



Encounter Jesus Experience Family Embrace the Broken

The Eagle



The Lord will fight for you; you need only be still.

Exodus 14:14

September 2024

Pastor's Page

"The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still." Exodus 14:14

We are called to reach out and set people free. This fall, I'm excited to learn from Moses. He was a Prophet who heard God's voice and acted on what God said. May the same be said of us as we listen for the voice of our Shepherd, Jesus. Moses was human and he had his doubts. At one point, he even suggested that God should use someone else! Over time, God took this broken human being and used him to set captives free and to find new life together.



We have had so many guests worshiping with us over the summer. Thanks to all of you who have reached out and invited friends and family and coworkers and neighbors. Keep up the good work. We have loads of outreach events coming between now and Christmas and we need all hands on deck! This month, we'll be at the Harvest Festival and doing some cleanup at the beach.

We also have a chance to expand our local & global mission impact with an awesome evening together on Sunday, September 15th. With raffle prizes and a silent auction, we are going to raise important funds to set people free!

And our study groups are back with the Tuesday Bible Study and the Chosen Discussion group. Guys, I hope you can come to our Men's Breakfast on Saturday September 7th at 8 am.

Thankful for you!

Greg

Sunday September 15th 4:00pm



- Silent Auction
- International Appetizers
- Raffle

Support our local & global Mission Partners
See Page 10 for more info

Life Together

HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE FOR ALL ITS WORTH

Tuesday Mornings 10am Starting September 10th



Tuesday Bible Study Returns

Do you ever wonder how to get the most out of your personal Bible reading? Join Pastor Greg Tuesdays at 10 am this fall for a study on "How to Study the Bible for all its Worth." We'll explore the Psalms, Paul's letters, & some great Old Testament stories to learn how to study the Bible using different methods and resources.

The Chosen Season Two

Come explore what life might have been like as one of Jesus' original disciples. Familiar Gospel stories are brought to life through the eyes of Jesus' followers. This amazing series is even more fun to watch & discuss with a group afterwards. Join Pastor Greg Sunday Nights at 6pm in Rooms 7 & 8.



The September Fun, Fitness & Fellowship event will be a "Beach Walk and Cleanup Day" on Saturday, Sept 14th 9am, at the end of Grand Ave. We will walk north to the end of the beach and back, a total of 4 miles. (Or as far as you want to go.) We will clean up any trash we find after Labor Day weekend. Bring a trash bag, gloves and wear your FFF shirts or a Thrivent shirt. (We have them if you need one.)



Join us for the Harvest Festival Sept. 27th & 28th

Youth & Children's Ministry

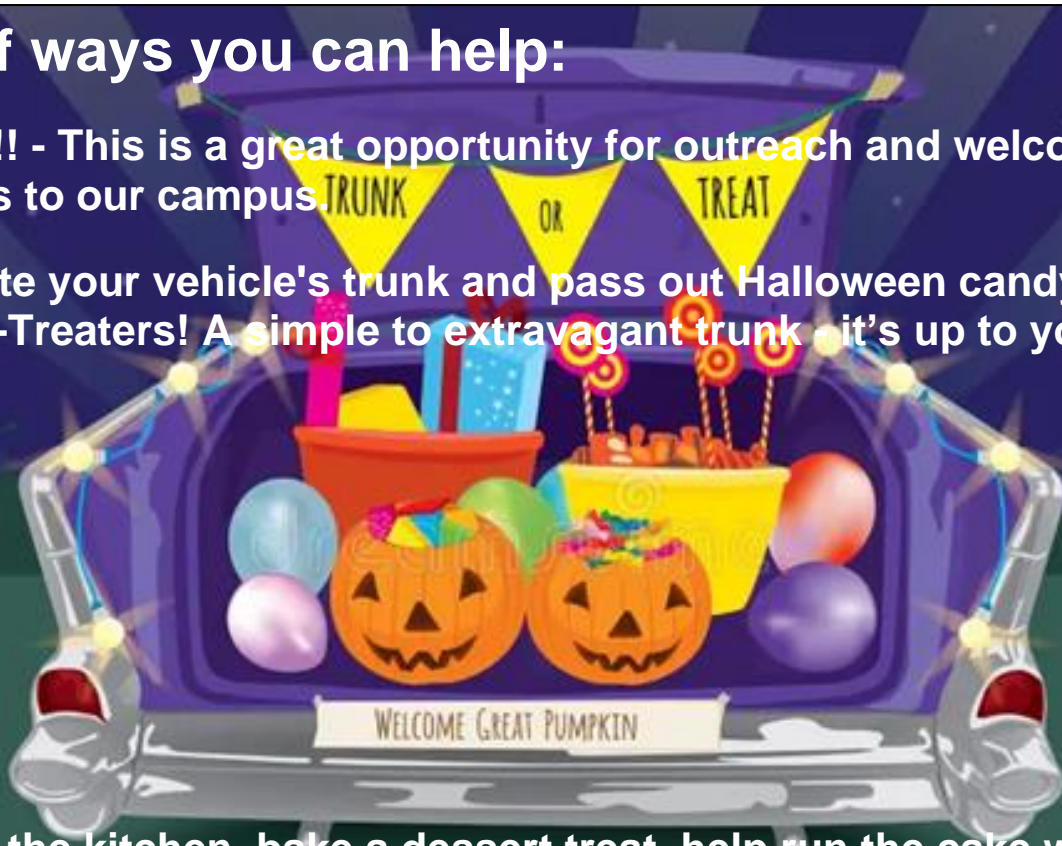
Trunk or Treat

Sunday October 27th, 5 pm

Lots of ways you can help:

1 INVITE!! - This is a great opportunity for outreach and welcoming new folks to our campus.

2 Decorate your vehicle's trunk and pass out Halloween candy to the Trunk-or-Treaters! A simple to extravagant trunk - it's up to you!



3 Help in the kitchen, bake a dessert treat, help run the cake walk, or simply give us an hour of your time to help with set up or clean up.

4 We are also taking donations of individually wrapped candy!

Youth Group Outreach Night Sunday September 29th

Students in 7th-12th grade are encouraged to join us for pizza, game discussion, and prizes! This is a great night to invite a friend!! If we haven't seen you in a while, this is a perfect time to plug back in and build relationships for the new school year.

KidsChurch Overview

Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 as we continue to work our way from Genesis to Revelation using our new Laugh and Grow Bible. Kids engage with the scriptures through games, crafts, stories and songs. We'd love to see you!

Saint John's Election Polling Place

2024 Presidential Election: Polling Center at Saint John's

Poll Workers Needed on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov 5



Eleven Workers Needed on Election Day Tuesday Nov. 5

Dear Saint John's,

Once again, we have volunteered to be a polling place for the 2024 General and Presidential Election. This not only provides a great service for the County and our community, but will also be a fundraiser for Saint John's, as the County will pay us a stipend and support for hours worked. As a policy, we have pledged to make all our labor volunteer, with the reimbursements and stipends provided by the County all going to Saint John's general fund.

We are looking for 5-8 more volunteers to help us. The more volunteers we get, the fewer hours each person will need to work. The County will provide mandatory training for volunteers on voting processes and procedures in late October, and we will supplement that with a brief review and refresher meeting at Saint John's on Sunday Nov. 3 (time TBD).

If you can help, please email Robin at reiland257@gmail.com or give us a call. Robin's cell 916-759-4153; Gordon's cell, cell 916-759-4262.

In His service, Robin and Gordon Eiland

Dress A Girl

In September, Dress a Girl will be meeting on the second Saturday, September 14th from 9 am to 2 pm. We have some exciting news! We have been sought out by a ministry called Friends of Hope International in Florida, looking for dresses to take to the Dominican Republic. We have a request for 500 dresses! Because of our faithful servants in Dress a Girl from Southern California and on up the coast, as well as inland, we are able to fulfill this request! By the first part of September the dresses will be on their way to the Dominican Republic via Florida. Each dress goes with a personal hand-written prayer card to the girl receiving the dress. We've been told that the girls love these personalized notes! So – if you'd like to be a part of this ministry which offers so much gratification, please come to our workshop! Or call Pam at 805-710-7941. I can tell you, the “work” is fun and we know that wherever the dresses go, they are making someone happy! Additionally, the Dress a Girl label gives the girls protection against would-be human traffickers. How? The label shows the traffickers that this girl is part of a protected group.

Not all of our ladies who sew for us, come to the workshops every month, but it's not a mistake that between our Central Coast Group and the ladies that sew for us farther south, we have approximately 100 ladies making dresses at home. If each one made just 5 dresses each in the next 2 months, we would reach our goal of 500 dresses easily. Can you help? Please, stop by on Sept. 14th to find out how you can help. You don't have to know how to sew, although it is an option that we offer to anyone interested. We have a need for 500 more dresses within the next two months, so if you have sewn for us before and would like to help out, please feel free to call me at 805-710-7941. We have dress kits ready to sew for that special little girl that God has chosen to receive the blessing of a new dress. If you can't stay for our workshop, you may take the dress kits home and sew them there – many of our sewists do just that! All finished dresses will be collected and boxed up to send to their next designated destination. If you sew with another group once or twice a month, maybe you would also like to sew with us. I would also be glad to come to your group meeting to help you get started. Call me at 805-710-7941 and set up a day and time. Be Blessed! Make a Dress!

Scarves & Hat Knitting

Saint John's Scarf & Hat Knitters will meet on Weds., September 11th from 9 am to noon in the Church Office.

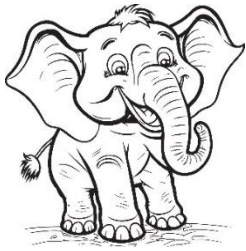
Women's Ministry

The Women's Ministry will meet on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at 1:00 pm. Refreshments will be served following a program from California Rare Fruit Growers who grow fruits from all over the world. Please plan on joining us. All women of Saint John's are invited to attend & guests are always welcome.

White Elephant & Bake Sale

Friday October 4th &

Saturday October 5th



Please start collecting & 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.**




Please! NO large furniture items/appliances, **NO** magazines, **NO** textbooks, **NO** VHS/cassette tapes, **NO** cosmetics, lotions or perfumes (even unopened).

Donations will be accepted Monday September 30th at 8:30 am through Thursday October 3rd at 1:00 pm in the Saint John's Fellowship Hall. Your baked goods may be dropped off on Thursday October 3rd before 1 pm or Friday morning at 8:30 am.







On Sunday, September 29th after the 9:30 am service, volunteers are needed to help set up tables in the Hall & Room 7/8. Volunteers (both men & women) are also needed to unpack, display & price items for sale. Please talk to any of the ladies on the Board if you want to volunteer.

Board of Directors: Rena Weiger, Louise Frye, Ruth Kapka, Joyce McGhie and Dianna Muraski

September 2024

| Sunday | Mon | Tuesday |
|--|---|---|
| 1 9:30am Family Sunday - NO Kids Church, Worship & Communion 11:00am Worship-Holy Communion 6:00pm Youth Group | 2 LABOR DAY - OFFICE CLOSED | 3 12:00pm AI Anon Meeting 6:00pm AA Meeting |
| 8 9:30am Worship 11:00am Worship 5:00pm Eagle Scout Court of Honor Troop 414 Girls 6:00pm Youth Group | 9 11:00am Bells Rehearsal 1:00pm Global & Community Missions | 10 10:00am Bible Study 11:30am People's Kitchen 12:00pm AI Anon Meeting 6:00pm AA Meeting |
| 15 9:30am Worship-Holy Communion 11:00am Worship-Holy Communion 4:00pm Missions for Good - Community & Global Missions Fundraiser 6:00pm Youth Group | 16 11:00am Bells Rehearsal 6:00pm Council Mtg | 17 10:00am Bible Study 12:00pm AI Anon Meeting 6:00pm AA Meeting |
| 22 First Day of Autumn 9:30am Worship 11:00am Worship 6:00pm Youth Group | 23 | 24 9:00am Quilters Session 1 (AG Rec Dept) 10:00am Bible Study 12:00pm AI Anon Meeting 6:00pm AA Meeting |
| 29 9:30am Worship 11:00am Worship 12:00pm White Elephant Sale Set-Up 6:00pm Youth Group  | 30 8:00am White Elephant Sale Set-up  | 1 8:00am White Elephant Sale Set-up 10:00am NO Bible Study 12:00pm NO AI Anon Meeting 6:00pm NO AA Meeting  |

September 2024

| Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 4 | 5 6:00pm Worship Team 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal | 6 OFFICE CLOSED | 7 8:00am Men's Breakfast 9:00am Cancer Survivors Celebration 9:00am Property Day 8:00pm A.A. Speakers |
| 11 9:00am Knit a Scarf | 12 6:00pm Worship Team | 13 OFFICE CLOSED | 14 9:00am Dress A Girl Workshop |
| 18 6:00pm Al-Anon Mtg | 19 6:00pm Worship Team | 20 OFFICE CLOSED | 21 12:00pm Central Coast Harmony Chorus & High Tea Event |
| 25 11:00am Staff Mtg | 26 6:00pm Worship Team | 27 Harvest Festival  OFFICE CLOSED | 28 Harvest Festival  |
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Global & Community Missions



**Join us
Sunday**

**September 15th
4:00pm**

- Silent Auction
- International Appetizers
- Raffle

It's all about supporting local & global organizations making a difference!

Who We Support



5cities homeless coalition



Where Africa's Children Thrive

✝ **FEED MY PEOPLE**
Iglesia Luterana
San Juan Bautista



The
People's
Kitchen
Grover Beach



中美服务促进会

Global & Community Missions

Hello Saint's John's Family,

Please mark your calendars and set aside everything else you might have scheduled at 4 pm on Sunday, September 15th! Come join us and participate in this fun event that will support **Missions for Good!** Missions for Good is comprised of brothers and sisters in Christ who are reaching people locally and globally with the Good News of Jesus. Be a part of God's work that "embraces the broken" and makes our world a better place!

Global and Community Missions Support Event

Sunday September 15, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

Ouimette Hall

Enjoy International Appetizers, Raffle and Silent Auction

See you there!

Global & Community Missions Team

Marcy Richardson, Jeff Metcalfe, Esther Jensen, Pat Muran

Questions? Call or email Pat Muran:

805-459-2362

Pastorpatricia22@gmail.com

or

Speak to any member of the Team

September Memory Verse



The Lord will
fight for you.
You need only
be still. Exodus 14:14



Men's Ministry

Men's Breakfast Saturday, September 7th 8am

Guys, we need each other. Come spend some time with your brothers in Christ.

September Birthdays & Anniversaries



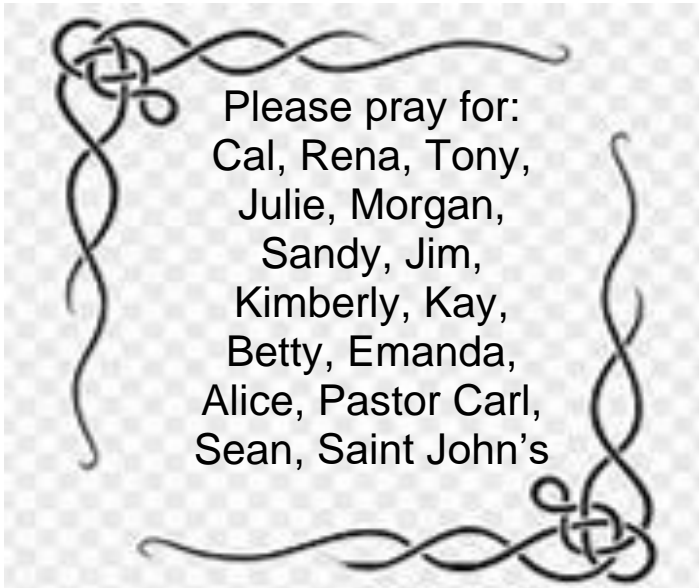
HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

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| Fred Tuggey | 9/4 |
| Dawn Drysdale | 9/11 |
| Shari Bowman | 9/24 |
| Natalie Fossum | 9/25 |
| Louise Taylor | 9/26 |
| Kent Fossum | 9/30 |



Happy
Anniversary

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| Cal & Kerry Wood | 9/9 |
| Fred & Sharline Tuggey | 9/10 |
| Breck & Priscilla Thomas | 9/30 |

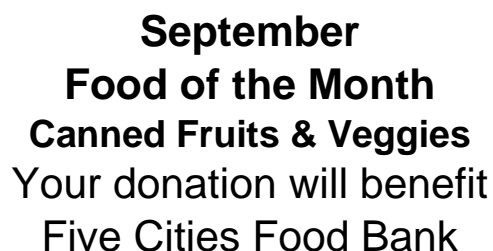


Please pray for:
Cal, Rena, Tony,
Julie, Morgan,
Sandy, Jim,
Kimberly, Kay,
Betty, Emanda,
Alice, Pastor Carl,
Sean, Saint John's



September Workday
Saturday, September 7th 9 am
Come help beautify our campus!

Many Hands Make Light Work!
Need help on any day with trash
and trimming. See Lois Franks
for tasks to complete.



September
Food of the Month
Canned Fruits & Veggies
Your donation will benefit
Five Cities Food Bank



October Newsletter Deadline
for submission of an article is **September 15th**

Church Council

Council Highlights from Meeting on August 19, 2024:

1. Financial update through July shows we are still on pace to come in better than budgeted.
2. Blessing the Animals was a success with many new faces in attendance.
3. Men's Ministry is beginning monthly breakfasts on September 7th sign up in the Commons.
4. Council reviewed the potential of income from a cell tower on our property. Information to be provided after full review of proposal.
5. Council reviewed options for signage and banners. Proposals are being reviewed and information will be brought to the congregation before any decisions are made.
6. Council approved a bid to complete the painting project for the entire building.
7. Research continues for the possibility of a Christian Children's Center. Details will be provided later this year after information is gathered.
- 8 Global Missions will have their annual Fundraiser on 9/15 @ 4 p.m.
9. Stay tuned for the upcoming White Elephant event!!

Wanna Give Online?

Many of you have asked about how you can give online. We are providing this QR code to scan with your phone camera – it will take you directly to our website Giving Page.



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www.SaintJohnsAG.com/give

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