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New Worship Schedule 9:30 am Contemporary Worship & KidsChurch 11:00 Traditional Worship

Pastor's Page

"Where there is no vision, the people perish" Proverbs 29:18 (King James Version)

I always loved this proverb. It's been on many public courthouses over the years. It speaks to a common community need for shared vision and partnership.

Vision is so important. After a lifetime of perfect seeing eye vision, I now need reading glasses. It just got too frustrating to try and read when my arms just weren't long enough. I realized I was reading my Bible less because I didn't want to deal with my vision slipping. So, I bit the bullet and now carry my 1.5 magnification "cheaters" with me everywhere I go. It's made such a difference. I can actually read again! Hallelujah.



A congregation needs proper vision as well. We need to see where God is calling us next. Vision tells us where we're headed and gives us a sense of how to get there.

The above proverb reads a little differently in our NRSV Pew Bibles: "Where there is no prophecy, the people cast off restraint".

The word for "vision" and "prophecy" is the word chazon (khaw-zone'). It sounds a bit like the delicious pizza alternative "calzone", but not quite. The word usually means a divine vision given by God for a people at a specific time and place. When the prophets of old spoke on God's behalf, it was Word for that moment, just in time, when they needed it most.

This fall, we'll be praying together about the vision of Saint John's. Where are we going? What are we called to do? Who are we called to reach?

This Kingdom vision isn't something I've brought with me. I have a piece of it for sure, but we need to sort this out as a family. We need God's reading glasses as we study the scriptures together. We need ears that can hear what the Spirit is saying to his church. The consequences of not having a vision are too great. As the proverb says, people will perish, they will cast off restraint. We see that all around us in our culture. Everyone thinks they know what's best.

I hope you'll pray with me over this fall as we seek God's divine word for us in the here and now. We know we're called to love and make disciples as a family, but how are we going to do that?

Visioning with you,

Greg, greg@SaintJohnsAG.com



Fellowship

Camp Fire Sing-a- long With Sonny Salsbury Sunday, Sept. 24th at 5pm

Join us at the campfire ring at Saint John's for a wonderful time of praise and fellowship. Sonny Salsbury will be leading us. We'll have S'mores ready for the fire. The fun

starts at 5pm. Sonny will have a table with CDs to buy and we'll receive a special offering for his ministry. Bring a friend.

Sonny Salsbury Concert Labor Day Weekend Sunday, Sept. 3rd at 3pm Sea Canyon Fruit Ranch

If you can't get enough of Sonny this month, he's putting on a full concert at Sea Canyon Fruit Ranch (2345 Sea Canyon Rd in SLO). He'll have some other musicians to back him up in this beautiful outdoor amphitheater. Watch for details.

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Dear Sisters in Christ,

Our Women's Bible / Book Study group will be starting up again on Thursday, September 7th, at 6:00 pm at Kerry Wood's house.

We will finish up Book 1 of a 3 book series by James Bryan Smith, "The Good and Beautiful God, Falling in Love with the God Jesus Knows" and then continue with Book 2, "The Good and Beautiful Life, Putting on the Character of Christ". Books will be available for \$10



Women's Bible Study

This is a wonderful time for new people to join us - all are welcome - in learning to identify false narratives (stories/sayings) about God and learning the truth from Jesus. Thinking about what is true changes our minds, our beliefs, and our actions. "The most important thing you can think, is what you think about God!" Come and see if you really know who He is. Be transformed by His truth and enjoy spending time with your sisters in Christ.

In His Service, Kerry Wood

KidsChurch



Beginning in September, on the **1st Sunday** each month kids will remain in worship for the whole time for our Family Worship. **KidsChurch** will run concurrent with 9:30 worship on the other Sundays with our dedicated teachers. Kids will begin in worship and then be dismissed following a few songs and kids blessing. On the **5th Sundays** kids will focusing on serving others. We have some amazing kids here at Saint John's! We can't wait to bring others into our family as we encounter God, encourage one another and engage the world around us to love as Jesus loves.



Save the weekend of September 22-23 to be a part of our Saint John's booth. We need lots of help and friendly faces. Watch for more information and sign up for a time slot on Sunday mornings.

First Communion

We will be holding First Communion Classes on September 10th from 11 am - 1:30 pm. Parents, please plan to join us for the last half hour from 1:00-1:30 pm. This class is open to all kids 2nd grade and older. As parents you know your kid best and when they are ready for this instruction. Lunch will be provided. Kids will receive their official first communion on Sunday, September 17. To sign up or if you would like help discerning if the time is right for your child, please talk with Pastor Greg or Cindi.

Save the Date - Sunday, October 29! Sunday morning is Reformation Sunday. We'll celebrate 500 years of our Lutheran heritage during worship and give Bibles to our kids in 3rd grade. Any older kids who never received one will also get one that morning. Later that night we'll have our first trunk or treat with lots of fun and games for all!

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Youth Group News

To RSVP, Volunteer or Ask Questions for any Youth Event Contact Rob Mees at rob@saintjohnsag.com

College Night
Every Monday 6 pm - 9 pm
6 pm - 7 pm: Dinner

7 pm - 9 pm: Bible Study & Games

Youth Night
Every Sunday 6 pm - 8 pm
6 pm - 7 pm: Dinner

7 pm - 8 pm: Bible Study & Games

I was just notified that September is basically already here. But that means school is back in session and October is next. And after that Thanksgiving and then Chirstmas! Maybe I'm getting a little ahead of myself. I'm already planning out what the youth are going to do next summer so I do try to look toward the future.

LAN Party on September 8

Speaking of the future we have some great events planned for September. We have had such a great response to our LAN Parties that we are going to start doing them monthly starting with our **LAN Party on September 8 from 6pm - 9pm**. For those of you who wonder what that means LAN stands for Local Area Network...well that probably didn't help. Suffice it to say that we are going to play video games all night.

Pizza Party Sept. 13

We have a lot of new faces in the church and one particular couple has recently opened up a new pizza place where the old Round Table Pizza was by Smart and Final. It's called **The Slice: Pizza & Games** and they want to host a **free dinner** for all the children and youth of Saint John's on **Wednesday September the 13th from 5pm -7pm**.

Parent Informational Meeting Sunday Sept. 17th

Finally in order to make sure all the parents are on the same page with what we have planned for the kids and youth at Saint John's we are planning on having a **Parent Informational**Meeting on Sunday September the 17th. (Time TBA) We will talk about what we have planned for the next year including big event dates like Winter Camps and the big Summer Trip. We have lots of great things planned to help the youth grow their faith, strengthen their character, and have a little fun in the process too.

Make a Difference





Five Cities Food Ministry

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

Ministry,

People's Kitchen

Every day 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.



Global Missions Festival October 21st & 22nd

We are honored to have the Rev. Dr. Bemechis Buba as our guest speaker both days.

Saturday will run from Noon to 3 PM. Rev. Dr. Buba will fan our flame for missions work both here at home and abroad. In between the talks we will break for lunch. We plan to extend invitations to some of our local congregations, as well as people from the NALC. Our focus will center on: Bangladesh, Slovakia, ZOZU, China, Wycliffe & World Mission Prayer League. If you aren't acquainted with these mission fields, come and learn.

On the 22nd we will only have one Worship Gathering at 10 AM where Rev. Dr. Buba will preach. It will be followed by a social time in Ouimette Hall where everyone can learn more about Saint Johns' different missions outreach opportunities.

We also want to let you know we have a new chairperson, Rob Mees. Rob was willing to step up when Jeff Metcalfe needed to step down. Our mission remains the same, BRINGING CHRIST TO THE WORLD. Come join us and help spread the Word.

Up Coming Events



Westmont Concert Sept. 11

Westmont College is coming to Saint John's on Sunday, September 17th at 3 pm to perform a concert. It will be an afternoon full of spiritual music featuring Michael Shasberger, a baritone and Westmont professor of music and worship, and Jeong-ah Ryu, a world-renowned pianist, performing Brahms, Purcell, Dvorak, Telemann & Ives. Come join us for a fabulous musical afternoon and bring a friend!







9:30 am Contemporary Worship & KidsChurch
10:00 am Adult Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship



September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
27 9:30 AM Worship 10:00 AM Adult Sunday Class 11:00 AM Worship 6:00 PM Youth Night	28 9:00 AM Arroyo Quilting 10:30 AM O.A. Mtg 1:00 PM Literacy 6:00 PM Stephen Min.	29 9:00 AM Crossways 2:00 PM Undercover R 5:30 PM Celebration Chorus 6:15 PM AA Mtg.
3 9:30 AM Worship-Holy Communion 10:00 AM Adult Sunday Class 11:00 AM Worship-Holy Communion 3:00 PM Sonny Salsbury Concert - See Cyn Fruit Ranch 6:00 PM Youth Night	4 Labor Day OFFICE CLOSED 10:30 AM O.A. Mtg Office Closed Today	5 7:30 AM Men @ Lebens' 9:00 AM Crossways 2:00 PM Undercover R 5:30 PM Celebration Chorus 6:15 PM AA Mtg.
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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 8:00 AM Al-Anon 6:00 PM College Night	31 9:00 AM Arroyo Quilting 10:00 AM Organist Rehearsal 1:00 PM Literacy 2:00 PM Undercover R 5:00 PM Heavenly Handbells 6:00 PM Worship Team Rehearsal 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Property Comm	1 OFFICE CLOSED 9:00 AM Arroyo Knitting	2 9:00 AM Property Day 8:00 PM A.A. Speakers
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Spirited 50's

SPIRITED 50'S SATURDAY Sept. 9th, 2017, 6:00 pm

I want to thank our hosts for our September gathering Betty Hanson, Jerry DeVos and Frank Drake. We were a small but joyful group as we fellowshipped together before and during our desert period of cake and ice cream, and during our game time of Bingo. I believe just about everyone was a winner who were able to select a small prize to take home. Thank you for coming.

SEPTEMBER 9 AT 6:00 P.M. We'll be gathering in the Ouimette Hall to finish the program that my daughter Julie presented at our March gathering concerning the Holocaust. She essentially completed the Holocaust presentation but ran out of time concerning the rest of her visit to Israel. This month she will return to continue with her visit to Israel. Please either sign the sign up sheet posted on the entrance hall to Ouimette Hall of call Frank Drake at 343-2200. If I don't answer please leave a message and I'll return your call.

Looking forward to the remainder of 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. We need hosts for the months of October, November and December to finish this year.

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 Ouimette 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.





Women's Ministry

White Elephant & Bake Sale Friday & Saturday - October 6th & 7th

Hours of the sale: Friday October 6th- 8:00 AM- 1:00 PM & Saturday

October 7th 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Clothing: We are only accepting Jackets, Coats, Cardigan Sweaters and shoes. Items must be clean, without tears or rips.

What to Donate: household items, glassware/china, antiques, sporting goods, tools, garden equipment, jewelry, purses, linens, holiday items, books, tapes, CDs, games, toys, small electrical items and appliances and small pieces of furniture. ALL ITEMS MUST BE IN

WORKING CONDITION!!

What not to Donate: Large pieces of furniture, magazines, textbooks, wall cabinet, cosmetics, lotions, and perfumes (even if unopened).

When to Donate: Bring donations to Ouimette Hall on Monday 10/2 thru Thursday 10/5.

No donations can be accepted after Thursday!

Volunteers: We need your help in the following ways:

Setting up Ouimette Hall on Sunday 10/1 after 1st service.

Help with unpacking, pricing and staging articles, Mon-Thur 8:30 - 1:00.

Cashiers and Floor Workers on Fri and Sat for the sale.

Let Elizabeth Blank know if you can help with the Bake Sale.

Help with cleaning up the hall after the sale closes on Saturday.

Men - need your help with set up and selling in the Man Cave.

Rena Weiger & Kay Werner - White Elephant & Bake Sale Co-Chairs + + + + + + + + + +

Fall Greetings the ladies of Women's Ministry Please come and Join us for our Annual September Kickoff Potluck Luncheon.

Wonen's Fellowship

Carroll, and Rena Weiger

Date & Time: Wednesday September 13, 12:00 Noon

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Location: **Ouimette Hall**. Please bring a main dish or salad. The board will furnish the dessert and beverages. Come and get excited about the calendar of events for the 2017-2018 year. Wednesday September 20, 10:00 A.M. the women will be gathering in Ouimette Hall to prepare the LWR kits. Thanks to Jan, Ethel, and Roseann for their help in coordinating the materials and the event. Save up your items for the upcoming White Elephant Sale scheduled for Friday and Saturday October 6 & 7, chaired by Rena Weiger and Kay Werner. Thank You from the Women's Ministry Board: Louise Frye, Ethel Lenz, Roseann

Working Together





Kerry Wood



Our Driver, Jeff Metcalfe



Alan Kaloian



Jean & Merlin Wilson

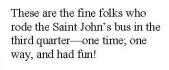
Hearty Thanks to our 3rd Quarter Transportation Volunteers!



Greg & Lydia Wallace



Jan & Emil Straka



Did they really have fun? Ask them and see! And then try it

yourself. Reservations are now being taken for fourth quarter



Kay Werner & Ethel Lenz



Rena & Bob Weiger

It's easy! Ask any of these people, including camera shy Edna Peterson, a volunteer not shown here.

cabin attendants.



Robert & Janice Gonzales



Cheryl Price



Dorothy Meyer



Butch Droste



Church Highlights

Highlights from August 21 Council Meeting:

- 1. Greg led a devotion from Ephesians 4.
- 2. Council discussed congregational responses to the changes to Sunday morning programs. Feedback was positive.
- 3. Council approved the independent auditor's report and reviewed the audit's recommendations for Saint John's.
- 4. Using the Property Refurbishment Fund, the gas cooktop in kitchen will be replaced by Ruffoni's of Arroyo Grande.

Respectfully submitted, Cal Wood, Council Secretary

Something Old, Something New!

As many of you will recall, when we first built our new sanctuary, the area behind the organ was the Choir Loft. There were chairs for Choir members on each level, the Choir sang almost every Sunday and sat there during the entire service. Songfest was a small group standing on the altar platform (where the pulpit now stands), and Bells were in the far left corner (where Songfest now stands). When Vivian started growing the Bell choir, it was decided that the Choir could stand in the middle of the altar platform to sing, allowing them to sit with their families the remainder of the service. So the Bells then moved to the Choir Loft, and Songfest moved to the old Bell area. Well, we're growing and changing once again, and that's a great thing! Bells no longer need that much space, and Songfest is growing in numbers. So we've switched sides! MANY thanks to Rick Brewer for constructing the top step extension, which allows the drum set to be housed on the top area of the new side. And MANY thanks also to the band crew who spent the better part of a day making the physical move!! As a music staff, we're so grateful not only for the commitment of our players' and singers' time and talents, but especially for their flexibility in making our church areas work for our current needs. Each new day is a new day in Christ, and we thank Him for His many, many blessings!!

-- Shari Bowman, Coordinator of Music Ministries



This, That, & Tidbits

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

Dear Saint John's Members, I am very appreciative of the honor you bestowed on me for the time I spent as chair of the property committee at the August 13th Ukulele

Sunday service. I was overwhelmed with the thanks of so many and for the gift card. I personally want to thank the congregation as a whole for the continued support they provided me down through the years. I want to thank those that have helped by serving on the property committee who have showed their love for our congregation with all the hard work they contributed. I ask and pray that you continue to support Dave Goodwin as he takes the reins of the committee. In God's service Frank Drake



- - JACOB DAY
- FRED TUGGEY 4
- 8 JUDY HINES
- 11 DAWN DRYSDALE
- 14 ANTHONY SCHULTZ
- KENT PENNINGROTH 15
- **NOAH MARTIN** 17
- 18 SUSAN CARLSON,
- 20 ALAN KALOIAN, MEREDITH MALCOLM
- RILEY STEWART 21
- 24 SHERI BOWMAN, RENE MACIE,
- 25 DAKOTA HAWKS, NADYA MARCH
- 26 DUSTIN ROBERTS, LOUISE TAYLOR
- 27 ELLE TERBORCH
 - KRISTA BARRETTE
- 29 ANDREW WINTERBERG



- STAN & DELENE KECK
- TOM & JESSICA STEWART 3
- 5 **GENE & YVONNE STEPHENS**
- 9 CAL & KERRY WOOD
- 10 STEVE & LINDA CZIRAKI
- 15 CAROL & HOWARD KOLB
- 23 FRED & SHARLINE TUGGEY
- **BRECK & PRISCILLA THOMAS** 30



Prayer Ministry

Shari, Sharline, Dorothy, Trudy, Judy, Gwen, Emanda, Dakota, Susan, Jim Paul, Briella and our family members friends, and neighbors in need of healing an lifted spirits

October Newsletter

Deadline is September 15th

Thanks to all the volunteers who have been such a blessing to the office. It would be impossible without you!



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