



From the Pastor's Pen

Almost 800 people joined us in worship on Easter Sunday! Thank you for inviting your family and friends to worship with us. It was a joy to hear so many voices lifted to God in song and praise. I believe Easter Sunday was a glimpse of what God has planned for St. John.

Boerne is growing. We should expect our church to grow along with it. I, for one, am praying that the day will come when 800 people come to worship on a regular Sunday morning. We won't get there overnight, but I think we can get there within five years. It won't come without hard work, but I know we're up to the task.

We're taking a big step this month. Before I came to St. John, a congregational survey revealed your hopes and dreams for the future. The congregation's greatest desire was to "start a contemporary worship service." You've been dreaming about it for years, I've been working on it since I got here, and now at last we're ready to launch. Our Praise Service opens to the public May 21st. It's our hope that this new style of worship – praise music set in a traditional framework – will appeal to a people searching for a warm, contemporary service to call home.

We're taking a step of faith, asking the Lord to bless our efforts to reach new people. I ask you to do the same. Make prayer for the successful launch of the Praise Service part of your daily prayers this month. Easter showed us what the future of St. John can look like. Pray with me that the Lord will bring us there,

Pr. Eric Waters



Don't forget
Mothers Day
May 14, 2017



Save The Date

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. More details will be coming.

**St. John Lutheran Stewardship Committee
The Great Commission**

¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me." ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)

Easter Sunday is the highlight of the church calendar. Jesus Christ is risen! He has defeated the grave so that we may share in eternal life in communion with Him!

But what now? Is the story over? Not at all. After His resurrection, Jesus instructed His followers to "go make disciples of all nations". This raises the question: what makes a disciple? There are several resources on this subject, but generally a disciple has the following traits:

Daily prayer, Bible reading, Weekly worship, Christian service, Relationships that encourage spiritual growth
Giving in the spirit of generosity

Whole studies could be written on each of these, but it is important to note that Giving is included in this list and is an important element of your spiritual growth. There are many verses in scripture that demonstrate giving back to God is not an option, but a command. This act of giving on a regular basis will change us by drawing our hearts closer to God's own heart. I encourage each of us to reflect on this list as we work to carry out The Great Commission.

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										\$299,136
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
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	\$273,696
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	\$236,613
Avg. Wkly. Worship Attendance	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ave. YTD
2017	380	411	414										402
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
2013	438	530	543	432	424	379	392	397	404	415	381	426	504
2012	393	477	463	566	424	386	361	392	351	369	445	423	444



Youth Faith Formation

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Know Jesus, Make Jesus Known

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MAY-AY-AY-AY-AY!



In Review:
Stations of the Cross & Men's Retreat



Special Celebrations:

- *Graduate Recognition* Service on May 21st with special Banquet on Saturday the 20th of May.
- *Faith Lutheran Youth Ministry Group* visiting from Albuquerque, NM Memorial Day Weekend!

***Wednesdays: Youth Events**

***Study Hall & Homework help at Church**

After school on Wednesdays come and find a place to do homework, study for final tests & be nurtured with some food & fellowship. *Luther Hall & Shep. H.*



Sundays: Feeding Time
9:15 a.m. start in H.C.

- *6th & 7th Graders* Will bring to a close the *Bible Overview* this May
- *8th - 10th Graders* will have "Mystery" Bible Study Experiences to choose from for our final month of the School Year.
- *11th - 12th Graders* will be planning the *Graduate Recognition Service*

May 3rd - BBQ picnic with Volleyball plus...

May 10th - Pancake Dinner & Nerf War
EVENTS start 6 P.M.

(May 17, 24, 31 - Spring Cleaning & Summer Preparation Time: *Heartland Mission Trip Team Training*)

MINNESOTA
Sr. High Mission Trip
Serving the Ojibwe People of Red Lake Reservation
June 15-27
(Get on Board!)

CAMP EAGLE
Sr. High Camp Eagle
July 23 - 28

Middle School
August 3 - 8
(A few spots still available!)

Along with this *Summer in the SON's* main theme...
Jesus & World Religions

We also will be looking at God's wonderful plan for Guy & Girl Relationships...

Watch for Bible Study Schedule

Adult Faith Formation

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! Please check with the church office regarding the summer schedule.

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

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**”: Small Dining Room; led by TJ Bazzoon.

**This is the Thursday Precepts Class
On the “Tour of Painted Churches”. Praha Texas**



Children's Faith Formation



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

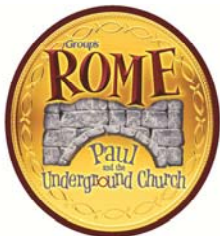
All children and volunteers welcome!
Registration is at the information desk, Nursery and on the website.

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

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>

Scroll down to the schedule and click on
St. John Lutheran Church Follow on-line instructions!



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 May

Elmer Bergmann

Pearl Hillrichs

Perry Crombie

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

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Rafiki Foundation, Inc.

Child Sponsor Report

Quarter 1, 2017 - Joseph Katebe CF026



Dear Sponsors,

The work is blossoming on the Rafiki Zambia Village. The cottage gardens are producing vegetables and selling them to the kitchen and to staff. We have added three new teachers including a music teacher and a special education teacher. The RICE building has been completed and the school has reclaimed the JSS building. But the best fruit of all is that thirteen of our children professed Christ as Savior and were baptized at the end of February. May God be praised! Please join us in praying for: a good corn harvest for the Village and our neighbors.

- perseverance in teaching and guiding the children in how to make godly choices.
- each Rafiki classroom to overflow with love for and joy in learning in all students.

- God to raise up teachers from within this Christian classical education program who will teach the next generation of Zambians the goodness, truth, and beauty of our Creator.

May God bless you for your faithfulness in sponsoring and praying for these children who we pray will be the future godly leaders for Zambia.

Spiritual Growth:

Joseph has expressed good spiritual growth in the truths he has learned this past year. He says that he has learned during personal devotions to love his friends and pray for those who plan to hurt him. Joseph has been attending catechism classes at his church and through that and devotion time, he says he has learned to believe in Christ Jesus and accept Him as Christ, his Savior. Joseph is to be baptized on the confession of his faith. As he studied John, Psalms, and Ephesians this past year, he learned all believers are one in Christ Jesus and that we need to imitate Christ and walk in love.

Prayer Requests: Pray Joseph's faith will continue to grow, that his baptism will affirm for him that he is secure in Christ's salvation, and he will heed the Holy Spirit as He teaches Joseph to love his brothers, his enemies, and pray for them to be built up in the Lord.

THE MESSENGER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 8:00 AM Sunday Services 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Sunday Services 6:00 PM Dominos	8 3:15 PM Boerne Hermann Sons Dance 6:00 PM AL-Anon Family Group 6:30 PM Property Meeting 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study	9 9:00 AM Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 12:00 PM Painting with Roberta Buckles 6:00 PM American Heritage Girls 6:30 PM Congregational Care Comm. Meeting 6:30 PM Worship Committee Meeting	10 9:00 AM Cross Talk Bible Study 9:30 AM Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) Leaders meeting 5:45 PM Koinonia Meal, Worship & Bible Study 6:30 PM Choir Practice	11 7:15 AM Girls Bible Study 12:00 PM Lunch Bunch 1:00 PM Ambleside School - Music Classes 5:45 PM Boerne Hermann Sons Dance 6:00 PM AL-Anon Family Group 7:00 PM Bell Choir Practice	12 Hill Country Cares Counseling 9:00 AM Fabulous Folders	13
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21 Sr. Sunday, Youth led service	22 3:15 PM Boerne Hermann Sons Dance 6:00 PM AL-Anon Family Group 7:00 PM Men's Bible Study	23 6:30 AM Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 12:00 PM Painting with Roberta Buckles	24 9:00 AM Cross Talk Bible Study 9:30 AM Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) Leaders meeting 6:30 PM Choir Practice	25 7:15 AM Girls Bible Study 1:00 PM Ambleside School - Music Classes 5:45 PM Boerne Hermann Sons Dance 6:00 PM AL-Anon Family Group 7:00 PM Bell Choir Practice	26 Hill Country Cares Counseling 9:00 AM Fabulous Folders	27
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		May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28
Acolytes	8:00	John Pounds	Libby Townsend	Viktor Lewis	Mallory Klein
		Josh Pounds	Balie Bowen	Claire Murley	Gabe Cook
		Gavin Shields		Will Pearson	
	10:30	Evan Ross	Dean Knippa	Serena Ross	Sam Waters
		Bradley Morrison	Rex Rivieria	Weston Klutts	Arlis Adickes
		Georgia Busbee		Tanner Lee	
		Jaclyn Purchatzke		Elle Nicholson	
Assisting	8:00	Michael Hoeppepner	Barnie Gavin	Doris Beath	Paul Harris
Ministers	10:30	Dennis Ruck	James Meckel	Bruce Hoppes	Michael Hoeppepner
Altar Guild	8:00	Gary & Carol Bruehler		George & Sandy Eppinger	
	10:30	Shay Knippa		Marcy Voss	
Council Chair	8:00	Bob Moriarty			
Communion Assnt.	10:30	Brandon Ross			
Flowers		Judi Catalon	Debbie Jordan		
Ushers	8:00	Skip Stefansen Team,			
	10:30	Jason Daniels Team			