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From the Pastor's Pen

No doubt you've noticed that The Messenger looks different. That's thanks to Tracey Greenwald, our new Media and Marketing Specialist. Tracey will be creating our communications from here on out: bulletins, newsletters, website, social media, advertisement and promotion... If your ministry or committee needs to get the word out about an event, get in touch with Tracey. I also want to extend a welcome to Claudia Culvert, our new Administrative Assistant. Stop by the front office sometime to say hello and introduce yourself.



I'll be in Nashville next week for North American Lutheran Church's annual Convocation. Our denomination gathers once a year to hear from Bishop John Bradosky, worship together, study the Bible together, and conduct the business of the church. The NALC is only seven years old, but already we've grown to 141,000 members meeting in 400 churches across the US and Canada. It's inspiring to be part of a church that is growing, reaching out in mission, and starting new churches. I get to see some of that up close in my work with the Great Commission Society, a task force of the NALC which connects congregations with mission partners locally, nationally, and abroad. I get to see more of it right here at St. John, where our Mission Committee actively supports local, national, and international mission partners. God sends us out into the world that more people might come to know Him. It's a joy to be a part of a church – as a congregation and denomination – which takes that calling seriously.

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God also calls us to make disciples of those who come to Him, and I'm very pleased to announce that our Council unanimously voted to join the NALC's Life-to-Life Discipleship Initiative. The goal of the Initiative is to create a culture of discipleship in our denomination by building a pathway for discipleship in individual congregations. It's a three year commitment. It will take time and hard work, but it will all be worth it once we've got a means to help people grow in the Christian faith and walk more closely with Jesus. I'm very eager to be leading this Initiative here at St. John and have made it my primary goal for the next few years. You'll be hearing much more in the months to come, and seeing the fruit in a few years, but I wanted to share my excitement with you today.

Pastor Eric Waters

ST. JOHN STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Cheerful Giver

⁶ Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷ Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. (2 Corinthians 9:6-8)

God calls us to give of ourselves and our finances to advance his kingdom. However, often times we find ourselves weighing the "cost" of giving and worrying that it is too much. We can't afford to tithe because we're afraid not enough will be left over to pay the bills. We hesitate to become involved with

the church ministry because we don't think we can fit anything else in to our already busy lives. Instead of giving reluctantly, God invites us to cheerfully give of ourselves. He promises to bless us abundantly so that we are equipped with all we need to carry out His good works. We just need to trust His promises.

I invite each of you to consider ways to become involved with the ministry of St. John. We are taking a different approach to seeking out volunteers for the various opportunities to serve. Instead of hosting the Ministry Fair in August as in years past, committees will be seeking out volunteers throughout the year. There will be chances to sign up any time the Spirit moves you. Additional information will be coming soon.

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

INCOME COMPARISON

Monthly Operating Income	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Through June
2017	\$128,517	\$88,428	\$82,191	\$106,327	\$89,970	\$82,431							\$577,864
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	\$509,595
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	\$542,317
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	\$489,901

ATTENDANCE COMPARISON

Average Weekly Worship	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Average YTD
2017	380	411	414	462	389	373							405
2016	421	386	477	370	341	376	357	420	383	375	359	527	395
2015	380	403	390	521	370	464	309	367	349	347	364	463	421
2014	439	419	419	509	420	381	378	378	392	398	383	425	431

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ONLINE GIVING

WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON!

Check our website: www.stjohnlutheran.com
for more information and to give online!



Ladies' Bible Study

Precept

The Book of Genesis

Every Thursday 9:15 am - 11:30 am

Starting September 7, 2017

Room 118 with Pastor Bergquist

Women of the Word Study Continues

Every Wednesday 9 am - 11 am

From June 1 - August 9, 2017

with Michelle Waters

Childcare is Available

Contact Michelle Waters for more information about the Ladies' Women of the Word Study: watersmichellejoy@gmail.com or 614-202-9782

Mens' Bible Study

Mens' Breakfast

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

Every other Tuesday 6:30 am

Contact the Church Office for dates

Monday Night Group "The Daily Bible"

Every Monday 7 pm - 8:30 pm

Led by Matt Olson

ALL ARE WELCOME

Adult Sunday School Classes

9:15 am - 10:15 am

"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

"Logos"

Room 118: Currently studying the "Parables of the Wise and the Foolish".

Led by Richard Wagner

"The Bible in a Year"

Room 217

Led by Patsy Shields

"Seekers"

Room 216: A Tour of Our Christian Heritage.

Led by Lanne Brehmer

"Faith Steps"

Room 215: "Four Portraits, One Jesus" by Mark Strauss, a study of the Gospels.

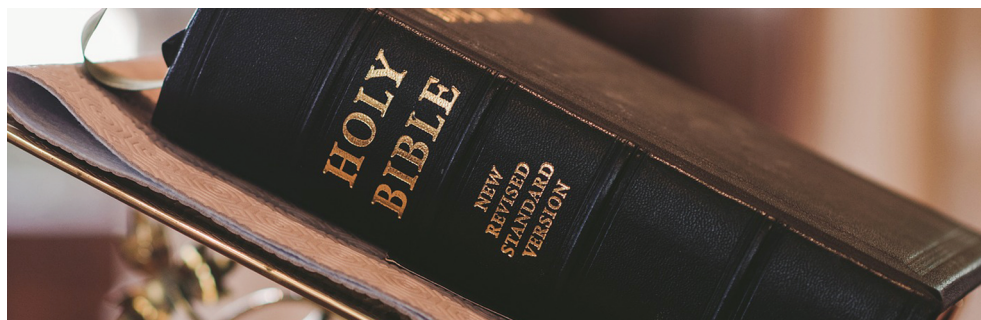
Led by George Klein

"Christianity and the Controversies"

Taking a Break...

Stay tuned for more information

Led by TJ Bazzoon



Got Questions? Get Alpha!

Pastor Waters will be offering an Alpha Course on Wednesday evenings this Fall (beginning September 6, 2017). Alpha is an 11 week course focusing on life's major questions: Is there more to life than this? Who is Jesus and why did he have to die? Is the Bible reliable? These are just a few of the topics over 13 million people worldwide have explored through an Alpha course.

Seasoned believers will gain a deeper understanding of the tenets of the Christian faith; seekers will have an opportunity to explore life's main questions in an open and welcoming atmosphere. Please prayerfully consider who God is leading you to bring to Alpha. If you've been praying for your "One" - that person in your life who doesn't yet know Jesus - this is the time to invite him or her!

More information to follow. In the meantime, if you'd like to know more about Alpha in general visit: <https://alphausa.org/>. If you'd like more information about St. John's specific Alpha course contact Michelle Waters at: watersmichellejoy@gmail.com





Open House:
Students & Parents
Sunday, August 27th
9:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.

See & Hear about what happened this past summer and get a glimpse of the school year to come!

Special Note:
 Middle School Confirmation / Christianity Basics starts Sunday, September 10th (No Confirmation classes on Wednesday this year.)

Come & find out more!

Thanks to all for a successful Heartland Mission Trip to Red Lake, MN



students, seeking & serving HIM everywhere, everyday, passionately

Matt Olson, Youth Director
 Email: matt@stjohnlutheran.com • Cell: 830-388-1550

Sundays this summer:

FEEDING TIME • 9:00am in FAITH HALL

- August 6 Summer Reflections, "Thanks" & "Blessings" to Austen (Summer Intern)
- August 13 Summer Reflections II: Open House Preparations
- August 20 Preview of NEW Christian based movie: All Saints (see Documentary on the true story) & final Open House Preparations
- August 27 **Open House: Bring your Parents!**

Wednesdays this summer:

ALL DAY Faith Growing Opportunities

10am-Noon	Service Project	6pm	Supper
Noon-1:30pm	Clean-Up & Lunch	6:30pm-7:15pm	Fellowship Games
1:30pm-3pm	Chill & Game Time	7:15pm-7:30pm	Fail Lesson
3pm	Movie & Discussion	7:30pm-8pm	Small Groups

Meet at Shepherd Hall

Last *Summer in the Son* Getaway

Movie & Lunch
Friday, August 25th
OPENING DAY of ALL SAINTS



*Church bus to leave St. John parking lot at 10 a.m. (the movie is at 11:15 a.m. at the Palladium). Lunch in the rim to follow.
 Tickets \$8; Lunch - Recommended at least \$10. Back by 3 p.m.
 *Note: if the Boerne Theater gets the movie in, we will adjust to go to that theater followed with lunch, so stay tuned in for updated information.

WORLD RELIGIONS

We will be wrapping up our summer study on the key distinctions between Christianity and other world religions.

August 2
Christianity vs. Scientology
August 9
Christianity vs. New Age Thinking
August 16
Christianity vs. Atheists, Agnostics, & Skeptics

No Youth Activities on August 23 or 30

CHILDREN'S

FAITH FORMATION

Summer Sunday School is in Session!

9:15-10:15 in Luther Hall

Come enjoy breakfast, followed by music, children's sermons from our wonderful pastors and summer youth intern, as well as crafts and activities in class time.

Bring a friend!

9:00 am	Parent drop off/sign in Luther Hall
9:00-9:10am	Snack and Fellowship
9:15-9:25am	Youth Led Songs
9:25-9:35am	Children's sermon
9:35-10:15am	Class Dismissal - Parent pick up/ sign out from Faith Hall

Parents please sign children in and out. Children will not be released without a parent/guardian.



The Nursery is in need of toy donations for OLDER children: Legos, Cars, Barbies, My Little Pony, Kinex, building toys, etc



This fall we are very excited to return to a **rotational model of Sunday school**: the children will enjoy stations featuring music, cooking/food, art, science, and games.

We need your help to make these stations great! Would you prayerfully commit to a month of service for our Sunday school? The planning and preparation is done for you. You enjoy the blessing of interacting with the students at the various stations.

We'll kick this all off at our

**Sunday School
Open House
Sunday, Aug 27**

Come and go from
9:15-10:15 in Luther Hall.

To get involved please
contact Cindy Morrison at
cindym257@gmail.com

Parents' Night Out!

Friday, August 18, 2017

6pm - 10pm

\$10/child \$30 max/family

Dinner included!

Nursery through Age 12

CONTACT:

tiffanyjureczki@hotmail.com
FOR RESERVATIONS

CHURCH NEWS

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.



Dear St. John family and friends,

We want to thank everyone for the cards and the gestures of friendship and love for our wedding and my reception for going away. The love that we were shown and felt was more than we could ever imagine.

May God bless each and everyone of you. Hope to see you all soon.

Deneice and Scott Allen



Senior Member BIRTHDAYS

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

Irene Alberti
Roger Hemminghaus
Carolyn Keeter
Elizabeth Markell

Lillian McConnell
Ernie Serr
Judy Snider
Bernice Stolte

If you are turning 80 or are already 80+ and you do not see your birthday please, contact the church office.

Welcome NEW STAFF to ST. JOHN

My name is Claudia Culvert and I am the new Administrative Assistant at St. John Lutheran Church. I am enthusiastic about joining this team and look forward to meeting everyone in person. Please feel free to stop by my office anytime and say hello!



I'm Tracey Greenwald, the new Media and Marketing Specialist! I am happy to have joined the St. John team and look forward to spreading the word about what a great church St. John Lutheran is!

ATTENTION MUSICIANS / SINGERS!



Our praise worship team is looking for **volunteer** backup singers, guitarists, and drummers. Rehearsals on Thursday evenings. If you've been looking for a fun way to serve at St. John and have a heart for worship, or know of someone that may be interested (church membership is not required), please email our Worship Committee Chair, Shay Knippa at shaybird@gvtc.com or the Praise Team Director, Ms. Audrey Ortegon at josol63@msn.com.

CHOIR PRACTICE RESUMES!

Wednesday, August 16th
6:30pm in the Sanctuary

HANDBELL PRACTICE RESUMES!

Thursday, September 7th
7:00pm in the Music Room

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Days for Girls
August 24th, 9am

We will be putting together hygiene kits with essentials for girls in third world countries. No sewing experience necessary! Come help make a difference!

BEREAVEMENT CLASSES



Tuesdays
9:15am-11:30am

Alamo Hospice is working onsite in Room 117 in the Adult Education Wing. If you, or someone you know has suffered the death of a loved one, join us as we lift one another up. For more information, please contact Betty Steubing at 830-446-9713.

THE LATEST UPDATE



Rafiki Foundation, Inc. - Child Sponsor Report Dadi Ishimwe

St John sponsors Dadi ishimwe, a child in Rwanda. Here is the latest update from the Rafiki Foundation and Dadi:

Spiritual Growth: Dadi reports that he likes the Christmas story because it helps him to grow more spiritually and know more about Jesus. He learned many things during our study of Ephesians, but really likes Paul's preaching to the Ephesian people. Dadi shares his favorite verse of Psalms 100:1, because we have joy in God.

Prayer Requests: Dadi requests prayer to be God's good instrument in his future. Pray that Dadi will understand he can be used by God each day and will yield himself to God each day. Pray that he will see lessons in God's Word that he can apply to his life.

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

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

Dadi Ishimwe



Village: Rwanda

Date of Birth: Jul/29/2005

Current Grade Level: Grade 6

Siblings at Rafiki: N/A

Rafiki Mother/Parents:

Mama Josiane

AUGUST EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		6:30am Men's Breakfast- SDR 1 9:00am Alamo Hospice Bereavement Rm 119 6:00pm American Heritage Girls 6:30pm Worship Committee 6:30pm Congregational Care Committee	9:00am W.O.W. 2 Women of the Word Rm 118 10:00am Summer in the Son	6:00pm Al-Anon 3	9:00am Fabulous Folders 4 Rm 128	5
8:00am Sunday Services 6 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service in Sanctuary 10:30am Praise Worship in the Family Life Center 6:00pm Dominoes - LH	6:00pm Al-Anon 7 6:30pm Property Meeting Rm128 7:00pm Mens' Bible Study	9:00am Alamo Hospice Bereavement Rm 119 8 12:00pm Painting with Roberta Buckles 6:30pm Congregational Life 6:30pm Mission Committee 7:00pm Outreach Comm. Mtg.	9:00am W.O.W. 9 Women of the Word Rm 118 10:00am Summer in the Son	12:00pm Lunch Bunch 10 6:00pm Al-Anon 6:30pm Finance Committee Meeting	9:00am Fabulous Folders 11 Rm 128	12
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AUGUST VOLUNTEERS		August 6	August 13	August 20	August 27
Acolytes	8:00am	Gabe Cook	Balie Bowen	Elle Nicholson	Logan Klein
					Mallory Klein
	10:30am	Sophia Baldwin	Libby Townsend	Hayden Allen	Sam Waters
		Valen Barthel	Sam Waters	Valen Barthel	Luke Wyle
		Elle Nicholson		Serena Ross	
		Jaclyn Purchatzke		Libby Townsend	
Assisting Ministers	8:00am	Doris Beath	Barnie Gavin	Michael Hoepfner	Pastor Waters
	10:30am	Dennis Ruck	Gloria Williams	James Meckel	Bruce Hoppes
Assisting Ministers-Praise	10:30am	Sophia Waters	Matt Olson	Jake Allen	Jennifer Gold
Lector Readers (8am only)	8:00am	Skip Stefansen	Marissa Klein	Ron Kalmbach	Patricia Evans
Altar Guild	8:00am	Beverly Hernandez	Beverly Hernandez	Beverly Hernandez	Beverly Hernandez
		Carrie Tyner	Carrie Tyner	Carrie Tyner	Carrie Tyner
	10:30am	Sherry Speir	Sherry Speir	Sherry Speir	Sherry Speir
		Sara Moldenhauer	Sara Moldenhauer	Sara Moldenhauer	Sara Moldenhauer
Council Communion Assts.	8:00am	Debbie Jordan	Debbie Jordan	Debbie Jordan	Debbie Jordan
	10:30am	Sara Moldenhauer	Sara Moldenhauer	Sara Moldenhauer	Sara Moldenhauer
Flowers		Marjean Murphy	Betty & Darrell Steubing	Frank & Linda Bush	Louise Langenberg
Ushers	8:00am	Randy Evans Team	Randy Evans Team	Randy Evans Team	Randy Evans Team
	10:30am	Johnny Moldenhauer Team	Johnny Moldenhauer Team	Johnny Moldenhauer Team	Johnny Moldenhauer Team