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CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Dear Members of St. John,

Happy New Year from your Call Committee! We would like to clarify some areas and bring you up to date on the call process for our new Senior Pastor.

Once congregational survey results were compiled at the end of the summer, the top five qualities needed in our new Senior Pastor were identified. The Call Committee then met with Pastor Jeff and decided not to call him to the Senior Pastor position. The committee, however, agreed to emphatically and lovingly support Pastor Jeff in his continuing Associate Pastor role as a vital and integral part of the ministry at St. John. Subsequently, the Call Committee began to search outside of the congregation to find an individual that would possess the qualities identified in the survey.

In the following months, the Call Committee considered over 20 candidates, interviewed 5 candidates, and has now narrowed the search to the top 2 candidates for our new Senior Pastor. We will be conducting in depth personal interviews with the candidates and, hopefully, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will have a new Senior Pastor candidate to recommend to the congregation.

Your patience, your encouragement and your prayers have sustained the Call Committee and the Holy Spirit has most definitely navigated our path throughout this process. We thank you and ask for your continued prayers for our candidates and their families, the Call Committee and for God's mission at St. John Lutheran Church. If you have any questions or comments, please call or email any of the members of the Call Committee.

Yours in Christ,

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**St. John Lutheran
Stewardship Committee
February 2016**

Firstfruits

“Bring the best of the firstfruits of your soil to the house of the Lord your God” (Exodus 23:19).

We are called to give our time, talents, and treasure to the Lord. If you are like me, all too often this ends up being the “leftovers”

leftover time once all my work, family, and leisure activities are fulfilled

leftover effort at the end of a long work week

leftover finances once the bills are paid, retirement accounts are funded, and weekly entertainment or hobbies are enjoyed

But God isn't asking for what is left. He wants us to give our best and seeks to bless us and others through our giving. It takes faith to make this commitment. It takes discipline to keep the commitment. And that is what we are called to do. Our Father in Heaven knows what is best for us.....We encourage you to trust Him enough to give your best.

Your Brother in Christ

Kyle Gass, Chair
St John Lutheran Stewardship Committee

**St. John Lutheran Blood Drive
February 21, 2016 8 am to 12pm**

Just the Facts about Blood Donation!

- Photo ID is required.
- Eat a full meal before donating.
- Drink plenty of water the day before and day of donation.
- Know the names of your current medications.
- You **CAN** donate if you have tattoos and piercings. If they were done within the last year, please have the name of the facility available.
- If you have diabetes, high cholesterol or high blood pressure, you **CAN** donate.
- You **CAN** donate whole blood approximately every two months.
- If you are 16 years old, you must weigh at least 120 pounds and have parental consent form; if you're 17, you must weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good general health.
- Travel to other countries does not automatically exclude you from donating. Please inform your screening technician if you have traveled outside the U.S. or Canada in past three years.
- For eligibility questions, please call 210-731-5555 ext. 2243

Next step – saving lives!



**South Texas
Blood & Tissue Center**

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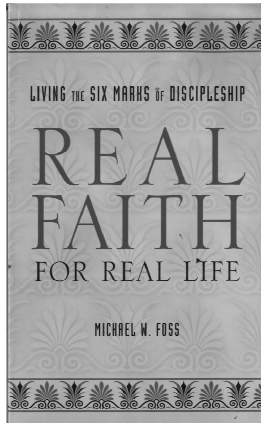
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Adult Faith Formation

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Lent 2016

Join us this season during Lent and learn what the six marks of discipleship are and “how each mark of discipleship enhances and supports the growth of a person’s faith journey.”

Ash Wednesday: February 10th
Wednesday Nights following Ash Wednesday:

Light Dinner	5:45 pm
Worship	6:30 pm
Small Group Discussion	7:00 pm

This year for Lent, we will be encouraging members not only to attend our Wednesday night worship services, but also to join us in reading “Real Faith For Real Life” by Michael Foss. Each chapter in this book covers one of the six marks of discipleship, which are: daily prayer, Bible reading, weekly worship, Christian service, relations that encourage spiritual growth, and giving in the spirit of generosity. On Wednesday night, you will have the opportunity to meet together in a small group to discuss the evening’s message and the weekly reading.

Sign up to be a part of a small group and purchase your materials in the Gathering Place on Sunday mornings or by emailing Shannon Brehmer at shannon@stjohnlutheran.com. Childcare will be available by reservation.



Sunday School SCHEDULE

Classes and Locations:

“**God Talk**” led by Peggy Hoppes is meeting in Room 119.

“**Faith Steps**” Class: Room 214

Seekers: Room 216 This class will continue their study of the Apocrypha and is led by Lanne Brehmer.

“**Ask, Seek, Knock**” Class: Room 213 This class will continue their study on the OT prophets and is led by Rob Bradley.

Breakfast Club: Saxon House

The “Logos” Class: Room 118. Richard Wagner will be leading a new study in Logos on the book of Ecclesiastes.

Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University: Room 117.

Spring Weekday Class Schedule:

Monday

- **Men’s Study**, 7:15 pm in the Shepherd House

Tuesday

- **Men’s Breakfast**, every other Tuesday at 6:30 am
- **Women’s Book Discussion**, 12-1 pm in Room 117.
- **Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University** 7-8:30 pm in Room 117.

Wednesday:

- **Cross Talk**, for women, 9-11 am in Room 118. They are studying “Hosea” by Jennifer Rothschild
- **Lenten Services and Small group discussion will begin on February 10th.** See above for more information.

Thursday

- **Precept**, for women, 9:15 am in Room 118.

Lit ‘N’ Lunch: A faithful and fun Literary Society

Our next meeting will be **Monday, February 15th**, from 12-1 pm in Room 118.

Bring your own lunch and meet at the church for this great group. All are welcome!

Men’s Lunch Group:

- The San Antonio luncheon will be Monday, Feb. 15th at Mamacita’s at 11:30 am. For more information, contact Bart Graves during regular business hours at 210/734-8007 or bart.graves@thrivent.com.

We hope that you will be able to attend!

Children's Faith Formation

Lyn Anello * Director of Children's Ministries * 249-3651 ext. 210 * lyn@stjohnlutheran.com

It's Summer Camp Registration Time!!!

Saints & Superheroes



Summer Camp 2016

CAMP EBERT: June 19—24, 2016 4th—6th Grades* \$410

CAMP CHRYSALIS: July 10—15

1st—3rd grade* 1/2 week (7/10—7/13) \$265

2nd—6th grade* Full week \$390

*Grade completed in the 2015-2016 school year

St. John will gift each child (SJLC member) \$100 for ONE camp. Multiple camp and sibling discounts are available.

SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE!!

PLEASE CONTACT lyn@stjohnlutheran.com to make your reservation, or for more information. Please **DO NOT** make reservations at the Cross Trails web site. St John has a group reservation, and has already paid the deposit. Thanks!!

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES FOR 5TH GRADERS AND THEIR

PARENTS will be held during Lent. Sessions will be held during the Sunday school hour on 2/14, 2/21, 2/28 and 3/6. The final lesson will

offered twice, on 3/13 or 3/20, due to Spring break. The Celebration of First Communion will be during the Maundy Thursday evening service (3/24). Parents, if you did not receive your

letter, with detailed information, or to sign your child up, please contact lyn@stjohnlutheran.com

Our Wednesday night 3rd through 5th graders started a new study, called “Answers for Kids”, a study on apologetics. The goal is to help children develop a truly biblical worldview, and provide answers to the questions that children have about the Bible, history and science. We begin by teaching children about the Seven C's of History: Creation, Corruption (Sin), Catastrophe, Confusion, Christ, Cross and Consummation..... seven foundational events from the beginning to the end of time. Following the first set of foundational lessons, the students will begin to explore questions about the Bible, the earth, creation, etc. We want the children to see how the Bible relates to all of life, and how biblical history helps explain the world we live in today. The curriculum is excellent and specifically geared for 3rd through 5th grade. Lessons are interactive, including skits, worksheets, crafts and games. **The ultimate purpose of this study is to provide your child with the ability to confidently explain WHY they believe in God, WHY it is important to attend church and Bible classes and what it means to be a Christian in today's world.**

Sunday School Schedule

9am: Parent drop off/sign in – Luther Hall

9-9:10am: Snack & Fellowship

9:10-9:15am: Prayer

9:15-9:25am: Pre-K thru 2nd –Music in Faith Hall

3rd thru 5th - Group opening lesson—Luther Hall

9:25am: Release to class with teachers

10:15am: Class dismissal; Parent Pickup/sign out from Faith Hall

Please note: Parents **MUST** sign children IN and OUT. Children will not be released without a parent/guardian (18 years or older).



Friday, Jan. 19th,

6pm—10pm \$10/Child \$30 max/family

Dinner included

Nursery thru age 12 Contact

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to make reservations



-Youth Faith Formation—

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s³Heep ministry: students, seeking & serving **HIM** everywhere, everyday, passionately

Be a part of our s³Heep
LENT Project:

The Prodigal Son Suite

Needed: *Instrumentalists,
*Artists, Actors, *Stage
Technicians. *Advertisers
& *Cooks (*adults needed
too)



Group Rehearsal & Group Work Times:

5 p.m.—6 p.m. Wednesdays (starting Feb. 10)
9:00 a.m. - 10:25 a.m. Sundays
(starting Feb. 14th)

Full Production Rehearsal: **Sat. March 5th**
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (Lunch Served)
Performances: (see below)



Leading Christmas carols at Cibolo Creek Nursing Center.



s³Heep reunion lunch

4 yrs. Youth
Comm. Chair



Thanks Kathy!



(This school
year's
8th - 12th
Graders)

Sr. High

Summer:

Camp Eagle

June 13-18, 2016

*Be a part of the
adventure!*



(This school year's
6th—7th Graders)

**Confirmation
Camp:**

Camp Chrysalis

June 19-24, 2016

*The Journey
has only just begun!*

Sunday, March 6th
Here at St. John

Special Presentation of
The Prodigal Son Suite
(written by Keith Green)

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Worship Services

Also at the 7:30 p.m. Concert
(Bring your neighbors & friends!)

SUNDAY NIGHT

7:30 p.m.

Concert / Worship

THE
HARDCASTLES
JOURNEY//HOME





Our sincere heartfelt thanks to all for the prayers, visits, food, flowers and support you gave us during Jerry's long battle with cancer. A special thank you to Pastor Jeff Carpenter and Pastor Mariola Bergquist for the beautiful funeral service. Also thank you to Frank Bush for the visitation, prayers and food throughout the year. We are richly blessed to have all of you in our life. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered and deeply appreciated.

God's Blessings,
Judy and Jeff Collins

Thank You!

I want you all to know how grateful I am for your generous Christmas gift. Thank you!

As our time of departure from St. John draws near (at the time of this writing we do not know whether it will be the end of January or some later date) Judy and I want to express again our deep gratitude for the privilege of living with you and sharing the holy and precious faith in your midst. We have made some friends that will last a very long time. Our only regret is that in the short time we have lived among you we have not gotten to know an additional number more closely.

Finally, we want to say again how surprised and gratified we were to find our rental house completely furnished when we arrived in late July. That gracious gesture was far beyond our expectations. We thank all who shared their furniture that made our stay so very comfortable.

God be with you until we meet again. And we will.
Pastor Neal and Judy Snider

Honoring our Senior Members (80+) With Birthdays In February 2016

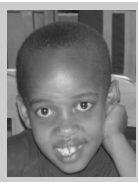
Tom Page 02/04
William Mayo 02/16
Martha Wallis 02/22
Carrie Astoria 02/23
Irene Page 02/24

If your turning or are already 80+
and you do not see your birthday please contact Deneice



Rafiki Foundation, Inc.
Child Sponsor Report

Quarter 3, 2015 - Dadi Ishimwe CI014



Village: Rwanda
Arrived at Village: Mar/01/2009
Date of Birth: Jul/29/2005
Current Grade Level: Grade 4
Rafiki Mother: Pauline D.

Personal Growth:

Dadi is a sweet boy who is highly intelligent with a sincere passion to learn. He recently shared that he had a math test and he had studied so hard that he thought he could get 100! He analyzes things through a Biblical worldview. After seeing *Star Wars* and discovering that Anakin turned to the dark side and became evil, he was very troubled. He said, "I just know in my heart that God will not let him ever go. He will come back. I am sure of it!" He is kind and friendly with everyone. His favorite food is french fries. Dadi is gaining great skills on the recorder and piano and one day he hopes to be the next Mozart.

Prayer Requests:

Pray that Dadi will be prepared for God's plan for his life and continue to develop godly character. Pray that he will continue to demonstrate a passion to learn and will continue to grow in wisdom and love for God.

Write to Dadi

The Rafiki children love to receive mail from their sponsors. Please send letters to: PO Box 6856, Kacyiru, Kigali Rwanda, EAST AFRICA



Visitation Ministry

Pastor Mariola Bergquist -
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Nursing Home Visits
Kendall House - 3rd Tuesday
Cibolo House - 3rd Tuesday
Menger House service -
3rd Sunday at 3:30pm
Riverview - 3rd Wednesday
Care Choice - 3rd Wednesday;
Service: 1:15 pm
Town and Country - 3rd Wednesday
Service: 3:00pm
Cibolo Creek - 4th Wednesday
Home Visits: Tuesdays - 1st, 2nd, 4th
Wednesdays - 1st, 2nd

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		February 7	February 14	February 21	February 28
Acolytes	8:00	Jack Basil	Madyson Arnold	Mallory Klein	Megan Nauman
		Gavin Shields	Kendra Pfeiffer	Peyton Brehmer	Viktor Lewis
		Claire Murley		Will Pearson	
	10:30	Addison Mazock	Jake Allen	Lydia Parks	Molly Klutts
		Bradley Morrison	Hayden Allen	Serena Ross	Hadley Robbins
		Dean Knippa		Balie Bowen	
		Isabella Grossman		Mya Olson	
		Evan Ross		Angelina Ziegler	
Assisting	8:00	Barney Gavin	Dennis Ruck	Doris Beath	Paul Harris
Ministers	10:30	James Meckel	Glorify!	Randy Ehmen	Bruce Hoppes
Altar Guild	8:00	Kathy Kunz		Shirley Steitle	
	10:30	Gloria Beckett & Alexis		Markert & Janet Roeder	
Council Chair	8:00	Debbie Jordan			
Communion Assnt.	10:30	Don Baker			
Flowers		Jeanne Leslie	Shirley Steitle	Dana & Kelly Whermann	
Lectors	8:00	Phil Galm	Marissa Klein	Christina Hoepfner	Judy Kuentz
	10:30	Al Tschirhart	Peggy Hoppes	Skip Stefansen	Sherry Ross
Ushers	8:00	David Depriest Team			
	10:30	Matthew Pearson Team			