



THE VINE

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church & School Newsletter

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



Join us in giving thanks to the Lord for Who He is, His gifts, and His goodness. We will have a Communion service on Wednesday November 23rd at 7:00 PM. Please consider bringing non-perishable food items to share with the Napa Food Bank.



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 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.

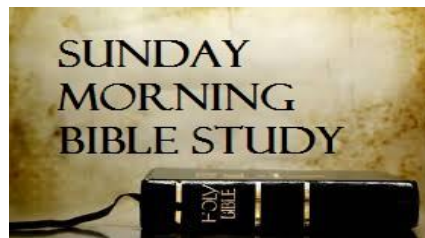
When: Sunday, November 13

Time: 5:00 PM 🕒

Where: Sanctuary

Foundations: Basic Christian Teachings

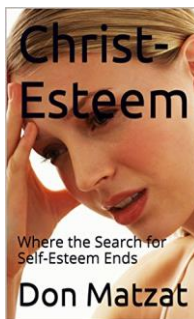
Pastor Mike is leading a nine-session overview of the basic teachings of the Christian Faith on Sundays at 11:00 in Room 10. This class is an opportunity to grow in understanding what it means to follow Jesus, and to learn about what it means to be part of our faith community.



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

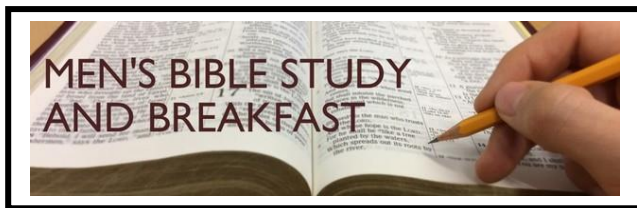
Romans

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 in Room 8.



Women's Bible Study (Tuesday)

The Women's Bible study will meet on November 1st and 15th at 10:00 AM in Room 10. All are invited! The focus is reading and discussion "Christ Esteem" by Rev. Don Matzat.



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 INFO.

Field Trips have begun at St. John's Lutheran School for the 2022-2023 school year and what a blessing they have been. Kindergarten, first and second grade have all visited the pumpkin patch; fourth grade took a tour of the Jelly Belly factory; fifth grade hiked Ring Mountain; sixth grade went to the CA Academy of Science and seventh and eighth grade visited the USS Hornet.



October ended with a successful Kindergarten Information Night on Wednesday, October 26. It is always a pleasure to be able to share the St. John's community with others. If you are interested, or know of someone who has a child of school age for 2023-2024, please contact Kristin Goller at kgoller@stjohnsnapa.org.

A huge thank you to Kevin Mathison and all of the volunteers who helped put on the **Trunk or Treat**. A wonderful, and sugar filled, evening was had by all!

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

We will be finishing the first trimester on Thursday, November 10. Parent Teacher Conferences will follow on Thursday, November 17 and Friday, November 18. What a blessing that our parents and teachers will be able to meet and to share the academic, spiritual, social, and emotional growth of each child. There will be no school on these days.



We invite you and your family to attend the school musical "Newsies" Thursday, November 17- Sunday, November 21. Under the direction of Sarah Kramer, Angela D'Angelo, and Cindy Powers, 71 St. John's Lutheran School students are busy learning lines, songs, and choreography. This will be an amazing performance. We hope to see you there! Please see page 15 for more details.

On Monday, November 21 and Tuesday, November 22, all elementary teachers and the 4-year old preschool teachers and staff, including Pastor Mike and Kevin, will be attending the California-Nevada- Hawaii District All Workers Conference. This conference will take place in San Diego. We look forward to a wonderful lineup of speakers and the opportunity for fellowship amongst other Lutheran educators. Please pray that this conference will be a learning experience for all of our teachers and for our safe travel.

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

OFFERING UPDATE

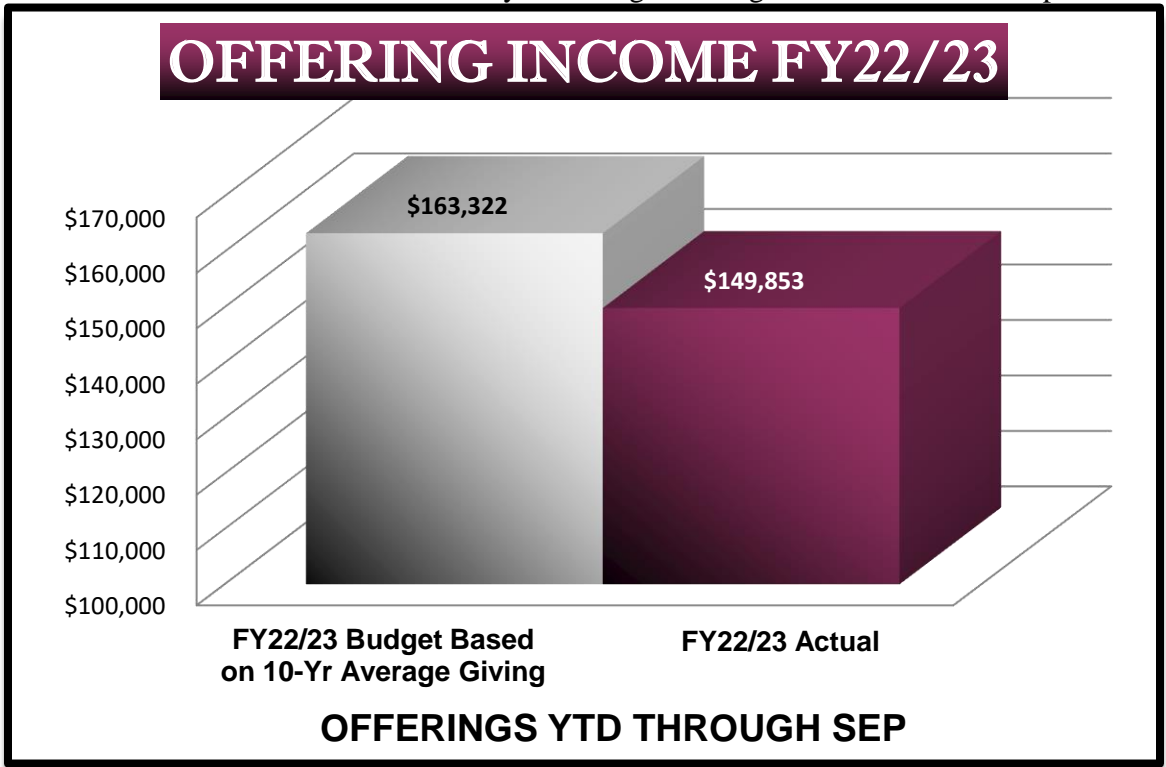
Actual Offering Income for Sep:

\$47,540.

Total Offerings for FY22/23 (as of 30 Sep 22):

\$149,853 which is **8.25%** or **\$13,469**
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:

“Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!” (Psalm 95:2)(ESV)

God's Faithfulness

Throughout the Genesis account of the life of Joseph, one sentence keeps recurring: *“The Lord was with Joseph.”* Joseph enjoyed many times of success and happiness and endured years of being forgotten and unjustly punished. In all these circumstances, God was with him, and Joseph knew it.

Another Biblical character whose life consisted of ups and downs was David. One moment his brothers are making fun of him and the next he's their hero and everyone else's as he slays the giant Goliath. One minute he's King Saul's favorite servant and the next he's being hunted down by the same man. Like Joseph, David knew God was with him. In his psalms, David pours out his heart to God. He holds nothing back as he tells God he is set upon on all sides by his enemies and feels deserted by God, but he always ends on a note of faith, thanking God for His presence and His eventual deliverance.

God is faithful, even when we are not. His ways are so far above ours that we cannot comprehend them. We cannot imagine what He has in store for us, but we can be sure it is all for our good (Genesis 50:20).

Discussion Thoughts:

1. Have you ever been unjustly accused as both of these heroes of faith were? How? Did you give thanks for your ordeal?
2. Have you had opportunity to be a "Jonathan" to someone else enduring difficult times? (See 1 Samuel 20.)
3. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 and act on it.

Prayer:

My faithful God, You are the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. You are ever faithful. There is nothing in all of creation that can separate me from Your love in Christ Jesus. Help me to give You thanks in all circumstances and to remain faithful to You. Use me to encourage others to give thanks and to remain faithful as well. 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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LCC K-9 COMFORT DOG MINISTRY UPDATE

To God be the Glory!

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

My team and I have been on the go recently, blessed to be sharing comfort throughout northern California. We attended several "Stand Down" events in Chico, CA and McClellan, CA. These events enable veterans to learn more about resources available to them in their communities, particularly those who may be experiencing or at risk of homelessness and/or food insecurity. It is always special spending time with our veterans and their families.

During these beautiful fall days, I enjoy going Up Valley to see my friends at St. Helena High School. Last time, I was able to spend time with the cheer leaders. Earlier in the month, I joined Officer Brown as she read to the St. Helena Primary School students. I also celebrated with my St. John's students and staff as one of our 8th graders was baptized during our chapel service. Welcome to the family of God, Dugan!

I also had the pleasure of attending the annual pet blessing at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Los Gatos, CA. This wonderful service was filled with prayer, readings and music. We enjoyed meeting many people and their furry friends.

While I didn't need to travel to Germany, or even leave Napa, I attended the Oktoberfest held at St. John's last month and had a blast! There were lots of new sights and smells to experience and some very interesting looking food. Unfortunately, I was not invited to sample. I did enjoy the music and listening to everyone singing songs with words I did not recognize. My humans told me the songs were German. I wonder if they are planning on giving me my commands in this new language!

I hope you have 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

Aaron Comfort Dog



Stephen Ministry: Love one another

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

Matthew 11:28

When Do We Need God’s Love Most? Of course, we need that love every second of our lives. But at times God’s love is especially precious to us, such as when:

- we lose a loved one
- life becomes so confusing that we do not know where to turn
- we are dealing with an illness, or caring for a loved one who is ill
- life becomes meaningless, and depression sets in
- going through a divorce or separation
- experiencing a spiritual crisis
- life changes such as birth, adoption, miscarriage, or infertility



At times like these, it is especially important to have someone who cares. Our congregation has Stephen Ministers who offer Christian caring for those in need.

Suffering on our own is not God’s intent for us. Jesus promises, We can receive this promised rest when we turn to one another for comfort and help. God did not create us to be independent. We were created to be *interdependent*. God’s Word is clear: *“It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him”* (Genesis 2:18). The New Testament underscores this theme with more than 50 verses that contain the words “one another” such as *“love one another, encourage one another, build up one another,”* and *“pray for one another.”* We are to allow other people to love, encourage, build up, and pray for us.

Our Stephen Ministers know about receiving care. Many of them have received care themselves at some point in their lives – something that has motivated them to give care now. They know how difficult it is to ask for help, but they also know the great personal and spiritual growth and healing that follow. They know how to respond in a loving, caring, and nonjudgmental manner. They are equipped, ready, and waiting to provide the comfort and care God very much desires you to have.

If you find yourself now or in the future facing difficulties in life, do not suffer alone. Take the courageous step of seeking help. Open your heart to receiving God’s love and grace through another person. Our Stephen Ministry offers the opportunity for a very confidential relationship with someone who will listen to you and provide you with the care and encouragement you need, helping Christ to bring rest to your weary, burdened heart.

To request the care of a Stephen Minister, contact Penni Cremen at pcremen@msn.com or Pastor Mike at the church office at 707-255-0119.



I want to say a big thank you to all who came out for Trunk or Treat and either decorated their trunks or just came for the fellowship! I know the kids look forward to this event all year and hope to collect so much sugar and have a great time with their friends!

Please keep an eye on the E-Vine for your most up to date Youth Ministry information throughout this month!

Kevin Mathison, Minister of Youth

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.



The Give+ Mobile App from VANCO shut down 1 Oct 21 and is no longer 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.

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL BY USING SCRIP

Holiday shopping is right around the corner.

Everything we are hearing this year is to **shop early** because there are limited supplies of many popular items. Should you see something you want to purchase, check the RaiseRight app and see if you are able to purchase it with Scrip. Quick and Easy!

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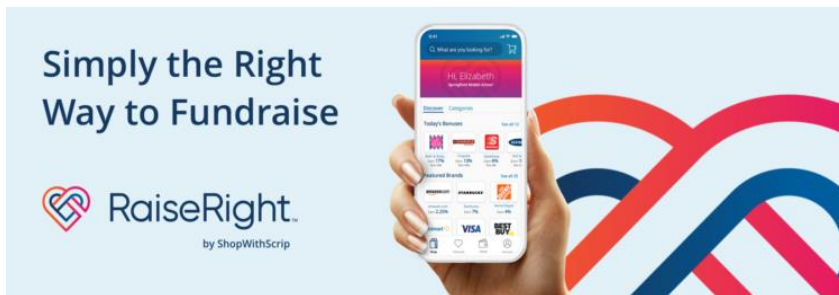


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CHRISTMAS SHOPPING ON AMAZON



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>

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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Daily Bible Readings for NOVEMBER

	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
1	Psalm 119:121-128	2 Samuel 22:1-25	John 11:1-16
2	Psalm 119:129-136	2 Samuel 22:26-23:17	John 11:17-30
3	Psalm 119:137-144	2 Samuel 23:18-24:25	John 11:31-44
4	Psalm 119:145-152	1 Kings 1:1-27	John 11:45-57
5	Psalm 119:153-160	1 Kings 1:28-53	John 12:1-11
6	Psalm 17:1-9	Job 19:23-27a	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-17; Luke 20:27-38
7	Psalm 119:161-168	1 Kings 2:1-38	John 12:12-19
8	Psalm 119:169-176	1 Kings 2:39-3:28	John 12:20-36
9	Psalm 120	1 Kings 4:1-28	John 12:37-50
10	Psalm 121	1 Kings 4:29-5:18	John 13:1-17
11	Psalm 122	1 Kings 6	John 13:18-30
12	Psalm 123	1 Kings 7:1-33	John 13:31-38
13	Psalm 98	Malachi 4:1-2a	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19
14	Psalm 124	1 Kings 7:34-8:16	John 14:1-14
15	Psalm 125	1 Kings 8:17-53	John 14:15-24
16	Psalm 126	1 Kings 8:54-9:19	John 14:25-15:8
17	Psalm 127	1 Kings 9:20-10:29	John 15:9-17
18	Psalm 128	1 Kings 11:1-25	John 15:18-16:4
19	Psalm 129	1 Kings 11:26-12:24	John 16:5-16
20	Psalm 46	Jeremiah 23:1-6	Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43
21	Psalm 130	1 Kings 12:25-13:22	John 16:17-33
22	Psalm 131	1 Kings 13:23-14:20	John 17:1-19
23	Psalm 132	1 Kings 14:21-15:8	John 17:20-26
24	Psalm 133	1 Kings 15:9-16:14	John 18:1-11
25	Psalm 134	1 Kings 16:15-17:24	John 18:12-24
26	Psalm 135:1-12	1 Kings 18	John 18:25-40
27	Psalm 122	Isaiah 2:1-5	Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44
28	Psalm 135:13-21	1 Kings 19	John 19:1-11
29	Psalm 136	1 Kings 20:1-21	John 19:12-24
30	Psalm 137	1 Kings 20:22-21:16	John 19:25-37



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Theresa Schoenfeld
- 2 Wanda Miller
- 3 Kyle McAhren, David Hudgins
- 4 Gerald Schneider, Leonard Lamb, Whitney Powers
- 5 Bruce Mooers, John Tortolani, Cameron Vaziri
- 7 Karen Zachry, Marie Skillings
Dustin Jones, Brooks Albrecht, Katie Zachry, Christi Jeffery,
- 9 Bodhi Knutson
- 10 Richard Dalen
- 11 Alexander Sneed, Rhys Irwin
- 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
Michael Newton, David Franklin, Timothy Bouchet,
- 23 Stella 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



DATE	COUPLE	YEARS
1	Mike & Judy Biggs	36
5	David & Jill Reimler	21
6	Andrew & Jennifer Schluter	12
9	Kennith & Linda Reed	48
9	James & Nancy Henry	64
10	Brad & Anna Seiter	38
18	William & Colette Hjerpe	33
18	Cal & Pam Watkins	43
23	Thomas & Tracy Cushing	22
30	Steven & Judith Rock	48
30	Thomas & Kristi Carey	26
30	Paul & Vicky Bartelt	31



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!



SO, WHAT'S NEW AT THE FARM?

Submitted by Ted Zimmerman

How's the Mission Farm doing? By the end of October we will easily have harvested and turned over to the Food Bank over 20,000 lbs. of produce. We will not reach last year's total of 29,000 lbs., but then it has been a somewhat different crop plan and a different crop year. It is still amazing what that little three acre plot out there produces.

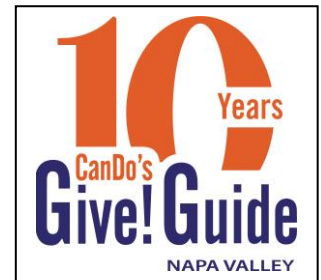


At this time of year, the Farm is in a transition phase. There were veteran plants out there, like corn, cucumbers, melons, peppers, summer squash, and tomatoes. These were planted in spring and have been faithful producers all summer. Now the plants show their age not only in appearance but in a decrease in productivity, and are being removed to make room for new, cool weather plantings such as cabbages, broccoli, carrots, and garlic, or cover crop to rebuild the fertility of the soil.

What are the Farm's needs toward next year? The obvious answer is for additional volunteers who:

- love gardening
- love working outdoors
- love working with others to make life a bit easier for families who are food-insecure
- are willing to devote one, two, or three mornings a week (Mon., Wed., Sat.), or even a day or two a month
- and are not afraid to get a little dirty and a little tired working for a good purpose

The Farm also needs financial support for its operation expenses. You can always donate to the Mission Farm by making a gift to St. John's Lutheran Church, designating it for the Mission Farm. That would make a most appropriate "Thank Offering" to God this Thanksgiving Day. Also, the Farm will be participating this year in the Napa Valley *Give!Guide* 2022 as one of 73 non-profit organizations in the Valley working to make this a better place to live. Watch for more information on how to donate to our Mission Farm on the *Give!Guide* 2022 website in the Vine, E-Vine, on the church's website and social media.





SJLS Theatre is proud to present our 17th Annual Production: Disney's *Newsies*

We welcome you to join us for this exciting musical! 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!

Newsies: The Broadway Musical, based on the 1992 Disney movie musical, is inspired by the true events of the New York newsboys strike of 1899. You'll feel empowered and impressed by the courage of the newspaper kids who fought for the rights of all of the working kids of New York. We have an incredible cast that has been working passionately to bring this story to life for you. There are many fantastic songs and awesome choreography in this show.

Dates: November 16-19 @ 7:00pm and November 20 @ 2:00pm

Ticket Info: \$12 each. Visit our website <https://bit.ly/SJLSNewsies> **beginning Tuesday, 11/1**, to order tickets. Seating is limited; first come, first served

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 5-6 and November 12-13. 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 or call 707.255.0119. Thanking you in advance! We are grateful for your support!

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



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