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St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church & School Newsletter

JANUARY 2022

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

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## Workshop on Outreach

### **Joining Jesus on His Mission**

Rev. Greg Finke, author of *Joining Jesus on His Mission*, will be leading a workshop at St. John's on February 5, 2022. Rev. Finke, founder of Dwelling 114 Ministries ([dwelling114.org](http://dwelling114.org)) will be with us that weekend to help us grow in being the everyday missionaries that God has called us to be.

The workshop on Saturday morning, February 5, will take place in the Sanctuary from 9:00 – 12:00. Rev. Finke will also be preaching at St. John's on Sunday, February 6 and will be leading a Bible class in the sanctuary after worship.

Beginning in January we will also make available copies of Rev. Finke's book, *Joining Jesus on His Mission*. If you do not already have a copy, please make a point to pick one up. If you do have a copy, we encourage you to re-read it!

May God bless the people of St. John's as we join Jesus on His mission!

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### **Janis King Retirement**

After over 40 years in the teaching ministry, Janis King retired at the end of 2021. We praise God for her ministry and the blessing that she has been to many children and their families, as well as a blessing to our entire St. John's community. We pray God's blessings upon her and Greg as they prepare their new home in Idaho.

We will be celebrating Janis' ministry and her retirement on Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please watch for more information regarding this celebration.

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# **Best Practices for Ministry Conference**

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 go to: <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.

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## **The Rising of the Sun**

Our Solar Project is currently in the permitting process with the city. As soon as that is complete and a start date and schedule is announced, we will notify the congregation.

In the meantime, please pray for God's blessing and guidance on this project and safety for those who are working. Pray also for 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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## **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!



# LCC K-9 COMFORT DOG MINISTRY UPDATE

To God be the Glory!



***For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Galatians 5:14***

Jesus has commanded us to “Love your neighbor as yourself,” and last month my team and I had many opportunities to bring this love into our community and beyond. In addition to continuing with our regular visits and court work, Gomer and I provided comfort to the staff and students at American Canyon Middle School following the death of one of their beloved teachers. We also joined Team Reuben, Team Micah, and Team Rahab on several visits to cadets at the United States Coast Guard Training Center in Petaluma. We met cadets from many different areas in the U.S. and as far away as the Philippines and Peru! For most, this was the first time they spent Christmas away from their families and we were so blessed to be able to share some love and fur hugs with them.

We are so grateful for the congregation’s generosity which enabled us to provide new reusable water bottles to the staff and students at the Camille Creek Community School. The staff gave us a tour of their new facilities and we are very excited to resume our visits there this year. Your generosity also allowed us to “adopt” a family through Napa Emergency Women’s Services (NEWS). Thank you for your support. We are truly better together!

As we head into 2022 we are very excited to see where God is leading us and our ministry next.

Happy New Year!

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)

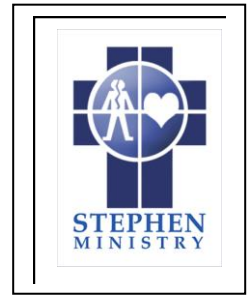
Aaron and Gomer Comfort Dogs



## ***Stephen Ministry: We are weak, but He is strong.***

***“God won’t give you more than you can handle...”***

Odd, that verse **isn’t** in the Bible. Job would take exception to that cliché. So would Joseph. Paul did: ***“We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired of life itself...” (2 Corinthians 1:8)***



Why would God allow Paul to experience more hurt than he could handle?  
***“...so that we might not rely on ourselves but on God. (2 Corinthians 1: 9)***

The truth is that cancer is more than we can handle. So is infidelity, caregiving, rejection, death, loss, addiction, grief, prodigal children, and many other life struggles.

More from Paul, from his own experience: ***“But He [Jesus] said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.” (2 Corinthians 12:9)***

God doesn’t expect YOU to handle it. He wants you to hand it over to HIM. He doesn’t want you to rely on your strength, but on His. If you hear someone say “God won’t give you more than you can handle” remind them gently that God has great news! He holds us in his hands, He knows the number of hairs on your head, your name is written on His palms, He has good plans for you! And the best news is that we don’t have to handle this life on our own. We have the hope of eternal life with Jesus. We have eternal Peace, Joy, and Love that can only come from God. And we have brothers and sisters at St. John’s who are here to listen and help you.

Stephen Ministers are ready and willing to help you, or someone you know, who is trying to handle a heavy burden by themselves. Contact Pastor Mike at the church office, or Penni Cremen (707-483-9321) if you would like to learn more about meeting with a Stephen Minister.



## For JANUARY

	<b>Psalm</b>	<b>Old Testament</b>	<b>New Testament</b>
1-Jan	Psalm 1	Genesis 1:1-2:3	Matthew 1:1-17
2-Jan	Psalm 147:12-20	Jeremiah 31:7-14	John 1:1-18, Ephesians 1:3-14
3-Jan	Psalm 2	Genesis 2:4-25	Matthew 1:18-25
4-Jan	Psalm 3	Genesis 3, 4	Matthew 2:1-12
5-Jan	Psalm 4	Genesis 5	Matthew 2:13-23
6-Jan	Psalm 5	Genesis 6:1-7:10	Matthew 3
7-Jan	Psalm 6	Genesis 7:11-8:22	Matthew 4:1-11
8-Jan	Psalm 7:1-9	Genesis 9	Matthew 4:12-25
9-Jan	Psalm 29	Isaiah 43:1-7	Acts 8:14-17, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
10-Jan	Psalm 7:10-17	Genesis 10:1-11:9	Matthew 5:1-16
11-Jan	Psalm 8	Genesis 11:10-12:9	Matthew 5:17-26
12-Jan	Psalm 9:1-10	Genesis 12:10-13:18	Matthew 5:27-42
13-Jan	Psalm 9:11-20	Genesis 14, 15	Matthew 5:43-6:4
14-Jan	Psalm 10:1-11	Genesis 16, 17	Matthew 6:5-18
15-Jan	Psalm 10:12-18	Genesis 18	Matthew 6:19-34
16-Jan	Psalm 36:5-10	Isaiah 62:1-5	1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11
17-Jan	Psalm 11	Genesis 19:1-29	Matthew 7:1-12
18-Jan	Psalm 12	Genesis 19:30-20:18	Matthew 7:13-23
19-Jan	Psalm 13	Genesis 21	Matthew 7:24-8:4
20-Jan	Psalm 14	Genesis 22	Matthew 8:5-22
21-Jan	Psalm 15	Genesis 23:1-24:25	Matthew 8:23-34
22-Jan	Psalm 16:1-6	Genesis 24:26-67	Matthew 9:1-13
23-Jan	Psalm 19	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10	1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21
24-Jan	Psalm 16:7-11	Genesis 25	Matthew 9:14-26
25-Jan	Psalm 17:1-7	Genesis 26	Matthew 9:27-38
26-Jan	Psalm 17:8-15	Genesis 27:1-29	Matthew 10:1-16
27-Jan	Psalm 18:1-6	Genesis 27:30-28:9	Matthew 10:17-25
28-Jan	Psalm 18:7-15	Genesis 28:10-29:14	Matthew 10:26-42
29-Jan	Psalm 18:16-24	Genesis 29:15-30:24	Matthew 11:1-10
30-Jan	Psalm 71:1-6	Jeremiah 1:4-10	1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30
31-Jan	Psalm 18:25-29	Genesis 30:25-31:21	Matthew 11:11-24

# JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

DATE                  COUPLE                  YEARS

1	Tom & Laura Peterson	21
4	Matthew & Carly Bresee	8
7	Shanna & Salvador Caceres	7
7	Linda & Bill Cornils	44
10	Terry & Melissa Peterson	33
14	Lauren & Ben Frey	11
18	Leslie & Tony Nicholson	31
19	Ed & Sharlene Mulsoff	58
20	Joy & Kevin Dahl	15
24	Melissa & Glen Loban	41
30	Hoag & Lois Husted	40
31	John & Tami Van Hofwegen	18



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## St. John's Lutheran School Open House

For Preschool through Eighth Grade

Thursday, January 27, 2022

6:00-7:00 p.m. Prospective Families Only Please

7:00-8:30 p.m. Current and Prospective Families Welcome

*Stop by any time; there is no formal presentation. Kids are welcome!*

Visit the classrooms and teachers and  
learn more about the specific grade-level programs at St. John's.

Come see what's happening at St. John's Lutheran School  
and experience what makes it a special place for learning!

**Prospective families, please R.S.V.P.**

Kristin Goller, SJL Admissions: 226-7970, Ext. 125; [kgoller@stjohnsnapa.org](mailto:kgoller@stjohnsnapa.org).

**We hope you can join us!**

St. John's Lutheran School would like to wish you and your family a Happy 2022!



January is the period in the school year where we begin to plan for the next school year. Budgets are set, re-enrollment begins, and applications are received for the upcoming year. Please include SJL in your prayers for a successful re-enrollment and application season for our school.

I am excited to share that the Hauch Invitational Basketball tournament will be happening this year! A special thank you to Matt Uffmann for all that you have done to make the HIT tournament occur. We look forward to the tournament on Thursday, January 13 - Sunday, January 16, 2022.

We invite you to the installation of Joy Dahl as our Preschool director on Sunday, January 9, 2022 at the 9:30 a.m. service. Mrs. Dahl will be replacing Mrs. King who has retired after 40 years in Lutheran education. We will be celebrating Mrs. King's retirement on Sunday, January 23, 2022. Sunday, January 23 is also the start of National Lutheran Schools Week. Our school will be hosting an Open House on Thursday, January 27 at 7:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend and see all that is happening at our school.

On Tuesday, January 11, we will be having a Dine and Donate at Heritage Eats. We invite you to come and support our school. Proceeds from this event will benefit the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade outdoor education trip in the Spring.

We are forming a work crew to help us take care of maintenance issues around campus. A list of items to be addressed is currently being prioritized. If you would be interested in helping us keep our St John's campus (church and school) beautiful and in working order, we would appreciate your support. Please feel free to contact Pastor Mike or Christy Wood for more information. Our first event will be on Saturday, February 5, 2022 - painting of the bathrooms by Room 10. A special thank you to Bill Clark for securing a Thrivent grant for this project.

Many blessings to you and your family!

*Christy Wood, Principal*

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## 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>



# JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

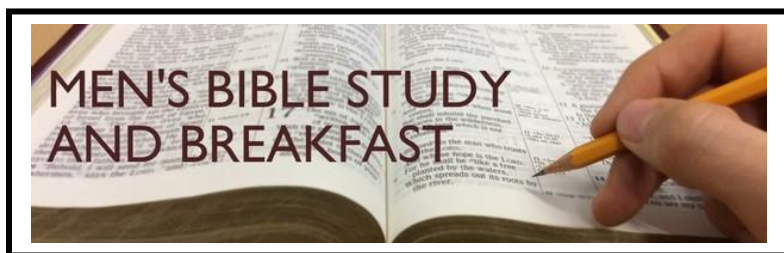
1	Brodie Mooers
2	Janelle Newton, Charles Scott
3	Nancy Heil, Beth Vecera
4	Kerrie Diviak, Michael Santora
5	Rebecca Hudgins
6	Tami Van Hofwegen
7	Nicholas Cromartie, Megan Schweiger, Shelby Edmeyer
8	Lucy Franklin
9	Paulette Cooper
10	Lori Gutierrez, Declan Bresee
11	Joy Dahl
12	Rita Alexander, Philip Bartelt
13	Gregory King
14	Robert Klein
15	Madison Edmeyer, Midge Schneider
18	Susan Novotny
20	Bryce Powers, Ella Powers, Ashley Diviak
21	Robert Perna, Ed Mulsoff
23	Melissa Seiter, Rebecca McAhren, Heidi Newman
24	Matteo Robertis
25	Janet Peterson
27	Ben Frey, Joseph Svien
28	Tom Peterson
28	Laura Lee Fitzpatrick
29	Karen Craft
31	Ariel Winkler





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.



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.

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



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