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Pastor's Page

The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. Ephesians 4:11-13



God is doing great things at Saint John's. It's so fun for me to watch how he molds and shapes people to serve well. People step up in times of need and God equips them for ministry. It would be hard to count all the hours of service that members give around Saint John's and in our community. Finding our ministry fit is so important. We want to serve in a manner that fits the unique way that God has fashioned us. This fall, we'll explore ministry together and see how God uses our Spiritual Gifts, Heart, Abilities and Experience (our S.H.A.P.E.) to grow the Kingdom. We'll equip each other to try new things and grow in faith.

This month is a big transition as our Youth Director, Rob Mees leaves us to take a post at Zion Lutheran in SLO. I love Rob and Michelle and I'm so thankful for this new opportunity. We'll miss them both. **We're having a farewell celebration on September 30th**, so be sure to join us.

Youth ministry is a critical growth area for us at Saint John's. When Cindi and I were considering coming to serve here, we were so impressed with the strong commitment you have to youth and children's ministry. My kids need a strong program and so do so many others. It's the key to a healthy future for Saint John's. I'm grateful that the Council has appointed Cindi Wallace to serve as our Interim Youth Director. She'll start this month making plans and recruiting volunteers. Be sure to come to the Parent Meeting on **September 9th** after the Chili Cook Off to learn more.

God has big plans to equip us all for ministry together. Thanks for answering the call.

Serving with you,
Greg

P.S. Let's do lunch at the Empty Bowls Fundraiser at Saint Patrick's on **Wednesday, September 26th**. I get to be a "Celebrity Server". It's going to be a special day to raise funds to help those in need in our community. (See page 17 for more info)

Up Coming Events



CHILI COOKOFF



Sunday, September 9th

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Ouimette Hall

15 Chili Contestants

People's Choice and Judges Awards

See the poster in the Commons for more information!

Bake Sale, Freewill Offering and a great time of fellowship with our church family!

Sonny Salisbury

Concert in the Commons

Saturday, September 22nd at 5pm

Beloved singer/song writer Sonny Salisbury will be sharing his musical gifts with us in Commons on Saturday, September 22nd at 5pm. He's down here from Washington for the weekend and his big concert at See Canyon on Sunday. The show is free and there will be a donation basket for Sonny's ministry and you can also purchase CD's.

Rob Mees Farewell

Sunday, September 30th

Be sure to join us in between our two Sunday gatherings on Sunday, September 30th as we say goodbye to Rob & Michelle Mees. Rob has served over four years as our Youth Director and Michelle has been so faithful in the Nursery. Feel free to bring a card and bless them for their work here among us. Rob will be serving at Zion Lutheran in San Luis Obispo. He and Michelle will be missed.

Up Coming Events

Finding Your S.H.A.P.E.

New Worship series starts September 9th

Join us in September for a new Worship series on finding your ministry fit. Many of you have been serving so well in so many positions for a long time. Some are ready for a change. Some want to get more plugged in. Together, we'll dive into God's plan to use our Spiritual gifts, Heart, Abilities, Personality and Experiences to expand his Kingdom. What's your S.H.A.P.E.? Who will you invite?

Thursday Night Women's Group

We start up again on September 6th. We will continue to study James Bryan Smith's Apprentice Series with the second book, "The Good and Beautiful Life". (We're on Chapter 9, page 153. Extra copies of the book are available.) Through this book, we will exam the false narratives of this world and discuss how we can let the Holy Spirit transform us as we look to Jesus' narratives to change our hearts and shape our character. Gatherings are from 6:00 to 7:00 pm at Kerry Wood's house . All women are welcome! Hope to see you there.

Global Missions Visit

Yang Guang

Sunday, September 23rd

We are so pleased to welcome Yang Guang to worship with us on September 23rd. Yang has been serve with our missionaries to China, Jeff and Mim Nellerroe. We'll hear an important update on our shared work China and pray for them as they serve.

Save the Dates

Bonfire Worship at the Beach

First Friday, September 7th 5:00 - 8:00 pm.

New Member Orientation

Saturday, October 20th at 9am

Shooter Response Training with A.G.P.D.

Saturday, October 20th at 2pm

Get Into The Word

Guardians, a Crash Course in Christian Apologetics Tuesday, September 4th at 6:30pm

*Why is there something rather than nothing?
How did the universe begin to exist?
Can we be good without God?
Why do bad things happen to people?
Is Jesus really the only way to God?*

Have you ever wondered about any of these big fundamental questions? If so, then join us this September and October for **Guardians**, a crash course in Christian apologetics presented by Tyler Drysdale. In this eight-week class you'll be learning about arguments and evidence for God and Christianity from philosophy, science, and history that will help support your faith and allow you be ready to give a defense for the hope that is in you. You'll learn several logical arguments that demonstrate God's existence, launch an investigation into the truth of the Gospel accounts, and also consider rebuttals of some common objections leveled against Christianity. Above all, you'll learn how to be *on guard* as a true Guardian of your faith: how you can be confident in what you believe and share the truth in love with those who don't yet know Christ.

This class will cover fascinating topics such as scientific models of the universe, the nature of infinity, the various ways the universe is fine-tuned for life, the development of morality, the historical accuracy of the Gospels, the problem of suffering and evil, and the Bible's claim that Jesus is the only way to God. Don't be intimidated, though: you don't have to be a professional scientist, philosopher, or historian to get value out of this class. These topics will be broken down in an accessible and engaging way. All you need to bring is a notepad, writing utensil, your critical thinking skills, and your questions!

The first class meeting is **Tuesday, September 4 at 6:30pm**. Classes will meet Tuesday evenings every week for eight weeks (ending October 23rd) and last 1.5 to 2 hours per session. Please RSVP on the clipboard in the Commons if you plan on attending.

Crossways Bible Study is Back Starts Tuesday, September 4th at 9am

Join us this fall for a wonderful time of fellowship and study. Pastor Greg leads this class each Tuesday at 9am in Room 7&8. We have coffee and Bible study, and we catch up on what's going on with folks. This fall, we'll be studying the amazing church in Ephesus. This powerhouse of a congregation stood boldly for over 400 years. Paul and John and Timothy and Mary, the mother of Jesus were all part to this incredible church. We'll learn from Ephesians and other New Testament and early church sources what made this church so amazing and how we can step into bolder Kingdom living together.



KidsChurch



Parent meeting September 9th

Join Pastor Greg and Cindi for an overview of the year ahead and the coming transitions. We'll meet immediately following the Chili cook off, about 6:30 pm. Bring your questions, concerns and hopes to share with one another. Parents of all kids K-12 are encouraged to come be a part of the conversation.

Chili Cook Off September 9th at 5 pm!

Don't miss this fun family night put on by our fantastic Youth Committee. See the *article on page 3* for details and come hungry!



Projects with a Purpose continue for Kids!

Kids age 7 and up, join Pam for four Saturdays and one Sunday to learn how to knit scarves for the homeless. Our goal is that everyone who attends would be able to complete at least one scarf for our Knitting for the Homeless project. For more information or to sign up, please email Pam Glenn pamelaglenn@hotmail.com.

Saturday, September 15th starting at 9 am

Saturday, September 29 starting at 9 am

Sunday, September 30th during KidsChurch @9:30

Saturday, October 27th, starting at 9 am

Saturday, November 3rd starting at 9 am



Save the Date

Sunday, October 28 is Reformation Sunday. We'll celebrate our Lutheran heritage during worship, pray specifically over all our KidsChurch kids, and give Bibles to kids in grade 3 and up. Julie Lebens will again teach our **1 day Bible class on Saturday morning, October 20.**

Trunk or Treat Halloween Party coming again to Saint John's Sunday night, October 28. Get your ideas flowing and start collecting trunk decorations. We need lots of trunks and volunteers to make this night a success.





Youth Group News



WHERE YOU CAN
GAME UNTIL
YOU CRASH
THE GAME CRASHES
OR
THE BUILDING
CRASHES ON US



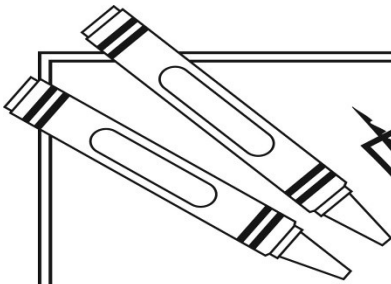
Game Night is on Sunday September 16th from 6-9pm
It's open to everyone from 6th grade and up.



reTHINK Apologetics Student Conference
Friday, Saturday and Sunday September 21st - 23rd.
Our students will learn answers to some of the Bible's toughest critics from the top apologists themselves.
Speakers Include: J. Warner Wallace, Greg Koukl, Jeff Zweerink, and many more.
RSVP by September 16th

College Night
Monday's 6 PM- 9 PM
6 pm - 7 pm: Dinner
7 pm - 9 pm: Bible Study & Games

Youth Night
Sunday's 6 PM - 8 PM
6 pm - 7 pm: Dinner
7 pm - 8 pm: Bible Study & Games
Sept 9th help with Chili @ 5:00 pm.
Sept. 23rd youth on Retreat.



PUZZLE

IT'S A MIRACLE!

Jesus performed many amazing miracles during his earthly ministry.

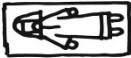
Directions: Match the words and pictures of different healings, from one column to the other. Then fit the word pairs in the blanks below to complete Matthew 11:5, NIV.



blind



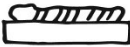
leprosy



lame



deaf



dead

hear



walk



raised



sight



cleansed



The _____ receive _____, the _____, those
who have _____ are _____, the _____
_____, the _____ are _____ ...

MATTHEW 11:5, NIV

Answer: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised Matthew 11:5, NIV

Make a Difference

People's Kitchen

Every day at noon, a meal is served indoors at Life Point Church in Grover Beach. The host church leads a worship time before the meal. Saint John's serves the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Call Linda McNair or Peggy Droste for more information.



**Restock the
SHELVES**

Five Cities Food Ministry

Bring your contributions to the wagon in the Commons that is waiting to be filled. The Five Cities Christian Women's Food Pantry provides food for many needy people in our community each day. **Septembers food of the month is Chili.** On the first Sunday in September bring your canned Chili to church and the children will collect them for our little food wagon. Of course any non-perishable item is welcome at any time, Here are the foods for thre remainder of the year:

+September - Chili

+October - soup

+November - mac and cheese

+December - cereal

Thank you for your continued generosity and loving hearts.

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ZOZU Project Support

Many thanks to Saint John's for the many prayers and expressions of support for our recent mission trip to Solid Rock Christian School in Arua, Uganda. We were blessed to witness first hand the exciting things that are happening at the school through the ZOZU Project. We look forward to sharing in more detail these blessings in worship on October 21st.

Frank and Sandy Lebens

Prayer Matters

Prayer Ministry Training

Join us for one

Monday, September 10th at 6pm

OR Tuesday, September 11th at 1pm

Come and learn together as we grow in our commitment to prayer at Saint John's. If you would like to serve on the Prayer Ministry Team, this "mandatory" meeting is a great way to get involved and grow with others. We'll learn to pray for the sick and use other creative ways to expand prayer. These twice yearly meetings are so important as we mature in faith. No experience necessary. You only need to come Monday or Tuesday, not both.

Prayer Partners for KidsChurch

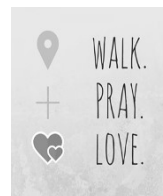
The Children's Ministry is partnering with the Women's Ministry to line up one woman praying intentionally for one of Saint John's kids. You don't need to volunteer in Kids Ministry (though you certainly can!) but rather simply committing to covering one specific child in prayer throughout the coming year. You may perhaps send a birthday card and we'd love to have you involved on their confirmation day as well. I know we have lots of praying ladies, and as a mom, I sure know our kids all need extra prayer coverings. The above ministry is designed to include all school aged children who are connected here at Saint John's. We'd like to have everyone signed up by Sunday October 7th, and the dedication of prayer partners will be on Sunday October 28th. The commitment would last a year with the option to continue or withdraw at the end of the year. Please contact Cindi Wallace with questions or see Cindi or Louise Frye to sign up to serve in this new partnership. Louise: lyfpianist@gmail.com or cindi@saintjohnsag.com



Prayer Walk @ the Beach

Thursdays 8:30-9:30 am

Prayer is one of the most important aspects of living as authentic followers of Jesus. Through prayer we have the privilege to communicate directly with our awesome God and other believers! Join us any Thursday for a time of prayer, conversation, and a bit of exercise.



Men of the Word Tuesday Group The Men of the Word group that meets weekly at the home of Frank Lebens will start up again on Tuesday October 9 at 7:30 am. All men are welcome to join us in book and bible studies that cover a variety of spiritual topics. If interested please contact Frank at ftlaloah@sbcglobal.net



Dress a Girl

Dress A Girl did not meet in August, but we did get the dresses for Myanmar on their way. We hope to get some pictures soon. We will meet again on Saturday, September 8th. **Lunch will be provided** this time so make sure you come and find out what's new and happening with Dress A Girl. You don't have to sew to be a part of Dress A Girl – we have many things that need to be done that does not involve sewing. Be Blessed – Make A Dress!

“Never”

Have you ever felt so strongly about not doing something that you adamantly thought or said, "I'll NEVER do that!" "Never" - that is a word that is not in our awesome God's vocabulary! When we say "never", I think God takes it as a personal challenge! Why? Because He is the God of "Ever"! Nothing is impossible with God!

Last year just about this time, not long after we had had our first Dress A Girl Workshop, we were sitting in our weekly staff meeting discussing events of the past week and how we were adding more events and needed people to step up to take some of the load off Cindi who pretty much spearheaded Children's Ministry, along with Dress A Girl, the Prayer Ministry, writing a weekly blog - a lot for one person! Half joking, sitting across from me, she said, "You've got your choice - you can be in charge of Children's Ministry or Dress A Girl." Well, you know what my choice was!

Here's the thing though – I had told Cindi, "I'll do anything but not with kids - I'll NEVER do that - I'm not good with kids." Do you think God was listening? Here I am this year acquiescing to Cindi's request that I do Projects with a Purpose for VBS, highlighting Dress A Girl and Scarf Knitting for the Homeless. God took my "NEVER" and turned it in to His "EVER".

There's more - the day before VBS, this small voice in my ear said, "You need to start a knitting class for the kids and have them come to Dress A Girl to learn to make dresses." Really, God? You want me to work with kids?" There was no verbal answer other than the strong sense of, "You say NEVER, I say EVER."

The presence of the Holy Spirit was evident during Projects with a Purpose - God's will being done. Kids touched by poverty, homelessness and a strong sense to help. I never suggested that they might want to learn to make dresses or scarves - they asked if I would teach them! When we say "NEVER" God says, "I am the one who provides seed ...And then bread to eat. In the same way He will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you." 2 Corinthians 9 :10

The outcome remains to be seen but with God in the details, His will, will be done.

Women's Ministry



Early Fall Greetings from Women's Ministry

All women of Saint John's are invited to attend the opening meeting of Women's Ministry.

DATE & TIME: Wednesday September 12th, 12:00 Noon

LOCATION: Ouimette Hall, Annual Potluck Luncheon. Please bring a light main dish or salad to share. The Board will provide dessert, bread, and beverages

PROGRAM: Central Coast Thrivers, founded by Theresa Masicampo, featuring Speaker Rebecca Prewitt.

PRAYER/PARTNER MINISTRY

Women's Ministry is excited about partnering with KIDS CHURCH to match any interested women with children attending Sunday School. The commitment of prayer for an individual child would be for a year. Sign-ups will begin in September. Look for upcoming information in the Sunday bulletins.

LWR KITS Please collect 4 oz. bath soaps, toothbrushes that separate, nail clippers and sturdy combs, and plan to come to the workshop on **Wednesday October 10th at 10:00 A.M** to assemble the boxes for Lutheran World Relief.

THANK YOU to all who generously donated socks and underwear to the Children's Resource Network for school-aged children. **MANY THANKS** to Rena for heading up the project yet again.

The Board of Directors: Louise Frye, Sandra Kermoyan, Roseann Carroll, & Rena Weiger

White Elephant & Bake Sale



**White Elephant & Bake Sale
Coming Soon!!!
Friday & Saturday - October 5th & 6th**



Hours of the sale:

Friday October 5th- 8:00 AM- 1:00 PM & Saturday October 6th 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 10/1 thru Thursday 10/4.
No donations can be accepted after Thursday!

Baked Goods: May be dropped off from 9:00 Thurs 10/4 until 12:00 Friday 10/5

Volunteers: We need your help in the following ways:

- ◆ Setting up Ouimette Hall on Sunday 9/30 after 1st service.
- ◆ Help with unpacking, pricing and staging articles, Mon-Thur. 8:30 – 1:00.
- ◆ Cashiers and Floor Workers on Fri and Sat @ 7:30 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.

For more info contact
Rena Weiger & Kay Werner - White Elephant & Bake Sale Co-Chairs



10th ANNUAL CANCER *Survivors Celebration*

Saturday, September 22, 2018

10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Saint John's Lutheran Church
959 Valley Road, Arroyo Grande

FREE TO THE PUBLIC

- 10:30 a.m. Coffee & Welcome Reception
11:00 a.m. Guest Speakers
Medical professional presentation on advances being made in cancer research and treatment.
Inspirational testimonials from cancer survivors
12:00 p.m. BBQ Chicken Lunch provided by the Arroyo Grande Lions Club

- **A special gift for each cancer survivor**
- **A prize giveaway drawing for all attendees**
- **Learn more about advances in research & treatment**

Come Celebrate being a Cancer Survivor!

RSVP by Friday, September 14th
Marie Palchak at (805) 710-3113

Help The Cause

Empty Bowls Fundraiser

Annual Empty Bowl Lunch is Wednesday, September 26 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church's Hall, 11:00-1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 as a benefit for 5 Cities Homeless Coalition. Our own Pastor Greg will be one of the local dignitaries serving soup. If you've never attended, this is how it works: You select a handmade bowl by a local artist (there are over one hundred from which to choose). Once you select your bowl, there are typically 5 delicious soups to choose from, by local restaurants and fresh bread too.

How will this money be used? Sometimes, it's a one-time help for an immediate need: utilities, rent, gas, bus voucher, car repair, employment, emergency food. Other needs are short term medical help, Detox for substance abuse, a Warming Center for cold and rainy nights.

Empty



Bowls

Load of Love

The Social Outreach Services team has started a new program called "Loads of Love" and we hope that the congregation will join us in this effort!! In the Commons area you will find a large empty laundry soap bottle that we hope to fill with quarters for laundromat washes and dryer cycles for our homeless population.. As you pass by the laundry bottle, drop in your spare change and your SOS team will meet individual members of our homeless population at the laundromat and give them \$5.00 for their wash and dry so that they can have clean clothing to wear. Thanks to the donation of laundry soap and softener by Debby Belden each individual will be able to leave with clean laundry and the feeling of being loved by the people of St John's. Please help us to make a difference with these needy children of God. Questions? Contact, Lynn Kaloian



Load of Love

Betty Hanson is stepping down from hosting the 11:00 am coffee hour. The sign up sheet will still be in place for those who wish to bring anything for snacks. When you sign up, Pam will put your name in the bulletins host for that week. Please do your part in helping with this activity for fellowship. We all enjoy our time to gather after church for visiting. If for some reason, you are unable to provide snacks or cookies, there is always a stash of cookies available in the cupboard in the back. Thanks to Betty for serving so well.

Do you enjoy numbers and details? Well then, we may have the ministry for you. We are looking for a few volunteers to help with the weekly counting of Sunday offerings. This opportunity would entail a twice monthly commitment on Mondays at 7:30 am. (We rotate two small crews and have substitutes who fill in when needed.) We'd provide hands-on training with a positive and encouraging environment. If you would like more information, please contact Kerry Wood (Financial Secretary) at 805-481-2645 or sign up on the weekly bulletin attendance card.



OFFERING COUNTERS

Stephen Ministry



Stephen Leader Commission! Sunday September 23rd at both Gatherings

Randy Ouimette will rejoin the Stephen Ministry team as a Stephen Leader. Randy will again be sharing the leadership of our Stephen Ministry by selecting, training, and supervising our Stephen Ministers and connecting care receivers (people who are going through a crisis and could use someone to walk along-side them) with care givers (Stephen Ministers). Randy will also be assisting Greg with homebound visitation.

Consider becoming a Stephen Minister by attending the training class that begins October 1st on Mondays 6:00 - 8:30 pm and selected Saturdays. This excellent 50 hour class covers active listening skills, insights on 'process' care giving that trusts God as the 'cure' giver, and many more practical, insightful skills to prepare for this one-on-one Christian care ministry with a person going through rough times.

To hear more about the training and being part of the Stephen Ministry team, contact the church office, talk with Stephen Leaders Kerry Wood or Robin Eiland, or indicate your interest on the Welcome Card in the weekly bulletin.



Contributions by Text

Saint John's Text Donation Number is (805) 250-4073

The logo for GIVE+Text, featuring the word "GIVE" in a bold, sans-serif font, followed by a plus sign and the word "Text" in a lighter, sans-serif font. The background of the logo is a grayscale image of a hand holding a smartphone.

FAQs

How do members give by text message?

After members register, they will receive instructions on how to send donations by text message. Text donations are sent to a 10-digit number where they are received and processed by Vanco. Your organization is provided with a dedicated 10-digit number.

How will the church know when a text donation is made?

Text donations will appear on Vanco's standard processing reports along with all other transactions.

How do members know when their donations are processed?

Members receive immediate confirmation via text that their donation was received. After a text donation has been processed, it appears on the member's credit card statement.

How quickly are text donations deposited?

Text donations are electronically deposited into the church bank account within 2 to 4 business days for credit and debit card transactions.

Are all contributions set at a fixed dollar amount?

No. The member chooses the amount of the donation.

Are text donations ever charged to a member's mobile phone bill?

No. Donations are processed using the payment method specified in the member's online profile. Phone carriers handle only the text message, never any financial information.

What payment methods are available for giving by text?

Vanco Give+ Text supports donations via credit and debit cards.

Can members set up recurring donations by text?

Yes. Donors can text "Repeat" after they've made a donation to make it recurring. They can also text "Schedule" to set up a recurring donation.

Can members text donations to individual funds?

Yes, a special texting code must be included in the text message to assign the donation to a particular fund. Your church determines the Texting Code (e.g. "Haiti") when setting up the fund with Vanco.

From the President's Desk



CHANGE IS THE SPICE OF LIFE

“Change – to move in a different direction”

What would life be without change. Be it change in life style, a new place to live, a new climate, new friends or a new way of looking at things.

Change is part of living our lives as humans and children of God. It is inevitable. If we let it happen it gives new vibrancy to our life paths. Our lives are basically a series of change from infancy through childhood into adulthood and eventually (if we are lucky) into our “golden years”. Each stage is a change from the previous one. We should relish what we have passed through and look expectantly for new things to happen in the future. For some, change is something to shy from. Those who don’t embrace it try to hang onto the past. I would hope that all of us can move into the future not shaking with fear but to grab hold of that future and enjoy the ride.

As most of you know, my wife of forty-seven years passed in October of 2015. The loss of a spouse is usually devastating. Grief at that loss can be short or long; enervating or enlightening. I look back on my life with Suzanne with both happiness and sadness. Happy that I was privileged to have her as my companion for over half my life and sad that I no longer have my life companion to share my journey. On her death I could have retreated into solitude and loneliness. I chose not to retreat from the world, but to move on to the next phase and embrace it.

Moving is another big change. I recently completed a move to a smaller more manageable home that better suits my needs and ability to care for it. Was there some trepidation on my part for making this decision at my age? Certainly! However, I know that a change was necessary if I was not going to be brought down by managing a too large piece of property. I am comfortable in a smaller abode. It gives me the opportunity to spend more time the way I wish to.

Music has always been for me a way to experience God. Whether it be a beautiful classical symphony or a great rock and roll piece. Either listening to music or participating in its production is for me a very spiritual time. When I first arrived at Saint John’s I came from a very conservative, liturgical manner of worship. The contemporary manner of the first service was to me almost sacrilegious. Yet I grew to appreciate the exuberance of the service and modernity of the songs and how they were performed. I appreciate some ties to the past, but relish change and a new way of looking at things.

This congregation has experienced some major upheavals in the past few years. I won’t go into details of those changes. Those that have been here for a long enough time know what those changes were and how they could have broken a weaker congregation. Yet most of the congregation have come to the realization that some change is inevitable. Those that have remained through the troubled times are stronger in their commitment to the life of the church and those individuals who comprise it. That is the point I wish to make. Change is change. It is neither good or bad in itself. It is how we as a group decide to react to it. I have been privy to some who fear the future as it is being laid before them. That you should relay these misgivings to me is good. It’s the beginning of acceptance. I know that as we age, change is not comfortable. But, in the end it can take us to a better place physically and spiritually. What would life be without change? In a few words: dull and boring. I would ask that you consider that as this congregation moves to a different paradigm. Who knows, given a chance you might like the change and wish to become part of it.

Godspeed, Tim Myer



Church Highlights

Nametag Alert

Be sure to wear your nametag in worship in this fall. You may or may not have something special coming your way if your nametag is on! With so many new folks it's nice to wear our tags so we can learn each other's names.



Council Highlights

1. VBS was once again a marvelous time to share God's love with children; thank you to Cindi Wallace for guiding and leading the happening.
2. Ukulele Sunday was also successful and attracted many visitors; thank you to Shari Bowman for managing the event.
3. Starting in September, Randy Ouimette will serve as Referral Coordinator for Stephen Ministry program and help Greg with homebound members.
4. The Council voted to appoint Cindi Wallace to be the Interim Youth Director starting September 1st through the end of 2018.
5. The Council will review the needs of the Youth Ministry and post a job description for an updated Youth Director job opening later this fall.
6. The Council established the Klinkenberg Family Crisis Support fund to allow members to donate to their needs.

Finance & Attendance

<u>Income/Expenses:</u>	July 2018	YTD
Income *	32,834.07*	244,853.73
Expenses	<u>32,138.46</u>	<u>259,156.62</u>
	695.61	(14,302.89)

*Income includes transfer of Pledged funds

Aug 5	Aug 12	Aug 19	Aug 26
198	134	162	140
(Family Sunday) in Kids Church	(includes 10 in Kids Church)	(includes 14 in Kids Church)	(includes 14 in Kids Church)



September

2 JACOB DAY

4 FRED TUGGEY

11 DAWN DRYSDALE

15, KENT PENNINGROTH

17 COLLEEN BAIRD

18 SUSAN CARLSON

20 ALAN KALOIAN

24 SHERI BOWMAN

25 DAKOTA HAWKS

26 DUSTIN ROBERTS, LOUISE TAYLOR

27 ABIGAIL COLTON

KRISTA BARRETTE

29 ANDREW WINTERBERG



1 STAN & DELENE KECK

5 GENE & YVONNE STEPHENS

9 CAL & KERRY WOOD

10 STEVE & LINDA CZIRAKI

23 FRED & SHARLINE TUGGEY

30 BRECK & PRISCILLA THOMAS



Prayer Ministry

Our friends & family: **Theresa, Klink, Stan, Donna, Lorry, Erma, Rose, Barry, Jim, Roby, Bailey and all the firefighters.**

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