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St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church & School Newsletter OCTOBER 2022

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



Who's ready for a fun, family friendly Oktoberfest party? If this sounds like something that you and your family would enjoy, please mark October 22nd on your calendar! St. John's Lutheran will be hosting its first ever Oktoberfest between Noon and 4:00pm! Please join us for food, drinks, Christian fellowship, and entertainment. The event will be outdoors on the patio and Faith Chapel. We look forward to seeing everyone! If you think you'll be joining our celebration, please let us know by following:

https://fb.me/e/3O6y2Lvtd and clicking on the "going" button.

We currently need leaders for the five major areas of the event.

- Food Ensure everything is organized so that the food can easily be served by the caterer.
- **Beverages** Ensure the beverage area is organized and that adult beverage areas vs non-adult beverage areas are clearly marked and separated. We want to ensure that this is a safe event and that we are abiding with state and city laws.
- **Set up -** coordinate a team to ensure tables and chairs are setup in the designated areas for food and socializing.
- Clean up coordinate with a team to clean up the area of trash, put tables and chairs away, and return and equipment to the appropriate closets.
- Music Work with those that wish to provide entertainment to set up a schedules and time slots or play music from an iPod/radio when live entertainment is not available. We are also looking for people who would be willing to volunteer their time to provide entertainment/music for Oktoberfest on 10/22.

If you'd like to help with the event, please, email Josh at SJLCSocialmedia@gmail.com, send a private message on Facebook, or email the church office. Thank you for helping make this an incredible event.

The Letter to the Hebrews

Jesus is Better

We continue our study of the Letter to the Hebrews. This letter is a written sermon to believers who were struggling with their faith. They were being tempted to go back to a life without Jesus, a life rooted in the unfulfilled promises and pictures of the Old Testament. The writer of this letter seeks to show them in many ways that Jesus is better, not only better than what they had before, but better than everything.

October 2	Heb. 7:1-28	"A Better High Priest"	Jesus is the perfect high priest. But what does this mean? What is a biblical high priest and what does that mean for us today? Through His service as High Priest, Jesus brings about a new covenant, a covenant of grace rather than a covenant of law. Jesus is not only the high priest making the offering; He is the offering itself. The blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sins. We make offerings all the time, but not as offerings for sin and guilt. Jesus' offering of Himself is an act of grace that removes from us forever the need to appease God for our guilt. We are called to persevere in the faith in light of the tremendous gifts we have received in Christ.	
October 9	Heb. 8:1-13	"A Better Covenant"		
October 16	Heb. 9:1-28	"A Better Substitute"		
October 23	Heb. 10:1-18	"A Better Offering"		
October 30 (Reformation)	Heb. 10:19-39	"A Better Life"		

VETERANS DAY CHAPEL

The public is invited to attend Chapel on Wednesday, November 9, at 8:40 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!

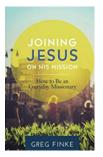
If you are a veteran, we would be honored to have you attend this very special Chapel Service. If you know a veteran, please pass along this invitation.

Joining Jesus

Navigation Zoom with Rev. Greg Finke on October 20

Our next "Navigation Zoom" with Pastor Greg Finke is on Thursday, October 20, at 6:30 PM. Watch the Evine for the link to join the zoom discussion.

As Pastor Finke mentioned at the workshop and on Sunday May 15, the follow up Navigation Zooms are designed to help us receive the encouragement, coaching, and accountability we need to help us "navigate" the process of joining Jesus throughout the next six months. The Zoom session will last between 40-45 minutes.



Sunday Bible Classes



Foundations: Basic Christian Teachings

Pastor Mike is leading a nine-session overview of the basic teachings of the Christian Faith on Sundays at 11:00 in Room 10. This class is an opportunity to grow in understanding what it means to follow Jesus, and to learn about what it means to be part of our faith community.

To view previous session of Foundations, and to access the handouts and slides, go to https://stjohnslutheran.net/foundations/

Romans

Joel Wahlers is leading a study of the book of Romans. Paul's letter to the Romans is considered by many to be one of the most important books ever



written on the Christian faith. Writing to Christians, the apostle Paul defines the Gospel, explores its depths, and discusses its significance and implications for the Christian life. This class makes use of Right Now Video teaching by J.D. Greear. The class meets on Sundays at 11:00 AM in Room 8.



Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible study will meet on October 4 and 18 at 10:00 AM in Room 10. All are invited! The focus is reading and discussion "Christ Esteem" by Rev. Don Matzat.

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New Setting of the Liturgy

We are introducing a new setting of our historic liturgy. We will be gradually adding more selections from the "Manchester" setting. To learn more about it and to hear recordings of it, please go to https://truevinemusic.com/liturgical-songs/

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2022



St. John's Lutheran Church
5:00-7:00pm
Fun for all ages!

Fall is officially upon us which means Trunk or Treat is just around the corner! You are invited to bring your Trunk to our parking lot and deck it out with Halloween decor on Sunday, October 30. The event will officially begin at 5pm in the Faith Chapel, but if you are setting up a Trunk, you are encouraged to come early. You are still very much invited even without a Trunk. Come hang out with us that evening for a safe, family friendly Trunk or Treat! Please no scary costumes.



Blessings to you and your family from St. John's Lutheran School!

School has now been in session for a little over one month for the 2022-2023 school year. In that time, we have:

- Witnessed the re-dedication of the entire staff.
- Had a successful Ice Cream Social for all new families,
- Welcomed 278 students on campus
- Worshiped together in six Chapel services
- Enjoyed a New Family Orientation
- Participated in Back to School Night
- Had Picture Day
- Held our first APT meeting
- Enjoyed 14 Grade 5 and 6 Girls' volleyball games and 12 Grades 7 and 8 Girls' volleyball games
- 7th and 8th Graders went on the first field trip of the year to Safari West
- Lutheran Junior Honor Association meetings began
- Robotics started up again
- The musical held auditions and practice has begun
- Enjoyed the APT Country Fair

How exciting it is to see our campus alive and well!

Looking forward to in October:

October 5 - APT General Meeting 7 pm Sanctuary

October 6 - Minimum Day-K-8 - No Faculty Meeting

October 10-15 - Volleyball Playoffs

October 11 - Grade 6 CA Academy of Science

October 14 - Get on Track

October 15 - Volleyball Championship Games

October 17 - Faculty In-Service Day-No School or PALS

October 21 - Spelling Bee

October 22 - Oktoberfest

October 23 - 2nd and 3rd Grade choir sings in Church

October 25 - Picture Day-Makeup/Retakes

October 25 - Grade 5 Ring Mountain Trip

October 26 - Kindergarten Information Night

October 28 – 7th and 8th Grade to the USS Hornet

October 30 - Trunk or Treat 5 pm



We will be having our Kindergarten Information Night on October 26. If you have a child who will be five by September 1, 2023, or know of someone who does, we invite you to our Information Night. For more information, please contact Kristin Goller at kgoller@stjohnsnapa.org

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Wednesday, October 26 6:30 – 7:15 p.m. in the SJL Kindergarten Classroom

Meet the Kindergarten teacher and learn more about:

- Kindergarten curriculum
- benefits of an SJL K-8 education
- what makes SJL a special place for families

All interested families are invited to attend, and will receive \$25 OFF the Kindergarten Enrollment Fee

after attending the meeting!

This event is for adults only.

Please RSVP to: Kristin Goller, Admissions Counselor 226-7970, Ext. 125; kgoller@stjohnsnapa.org. Thank you!



Enrollment Applications Accepted Beginning October 3, 2022 at 8:00am for the 2023-2024 School Year

Beginning Monday, October 3, applications will be accepted in the school office for Preschool through 8th 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.

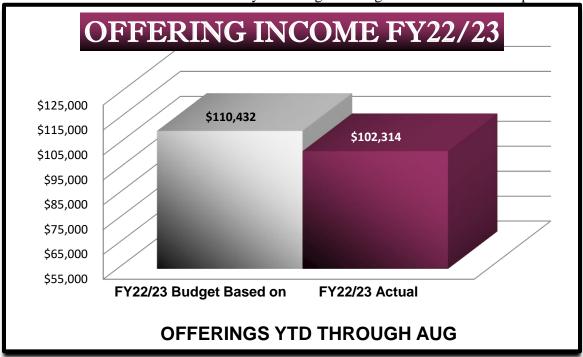
Many classes fill quickly, so we encourage people to take advantage of this opportunity. Please share this information with anyone who may be interested in St. John's Lutheran School.

Please note, re-enrollment for current St. John's families begins in February 2023.

OFFERING UPDATE

Actual Offering Income for Aug: Total Offerings for FY22/23 (as of 31 Aug 22): **\$48,151. \$102,314** which is **7.35%** or **\$8,118** 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:

"But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth." (2 Thessalonians 2:13)(ESV)

Saint and Sinner

In Psalm 51, David's great psalm of repentance, he confesses, "Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight" (verse 4). So it is with us. We sin daily. We sin egregiously. There is nothing else for us to do, for we are sinners. "Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me" (verse 5), David declares. This is the state of all humankind since the Fall in the Garden of Eden.

Yet our gracious God chooses us to be His own! We cannot understand this. There is nothing we can do to be accepted by God and nothing we can do to receive His salvation. Jesus said, "... I told you that no one can come to Me unless the Father has enabled him" (John 6:65).

In spite of our sinfulness, we are called saints. Paul, writing to the Philippians and to the Ephesians as well, greets them, "To all the saints . . ." (Philippians 1:1). That's you! That is I! This concept of saint and sinner is one that Luther grasped and explained. We are sinners in fact, but we are righteous at the same time because Christ has imputed His righteousness to us. By Christ's blood we are declared righteous and by the work of His Spirit through Word and Sacrament, we are daily being sanctified until in Heaven we no longer have this struggle with our sinful nature.

Prayer:

Oh, Lord God, truly You are mighty and powerful – yet You care for me! You created the world and all that is in it – and You created me! I sin against You, but You forgive, redeem, and restore me to Yourself. In fact, You came to me when I most needed You – when I was "dead in [my] transgressions and sins" – and You became like me so that I will one day be like You! Thank You, dear Jesus. Let Your Holy Spirit continue His work of sanctification in me that I may serve and praise and worship You all the days of my life. Through Christ I pray. Amen.

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

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Prayer and Praise October 16 @ 5:30 PM in the Sanctuary

Prayer and praise is an informal worship opportunity including a time for reflection, music, and fellowship. We will see you there!



LCC K-9 COMFORT DOG MINISTRY UPDATE

To God be the Glory!

Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. 1 Peter 3:8

Now that it is officially fall, I am enjoying all the new sights and smells of the season. I like the cooler mornings and being able to spend more time outdoors. The other day, my humans and I saw a giant hot air balloon making its descent near church. I wonder what it would be like to take a ride in one someday.

I am so excited to be back visiting places on a regular basis again. It has been great seeing old faces and meeting new people. I love all the hugs and attention I get from my friends at The Inn on Villa Lane (formerly Brookdale), Piner's, and Collabria. And, as always, I love seeing my kids at St. John's and many of the schools around town and in St. Helena, where I will join Officer Brown to read to the SH Primary students.

September was National Recovery Month, so our team was invited by Napa County Alcohol & Drug Services to join them at their Recovery Resource Fair. On October 1st, along with my fellow West Coast LCC K9 Comfort Dogs, we will be attending the Butte County Veterans "Stand Down" event in Chico. I love to visit with our wonderful veterans! I also continue to work with the Napa District Attorney's Office helping victims before, during, and after they testify.

My team and I are so blessed by the opportunities God provides for us to be able to serve in this community. Even when I am not with them, my teammates are often reminded of the impact our visits have made. Recently, one of my handlers ran into an old friend of mine we had not seen for a long time. This friend had relocated from one of the places we visit and, as a result, we had lost contact. Both my handler and my friend were so happy to see each other and, as a result, I am hoping to start visiting her again in her new home. Isn't God amazing?

We are always looking for ministry partners to join us as we serve. If interested, please contact Tim or Christy Kramer. I hope to see you soon!

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

Aaron Comfort Dog



Stephen Ministry – Acceptance

"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!" 1 John 3:1



"But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

"Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God." Romans 15:7

God accepts us as we are, with all our faults and humanness. He knows we fall short of perfect and knows how much we need his unconditional love. We can rest in His arms and receive refreshment for our souls, forgiveness for our shortcomings, nourishment to grow, and energy to face another day.

Acceptance by God, by our family, our friends, coworkers, even acquaintances can make us feel respected and understood. It is a great gift to give to each other. Stephen Ministers provide acceptance when they meet with a person receiving their care. The Stephen Minister will listen with empathy, reflect with care and respect, and accept what the person is feeling. The distinctively Christian nature of care creates an atmosphere of acceptance and encouragement so the care receiver can feel comfortable sharing about what's going on, including what he or she is dealing with spiritually. Stephen Ministers know that God is always present in the caring relationship and that the Holy Spirit is working through them to bring healing to the care receiver.

Perhaps you've heard the saying: *God loves you just as you are but too much to leave you that way* (attributed to several authors). A Stephen Ministers accepts the person who is receiving care and helps that person along the path to healing and greater wholeness. The changes are up to God and the care receiver, with the Stephen Minister supporting, validating, and accepting the care receiver.

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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The start of the school year has brought a fun amount of energy to our youth so far! We have been having a blast with Surge, Confirmation, & High School already and we are just getting started!

Surge is going to meet on campus on the 4th, 11th, & 25th of October from 6-7:30pm here at St. John's. Confirmation is off to a great start with learning, serving, and fellowship events underway!

High school will be meeting every Sunday from 5-7pm at St. John's.

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.



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



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 Thank you!

Budget your monthly expenses; purchase your gift cards to use for your shopping. Whenever you shop you have a visual of what you have left and you can shop accordingly. If you have not yet used Scrip, please read below on how easy it is.

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



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- e-cards are delivered to the app within minutes—view them in your Wallet.
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 - 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.

Daily Bible Readings for OCTOBER

	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
1	Psalm 114	1 Samuel 20:18-21:9	John 4:39-42
2	Psalm 37:1-9	Habakkuk 1:1-4,2:1-4	1 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10
3	Psalm 115:1-8	1 Samuel 21:10-22:23	John 4:43-54
4	Psalm 115:9-18	1 Samuel 23	John 5:1-15
5	Psalm 116:1-7	1 Samuel 24:1-25:17	John 5:16-30
6	Psalm 116:8-14	1 Samuel 25:18-44	John 5:31-47
7	Psalm 116:15-19	1 Samuel 26, 27	John 6:1-15
8	Psalm 117	1 Samuel 28, 29	John 6:16-24
9	Psalm 111	2 Kings 5:1-3,7-15c	2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19
10	Psalm 118:1-9	1 Samuel 30, 31	John 6:25-42
11	Psalm 118:10-14	2 Samuel 1	John 6:43-51
12	Psalm 118:15-21	2 Samuel 2	John 6:52-59
13	Psalm 118:22-29	2 Samuel 3:1-34	John 6:60-71
14	Psalm 119:1-8	2 Samuel 3:35-5:16	John 7:1-13
15	Psalm 119:9-16	2 Samuel 5:17-6:23	John 7:14-24
16	Psalm 121	Genesis 32:22-31	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8
17	Psalm 119:17-24	2 Samuel 7	John 7:25-44
18	Psalm 119:25-32	2 Samuel 8, 9	John 7:45-52
19	Psalm 119:33-40	2 Samuel 10, 11	John 8:1-11
20	Psalm 119:41-48	2 Samuel 12	John 8:12-30
21	Psalm 119:49-56	2 Samuel 13:1-33	John 8:31-41
22	Psalm 119:57-64	2 Samuel 13:34-14:33	John 8:42-59
23	Psalm 84:1-7	Jeremiah 14:7-10,19-22	2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18l; Luke 18:9-14
24	Psalm 119:65-72	2 Samuel 15:1-29	John 9:1-12
25	Psalm 119:73-80	2 Samuel 15:30-16:23	John 9:13-34
26	Psalm 119:81-88	2 Samuel 17	John 9:35-41
27	Psalm 119:89-96	2 Samuel 18:1-30	John 10:1-10
28	Psalm 119:97-104	2 Samuel 18:31-19:30	John 10:11-21
29	Psalm 119:105-112	2 Samuel 19:31-20:26	John 10:22-33
30	Psalm 32:1-7	Isaiah 1:10-18	2 Thess. 1:1-4,11-12; Luke 19:1-10
31	Psalm 119:113-120	2 Samuel 21	John 10:34-42



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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1	Scott Zimmerman, Charles Fitzpatrick			
2	Ramona Kaufmann, Kaleb Anderson, Tim Huss			
3	Jessica Koen, Otto Wagner, Jacob Bartelt			
5	James Regan, Lori Hunt			
7	Derek Irwin, Sharon Mitchell, Trenton Bresee			
8	Cal Watkins, David Goller			
9	Betsy Gewirz			
10	Sharon Tews, Elise Commander, Victoria Christie			
11	Laura Peterson			
15	Judith Irwin, Andrew King			
	Richard Bruechert, Marlen Virkus, Daniel Newton,			
16	Kristen Lawrence			
17	Charles Vaziri			
	Wyatt Newman, Jill Reimler, Ken Wilson, Shirley Knight,			
18	Elaine Scott			
19	Kyleigh Greely, Dawn Wahlers, Leslie Nicholson			
20	Abrielle Caceres Reed, Madelyn Caceres Reed			
21	Tim Kramer, Cullen Mooers			
	Rachael Fitzgerald, Michael Fitzgerald, Bonnie Thompson,			
22	Teagan Chagonjian			
23	Shau Ching Han			
24	Kathy Fitzgerald, Jonathan Han			
25	Eric Fitzgerald			
26	Andrea Clark, Lindsey Albrecht October Birthlaus			
	William Hjerpe, Tanner Jones, Samuel Craft Andrea Clark, Lindsey Albrecht October Birthdays!			
28	Samuel Craft 9 Look 1			



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DATE COUPLE YEARS

5	Paul & Shau Ching Han	31
5	Ryan & Katie Chagonjian	10
5	Catherine & Mike Enfield	20
6	Laura & John Kostelac	32
6	Sarah & Peter Santora	38
10	Chelsey & Jeffrey Squibb	8
12	Timothy & Natalie Bouchet	26
20	Zachary & Kerrie Diviak	32
24	Clint & Bev Holdsworth	41



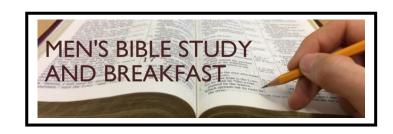


The Give+ Mobile App from VANCO shut down 1 Oct 21 and is longer be available for download as a mobile app. The new app is called **VANCO Mobile**.

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 FROM 8:00 - 9:00 AM.

CALL RON JOHNSON FOR INFORMATION.





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