



# THE VINE

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church & School Newsletter

JUNE 2022

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

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## Let's Join Jesus on His Mission!

It was great having Rev. Greg Finke of *Dwelling 1:14* with us on May 14-15 to lead a workshop, as well as preach and teach on Sunday morning. But we're not finished with him yet! A key component of our proposed ministry plan for the coming year is seeking to incorporate the teachings from this past weekend.

At the workshop, Rev. Finke outlined five mission practices to incorporate in everyday life

- **Seeking the Kingdom** - Look for the good the Father has prepared in advance for me to do. (Matthew 6:33, John 4:35, Ephesians 2:8-10)
- **Hearing from Jesus** - Reading the gospels, what is Jesus giving me to believe and do for the good of others? (John 6:63, John 13:17)
- **Talking with People** - What's their name? What's their story? What's Jesus up to in their life? (John 4:7)
- **Doing Good** - How can I be a way something good happens in their day? When they experience love and service through me, they are experiencing the love and service of Jesus. I am the body of Christ. (Ephesians 2:10, Matthew 10:8)
- **Ministering through Prayer** - Pray for people daily and with people as God gives opportunity. (Philippians 4:6) Use a neighborhood prayer map (see <https://blesseveryhome.com/>) to help you be consistent with prayer.

There will be monthly "Navigation Zoom" meeting with Rev. Finke that will be open to all. Watch the E-Vine for the time and the link to join in. These are opportunities to encourage one another and also for Rev. Finke to share more insights in joining Jesus on His mission.



**June 12, 2022**

The annual budget and election meeting will be on Sunday, June 12, after worship in the sanctuary. We will be considering and adopting a “Ministry Plan and Budget” for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. We will also be electing people to fill five positions on the Board of Directors.

Copies of the Proposed Ministry Plan and Budget are available in the church entryway and church office. Watch the e-vine for the slate of nominees for the Board of Directors.

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**2022 HIGH SCHOOL  
AND  
COLLEGE GRADUATES**



**COLLEGE**

**Bachelor’s Degree**

Clayton D’ Angelo  
Kaylie Martindale  
Jerry Schweiger

Northern Arizona University: Criminology and Criminal Justice  
Pacific University, Oregon: Anthropology, Communication Science  
Georgia Institute of Technology: Aerospace Engineering

**HIGH SCHOOL**

(college attending)

Liam Alexander  
Alexander Christie  
Aidan Cushing  
Bryce Powers  
Ella Powers

Grand Canyon University  
Napa Valley College  
Claremont McKenna College  
Napa Valley College  
University of California, Los Angeles



VBS!!! We have officially entered VBS month. We can't wait to have this campus filled with kids again because we get to share the GREAT news about Jesus! If you would like to get involved with VBS either as a volunteer or to sign up your child as a participant head over to our Registration Site. <https://www.myvbs.org/stjohnslutherannapa>



VBS is June 20-24th from 9am-12pm. Anybody with at least one year of completed preschool through incoming 5<sup>th</sup> graders can participate.

For anything youth ministry related please contact Kevin Mathison.

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This year is also a LCMS National Youth Gathering year. We have a few high school youth heading to Houston, Texas in July. Please join us in praying for them as we prepare for our trip. There will also be some opportunities for financial support of this trip.

Since the NYG is only available for those in High School we have an opportunity, sponsored by our CNH District, to attend a District Youth Gathering with our middle school students. This event will take place on June 24-26<sup>th</sup> for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders.



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Thank you so much to our St John's family for the prayers, cards, and support after the passing of Andrew's mother, Mary Boudreaux.

Erika, Andrew, Elora & Orion Boudreaux

## OFFERING UPDATE

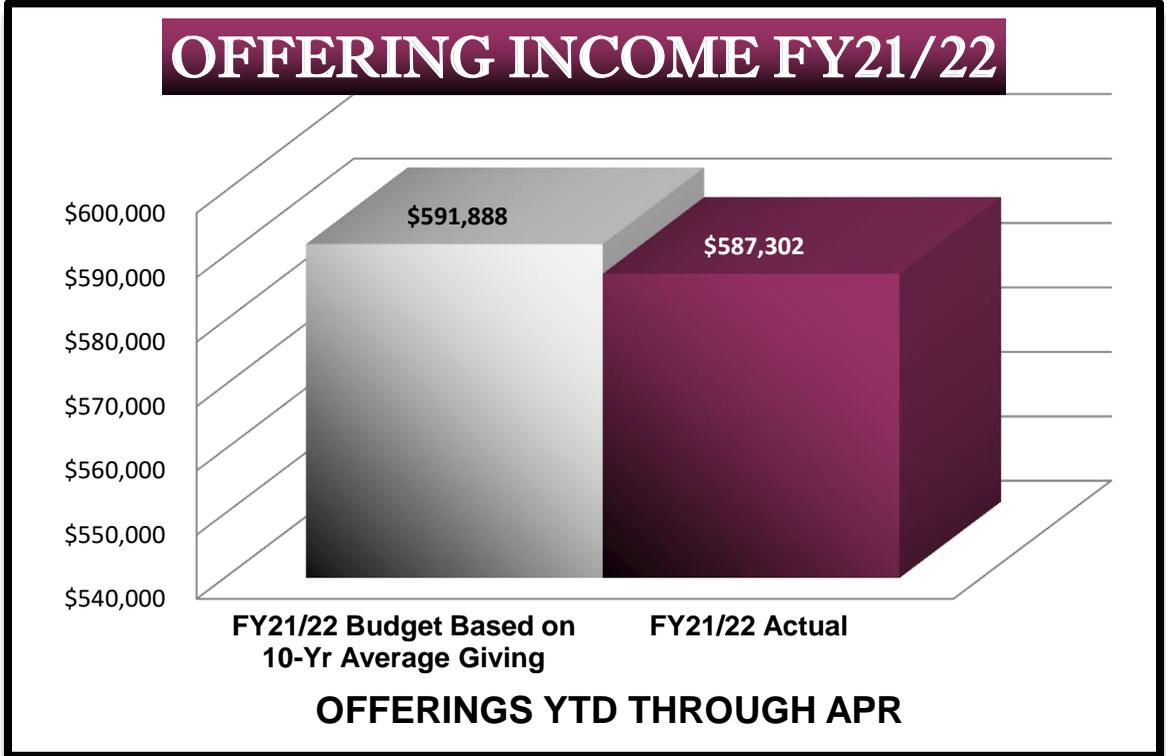
Actual Offering Income for Apr:

**\$65,739.**

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

**\$587,302** which is **0.77%** or **\$4,586** below 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:

*“If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?” (Luke 16:11)(ESV)*

## Money and the Great Commission

Jesus’ parting command was: *“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”* (Matthew 28:19-20). Jesus was very direct and explicit with His mandate. There is no question as to where or with whom we are to share the Gospel. The love that God gives to us is to be shared by us with all people everywhere.

He has given us our marching orders, and, in His strength, we can give ourselves fully to His work.

Because God has chosen to use us as His tools to bring salvation to all people, we must use our lives and gifts to spread the Good News. Paul wrote, *“We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us”* (2 Corinthians 5:20). One of the tools that God gives us to use in our mission of reaching out to others with the Gospel is our money. According to an old stewardship phrase, *“Stewardship without mission is unnecessary and mission without stewardship is impossible.”* Stewardship and mission are inseparable. The funding of the Great Commission needs to come from believers. The money which God entrusts to us has many purposes, and the funding of mission work is of first importance. Through the giving of our money, we demonstrate our obedience to Jesus’ command to reach out to all people. Paul wrote that, through our giving, we *“test the sincerity of [our] love by comparing it with the earnestness of others”* (2 Corinthians 8:8).

For nonbelievers and those who lack spiritual maturity, the giving of money is done begrudgingly out of a sense of obligation. By the grace of God, our attitude toward giving is a “want to” rather than a “got to” give. We view giving as a privilege and an opportunity to spread the Gospel through our money. Our giving expresses our gratitude for who God is and all that He has done for through His Son. Through faith, we hold onto our money loosely and then are privileged to experience the joy of giving as we give God our first and best. As Christians we understand that God has a claim on all that we have, so we willingly and cheerfully give our money to help all people hear of God’s love. Money is an important tool for God’s mission. Through our faithful giving, we are able to leverage our witnessing to all people.

## **Prayer:**

Dear Lord, You are so generous with me. Grant me a faithful and giving heart so I can be generous with You. Help me to hold onto my things loosely. Empower me, Lord, to use my time, talents, and treasures in Your service. In Your precious name I pray. Amen.

Adapted from *“12 Months of Congregational Stewardship”* by Ronald J. and Phyllis J. Chewning, Stewardship Advisors, Inc.

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# LCC K-9 COMFORT DOG MINISTRY UPDATE



To God be the Glory!

***In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16***

It's hard to believe that summer is just around the corner! Gomer and I are looking forward to what God has in store for us these next few months. It is always hard saying goodbye to "my school kids" and our regular visits, but I hope to see some of them, as well as new friends, at Vacation Bible School later this month.

Last month we had the pleasure of hosting a regional Comfort Dog team meeting at St. John's. Team Micah (Elk Grove, CA) and Team Salome (Las Vegas, NV) joined us, along with the "expectant" comfort dog team from Turlock, CA. Our humans enjoyed Pastor Greg Finke's "Joining Jesus on His Mission" workshop and fellowship afterwards. As always, we (comfort dogs) had a blast playing together when we were finished working. It was really fun watching Gomer and her sister, Salome, chasing balls and running around the gym together. Salome also played a little Frisbee with me. Now, if only I can convince Gomer how much more fun the Frisbee is than the ball....

I am so grateful to have the opportunity to return to work as more and more places are re-opening and allowing visits. Last month I was able to join Micah, Reuben and Rahab bringing comfort and love to the students at the University of the Pacific in Stockton during their finals' week. I also was asked to help at Vintage HS after the unexpected death of a student. I was also invited to offer support to the staff at Kaiser in Vallejo and the staff at Napa Valley College. The Women's Group in Napa invited us to one of their meetings. While we have enjoyed our virtual visits these past few years, it is wonderful being back "in-person."

Stay safe and cool!

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





June brings us to the end of the 2021-2022 School year. As we look back and reflect on all that this year has brought to us, we remember God's plan for each and every one of us as stated in Jeremiah 29:11 - " 'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to

prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'" As we started off in August, we still had so many unknowns as to how this school year would play out. As we lived under the theme "Better Together" we witnessed how important it is to "Rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you." (2 Corinthians 13:11)

June is always a bittersweet time on a school campus. As we rejoice that another academic year is in the books, it also means that we will be graduating a class of 8<sup>th</sup> graders and sending them off to high school in the fall.

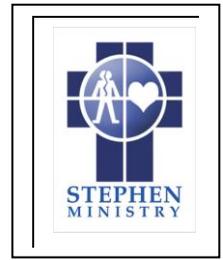
The St. John's Lutheran School Class of 2022:

- Ivy Alexander
- Evangeline Apostolopoulos
- Charlotte Bevan
- Neela Bose
- Olivia Bui
- Clara Bunker
- Will Coughlin
- Dryden de Vere
- Gracianna DeFina
- Lila Fortner
- Enzo Girardo
- Jacob Imhoff
- Jack Keller
- Yasmine Kumar
- Sammy LaMonica
- Claire Lawrence
- Griffin Messenger
- Isabella Moore
- Brooklyn Perez
- Ava Piersig
- Sofia Sebastiani
- Olivia Umutyan
- Sienna Yoo
- Sloan Zaninovich

We are excited to see where God leads each of our graduates and pray that, as said in the words of the prophet Isaiah in Chapter 40, verse 31, "But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

Once a St. John's Eagle, always a St. John's Eagle! Soar high!

## *Stephen Ministry Sunday June 5!*



***Jesus said, “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”***

*Matthew 11:28*

On Sunday, June 5, the work of Stephen Ministry will be highlighted during the worship service. St. John’s Lutheran Church has been blessed to have an active Stephen Ministry since 2018 when our first Stephen Leaders, and then the first class of Stephen Ministers, all completed 50 hours of training to bring this vital ministry to our congregation. Below are some key points describing the ministry.

**Are you going through a difficult time?** There are times when every one of us experiences difficulties, such as --

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|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Loss of a loved one | Discouragement           |
| Spiritual crisis    | Divorce                  |
| Cancer              | Rehabilitation           |
| Hospitalization     | Job loss                 |
| Imprisonment        | Loneliness               |
| Disability          | Other challenges in life |

God never intended for us to go through these experiences alone. That’s why God has brought us together as a congregation, and why we have Stephen Ministry.

Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who have receive caregiving training to minister to people experiencing a crisis, facing a challenge, or simply going through a tough time. They are prayerfully matched with people who are going through a stressful time or life difficulty.

A Stephen Minister will meet with you on a weekly basis to listen, care, encourage, provide emotional and spiritual support, and remind you of Christ’s presence in your life. The care you’ll receive is confidential, free, and very helpful.

If you, or someone you know, would like to learn more about connecting with a Stephen Minister, please contact Penni Cremen (707-483-9321) or Pastor Mike in the church office (707-255-0119).

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**Join the program online or Scrip is always available in the school office... We love seeing you!**

- Download the RaiseRight mobile app from the app store using your smartphone or tablet.
  - 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**
    - e-cards are delivered to the app within minutes—view them in your Wallet.
  - Physical gift cards are mailed to your coordinator or now to you directly. 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.

**Scrip is sold in the school office M-F during regular school hours.**

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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.



# For June



	<b>Psalm</b>	<b>Old Testament</b>	<b>New Testament</b>
1	Psalm 71:1-8	Numbers 18:25-19:22	Mark 14:66-72
2	Psalm 71:9-18a	Numbers 20:1-21:9	Mark 15:1-20
3	Psalm 71:18b-24	Numbers 21:10-22:6	Mark 15:21-32
4	Psalm 72:1-11	Numbers 22:7-41	Mark 15:33-47
5	Psalm 104:24-34,35b		Acts 2:1-21; Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17,(25-27)
6	Psalm 72:12-20	Numbers 23	Mark 16:1-13
7	Psalm 73:1-12	Numbers 24, 25	Mark 26:14-Luke 1:4
8	Psalm 73:13-20	Numbers 26:1-25	Luke 1:5-25
9	Psalm 73:21-28	Numbers 26:26-56	Luke 1:26-38
10	Psalm 74:1-9	Numbers 26:57-27:23	Luke 1:39-45
11	Psalm 74:10-17	Numbers 28:1-29:6	Luke 1:46-56
12	Psalm 8	Proverbs 8:1-4,22-31	Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15
13	Psalm 74:18-23	Numbers 29:7-40	Luke 1:57-66
14	Psalm 75	Numbers 30:1-31:12	Luke 1:67-80
15	Psalm 76	Numbers 31:13-47	Luke 2:1-20
16	Psalm 77:1-9	Numbers 31:48-32:27	Luke 2:21-32
17	Psalm 77:10-15	Numbers 32:28-42	Luke 2:33-40
18	Psalm 77:16-20	Numbers 33	Luke 2:41-52
19	Psalm 22:19-28	Isaiah 65:1-9	Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39
20	Psalm 78:1-8	Numbers 34	Luke 3:1-20
21	Psalm 78:9-16	Numbers 35:1-21	Luke 3:21-38
22	Psalm 78:17-31	Numbers 35:22-36:13	Luke 4:1-13
23	Psalm 78:32-39	Deuteronomy 1	Luke 4:14-21
24	Psalm 78:40-55	Deuteronomy 2	Luke 4:22-30
25	Psalm 78:56-64	Deuteronomy 3	Luke 4:31-44
26	Psalm 16	1 Kings 19:15-16,19-21	Galatians 5:1,13-25; Luke 9:51-62
27	Psalm 78:65-72	Deuteronomy 4:1-31	Luke 5:1-11
28	Psalm 79:1-8	Deuteronomy 4:32-5:21	Luke 5:12-26
29	Psalm 79:9-13	Deuteronomy 5:22-6:25	Luke 5:27-39
30	Psalm 80:1-7	Deuteronomy 7	Luke 6:1-11

# JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Brent Koen
- 2 Matthew Seiter, Stephanie Diviak
- 3 Kelsey Rodriguez, Rebecca Newman
- 4 Barbara Miller, Sandee Schachner
- 5 Joel Wahlers, Bob Harvey
- 6 John Van Hofwegen
- 7 Auguste Streich
- 9 Kristin Goller, Dean Ehlen
- 10 Bennett Goller
- 11 Abigail Zimmerman, Ken Tews
- 12 David Reimler
- 13 Haley Cremen, Doug Braddock
- 14 Tyler Lamb
- 14 Abriana Helfrich, Darlene Elia
- 17 Tyler Koen
- 18 Bailey Loban
- 19 Jaxson Uffmann
- 20 Jessica Bresee, Ezekiel Anderson, William Smith
- 21 Pam Fottit, Elaine Hoff
- 22 Ellen Burmester, Douglas Braddock, Tyler Morgenlaender
- 23 George Clark
- 24 Amy Smith, Brian Bresee, Lenora Balsiger
- 25 Brian Youngblood, Grace Bouchet, Carolyn Fruchtenicht
- 26 Thomas Commander
- 27 Dustin Messner, Lisa Walter
- 28 Gunnar De Young, Aaron Eisberg
- 29 Tracy Cushing
- 30 Jon Lovie, Jeffery McFarland-Johnson



# JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

DATE	COUPLE	YEARS
2	Ben & Amy Wilson	32
2	Craig & Karol Underhill	38
5	Robert & Doris Klein	51
5	Robert & Kari Perna	28
7	David & Jenece Como	14
9	Christopher & Beth Vecera	10
10	Philip & Jaclyn Bartelt	5
12	Tim & Christy Kramer	40
13	Cliff & Ellen Burmester	30
14	Bill & Susan Clark	53
15	Carl & Linda Hammond	58
15	Chandler & Jennifer Alexander	20
16	Lucy & David Franklin	31
18	Richard & Karol Bruechert	62
18	Katie & Brett Wedding	11
18	Gerald & Midge Schneider	57
18	David & Rebecca Hudgins	52
20	Herbert & Nancy Heil	57
24	Martin & Eva Meissenhalter	22
25	Dana & Christine Zanone	50
25	Jacob & Sarah Bartelt	6
26	Scott & Autumn Zimmerman	29
26	Rev. Ted & Elaine Zimmerman	57
27	Brent & Jessica Koen	7
28	Pastor Mike & Teresa Schmid	37
28	Gary & Marlen Virkus	54
28	Joel & Dawn Wahlers	25
29	Christopher & Heidi Newman	9
29	Erika & Andrew Boudreaux	8
30	Michael & Janelle Newton	43
30	Michael & Patte Quinn	21





## ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL ENROLLMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Many prospective school families don't even inquire about enrolling at St. John's Lutheran because they assume there are no openings and long waiting lists. This is true for some classes, but currently we do have openings in select grades, *including middle school*, for the 2022-2023 school year.

If you know anyone who might be interested, please encourage them to call SJL Admissions for additional information at 707-226-7970, Ext. 125.

## 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!

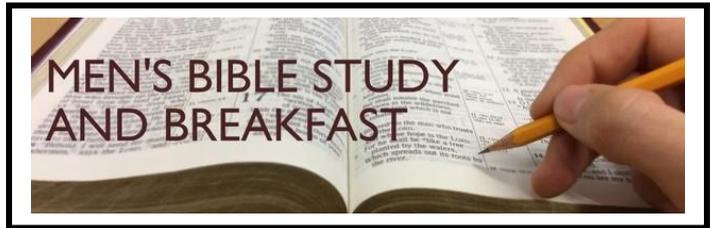


The Give+ Mobile App from VANCO shut down 1 Oct 21 and will no longer be available for download as a mobile app. The new app is called **VANCO Mobile**.

Giving through Vanco Mobile is easy! Just download the new app and create a new user profile in VANCO Mobile.

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.



## 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>



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Visit our school website at: [www.stjohnsnapa.org](http://www.stjohnsnapa.org)

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



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