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SAINT JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Little Church with a Big Heart

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Pastor's Page

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8

June is a season of transitions. As the school year winds down, summer is coming fast. As different programs and groups around the church come offline, it's a great time to reflect on what God is saying to us as a congregation.

Last month, we had a whole bunch of folks join the family. We even got to do five baptisms. What a thrill! Many of you have been praying for God to bring younger families to Saint John's for years. Thank you, Lord. You can find all the new member's names and info on page 13. Be sure to welcome them and encourage them as they get more involved at Saint John's.

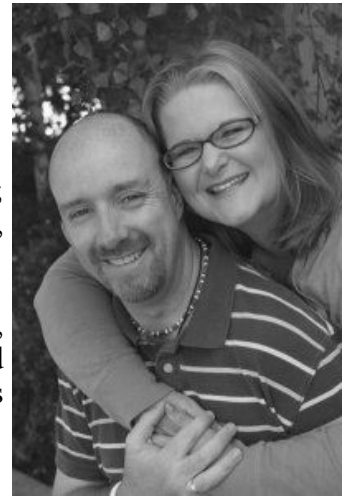
This month, we celebrate with three students as they Confirm their Faith on Sunday, June 4th. And, thank you Jesus, one of them is my precious daughter. Be praying for these young ladies as they take this step of faith and become adult members of the church. I'm told there will be cake. Don't miss it.

On Sunday, June 11th, we celebrate all the graduates. It's an important day to pray for them and honor their efforts. You can see their names on page 13. I'm told there will be cake here too. Don't miss it.

With so many changes afoot at Saint John's, it's important for us to invite the Holy Spirit to teach us how to pray and listen together. On Pentecost Sunday, June 4th, we remember the power and presence of God's Holy Spirit in our midst. Then, we'll study God's Word together and learn about the Power of Prayer. June is going to be a wonderful time to be in the family together for worship.

Change is not easy, so I invite you to keep praying and listening. What is God calling us to adapt, so that we can continue to be a place that welcomes younger folks?

One change we're making on that front is with our Vacation Bible School (VBS) in August. In order to accommodate working families, we'll be holding our VBS Friday through Sunday, rather than Monday through Friday. Check out Cindi's page for more info on how you can get involved in the VBS fun. God is so faithful in guiding us. I know he has big plans for this little church with a big heart.



SLO Blues Baseball

Sunday, June 11th

Take me out to the ball game! Come and enjoy a great time of fun with your church family. We'll go out and see the SLO Blues play at 1pm on Sunday, June 11th. You can buy tickets ahead of time or on that day at the park. Cost for tickets: 65+ Seniors, Military & Students \$5, General Admission \$8, 12 years & under Free. There's no assigned seating to worry about so we can all sit together and have a ball. Talk to Adrienne or Cal for more info.



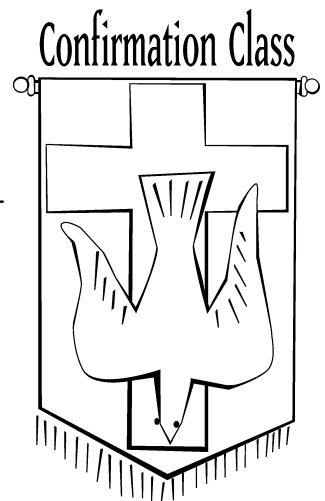
Confirmation Sunday

June 4th

We are so proud of our three Confirmands. We'll be celebrating with them as they confirm their faith at the 9am Gathering. They'll be sharing their Confirmation Verses and Statements of Faith. Watch for those Creeds in future Eagle Newletters. Be praying for them as they take this step and become adult member at Saint John's.

Meghan Reilly
Kamryn Villanti
Lydia Wallace

Congratulations to these faithful young ladies and to their families.



Sunday School & VBS

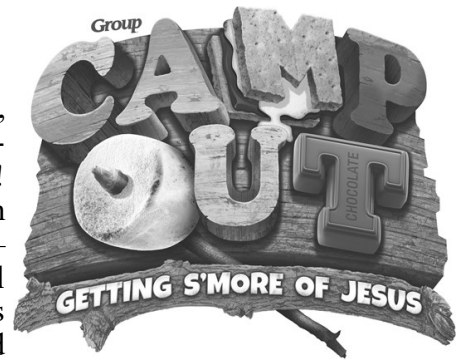


Sunday School Party Sunday June 11th

Make sure your kids are here during the regular Sunday School hour on June 11th. We'll celebrate with the Bible Bucks store, raffle ticket drawings, and fun games as we wrap up another great year of Sunday School. Don't miss it



Don't miss our weekend VBS this summer at Saint John's, August 4-6. At Camp Out VBS, kids trek through an outdoor adventure—minus the bug spray and lack of sleep! Kids will experience God's Word in surprising and fun ways! Each day, leaders reinforce one simple Bible truth—which makes it easy for kids to remember and apply to real life! We'll do this through Bible exploration, wilderness games, camp fire, projects with a purpose, worship, and more. Together we'll kindle friendships as we unpack our theme verse *John 8:12: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."*



Friday 5-7 pm join us around the camp fire, includes dinner. Parents and families are encouraged to stay and join us for a fun filled evening. Please help us make sure we have enough food and include the number attending dinner on your registration sheet. Saturday we are back at it again from 9 am - 4 pm with lunch provided. Sunday morning kids will help lead worship at 9 am.

Camp Out VBS is open to kids ages pre-K through 6th grade. Registration forms are available in the church office, on the church website, or by emailing cindi@saintjohnsag.com

Of course, Volunteers are absolutely necessary for the success of VBS! Age ranges for volunteering is from 7th grade up to adults of all ages. We need help before (lots of prep), during (directly with kids and behind the scenes), and after the weekend. To be one of our amazing Volunteers, please find the volunteer registration form in the church office or on the church website. For children of volunteers, we also offer child care from birth thru Pre-K. Please let us know you ASAP if you will need child care. You can also help by donating specific items. We'll begin collecting supplies in July!, and bring a friend!



Youth Group News

Want to get involved?
Contact Rob Mees at rob@saintjohnsag.com

College Night Every Wednesday 5:30 pm - 8 pm 5:30 pm - 6 pm: Dinner 6 pm - 7 pm: Bible Study 7 pm - 8 pm: Games	Youth Night Every Sunday 5:30 pm - 8 pm 5:30 pm - 6 pm: Dinner-Prep 6 pm - 6:30 pm: Dinner 6:30 pm - 8 pm: Bible Study & Games
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On behalf of the Youth & Youth Committee of Saint John's, I want to thank everyone for their donations of auction items, time, and money which made our fundraiser this year a marvelous time and a fantastic success.

Looking forward to the end of May & June, we have lots of fun planned including celebrating our Confirmands on June 4th and our High School Graduates on June 11th. We're going to end the month with our Summer Trip to Catalina Island which the fundraiser made possible. Keep your eyes and ears open for announcements regarding VBS which will begin on August 4th this year. Some things are changing this year, but our commitment to the children and teens of this church and community at large is stronger than ever. -Rob Mees

Jr. & Sr. High School Summer Trip: June 19th - 23rd
Our students will learn about God's wondrous creation with talks about Marine Biology and chances every day to swim & snorkel around Catalina Island.



Check out the boat we'll be living on for a week.
mountainandsea.org/enhydra

Make a Difference



Five Cities Food Ministry: Bring your Contributions to the wagon in the Commons that is waiting to be filled. Call Joanne, Food Coordinator for Five Cities Food Ministry, 270-4218.

People's Kitchen: Everyday at noon, a meal is served indoors at Pacific Christian Center in Grover Beach. The host church will lead a worship time before the meal. Saint John's is the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Call Linda McNair or Peggy Droste , for more information.



W.H.A.M. (World Hunger Awareness Month)

Congratulations, Saint John's, for sharing our bounty with those who are most needy locally and in Arua, Uganda! Through our W.H.A.M. effort \$2,255 was collected to be divided between the 5 Cities Christian Women's Food Pantry and the ZOZU Project to support Solid Rock Christian School. Since some of you designated where you want the donation to go, the proceeds are being divided as follows:

\$892.50 Food Pantry

\$1,337.50 ZOZU Project

\$25.00 People's Kitchen

In addition, 311 cans or packages of food were donated to the Food Pantry through W.H.A.M.

Your efforts are very much appreciated.
Social Outreach Services Team

Summer Music

Summer Anthems

It's that time of year again -- Heavenly Handbells and Chancel Choir will take a summer break from June 25 through September 3. That means we'll have 10 Sundays with opportunities for individuals or groups to offer an Anthem for our Sunday worships. This can be a solo, group song, vocal or instrumental piece.

A sign-up sheet is posted on the white board in the Choir Room, or you can email me at shoyelb@att.net, or call me at 474-8240 if you'd like to play and/or sing. I pray you'll consider offering your musical talents to enrich our worship!

We'll repeat our Annual All-Ukulele Sunday on August 13 at 10:00 a.m. (a combined worship that morning), so Songfest will offer the Anthem that morning. Come dressed in your Hawaiian finest, and be prepared to worship the Lord accompanied by the sweet tones of our own ukulele orchestra.

Thanks in advance for contributing to this part of our music ministry!

-- Shari Bowman, Coordinator of Music Ministries

Handbell Choirs

It's been a terrific spring season for both Heavenly Handbells as well as Cross & Clef. Many thanks to both groups of ringers for their commitment to this music ministry: Kathy Lindstaedt, Mona Hart, Sandy Varley, Pam Webster, Sandy Lebens, JoAnn Lindstaedt, Karen Correll, Lydia Wallace, Mary Barrette, Megan Winterberg and Thomas Lindstaedt. In January, Mary retired from Bells, and Megan went out on maternity leave, welcoming their first child Olivia! In mid-March, Lydia began with us and is learning quickly.

Heavenly Handbells played their final piece in May on Mother's Day Sunday, and Cross & Clef will close our season at the June 11 worship.

As you've noticed, we've made a change in Cross & Clef. Rather than playing each month, C&C will now play at selected times. This spring C&C played for Palm Sunday as well as Maundy Thursday worships, and will close the season in June as several of the Heavenly Handbell players will be traveling at that time.

Heavenly Handbells will begin their fall season by changing rehearsals to Thursdays at 5:00 p.m., beginning August 30th. This change will make all of our music ministry rehearsals on the same evening, as the Worship Team is at 6:00 p.m., followed by Chancel Choir at 6:30 p.m.

Can you count to 4? Do you know your colors? Then you can play bells -- it's that easy!! And our rehearsals are so much fun -- just ask any bell ringer. Consider joining our ranks this fall -- we already have another youth who's expressed interest and are so grateful.

-- Shari Bowman, Heavenly Handbells Director

Spirited 50's

**SPIRITED 50'S
SATURDAY
JUNE 10, 2017,
6:00 P.M.**

Thanks go to Sandy and Frank Lebens for a fun and interesting evening. Our group started out socializing and discussing many different subjects while sipping some Lutheran coffee. The theme for the evening was red, white, and blue in preparation for our upcoming Memorial Day celebration. The Lebens provided a delicious desert of strawberries over cake. We then broke up into groups of four to play a word game of "Scattergories". Each group competed against each other and the group coming up with the most categories were determined the winner. There was some stretching of the imagination to come up with some of the categories. At the end of the evening everyone went home with a prize.

Next month June 10 @ 6:00 P.M. our group will be meeting again. We have one host so far but we have not come up with the program at this time, so keep your ears open and your eyes looking for an update.

Looking forward to 2017, I have a couple of programs I would like to present if I can obtain the right individuals to present the topic for them.

In 2017 we will need hosts or hostesses for the year. **IF YOU CAN HOST PLEASE LET ME KNOW.** I know you want to meet and enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow Christian brothers and sisters. So step forward and be a host/hostess. With out your help we won't meet. Please think about hosting so we don't miss our opportunities to gather. The host sign up sheet for 2017 is posted on the bulletin board, and is located adjacent to the phone in the entrance hall to the Fellowship Hall. Please either sign the Host sign up sheet or call Frank Drake at 343-2200. Please consider hosting twice a year, and try to limit hosts to two couples, or 4-5 people, so we'll have plenty of hosts to share the fun time.

We have posted several suggested activities on the bulletin board so the hosts would have some type of activity to choose from if they did not have one they would like to present. You'll find the suggested activity list posted in our area. If you can not make a decision as to what the program will be, ask Frank Drake for help.

Remember there really isn't anyone too young or too old to join us and enjoy the fellowship period we have together. If you have not attended our gatherings you do not know what you have missed. It's light and fun time. Come and find out for yourself.

In HIS Service, FRANK DRAKE





Women's Ministry

Women's Fellowship

The mission of the Women's Ministry is to serve the congregation and the community with love and fellowship, with the Holy Scriptures as the final authority in all matters.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Taco/Bingo Fundraiser on Saturday May 20. A very special thanks to all the lovely women who pitched in to bring and prepare food, serve, clean-up, provide prizes and coordinate the games. All the proceeds benefit WHAM.

Please come to the final potluck luncheon meeting on Wednesday June 14 at noon. Election of officers will be the main order of business. Louise Frye and Ethel Lenz will continue as President and Vice-President, but there is a need for a secretary to replace Jan Straka, and a treasurer to replace Kay Werner. Rena will bring an entertaining and inspiring video for the program.

Please remember to bring new children's underwear and socks to church during the month of July. It is the month for our annual giving to the Children's Network Services.

It is not too early to start cleaning out closets and drawers to donate your gently used items to our Annual White Elephant Sale. The weekend will be Friday and Saturday October 6 and October 7.

Thank You from the Board of Directors:
Louise Frye, Ethel Lenz, Jan Straka, Kay Werner, and Rena Weiger.

Fellowship

As you know, Senior Luncheons are held the 4th Tuesday of each month at 12 Noon in Oui-mette Hall, January through October. We take a break each November and December for the holidays. For several years now, I've been leading singing after the luncheon, and when Myron retired he joined me. To have a better variety of music for our very special seniors, I've now asked others with musical talents to share in the musical portion and am so thrilled with the response. We are greatly blessed to have so many in our congregation who have wonderful musical abilities and a willingness to share them with others! So far, our schedule this year includes (I'll back-date to April): April, Greg on guitar; May, Janice & Myron on guitar and saxophone; June, Cal on guitar; July, Shari on piano; August, Cal leading his ukulele players; September, Louise on piano; and October to be determined. We'll remind you again later, but be sure to wear your Hawaiian finest for the August event. COME JOIN US!! It's a delicious full meal home-cooked by our wonderful kitchen crew, celebrations of birthdays, good music, funny stories, and terrific fellowship. Table donations support this ministry to our seniors as well as others in our neighborhood who also join us each month.

-- Shari Bowman, Coordinator of Music Ministries

Working Together

Sewing for Change

Dress a Girl Around the World
Saturday, August 26th 10 am - 3 pm



Imagine a world where every little girl owned at least one dress! What if that dress was made by you?

Help us change a life by sewing a simple dress for a girl in need. Come for the whole time or just a few hours. Whatever you can give will make a difference! Dress a Girl Around the World is a Campaign under Hope 4 Women International bringing dignity to women around the world since 2006. The gift of a dress helps girls to know that they are worthy and loved by God. Dresses through this ministry have been sent to 87 different countries.

Greg and Cindi have partnered with this ministry for many years now. We are excited to bring this new opportunity to Saint John's! We need people who can sew and people who can't! The dresses are made with a simple pattern and about a yard of fabric. There is lots of pinning, ironing, and other simple ways you can be involved if you don't sew. We will gather for a day of fellowship, lunch, and dress making. If you sew and can help with some preparations, *please let Cindi know, cindi@saintjohnsag.com*

For more information on the organization visit www.dressagirlaroundtheworld.com



Church Highlights

From the May Council Meeting

- ◆ Council decided to table the plans for solar power at this time. We are changing fluorescent lights to LED in Ouimette Hall.
- ◆ Boy Scouts are hoping to provide an Eagle Scout Project for Saint John's property. This request will be forwarded to the Property Team for recommendations and ideas.
- ◆ Pastor Greg taught on Fellowship, Discipleship and supporting one another so we can grow together as a church.

Apr. 30 152 May 7 195 May 14 161 May 21 172 May 28 NA

This, That, & Tidbits



ATTENDANCE

Please share any news of your household that would be a blessing for the congregation to celebrate, or help out.

Congratulations to recent graduates:



- ◆ JoAnn Lindstaedt - Biola University with degree Elementary Education
- ◆ Lydia Wallace - 8th grade at Coastal Christian School
- ◆ Meghan Reilly - 8th grade at Judkins Middle School
- ◆ John Belden - Nipomo High School
- ◆ Jamie Ormonde - Arroyo Grande High School
- ◆ Luke Valdes - New Tech High School



Join us June 11, as we celebrate our High School Graduates during Worship.

We look forward to continuing to watch these young men & women grow along their life path!

New Members

- ◆ Brent Berch (Kelly)
- ◆ Swede Johnson
- ◆ Gwen Munden
- ◆ Jason & Chelsea Perry; Elliot & Skylar
- ◆ Mark & Chrissy Ravera; Lucca, Nicco, Miriam





June



1 SHELLEY MALCOLM

4 JAMIE ORMONDE,
THOMAS WINTERBERG

5 CINDI WALLACE

8 DAVID CARLSON

11 KURTIS LIMBO

14 CAMILLE PENNINGROTH,

15 KASI HAMPTON

16 BROOKE SCHULTZ

18 STAN ROBERTS

19 YVONNE STEPHENS

20 BRIAN CHURCH,

21 CHERYL PRICE, JAN STRAKA

24 KIMBERLY MARTIN

26 DAVID GOODWIN,
BOB KLINKENBERG

29 RICHARD DROSTE, RICK TERBORCH

30 DEAN LIMBO

3 JIM & JOAN MCBAIN

4 GLENN & SANDY LEGGETT

4 MYRON & SHARI BOWMAN

10 FRANK & SANDY LEBENS

DENNIS & JANEY HARSCH

GARRY & DONNA GILLETTE

14 MIKE & CHERYL APFEL

16 BRIAN & JILL CHURCH

20 ED & DIANNA MURASKI

SEAN & JANICE BORJA

24 GREG & CINDI WALLACE

25 KENT & CAMILLE PENNINGROTH



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