



THE VINE

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church & School Newsletter

May 2021

"Leading people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ, His followers, and His world."

SERVING ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board of Directors Nominations

We are gathering nominations for the Board of Directors. We will be electing four candidates to serve two-year terms. Those who are interested are to fill out the form available in the church office.

What are the responsibilities of a member of the Board of Directors?

The Board of Directors is a governing board. Its main duty is to ensure the fulfillment of St. John's Mission and Vision. It does this by holding the Lead Pastor accountable for implementing a ministry plan that pursues the mission and vision for our church and school, and supporting him in the fulfillment of that plan. The Board of Directors also prepares and maintains a policy manual that defines the goals of the congregation, the relationship between the Board and the Lead Pastor, the limitations on the Lead Pastor, and the way in which the Board will carry out its duties. The Board members do not represent any particular group or constituency in the church. Rather, the Board acts on behalf of the entire congregation, especially as it confesses its purpose through the Mission and Vision statement.

What are the qualifications to serve on the Board of Directors?

The By-Laws state that Board members must be committed to the mission and vision of the congregation. Therefore the ideal board member is someone who is:

- Faithful in Worship
- Regularly in the Word: Bible Study or Small Group
- Active in service: Serving in a ministry of the congregation
- Supportive of tithing: Either tithing or working toward it.
- Strong support for the Mission and Vision
- Able to see the big picture of the church's mission



Confirmation

On May 2nd, ten young people will confess their faith in Christ along with their commitment to following Him. We rejoice as they participate in the Rite of Confirmation, blessing and prayer that they continue in this confession and commitment.

The Confirmation ceremony will take place on Sunday afternoon, May 2, at 4:00 in the Faith Chapel. As part of this ceremony, the Confirmands will present their "Faith Statement," their personal confessions of faith. These presentations will be recorded and will be presented during the Sunday morning serving on May 9th.

May God bless our Confirmands!

- Samantha Marie Carey
- Grayson Quinn Cushing
- Soren Edward Christian De Young
- Tyler Allen Koen
- Colt Rush Maloney
- Abigail Rose Munoz
- Matteo Joseph Robertis
- Charles Lucas Vaziri
- Eva Marie Winkler
- Patrick Wayne Yoder

On Sunday, May 2nd, seven young people will participate in the Lord's Supper for the first time during the morning worship service. They are: Matteo Barbosa, Abrielle Caceres, Madelyn Caceres, Parker Dahl, Chelsea Luna, Charlie Vaziri, and Ariel Winkler.



FIRST
COMMUNION



Stephen Ministry – A Ministry of Listening

Stephen Ministers to be Commissioned on Sunday, May 16

The 2021 Class of Stephen Ministers will be commissioned at the 9:30am church service on Sunday, May 16. Congratulations to George Clark, CeCe Commander, John and Pam Foottit, Missy Loban, Sandra Mehrens, and Sal Pagano! Thanks be to God for their commitment to completing 50 hours of training, their willingness to serve, and their dedication to this Ministry. There will be a small celebration reception with them after the service. Please continue to lift them in your prayers, along with the current Stephen Ministers Roxana Castro, Clare King, Jeff, Mello, Jason Newton, and Linda Reed. For any questions about Stephen Ministry, or to request a Stephen Minister for yourself or a friend, please contact Pastor Mark, Penni Cremen, or Pam Barker.

2021 High School and College Graduates

We would like to publish a list in the June Vine of our 2021 high school and college graduates.

For our college graduates, please provide the student's name, college name, and major.

For our high school graduates, please provide the student's name, and the name of the college they plan to attend.

You can email this information to:
churchoffice@stjohnslutheran.net or call the church office at 255-0119.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School is always such an amazing and fun week for the kids! It is also a great opportunity for our members to volunteer and help out! (Did you know we typically have over 75 volunteers who serve over 125 children at VBS?) Vacation Bible School can also provide the chance for us to reach some un-churched people in the Napa community!



Understandably, because of covid-19, we just don't have the commitment this year for our typical strong base of volunteers. The decision has been made to cancel VBS for this summer. We will come back strong in the summer of 2022! Thank you for understanding!

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

We are now looking for Children's Church volunteers! SJL is going to start up Children's Church again in September 2021. Children's Church is for children in Preschool up to 4th grade. I would like to hear back from all of our former CC teachers as well as some new volunteers! The commitment is typically one Sunday per month if we receive at least 8 volunteers! One class meets in the preschool building at that is for kids Preschool-1st Grade. The other class meets in the school library and that is for kids 2nd-4th grade. Please help us make this a reality for our kids to return to Children's Church! If you have any questions or would like more information don't hesitate to reach out to Janis King.

SHOPPING ON AMAZON?

Please consider using "Amazon Smile" when placing your orders, designating St. John's Lutheran Church fund. (There is no additional cost to you!) Just go directly to: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/94-6001864>



OFFERING UPDATE

Actual Offering Income for Mar:

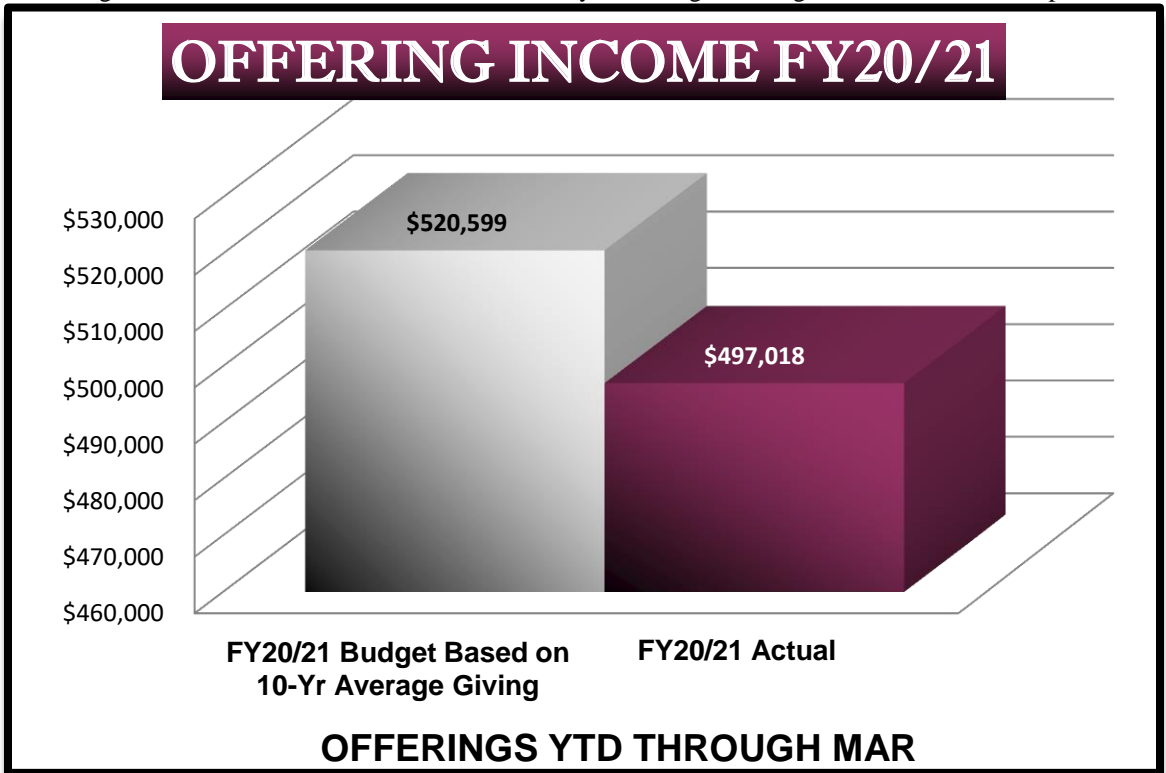
\$48,340.

Total Offerings for FY20/21 (as of 31 Mar 21):

\$497,018 which is **4.53%** or **\$23,581**
below our budgeted offering income.

Total expenses remain in line with our budget and we have paid all bills received thus far.

*The budget amount shown below is based on the ten-year average offering received for that time period.



Meditation:

“For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures...” (I Corinthians 15:3-4)(ESV)

Giving Expresses Our Hope in and Our Gratitude for Jesus

An old legend tells of a man visiting Africa who was amazed to find boys playing marbles with diamonds. The boys, however, found nothing unusual in this; this was the only kind of stones they knew.

There is a danger that the familiar can lose its value. What wonderful truths we hear each Sunday from our pulpits! What gracious gifts we regularly receive through the Sacraments! What a treasure is the Word of God which we own and can read whenever we wish! What value do we place on these things of God? How long can God trust us as stewards of His Gospel if we treat it so lightly and neglect the opportunities to spread His Word?

In the New Testament, hardly any facet of the Christian life is discussed more often than that of giving. The Bible teaches that it is the obligation of all, the rich and the poor, to give regularly, proportionately, and in the name of and for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Bible teaches that giving is an act of faith, of thanksgiving, and of gratitude for our God and for what He has done for us.

Let us pray, then, that we would once again comprehend the sacrifice that has won our eternal salvation. Let us tell others of the wonderful hope and love that can be found in Jesus. Let us place our gifts in the offering plates as though they were the nail-scarred hands of Jesus.

Prayer: Gracious Heavenly Father, Giver of every good and perfect gift, forgive my indifference to Your goodness and instill in me passion for Your Word and a desire to use all You have given me to spread the Good News of eternal life in Jesus. Amen.

Adapted from “*Maturing as Stewards through Faith, Love, and Hope*” by Ronald J. and Phyllis J. Chewning, Stewardship Advisors, Inc., 2007.

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LCC K-9 COMFORT DOG MINISTRY UPDATE

To God be the Glory!

Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. 1 Corinthians 9:24-25



My handlers have had me doing my own type of “spring training” lately as they prepared me to participate in the “Run for Respect” 5K race and St. John’s Lutheran School “Get on Track” event. Although I really enjoy my daily walks, it is fun to mix up my routine and run around with some of my humans. I am also thrilled to be able to hang out with my school friends again. After all this training, I should be in good shape to keep up with the youth at the CNH District Youth gathering in late May. All four of the California comfort dogs were invited to attend this year. I love working (and later playing) with my fellow comfort dogs.

Last month I spent the day in Marysville, California at a police officer’s funeral. Reuben, Micah and Rahab comfort dogs joined me. We were blessed to learn more about this young, Christian officer and his positive attitude in the midst of facing many challenges in his life. Additionally, Reuben and Micah were able provide comfort to his family with a home visit. Please continue to keep this family in your prayers.

Soon, my team and I will be commemorating National Police Week (May 9-15). We are hoping to deliver handmade cards from the SJLS students, along with some other goodies, to our first responders in Napa. Due to COVID restrictions, we were unable to stop by and show our appreciation last year so we are especially grateful to be able to do so this year.

It has been great seeing some of you after church services. I have missed you and am looking forward to the time when we will be able to spend more time together.

Thanks for your support and prayers! Please check out Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and my website for all the latest news. napavalleycomfortdogs.org

Aaron Comfort Dog





For MAY

	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
1	Psalms 56:9-13	Job 38	1 Corinthians 10:1-10
2	Psalms 22:25-31		Acts 8:26-40, 1 John 4:7-21, John 15:1-8
3	Psalms 57:1-6	Job 39	1 Corinthians 10:11-22
4	Psalms 57:7-11	Job 40	1 Corinthians 10:23-11:2
5	Psalms 58	Job 41	1 Corinthians 11:3-16
6	Psalms 59:1-9	Job 42	1 Corinthians 11:17-30
7	Psalms 59:10-17	Proverbs 1:1-2:8	1 Corinthians 11:31-12:11
8	Psalms 60	Proverbs 2:9-3:20	1 Corinthians 12:12-26
9	Psalms 98		Acts 10:44-48, 1 John 5:1-6, John 15:9-17
10	Psalms 61	Proverbs 3:21-4:27	1 Corinthians 12:27-13:7
11	Psalms 62	Proverbs 5	1 Corinthians 13:8-14:5
12	Psalms 63	Proverbs 6	1 Corinthians 14:6-19
13	Psalms 64	Proverbs 7	1 Corinthians 14:20-35
14	Psalms 65:1-8	Proverbs 8:1-9:6	1 Corinthians 14:36-15:2
15	Psalms 65:9-13	Proverbs 9:7-10:32	1 Corinthians 15:3-16
16	Psalms 1		Acts 1:15-17, 21-26, 1 John 5:9-13, John 17:6-19
17	Psalms 66:1-7	Proverbs 11	1 Corinthians 15:17-28
18	Psalms 66:8-15	Proverbs 12	1 Corinthians 15:29-41
19	Psalms 66:16-20	Proverbs 13	1 Corinthians 15:42-58
20	Psalms 67	Proverbs 14	1 Corinthians 16:1-11
21	Psalms 68:1-6	Proverbs 15	1 Corinthians 16:12-24
22	Psalms 68:7-18	Proverbs 16	2 Corinthians 1:1-11
23	Psalms 104:24-34, 35b		Acts 2:1-21, Romans 8:22-27, John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15
24	Psalms 68:19-27	Proverbs 17	2 Corinthians 1:12-22
25	Psalms 68:28-35	Proverbs 18	2 Corinthians 1:23-2:13
26	Psalms 69:1-12	Proverbs 19	2 Corinthians 2:14-3:11
27	Psalms 69:13-21	Proverbs 20	2 Corinthians 3:12-4:6
28	Psalms 69:22-29	Proverbs 21	2 Corinthians 4:7-18
29	Psalms 69:30-36	Proverbs 22	2 Corinthians 5:1-15
30	Psalms 29	Isaiah 6:1-8	Romans 8:12-17, John 3:1-17
31	Psalms 70	Proverbs 23	2 Corinthians 5:16-6:2

St. John's Lutheran School Scrip Program:

The new RaiseRight mobile app makes fundraising easier. Shop more than 750 top brands using gift cards, right from your phone. Whether you're at home or at the store, get started with on-the-go fundraising that creates opportunities for the people that matter most to you. **No extra time wasted. No extra money spent.**

Start earning with the RaiseRight™ mobile app today. Concentrate on Groceries and Gas for the rest of the month to see how easy and convenient Scrip can be. Then get ready to shop for the holidays. Black Friday will be different this year. When you find something on Amazon, QVC or another location, check RaiseRight and see if they are part of the program. Large appliances need replacing? Home Depot and Lowe's are both part of RaiseRight.

- **Join the program**

- First, download the RaiseRight mobile app from the app store using your smartphone or tablet.
- Then, enter the enrollment code to join: **912E7L6F9161**

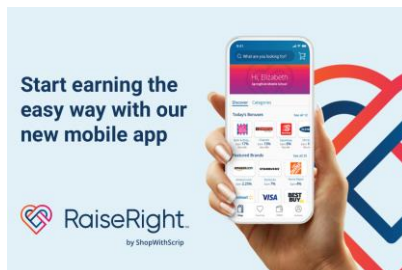
- **Buy gift cards and earn for your organization**

- Browse bonuses, search for a specific brand, shop categories, and more.
- When you're ready to check out, sign up for secure online payments. You can link a bank account, add a credit card, or both.**
- The brand gives back to your organization the moment you buy a gift card—at no extra cost to you.

- **Get and use your gift cards**

- eGift cards are delivered to the app within minutes—view them in your Wallet.
- Physical gift cards are mailed to your coordinator. Many are reloadable so you can keep earning with the ones you have.
- Use both types in-store and online.

** 15 cent charge per order for checking/debit purchase or 2.6% for credit card purchase.



St. John's Facebook Group

Are you on Facebook? Have you joined the St. John's Facebook Family Group? Please click here to join and participate in Facebook Live events, discussion and more.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/stjohnsfamilynapa>

Why join our Facebook Group? We are planning Live devotional events, prayer times, as well as other interactive events. Our group is a great place to encourage one another and walk together as a family of God. In this time when gathering in person is so difficult, this is an option to fellowship together.

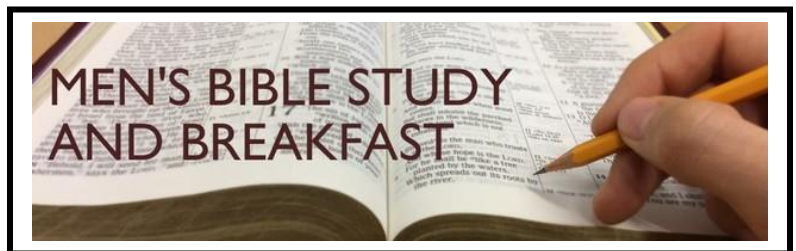
Also, if you have something you'd like to see us talk about or promote on social media, please use the same contact info.



MEN, JOIN US EVERY SATURDAY MORNING FOR FELLOWSHIP AT 7:30 AM
AND BIBLE STUDY AT 8:00 - 9:00 AM

CALL RON JOHNSON
FOR INFORMATION.

(Meeting virtually)



The logo for 'GIVE+' in a bold, sans-serif font, with a yellow plus sign.

**New mobile phone application makes supporting
Ministry even more convenient.**

Go to the App Store or Google Play and search for "GivePlus Church" to download for free. Then enter St. John's Lutheran Church or tap "Find Churches Near Me" to start your search. Enter your desired contribution amount, card or bank information, review and select "Complete Donation." It's that easy! Please call the church office if you have questions.

St. John's Lutheran School

Now Enrolling for the 2021-2022 School Year!

Applications are currently being accepted for select openings in Preschool through Eighth Grade.

Download an enrollment application today at www.stjohnsnapa.org, visit the school office or contact Kristin Goller, Admissions Counselor, at 707-226-7970, Ext. 125; kgoller@stjohnsnapa.org.

Please share this information with anyone who may be interested in St. John's Lutheran School.



April was a busy week on campus. We were able to hold the APT "Get on Track" on Friday, April 23. To start off the celebration, we had a Spirit Week for the week of April 19. Monday the students enjoyed

Pajama Day. Tuesday was Sports day and the students proudly represented their favorite sports activity or team. On Wednesday, we paid tribute to our favorite community heroes. Our students dressed as firefighters, nurses, doctors, law enforcement officers and teachers. We wore our Eagle pride on Thursday and ended the week with the color run. A huge thank you to Valerie Owens and her crew for making this event amazing!!

On Thursday and Friday, April 29 and 30, our grade 5-8 students participated in the Lutheran Elementary School Tournament. This event has traditionally been held at Concordia University - Portland. With the closure of that school and the pandemic, this year, LEST was held virtually. We are so proud of all of our students who participated in the following events: Spelling, Mathematics, Authentic writing, Science Exposition, Movie Making, Robotics, and Knowledge Bowl.

We completed the process of re-enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year and currently have a few openings in our school, especially in Grades 4 and 6. If you are interested in enrolling your child in our school or know of someone who may be interested, please do not hesitate to contact the school office at 707-226-7970.

In Christ,
Christy Wood, Principal

So, What's New at the Farm?

Submitted by Ted Zimmerman



There have been a lot of changes taking place of late at the Mission Farm. Perhaps the most notable change has been the relocation of the shipping container unit from the parking lot. We have been using it, and will continue to do so, for tractor storage. It has been joined by a second unit which we purchased for additional storage. Furthermore, the space between the two units will be covered by a roof so we can park our tractor implements under its protection. The whole assemblage will improve our operation's appearance and provide better security and weather protection.

The orchards by and large have passed through their blossom phase, have put on their lovely spring green dresses, and already show signs of fruit development. Last year we added a number of apricot trees, and this year we should harvest our first real crop of them, joining our harvests of apples, plums, pluots, and peaches.

By the time you read this article, most of the summer plantings will have been completed: tomatoes, green beans, cucumbers, egg plants, summer squashes, mild and hot peppers, melons, corn, onions, garlic, carrots, beets, spinach, lettuces, radishes, and more. All produce is sent to the Community Action Napa Valley Food Bank to serve the needs of families who struggle to put food on the table. The number of families being served by the Food Bank as a result of COVID pandemic has increased from 300 to over 1700 weekly (almost six-fold!). It brings a delight to the hearts of our volunteers to know that we are able to make a substantial contribution of fresh produce in this time of great need!





1	Jeff Mello
2	Dede Messner
3	Penni Cremen
5	Jean Gonzales, Hoag Husted
6	Samantha Carey, Ben Wilson, Zina Zaia, Trisha Tortolani
8	Jax Rodriguez, Chad Alexander
9	Tom Hoff, Melissa Loban, Brett Wedding
11	Kenneth Van Houten III, Ari Knutson
12	Deana Ehlen
13	Naomi Knutson, David Como II, Sarah Santora
14	Meghan Eisberg, Debbie Stanhope
15	Orion Boudreaux, Julie Peterson, Henry Eisberg
16	Donald Hatfield, Melissa Ebeling, Donovan Messner, Gail Valeskie
17	Jack Goller
18	Walt Gmelch, Jay Adams, Sharlene Mulsoff
19	Marissa Griego
21	Brett Carey
22	Deborah Bommersbach, Alex Rollin, Rebecca Lowe-Vitkus
23	Elena Irwin
24	Lauren Frey
25	Bill Clark, Hadrian Newman, Jordan Petersen, Aaron Craft, Tegan Behlmer
26	Daniel D'Angelo
27	Lisa Chaudhary
28	Mia Wagner
29	Doris Klein
30	Anthony Munoz, Christopher Vaziri
31	Carson Mooers, Hudson Faria, Domenic Hjerpe



DATE	COUPLE	YEARS
1	Matthew & Kelsey Uffmann	10
8	Robert & Courtnee Gingras	1
9	Robert & Lisa De Young	29
11	Linda & Bob Harvey	30
12	John & Pam Foottit	42
21	Trisha & John Tortolani	19
21	Heather & Daniel Faria	10
24	Nancy & Sal Zaia	34
25	Aven & K.C. Kampton	30
28	John & Janelle Mason	33
29	Karen & Tim Wall	30
30	Elizabeth & Matthew Munoz	22
30	Douglas & Terry Braddock	29
31	Gregory & Janis King	41
31	Ronald & Lois Johnson	18



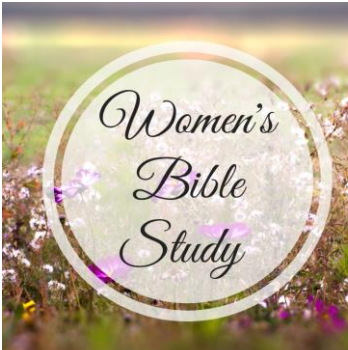
Youth Ministry at St. John's is back in action in May. We have a couple big events taking place this month.

First, Confirmation Sunday, May 2nd at 4:00 PM. This Service is taking place in the Faith Chapel as we have 10 students being confirmed and sharing

their Faith Statements with us that day. We have the opportunity to open that up to the congregation for anybody who would like to come.

Secondly, we have a District Youth Gathering coming up on May 29th. This is an event for middle & high school students. Stay tuned for more information regarding that event.

Finally, we have our normal youth events taking place for Surge (5th-8th) and High School during the month of May. Contact Kevin for any opportunities to serve or get involved with the Youth Ministry.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

(Temporarily postponed)

Women's Thursday afternoon Bible Study meets in the Sanctuary on Thursdays at 1:00 PM. Looking forward to seeing you all!

Contact Womensministry@stjohnslutheran.net!



Did You Know That St. John's is on Social Media?

St. John's and its ministries stay in contact with the community in many ways, including Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and our own websites. It takes a lot of effort to keep the websites up to date and to keep the communication current and flowing on social media.

The social media team is all volunteer and we could use a few more tech-savvy people to help us out. If you are a fan of social media and would like to help us communicate to our members, parents, students, and community, we could use your help.

Contact us by email: sjlcsocialmedia@gmail.com



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Facilities Calendar Link: <https://teamup.com/ks059311afd6a21c57>



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