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St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church & School Newsletter

November 2021

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

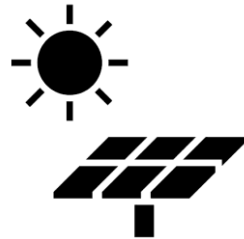
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## **The Rising of the Sun**

*"From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets,  
the name of the LORD is to be praised."*

Psalm 113:3

We are happy to announce that we are installing a solar panel system--often referred to as photovoltaic, or PV, system—on campus. Once completed, this system will provide most of the congregation's electrical needs.



### ***Why are we doing this?***

As you know all too well, energy costs are rising and there is no end in sight. The tens of thousands of dollars the congregation spends each year on energy aren't available, then, to support outreach in our community, ministries throughout our nation or missions around the world. Current projections indicate that the new PV system could generate average annual savings of \$40,000 over twenty-five years. Secondly, as a congregation we would exercise faithful stewardship, of not only our financial resources, but of our environment. Thirdly, St. John's would demonstrate that Christians care about the environment and community.

### ***What does the project include?***

Solar panels will be installed on the south-facing slopes of the parish hall and of the athletic field storage building. The PV system will connect to the main electrical power panels located at the southwest corner of the parish hall. Additionally, we may have to "top off" a few tall trees along the property line immediately west of the parish hall.

### ***What will it cost?***

The estimate for purchasing and installing the PV system is \$260,000. This includes the solar panels, micro-inverters, permit, inspection, and tree mitigation. The estimate also includes a 10% contingency to cover unexpected costs.

### ***How will it be funded?***

Several donors have already graciously designated \$72,000 to begin the project. That represents 20% of the estimated total project cost. Thanks be to God! Because of these generous gifts, we have decided to begin work on the project. The additional required funds (\$208,000) still need to be gathered through offerings, gifts, and reserve funds.

### ***Who is working on the project?***

Green Stock Solar, a local contractor licensed with the state, will design, install and connect the solar panel system. Green Stock Solar will also monitor and maintain the system, as needed.

### ***When will the work begin and end?***

The project is currently in permit review with the City of Napa. Once that process is complete, we will be able to announce dates. The project will take approximately three months.

### ***What can I do?***

- Pray for God's blessing and guidance on this project and safety for those who are working.
- Pray also for the God to provide the funds needed to complete the project.
- Please also prayerfully consider making an offering for the completion of this project. Please designate such offerings as "Rising of the Sun Solar Project."

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## **Prayer & Praise**

Prayer & Praise is a Saturday night opportunity to join together with our St. John's Family and beyond for a time of praising God through song and a time of prayer. We are super excited to be starting this up at St. John's so help us spread the word!

Go to our **Instagram & Facebook** pages and share our post to let the Napa community know about Prayer & Praise.

When: Saturday, November 13

Time: 7:00 PM

Where: Sanctuary

## **Sunday Morning Bible Classes**

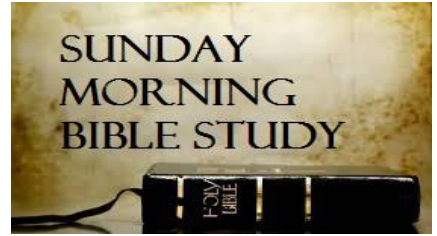
Bible Classes are on Sunday mornings at 11:00 AM.

### **“Foundations”**

Do you know what you believe and why you believe it? Pastor Mike is leading a seven-session overview of the foundational teachings of the Christian Faith. The goal of this class is to help us better understand and speak about our faith, as well as seeing the connection between these truths and the contemporary concerns.

Previous classes can be viewed on the [Foundations playlist on YouTube channel](#):

This class meets in Room 10



### **“Ephesians”**

Has it ever dawned on you that nothing has ever dawned on God? He knew before the world began that His people would face hardship, so He gave us His Word. The Book of Ephesians is a survival manual—it equips believers to thrive in a world that hates the message of Jesus Christ. Paul the Apostle writes to encourage believers to live well—we've been lifted from the graveyard of sin and called to shout the gospel into the darkened world. Joel Wahlers will be leading this nine session study, making use of Right Now Media teaching by pastor and author J.D. Greear. This group meets in Room 8.



## **CHILDREN'S CHURCH IS BACK**

We are happy to announce that Children's Church will be starting up again! We have a new curriculum that will be used on Sunday mornings! It is called GOSPEL LIGHT. These classes are for Preschool-1<sup>st</sup> Graders and Second Graders through 4<sup>th</sup> Grade.

The children will be dismissed from church with the teachers right before the Bible readings during the worship service. They will be in the classrooms for approximately 30 minutes, and then their teachers will bring them back to their parents in the church. The preschool through first graders will meet in the Preschool classroom and the 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> graders will meet in the school library.

We are hoping that this will continue to be a positive experience for the young children in our congregation and for their parents as well.

If you are interested in being blessed as a teacher and would like to teach once a month, please let Janis know asap!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to Janis King.



Contact Kevin Mathison for details.

# The Show Goes On!

After taking a year off from live theatre (and filming a movie-musical instead), the SJLS Theatre Program is proud to present: *Oliver!*



Come see our fall production and celebrate our ability to engage in a live performance once again! Our talented actors have been working hard and are so excited to finally perform for an audience. Thanks in advance for supporting our amazing students!

*Oliver!*, based on the novel, *Oliver Twist*, by Charles Dickens, has colorful characters and wonderful music, such as “Consider Yourself”, “Food, Glorious Food”, “I’d Do Anything”, “Pick a Pocket”, and “Reviewing the Situation” just to name a few. We know you’ll be singing along in no time!

**Dates:** November 17-20 @ 7:00pm and November 21 @ 2:00pm

**Ticket Info:** \$12 each. Visit our website **beginning Friday, 11/5**, to order tickets. Seating is limited; first come, first served. <https://bit.ly/SJLSOliver>

Technologically-challenged? Please contact the church office (707.255.0119) for assistance in ordering tickets.

## **Help Needed!**

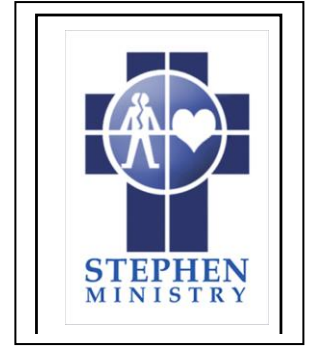
We are in need of adult help behind the scenes. We need help with building the set, painting, organizing, and various simple odd jobs on November 6-7 and November 13-14. If you also have tools to lend, we’d appreciate it.

If you feel moved to support our theatre program in this way, please contact the directors at [musicaltheatre@stjohnsnapa.org](mailto:musicaltheatre@stjohnsnapa.org) or call 707.255.0119 Thank you in advance! We are grateful for your support!

God bless,  
Sarah Kramer, Angela D’Angelo, & Cindy Powers

## ***A Stephen Ministry Story: Barnabas and Mark***

*Stephen Ministry is a ministry of encouragement.* Barnabas and Paul both boldly proclaimed God's Word throughout the Roman Empire. Though Barnabas appears in the New Testament several times, we know much less about him than we do Paul. What we do know is that he was an encourager. In fact, his name means "the son of encouragement." Barnabas had all the characteristics of a Stephen Minister: full of faith, mercy, patience, encouragement, and compassion. He was probably the ideal companion to travel with on a long missionary journey in a potentially hostile land.



Barnabas' biggest contribution to the Christian church, however, isn't a sermon he preached or an epistle he wrote. It may simply have been his role as an encourager to his young cousin Mark. Acts 15:36-41 recounts the planning of Paul's second missionary journey. It begins with a sharp disagreement between Paul and Barnabas over whether to take Mark on the journey. Paul is strongly against it, citing an earlier journey in which Mark had abandoned them (Acts 13:13). The details are sketchy, but it apparently was enough for Paul to lose trust in Mark.

Barnabas assertively stood up for Mark. He looked past Mark's flaws and had confidence that Mark was a man he could trust on such an important mission. Paul and Barnabas resolved the incident by going on separate missionary journeys. Barnabas' encouragement for and patience with Mark likely had a significant positive impact on Mark's self-image and future as an apostle. We later learn that Barnabas' confidence in Mark was justified as Mark earned his way back into Paul's favor (2 Timothy 4:11).

What would have happened to Mark had Barnabas not stood by his side? Because Barnabas had faith that this young man could overcome an earlier mistake, the young church was blessed with two missionary journeys instead of one – and we have the Gospel of Mark.

Have you had a Barnabas in your life, someone to encourage and show faith in you? *Stephen Ministry is a ministry of encouragement.* A Stephen Minister maintains faith and confidence that someone can overcome adversity and reach their God-given potential. If you or someone you know could benefit from talking with a Stephen Minister, contact Pastor Mike at the church office, or Penni Cremens (707-483-9321)

## OFFERING UPDATE

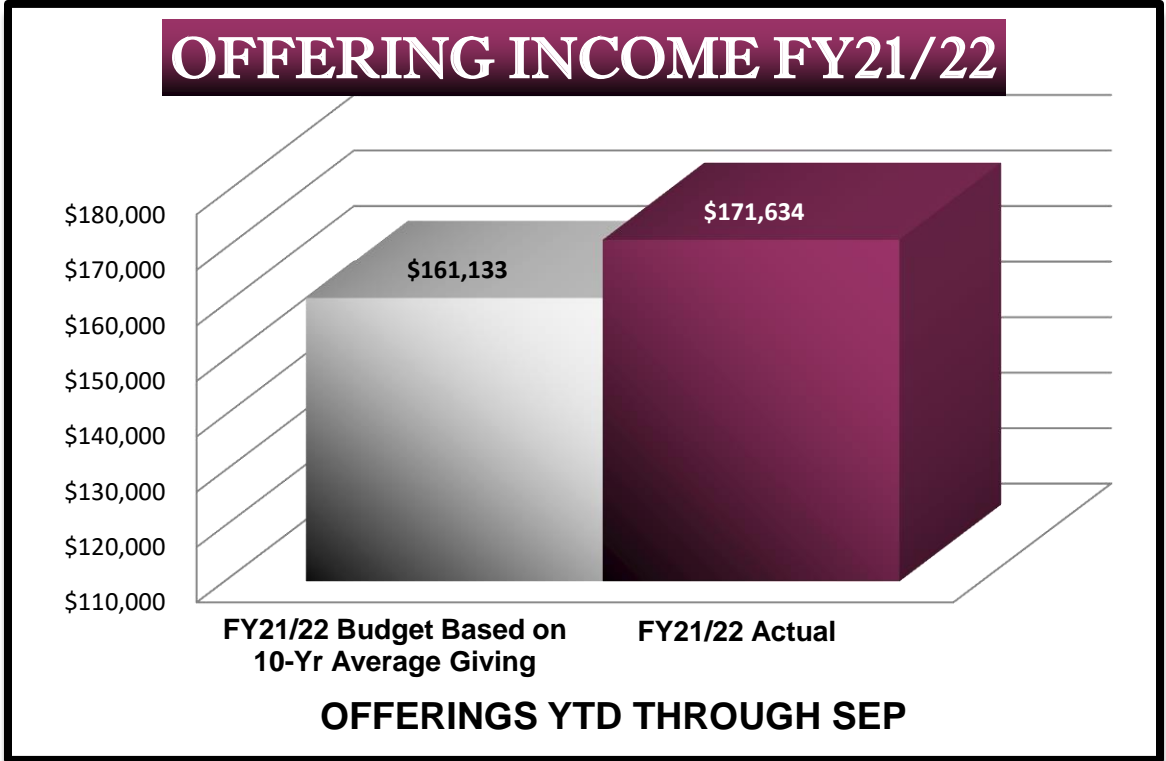
Actual Offering Income for Sep:

**\$51,784.**

Total Offerings for FY21/22 (as of 30 Sep 21):

**\$171,634** which is **6.52%** or **\$10,501** over our budgeted offering income.

Total expenses are in line with our budget and we paid all bills received. \*The budget amount shown below is based on the ten-year average offering received for that time period.



### Meditation:

*"We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life." (Romans 6:4)(ESV)*

## God's Stewards are Saints and Sinners

This means that God's stewards rejoice in and live out what the Lord has declared them to be through the cross. At the same time, His stewards recognize they are sinners who fight sin and its consequences each day.

Sometimes in life, especially being cognizant of life with God, we take one step forward and two back! Some days we seem to “grow up” and become more Christ-like, and the next day we slip back to that “old self” we don’t want to be. Growing as a follower of Christ, reflecting Him, His will, His values, His purposes is not an easy or quickly accomplished goal! It is our calling.

We are saints and sinners, forgiven by God in Christ, loved, totally and fully accepted and acceptable to God, and at the same time we sin because we are sinners. Christian stewards live in that awareness and need to be reminded and encouraged to remember the promises of God in the face of sin, weakness, and failure. Romans 6:1-11 is a good section of the Bible to recall, especially verse four.

Daily contrition, heartfelt sorrow for having failed and offended God, and others, is a spiritual discipline for all stewards. The practice of repentance, change of heart, mind, spirit and will is no easy matter. It takes courage, practice, and intentionality. Many Christian stewards do this in regular morning and evening Bible reading and prayer times, in regular corporate worship, and in special times of need or decision-making. Some people do this as part of a supportive small-group ministry.

*God’s stewards are saints and sinners.*

**Prayer:** Lord, in Your Gospel You show Your love. Lord, in Your Law I see my sin. Forgive me. Instruct me so I know how I can live in obedience to You. Give me strength, Lord, as Your steward to serve You and my neighbor with all You have entrusted to my care. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

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# LCC K-9 COMFORT DOG MINISTRY UPDATE

To God be the Glory!



*Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe,*

*Hebrews 12:28*

Later this month my humans will sit down to a big meal and reflect on what they are thankful for but I think this is also a good opportunity to reflect on God's blessings. I am so grateful for the support of our congregation and the opportunities to serve in our community. I am also grateful for our ability to deploy and assist in comforting those who are hurting beyond the Napa Valley. I am also so thankful to have Gomer Comfort Dog helping me to spread the love.

This past month I have been assisting the District Attorney's office, working with young victims as they testify in court. It has been a privilege to meet and work with these brave young children. After our initial meeting, I am able to accompany them to the empty courtroom while the attorneys walk them through the trial process. Then, on the day of the trial, I get to sit at their feet while they are giving testimony on the witness stand. The district attorney has told us that, without having me on the stand with them, most of these children would be reluctant or unwilling to testify. I am so happy I am able to support and comfort them.

While I was working in court, Gomer and Reuben Comfort Dog traveled to Las Vegas to help Lois Comfort Dog and Salome Comfort Dog bring comfort to the airmen at Nellis Air Force Base following the tragic death of one of their co-workers. This was Gomer's first overnight deployment and I hear she did great! All the dogs were well received on the base and our presence was very much appreciated. The master sergeant is hoping to continue having Lois and Salome visit the base in the future.

While they were in Las Vegas, both Reuben and Gomer also joined Lois and her team on visits to Sunrise Hospital and Oakmont Senior Living center. They were able to spread joy to the staff and patients/residents at both places. The residents in memory care at Oakmont were having a Halloween scavenger hunt while the dogs were visiting and I heard that Gomer did a great job

ignoring the many pieces of candy scattered around on tables and chairs. Hopefully this helped prepare her to ignore the delicious smelling meal coming up on Thanksgiving Day. 🐾

Wishing you a blessed Thanksgiving!

Thanks for your support and prayers! Please check out Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and our website for all the latest news. [napavalleycomfortdogs.org](http://napavalleycomfortdogs.org)

Aaron and Gomer Comfort Dogs



Dinner Groups will be starting in January 2022. Don't miss out on this wonderful fellowship opportunity! Couples and singles are invited to participate. This is an adult only group. Here's how it works: Groups will consist of 3 couples and or singles. Over a 6 month period you will meet in

each other's homes to share a meal and fellowship. Each couple/single will host one time. The host is also encouraged to invite a fourth either couple or single as their one time guest(s). The kick-off party is scheduled for Sunday, December 5 at 4:00, in the church Parish Hall. Your group will be revealed at this gathering. Bring an appetizer to share and beverage of your choice.

To sign up or for questions please call: Lisa DeYoung at 707-815-7188 or email [Lisa.deyoung@att.net](mailto:Lisa.deyoung@att.net)

## Check us out 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](mailto:sjlcsocialmedia@gmail.com)

Thank you!



## VETERANS DAY CHAPEL

The public is invited to attend Chapel on Wednesday, November 10, at 8:30 a.m., as St. John's Lutheran School honors and recognizes all veterans. Please share this information with anyone who may be interested in attending.

For children who attend St. John's Lutheran and have family members who are veterans, we ask that you invite them to our Chapel Service.

If you are a veteran, we would be honored to have you attend this very special Chapel Service. If you know a veteran, please pass along this invitation.

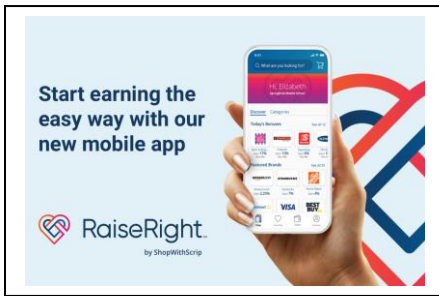
**\*\*There will be a special Veterans Day Chapel Offering on November 10. Offerings will benefit OPERATION WITH LOVE FROM HOME.\*\***  
To RSVP, please call the School Office at 707-226-7970. Thank you.

# St. John's Lutheran School Scrip Program:

For those that do not know the Scrip program, Scrip are gift cards that you can use for many of your shopping needs: groceries, gas, coffee, clothing, travel etc. plus gifts. Scrip can easily become our school's #1 fundraiser if we all participate.

Scrip can be purchased in the school office or through the RaiseRight app. **Our ID# is 912E7L6F9161. 100% of the profit will go directly to A.P.T. (Association of Parents and Teachers).**

Be sure to download the RaiseRight mobile app from the app store using your smartphone or tablet. Enter the enrollment code to join: **912E7L6F9161.**



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## CHRISTMAS 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>



# For NOVEMBER

## DAILY BIBLE READING

	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
1	Psalm 119:121-128	Ezekiel 38:7-39:13	2 Peter 1:1-11
2	Psalm 119:129-136	Ezekiel 39:14-40:16	2 Peter 1:12-21
3	Psalm 119:137-144	Ezekiel 40:17-49	2 Peter 2:1-10
4	Psalm 119:145-152	Ezekiel 41:1-42:9	2 Peter 2:11-22
5	Psalm 119:153-160	Ezekiel 42:10-43:21	2 Peter 3:1-13
6	Psalm 119:161-168	Ezekiel 43:22-44:27	2 Peter 3:14-1 John 1:4
7	Psalm 146	1 Kings 17:8-16	Hebrews 9:24-28, Mark 12:38-44
8	Psalm 119:169-176	Ezekiel 44:28-45:25	1 John 1:5-2:11
9	Psalm 120	Ezekiel 46:1-47:12	1 John 2:12-17
10	Psalm 121	Ezekiel 47:13-48:22	1 John 2:18-29
11	Psalm 122	Ezekiel 48:23-Daniel 1:21	1 John 3:1-10
12	Psalm 123	Daniel 2:1-33	1 John 3:11-24
13	Psalm 124	Daniel 2:34-3:18	1 John 4:1-16a
14	Psalm 16	Daniel 12:1-3	Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25, Mark 13:1-8
15	Psalm 125	Daniel 3:19-4:18	1 John 4:16b-5:5
16	Psalm 126	Daniel 4:19-5:16	1 John 5:6-21
17	Psalm 127	Daniel 5:17-6:18	2 John
18	Psalm 128	Daniel 6:19-7:22	3 John
19	Psalm 129	Daniel 7:23-8:27	Jude 1:1-10
20	Psalm 130	Daniel 9:1-10:7	Jude 1:11-25
21	Psalm 93	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14	Revelation 1:4b-8, John 18:33-37
22	Psalm 131	Daniel 10:8-11:19	Revelation 1:1-8
23	Psalm 132	Daniel 11:20-12:7	Revelation 1:9-20
24	Psalm 133	Daniel 12:8-Hosea 2:15	Revelation 2:1-11
25	Psalm 134	Hosea 2:16-4:19	Revelation 2:12-23
26	Psalm 135:1-12	Hosea 5, 6, 7	Revelation 2:24-3:6
27	Psalm 135:13-21	Hosea 8, 9	Revelation 3:7-18
28	Psalm 25:1-10	Jeremiah 33:14-16	1 Thessalonians 3:9-13, Luke 21:25-36
29	Psalm 136	Hosea 10, 11, 12	Revelation 3:19-4:8
30	Psalm 137	Hosea 13, 14	Revelation 4:9-5:10

# NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

DATE	COUPLE	YEARS
1	Mike & Judy Biggs	36
5	David & Jill Reimler	20
6	Andrew & Jennifer Schluter	11
9	Kennith & Linda Reed	47
9	James & Nancy Henry	63
10	Brad & Anna Seiter	37
18	William & Colette Hjerpe	32
18	Cal & Pam Watkins	42
23	Thomas & Tracy Cushing	21
30	Steven & Judith Rock	47
30	Thomas & Kristi Carey	25
30	Paul & Vicky Bartelt	30



## **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.



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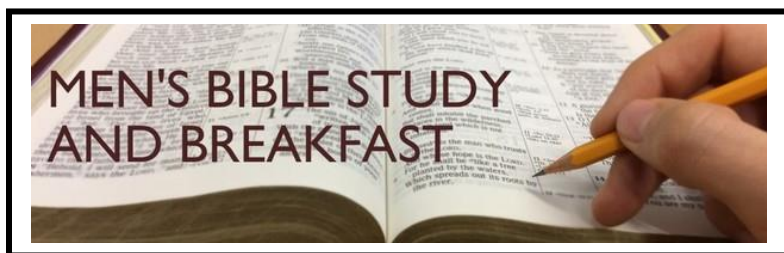
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MEN, JOIN US EVERY SATURDAY MORNING FOR FELLOWSHIP AT 7:30 AM  
AND BIBLE STUDY AT 8:00 - 9:00 AM

CALL RON JOHNSON  
FOR INFORMATION.



## **Christ Church Lutheran, Phoenix, Arizona** **Feb. 17-19, 2022**

BPM is back! BPM 2022 will take place on February 17-19 at Christ Church Lutheran in Phoenix, Arizona. Best Practice for Ministry is a free conference for pastors, church workers and lay people. The purpose is to learn and share ideas and practices to help us grow in living God's Mission. For more information, please click here:

<https://cclphoenix.org/bpm/>

As we have done in the past, St. John's will be covering lodging for all participants from St. John's, but not transportation. The conference itself is free. If you are interested, in addition to registering at the link above, please notify the church office ASAP! Rooms fill up quickly!



The Give+ Mobile App from VANCO shut down 1 Oct 21 and will no longer be available for download as a mobile app. The new app is called **VANCO Mobile**. Giving through Vanco Moblie is easy! Just download the new app and create a new user profile in VANCO Mobile.

## SO, WHAT'S NEW AT THE FARM?

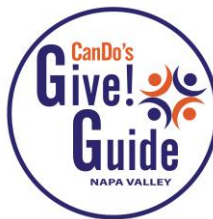
Submitted by Ted Zimmerman



Once again St. John's Mission Farm will be participating in CanDo Napa Valley's *Give!Guide* 2021 Campaign to raise additional funds for our mission of growing fresh produce to ease the food insecurities of many families in our city and county. The Lord has really blessed our efforts this year. We will easily set a mark for the total poundage of produce turned over to the Napa County Food Bank – somewhere near 25,000 lbs. And he has also blessed us with many supporting gifts from the members of the congregation this past year. Thank you.

It still is important that we participate in the *Give!Guide* 2021. Not just to raise more financial support, but to gain further exposure in the community. Between the *Give!Guide* campaigns of the past, as well as a few well timed newspaper articles, more people in the community have come to recognize not only what we are doing, but why. Jesus still is in the business of feeding the multitudes, while giving his servants the pleasure of being instruments of his grace. Not only have we received many supporting gifts from the community; we have also gained some very valuable volunteers as a result.

The *Give!Guide* Campaign will be operative from December 1 to December 31. Over 50 non-profit organizations in the county will be participating. Watch for ads, log into the website when it opens November 30 ([CanDoGiveGuide.org](http://CanDoGiveGuide.org)). Familiarize yourself with the many other non-profit organizations serving the community. *Give!Guide* makes it easy to support these organizations, as well as us. You can make contributions on line or by mailing in a check. December is a good time for giving, in honor of the One who came to give us so much!





November will be a busy month for St. John's Lutheran School!



We will be finishing the first trimester on Friday, November 13. Parent Teacher Conferences will follow on Thursday, November 19 and Friday, November 20. What a blessing that our parents and teachers will be able to meet, albeit mostly virtually, to share the academic, spiritual, social, and emotional growth of each child. There will be no school on these days.

Our SJLS Theatre Program is proud to present our K-8 musical, *Oliver!*. We are so thankful to be able to produce a live theatrical production this year, and we can't wait to have an audience! Our actors have been working hard since the beginning of the school year, and we are so very proud of them!

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On Monday, November 23 and Tuesday, November 24, all teachers and staff, including Pastor Mike, Pastor Mark, and Kevin, will be attending the California- Nevada- Hawaii District All Workers Conference. Normally, this conference takes place in Palm Springs, but this year, it will be virtual. We look forward to a wonderful lineup of speakers and the opportunity to attend over 1000 workshops. Please pray that this conference will be a learning experience for all of our teachers.

I wish you and your family a blessed Thanksgiving.

*"Enter His gates with thanksgiving  
and His courts with praise;  
give thanks to Him and praise His name.  
For the Lord is good and His love endures forever;  
His faithfulness continues through all generations."* Psalm 100:4-5

In Christ,  
Christy Wood

# NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|----|--|
| 1  | Theresa Schoenfeld   |
| 2  | Wanda Miller   |
| 3  | Rosella Newton, Kyle McAhren, David Hudgins  |
| 4  | Gerald Schneider, Leonard Lamb, Whitney Powers   |
| 5  | Bruce Mooers, John Tortolani, Cameron Vaziri   |
| 7  | Karen Zachry, Marie Skillings<br>Dustin Jones, Brooks Albrecht, Katie Zachry, Christi Jeffery, |
| 9  | Bodhi Knutson  |
| 10 | Richard Dalen  |
| 11 | Alexander Sneed, Rhys Irwin, Mary Kaufmann   |
| 13 | Lauren Huss  |
| 14 | Bailey Wilson, Kristi Clark  |
| 15 | Nicholas Manning, Ed Kaufmann, Hunter Bledsoe  |
| 17 | Clay Thompson, Betty Rawlins   |
| 18 | Zachary Diviak, Edel Van Houten, Florencia Palmaz  |
| 19 | Michele Arnold, Renee Lloyd  |
| 20 | John Tortolani, Marilyn Lemin, Patte Quinn   |
| 21 | Melanie Wilson, Kelsey Uffmann   |
| 22 | Jaicee Vecera<br>Michael Newton, David Franklin, Timothy Bouchet, Stella                       |
| 23 | Squibb   |
| 24 | Anna Seiter, Wyatt Irwin, Chelsey Squibb   |
| 25 | Sarah Knutson  |
| 26 | Carolyn Hintze, Amelia Wedding   |
| 27 | Autumn Zimmerman   |
| 28 | Mark Morgenlaender   |
| 29 | James Regan, Carri Mello   |
| 30 | Mike Biggs, Erin Nicholson, Benjamin Franklin  |



# Advent Devotions from Lutheran Hour Ministries



The birth of the Savior is celebrated again this year in *Child of Promise*, a joyful look at the miracle of Jesus' birth. From the beginning, foretold in Genesis and proclaimed throughout the Old Testament, God announced the coming Messiah to a wayward world. In Jesus Christ, that promise was fulfilled.

Each year Christians reflect on the hope God offers the world at Christmas. Born unto us—God's Son, our Savior—Jesus is the fulfillment of the Father's promise to send a Redeemer. Announced beforehand by the prophets, in the Christ Child we have the forgiveness of our sins and the hope of life eternal. This God has given to us in His *Child of Promise*.

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