

# St. John's Episcopal Church 2022 Annual Report



## **Mission Statement**

St. John's is a Christian community that intentionally gathers to experience God's love through Episcopal worship, education, fellowship, and ministry to the wider community.



We Welcome | We Pray | We Love

## 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Agenda

January 22, 2023

- 10:15am     **Opening Prayer**
- 10:20am     **Call to Order and Rules of Engagement**
- 10:25am     **Appreciations**
- Vestry Membership –  
Tom Brzeczek, Bill Cheney, David Dennehy – terms ending  
Lynn Young – term ending as Sr. Warden
  - Spirit of St. John's (Annual Recognition)
  - Diocesan Servant Ministry Award – Diane Gustafson
- 10:30am     **2022 Annual Meeting Minutes - Clerk**
- 10:35am     **St. John's Parish Reports** (Please find reports printed in this Annual Report)
- Treasurer's Report (Presentation)
    - Financial Summary (2022 Year End)
    - 2023 Parish Budget (Approved by Vestry)
  - Rector's Report
  - Warden's Report
  - Ministry Reports
- 10:40am     **Business Session**
- Election of Vestry Members
    - Tom Brzeczek
    - Bill Cheney
    - Jeff Bates
  - Delegates (2) and Alternates (2) for Diocesan Convention
  - Congregational Discussion – Open Floor
- 11:00am     **Closing Remarks**
- Rev. Roger Haenke, *Rector*
- 11:15am     **Closing Prayer and Adjournment**

**Vestry Meeting:** Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 6:00 pm on Zoom

### Upcoming Special Events:

- Women of St. John's Super Bowl Soup Sale: Sunday, February 12, 2023
- Men of St. John's Pancake Supper: Tuesday, February 21, 2023

## ***Called to Eternal Life***

We remembered and celebrated the lives of those who have died.  
May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

***Dale Evans***

***Dinah Bates***

***Paul Erickson***

***Muriel Kulikowski***

***Norma Dunn***

***Jeanette (Jan) Jones***

***O God whose mercies cannot be numbered,  
accept our prayers on behalf of your servants  
and grant them an entrance into the land of light  
and joy in the fellowship of your saints.  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You  
and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen***

**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
**73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Church Meeting Minutes**  
**Sunday, January 23, 2022**

After opening prayer, Rev. Roger Haenke called the meeting to order at 10:25 a.m. in Nale Hall. The meeting was video-conferenced on Zoom as well.

There was a quorum. Rules of engagement, especially regarding voting, were explained.

Rev. Roger expressed appreciation for the three members of the Vestry whose terms have come to an end (Pamela Brittain, Ray Contreras, and Diane Gustafson) as well as David Dennehy (outgoing Senior Warden) and thanked them for giving their time and talent.

This year, the parish gave the Spirit of St. John's Award to recognize individuals who have given their time and talent. The honorees are Norma Dunn, who has coordinated outreach efforts for many years, and Heather Wallace, who has been Sunday School Director for many years. Each was presented with a plaque. Rev. Roger hopes to make this award an annual event.

Pam Brittain moved, Tom Brzeczek seconded approval of the minutes from the 2021 Annual Meeting, and the motion passed.

Treasurer Bill Cheney presented the Financial Summary for 2021 and the 2022 Budget (these are in the Annual Report booklet available on the tables and online).

Reports from the Rector, Wardens, and Ministry leaders are also available in the Annual Report booklet and online.

**BUSINESS:**

Lynn Young moved, Jeff Bates seconded approval of the slate of Vestry members: Pam Brittain, Alice Burnham, and Diane Gustafson. The motion passed. (Pam and Diane had completed one three-year term, were eligible to serve another, and volunteered to do so.)

Diocesan Convention will be held in early November at St. Bartholomew's in Poway. Norma Dunn moved, Iris Atkins seconded approval of Bob Dunn and Chelsey Nyaradi to serve as delegates and Lynn Young and Pam Brittain to serve as alternates. The motion passed.

The Columbarium is in disrepair and cannot be retrofitted. Honor Life, the company that built it, recommends replacing it with a wall holding double niches. The cost would be \$35,000 plus landscaping for another \$15,000. The current Columbarium fund has \$9,000 plus \$2000 as a donation in memory of Sarah Tolley. An outside donor, Rev. Michael Kaehr, is willing to match funds raised up to \$35,000. There were many questions of concern about the present Columbarium, which is only twenty-five years old. A committee will be formed to research the issue and report to the Vestry at the February 23 meeting.

## RECTOR'S REMARKS

Rev. Roger cited four goals he has set for 2022:

- Increase parish by five families or individuals
- Reach out to the Latino community through a monthly worship and dinner event
- Within three months form a Property Committee to advise the Vestry and Rector on related issues
- Engage in Diocesan ministries such as the Latino Community and serving social justice

During this Year of Evangelism, we will continue to reach out to various communities like military families.

St. John's Centennial will be celebrated with a visit from the Bishop on Sunday, September 18. Special events will be planned throughout the year.

On Sunday, January 30, four Eucharistic Visitors will be commissioned. Two others have trained and will be commissioned at a later date.

The Senior Warden for 2022 is Lynn Young.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Diane Gustafson, *Clerk of Vestry*

# 2022 Annual Ministry Reports

## *Treasurer's Report*

Saint John's 2022 Year End Financial Summary

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Difference
Revenues - Church	203,177.17	149,000.00	54,177.17
Expenses - Church	331,152.98	305,557.00	25,595.98
Church Net Income	-127,975.81	-156,557.00	28,581.19
ECS Rental Income	163,666.84	163,666.84	0.00
Operating Balance	35,691.03	7,109.84	28,581.19

Bill Cheney, Treasurer

## ***Finance Committee***

The Saint John's Finance Committee members are:

Rev. Roger Haenke, Lynn Young, Terry Farrelly, Sally Elliott, Bob Dunn, Marcia Morris, Michael Morris, and Treasurer Bill Cheney. We are also pleased to welcome our newest member Gregg King.

The Finance Committee meets monthly on the third Thursday to review the monthly financial reports in order to monitor compliance and provide recommendations to the Vestry. The Committee works diligently to provide the Vestry accurate and timely analysis, advice, and oversight of the Church Budget. Our primary responsibility is to ensure that the Church is operating within our financial boundaries in order to provide essential community services, and support our very important ministries.

The Committee actively works to be good stewards of the Parish finances and to give good and practical advice to the Vestry. Parish policies and procedures are evaluated to be sure that the Parish is safely handling money, has adequate insurance protection, and proper supervision of bank statements. We use a system of internal controls to safeguard our resources and ensure accuracy, efficiency, and reliability in our accounting and bookkeeping.

The Committee's objectives are:

- Adequately safeguard the cash, property, and other Parish assets;
- Ensure that all financial transactions are appropriately documented and approved by authorized staff;
- Spending of funds is in accordance with donor requirements and limits;
- Provide financial reporting that is accurate, timely, and conforms to approved policies.

We encourage any Parishioners in good standing who have business or financial education or experience to apply to join the Committee.

Questions or concerns may be emailed to: [treasurer@st-johns.org](mailto:treasurer@st-johns.org)

Respectfully submitted by Bill Cheney

## 2023 Budget

### Church

	TOTAL
Income	
4000 Contributed Income	172,293.24
4200 Other Parish Income	6,200.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$178,493.24</b>
GROSS PROFIT	<b>\$178,493.24</b>
Expenses	
5000 Personnel Expenses	166,937.16
6000 Administrative Expenses	6,200.00
6100 Outside Services	38,500.00
6200 Supplies	5,348.08
6300 Communications	12,100.00
6400 Buildings & Grounds	25,400.00
6500 Professional Services	9,450.00
6600 Insurance - Property	9,000.00
6700 Dues & Subscriptions	500.00
7000 Liturgy & Music	31,100.00
7100 Clergy Discretionary Expenses	400.00
7200 Outreach	4,600.00
7400 Common Life Share Pledge	30,700.00
7600 Conferences & Conventions	500.00
7800 Food Services	500.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$341,235.24</b>
NET OPERATING INCOME	<b>\$ -162,742.00</b>
NET INCOME	<b>\$ -162,742.00</b>

### *Episcopal Community Services: Head Start*

<b>ECS Rent Increase 8/1/23</b>	<b>Aug. 1 each year</b>
<b>% increase</b>	<b>2.50%</b>
<b>Total ECS Rent Income for 2023</b>	
<b>7 months X 27,595</b>	<b>193,165.00</b>
<b>5 months X 28,285</b>	<b>141,425.00</b>
	<b>334,590.00</b>
<b>Less</b>	
<b>Property insurance</b>	<b>-13,000.00</b>
<b>Diocese loan, &amp; Int.</b>	<b>-142,848.00</b>
<b>Fees McKee</b>	<b>-16,000.00</b>
	<b>162,742.00</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>-162,742.00</b>
<b>ECS Net to Church</b>	<b>162,742.00</b>
<b>Net Operating</b>	<b>0.00</b>

## ***Rector's 2022 Annual Report***

Blessed are you . . .

In his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus teaches his disciples how to recognize blessedness. Not how to become blessed, or even to bless each other, but rather to recognize those who are already blessed by God.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek, the pure in heart, those who hunger and thirst for righteousness and who are persecuted on Christ's behalf. It is quite a list. And blessed are those, I might add, who see the blessings of God in their neighbor's need and give thanks they were privileged to meet them.

What would it be like, if our parish continued to be a place to "bless" those which the world refuses to bless, to love what the world calls unlovable, and to redeem that which the world does not believe merits saving?

I think if that happened, our parish would be more like the discipleship community Jesus founded, fashioned by God's grace to be different from the world around us, to be places of forgiveness, mercy, grace, and goodness. And, I think, we might find others attracted to join us.

Jesus points us to recognize that God's kingdom isn't a place far away but is found whenever we honor each other as God's children, bear each other's burdens, bind each other's wounds, and meet each other's needs.

### **Our Centennial Celebration**

In celebration of our Centennial Year, we had many exciting events that brought us together to celebrate as a parish. Many people were involved in chairing subcommittees and the MOSJ helped to host several events.

- Italian Dinner and Fundraiser (Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>) – MOSJ, Diane G.
- Ice Cream Social with American Music (Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>) – Jane F.
- Parish Cookbook – Diane G, Nancy P.
- St. John's Parish BBQ and Chili Contest (August 14<sup>th</sup>) – MOSJ
- Commissioned Artwork – Icon of St. John the Evangelist
- St. John's Centennial Dinner (Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>) – Diane G., Tom B., Alex V-B.
- St. John's Centennial Liturgy (Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>) –
- St. John's Steak Dinner Fundraiser (Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>) – MOSJ, Diane G.
- Afternoon of Christmas Melodies and Annual Christmas Dinner (Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>) – Cheryl S., MOSJ, Diane G.

### **Rector's Role and Responsibilities**

The following is a summary of some quantifiable aspects of the Rector's ministry in 2022:

#### **Pastoral Ministry**

- Total Sunday Attendance = 2,900
- Average Sunday Attendance = 56
- Total Attendance including other services = 3,700
- Total Attendance at Wednesday Morning Prayer and Bible Study = 389
- Visits to those who are parishioners, ill or homebound = 168
- Eucharistic Visits = 72



- To the grieving: In 2023 our parish family experienced the death of 6 members.
- Meetings with Clergy, Wardens, Staff, Ministry Leaders, and diocesan meetings = 186
- Welcome new members to the parish = 3

### **Faith and Formation**

- Preparation for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism – 11 families.
- Prepared 2 members of the parish for Confirmations and 2 member for reception into the Episcopal Church
- Prepare for and officiates at a weekly Morning Prayer and Bible Study for the parish
- Offered faith education opportunities through the diocese and other parishes.

### **Outreach and Evangelization**

- I attend and advise an 8-person Outreach Committee
- 40 Days/40 Items (Lenten clothing drive for the homeless) = 108 bags of clothing
- Sow and Grow – gardening project with ECS Head Start children
- Back to School Backpack Collection (backpacks and school supplies for ECS Head Start) = 96
- Blessings in a Bag (Thanksgiving food collection for the families of ECS Head Start) = 37 bags and 59 gift cards
- Toys For Tots toy collection = 4 boxes
- Blessings in a Bag (bag of toiletries, socks, snack and water for those are in need) = 20 bags
- Participated in two Pride events: San Diego Parade and Chula Vista Festival (booth at the festival)
- We are recognized as a friendly/welcoming congregation for our military personnel and families.
- We have begun a pilot ministry to welcome our Latino/Hispanic brothers and sister to our parish family. La Misa in English provides an opportunity to celebrate their faith and culture. We have celebrated 5 La Misa in English celebrations.
- We hosted two ecumenical prayer services, working with other parishes:
  - Ecumenical Prayer Service for Peace
  - Interfaith Thanksgiving Prayer Service.

### **Administration**

- Staff meeting every other week to improve communications and operation of the church.
- Weekly meetings with Wardens and Treasurers
- In order to receive better customer service, we moved our banking services from BofA to Neighborhood National Bank. Despite the decreased ASA our monthly revenue continues to be at or above budget.
- As we look towards opportunities to rent out the facilities on our parish campus, we have updated and revised the Facilities Use Agreement.
- As a member of the vestry, I participate in planning and chairing our vestry meeting.
- Property improvements that I have help coordinate:
  - Carillon Bells restored
  - New HVAC Company
  - New Columbarium and Memorial Garden
  - Meditation Garden
  - Landscape Lighting in the courtyard

### **Diocesan Commitments and Service:**

- Member of the diocesan Strategic Plan – Area One Oversight Committee: Evangelism, Church Growth, and Discipleship.
- Member of the Diocesan Executive Council.
- Member of the Diocesan Public Health Task Force.

### **My goals for 2023:**

1. Congregational Growth: In the coming year, through evangelization, I intend to increase membership in the parish by recruiting 4 new families/members.
2. Evangelization: In the next 12 months, I will continue to reach out to the Latino/Hispanic community by providing a monthly worship and dinner gathering (La Misa in English).
3. Formation and Teaching: In the next 12 month, I will offer 2 educational opportunities to increase the knowledge and faith of them members of the parish.
4. Ministry in the Diocese (2023 Year of Service): In the next year, I will lead St. John's in supporting the Diocese of San Diego in their Strategic Plan by being involve in two of the diocesan ministry opportunities

### **Diocesan Convention**

Our annual Diocesan Convention was held in November. Bishop Susan chose the theme: "Known to Us in the Breaking of the Bread". As we gather each Sunday, we are fed and nourished with the Body of Christ. We go forth sharing that presence and making Christ known by our words and deeds.

We, as a parish, will continue to strengthen our relationship with the diocese and work closely with diocesan leadership to implement ministries that make Christ known to our neighbors.

### **Gratitude and Recognition**

I would like to express my deep gratitude for the openness and acceptance of the Vestry Members, staff, Ministry Leaders and each member of St. John's. We have been some challenging years, however, the unity that we experience at St. John's is nothing less than a blessing from God to be shared with all who are in need. I would like to recognize our vestry members Tom Brzeczek, Bill Cheney and David Dennehy for their years of service and dedication to the Church through St. John's.

I give thanks to God for all of you. May the Lord who has begun the good work in you, bring it to completion.

Roger+

## ***Warden's Report***

The year of 2022 was such a busy one for our parish! We would like to mention just a few of the accomplishments of 2022.

As reported last year, we started a fundraising campaign to replace our Columbarium, which had failed due to a design flaw. We had a very successful campaign, and the Vestry established a Columbarium committee to gather information on design, costs and contractors and make recommendations to the Vestry. This was done very efficiently: funds were raised, designs were sought and considered, contractors submitted bids and the committee gave its recommendations to the Vestry. The garden within the gates of the Columbarium was redesigned to provide a peaceful, reflective space with some seating for those visiting the Columbarium.

2022 was St. John's 100th anniversary so we celebrated the Centennial in a variety of ways! We had a good old-fashioned ice cream social, a Centennial catered dinner, a special liturgy with the Right Reverend Bishop Susan Brown Snook presiding, a beautiful icon commissioned of St. John, a wonderful Christmas concert planned by our organist/choir director Cheryl Seppala and her husband Wayne, followed by the Parish Christmas Dinner hosted by the Men of St. John's. There were many other activities too numerous to list but enjoyed by all.

A new outreach ministry, La Misa in English, was started with grant funding – A mass followed by a meal and fellowship was offered monthly. Parishioners and guests from the community were invited and came! The Outreach Committee worked tirelessly to make this a successful effort. The Vestry has enthusiastically agreed to fund this program for the balance of 2023 after the grant funds have been expended.

We feel honored and blessed to have served as your Wardens this past year. We look forward to sharing new opportunities with you in 2023!

Lynn Young  
*Senior Warden*

Tom Brzeczek  
*Junior Warden*

## ***Property Report for 2022***

- Established a Property Committee as a permanent Standing Committee
  - Members:
    - Chair – David Dennehy
    - Secretary – Bob Dunn
    - Tim Attaway
    - Kurth Barnes
    - Bill Gustafson
    - Gregg King
    - Rev Roger Haenke
  - Committee meets monthly (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday)
- HVAC – As of the beginning of 2022 we signed a contract with Anderson Heating and Air to maintain our systems.
  - We have 16 HVAC Systems 15 of which are over 25 years old, one new system in the Admin Building which Anderson installed in February this year

- In accordance with our contract Anderson conducts full Simi Annual Maintenance on our systems in April and October and quarterly filter changes in the Admin Building and Nale Hall.
- With the exception of the Admin Building all our systems have exceeded their life expectancy and replacement is approximately \$20,000.00 per system.
  - As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, the Freon used in our systems is no longer legal to replace, meaning, if we have a Freon leak the unit must be replaced.
- Head Start
  - Rev Roger, David, and Sally meet monthly with McKee, our Property Manager and the Head Start Staff to discuss and deal with any mutual property issues.
    - Shared the cost with Head Start to Deep Clean the kitchen.
    - All the facia around the school buildings needs to be scraped, sanded and painted, a number of areas need wood replacement due to dry rot.
      - Have first bid from A-Team Contractors; \$23,000.00, will get 2 additional bids.
- Contracted with Morales Tree Service in June to thin out, trim and in a few cases remove 35 trees throughout the Church and School Campuses
- Have a number of areas with leak problems due to the heavy rains we have had; the church, the nursery, Nale Hall and the Admin Building
  - Getting bids from A-Team Contractors, Woolley's Gutter Experts and San Diego Roofing
- Working with the MOSJ's will be conducting a major cleanup of our property to include:
  - Cleaning out and organizing our storeroom and attic space
  - Cleaning out and organizing our 3 sheds

Drafted and submitted by:  
David Dennehy, *Property Chair*

### ***Flower Guild***

The Flower Guild is only one of the many ministries within St. John's church. Every week, one member will do a lovely floral arrangement, for the front altar. There is a flower chart available, in the narthex, for anybody to sign up for any special occasion or in memory/honor of a loved one/ones. We recommend a donation of \$40.00. If requested, the flower guild will do funeral arrangements, center pieces, etcetera.

It is an honor to say that the flower guild is always financial stable, thanks to all the generous people that have donated throughout the year, especially Easter, with lilies, and Christmas, with Poinsettias and cyclamens.

Flower arrangements take only a small amount of your time and talent. If any person is interested in joining the flower guild, please contact the church office or one of flower guild members: Judy Butcher, Malia Attaway, Lynn Naranjo or myself.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marcia Morris, *Chairperson*

## ***Music Ministry***

2022 was a fun and busy year for St. John's choir. We were able to provide "live" leadership in hymns and service music all year. In addition, we provided a weekly offertory choral anthem or vocal solo. Over the years we have built up a repertoire of many choir anthems for all liturgical seasons. In 2022 we presented twelve new anthems as well as many of our "golden oldies". As our choir has grown, we are now able to offer more anthems with multiple vocal parts, rather than singing in unison or just two parts. I can't think of another volunteer ministry that makes such a weekly time commitment to St. John's. We practice one evening a week, as well as rehearsing before and after church each Sunday. Many members also study their music at home with personalized rehearsal tracks that I prepare for them. Thank you, choir members for your tireless dedication. We are blessed to have Rev. Roger to encourage us in our endeavors to present traditional Episcopal hymns and liturgy, but still be willing to try something new.

There were two special choir events in 2022 to celebrate our centennial. The old-fashioned summer ice cream social was great fun with many familiar old tunes and opportunities for audience participation, not to mention some delicious ice cream sundaes. Many thanks to Jane Ferguson (writer, director, and producer) for her labor of love to make this show fun and entertaining for all ages. Thanks also to her children and grandchildren for contributing their incredible Graves family talent.

Our second centennial musical event was the December 17 Christmas program in the church, followed by a delicious dinner presented by the Men of St. John's. Although I am guilty of being the director and producer of that eclectic Christmas offering, I could not have done it without help from Jane, her family, and the entire St. John's choir. We were privileged to enjoy the vocal and saxophone offerings of Rev. Michael Kaehr and his brother Jerry. Special thanks to Wayne, not only for his expertise at the organ and piano and extraordinary accompanist skills, but also for not divorcing me before it was all over.

Kudos to Joe and Maria Love for filling in when I am away and adding their vocal, guitar and flute talents to many of our services.

St. John's is blessed with wonderful and versatile instruments, great acoustics, a dedicated choir, and a beautiful sanctuary in which to enjoy music of any genre. My wish for 2023 is to have more people back in church to enjoy the music, as well as the fellowship and the spoken word. We still have empty seats available for you in the choir loft!

As I look forward to marking my golden anniversary as organist at St. John's, I wish to offer a sincere thank you to all the choir members, clergy, and congregation (past and present) who have supported my efforts. I am indeed blessed and thankful to be in this beautiful place still trying to make a joyful noise.

Sincerely,  
Cheryl Seppala, *Organist/Music Director*

## ***Women of St. John's***

The WOSJ had a bake sale on Super Bowl Sunday and held a salad luncheon at Diane Gustafson's house in May.

## ***Quilt Ministry***

Twenty-five quilts were given in 2022 (five more than in 2021). Most of the quilts were from the supply made by Christy Gollihur, who has since moved to New Mexico. Debbie Lothspeich made five of the quilts this year.

We are quickly reaching the end of Christy's quilts and must find a way to replenish our supply without overburdening the few people in the parish who quilt. We would like to divide up the steps involved (cutting fabric pieces, sewing on a machine, sewing the threads for knotting, etc.). If you are interested in helping and/or you have a sewing machine, please contact Diane Gustafson. This is an important ministry at St. John's and participation is very rewarding!

Submitted by Diane Gustafson

## ***Men of St. John's***

The January 2022 meeting was scheduled but then Covid cancelled, and our first official meeting was joined at new member David Naranjo's home on Feb 21st. Our first event action plan was formulated that night when we had the largest group attendance of the year (14). That night we planned out the Pancake Supper for March 1st. This was a long time regular, so it was an easy success.

The MOSJ then developed action plans for the Italian Dinner, the BBQ-Chili Cookoff and the Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social, the Steakhouse Dinner and finally the Christmas Party and Organ Stop musical dinner.

April meeting was the planning stage for the Italian Dinner. Spaghetti and meatballs were the simple way to go with Marinara sauce complemented with salad, bread and dessert. May 14 arrived and so did the diners and the club took in \$2699.00 with opportunity drawings and Rev. Roger's Italian Dinner tickets being sold for big money. I think everyone had plenty to eat and importantly a good social time that was fun and profitable.

We had on our calendar a Pot Luck for June 5th but a lack of interest at this time of the year caused us to cancel the event.

The Parish Ice Cream Social, held in Nale Hall on July 3rd. was a very successful event. Excellent attendance by parish members plus a few visitors. The SJ Choir members, accompanied by Wayne and Cheryl Seppala, on organ and piano plus a few songs from a barbershop Quartet, provided the attendees with a very entertaining afternoon. A good time and lots of ice cream, was had by all. Approximately \$200 was taken in through donations. This will be added to the SJ's 2022 fund raising pot. The MOSJ agreed that Jane Ferguson and Cheryl, who planned and organized the entertainment, should be publicly thanked and given gift cards as a thank you. The MOSJ brought and served the ice cream.

The BBQ – Chili Cook-Off was up next on August 13, and although it was not large in attendance, we did make it a fun time with 8 cooks presenting their Chili Creations. We used our big grill to cook hot dogs and hamburgers and we made plans to purchase a couple of new grills for future events.

The Sow and Grow ECS Head Start collaborative effort with Jamie and Malia Attaway, Judy McKay, Alice Burnham, Linda and David Dennehy, and Scott Bricknell, introduced growing plants and vegetables to the young children of the Head Start Program that is on site. It was a big project with putting up concrete blocks to retain the soil in courtyards around the school area and each student and classroom had their own plot filled with nice fertile soil and seedlings that they grew in their classroom. They learned how to care for the plants and had an experience that might be beneficial to them as they grow up and become adults. The was a

truly “well done” project thanks to Jamie and Malia and all their helpers.

During September we had a committee that planned out the Centennial Celebration of Saint John’s and I just wanted to take note of the wonderful time the MOSJ had coming to the catered dinner and having a fun time and good food while we basked in the achievement of 100 years of existence.

Truly a..... GRAND CELEBRATION!

Our planning for the Steakhouse Dinner was completed at the October 17th meeting. The night for the dinner was November 5th and we had a nice turnout that was smaller than usual, but we got our new BBQ Grills out and served Angus New York Strip 10 oz with all the trimmings. Diane Gustafson, as she has done so many times, had an opportunity raffle which is always fun and profitable. We had a Fall theme put together by Scott and wine bar, dessert and a very good social time. Many helpers from the club made this happen, a lot goes on to bring this event together....thanks everyone that helped.

Our final event of the year was a supporting role that we took to enhance the superb Organ Stop musical event originally planned by Cheryl and Wayne Seppala. We saw an opportunity to hold our MOSJ Christmas Party following that magical performance by the Seppala’s. As usual, the MOSJ club was up to the challenge of supplying the main dish of Turkey (Tim) and Ham...smoked by Mike and Marcia Morris) and the usual supporting staff was there to organize and serve nearly 100 meals to those wishing to attend the event. It turned out to be a rather happy crowd in Nale Hall.

I am hopeful that our presence and commitment to St. John’s Mission was evident, and it will draw even more men of the congregation to join with us in 2023. Finally, I am so appreciative to all that have stepped up time and again to complete our goals for the year.

Tim Attaway, *President*

### ***The Order of the Daughters of the King, St. Margaret’s Chapter St. John’s Episcopal Church***

The Daughters of the King is an Order for women who are members of the Episcopal Church, as well as some other church denomination, including the Anglican, Lutheran (ELCA), and Roman Catholic. The Order was founded in 1885 in New York City. We are committed to prayer, service and evangelism. We pray for the special needs of our church community and beyond. Anyone, member of St. John’s or not, is welcome to fill out a prayer request for themselves or anyone else and submit it to us – this is a confidential request – we add the name and include it in our daily individual prayers.

As part of our service, several of our members have been trained as Eucharistic Visitors/Ministers and will assist on Sundays during the Eucharist, and visit and take communion to those who are unable to attend in person and request this. Others of our members assist in the Altar Guild, cleaning and preparing linens for service. At baptisms, we offer a shawl to the newly baptized and continue to pray for them through several years.

We meet every month on the 3rd Thursday at 10:00 a.m. We welcomed new member Liliana Morales in 2022 and others are preparing for membership. All members complete a 12 week course of study to understand who Daughters are and what we do. We wear a very distinctive cross as an outward and visible sign of our commitment.

If you are interested in learning more about the Daughters of the King, please contact Lynn Young at (208) 695-7735, or lynnyoung2786@gmail.com, or Linda Dennehy at (619)840-9948 or lindagail48@att.net.

For His Sake,  
Lynn Young

## ***Outreach Ministry***

Committee Chair: Jeff Bates

- This Committee meets via zoom once a month.
- Outreach committee sends the monthly report to the vestry.
- Collection Ministries & Outreach Events are reported on the monthly Priest's Report.
- Outreach ministries collections share storage space with ECS space and a new storage space devoted to outreach ministries is set to 'open' in January 2023.
- Pamela Brittain has agreed to chair Outreach Ministries Committee in 2023.

### ***Ongoing Ministries***

#### **Head Start - ECS**

- Head Start co-located on St. John's campus.
- Volunteering in Classrooms
  - Judy McKay reads to children in their classrooms.
  - Greeting Card Ministry continues to provide greeting cards to children for crafts and art.

#### **Military Ministry**

- The Congregation prays for the sailors on the USS Essex weekly during Prayers of the People.

#### **Personal Connections**

- Services continue to be livestreamed on Facebook for those unable to attend in person.
- Calls are made to people who are shut-in or unable to attend services.
- Cards are sent and calls made to strengthen the connection and keep in touch between people of St. John's.

#### **Community Outreach**

- South Bay Pride Booth was staffed by members of St. Johns, Aug 2022
- Hispanic Community Outreach
  - La Misa in English – St. Johns hosts a monthly dinner aimed at affirming and celebrating Hispanic culture.
  - Holy Eucharist is followed by dinner.
- Blessings in a Bag – after several months of discussion for what to include in the bags and how to offer a bag to a person in need, the bags are filled as needed and available in fellowship hall to parishioners to offer our needy neighbors.

### ***Seasonal Ministries***

- **Lenten outreach 40 days – 40 items**
- Empty bags were mailed to all parishioners. The response was overwhelming.



- About 4000 items were collected and distributed.
- Children’s clothing was offered to Head Start with counselors helping to discern students/families most in need.
- Adult clothing was given to Father Joe’s Villages.
- New women’s shoes were given to Rachel’s House Women’s Center.
- **Head Start / ECS Thanksgiving Blessings in A Bag**
- St John’s donated 32 food bags that contained non-perishable food.
- Gift cards in the amount of \$980 were given to ECS.
- 96 Backpacks with school supplies for students were donated to Head Start students at the beginning of school.
- **Toys For Tots**
  - 4 Large Boxes of unwrapped toys were collected and given
  - \$100 was donated.

### ***Ongoing Collection Ministry – Status @ Jan 2023***

Ministries by the Numbers indicate status of ministries that are ongoing into 2023.

Pill Bottle Ministry – discontinued in 2022 due to postage costs.

Eye Glass Recycling – currently on-hold

Mission To Seafarers Magazine/ Book Collection- suspended

### ***CHANGES to Outreach Ministry planned for 2023***

- Dreams for Change: this collection ministry was begun in mid 2022 and will continue in 2023 to minister to those living in their cars.
- Showers of Blessings – Saint John’s would like to host a Showers of Blessings Event

### ***Ministries by the numbers***

#### **CARDS**

Cards 711

Stationery/Supplies 102

#### **EYE GLASSES**

Glasses 32

Cases 17

#### **TOYS FOR TOTS**

75 toys

\$100 cash/checks

#### **40 DAYS 40 ITEMS**

60 bags of Women’s clothes

42 bag of Men’s clothes

6 boxes of new sweats and shoes

2 backpacks

108 bags/boxes total collected or about 4,320 items

#### **THANKSGIVING BAGS**

37 bags of non-perishable food items

49 \$20 gift cards

10 \$25 gift cards

**HEAD START BACKPACKS WITH SUPPLIES**

96 backpacks with supplies

**PILL BOTTLES (discontinued)**

767 bottles

**NEW BLANKETS**

240 new blankets collected and delivered

**DREAMS FOR CHANGE**

50 Blankets collected and delivered

**GROCERIES**

87 bags of groceries collected and delivered

110 plastic shopping bags collected and delivered

\$1260 cash/checks

**CONNECTIONS**

Calls 207

Cards 262

Eucharistic Recipients 23

Visits 10

**COLLABORATION WITH ST. MARK'S**

Plastic Bags 100 collected and delivered

Gently Used Clothing

**1 KEYBOARD** Donated to ECS Head Start

# **St. John's Episcopal Church**

## **Clergy**

The Rev. Roger Haenke, *Rector*

## **Vestry**

Lynn Young, *Senior Warden*  
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Bill Cheney, *Treasurer*  
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Pamela Brittain  
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