



From the Pastors' Pen

Twelve: that's the number of New Members we'll be receiving this Sunday, April 2. Over thirty people have joined St. John in the last six months. Our congregation is growing! April gives us three great opportunities to see our congregation grow more:

April 16 – that's Easter Sunday, the most important Sunday in the calendar year. It's the Sunday Jesus rose from the dead, and more people come to church on this Sunday than any other. Easter is a wide-open door to bring people to church and introduce them to Jesus Christ. Who will you invite? Who do you know who needs Jesus? Bring them to church with you Easter Sunday. We're holding three worship services, at 7:00, 8:00, and 10:30. The 7:00 service is our "sunrise service," outside between the Historic Chapel and the Shepherd House. Our 8:00 and 10:30 services will be in the Sanctuary. Your friend will hear the Gospel loud and clear, and you can show them our church at its best.

April 29 – that's the Wild Game Dinner, 5-10 pm at the Kendall County Fair Ground. St. John has raised well over \$300,000 in the years we've been doing it, and we've given all of it away. None of it stays in house; all of it goes to our local community and to mission work overseas. Jesus commands us to "love our neighbor." The Wild Game Dinner is an excellent opportunity to show love in action. Who will you invite to come? Who will you bring with you? Let them see our church at its best, reaching out in love.

April 30 – that's the start of our Praise Service! It's been years in the dreaming and months in the planning, but at last it's here! We start with a "soft launch" on April 30, when we kick off the Praise Service at 10:30 in the Family Life Center. We'll take the next three weeks to iron out the wrinkles and work out the bugs before opening up the doors to the public with a "hard launch" on May 21. We're starting this new service to reach new people. Who do you know who might want to worship Jesus with contemporary music in a traditional feel? Check out it out for yourself starting April 30, and make plans to invite that person on May 21.

We have three opportunities this month to tell people about Jesus and what He's doing in and through our church. Circle those dates on your calendar and make the best of them. St John is growing; who would you like to see join us? There's room for more!

Pastor Eric Waters



Please join us on **EASTER SUNDAY**
APRIL 16TH

Pancakes, Sausage Coffee & Orange Juice
Continuous Serving 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
St. John Lutheran Church Family Life Center

Free Will Offering

Sponsored by the St. John Men



We want St. John Lutheran Church looking nice for Easter. April 8, 2017

Bring your rakes, hoes, shovels, wheelbarrows, leaf blowers, power washers, pole saws, gloves. 8 –12 but come even if for an hour or two. All are welcome and needed. (Anything else you think of).

Thanks you, Walter Stroman, Property Chair



CPR/AED TRAINING CLASS

Representatives from the Boerne Fire Department will hold a CPR/AED training class at SJLC on Monday, April 24th, 2017, at 6:30 p.m., in the Family Life Center. This class is only for training, you will not be certified. Ushers are especially encouraged to attend this free class. For further information and to sign up, please contact Judy Olmstead at (830) 446-6693.

St. John Lutheran Stewardship Committee

GOOD Friday

17 Now Jesus was going up to Jerusalem. On the way, he took the Twelve aside and said to them, 18 “We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death 19 and will hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!” (Matthew 20:17-19)

As we progress through the season of Lent and approach Good Friday, I find myself saddened to know that the suffering Jesus endured was made necessary by my sin. I’m also incredibly grateful that He willingly endured humiliation, torture, and death to redeem me from my sin into everlasting life. The same is true for each of you. Jesus loves you so much that He suffered and died to save YOU. Good Friday is “good” because Jesus served as a substitute to pay the penalty that we all deserve for our sin and rebellion against God. That was His whole purpose for coming to earth. Accept this amazing gift and respond in discipleship, service, worship, and most of all love.

Your Brother in Christ,
 Kyle Gass,
 Chair St John Lutheran Stewardship Committee

**St. John Lutheran Church
 Income and Attendance Comparison**

Monthly Operating Income	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Through Feb
2017	\$128,517	\$88,428											\$216,945
2016	\$116,162	\$83,342	\$83,889	\$73,044	\$80,790	\$72,368	\$81,646	\$87,909	\$70,448	\$91,671	\$135,927	\$162,050	\$199,504
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	\$192,707
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	\$159,953
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	\$154,597
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	\$162,894
Avg. Wkly. Worship	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ave. YTD
2017	380	411											396
2016	421	386	477	370	341	376	357	420	383	375	359	527	404
2015	380	403	390	521	370	464	309	367	349	347	364	462.6	392
2014	439	419	419	509	420	381	378	378	392	398	383	425	429
2013	438	530	543	432	424	379	392	397	404	415	381	426	484
2012	393	477	463	566	424	386	361	392	351	369	445	423	435



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

He is Risen! Hallelujah



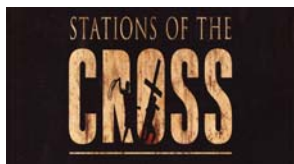
Sundays: Feeding Time

9:15 a.m. start in H.C.

- **Seamless** (Girls Bible Study on how the books of the Bible connect) runs through Easter.
- **Connect** (for guys, similar to description above) wraps up April 9. (Easter - guys are to help with the Easter Breakfast.)
- **Spring Studies** start the 23rd; watch for coming information.

Wednesdays:

- Middle School & Sr. High Students continue working on "Stations of the Cross" for Good Friday Worship. Practice continues following LENT worship.



Following LENT & EASTER:

April 19 - Confirmation Worship Rehearsal

April 26 - *Youth MAX event (see next door)

May 3 - BBQ picnic with Volleyball plus...

May 10 - Pancake Dinner & Nerf War



Special Celebrations:

- **Affirmation of Baptism** (a.k.a. Confirmation) will be celebrated at the late service April 23rd. (Note: Rehearsal on Wednesday the 19th & the Banquet on Saturday the 22nd.)
- **Graduate Recognition** Service on May 21st with special Banquet on Saturday the 20th of May.

Service Opportunities:

- Help with *Stations of the Cross* (see Wed)
- Vineyard (mowers, weeders & managers needed)
- Wild Game / Charity Dinner
- Cooks & Servers for the coming Banquets (see Special Celebrations)
- Youth Committee Member

REMEMBER:

- Charity Dinner, Saturday April 29
- The gentle roll out of the NEW contemporary service, Sunday April 30

Coming this Summer:

Summer in the SON activities: Including mini-trips; Bible Studies; movies; games; service projects; worship, food & fellowship:

The Main THEME:

World Religions



compared to the Core of **Christianity= JESUS**



Adult Faith Formation

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FOR INFORMATION ON SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND FRIENDS 'N FAITH GROUPS, PICK UP A BROCHURE AT THE INFORMATION DESK!

Weekday Bible Studies

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

Cross Talk: Room 118: Join us on Wednesdays from 9-11a.m. for study and fellowship!

We are studying Christian History Made Easy: 12 weeks to a better understanding of the key events and people every Christian should know." Led by Lyn Anello.

Precept: Room 118: Gather on Thursdays from 9:15-11a.m. for in-depth Bible study. Currently studying **Galatians**. Led by Pastor Mariola.

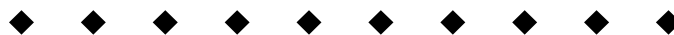
MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Men's Breakfast: Family Life Center: Every other Tuesday, 6:30a.m.—contact the church office for dates.

"Master Builders Bible for Men" is the foundation for discussion topics.

Monday Night Group: Shepherd House: All are welcome, from 7—8:30p.m. "The Daily Bible".

Led by Matt Olson.



ATTENTION MEMBERS!!

Our Adult Ministry is currently seeking members who have a desire to serve on the Adult Faith Formation Committee. Be part of a team that prays and listens for God's voice as we dream, plan and implement new programming for our adults, ages 19 and up. For more information, please contact Lyn Anello.

lyn@stjohnlutheran.com or 830-249-3651 ext. 210



Sunday School Classes 9:15-10:15 a.m.

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 manifested in Jesus Christ; led by Peggy Hoppes. Contact: Heart2Love4God@aol.com

"Logos": Room 118; Currently studying the "Parables of the Wise and the Foolish"; led by Richard Wagner. Contact : rfwagner@gvt.com

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

"Seekers": Room 216; "Big Questions, Biblical Answers"; led by Lanne Brehmer. Contact: lanne@lebcographics.com

"Faith Steps": Room 215; "Four Portraits, One Jesus" by Mark Strauss, a study of the Gospels; led by George Klein. georgek@msaofsa.com

"Breakfast Club": Saxon House; "Christian History Made Easy" by Dr. Timothy Paul Jones; led by Lynnese Graves. Contact: lynnese.graves@yahoo.com

"Christianity and the Controversies": Small Dining Room; led by TJ Bazzoon. Contact : beckerath@yahoo.com

Children's Faith Formation

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2017 VBS 6/12-16

VOLUNTEERS...ARE YOU READY TO "ROME"??

Then lend a hand to make it happen!! Let's build faith in a BIG way! You will be amazed at the fun and creative ways that you can get involved with this program! Whether you like to work in the background or right up front, we have a place for you. Our goal is to reach 300 children this summer and that takes lots of "hands and feet". Please prayerfully consider joining our dynamic team, as we bring the story of Paul and the Underground Church to the children in our community. Please contact lyn@stjohnlutheran.com to find out just how much fun you can have, as you shine God's Love on our precious children!

PARENTS.....VBS Registration is now open!
Go to the St. John web site to register on-line!



REGISTRATION OPEN!!
Adventure for the City
JULY 24—28, 2017
8am—5pm
Register for our on-site camp,
sponsored by Camp Eagle!!
Go to:
[https://glorieta.org/summer/
adventure-for-the-city.php](https://glorieta.org/summer/adventure-for-the-city.php)
Scroll down to the schedule and
click on St. John Lutheran Church
Follow on-line instructions!



Friday, April 21st
6pm — 10pm
\$10/Child \$30 max/family
Dinner included
Nursery thru age 12
Contact:
tiffanyjureczki@hotmail.com
to make reservations

**The Annual St. John
Easter Eggs-travaganza
will be held on Saturday, April 15th from
11am to 1pm! Join us for egg hunts, face
painting, games and crafts!
Lunch will be served!**



Sunday School Schedule

9am: Parent drop off/sign in – Luther Hall
9-9:10 a.m: Snack & Fellowship
9:10-9:15 a.m: Prayer
9:15-10:15 a.m: Class time
10:15 a.m: 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).

Visitation Ministry

Pastor Mariola Bergquist

Email: pastormariola@stjohnlutheran.com

Nursing Home Visits:

Cibolo House – 2nd Tuesday of the month

Care Choice and Town and Country –
2nd Wednesday of the month

Cibolo Creek – 4th Wednesday of the month

Homebound Visits:

Tuesdays: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th

Wednesdays: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th

Worship services: Menger House –
3rd Sunday of the month at 3:30 p.m.

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

Bill Bauer 04/04

Susie Hansen 04/10

Marjorie Adickes 04/14

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



Dear Family of St John,

Our hearts are filled with thanks for the prayers, cards, prayer shawl, and meal we've received during this past five months of Pat's cancer treatment.

The surgeon told us on March 15 that the two lymph nodes removed were cancer free. Also, the chemo completely destroyed the tumor, only necrosis (dead tissue) remained.

Pat will continue treatment until October 29.

Thank you for your prayers.
In His love,
Bill & Pat Albrecht

Dear Church Family,

I would like to thank you all for your prayers.
I love everyone and I know God is with me always.

God Bless you all .
Nellie Smith

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Rafiki Foundation, Inc.

Child Sponsor Report



Quarter 1, 2017 -
Dadi Ishimwe CI014

Siblings at Rafiki: N/A
Current Grade Level: Grade 6
Date of Birth: Jul/29/2005
Arrived at Village: Mar/01/2009
Village: Rwanda
Rafiki Mother/Parents: Mama Josiane

Educational Update:

Dadi finished the 2016 school year strong with grades in the A range and two Bs. He is doing very well in math, science and social studies. He continues to excel in music. He is promoted to Grade 6 at the beginning of our school year in January. Dadi will take the national exams later this year, and the class has already begun preparing for them.

Prayer Requests:

Pray that Dadi will continue to embrace his learning and academic challenges with the same positive attitude he consistently displays. Pray Dadi will do well on the national exams.

Dear Sponsors,

In late October, the first class of Primary 6 (6th grade) students at our Rafiki School took their national exams. All of our students scored Division One which is the highest ranking given. This is a great accomplishment for our school and for these students. To God be the glory for this great success!

Our school continues to grow in reputation and thus, in number. In fact, some parents register their children while still in the womb so as to stake claim to a space in the preschool three years later!

In 2014, the National Commission for Children (NCC) of the Rwandan government was given the task of closing down orphanages and putting the orphans back with extended families or in foster care. Rafiki Village was not affected because after seeing our level of care and facilities, the Commission decided to not implement any reunification process. However, in recent months, the NCC is revisiting the issue and we are discussing with them various options regarding the children. It is possible they could all remain and go to stay with relatives or foster homes during school breaks, or the NCC could decide to place some children back with relatives off campus. If that occurs we have offered to the NCC to provide scholarships for those children to continue to come to Rafiki school. At the moment, the outcome is not yet decided but our God knows the plans He has and we can trust Him with them.

Please join us in praying for:

- The groups of students who are not in seventh grade in Rafiki – that they will continue to excel.
- Continued success on the national exams and the growing reputation of the excellence in our schools
- The NCC and decision regarding our orphans

We are most grateful for your loving and faithful support of the Rafiki Village Rwanda.

Write to Dadi *You may send cards or any other item that fits in a standard size envelope such as bookmarks, stickers, pictures or a postcard. Please do not send packages, checks or cash to the Village address.*

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

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Donate to Dadi:

<http://www.rafikifoundation.org/Sponsor/MyChild.aspx>

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Easter Services
 Sunrise Service 7 a.m.
 Regular Services for Easter
 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

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		April 2	April 9	April 16	April 23	April 30
Acolytes	8:00	John Pounds	Megan Nauman	Mallory Klein	Gabe Cook	Viktor Lewis
		Josh Pounds	Balie Bowen	Claire Murley	Lydia Parks	Libby Townsend
		Will Pearson		Lydia Parks		
	10:30	Dean Knippa	Hadley Robbins	Hayden Allen	Elle Nicholson	Arlis Adickes
		Evan Ross	Addison Mazock	Bradley Morrison	Serena Ross	Weston Klutts
		Mya Olson		Mayah Morrison		
		Peyton Brehmer		Sam Waters		
Assisting	8:00	Doris Beath	Paul Harris	Michael Hoepfner	Confirmation	Doris Beath
Ministers	10:30	Bruch Hoppes	Dennis Ruck	Melissa Lubecke	Confirmation	James Meckel
Altar Guild	8:00	Pam Putnam				
	10:30	Shaun Danney		Vickie Hanes	Sharon Pace	
Council Chair	8:00	Vi Depriest				
Communion Assnt.	10:30	Kyle Gass				
Flowers		Lloyd & Elizabeth Markell	Cookie Rader	Easter Lilies		
Ushers	8:00	Ron Conant Team				
	10:30	Tom Hardin Team				