

St. John's Episcopal Church 2024 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.

76th Annual Meeting Agenda

January 26, 2025

10:15am **Call to Order, Establishment of Quorum, and Rules of Engagement**
Quorum: either 20% of Average Sunday Attendance for six months (53 x 20% = 11); or twice the number of Vestry members (2 x 10 = 20).

10:20am **Opening Prayer**

10:25am **Appreciations**

- Vestry Membership –
 - Pamela Brittain, Alice Burnham, Diane Gustafson, – Vestry terms ending
 - Lynn Young – term ending as Sr. Warden (appointed by the rector)
 - Jeff Bates – term ending as Jr. Warden (elected by the Vestry)
 - Bob Dunn – term ending as Treasurer (elected by the Vestry)
 - Diane Gustafson – term ending as Clerk (elected by the Vestry)
- Committee Chairs
 - David Dennehy, Co-Chair – Property Committee
 - Rev. Roger – Outreach
- Spirit of St. John’s (Annual St. John’s Recognition)
- Diocesan Servant Ministry Award – Tom Brzeczek

10:30am **2024 Annual Meeting Minutes** – Clerk (Rev. Roger)

Treasurer’s Report

- Financial Summary (2024 Year End)
- 2025 Budget

See Annual Report on St. John’s website:

Rector’s Report (including Outreach) / Warden’s Report / Ministry Reports

10:40am **Business Session**

- Election of Vestry Members
 - Iris Atkins
 - Bob Dunn
 - Bill Gustafson
- Delegates (2) and Alternate (2) for Diocesan Convention (Nov. 7 & 8, 2025 at St. Dunstan’s)
- Appointment of Senior Warden

11:00am **Remarks**

- Rev. Roger Haenke
- Congregational Discussion – Open Floor

11:15am **Closing Prayer and Adjournment**

Vestry Meeting: Sunday, February 23, 2025 at 10:30am (following the Sunday liturgy)

Upcoming Special Events:

- “Souper” Bowl Soup/Chili Sale: Sunday, February 9, 2025
- Men of St. John’s Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner: Tuesday, March 4, 2025

Called to Eternal Life

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

Penny Milam

Ann Lindshield

Michael Morris

Joy Tripp

Louise Olson

Barbara Oliveira

***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
75th Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 28, 2024

Rev. Roger Haenke called the meeting to order at 10:26 a.m.

Quorum was reached. This can be either 20% of Average Sunday Attendance for six months (11.4) or twice the number of Vestry members (2 x 10=20). There were 38 in attendance.

Rev. Haenke expressed appreciation to those whose terms on Vestry are ending (Jane Ferguson, Alejandra Valdez-Beer, and Lynn Young); to Lynn Young (Senior Warden), Jeff Bates (Junior Warden), and Gregg King (Treasurer) whose terms are ending; to David Dennehy (Property Committee) and Pamela Brittain (Outreach) whose chairmanships are ending; and to the Men of St. John's for all they do for the parish.

The Spirit of St. John's Award was given to Jane Ferguson. Iris Atkins had been awarded the Diocesan Servant Ministry Award in November, and this was honored.

David Dennehy moved, Jeff Bates seconded approval of last year's Annual Meeting minutes, and the motion passed unanimously.

Gregg King, outgoing Treasurer, gave the 2023 year-end financial summary and reviewed the budget for 2024. The budget was put into the Annual Meeting booklet along with the Rector's report, Wardens' report and Ministry reports.

BUSINESS SESSION:

There are three vacancies on Vestry. Rev. Roger Haenke reviewed the bylaws and stated that a Vestry member who has served a three-year term may be elected to a second three-year term. Lynn Young and Alejandra Valdez-Beer have agreed to run for election to second terms. David Dennehy is running for election as the third candidate.

Charlie Jacobi moved, Celia Vasquez seconded to elect Lynn Young, Alejandra Valdez-Beer, and David Dennehy to the Vestry for three-year terms. The motion passed unanimously.

Diane Gustafson moved, Lynn Young seconded to elect Debbie Lothspeich and Bob Dunn as our delegates to the Diocesan Convention in November in Palm Desert. The motion passed unanimously.

Alejandra Valdez-Beer moved, Marcia Morris seconded to elect Tom Brzeczek and Jeff Bates as alternate delegates to the Diocesan Convention. The motion passed unanimously.

Rev. Roger Haenke announced that he has appointed Lynn Young as Senior Warden.

Rev. Roger Haenke gave his Rector's report, which appears in the Annual Meeting booklet. Following are his goals for 2024 as given in the booklet.

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 services/community service projects.
3. 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).
4. Formation and Teaching: In the next 12 months, I will offer 2 educational opportunities to increase the knowledge and faith of the members of the parish.

A general discussion followed. Some of the ideas presented were

- Parishioners to go to local nursing homes to visit those who do not have family in the area
- Forums for discussion on changing the service time to 10 a.m.
- “Adopt a family”; perhaps Head Start could suggest families with needs we could fill.
- Young adult group
- Social media Maria and Joe Love’s son has created a presence for St. John’s on Instagram and FaceBook. Parishioners are encouraged to “follow” and “like” St. John’s.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Diane Gustafson, *Clerk of Vestry*

Present:

Iris Atkins	Elizabeth King
Gloria Attaway	Gregg King
Tim Attaway	James Lindshield
Kurth Barnes	Helena Livingston
Jeff Bates	Debbie Lothspeich
Tom Brzeczek	Judy McKay
Pamela Brittain	Marjorie Moore
Alice Burnham	Marcia Morris
Judy Butcher	David Naranjo
Bill Cheney	Lynn Naranjo
Irene Cheney	Georgene Nightingale
David Dennehy	Norma Ojeda
Linda Dennehy	Barbara Oliveira
Robert Dunn	Nancy Painter
Terry Farrelly	Alejandra Valdez-Ber
Jane Ferguson	Celia Vasquez
Bill Gustafson	Lynn Young
Diane Gustafson	
Charles Jacobi	

2024 Annual Ministry Reports

Treasurer's Report 2024 Year-End Financial Summary

	Year-End Actual	Year-End Budget	Year-End Difference	Comment
Church Revenue	\$196,793.60	\$176,030.00	\$20,763.60	Favorable
Church Expense	\$338,981.93	\$353,466.00	-\$14,484.07	Favorable
Church Net	-\$142,188.33	-\$177,436.00	\$35,247.67	
ECS Lease Income	\$173,099.98	\$173,099.98	\$0.00	
Operating Balance	\$30,911.65	-\$4,336.02	\$35,247.67	Favorable

Finance Committee

The St. John's Finance Committee members for 2024 were: Bill Cheney, Bob Dunn, Sally Elliot, Terry Farrelly, Rev. Roger Haenke, Gregg King, Marcia Morris, David Naranjo, and Lynn Young.

During 2024, the Committee met monthly, a few days prior to the Vestry's meeting, to review the previous month's financial reports. The review monitored the financial status of the parish and produced considered advice for the Vestry relative to St. John's budget and finances. This helped ensure that the church's financial status was sound and able to fully support St. John's staff, campus, and its several ministries.

2025 = \$148,674.00 (2024 = \$152,202)

Some information of note:

Capital Campaign: *Raise the Roof* - now 1-year into the 3-year duration,

Campaign Goal - \$500,000

Campaign Donations (to date) - \$162,111

Campaign Donations Received (to date) - \$154,488.21

Of that, \$100,000 has been deposited in the "Endowment" investment account as a partial repayment of the \$170,000 that was "borrowed" from that account to pay for the re-roofing of the three buildings.

Stewardship Drive: *Sowing Seeds of Hope* - as of 1/16/25, pledges for 2025 have been received totaling \$148,674. That total is about 2% less than for 2024 (\$152,202).

Robert Dunn, *Treasurer*

St. John's 2025 Budget Summary

Account No.	Account Title	
Revenue		
4000	Contributed Income	\$156,410
4200	Other Parish Income	\$23,350
		\$179,760
Expenditures		
5000	Personnel Expenses	\$201,396
6000	Administrative Expenses	\$7,331
6100	Outside Services	\$25,472
6200	Supplies	\$2,974
6300	Communications	\$9,084
6400	Buildings & Grounds	\$24,622
6500	Professional Services	\$9,541
6600	Insurance – Property	\$10,514
6700	Dues & Subscriptions	\$291
7000	Liturgy & Music	\$33,661
7100	Clergy Discretionary Expenses	\$2,280
7200	Outreach Expenses	\$3,000
	New Ministries	\$13,000
7400	Common Life Share Pledge	\$34,899
7600	Conference & Conventions	\$500
7700	Gifts & Awards	\$1,000
	Rev. Kaehr Scholarship	\$2,000
7800	Food Services	\$900
Net Operating Expenses		\$382,464
Net Operating Revenue		-\$202,704
Other Revenue		
8100	Other Net Operating Income	\$850
	Quasi-Endowment Income	\$20,000
	ECS Head Start Rent Income	\$183,340
Total Other Revenue		\$204,190
Other Expenditures		
9000	Other Net Operating Expense	\$0.00
St. John's Net Revenue		\$636

Annual Rector's Report for 2024

Each person of our parish is the “good soil” in which we are called to *sow seeds of hope*. The good soil of St. John’s provides us with support in difficult times and opportunities to celebrate joyous event. If we live out our Baptismal Vows and walk in the way of love, we have the power to create much change and growth in our parish, city, nation and world. We nurture one another in our growth into the full stature of Christ. In the past year, we have been able to plant seeds in others and have seeds sown in us. I would like to highlight some of those ways in which seeds of hope and love have been sown.

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 events.

- Soup Sale on Super Bowl Sunday (Sunday, February 11th) – Malia A., Irene C.
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner (Tuesday, February 13th) – MOSJ
- Annual Steak Dinner for St. Patrick’s Day (Sunday, March 17th) – MOSJ
- Pentecost Parish Potluck (Sunday, May 19th) - MOSJ
- Italian Dinner and Fundraiser (Saturday, June 29th) – MOSJ, David N., Diane G.
- Summer Social: BBQ and Ice Cream Social with Music (Sunday, September 1st) – MOSJ, Jane F.
- Bishop Susan Brown Snook Annual Visitation (Sunday, September 15th) – Rev. Roger, Cheryl S.
- Recognition & Honor of The Rev. Michael Kaehr (for his many contributions) (Sunday, October 20th)
- Interfaith Thanksgiving Prayer Service (Thursday, November 27th) – Rev. Roger, Cheryl S.
- La Posada and Annual Christmas Dinner and Music (Saturday, December 14th) – MOSJ, Rev. Roger

Rector's Role and Responsibilities

The following is a summary of some quantifiable aspects of the Rector’s ministry in 2024:

Pastoral Ministry

- Total Sunday Attendance = 2,720 (2023 = 3,017)
- Average Sunday Attendance = 52 (2023 = 57)
- Total Attendance including other services = 4,279 (2023 = 4,149)
- Total Attendance at Wednesday Morning Prayer and Bible Study = 293 (2023 = 293)
- Visits to those who are parishioners, ill or homebound = 172
- Eucharistic Visits (including anointings) = 33
- To the grieving: In 2024 our parish family experienced 6 deaths.
- Meetings with Clergy, Wardens, Staff, Ministry Leaders, and diocesan meetings = 173
- Welcome new members to the parish = 19

Faith and Formation

- Preparation for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism – 10 families.
- Prepared 5 members of the parish for Confirmation and 2 members 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 chair an 8-person Outreach Committee
- 40 Days/40 Items (Lenten clothing drive for the homeless) = 110 bags of clothing
- Sow and Grow – gardening project for ECS Head Start children with The Bishop’s School
- Back to School Backpack Collection (backpacks and school supplies for ECS Head Start) = 104 Backpacks

- Blessings in a Bag (Thanksgiving food collection for the families of ECS Head Start) = 40 bags including gift cards
- Toys For Tots – Christmas toy collection = 68 toys
- Blessings in a Bag (bag of toiletries, socks, snack and water for those are in need) = 20 bags
- Participated in two Pride event: San Diego Parade and Festival and Rainbow Ride and Festival (Chula Vista)
- We continue to be 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 6 (2023 = 9) La Misa in English celebrations. Total attendance = 181; Average attendance = 30
- Participate in an interfaith clergy group and St. John’s hosted an ecumenical prayer service, working with other parishes/temple:
 - Interfaith Thanksgiving Prayer Service: 6 congregations, 40 member choir.
- Outreach Collections:
 - Glasses = 49
 - Used Blankets = 11
 - Cards/Stationary = 455
 - Groceries = 44 bags
 - New Blankets = 307
 - Clothing = 150 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 4 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.

Rector’s 2025 Goals:

1. Congregational Growth: In the coming year, through evangelization, I intend to increase membership in the parish by recruiting 5 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 services/community service projects.
3. Evangelization: In the next 12 months, I will continue to reach out to the Latino/Hispanic community by providing at least six celebrations of culture and faith through worship and dinner gatherings (La Misa in English).
4. Formation and Teaching: In the next 12 months, I will offer 2 educational opportunities to increase the knowledge and faith of the 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: Pamela Brittain, Alice Burnham, and Diane Gustafson for their service on our Vestry; Vestry Officers: Lynn Young our Sr. (Rector's) Warden, Jeff Bates our Jr. (People's) Warden, Bob Dunn our Treasurer, and Diane Gustafson our Clerk.

I am grateful to David Dennehy, who continues to help with the Property Committee and the members of the 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

2024 was a year filled with energy, opportunity, challenges.....and some great celebrations.

The house that was left to St. John's by a generous donor was sold and the proceeds invested through the Diocese to develop a living legacy that will support our parish for years to come.

A huge project was the replacement of the roof - it had been patched over the years, but finally after 30 years, it was time to replace it.

La Misa in English continues to be a very popular outreach ministry. Parishioners and their guests truly enjoy getting together to celebrate significant days in Spanish culture, having Mass, and sharing dinner together.

A major celebration was held in October, recognizing the Reverend Michael Kaehr for his many contributions and ongoing support of St. John's. Father Kaehr was the Rector of St. John's when a fire set by an arsonist burned down the church in the early 1990's. He was instrumental in the design and construction of the church building that we enjoy today. A scholarship has been established in his name, to be awarded each year to a student pursuing post-secondary education.

We continue to engage with the ECS HeadStart program on our campus - backpacks with supplies for children in the fall, Thanksgiving food collections, sow and grow planting and harvesting with the children are just a few of the activities we shared.

We entered into an agreement to share our Church campus space with the First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego, South Bay campus. They will be joining us beginning this summer. They are excited to work with us on Social Justice outreach, and they will be moving their weekly Food Pantry operations here to our campus.

It has been our pleasure to serve as your Wardens during 2024. Lynn Young has termed out as Senior (Rector's) Warden so Reverend Roger will select a new Senior Warden for 2025. Jeff Bates is eligible to serve another year and has indicated his willingness to serve. The Vestry will be electing the Junior (People's) Warden.

Thank you for your confidence and support over the past year. It has been our honor and pleasure to serve as wardens.

Lynn Young
Senior Warden

Jeff Bates
Junior Warden

Property Committee

St. John's

- January 9th - begin re-roofing project for the sanctuary, Graves pavilion and Nale Hall.
- Major storm causes damages to landscaping and rain gutters from roofers and material falling off the roof.
- Further lawn damage caused by lift equipment for roof material.
- January 24th – fire in walkway cover along the courtyard caused by roofing nail shorting buried live wires.
- Insurance covers the costs of fire related structural repairs, except the completion of the roof in that area. Additional costs required to finish the roof.
- Kearney St. side landscaping repaired at our cost.
- Breezeway entry doors required maintenance after fire.
- Security cameras required maintenance and rewiring after fire.
- Results of the fire initiate correct re-wiring of walkway lighting and landscape lighting as well as transformer replacement. Replacement of all the bulbs in the walkway lights with energy efficient LEDs.
- Additional loose wiring previously hidden by old roof traced and removed or properly routed.
- Continued rain storms produce major leaks in the sanctuary, nursery and Sunday school classroom. All existing drainage options reviewed by professionals and resulted in modified downspouts on both sides of the sanctuary.
- Completion of roof and replacement of rain gutters and downspouts curb most of the leaks. Continued observation in the nursery required when rain arrives again.
- Leakage in pass-thru between choir loft and choir room from fire suppression sprinkler replacement by new washer and dryer. Worn out seal was the cause and replaced.
- Continued observation of termite remnants in back corner of choir loft, Nale Hall and the walkway.
- Replacement of 2 structural beams on the outside of Nale Hall and also in one of the walkway columns due to older termite infestation and rot.

Head Start

- 2 bee infestations removed by the classrooms.
- Roof repairs required after multiple storms created leaks. Continued observation after any rain.
- Overgrown trees trimmed on First Ave. side entrance.

Tom Brzeczek, *Property Chair*

Music Ministry

St. John's choir continued to provide successful musical leadership in 2024. We were excited to welcome three new tenors to our choir: Frank Hafner, Don Lamar and Tom Welch. We enjoyed Tom's beautiful solos in August and on Christmas Eve and Frank's trumpeting on Christmas Eve. Many Sundays the men out-number the women, but with Jane Ferguson's wonderful leadership and powerful voice on soprano and our very competent alto section, we are still able to do four-part offertory anthems. It is with great regret that we must say Adios to Tom Brzeczek as he embarks on the next chapter of his life in Costa Rica, but he promises to return to the choir whenever he is visiting family in San Diego.

Our musical goal is to adorn the lessons and sermon with hymns and anthems that pertain to the musical season or readings of the day. We attempt to sing familiar tunes and texts, while occasionally introducing

something new. I work closely with Rev. Roger to ensure an effective flow. I welcome his leadership and inspired ideas.

Our choir has their favorite “golden oldies” offertory anthems that we sing every year or two, but we also work on expanding our repertoire with new (and perhaps more challenging) choir anthems.

How fortunate we are to have Maria and Joe Love with us several times a month. In addition to providing the music for La Misa, they provide the offertory anthem once or twice a year while I am away. Maria’s beautiful flute parts often enhance our anthems or communion music too.

The choir studies diligently to prepare our Christmas Eve pre-service music and all the Holy Week and Easter music. This year we also enjoyed leading La Posada. It’s always great fun to step outside of the church music realm into the lighter side with our annual Ice Cream Social themed show. Many thanks to Jane Ferguson for being the playwright, executive director and producer and for convincing her talented children and grandchildren to be in the show!

Although Big Bertha (our organ) sometimes likes to take a nap when she should be playing, she is still a good old girl. One of our goals in 2025 is to do whatever it takes to restore her to her former beauty and efficiency. We are indeed fortunate to have so many beautiful instruments and a wonderful acoustical environment in which to enjoy them. Most of all, we are blessed to still have a traditional all-volunteer choir. Many small congregations such as ours are not as fortunate. We invite you to join us on Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm or before or after church on Sunday to rehearse with us. New choir members are always welcome. The more the merrier!

After 51 years at St. John’s, still trying to make a joyful noise,

Cheryl Seppala, *Organist/Director of Music*

Men of St. John’s

Our year in support of St. John’s began with the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner on February 13th followed by the beginning of Lent. Our St. Patrick’s Day/ Steak Dinner/ Potluck combo with raffle took place on March 17th. Nearly 100 people show up to enjoy the great food and drawing.

In April, we planned to do a Mexican Dinner but just before the dinner on the 20th, Mike and Marcia Morris were on their way east and a horrific freeway accident took Mike and severely injured Marcia. In deference to the incident, we cancelled our planned event. We miss Mike, but Marcia has recovered and will be back to St. John’s soon, or so I have heard.

The MOSJ and the St. John’s Leadership team combined efforts to host the Italian dinner on June 29th. All food was donated by Garbatella Osteria restaurant in Eastlake. Donations for tickets, drawing and auction were quite beneficial for our parish fund-raiser and our crowd loved the food! \$5,200 was raised by the event and a good time was had by all.

At our August Dinner Meeting at Bill and Diane’s home, we planned our BBQ and Ice Cream Social event for September. 110 people attended and Cheryl, Jane and many others entertained us and we truly appreciated the effort and skill and time spent to provide great entertainment.

The Christmas Party combination Las Posadas was held on December 14th. It was very new and different with the musical group interpretation of finding a place for Mary. Thanks again to Jane Ferguson and many others who teamed up. We even had a piñata bursting for youngsters.

One of our yearly commitments to South Bay Community Services is to provide a bit of Christmas happiness to a dozen children in transition or need. Four men of St. John contributed to the purchase of presents to two families. One family had nine children, and we hope we brightened their holiday just a little.

All men of St. John’s, thank you for your many gifts to our congregation and mission for 2024!

Tim Attaway, *President*

The Order of the Daughters of the King, St. Margaret's Chapter St. John's Episcopal Church

St. Margaret's Chapter of the Order of Daughters of the King welcomed a new member this year, bringing our number to eleven.

We meet in person once a month to review and finalize the prayer list from which each of us prays every day. The list includes prayers for strength and healing, for repose of souls, military, shut-ins, hospice, and those who have been baptized. There are forms on the Narthex counter for submitting prayer requests to us.

This year we have been conducting a Bible Study using The Women of the Bible Speak Workbook and have had some very rewarding discussions.

On one Saturday during Lent, we set up our cloth labyrinth in Nale Hall and provided brochures to those who came to walk and meditate.

Linda Dennehy, on behalf of the Daughters, knits prayer shawls for the baptisms of children and adults.

Anyone interested in joining our order (a short period of study is required) can contact Lynn Young at (208) 695-7735, or lynnyoung2786@gmail.com, or Linda Dennehy at (619) 840-9948 or lindagail48@att.net.

Submitted by 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 of healing. Each square knot that is tied represents a prayer that is offered specifically for the person who receives the quilt. If you already have a prayer quilt, you may request to have it re-tied if a new situation arises.

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.

During 2024, 29 prayer quilts have been given to those in need as requested. After you have made sure the recipient would like to receive one, St. John's parishioners may send a request to Maria Love, Diane Gustafson (diangus15@aol.com), or Debbie Lothspeich (dstitcher49@yahoo.com).

Submitted by Debbie Lothspeich

Flower Guild

The members of the Flower Guild select and arrange the flowers displayed in the church on Sundays and on special occasions. Costs are covered by donations which can be made in thanksgiving, in memory of a loved one, or for a special occasion such as a birthday or an anniversary. The suggested donation is \$40 and there is a sign-up chart in the Narthex.

Volunteers are always welcome, no experience necessary. If you are interested in participating in this important ministry, please see one of our members, Malia Attaway, Judy Butcher, Rev. Roger, or Norma Ojeda. We are grateful for our "behind the scenes" members who graciously help us with decorations, heavy lifting, etc. whenever needed.

Submitted by Judy Butcher

Social Media

With the help of Gabriel Love, St. John's Instagram account has been active for over a year with new posts once or twice a day; posts are also shared on 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. In addition, Cliff and Rev. Roger post invitations to Sunday and La Misa in English services, as well as prayers for special events or times of need.

Posts have focused on upcoming events, collects for upcoming services, holidays, notes on the Sunday sermons, world events and memorable dates, 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 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](#), share our posts with your friends and family and comment on our posts. When you "like", share, and comment on our posts, it helps us to boost our online presence and reach more people.

As of Wednesday, January 22nd, we have posted 473 posts on Instagram. We have 39 followers on Instagram and 772 followers on Facebook.

Submitted by Maria Love

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*

Bob Dunn, *Treasurer*

Diane Gustafson, *Clerk/Secretary*

Pamela Brittain

Alice Burnham

Bill Cheney

David Dennehy

Helena Livingston

Alejandra Valdez-Beer

Staff

Ryan Attaway, *Sexton*

Sally Elliott, *Bookkeeper*

Maria Love, *Parish Secretary*



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