. This month we'll be exploring Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians to learn how to be more like Jesus.

This year, Ash Wednesday coincided with the start of a Muslim reflection time called Ramadan. They spend 30 days in fasting, prayer, generosity and self discipline. Sound familiar? Ramadan is always around this time of but it hasn't synced up with Lent since 1863 and it won't happen again until 2189 (if the Lord should tarry). Perhaps you might want to pray for Muslims during this overlap of seasons. Our missionaries in the middle east and southeast Asia report many in Islam are open to Jesus and his gift of eternal life.

We have a new Office Manager, Redilyn Holladay. See page ?? for more of her story. Thankfully, Pam Glenn, will get to step back a bit, though she is staying on in 2026 as our Bookkeeper. I'm so grateful for Pam's many years of service! Come by the office to thank Pam and welcome Redilyn.

This month, our Lenten worship will be on Wednesday nights at 6pm with Soup and Worship and Small Groups. Come give it a try!

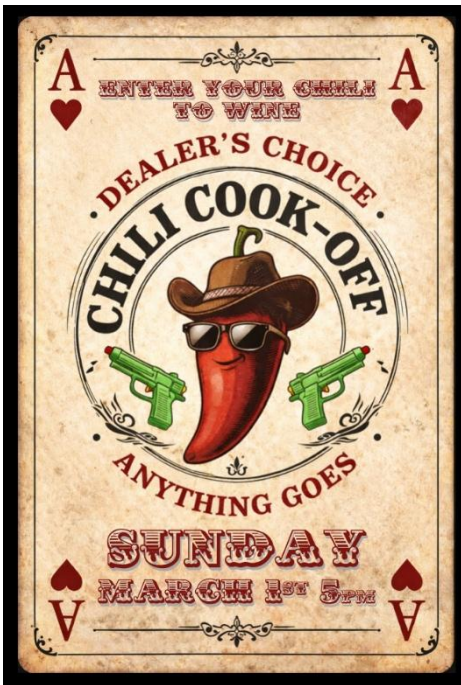
I'm looking forward to the Chili Cook off on Sunday, March 1st. This year, you can bring any kind of chili you like! Go nuts. And if you're not entering, be sure to come and judge.

Blessings

Greg

P.S. Be sure to "spring forward" for Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.

# Life Together



## Chili Cook-off Sunday, March 1st 5 pm

This year, anything goes. White chili? Red chili? Turkey chili? Veggie chili? It's all good. Come for a great night of fun and fellowship. Entry fee \$25. Awesome prizes await. Donations are accepted to support our students and their Winter & Summer trips.

## Lenten Soup Dinners Wednesday nights 6pm

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.

## Mark your calendars:

**Each Wednesday at 6 pm through March 25<sup>th</sup> – Small Groups & Soup Suppers** Sign up at the Connect Table to bring your favorite soup to share.

## Holy Week

Maundy Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup> 7 pm

Good Friday – April 3<sup>rd</sup> Gathering at 7 pm

Easter Sunday – April 5<sup>th</sup>

6:30 am Sunrise Service at the Beach

9:30 am Contemporary Gathering at Saint John's with  
Easter Egg Hunts and games for the kids

11:00 am Traditional Gathering at Saint John's

## Women's (FFF) event - Functional Fitness with Heidi

This is a no-cost event to you unless you want to make a free-will offering. See page 7 for full details.

## Financial Peace University is back!

Presented by Aaron York, you'll want to attend this event and learn how to have financial peace!

# 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 is Expanding!

We are excited to share that our KidsChurch ministry is growing! Beginning in March, we will be adding a preschool-aged class twice each month to better serve our youngest learners with age-appropriate Bible stories, worship, and activities. Nursery care will continue to be available each week and our KidsChurch program for elementary-aged children will continue to meet every Sunday as usual, providing a consistent and engaging place for kids to learn about God's love, build friendships, and grow in their faith. We are grateful to see our children's ministry expanding and look forward to welcoming even more families into this special time together.

This also means we are adding to our team as we welcome our new teacher, Doreen Ley! Talk to Cindi or Lydia if you are interested in joining this faithful group as we love God & love kids, helping each one to be seen, known, & loved.

## Hume Lake Young Adults Winter Retreat March 6-8

These retreats are for young adults aged 18-30. We bring together like-minded individuals and groups from all over the West Coast (and beyond) to unite for a long weekend of amazing activities, great speakers, fantastic music, and more coffee and food than you'll know what to do with. Join in the many activities of camp or if you'd rather simply hang out with friends and meet some new people we've got plenty of space for that as well. Reconnect with your friends and rekindle your relationship with God in a place free of distractions and surrounded by His creation.

# Learning & Serving Together

## Financial Peace University

Ready to find peace with your money?

Do you ever feel stuck with your money?

Maybe you're living paycheck to paycheck. Or there's tension with your spouse every time money comes up. Or maybe you feel like you're "doing okay," but you know you could be doing better. Everyone has felt stressed by money at some point—but the good news is, it doesn't have to be that way! Our church is hosting a Financial Peace University (FPU) class starting the first week of April, and I'd love for you to join! Over nine weeks, we're going to walk step by step through the biblical principles of handling money so you can experience real peace with your finances.

You'll learn:

- How to budget (and stick to it)
- How to pay off debt
- How to invest for the future

We want to be known as a church that honors God with our finances - and FPU is a safe, judgment-free place where all of us can become better stewards of God's money together. So wherever you are with your finances, this is for you! Get more information and sign up for the class today! A sign up sheet is posted on the information table in the church foyer. For more information, contact Aaron York at [awnjy83@gmail.com](mailto:awnjy83@gmail.com) or (530) 417-4757.

Cost is \$30 per person – if this is prohibitive in your budget, scholarships are available.

### March Property Day

Saturday, March 7th

We start at 9 am.

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Your help is appreciated  
any day of the week.

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

### Men's Breakfast

Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup> 8 am, Rm 8

Open to men 16ish and up.

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

Hope to see you there.

Breakfast is done by 9:00  
if you are joining the work crew for  
building and grounds maintenance.  
Contact Bruce Metzler if you have  
any questions at 805-550-3434

# March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<b>1</b> 9:30am Worship & Communion 11:00am Worship-Holy Communion 12:00pm Youth Group 5:00pm Chili Cook-Off	<b>2</b> 11:00am Bells Rehearsal 6:00pm Cross Traffic Practice	<b>3</b> 10:00am Bible Study	<b>4</b> 12:00pm Pastor Prayer Lunch 6:00pm Lenten Soup Suppers 6:00pm Worship Team
<b>8 **Spring Forward**</b> 9:30am Worship 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Youth Group	<b>9</b> 11:00am Bells Rehearsal 1:00pm Global & Community Missions 6:00pm Cross Traffic Practice	<b>10</b> 10:00am Bible Study 11:30am People's Kitchen	<b>11</b> 9:00am Knit a Scarf 6:00pm Lenten Soup Suppers 6:00pm Worship Team
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<b>29 Palm Sunday</b> 9:30am Worship 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Youth Group	<b>30</b> 11:00am Bells Rehearsal 1:00pm Literacy Group 6:00pm Cross Traffic Practice 7:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>31</b> 10:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>1</b> 6:00pm Worship Team

# March 2026

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5	6 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	7 8:00am Men's Breakfast 9:00am Property Day 8:00pm A.A. Speakers
12	13 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	14 9:00am Dress A Girl Workshop
19	20 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	21 9:00am Women @ Saint John's – Functional Fitness with Heidi
26	27 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 4:30pm Optimist Club Extravaganza Set-up	28 11:00am Optimist Club Annual Quarter Extravaganza
2 7:00pm Maundy Thursday	3 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 7:00pm Good Friday	4 8:00am Men's Breakfast 9:00am Property Day 8:00pm A.A. Speakers

## MARCH 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 9     Psalm 9  
 Mo Mar 2    Gen 41    **Mark 1**  
 Tu Mar 3    Gen 42    **Mark 2**  
 We Mar 4    Gen 43    **Mark 3**  
 Th Mar 5    Gen 44    **Mark 4**  
 Fr Mar 6    Gen 45    **Mark 5**

Week 10    Psalm 10  
 Mo Mar 9    Gen 46    **Mark 6**  
 Tu Mar 10    Gen 47    **Mark 7**  
 We Mar 11    Gen 48    **Mark 8**  
 Th Mar 12    Gen 49    **Mark 9**  
 Fr Mar 13    Gen 50    **Mark 10**

Week 11     Psalm 11  
 Mo Mar 16    Josh 1     **Mark 11**  
 Tu Mar 17    Josh 2     **Mark 12**  
 We Mar 18    Josh 3     **Mark 13**  
 Th Mar 19    Josh 4     **Mark 14**  
 Fr Mar 20    Josh 5     **Mark 15**

Week 12     Psalm 12  
 Mo Mar 23    Josh 6     **Mark 16**  
 Tu Mar 24    Josh 7     **Phil 1**  
 We Mar 25    Josh 8     **Phil 2**  
 Th Mar 26    Josh 9     **Phil 3**  
 Fr Mar 27    Josh 10    **Phil 4**

Week 13     Psalm 13  
 Mo Mar 30    Josh 11    **Heb 1**  
 Tu Mar 31    Josh 12    **Heb 2**  
 We Apr 1     Josh 13    **Heb 3**  
 Th Apr 2     Josh 14    **Heb 4**  
 Fr Apr 3     Josh 15    **Heb 5**



# **Women@ Saint John's**

## **Functional Fitness with Heidi**

Thanks to all the Saint John's women who joined us for Valentine Bunco last month. We are excited to announce our March event and preview what's coming in April and May.

All women are invited to join us on Saturday, March 21st at 9:00 a.m. for another functional fitness class led by local Zumba and Barre instructor, Heidi Mangiardi. This class is free but free-will donations will be accepted, which will help support our April and May events. We will also be hanging out afterwards to chat and enjoy some healthy snacks. This class is low-impact, performed to music, and can be customized for all fitness levels. Sign-up at the Connect Center in the Commons or email Sarah at [sdeyoung4@gmail.com](mailto:sdeyoung4@gmail.com). Please bring a healthy snack to share.

In April, we are planning to host a charity baby shower for the families being served by Lifeline Pregnancy Center paired with a fun spring craft activity. And in May we are partnering with our local continuation high school (Lopez) to provide a "spa day" for students attending their senior prom later that evening. And maybe some more Bunco nights! We welcome your ideas and suggestions as well as your participation.

## **Dress a Girl**

Our next Dress a Girl Workshop will be Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 2 pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you love to sew, this is the ministry for you! If you don't love to sew or you don't know how, this is the ministry for you! Sewing is of course a big part of what we do, but there are so many other things that need to be done in preparation to sew, that anyone can do, we always like to welcome anyone to help out, Who knows? You just might decide that you want to do some sewing too, and we are glad to teach you. Call or text Pam, 805-710-7941 for more info.

## **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 March, we meet on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Talk to Pam if you have questions. 805-710-7941

# Meet Redilyn Holladay

I'm Redilyn Holladay, Saint John's new Office Manager. Six years ago, my little family and I made the move from Ventura County to Arroyo Grande, and it has truly felt like coming home ever since. We've fallen in love with the small-town charm, the welcoming community, and the slower pace of life that makes Arroyo Grande so special. I'm a proud mom, a fun and supportive wife, and an outdoor enthusiast who enjoys soaking up the beauty of the Central Coast. I love all things food — especially desserts — and I'm always dreaming about our next travel adventure. In my spare time, you'll usually find me on full-time mom duty, happily juggling family life while keeping everything running smoothly behind the scenes. I'm incredibly grateful to be part of Saint John's Lutheran Church as the Office Manager. It's a blessing to serve such a wonderful community, and I look forward to meeting and working with each of you!



Redilyn lives close by with her husband, Brett and her three-year-old daughter, Cammie.

## March Birthdays & Anniversaries

Mel Gomez	3/2
Patti Crable	3/3
Jennifer Stowe	3/5
Kate York	3/7
Pam Glenn	3/14
Kerry Wood	3/17
Galen Rule	3/20
Carly Mase	3/26
Craig Mase	3/26
Susan Couture	3/29

Mark & Patti Crable	3/16
Ron & Kay Werner	3/17
Lester & Elizabeth Blank	3/19
Rick & Shar Terborch	3/29

### Prayers Needed

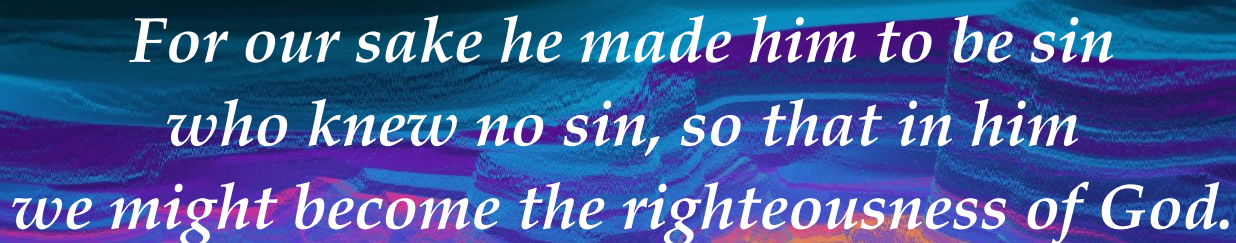
Continue praying for  
Sue, Louise, Kyle, Aiden, Elora, India,  
Bruce, Tim, Heidi, Morgan, Patrick, Judy,  
Julie, Daisy, Rocky, Anthony, Nick,  
Penny, Sandy, Crystal, Shar, Fiona,  
Travis, George, Kay, Emanda, Sean

# Council Highlights

Highlights from the February 16, 2026 Council meeting:

- Financial Peace University is coming to Saint John's! This nine session course allows one to look over their finances and to consider making decisions to improve the financial situation. Cost for each attendee is \$30.00. Council has approved partial funding for this course. Look over an announcement for the first session!
- The cell tower has been erected, and the church is receiving monthly rent. The cell tower is adjacent to the searain container. The lease agreement is for a five year period, with the opportunity to extend the lease agreement.
- Children's Center update: Licensing paperwork and documentation has been forwarded to the State of California. So the licensing process has begun. Council is anticipating this licensing process to take 3-6 months. If you have questions, please feel free to ask a Council member.
- Following a successful Council retreat, the Council has set the following goals for the year:
  - 1 Fully support the launch of the Saint John's Children's Center.
  - 2 Complete update of the human resource manual for church staff.
  - 3 Hire a Bookkeeper.
  - 4 Help the entire church "experience family" with deeper personal connections through small groups.
  - 5 Help the entire church discover their gifts for ministry and get involved in serving at Saint John's.

## March Memory Verse



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2 Corinthians 5:21

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