

# SAINT JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

959 Valley Road  
Arroyo Grande, CA 93420  
Rev. Randy Ouimette, Pastor



**DECEMBER 27, 2015 – 10:00 A.M.**

**FIRST SUNDAY IN CHRISTMAS**

**LAY-LED CAROL SING WORSHIP**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Christmas**  
**December 27, 2015**  
*(Please silence your cell phones.)*

PRELUDE                                    **“Away in a Manger”**                                    by Wilbur Held

WELCOMES, REGISTRATION & PASSING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

OPENING CAROL                    **“Angels From the Realms of Glory”**  
Hymn # 275, vs. 1,4

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF THE DAY (all pray)

**Grant, almighty God, that the joyous birth of your Son in human flesh may set us free from the old bondage of sin; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CAROL                                    **“The First Noel”**                                    Hymn # 300, vs. 1, 3, 5

FIRST LESSON                                    Luke 2:29-35  
*Pew Bible pg. 833*

CAROL                                    **“O Come, All Ye Faithful”**                                    Hymn # 283, vs. 1, 4

SECOND LESSON                                    Luke 2:36-40  
*Pew Bible pg. 833*

REFLECTIONS                    **“What the Christ Child Means To Me”**  
Janice Goodwin

CAROL                    **“Angels We Have Heard On High”**                                    Hymn # 289, vs. 1, 2

REFLECTIONS                    **“What the Christ Child Means To Me”**                                    Tim Myer

CAROL                    **“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”**                                    Hymn # 288, vs. 1, 2

REFLECTIONS                    **“What the Christ Child Means To Me”**                                    Emil Straka

OFFERING & OFFERTORY                                    **“Pastorale”**                                    by Domenico Zipoli

OFFERTORY CAROL (RISE & SING) “**Away in a Manger**” Hymn # 277

PRAYERS OF GOD’S CHRISTMAS PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER (all pray)

BENEDICTION (rise)

CLOSING HYMN “**Joy To The World**” Hymn # 267, vs. 1, 4

Shari: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE “**God Rest You Merry Gentlemen**” by Kevin Norris



**OFFICE CLOSED** 12/24/15 re-opening on January 4, 2016.

**Classes Will Resume Sunday, January 10, 2016**

**SPECIAL CLASS FOR ALL AGES JANUARY 3, 2016**

**“Stages of a Child’s Spiritual Needs and Ministry Opportunity”**

**Led by Andrew Wood**

**11:15 am, Room 7/8**

# Announcements



Welcome to this **First Sunday in the 12 Day Season of Christmas**, and the final worship of the calendar year 2015. Please join us for coffee, Christmas cookies, and visiting after the service before going on your way this Lord's Day. First time guests, did you receive a welcome 'Six Bean Soup Ingredients' jar? If not please ask the ushers or greeters because this is not to miss!

**Pastor Randy and Patty left on Christmas Day for a 6 day visit to their son, Ryan, his wife Terilee and their children Grayson and Emory (plus "Oui 3" on the way!) in Calgary, Canada and will return to Arroyo Grande on New Year's Day.**

While Pastor Randy is away, in the event of an emergency and need for hospital visit or care please contact our Stephen Ministry Leader Robin Eiland, Shar TerBorch or Kerry Wood. For emergency Pastoral care please contact Pastor Patricia Muran 805-459-2362.

*Thank  
You*

**We thank the many of you who helped to make the Christmas Eve Candlelight services** so meaningful, and the Advent season so helpful in preparing for the Coming of Christ. Please take home your Poinsettia after worship, if you haven't already. Otherwise, we will enjoy them in worship January 3, the second Sunday in the 12 Days of Christmas!

**Next Sunday, Jan. 3 we gather at 10:00 AM for COMBINED WORSHIP**, Songfest leading the first half and organ leading us the second half. This is the 10th of the 12 days of the church Christmas season. This is the first Sunday of the new calendar year and we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion.



**LOOK! On Jan 3rd we will have a special combined Adult, Youth, and Parent Class Jan 3 @ 11:15 AM in Rm 7/8** and we welcome our young adult member Andrew Wood who is a student at Trinity Lutheran College in Everett, WA studying for his Youth and Family Ministry certificate in his B.A. degree. He will share with us his paper on child and youth development stages as it relates to spiritual growth and youth ministry.

**COME! HELP START OFF THE NEW YEAR!** Please join members Scott & Louise Taylor, at their home for a weekly study of God's Word facilitated by the DVD small group study titled **"Crazy Love" by Francis Chan**. The study starts Mon., Jan.11, 2016 from 1-2:15 pm. Meet at 880 Pearl Drive, Arroyo Grande 93420 (kitty-corner from Saint John's) at Valley Rd. & Leanna...



**Warming Center for the South County** - SOS is looking for **VOLUNTEERS!!** Can you help staff the Warming Center located in Arroyo Grande one day per week when the nights are cold? **The Warming Center is sponsored by People's Kitchen.** The Center will offer an evening meal, breakfast and shelter from the cold/wet winter nights. If you are interested or need more information, please contact Emanda Miller, 473-8127 or [ebm.cats@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ebm.cats@sbcglobal.net), or sign up on the Registration Sheet.

# YOUTH EVENTS

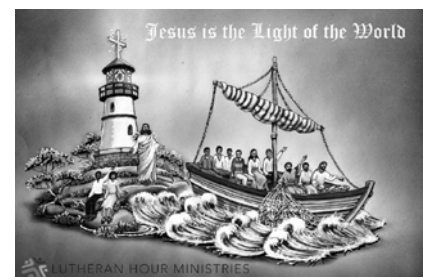
**FOR ALL YOUTH EVENTS:**

Sign up on back of Registration Sheet for more information or contact Rob Mees at (805) 489-1259 or at [rcmees@gmail.com](mailto:rcmees@gmail.com)

## Petal Pushers: Rose Parade Float Decoration

**When:** December 29th - January 1st.

1. Travel to Los Angeles on **Dec. 29th** and stay overnight at a local church.
2. **Dec. 30th and 31<sup>st</sup>**, go to Pasadena & decorate one of several Rose Parade Floats.
3. **Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>**, we will join the crowd and watch the Rose Parade.



**COST: \$25.00**

# Winter Camp is coming!



**High School: Jan 29th - 31st**

**Middle School: February 12th - 14th**

Spend a weekend in the mountains eating delicious food, playing fun games, making new friends, and learning about how we are all unique creations of our loving Father. Invite your friends!

**Cost: FREE**

## IN OUR HEARTS AND IN OUR PRAYERS.....

+ Our friends & family: Sandy V., Terri D., Axel, Garry, Ellie, Rick, Tom, Diane, Shari, Myron, Jan G., Edna, Wanita, Anita, Rilla, Tim, Sandy C., Kippey, Winnie, Charlotte, Marq, Karen, Del and Cathy, Russ & Betty, Ron, the Lindstaedt family & Kathy's mom JoAnn, Nancy Duty's family, the Ouimette family, the Council as they prepare for an Interim Pastor, the Call Committee in their renewed search for a pastor and Pastor Randy as he recovers prepares for retirement.

+ Pray for Saint John's congregation - patience, healing and discernment in the Pastoral call process.



Lord, Hear Our  
*Prayers*

## **This Week at Saint John's**

### **Sunday, December 27 – Pastor Randy on vacation**

10:00 am ..... Worship & Carol Sing

### **Monday, December 28 – OFFICE CLOSED - Pastor Randy on vacation**

### **Tuesday, December 29 – OFFICE CLOSED - Pastor Randy on vacation**

Rose Parade – Petal Pushers

5:30 pm ..... Celebration Chorus

6:15 pm ..... AA Meeting

### **Wednesday, December 30 - OFFICE CLOSED –**

**Pastor Randy on vacation**

Rose Parade – Petal Pushers

8:00 am ..... Al-Anon Meeting

### **Thursday, December 31 – OFFICE CLOSED - Pastor Randy on vacation**

Rose Parade – Petal Pushers

7:00 pm ..... Boy Scouts

### **Friday, January 1 – NEW YEAR'S DAY - OFFICE CLOSED**

**Pastor Randy on vacation**

Rose Parade – Petal Pushers

### **Saturday, January 2**

8:00 pm ..... AA Speakers



**Nursery Care** for Infant to Pre-K is located in the east wing across from the kitchen.  
 Pagers are available for parents.  
**The Cry Room** is located in the back of the Sanctuary.  
**Large Print Bulletins** are available from the Ushers.  
**Hearing Assisting Devices** are available at the Media Center.  
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GUEST ORGANIST	Kathy Wilding	ALTAR GUILD:	Ethel Lenz, Rena Weiger, Kay Werner
WORSHIP LEADER	Shari Bowman	GREETERS:	Patti & Stan Roberts, Ethel Lenz
LECTOR:	Mona Hart	GUEST BOOK:	Janey & Dennis Harsch, Jan & Emil Straka
USHERS:	Robert Gonzales, Glenn Leggett	HOSTS	***
ACOLYTES:		NURSERY CARE:	Michelle Mees
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			***Coffee available in Commons

***Our Mission is the Great Commission of our Lord to  
 "Go, make disciples of all nations,"  
 involving us in evangelism and discipleship.***