

St. John's Episcopal Church 2023 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.

75th Annual Meeting Agenda

January 28, 2024

- 10:15am **Opening Prayer**
- 10:20am **Call to Order, Establishment of Quorum, and Rules of Engagement**
- 10:25am **Appreciations**
- Vestry Membership –
Jane Ferguson, Alex Valdez -Beer, Lynn Young – terms ending
Lynn Young – term ending as Sr. Warden
Jeff Bates – term ending as Jr. Warden
Gregg King – term ending as Treasurer
 - Committee Chairs
David Dennehy – Property Committee
Pamela Brittain - Outreach
 - Spirit of St. John's (Annual St. John's Recognition)
 - Diocesan Servant Ministry Award – Iris Atkins
- 10:30am **2023 Annual Meeting Minutes** - Clerk
- Treasurer's Report**
- Financial Summary (2023 Year End)
 - 2024 Budget
- See Annual Report on St. John's website:
- Rector's Report**
- Warden's Report**
- Ministry Reports**
- 10:40am **Business Session**
- Election of Vestry Members
 - David Dennehy
 - Alex Valdez-Beer
 - Lynn Young
 - Delegates (2) and Alternate (2) for Diocesan Convention
 - Appointment of Senior Warden
- 11:00am **Remarks**
- Rev. Roger Haenke
 - Congregational Discussion – Open Floor
- 11:15am **Closing Prayer and Adjournment**

Vestry Meeting: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 6:00 pm on Zoom

Upcoming Special Events:

- Super Bowl Soup/Chili Sale: Sunday, February 11, 2024
- Men of St. John's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: Tuesday, February 13, 2024
- MOSJ St. Patrick's Day Steak Dinner: Sunday, March 17, 2024 at 4:00

Called to Eternal Life

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

Lola Hunt

Dean Peters

Kathy Weizer

Ron Williams

Susan Starr

Bernie Duignan

Hector Morales

Donald Starr

Priscilla Morris Szymanski

Josey Felts

***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
74th Annual Church Meeting Minutes
Sunday, January 22, 2023

The 74th Annual Meeting of St. John's Episcopal Church was called to order by Rev. Roger Haenke at 10:22 a.m. There was a quorum (attendance record at end of minutes).

Rev. Haenke noted appreciation for the following:

Tom Brzeczek, Bill Cheney, and David Dennehy whose terms on Vestry have ended
Lynn Young, whose one-year term as Senior Warden has ended
Jane Ferguson, whose one-year term as Clerk has ended
Diane Gustafson, who received the Diocesan Servant Ministry Award

The Spirit of St. John's Award was given to Tim Attaway, who has served in many capacities, most notably as President of the Men of St. John's for the past five years and in planning the new Columbarium.

David Dennehy moved, Nancy Painter seconded approved of the minutes from the 2022 Annual Meeting, and the motion passed unanimously.

Parish reports, including from the Rector, Wardens, and various ministries, are in the booklet for this meeting.

Bill Cheney gave the Treasurer's report. He recognized the others who serve on the Finance Committee with him: Rev. Roger Haenke, Lynn Young, Terry Farrelly, Sally Elliott, Bob Dunn, Marcia Morris, and Michael Morris. Bill directed members present to look at the Treasurer's report, Finance Committee report, and Budget in the booklet provided. Banking services were transferred from Bank of America to Neighborhood National Bank. St. John's has also joined the Chula Vista Chamber of Commerce.

BUSINESS SESSION:

The Vestry brought a motion to elect Tom Brzeczek, Bill Cheney, and Jeff Bates to Vestry. Bill Gustafson seconded the motion. Seven votes in the affirmative had been received electronically. The motion passed unanimously.

Tim Attaway moved, Marcia Morris seconded election of Bob Dunn and Diane Gustafson as delegates to the Diocesan Convention November 10-11 at the Cathedral. The motion passed unanimously.

Diane Gustafson moved, David Dennehy seconded election of Lynn Young, Debbie Lothspeich, and Jeff Bates as alternate delegates to Convention. The motion passed unanimously.

We have not had Sunday School since the pandemic began, and Heather Wallace is unable to bear the responsibility at this time. Diane Gustafson, Bill Gustafson, and David Dennehy will rotate teaching, with advice from Heather. This will begin on Sunday, January 29.

One of the Diocese's priorities is community engagement, and ideas were brainstormed.

Norma Ojeda suggested offering lectures and workshops on various topics to the parents of Head Start. The classes would be bilingual since Chula Vista is 65% Hispanic.

The tai-chi classes, which will end soon, have brought in people from the community. The Bonita Garden Club continues to meet in Nale Hall monthly and to take care of the rose garden. Their presence perhaps should be acknowledged with a sign "Bonita Garden Club meets here".

There was consensus that St. John's should be reaching out to families in eastern Chula Vista, and door hangers will be considered.

A survey was sent recently to parishioners and former parishioners about liturgy times. Thirty-seven responses were received. The majority prefer 9 a.m. Few prefer 8 a.m. There was interest in a 10 a.m. liturgy, although parents of young children find even that time difficult to get their families to church. An alternative service seemed popular. Diane Gustafson moved, Jamie Attaway seconded to offer an additional service at 11 a.m. for the Sundays in Lent as a pilot project. The motion passed unanimously.

Rev. Roger Haenke announced that he has appointed Lynn Young for a second term as Senior Warden, and she has accepted.

Rev. Haenke's goals for 2023 include:

Congregational growth by 4 new families

Evangelization through monthly La Misa in English worship and dinner to reach out to the Latino/Hispanic community

Formation and Teaching by offering two educational opportunities to increase knowledge and faith among members of the parish

Participation in the Diocese's 2023 Year of Service by leading St. John's in two diocesan ministry opportunities.

Pam Brittain has agreed to chair the Outreach Committee.

To honor the late Norma Dunn, who chaired St. John's Outreach Ministry for many years, a room in the building adjacent to Administration will be named The Norma Dunn Center for Outreach, Service, and Justice. It will be dedicated on Sunday, January 29.

After praise for Rev. Haenke from parishioners for outstanding leadership, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Diane Gustafson, *Recorder*

Present:

Iris Atkins
Gloria Attaway
Jamie Attaway
Malia Attaway
Tim Attaway
Jeff Bates
Alice Burnham
Judy Butcher
Bill Cheney
Irene Cheney
David Dennehy
Linda Dennehy
Bob Dunn
Terry Farrelly
Jane Ferguson
Ted Garcia
Bill Gustafson
Diane Gustafson

Roger Haenke
Tina Hughes
Elizabeth King
Gregg King
Jim Lindshield
Helena Livingston
Debbie Lothspeich
Judy McKay
Marge Moore
Marcia Morris
Lynn Naranjo
Norma Ojeda
Nancy Painter
Heather Wallace

2023 Annual Ministry Reports

Treasurer's Report

Saint John's 2023 Year End Financial Summary

	YTD	YTD	YTD	
	Actual	Budget	Difference	Comment
Revenues - Church	167,920.12	178,493.24	-10,573.12	Unfavorable
Expenses - Church	332,336.56	341,135.24	8,798.68	Favorable
Net - Church	-164,416.44	-162,642.00	-1,774.44	Unfavorable
ECS Rental Income	169,900.98	169,900.98	0.00	On Budget
Operating Balance	5,484.54	7,258.98	-1,774.44	Unfavorable

Note: These statements are unaudited and do not reflect any adjusting entries that may be booked during the auditor's review.

Gregg King, *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, Bill Cheney and Treasurer 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

Respectfully submitted by Gregg King, *Treasurer*

2024 Church Budget

	TOTAL
Revenue	
4000 Contributed Income	168,750.00
4200 Other Parish Income	7,280.00
Total Revenue	\$176,030.00
GROSS PROFIT	
\$176,030.00	
Expenditures	
5000 Personnel Expenses	173,837.07
6000 Administrative Expenses	7,320.00
6100 Outside Services	35,160.00
6200 Supplies	5,816.00
6300 Communications	8,402.00
6400 Buildings & Grounds	25,051.00
6500 Professional Services	11,650.00
6600 Insurance - Property	10,210.00
6700 Dues & Subscriptions	405.00
7000 Liturgy & Music	32,790.00
7100 Clergy Discretionary Expenses	400.00
7200 Outreach Expenses	5,953.93
7400 Common Life Share Pledge	34,771.00
7500 Stewardship Expenses	0.00
7600 Conferences & Conventions	500.00
7700 Gifts, Awards	1,000.00
7800 Food Services	200.00
Total Expenditures	\$353,466.00
NET OPERATING REVENUE	
\$-177,436.00	
Other Revenue	
8100 Other Non Operating Income	850.00
Total Other Revenue	\$850.00
Other Expenditures	
9000 Other Non Operating Expense	1,150.00
Total Other Expenditures	\$1,150.00
NET OTHER REVENUE	
\$-300.00	
NET REVENUE	
\$-177,736.00	

2024 Episcopal Community Services Budget

ECS Rent Increases 8/1 of each year	
2.5% increase	
Total ECS Rent Income for 2024	
7 months X 28992.00	202,944.00
5 months X 29717.00	148,585.00
	351,529.00
Less	
Property insurance	-14,945.00
Diocese loan principal & Interest	-142,848.00
Fees McKee (Property Management)	-16,000.00
	177,736.00
Church Net Operating Income	-177,736.00
ECS Net to Church	177,736.00
Net Operating	0

Rector's Annual Report for 2023

We are called to be the Light of Christ in our world, shining for all to see. If we live out our Baptismal Vows and walk in the way of love, we have the power to create much change in our parish, city, nation and world. In the past year, we were able to be that light shining in our midst. I would like to highlight some of those rays of light.

Our Parish Celebrations

As a parish, we had many exciting events that brought us together to celebrate. Many people were involved in chairing subcommittees and the MOSJ helped to host several event.

- Dedication of The Norma Dunn Memorial Center for Outreach, Service, and Social Justice (Sunday, January 29th) – Rev. Roger, Jeff B.
- Soup Sale on Super Bowl Sunday (Sunday, February 12th) – Malia A., Irene C.
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner (Tuesday, February 21st) – MOSJ
- Pentecost Parish Potluck (Sunday, May 28th) - MOSJ
- Italian Dinner and Fundraiser (Saturday, June 7th) – MOSJ, Diane G.
- Summer Social: BBQ and Ice Cream Social with Music (Sunday, July 16th) – MOSJ, Jane F.
- 50th Anniversary Celebration for Cheryl Seppala as organist (Sunday, September 17th) – Jane F.
- Bishop Susan Brown Snook Annual Visitation (Sunday, September 17th) – Rev. Roger, Cheryl S.
- Interfaith Thanksgiving Prayer Service (Thursday, November 22nd) – Rev. Roger, Cheryl S.
- St. John's Annual Christmas Dinner and Music (Saturday, December 17th) – MOSJ, Pamela B.

Rector's Role and Responsibilities

The following is a summary of some quantifiable aspects of the Rector's ministry in 2023:

Pastoral Ministry

- Total Sunday Attendance = 3,017 (2022 = 2,900)
- Average Sunday Attendance = 57 (2022 = 56)
- Total Attendance including other services = 4,149 (2022 = 3,700)
- Total Attendance at Wednesday Morning Prayer and Bible Study = 293 (2022 = 389)
- Visits to those who are parishioners, ill or homebound = 162
- Eucharistic Visits = 58
- To the grieving: In 2023 our parish family experienced 12 deaths.
- Meetings with Clergy, Wardens, Staff, Ministry Leaders, and diocesan meetings = 161
- Welcome new members to the parish = 9

Faith and Formation

- Preparation for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism – 11 families.
- Prepared 3 members of the parish for Confirmations and 1 member for Reaffirmation of Faith
- 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) = 119 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) = 121
- Blessings in a Bag (Thanksgiving food collection for the families of ECS Head Start) = 36 bags and 69 gift cards
- Toys For Tots – Christmas toy collection = 62 toys
- Blessings in a Bag (bag of toiletries, socks, snack and water for those are in need) = 20 bags
- Participated in one Pride event: San Diego Parade and Festival
- We are recognized as a friendly/welcoming congregation for our military personnel and families.
- We continue 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 9 (2022 = 5) La Misa in English celebrations. Total attendance = 237; Average attendance = 26
- Participate in an interfaith clergy group and St. John’s hosted an ecumenical prayer service, working with other parishes/temple:
 - Interfaith Thanksgiving Prayer Service.
- Outreach Collections:
 - Glasses = 37
 - Used Blankets = 11
 - Cards/Stationary = 26
 - Groceries = 38 bags
 - New Blankets = 200
 - Clothing = 26 bags

Administration

- Staff meeting every other week to improve communications and operation of the church.
- Weekly meetings with Leadership Team: Wardens, Clerk, and Treasurer
- As a member of the vestry, I participate in planning and chairing our vestry meeting.
- Monthly Property Maintenance Meeting with McKee, ECS and St. John’s
- Monthly Committee Meetings: Finance, Outreach, Property
- We look towards opportunities to rent out the facilities on our parish campus. This year we had six opportunities for outside groups/families to use space on our parish campus.

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.

Rector's 2024 Goals:

1. Congregational Growth: In the coming year, through evangelization, I intend to increase membership in the parish by recruiting 4 new families/members.
2. Collaborative Ministry: In the coming year, I will collaborate with my interfaith clergy group in Chula Vista to provide 3 interfaith/ecumenical prayer service/community service project.
3. Evangelization: In the next 12 month, I will continue to reach out to the Latino/Hispanic community by providing a monthly worship and dinner gathering (La Misa in English).
4. 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.

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 had 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 those individuals who have served and their terms are ending - our Vestry Members: Jane Ferguson, Alex Valdez-Beer, Lynn Young for their service on our Vestry; Officers: Lynn Young our Sr. (Rector's) Warden, Jeff Bate our Jr. (People's) Warden, Gregg King our Treasurer, and Diane Gustafson our Clerk; and our Committee Chairs: David Dennehy, Property Committee and Pamela Brittain, Outreach Committee for their years of service and dedication to the Church through the parish of 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

2023 was a busy and fulfilling year! This parish loves celebrations so we enjoyed celebrating Cheryl Seppala's 50 year anniversary as St. John's organist/choir director. Cheryl has played a vital role in developing and enhancing St. John's music program for an unbelievable half century and we enjoyed showing her how much she means to this church community.

We continued with La Misa in English, an outreach ministry that began with grant funding but now is included in St. John's budget. It has grown in attendance with parishioners and guests from the community, and is well-liked and supported.

This past year, we increased our engagement with the ECS Headstart program housed on our campus, supporting students and their parents through various outreach efforts.

We undertook a massive mailing campaign to let a large number of residents in Chula Vista know who we are, where we are, and what we do as a parish.

Mid-year, we were notified that St. John's is the beneficiary of an estate from a generous donor. This inheritance, managed carefully, could help our parish continue its vital work in future years.

During 2023, several important capital improvements were planned and begun. We have very much enjoyed serving as your wardens this past year. We appreciate the support and confidence you have shown us.

Lynn Young
Senior Warden

Jeff Bates
Junior Warden

Property Committee

HVAC, Repairs, Maintenance and Replacements

- We have a preventative maintenance contracted with Anderson Heating and Air for our 16 HVAC units.
 - By contract they conduct AC Maintenance in April and Heating Maintenance in October
- In August, we needed to replaced one Ten Ton HVAC unit on the right side of the church
- The unit on the left side of the church has also failed and requires replacement; we still use the fan for that system which helps circulate AC air and heat
- One of the 2 units in the back of the church, #R7, is also beyond repair
- We have two units over the kitchen which have failed beyond repair one of which we can still use the heat but not the AC

EC Enterprise Coating Inc,

- Completed wood repair and painting on the soffit and fascia of the school

Attaway Plumbing

- Replaced 30 gallon Hot Water Heater in Sacristy Attic Space
- Removed Hot Water Heater above Amin Building Bathrooms and installed new 30 gallon Hot Water Heater on main floor in maintenance storage room. Electrical work was done by Kevin Atkinson

Woolley's Gutter Experts

- Gutter cleaning, removal of old gutter guards and new replacement

The Property Committee meet regularly to advise the Vestry of property issues that need attention.

Report submitted by
David Dennehy, *Property Chair*

Music Ministry

2023 was a busy year for St. John's Choir. In addition to our Sunday morning commitments, we once again provided special music for Holy Week, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Memorial services.

Our choir continues to thrive, despite their slave-driving director! We were thrilled to welcome Bob Dunn to the choir this year and look forward to Chelsey Nyaradi's return, whenever little

Charlie allows. We still have plenty of room for YOU too. No choral or musical expertise is required, just a willingness to lift your voice in praise.

Our choir practices before and after church on Sundays and most Thursday evenings from 6:00-7:30 pm. Our goal is to provide a variety of music that fits the liturgical season, as well as the Gospel and message of the day. Sometimes it's happy music, sometimes it's contemplative, but it is always prepared to enhance your worship experience at St. John's.

It was a joy to participate in the 50's themed Ice Cream Social, written, directed, and produced by Jane Ferguson and starring Jane's talented family as well as St. John's choir. Wayne and I had great fun accompanying the diverse selection of music and learned a few new tunes along the way! How blessed we are to have Jane for OVER 50 years at St. John's.

I was truly humbled by the beautiful tribute concert and reception to honor my fifty years as organist at St. John's. Most of the program was a total surprise. Jane Ferguson, her family, and committee did an amazing job of planning and executing an afternoon I will always remember with great appreciation and love for this generous congregation. What a delight to have Fr. Michael Kaehr, Fr. George Keith, Fr. Tom Wilson, and Fr. Roger Haenke present, as well as our former choir director Steven Sturk. It was a special honor to receive prayers and recognition from Bishop Susan at our morning service that day.

Looking ahead to 2024, we hope our music ministry will grow along with our congregation. St. John's is blessed with a beautiful church with wonderful acoustics, a large and versatile organ and grand piano. Our choir room is well equipped with an acoustic piano, digital piano and a rehearsal organ as well as an extensive library of choral music. We are fortunate to have Maria and Joe Love always willing to provide their talents with flute and guitar. However, our greatest asset is our dedicated loving congregation. We warmly welcome you to join our choir family as we continue striving to make a joyful noise.

Sincerely,
Cheryl Seppala, *Organist/Director*

Men of St. John's

The officers elected for 2023 were President Tim Attaway, Vice-President Phil Bajo, Secretary Robert Dunn and Treasurer Tom Brzeczek. We thank them for their leadership and their continued service to Saint John's Episcopal Church.

Our goals were to support all of Saint John's community events to help grow our congregation and provide a fun time together. We also try to raise money for the church budget; this year we set a target of \$5000.00.

2023 in review began with the Shrove Tuesday Pancake dinner on February 21st. We had a moderate size group in attendance.

This was followed by a Pentecost Potluck on May 28th and it was a nice turnout of the congregation as many brought their favorite item to be shared by all. That is always a good thing and the MOSJ provided the meat!

The Italian Dinner was in June (17th) and a big thank you to David Naranjo and his suggestion to approach a local chef, Antonio Lulu of Garbetella Osteria in Otay Ranch, for contributions of food. The Chef came through with a marvelous Bolognese sauce and yummy Tiramisu dessert to augment the longtime favorite church gathering. Fundraising included a Diane Gustafson drawing and dinner tickets. Thanks David, Diane and all the many helpers from the MOSJ and

congregation.

As summer continued, July 16th was a perfect time for lighting up our new BBQ's to cook burgers and dogs and I think we had Chili too. We combined that with an Ice Cream social and 50's /60's musical program by the Choir and others under the direction of Jane Ferguson...it was a terrific time for all that attended.

June included a special project to reorganize and clean out our storage areas in several buildings, sheds etc. Gregg and Elizabeth King donated DebrisBox service two times to unload tons of surplus and junk to new places and the Landfill. Anna's Attic Estate Sales from Bonita provided the tremendous amount of labor required to move all of it. Reverend Roger was pleased and so was the MOSJ.

Cheryl Seppala's 50-year Celebration, joyfully planned and carried out by Jane Ferguson and family, was a terrific success. A concert by Cheryl and Wayne for many friends and family was followed by a great dining experience, celebratory drinking and a moving video presentation of all her many contributions over the years. **50 years ...wow!!!**

Our usual Steak Dinner became the Annual Christmas dinner plus potluck and that took place on December 9th. We had good attendance and enjoyed Pamela Brittan's entertainment with a Christmas theme song fest. The MOSJ provided the meat, and the congregation did the rest to make it a happy holiday dinner.

Finally, our long-time relationship with South Bay Community Services was once again renewed and the MOSJ provided some wonderful Christmas gifts to 12 Children that needed some love. Thanks to those men who stepped up for "Hope for the Holidays," a yearly SBCS community outreach program we have supported many times.

In 2024 we are hopeful that we can add to our usual events and dinners because these develop community and deep relationships for our congregation. The MOSJ is a wonderful group, doing good things, please come to our meeting starting on February 19th at Tom Brzeczek's house ...we would love to have you other men of the church join us!

Respectfully reporting and reaching out to all the men of Saint John's,
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. This year, one of our members coordinated a quilting class to support the Prayers and Squares Quilting Ministry and several of us joined the group, cutting, sewing and sandwiching quilts.

We meet every month on the 3rd Thursday at St. Johns. We've been meeting at 9:30 -11:00 a.m. to incorporate a half hour book study into our meetings. Prospective 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

Prayers and Squares Quilt Ministry

Prayers and Squares is an outreach ministry that combines the gift of a hand-tied quilt with the gift of prayer for someone in need. Each knot represents a prayer offered specifically for the person who receives the quilt. The ministry was reignited during the summer when participants met weekly for nine weeks, were taught various quilt making skills, and were able to complete 10 prayer quilts. We continue to meet on the second Tuesday of each month from 9:30 to 2:30 in Nale Hall. New members are welcome at any time.

As of the end of 2023, 21 prayer quilts have been given to those in need as requested. Requests for a quilt may be sent to Rev. Roger, Diane Gustafson (diangus15@aol.com), or Debbie Lothspeich (dstitcher49@yahoo.com).

Submitted by Debbie Lothspeich

Flower Guild

The Flower Guild is only one of the many ministries within Saint John's church. Every week we'll do a lovely floral arrangement for the church alter.

We are financially stable, thanks to all the generous donations that people have donated throughout the year, especially Easter, with lilies, and Christmas, with Poinsettias and cyclamens.

There is a flower chart available, in the narthex, for anybody to sign up for any special occasion or in memory/honor of loved one/ones. We recommend a monetary donation of \$40.00. If requested when Rev. Roger meets with a family, the flower guild will do funeral arrangements. Also, we do center pieces for special occasions, fund raisers, etcetera, as requested.

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, Rev. Roger or myself.

"In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well." *Romans 12:6*

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Morris, *Chairperson*

Social Media

With the help of Gabriel Love, St. John's opened a new Instagram account in December and has been posting daily to Instagram and Facebook. Images for the posts have been created by parish secretary, Maria Love, using Canva. Gabriel is responsible for writing captions and posting the images.

Posts have focused on upcoming events, collects for upcoming services, holidays, some past events, outreach efforts, and uplifting thoughts or scripture verses. Parishioners are welcome to share ideas of what they would like to see posted and to send any posts they run across on their own social media use that they would like to share. Ideas can be sent to maria@saint-johns.org.

If you would like to further support our community, please follow us on Facebook at [Saint John's Episcopal Church](#) and on Instagram at [stjohnsepiscopalchurchcv](#). When you "like" our posts, it helps us to boost our online presence and reach more people.

Instagram

As of Thursday, January 24th, we have posted 59 posts, and we have 14 followers on Instagram, with 18 accounts reached in the last 30 days.

Post interactions: 51

Likes: 40

Comments: 1

Saves: 3

Shares: 6

Facebook

Post reach: 471

Increase of 192.5%

(Total from last 90 days vs 90 days prior)

Engagement (Post reactions, comments and shares): 165

Increase of 1.7K% (Total from last 90 days vs 90 days prior)

Submitted by Maria Love, *Parish Secretary*

Outreach Ministry

Please see the Rector's Report for Outreach Ministry events and collection numbers.

St. John's Episcopal Church

Clergy

The Rev. Roger Haenke, *Rector*

Vestry

Lynn Young, *Senior Warden*

Jeff Bates, *Junior Warden*

Gregg King, *Treasurer*

Diane Gustafson, *Clerk/Secretary*

Pamela Brittain

Tom Brzeczek

Alice Burnham

Bill Cheney

Jane Ferguson

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