



From the Pastor's Pen

“Proclaim liberty throughout the land unto all the inhabitants thereof” (Leviticus 25:10)

America will celebrate its 241st birthday this year. Two hundred forty one years ago, on July 4th, 1776, Congress approved the *Declaration of Independence*. The thirteen colonies declared themselves independent of Great Britain, asserting that “the United Colonies are, and of a Right ought to be, Free and Independent States.” Congress listed a “long train of abuses and usurpations” which led to the *Declaration*, many of which centered on the burden of taxation and the lack of representation. But neither indignation at a long list of grievances, nor theories about “the political bands which connect one people to another,” were enough to drive thirteen colonies to take such an unprecedented step onto the world stage. The Founding Fathers began with God. “We hold these truths to be self-evident; all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.” Our rights come from God, not the government.

Four days after the *Declaration* was approved, the bell in the tower of Independence Hall rang out, calling Philadelphians to gather and for the first public reading of the *Declaration*. That bell we now call the Liberty Bell – not because it was rung to announce America’s liberty, but because of the Bible verse inscribed on it: “Proclaim liberty throughout the land unto all the inhabitants thereof” (Leviticus 25:10). Thirty one centuries earlier, the Lord had redeemed his People and commanded them to proclaim that redemption throughout their Promised Land. The Liberty Bell has cracked and has not been rung in 131 years. But its message continues to sound, as bold now as it has ever been: liberty is the work of God.

This Independence Day, as we celebrate with family, and friends, and fireworks; as we honor those who have served our country and remember those who have fallen; let us not forget how our nation was born and the Person upon whom it was founded. America is a nation founded on God. Our independence is a gift from Him. Our liberty is by His hand. This Independence Day, give thanks to God that you live in America, declare He is your Lord, and proclaim the message of redemption in Him.⁴

Pastor Waters

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The Happiest Place

²My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. (John 14:2-3)

My family and I just returned from our summer vacation to Disneyland. We had a great time riding the roller-coasters, watching the parades, and just enjoying spending time together. It lived up to its motto: “The Happiest Place on Earth”.

As wonderful as Disney is though, the “Happiest Place on Earth” can’t compare to the place that Jesus has gone to prepare for us. Our eternal home will be perfect. The descriptions in the Bible are hard to even comprehend. Most importantly we will be free of sin and in full communion with the Father. As disciples of Christ, we need to spread the good news to others so that many more rooms will be filled with fellow believers. Who in your life needs to hear the gospel message? Will you step out in faith to bring it to them?

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 March
2017	\$128,517	\$88,428	\$82,191	106,327	88,970								405,463
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	\$283,393
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	\$289,801
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	\$250,954
Avg. Wkly. Worship	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ave. YTD
2017	380	411	414	462	389								417
2016	421	386	477	370	341	376	357	420	383	375	359	527	428
2015	380	403	390	521	370	464	309	367	349	347	364	462.6	391
2014	439	419	419	509	420	381	378	378	392	398	383	425	426



St. John is Taking God’s Love to the Streets of San Antonio!

Saturday evening, July 22 St. John will be teaming up again with a local ministry called

Taking It To The Streets (TI2TS) to feed dinner to and fellowship with the homeless in downtown San Antonio. (We will travel together on church bus to the serving area in SA)

More information to come. Watch for a bulletin insert.

This is an opportunity for the entire family – all ages are welcomed and encouraged to participate

Adult Faith Formation

Weekday Bible Studies

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

Precept: Please note that the Precept class is on break until the Fall.

Join us this summer for
Women of the Word (W.O.W)
 on Wednesdays!

We will be using "All Things New" by Kelly Minter.

W.O.W. will meet from 9 - 11 AM on Wednesdays
 from June 21 - August 9, 2017

Childcare available.

Please contact Michelle Waters for more info and to reserve a book
watersmichellejoy@gmail.com or 614-202-9782



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.

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

"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; "Big Questions, Biblical Answers"; 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.



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



2 Chronicles 7:14

Sundays this Summer: Feeding Time 9:00 a.m. in FAITH HALL

Date	Bible Study / Event
July 2	Having a "Healthy Relationship with God & Country"
*July 9	 Young Hearts Matter - Healthy Relationships Are In (part I)
*July 16	 Young Hearts Matter - Healthy Relationships Are In (part II)
*July 23	 Young Hearts Matter - Healthy Relationships Are In (part III)
*July 30	 Young Hearts Matter - Healthy Relationships Are In (part IV)

Wednesdays this Summer: ALL DAY Faith Growing Opportunities

Schedule	Activity	Christianity vs
10:00 a.m. - 12 Noon	Service Project	7/5-Shintoism
12 Noon - 1:30 p.m.	Clean-Up & ^Lunch	7/12-Satanism
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Chill & Game Time	7/19-Mormonism
3:00 p.m.	Movie & Discussion	7/26-Jehovah's Witnesses
6:00 p.m.	^Supper	
6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.	Fellowship Games	
7:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Faith Lesson	
7:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Small Groups	



This summer on Wednesday Nights we will be looking at key distinctions between Christianity & other World religions. Bring a friend as we grow!



^ We are walking uptown to eat at one of the local establishments - students need to bring money for lunch. In the evening we are seeking **parents** to volunteer to provide a meal in Luther Hall: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4dada92aa64-wednesday>

***Summer Feeding Time Series Not just for STUDENTS but Parents & ALL concerned Adults!**

A few of the Stats:

- 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men will experience severe physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime.
- 1 in 10 women in the United States will be raped by an intimate partner in her lifetime. (CDC, 2010)

Within a Biblical frame work, Sonja Gutierrez of *Kendall County's Women's Shelter* will be sharing about the problems and the solutions with relationships in our day. Students & all participants will grow in understanding God's design for relationships.



Last Call: Camp Eagle

Sr. High: July 23 -28

Middle School: August 3-8



A special Summer in the Son "off-sight" Adventure for Middle School & High School Youth will happen

Wednesday July 19th

Details Coming!!!



Keep that day reserved!



Secret Sabbatical for Sr. High July 19 - 21

Children's Faith Formation

Sunday School Schedule

9am: Parent drop off/sign in – Luther Hall
9-9:10 AM : Snack & Fellowship
9:15-9:25 AM: Youth Led Songs
9:25 - 9:35AM Children's sermon
9:35-10:15AM: Class dismissal; Parent Pickup/sign out from Faith Hall

Times estimated for song and sermon time
 Parents please sign children in and out. Children will not be released without a parent/guardian.
 We still need volunteers for our class time (activity and craft) all materials provided.. Please consider helping.



Friday, July 21, 2017

6pm — 10pm

\$10/Child \$30 max/family

Dinner included

Nursery thru age 12

Contact:

tiffanyjureczki@hotmail.com
to make reservations

VBS back home at St. John June 2017

Huge success!

VBS was brought back to St. John this summer and it was a huge success. We had 107 children registered for a week of Old Testament stories that spoke of faith, obedience and point to the coming of our savior, Jesus Christ. Our week of fun activities and learning could not have happened without our amazing 49 volunteers who put forward their hearts and abilities to to teach, watch after, and encourage the children throughout the program.

Thank you all for your service in God's name to all our sweet 106 children and our community, both that of of the Church and Boerne.

If any of you see the following people, please join St. John in thanking them for their time, talents, energy and patience in helping to put on our faith driven week of fun.

A special thank you goes out to JJ and Vernell Johnson and Barbara Parker, they generously financed a week of learning for the children. Their support made our week a worthwhile and successful endeavor.

Michelle Waters

Pastor Waters

Josh Morrison

Sophia Waters

Lois Ruck

Trevor Agarwal

Ellie Waters

Kelsey Stafford

Mindi Accord

Mayah Morrison

Christina Hoepfner

Joaquin Alvarez

Deanna Grist

Sara Moldenhauer

Mark Danney

Richard Wagner

Emilie Rogers

Betty Steubing

Pastor Mariola

Hunter Craig

Jennifer Gold

Marissa Klein

Bradley Morrison

Amy Townsend

Ann Peters

Johnny Moldenhauer

Libby Townsend

Kelly Watson

Mary Sampson

Priya Agarwal

JJ Johnson

Bailey Bowen

Taylor Mazock

Marjean Murphy

Cindy Morrison

Jennifer Agarwal

Judy Stewart

Austen Hornung

Jennifer Kuentz

Logan Klein

Terry Herrmann

Tiffany Jureczki

Katie Lucas

Mallory Klein

Alannah Guerra

Sam Waters

Zack Gold

Cindy Moriarty

Janet Roeder

Visitation Ministry

Pastor Mariola Bergquist

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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 July

Ruby Schaub

Joan Engelking

Marjorie Leverton

Avis Young



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

Jail Ministry:

Help is needed from both men and women with a very rewarding ministry. It is Bible study with Kendall County Jail inmates. If you are willing to serve or want more information, please contact Jennifer Hornung at (830) 522-0664 or jhornung3@gmail.com. Please pray about joining in this new endeavor. You could be such a blessing to someone in spiritual need, and it will bless your life in return.



To St. John family,

Thank you so much for the prayers before, during and after my recent surgery.

Your prayers mean a lot to me.

God Bless you ,
Nellie Smith

Sam's Kids School Supply Drive



Wide ruled notebook paper
#2 pencils
pink erasers
glue sticks
1 inch binders

**Please deliver supplies to the collection box
in the Gathering Place
anytime during July!**

Questions? Please contact:

Maryanna Pearson, maryannapearson@gmail.com

Marissa Klein, mlmklein03@yahoo.com

What is Sam's Kids?

An organization that supports
Boerne ISD school children.

Sam's Kids provides school supplies to about
400 Boerne school children every year.

Sam Champion was a member of St. John
Lutheran Church, and a long time BISD
teacher, principal, and administrator. He was
very passionate about helping kids, and found-
ed Sam's Kids to help
level the playing field for those
students in need.

JULY 2017

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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		July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23	July 30
Acolytes	8:00	Gabe Cook		Joshua Pounds	Will Pearson	Logan Klein
					Clay Naiser	Mallory Klein
	10:30	Georgia Busbee	Valen Barthel	Sophia Baldwin	Valen Barthel	Arlis Adickes
		Sam Waters	Hayden Allen	Elle Nicholson	Jaclyn Purchatzke	Balie Bowen
				Serena Ross		
				Sam Waters		
Assisting	8:00	Barnie Gavin	Doris Beath	Michael Hoepfner	James Meckel	Barnie Gavin
Ministers	10:30	Dennis Ruck	Gloria Williams	Pastor Waters	Bruce Hoppes	James Meckel
8:00 Lector Readers		Scott Kramer	Gloria Williams	Wanda McCarthy	Judy Kuentz	Debbie Holman
Altar Guild	8:00		Jeanne Leslie			
	10:30		Reidun Hilleman	Beverly Wagner		
Council Chair	8:00		Skip Stefansen			
Communion Assnt.	10:30		Walter Stroman			
Flowers		Judy Collins	Michael & Jeanine Schuchardt	Frankeen Price		John & Carol Wimpy
Ushers	8:00		Skip Stefansen Team			
	10:30		Bob Runion Team,			