

THE MESSENGER

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From Pastor Waters' Pen:

It is good to be here. It will take a while to get settled in, but after months of transition, it feels so good to have some stability at last. We've moved into our house, unpacked our boxes, hung our pictures on the wall, and have started to make Boerne our home. You can help us by coming to the church picnic on October 2nd. It'll be a chance for our church family to have food and fun together, a chance for my family to get to know you, and for you to get to know us. My family is looking forward to it, and I hope to see you there.

We're not the only newcomers to St. John. Many new people have started to coming to our church in these last few months, and Lord willing many more will be coming in the weeks ahead. You can do your part to make them feel welcome by walking over and introducing yourself on a Sunday morning at church. I'll do my part by inviting them to come to the New Members' Class, starting October 2nd. If you know someone new to St. John and interested in joining, please let them know. It'll be a joy for my family to join the church with them.

I could use your help in one more way, too. I need your prayers. When I was in Ohio, I had a team of 90 people who would pray for me every week, asking the Lord to open up the Word to me so that I could preach it with joy and power on Sunday. I'd like to create another Preacher's Prayer Team here at St. John. Every week I'll send out an email with specific prayer points for the Sunday sermon. It gives me strength and comfort to stand up and preach on a Sunday, knowing that so many people had been pray for me all week and are praying even then. If you'd like to be a part of the team, just send an email to pastorwaters@stjohnlutheran.com and let me know.

Pr. Eric Waters



Annual Church Picnic – October 2!

The annual church picnic will be held on the afternoon of Sunday, October 2 at the home of Balous and Julie Miller. There will be many activities for all ages and of course, delicious Bill Miller BBQ. If you would like to assist in the planning or with any of the many other behind-the-scenes tasks that make this activity such a success please contact Don Baker: dgbaker@gvtc.com; 830-431-0521 (cell), or 830-537-3839 (home).

St. John Lutheran Stewardship Committee

October 2016

The Widow's Offering

⁴¹ Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. ⁴² But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

⁴³ Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. ⁴⁴ They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on." (Mark 12:41-44)

It is so easy today to get wrapped up in the rat race of life and forget what is truly important. We are constantly bombarded with ads and commercials trying to get you to spend money on the latest gadget, newest car, or best electronics. Even if you are responsible with your finances, budgets are set up to cover the bills, save for college, and plan for retirement. When it comes around to giving to the church, it is tempting to give what might be left over. If we REALLY stretch, maybe we can give 10% - as long as everything else is taken care of.

The widow in the scripture above gives us an impressive example to follow. In those days, there was no Social Security or safety net for the poor. As a widow, she was left to fend for herself. Instead of keeping what little she had to live off of, she gave it all to God. This showed incredible faith that He would provide for her needs even when she had no idea how. We can learn from this by giving control to God and placing our trust in Him.

In the next few months, the Stewardship Committee will be presenting information about alternate forms of giving (other than cash and checks) including:

- Automatic withdrawal from checking accounts
- Credit/Debit Card payments
- Gifts of stocks, bonds, mutual funds, etc.

These options are intended to accommodate different preferences within our congregation. Please note that giving traditional offerings will always be an option.

Remember, God isn't interested in the *amount* you give. He wants you to give joyfully and unselfishly from your heart and trust that He will provide. After all, everything we have comes from Him.

Your Brother in Christ,

Kyle Gass, Chair, St John Lutheran Stewardship Committee

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St. John Lutheran Church

Income and Attendance Comparison

Monthly Operating Income	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Through Aug
2016	\$116,162	\$83,342	\$83,889	\$73,044	\$80,790	\$72,368	\$81,646	\$87,909					\$679,150
2015	\$113,882	\$78,825	\$97,094	\$88,662	\$85,710	\$78,144	\$76,808	\$108,019	\$83,790	\$76,649	\$98,797	\$169,592	\$727,144
2014	\$79,577	\$80,376	\$91,001	\$83,972	\$69,069	\$85,906	\$71,314	\$93,774	\$69,963	\$72,021	\$97,063	\$181,124	\$654,989
2013	\$73,985	\$80,612	\$119,099	\$73,857	\$72,685	\$84,579	\$68,254	\$77,038	\$103,643	\$72,038	\$74,104	\$238,728	\$650,109
2012	\$92,201	\$70,693	\$73,719	\$92,636	\$84,668	\$77,665	\$86,270	\$76,057	\$81,583	\$64,804	\$83,705	\$234,934	\$653,909
2011	\$79,723	\$71,904	\$67,252	\$80,101	\$130,107	\$60,079	\$88,299	\$69,908	\$60,118	\$91,034	\$64,732	\$140,062	\$647,373
Avg. Wkly. Worship Atten	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ave. YTD
2016	421	386	477	370	341	376	357	420					393
2015	380	403	390	521	370	464	309	367	349	347	364	462.6	394
2014	439	419	419	509	420	381	378	378	392	398	383	425	412
2013	438	530	543	432	424	379	392	397	404	415	381	426	430
2012	393	477	463	566	424	386	361	392	351	369	445	423	421
2011	424	424	557	411	411	343	381	400	393	419	381	581	427

St John Lutheran Church

Work Day Saturday, October 29, 2016 8 a.m. to noon

Your help is needed to:

- Make minor repairs around the church campus.
- Remove tree debris from Luther Hall roof.
- Clean and polish wood in the Sanctuary (pews, window sills, baseboards, etc.).
- Repair and paint fences around the a/c units.
- Work in Community Vineyard, contact person, Matt Olson (matt@stjohnlutheran.com).

Willing workers needed. If you only have an hour or two available,
please come join us. All are welcome.

**Habitat for Humanity® of San Antonio**

This year Saint John's HABITAT work days are

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14th & 15th!

COME JOIN US on either or both days...AGES 16 AND UP ARE WELCOME!

ANYONE CAN VOLUNTEER AND NO SPECIAL SKILLS ARE NEEDED!

TRANSPORTATION AND LUNCH PROVIDED!



These are always fun days of service and fellowship as our church works with other San Antonio Lutheran churches to get this house built for a deserving family. This year our work days are later in the build process so we will get to see the house closer to its final state which will be interesting for us, and the weather should be cooler, too!

CONTACT Scott Rutherford for details at 361-739-2156 or rsruth@gvtc.com.

If you think you might be able to join us, please let me know as a count would be helpful. Thanks.

PLEASE COME JOIN US!

COMING SOON!

Be a part of our **new church directory** through Lifetouch Photography.

Photo sessions include an opportunity to purchase portraits for friends and family.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming photo session dates:

November 1-5 & 7-9. Sign-up times will be available between services on
October 16, 23, and 30th

OR

You will be able to sign up online!

(The Link will be provided on our website & on the weekly E-blast)

LISTEN FOR YOUR KICK-OFF ANNOUNCEMENT CALL COMING SOON!

**Council Contacts**

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Adult Faith Formation

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

Sunday School Classes 9:15-10:15am

Sunday School Classes and Locations:

"God Talk": Room 119; We talk about God -- His character and His promises -- as He is revealed through the Bible and manifest in Jesus Christ; led by Peggy Hoppes.

"Logos": Room 118; Currently studying the Book of Ecclesiastes; led by Richard Wagner.

"The Bible In a Year": Room 217; led by Patsy Shields.

"Seekers": Room 216; "Big Questions, Biblical Answers"; led by Lanne Brehmer.

"Faith Steps": Room 214; "Four Portraits, One Jesus" by Mark Strauss, a study of the Gospels; led by George Klein.

"Breakfast Club": Saxon House; "Christian History Made Easy" by Dr. Timothy Paul Jones; led by Lynese Graves.

"Christianity and the Controversies": Small Dining Room; led by TJ Bazzoon.

"Financial Peace University": Room 212; led by Tim Christ.

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

Cross Talk:

Join us on Wednesdays from 9-11 a.m. study and fellowship!

Currently studying

"1 Peter, A Living Hope" by Jen Wilkin

Led by Lyn Anello

Precept: Thursdays from 9:15-11am

Join Pastor Mariola as she leads you through the book of Matthew.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

MEN'S BREAKFAST:

TUES., OCT. 11TH AND 25TH

6:30AM IN THE FLC

MONDAY NIGHT GROUP:

EVERY MONDAY

7-8:30PM SHEPHERD HOUSE

CURRENTLY STUDYING

"THE RESOLUTION FOR MEN"

LED BY MATT OLSON



KOINONIA WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDY Following Worship....7p.m.—8p.m.

Gather in the Logos classroom located downstairs in the new wing.

DVD series on Lutheran Confessions and Luther's Small Catechism by the

Rev. Dr. J. Nestingen Facilitated by Pastor Waters and Pastor Jeff

Friends N Faith

Below is a list of our current Friends 'N Faith Groups. For more information, contact the church office.

- **LUNCH BUNCH:** Meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 12:00 p.m.. at different restaurants.
- **EAT OUT GROUP:** Meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at different restaurants.
- **DOMINOES:** Meets on the 1st Sunday of each month at 6 p.m. in Luther Hall.
- **84 DOMINOES:** Meets on the 5th Sunday of the month at 6 p.m. in Luther Hall.
- **HAND AND FOOT CANASTA:** Meets on the 3rd and 4th Sundays of each month at 6 p.m.
- **QUILTING:** Meets on the 1st and 2nd Mondays of each month from 9-11 a.m. to make quilts for LWR.& Hill Country Daily Bread.
- **BASKETBALL:** This group meets every Monday at 7 p.m. in the FLC.
- **FABULOUS FOLDERS:** Meets every Friday morning in room 212 at 9 a.m. to fold bulletins.
- **MARVELOUS MAILERS:** This group meets as needed to help with church mailings.



—Youth Faith Formation—

s³Heep ministry

students, seeking & serving **HIM** everywhere, everyday, passionately

Know Jesus, Make Jesus Known

Matt Olson (Youth Director) matt@stjohnlutheran.com Mobile: 830-388-1550



Hoe down time!

THE I AM SECOND® RUN

5K • 10K • FUN RUN

October 8th

Boerne ISD Stadium

REGISTER NOW:

theiamsecondrun.com

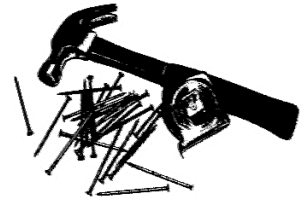


Run or walk to help spread the Gospel!

Habitat for Humanity Saturday, October 15th

Join the team and make a difference for a family in San Antonio. A great time of fellowship, service & sweat!

Oct. 5th - Sr. High will do some preliminary work for this weekend. Workers actually needed the 14th & 15th. Must be 14 yrs. or older to participate.



Church Work Day

**Saturday
October
29th**

**8 a.m. - 12
Noon**

*Let's do
our part.
It's a fam-
ily thing.*



**Saturday
Oct. 29th**

**Take It 2 the
Streets**

*Serving the Homeless
in San Antonio*

5:00 pm Meet at St.
John East Parking Lot



FALL

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26th

**Boots
on!**



**Last Month...
“Game Night”**

**Summer Camp
Dates:**

Camp Eagle

- Sr. High: July 23 - 28
- Confirmation (this years 6th & 7th graders) August 3 - 8, 2017



Monday Night Men's Group will be starting a study on **Revelation** this **October** using the book:

“The Apocalypse Code”
by Hank Hanegraaff

How we study the Bible matters. Come and learn about *Revelation* and come and learn important practices when studying the Bible.



Children's Faith Formation

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

Sunday School Schedule

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

9-9:10am: Snack & Fellowship

9:10-9:15am: Prayer

9:15-10:15am: Class time

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, Oct. 21st, 6pm — 10pm

\$10/Child \$30 max/family

Dinner included Nursery thru age 12

Contact:

tiffanyjureczki@hotmail.com

Fall Festival

Wednesday, Oct. 26th

6pm—8pm

Join us for a fun time including food, music and dancing, Trunk or Treating, Bouncy House and more!

Adults, come and Decorate your vehicles !

Kids, wear your favorite costume!

For more information contact

lyn@stjohnlutheran.com

Or

matt@stjohnlutheran.com



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

8a.m. AND 10:30a.m. SERVICES

1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays

Children learning to Know, Grow and Show God's Love



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS

PROGRAM 12/11 10:30a.m.

Parents, it's time to sign your little ones up for a role in "Old Star, New Star". Please note that children MUST be signed up in advance and attend rehearsal. Contact lyn@stjohnlutheran.com to sign up





Visitation Ministry

Pastor Mariola Bergquist –

Email - pastormariola@stjohnlutheran.com

Nursing Home Visits

Kendall House – 3rd Tuesday

Cibolo House – 3rd Tuesday

Menger House service –

3rd Sunday at 3:30p.m.

Riverview - 3rd Wednesday

Care Choice – 3rd Wednesday;

Service: 1:15 p.m.

Town and Country – 3rd Wednesday

Service: 3:00p.m.

Cibolo Creek – 4th Wednesday

Home Visits: Tuesdays – 1st, 2nd, 4th

Wednesdays – 1st, 2nd



Honoring our Senior Members (80+) With Birthdays In September

Seu Lecocq 10/02

Elizabeth Mayo 10/09

Judy Kuentz 10/15

Jerry Johnson 10/20

Alice Canon 10/22

Betty Thomas 10/25

Donald Adickes 10/30

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

PRAYER *changes things*

Please pray for those in nursing homes and
homebound: Betty Thomas, Alice Canon,
Dixie Pfeiffer, Doris Krueger, Avis Oddivy,
Lydia Collins, Joyce Rust, Elmer & Billie Bergman,
Ruby Schaub, Mildred Wilson, Verta Bergman,
Frances Dillon, Arthur Daily Jr., Anita Herbst,
Nadine Flathouse, Martha Wallis, June Stevens.



THIS IS HUGE!

A HUGE THANKS goes out to each and every one of you who signed up to be Sunday Morning Greeters. What a wonderful service you are providing when welcoming our members and visitors with your friendly smiles and warm handshakes. We look forward to contacting you by email or phone with your scheduled Sunday.

And ANOTHER HUGE THANKS to all members, whether you are posted at an entry door or not, for the warmth and kindness you consistently provide to all your fellow members and visitors. Keep up this great service!

The Mission Committee



SHARISM

Live in such a way, that if someone spoke
badly about you,
NO ONE WOULD BELIEVE IT !!

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Walk on the Wild Side for Charity!
*Our annual Wild Game Dinner is set
 for Saturday, April 29, 2017. Put it
 on your calendar and watch for more
 info soon!*

		October 2	October 9	October 16	October 23	October 30
Acolytes	8:00	Claire Murley	Megan Nauman	Gavin Shields	Gabe Cook	Mallory Klein
		Megan Nauman	Peyton Brehmer	Viktor Lewis	Claire Murley	Viktor Lewis
		Gabe Cook		Mallory Klein		
	10:30	Addison Mazock	Hadley Robbins	Molly Klutts	Will Pearson	Evan Ross
		Bradley Morrison	Elle Nicholson	Dean Knippa	Hayden Allen	Arlis Asickes
		Balie Bowen		Lydia Parks		
		Serena Ross		Mya Olson		
Assisting	8:00	James Meckel	Michael Hoepfner	Paul Harris	Doris Beath	Barney Gavin
Ministers	10:30	Bruce Hoppes	Praise Group	James Meckel	Dennis Ruck	Bruce Hoppes
Altar Guild	8:00	Vickie Reilly	Debbie Holman	Pam Putnam		
	10:30	Lianne Busbee	Claudia Lawson			
Council Chair	8:00	Emily Murley				
Communion Assnt.	10:30	Don Baker				
Flowers		Mark Aberthal			Elaine Moore	LuClair Payne
Lectors	8:00	Darla Bradley	Rob Bradley	Debbie Holman	Marissa McCarthy	Michael Hoepfner
	10:30	Carolyn Walden	Mark Danney	Sharon Tschirhart	Lynnese Graves	Darrell Steubing
Ushers	8:00	Randy Evans Team				
	10:30	Matthew Pearson				