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From the Pastor's Pen

There have been a lot of changes at St. John Lutheran these past few months. I want us to have the opportunity to talk about them, so I've scheduled a **Town Hall for Sunday, June 4th, 9:15-10:15** in the Sanctuary. I'll take the first 15 minutes to share my vision for St. John Lutheran, sketching a picture of where I believe God is leading us and some of the key steps that will take us there. Then the rest of the time is yours. You've called me to be your Senior Pastor and trusted me with the helm. I want to repay that trust by being as accessible and transparent as I can. It should be a good conversation; I hope you can make it.

June marks the end of the school year and the beginning of summer vacation. Summer is a great time to slow down, unplug, and rewind. It's a time to get caught up on your rest and be restored – that's God's will for you.

In the beginning, God created you both to work and to rest, but did you ever notice that the rest comes first? God commanded Adam and Eve to exercise dominion over the earth (Gen 1:28), and set Adam in the Garden "to work it and keep it" (Gen 2:15), but before God let them do anything, He made them rest. God created us to work from a place of rest. God commanded the Israelites to rest from their work: "Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work" (Deu 5:13-14). God's Son did all the work necessary to redeem us. Jesus gives us abundant life and gives us rest: "Come to me, all you who are weary and heavy laden, and I shall give you rest" (Mat 11:28).

God made you to rest, God redeemed you to rest, so take the time to rest this summer. Unplug, unwind, kick back, and take it easy. Take the time enjoy your time. It's God's gift to you.

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St. John Lutheran Stewardship Committee

June 2017

Abundant Blessings

^{16b} *No one should appear before the LORD empty-handed:* ¹⁷ *Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the LORD your God has blessed you. (Deuteronomy 16:16b-17)*

Take a minute to stop and think about all the ways God has blessed you. Daily provisions, your church, friends, family, life itself, and most of all His Son as a sacrifice to wash away our sin. God gives freely to us and wants to bless those who love and honor Him. In fact, all good things come from God. So, why wouldn't we want to give back to Him as He has instructed? I encourage each you to respond to the abundant blessings God has bestowed upon you by joyfully giving back to His church.

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									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									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

Plan to attend our Country Western Dance on June 23 from 7 PM -11PM



Whoa! Hold yer horses, fella. I got me some news y'all have been hankerin' fer. St John's gunna be havin' a real hoedown and hollerin' hootenanny with plenty a boot scootin'. **On Friday, June 23**, please join us for a Western Dance in the Family Life Center with musical guest



The Thompson Legacy Band and our very own Dana Wehrmann.

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

Sundays this Summer: Feeding Time 9:15 a.m.

Date	Bible Study / Event
June 4	St. John Town Hall meeting in the BIG Sanctuary 9:15 a.m.
June 11	A Quick trip through the "Holy Land" (Matt's slide show from trip.)
June 18	* Having a "Healthy Relationship with God"
June 25	* Having a "Healthy Relationship with God & Parents"
July 2	* Having a "Healthy Relationship with God & Country"
July 9 - 30	* Guest Presenter series on Healthy Relationships (from KCWS)

Wednesdays this Summer: ALL DAY Faith Growing Opportunities

Schedule	Activity	Christianity vs
10:00 a.m. - 12 Noon	Service Project	6/7-Judiasm
12 Noon - 1:30 p.m.	Clean-Up & ^Lunch	6/14-Islam
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Chill & Game Time	6/21-Budhism
3:00 p.m.	Movie & Discussion	6/28-Hinduism
6:00 p.m.	^Supper	7/5-Shintoism
6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.	Fellowship Games	7/12-Satanism
7:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Faith Lesson	7/19-Mormonism
7:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Small Groups	7/26-J.W.



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 looking to walk 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. Please let Matt or Austen know if you can be one of those parents.



**Sr. High
Camp Eagle
July 23rd - 28th**

**Middle School
August 3rd - 8th
(Openings available!)**



St. John Graduates Recognition Sunday

Austen is back as our summer intern! In addition to his Youth & Children Ministry responsibilities he will be leading a Young Adults 18 - 25 yrs. fellowship & Bible Study.

Summer in the Sun



*Summer Feeding Time Series

We will be looking at the Biblical understandings of what healthy relationships are in all aspects of ones life & how to live them.

Intern **Austen Hornung** will be leading the first three.

Sonja Gutierrez from **Kendall County Women's Shelter** will be leading the Bible Study from July 9th - 30th.

"Young Hearts Matter – Healthy Relationships Are In"

This event in the *Historic Chapel* will be for 6th graders on up. **Parents are encouraged to especially attend as well!**

Watch for more information in the coming weeks.



Children's Faith Formation



GOOD NEWS VBS
IS BACK AT ST. JOHN.
JUNE 5-9TH 9:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON

All children and volunteers welcome!
 Registration is at the information desk, Nursery and on the website.

Any questions contact Cindy Morrison: cindym257@gmail.com
 Tiffany Jureczki; tiffanyjureczki@hotmail.com
 Marissa Klein; mlmklein03@yahoo.com
 Terry Herrmann; terrherrmann@gmail.com
 Amy Townsend; amyrtownsend@gmail.com



Joint VBS is at First United Methodist
On June 12-16
Register at <https://goo.gl/9XaE6L>

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

Parents please 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 June

Lewis Gimbel 06/03

John Levertton 06/05

June Stevens 06/17

Neal Snider 06/19

Bill Price 06/20

Kay Rutherford 06/25



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 Our St. John family,

I want to thank you for all your acts of kindness. The prayer shawl is used regularly. The visits from Pastor Eric and Pastor Mariola are so appreciated. This is a loving congregation.

Barbara Watson

Dear Church Family and Friends,

I want to extend grateful thanks to all those who were so thoughtful during Paul's passing and memorial service. My heart overflows with gratitude at the outpouring of love in the form of prayers, cards, calls, visits, food and loving presence by so many.

There are no words to describe the feeling of Christ's love I and my family experienced.

The feeling of being 'blessed' was undeniable.

Thank you, Judy Stuart and Family.

Dear St. John family,

Thank you so much for your generous gift to Rose Hill Manor for my retirement. Bob & I will really enjoy staying there.

It is our favorite place in the Hill County.

Thank You again,
Love, Jill

St. John Family,

Stan and I would like to thank our St John Family for your prayers, well-wishes, cards, visitations and meals following my surgery. We especially appreciated Pastor Bergquist and Sharon and Ray Pace for being with us before surgery and Sharon and Ray for staying with Stan during and following surgery. I certainly felt the power of your prayers. Recovery has gone remarkably well as I learn to make the necessary adjustments, thank the Lord!

God bless each of you,
Carolyn and Stan Walden

To St. John Family,

I am home from the hospital. The surgery was more extensive than expected, but it was successful. I am fused from L3-S1. So no more slouching gait for sure. My husband, Howard and I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, phone calls, visits, cards and good thoughts. The love and caring exhibited by this congregation has been more wonderful than words can express. It is very deeply appreciated. Howard and Jean Sheffy.

June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 Day of Pentecost 8:00am Sunday Worship 8, 10:30 Traditional (Sanctuary) 9-1:5am Sunday School 9-1:5am Town Hall Meeting W/ Pastor Waters (Sanctuary) 10:30am Praise Worship in FLC (Family Life Center) 6:00 pm Dominoes (Luther Hall)	5 8:00am Vacation Bible School (VBS) (Family Life Center, Historic Chapel, Luther Hall, Sanctuary, Small Dining Room) 7:00pm Men's Monday Nite Bible Study (Shepherd House) 7:00pm Al-Anon Group (Saxon House)	6 9:00am Alamo Hospice Bereavement (Rm 117) 12:00pm Painting With Rob- erta (Luther Hall) 6:30pm Worship Committee Meeting (Rm 117)	7 Youth Summer in the Son Activities 10am-8pm	8 6:30pm Finance Com- mittee Meeting (Rm 117) 7:00pm Al-Anon Group (Saxon House)	9 8:00am Hill Country Cares Counseling (Grace Place) 9:00am Fabulous Folders	10 12:00am Hill Coun- try Secretariat Meet- ing 3:00pm Hill Country Ulteya (Family Life Center)
11 Holy Trinity Day 8:00am Sunday Worship 8, 10:30 Traditional (Sanctuary) 9-1:5am Sunday School 10:30am Praise Worship in FLC (Family Life Center)	12 7:00pm Al-Anon Group (Saxon House) 7:00pm Men's Monday Nite Bible Study (Shepherd House)	13 9:00am Alamo Hospice Bereavement (Rm 117) 12:00pm Painting With Rob- erta (Luther Hall) 6:00pm Mission Committee Meeting (Rm 128) 7:00pm Outreach Committee Mtg (Rm 128)	14 Youth Summer in the Son Activities 10am-8pm	15 5:00am Sr. High Mis- sion Trip Leaves 7:00pm Al-Anon Group (Saxon House)	16 Sr. High Mission Trip 8:00am Hill Country Cares Counseling (Grace Place) 9:00am Fabulous Folders 6:00pm Parents Nite Out (Family Life Center)	17 Sr. High Mission Trip
18 Sr. High Mission Trip 8:00am Sunday Worship 8, 10:30 Traditional (Sanctuary) 9-1:5am Sunday School 10:30am Praise Worship in FLC (Family Life Center) 6:00 pm Canasta (Luther Hall)	19 Sr. High Mission Trip 12:00pm Li N Lunch (Rm 117) 12:00pm Men's Lunch @ Mamacitas in San Antonio 7:00pm Men's Monday Nite Bible Study (Shepherd House) 7:00pm Al-Anon Group (Saxon House)	20 Sr. High Mission Trip 9:00am Alamo Hospice Bereavement (Rm 117) 12:00pm Painting With Rob- erta (Luther Hall) 6:45pm Council Meeting (Rm 118, Sanctuary)	21 Youth Summer in the Son Activities 10am-8pm Sr. High Mission Trip 9:00am Women of the Word W.O.W.	22 Sr. High Mission Trip 7:00pm Al-Anon Group (Saxon House)	23 Sr. High Mission Trip 8:00am Hill Country Cares Counseling (Grace Place) 9:00am Fabulous Folders 7:00pm Country Western Dance (Family Life Center)	24 Sr. High Mission Trip
25 Sr. High Mission Trip 8:00am Sunday Worship 8, 10:30 Traditional (Sanctuary) 9-1:5am Sunday School 10:30am Praise Worship in FLC (Family Life Center) 6:00 pm Hand & Foot /Canasta (Luther Hall)	26 Sr. High Mission Trip 7:00pm Al-Anon Group (Saxon House) 7:00pm Men's Monday Nite Bible Study (Shepherd House)	27 Sr. High Mission Trip Returns 9:00am Alamo Hospice Bereavement (Rm 117) 12:00pm Painting With Rob- erta (Luther Hall)	28 Youth Summer in the Son Activities 10am-8pm 9:00am Women of the Word W.O.W.	29 7:00pm Al-Anon Group (Saxon House)	30 8:00am Hill Country Cares Counseling (Grace Place) 9:00am Fabulous Folders	



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Happy Fathers Day

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		June 4	June 11	June 18	June 25
Acolytes	8:00	Mallory Klein	Logan Klein	Balie Bowen	Jake Pearson
		Will Pearson	Mallory Klein	Libby Townsend	Luke Wyle
		Jake Pearson			
	10:30	Sophia Baldwin	Serena Ross	Sophia Baldwin	Arlis Adickes
		Weston Klutts	Jaclyn Purchatzke	Georgia Busbee	Hayden Allen
		Mayah Morrison		Elle Nicholson	
		Elle Nicholson		Sam Waters	
Assisting	8:00	Doris Beath	James Meckel	Barnie Gavin	Doris Beath
Ministers	10:30	Dennis Ruck	Bruce Hoppes	Michael Hoepfner	James Meckel
8:00 Lector Readers		Darla Bradley	Randy Evans	Christina Hoepfner	Debbie Holman
Altar Guild	8:00	Karen Schneider	Deborah & Hannah	Jordan	Gert Sousa
	10:30		Sandra Bradly	Lois & Dennis Ruck	
Council Chair	8:00	Vi Depriest			
Communion Assnt.	10:30	Sherry Speir			
Flowers		Kelly & Dana Wehrmann	Lanne & Pasty Brehmer		Mark Alberthal
Ushers	8:00	Ron Conant Team			
	10:30	Chip Putnam Team			