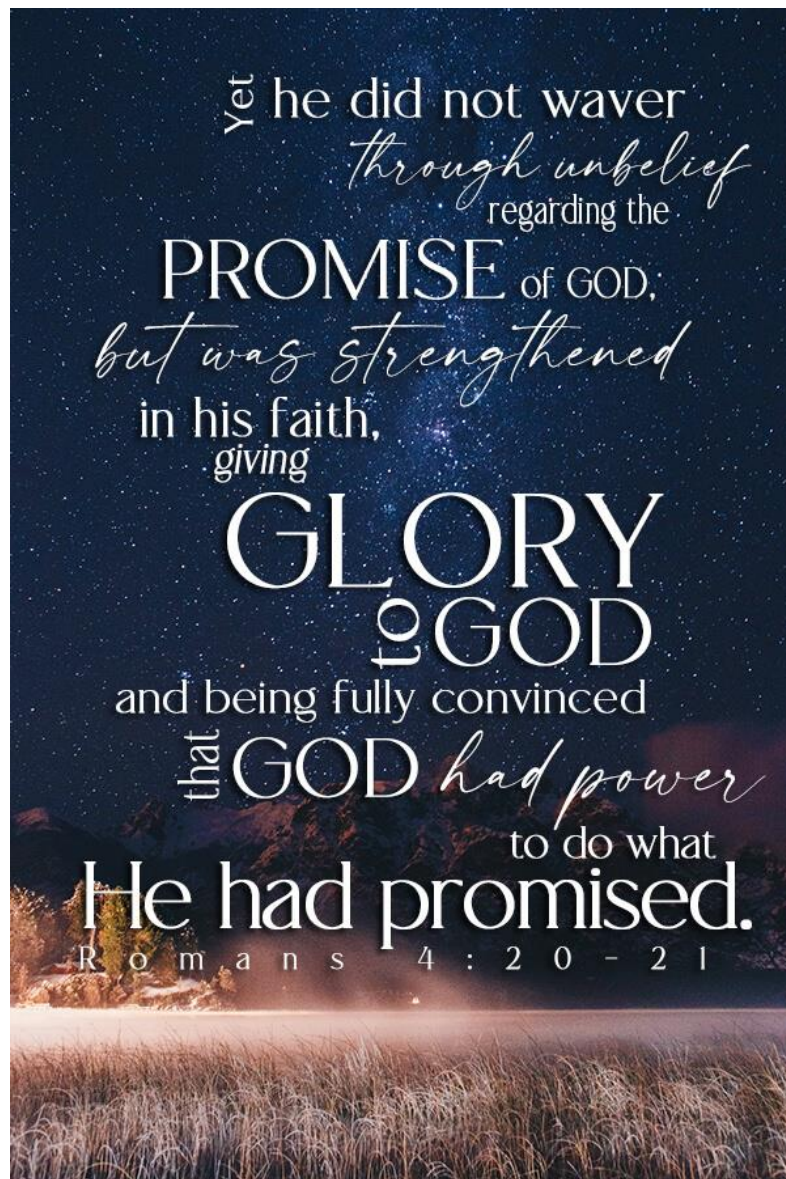




Encounter Jesus Experience Family Embrace the Broken

THE EAGLE



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Pastor's Page

Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. Genesis 2:18-19



The Summer of Fun continues here at Saint John's. July was such a blast with Ukulele Sunday. This month, we're giving thanks for the furry critters in our lives. Our pets are members of the family. They bring so much joy and delight. When we have to say goodbye, it hurts.

On Sunday, August 18th at 10am we'll have our annual Blessing of the Pets Outdoor Worship. Don't worry, it's not a pagan festival; it's just a chance to enjoy the great outdoors with worship and a meal together. If you'd like to help with set up, tear down and cooking the hot dogs, sign up in the Commons.

And, of course, it's a great outreach event. Who do you know that loves their pets? Invite them to join you on the lawn. We have postcards to help make the invitation.

And if that's not enough fun for you, check out the Saint John's Road Rally on page 6. Vroom, Vroom! I'm so grateful we get to be the church together. We can't keep something this good to ourselves. Let's invite others into the family this month.

Peace

Greg

Life Together



Blessing of the Pets

Outdoor Worship, Picnic & Pet Faire

Sunday

August 18th

10:00am



Join us to celebrate the animal friends in our lives. We'll gather out on the lawn (so bring a chair) for worship together and an inspiring message. Bring your furry friends if you like (and your human ones). After worship, we'll feast together with a picnic lunch. It's all free! The Pet Fair is going to be amazing with many different groups like Woods Humane Society and the SLO County Golden Retrievers, Vets, Trainers, Groomers & more.

Sign up in the Commons to help out

Community VBS, July 29 - August 2, 2024

We'll be partnering for VBS, with several other local churches hosted by Calvary Chapel on their campus. Sign up at <https://www.calvaryag.org>. For more info, see page 4.



**Fun, Fitness, Fellowship
Car Rally & Potluck Dinner
Saturday, August 25th, 2 pm
See Page 7 for more info**

Children & Youth Ministry

Weekly KidsChurch

Kids stay with us in worship for Family Sunday (first Sunday of each month). KidsChurch happens all other Sundays during 9:30 worship!

Weekly Youth Group

Weekly youth group happens Sunday evenings from 6-8 pm

Friends welcome!

Jungle Journey!

We are once again partnering with other local churches for a great **VBS July 29-August 2** where kids will discover how biblical events shape our world as we help them learn to connect the Bible to their everyday lives. Thanks to our great team of volunteers: Dawn, Barbara, Paula, Lydia, Greg, and Cindi.



Thanks for your continued support of our youth ministries and upcoming summer mission trip!

Youth Mission Trip August 5-8

- **What to pack:** Clothes for serving/working, comfortable closed toed shoes, toiletries and towel, sleeping bag/pillow, Bible. **Pack Light - limited cargo space!**
- Students will need money for 4 meals on travel days as well as spending money on our last afternoon day of fun in the city.

Youth Ravine Waterpark Day Sunday, August 18

Students in middle and high school are invited to join us as we wrap up a great summer having fun at the Ravine Waterpark. Tickets are \$40; we recommend purchasing ahead of time online. We'll meet at Saint John's for the Blessing of the Pets and lunch. We'll plan to leave about noon from the church parking lot. Contact Matthew with questions 805-554-1354.



Save the Date:

October 4-6 **Annual Family Camping Weekend** at Lake Lopez

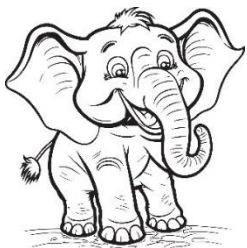
Dress A Girl

Dress a Girl will be back on the regular meeting day and time in August. So – come join us for sewing fun! Bring your sewing machine or serger or if you want to help make kits, just bring yourself! We also have sewing machines and sergers available for you to use here at Saint John's. For more info about Dress a Girl, visit dressagirlaroundtheworld.com or call Pam at 805-710-7941. Be Blessed – Make a Dress!

Scarves & Hat Knitting

The Knitting Group (& Crocheters) will be meeting on Wednesday, August 14th from 9 am to noon! We've got a new stash of yarn and are ready to knit and crochet up a storm for the upcoming winter. We'll also mix it up a bit for those of you who want to pursue other patterns.

Women's Ministry



**Donations for White Elephant & Bake Sale
Friday October 4th &
Saturday October 5th**

Please start setting aside donation items
according to the following list:



Clothing: Only jackets, coats, cardigans & shoes will be accepted. Must be clean with no rips or holes.

What to donate: Household items, glassware, china, antiques, sporting goods, tools, garden equipment, jewelry, purses, linens, holiday items, books, CDs, games, toys, small electrical items & appliances; also small furniture items. **All items must be clean and in working condition.**

What not to donate: Large furniture items or appliances, magazines, textbooks, VHS/cassette tapes, cosmetics, lotions or perfumes (even if unopened).

Date to Remember:

Next Meeting – Wednesday, September 11th at 1 pm. Featured speaker is from California Rare Fruit Growers

August Memory Verse

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28

From Cal Wood

To my brothers and sisters in Christ, You've all taught me so much about the love of God and the power of prayer, and I am so grateful that I don't walk life's journey alone. God is with me. You, my church family, is with me. Thank you for your prayers, faith, cards, and support as I step into recovery from my bypass surgery. I am healing with each day and hope to be making a joyous noise in the weeks ahead. Shalom, shalom. God's peace to you all. Love, Cal

Fun, Fitness & Fellowship



Come one, Come all to the first ever **Road Rally!** This will be a scavenger hunt road rally: Participants will drive a course, follow all rules of the road, and collect clues to compete for prizes at the end of the course! Potluck dinner to follow. Contact Mark Haley, 510-219-3750 if you have any questions.

Day: Sunday, August 25th

Time: 2:00 pm - Rally briefing of the rally instructions & safety rules.

Rally commences no later than 2:30 pm

Required: A Functioning Auto; a driver & a navigator; a cell phone.

Global & Community Missions

Global and Community Missions Team will hold a "Missions for Good" event to raise funds for local and international ministries. **Please save the date: Sunday, September 15th, 2024.** Also, if you can donate an item for the silent auction, that would be greatly appreciated! Help spread the Good News to people near and far. Questions? Have something to donate? Contact Pat Muran at 805-459-2362 or email pastorpatricia22@gmail.com

Spreading God's Word Together

Sunday, August 11th

The Gideons will be with us in worship at both gatherings sharing about their important mission. They share God's Word all over the world and make a tremendous impact on students, soldiers and, of course, hotel sleepers. Come hear what God is doing through the Gideons and how we can support them in their calling.



The Gideons
International

August 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
28 9:30am Worship 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Thrivent Seminar & Lunch 6:00pm Youth Group	29 VBS	30 VBS 12:00pm AI Anon Meeting 6:00pm AA Meeting
4 9:30am Family Sunday - NO Kids Church, Worship & Communion 11:00am Worship-Holy Communion 6:00pm Youth Group	5 Youth Summer Trip	6 Youth Summer Trip 12:00pm AI Anon Meeting 6:00pm AA Meeting
11 9:30am Worship 11:00am Worship 6:00pm Youth Group	12 1:00pm Global & Community Missions	13 11:30am People's Kitchen 12:00pm AI Anon Meeting 6:00pm AA Meeting
18 Youth Ravine Waterpark Day 10:00am Blessing of the Pets (Outdoor Service) 6:00pm Youth Group	19 6:00pm Council Mtg	20 12:00pm AI Anon Meeting 6:00pm AA Meeting
25 9:30am Worship 11:00am Worship 2:00 Fun Fitness & Fellowship - Car Rally and Potluck Dinner 6:00pm Youth Group	26	27 12:00pm AI Anon Meeting 6:00pm AA Meeting

August 2024

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 VBS	1 VBS 6:00pm Worship Team	2 VBS OFFICE CLOSED	3 9:00am Property Day 8:00pm A.A. Speakers
7 Youth Summer Trip	8 Youth Summer Trip 6:00pm Worship Team	9 OFFICE CLOSED	10 9:00am Dress A Girl Workshop
14 9:00am Knit a Scarf	15 6:00pm Worship Team	16 OFFICE CLOSED	17
21	22 6:00pm Worship Team	23 OFFICE CLOSED	24
28 11:00am Staff Mtg	29 6:00pm Worship Team	30 OFFICE CLOSED	31

August Birthdays & Anniversaries

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

Steve Kapka	8/4
Bryson Maughmer	8/18
Luke Dodds	8/19
Jeff Metcalfe	8/23
Emanda Miller	8/26
Gordon Eiland	8/31

Happy Anniversary

Randy & Patty Ouimette	8/6
Bob & Rena Weiger	8/6
Mike & Barbara Johnson	8/11

Please pray for:
Cal, Rena,
Theresa W., Tony,
Julie, Morgan,
Sandy, Jim,
Kimberly, Kay,
Betty, Emanda,
Alice, Pastor Carl,

August Workday
Saturday, August 3rd 9 am
Come help beautify our campus!
Pick up trash or pull weeds.
Any amount of time you have
makes a good-sized dent
in all that needs to be done.
The sacrifice of your time is
highly appreciated,
especially by Lois!

August Food of the Month
Cereal

Your donation will benefit the
Five Cities Food Bank

How to Give to Saint John's

Go to www.saintjohnsag.com/give/
where you can learn more about
donating with your credit or debit card
or follow the link to give online. For
more info, call the Church Office.

September Newsletter Deadline
for submission of an article is August 15th

Church Council

Council Highlights from Meeting on July 15, 2024:

1. Pastor Greg continues to lead council through the book, "Canoeing the Mountains". Our challenge is to find ways to navigate the church in changing times.
2. Ukulele Sunday saw a 10% increase over last year! Thanks to all, especially the Goodwin's, for a fantastic day of worship and fellowship.
3. Greg will have another new member class in September or October. Be sure to welcome our newest visitors and members.
4. We will once again participate in the Harvest Festival Sept. 27-28. More details to follow.
5. Thanks to Janice and Roger for the new banner frame on the front of the sanctuary. We've already received positive feedback from many!
6. Our building painting and repair project will pick up soon and be completed, repairing all weather and age damages.
7. Research continues into the possibility of a Christian Children's Center. Cindi continues gathering information and details regarding the establishment requirements. More information to follow as this process continues.
8. Due to lack of participation, the Council Connect zoom meetings held by Janice are discontinued. Council urges all to speak directly to any council or staff member with any and all questions and concerns. (See page 14 for contact info and picture list of current council members.)

Letter from Council President

Do you hear the call to service and wonder how you can help?

If you are able and willing, the joy of serving in ministry comes in many forms... and Saint John's needs you!

If you are not already aware, Lois Franks has been coming every Saturday, and many other days of the week, to pull weeds, spray weeds, remove dead flowers and perform pruning and fertilizing. While this focus to beautify the grounds remains one of her passions in service and ministry to the body of Saint Johns, physical limitations for Lois and others who used to work side by side with her have led her to request assistance of any and all interested parishioners to take up the mantle to carry on the vision and goal of keeping the grounds gorgeously maintained.

What you see and appreciate in the serene park like setting is only because of dedicated souls performing the work. Lois would love to have others join her in this effort and learn from her expertise as a Master Gardener. Anyone interested should try to schedule and meet with Lois to understand the vision for shaping and maintenance requirements of the grounds. Thank you, Lois for your gift of time and expertise serving God in this way, and your willingness to educate interested parties to continue implementing the vision and ministry of landscape and site maintenance!

The first Saturday of every month has been a special workday announced at church for all comers to join in the clean-up and additional projects needed for the grounds, building, and special needs projects. For example, in May, landscape maintenance and storage building cleanup were performed along with work progressing to repair rotted exterior trim boards and the in-progress work repainting of the exterior of the main church building. Bring your tools and pitch in.

Weekly maintenance items include:

- Wednesday is the trash pick-up day to empty all waste and recycling containers.
- Every Thursday, a paid landscape crew come to mow and trim hedges and shrubs and special projects when directed by Lois once a month
- A minimum of one green waste can needs to be empty and available for landscape trimmings on Thursdays.
- Weekly removal of dead flowers on plants, pruning of roses and shrubs is always needed.
- Weekly removal of blown in or tossed trash and debris should be picked up, preferably before Sunday morning.
- Waste bags for dog refuse and disposal should be checked each week and bags replaced, bins emptied as needed.
- The Scout troops have a volunteer who mows and weed sprays the natural growth of weeds in the areas between the creek and lawn. Communication and coordination with the Scout leaders may be helpful to keep the area looking nice and under control.

Monthly maintenance needs include:

- There is always weeding to stay on top of while monthly workdays are intended to address heavier pruning, and cleanup, removing dead limbs from trees and shrubs and small plants.
- Spray weeds, aphids and mold or fungus as needed.
- If anyone is willing to bring a chipper on workdays, the mulch can be used in planter areas. In the past wood chips were donated by and tree service...finding a new source would be helpful.
- On monthly workdays some have brought their green waste containers from home to fill and take back home for pick up due to the excessive amounts generated that day.

Other occasional needs:

(Letter continued)

- Well water is the source for irrigation and currently has no filter system. A filter system would be helpful (donations anyone?). Water from hose bibs at the building are sourced from a city system and should be used in sprayers, remote hose bibs are not filtered, some of the main valves are usually off that supply them.
- In the past Ron Werner has performed efforts to eradicate gophers and moles.
- Currently Peter Ritenauer, a paid professional, has cleaned or replaced and checked sprinkler functions.
- Locals often use the trash & recycle cans for personal use putting trash in the recycle bin. If cans are empty, it has been effective to lay them down in the planter area next to the trash enclosure, so others don't put their trash inside. Security Cameras have not been able to see the area to help correct the misuse. (FYI - camera system needs an upgrade)
- Special repairs are needed to reattach one of the ornamental metal petals at the gate to the memorial grounds... (anyone have light gage welding experience?)
- Other special projects arise around the holidays to set up and take down decorations.

As you can see, there is a great deal of work to be done - we need your help!

Contact Lois at 805-698-4093 to schedule a time to work with her to learn and participate in the ongoing ministry to keep Saint John's an attractive place for worship, fellowship, and outside activities. If your schedule works better to volunteer at a time other than Saturday morning, reach out to Lois and she will provide a list of items that currently need focus and attention and can meet or work with you. Volunteering can be once, or on a regular schedule. No experience is required!

Contact Dave Goodwin at 805-215-6298 for other special needs of building maintenance and repair.

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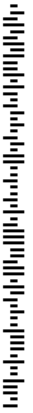
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