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From the Pastor's Pen

Christ is risen! We made it through Lent and Easter is here. The 40 days of preparation, self-discipline, and denial are behind us. The season of new life has come. We spent 40 Days of Prayer preparing for this season of new life. Now we walk through this season as 50 Days with the Lord. Our sermon series for this April and May returns to the assigned Gospel lessons in the lectionary, where the risen Lord meets His disciples and draws them closer to His side as they walk with Him. Christ is Risen, and for these 50 days we'll walk with Jesus and Jesus walks us through the challenges of living a new life as His people in the world.

With the challenges there is celebration, and on April 22nd we'll celebrate as some of our students reach the milestone of Confirmation in their walk with the Lord. The 10:30 services will be combined that Sunday so that the students can worship together and lead us in worship. It should be a moving time of worship and I look forward to sharing it with you. I love to see people

stand up and declare their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. It reminds us that God is on the move, bringing people into new seasons in their life with Him.

Perhaps you're entering one of those seasons in your own life, too. Maybe you've been worshipping with us for some time, and are now ready to make a commitment to the Lord and to our church. I invite you to join our next New Members class, beginning with the Newcomers' Lunch on April 15th. For more information and to sign up, visit the front page of our website or call the church office.

April ends with the Wild Game Dinner on Saturday, April 28th at the Kendall County Fairgrounds. The proceeds go to support local and international charities. The Wild Game Dinner is the largest church event of the year, a great meal, and a fantastic time of fellowship and fun – our church shines on this day! I expect to see you all there and encourage you to bring a friend.

- Pastor Eric Waters

A NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

Joyful Giving

"Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given usourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen"

This prayer likely sounds familiar. In fact, many of us may have it memorized. But, have we really listened what the prayer is saying? Offer with joy and thanksgiving... We are happily giving back to God what he has first given us. We should be eager to tithe on the abundant blessings we have received as signs of His gracious love. Contrast this with the way you feel when filing your taxes with the IRS. We pay what we owe, but not joyfully.

Back in November we received our commitments to tithe for 2018. The following is a breakdown of the 125 pledge cards that were received:

25% less than \$2,000 33% \$2,000-\$5,000 42% greater than \$5,000

You may recall from Pastor Waters' sermon series in November that it is estimated that \$2,000 would be tithing on an income at the poverty level (\$20,000 annual salary). \$5,000 would equate to tithing on the average household income (\$50,000 annual salary).

It is great to see that a large majority of pledges have stepped up to the \$2,000 level. Many of those have committed to giving over \$5,000. I thank God for your generosity.

If you are still hesitant about giving to the ministry of St. John, I encourage you to take this step in faith. Consider joyfully giving back what He has first given to you. The Bible promises to bless us and others through our giving, and we can count on God to keep His promises.

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 January
2018	\$98,403	\$105,044											\$203,447
2017	\$128,517	\$88,428	\$82,191	\$106,327	\$89,970	\$82,431	\$103,660	\$94,282	\$102,681	\$101,656	\$103,012	\$280,198	\$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

	ATTENDANCE COMPARISON												
Average Weekly Worship	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Average YTD
2018	380	358											369
2017	380	411	414	462	389	373	353	352	329	386	354	479	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	463	392

ONLINE GIVING. FAST, EASY, CONVENIENT.



Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic, recurring contributions and view your online giving history from anywhere with internet access.

Visit the church website at www.stjohnlutheran.com, click on the 'Give' button, create your profile, and you're all set!

Are you giving online? Don't use your envelopes?

Help us cut back on waste. Let us know if you would like to stop receiving the regular donation envelopes. Call the church office at 830-249-3651 or email:secretary@stjohnlutheran.com



FAMILY³ MINISTRIES

Together, in our Home, Church and World **Families**

ADULT FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Ladies' Bible Study

PRECEPT

BIBLE STUDY CLASS Thursdays 9:15-11:15 am Led by Pastor Mariola Bergquist

Women of the Word (W.O.W.)

BIBLE STUDY CLASS Wednesdays 9-10:30 am Studying "1 Peter" by Jen Wilkin. Led by

Michelle Waters



Mens' Bible Study

Mens' Breakfast

Every other Tuesday 6:30 am

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

Contact the Church Office for dates

Monday Night Group

Mondays 7-8:30 pm

Watching presentations by Jordan B. Peterson who speaks to the miracles and challenges of the "Christian" West today.

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

"Faith Steps" Room 215: We will begin a new study in March...more info to come soon! Led by George Klein

"Seekers" Room 216: "Graying in Grace:

Assisting adults in clinging to the faithful promises of God and 'Walking alongside' those who want to grow". Led by Lanne **Brehmer**

"Logos" Room 118: Studying the Book of Luke. Led by Richard Wagner





Happy Hearts Monday, April 9th • 6pm

"Happy Hearts" will be taking a trip on Monday, April 9th to look at the spring flowers of the Hill Country of Texas!

We will travel on a church bus and stop in Fredericksburg for lunch.

If you are planning to attend, please sign up by calling the church office at 830-249-3651 or email Pastor Mariola at pastomariola@stjohnlutheran.com.



Women of the Word (W.O.W) New Bible Study

Wednesdays, April 4 - May 30, 9am - 10:30am

Women of the Word will begin a new nine week bible study on April 4th.

Join us after Easter as we explore what it means to live in the power of the resurrection. We'll be using Jen Wilkin's Study of 1 Peter.

Childcare is available. Please contact Michelle Waters before the beginning of the study if you need childcare.



Monday Night Men's Study

Starting Monday, April 2nd, 7pm - 8:30pm

Meeting in the Education Wing*, we will be watching presentations by Jordan B. Peterson, a University Professor from Canada who speaks to the miracles and challenges of the "Christian" West today.

For more information, visit the website: https://jordanbpeterson.com/about/

*note the new meeting place. We will NOT be in the Shepherd House due to the need of an internet connection.

Alamo Hospice Bereavement Classes

Bereavement classes are for anyone age 17 and older who has had a recent loss in their family or close circle. GriefShare, is a highly acclaimed and unabashedly faith based program.

Mondays at 1:00pm in the Rainbow Senior Center at Kronkosky Place Tuesdays at 10am at St. John

Call Betty Steubing, Bereavement Coordinator, at 830.446.9713 or the Alamo Hospice office at 830.816.5024 to register or for more information.



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Know Jesus and Mo



Matt Olson, Director of Family Ministries Email: matt@stjohnlutheran.com Cell: 830-388-1550

WE NEED YOU!!

WE NEED YOU
to PARTICIPATE
and HELP lead in our
Community Outreach
Missions:

Take It 2 the Streets

Saturday, April 7th, 5pm-9pm

Join us to feed the homeless in San Antonio.

Team Life Camp

April 13th-15th

Have your weekend retreat paid for at Camp Chrysalis and learn how to be a Right to Life warrior. Talk with Matt or Vernell Johnson (210) 827-2456

Wild Game Dinner

Saturday, April 28th

Our church needs you to help carry-out this massive fundraiser for area charities. Get involved!

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

S³HEEP:

students, seeking & serving HIM everywhere, everyday, passionately

Sundays in April

- April's Feeding Times will consist of preparing for Youth Led worship services (April 22, Confirmation & May 20, Sr. Recognition Sunday)
- There will be NO classes on Easter, but Confirmands note that you are to write out your Confirmation Promises which include your statement of faith by the following Sunday, April 8th.
- Starting April 29th will be a series of 4 Sundays where students may choose 'Smorgasbord style'.

Middle and Senior High Youth:

APRIL 1 - EASTER: No Feeding Time Classes

APRIL 8: Youth Led Worship Rehearsal

APRIL 15: Youth Led Worship Rehearsal

APRIL 22: Affirmation of Baptism Service

APRIL 29: Start of Spring Feeding Time Classes - 'Spring Smorgasbord' (SEE TOPICS BELOW)

Confirmands affirming their Baptism:

Confirmation Journey for Mentors and Youth • Historic Chapel

APRIL 1 - EASTER: Route 8 Confirmation Promises (Done with Mentors)

APRIL 8: Promises Shared & Work on Confirmation Worship Service

APRIL 15: Affirmation of Baptism Service Rehearsal

APRIL 22: Affirmation of Baptism / Confirmation Sunday

APRIL 29: Start of Spring Feeding Time Classes - 'Spring Smorgasbord' (SEE TOPICS BELOW)

'Spring Smorgasbord' Topics (starting on April 29th):

- •Incredible Faith Summer Feeding Time opening preparations (Meets at the Shepherd House)
- •Finding God at the Movies (Education Wing)
- •Lego & Let God Vacation Bible School Preparations (Historic Chapel)

Wednesdays in April

Fellowship at 4:30pm; following meal in Luther Hall

APRIL 4: Youth Led Worship Preparation

APRIL 11: Youth Led Worship Preparation

APRIL 18: Youth Led Worship Preparation

APRIL 25: End of Year Celebration (Watch for more information.)

Thank you to all who participated in the Youth Mission Trip in March!

The March Mission Trip was a huge success!

Over 40 volunteers participated and work was

done on multiple projects in Rockport.







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Make Jesus Known.

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Together, in our Home, Church and World Families

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

LAMBS³:

learning and memorizing Bible stories, songs and service

Sundays in April

He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed, Hallelujah! We believe in a risen LORD, Jesus Christ who conquered death. So what does it mean to believe? Come and see this month at Children's Sunday School: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but have the light of life." – John 8:12 (NIV)

9:00 a.m. Breakfast in Luther Hall

9:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Rotational Class time

Wednesdays in April

Wednesdays in April for Children's Ministry will be used to prepare for Vacation Bible School and Summer Sunday School.

There will be no children's gatherings on Wednesdays, but adults and older students who want to help with the Vacation Bible School and Summer Sunday School preparations should plan to attend and help!



Check out the North American Lutheran Church's Home devotional by going to: www.holyfamilytime.com



Friday, April 20, 2018 6pm - 10pm

\$10/child \$30 max/family
Dinner included! Nursery through Age 12

CONTACT: tiffanyjureczki@hotmail.com

CHURCH NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Youth Summer Bible Camp

Senior High CAMP EAGLE Group Adventure Camp: June 17-22

There is still room for you on this crazy adventure of trust and faith! Do things you didn't think you had the guts to do before, but also learn to rest in the arms of a God who loves you. Don't let money hold you back, as church scholarships are available. Invite a friend. Let's Soar!

Interested In Becoming a Member of St. John?

New Members Class begins April 15th

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member of St. John Lutheran Church, please plan to attend the next New Members Class starting with a Newcomer's Luncheon on April 15th. While the New Members Classes are designed for new members, Pastor Waters welcomes current members of St. John to attend, as well. These classes can serve as an excellent "refresher".

For more information or to register, please visit our 'New Members Class' page on our website under 'Events', or contact Judi Catalon at judi.catalon@gmail.com.







CHURCH NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Wild Game Dinner set for April 28 Walk on the wild side for charity!



St. John's Wild Game Dinner to raise money for local and international charities is set for April 28 at the Kendall County Fairgrounds with doors opening at 4:00 pm. This event features delicious wild game fare, door prizes, silent and live auctions, kids games, and more.

Tickets for the wild game dinner are available on Sunday mornings in the Gathering Pplace and at the church office during the week. Adult tickets are \$25 and include wine and beer, while tickets for children 10 and under are \$5.

Sponsor tables packages are available with seating for eight and include various options to promote the sponsor's business. To find out more visit the dinner web page at https://www.stjohnlutheran.com/church-events/wild-game-dinner/.

To ensure successful silent and live auctions, the event committee is seeking donated items including: hunting and fishing trips, vacation homes, hunting, fishing and camping gear, grills, outdoor fire pits, tickets to sporting and other events, antiques, coins, hunting puppies, wine tours, theme baskets, art and home furnishings, and products from your business. Contact Sharon Pace at church office or via email, pacer@stjohnlutheran.com.

Also, the event committee is seeking volunteers to help with ticket sales, raffle preparation, event set-up, ticket collections, serving, and clean up. Contact Judi Catalon at judi.catalon@gmail.com.

The past several wild game dinner events have raised more than \$404,000. Last year's event raised a record-setting \$70,000 supporting several worthwhile charities including: Christian Job Corps of Kendall County, Hill Country Daily Bread, Golfers Fore Others, Habitat for Humanity, YMCA Scholarship Fund, Kendall County Women's Shelter, Boerne Community Coalition, Military Warriors Support Foundation, Taking It 2 the Streets, Sisters of Sanctuary, Uganda Tree of Life, Honduras Mission Trips for water wells, John Baranski Missionary Fund in Japan, Lutheran Church of South Africa, and the scholarship fund for Lutheran theology.





Hans Wisian, helps at an orphanage in Honduras during the water well drilling project

Visitation MINISTRY

Pastor Mariola Bergquist 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.



Taking It To The Streets April 7, 5pm

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

Volunteer Opportunity!! We need You!!!!

We will be teaming up again with Taking It To The Streets to commune and feed dinner to the homeless in San Antonio.

Come join us as we share God's Love!

We are looking for volunteers to help in the following areas:

- · Servers: We will travel together on church bus to the serving area, leaving St. John at 5:30pm sharp!
- · Pans of Cobbler (to feed 300)
- · Cookies (homemade, placed in single serving bags)
- · Toiletries (travel size)

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

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Jimmie Adam family extends a heartfelt thank you to:

Pastor Mariola for the beautiful funeral service and T.J. Bazzoon for playing the music; Beverly Wagner and committee for the delicious meal you served in the Family Life Center. The sandwiches, salads and desserts were just what we needed. Thank you to all who sent cards and prayers and to those who visited with him during his illness. Each card, prayer, and visit brightened his day.

Your thoughtfulness is deeply appreciated, Kathryn Hurst and Bryan Adam Dear SJLC Family,

Darrell and I thank our Heavenly Father and this dear community of faith for the constant prayers and thoughts during the last 2+ months. Cards, texts, emails, phone calls, meal coupons, and gifts of nourishing food were so appreciated and often the bright spots on the toughest days. Thank you!

Darrell's journey back to good health continues, but our faith is unwavering and we know God's plan is in place.

In Him,
Darrell & Betty Steubing



Senior Member BIRTHDAYS

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

Marjorie Adickes Bill Bauer Carol Straayer Alton Tschirhart

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

APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
EASTER SUNDAY 7am-10am Pancake Breakfast 8am Traditional Service 10:30am Traditional Service 6pm Dominoes	9am Quilting Group 5pm Hermann Sons Dance Classes 6:30 Property Meeting 7pm Mens' Bible Study	10am Alamo Hospice Bereavement 12pm Painting w/Roberta Buckles 6pm American Heritage Girls 6:30pm Congregational Care Committee 6:30pm Worship Committee	9am Bible Study 4 Fellowship Team 9am Women of the Word 2pm the Ukuladies 5:45pm Family Fellowship 6:30pm Choir Practice	9:15am Precept Bible Study	Hill Country Cares 6 Counseling 9am Fabulous Folders	7:30am Walk to 7 Emaus Meeting 5pm Taking It To The Streets
8am Traditional Service 8 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Traditional Service 10:30am Praise Service 11:30am Family Committee Mtg 6pm Dominoes	9am Quilting Group 5pm Hermann Sons Dance Class 6pm Happy Hearts 7pm Mens' Bible Study	6:30am Men's Breakfast 10 & Bible Study 10am Alamo Hospice Bereavement 12pm Painting with Roberta Buckles 6pm Mission Committee 6:30pm Congretational Life 7pm Outreach Committee	9am Bible Study Fellowship Team 9am Women of the Word 2pm The Ukuladies 5:45 Family Fellowship Night 6:30pm Choir Practice	9:15am Precept 12 Bible Study 12pm Lunch Bunch	Right to Life Camp- Camp Chrysalis Hill Country Cares Counseling 9am Fabulous Folders	Right to Life Camp- 14 Camp Chrysalis
Right to Life Camp- Camp Chrysalis 8am Traditional Service 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Traditional Service 10:30am Praise Service 11:30am New Members Lunch 6pm Hand & Foot	11:30am Men's Lunch 16 at Mamacitas 5pm Hermann Sons Dance Class 7pm Mens' Bible Study	7:30am Walk to Emaus 17 Meeting 10am Alamo Hospice Bereavement 12pm Painting with Roberta Buckles 6pm American Heritage Girls 6:45pm Council Meeting	9am Bible Study 18 Fellowship Team 9am Women of the Word 2pm The Ukuladies 5:45 Family Fellowship Night 6:30pm Choir Practice	9:15am Precept 19 Bible Study 6:30pm Eat Out Group	Hill Country Cares 20 Counseling 9am Fabulous Folders 6pm Parents Night Out	5pm Youth Confirmation Banquet
Youth Confirmation Day 22 8am Traditional Service 9:15am Next Step Class 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Traditional & Praise Combined Service 6pm Hand & Foot	5pm Hermann Sons 23 Dance Class 7pm Mens' Bible Study	6:30am Men's Breakfast 24 & Bible Study 10am Alamo Hospice Bereavement 12pm Painting with Roberta Buckles	9am Bible Study 25 Fellowship Team 9am Women of the Word 2pm The Ukuladies 5:45pm Family Fellowship Night 6:30pm Choir Practice	9:30am Days for Girls 26	Hill Country Cares 27 Counseling 9am Fabulous Folders	Wild Game 28 Dinner
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APRIL		APRIL 1 - EAS	TER SUNDAY	APRIL 8	APRIL 15	APRIL 22	APRIL 29	
Acolytes	8:00	Logan Klein		Jake Pearson	Josh Pounds	Logan Klein	Josh Pounds	
		Mallory Klein		Will Pearson	Balie Bowen	Mallory Klein	Jake Pearson	
		Gabe Cook			Gabe Cook			
	10:30	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		Weston Klutts			Hayden Allen	
				Valen Barthel	Libby Townsend	Trevor Agarwal	Weston Klutts	
		Trevor Agarwal			Owen Edwards			
		Hayden Allen			Zachary Gold			
Assisting Ministers	8:00	Dennis Ruck		James Meckel	Doris Beath	Pastor Waters	Doris Beath	
	10:30	Barnie Gavin		Bruce Hoppes	Hunter Craig	Gloria Williams	Barton Graves	
Assisting - Praise	10:30			Michelle Waters	Jennifer Agarwal		Michael Hoeppne	
Lector Readers	8:00	Skip Stefansen		Judy Kuentz	Gloria Williams	Michael Hoeppner	Ron Kalmbach	
Bread Servers	8:00	Mark Alberthal, D	ebbie Welch					
	10:30	Brad Allen, Danna Kohleffel		Lanne Brehmer	Sherry Speir	Sherri Lowrie	Lois Ruck	
Wine Servers	8:00	George Eppinger	Ken Hilleman	Gary Bruehler	Debbie Holman	J.J. Johnson	Alice Pahl	
		Sandy Eppinger	Reidun Hilleman	Carol Bruehler	Susan Naiser	Vernell Johnson	Jean Sheffy	
	10:30	Sharon Pace	Sherri Lowrie	Walter Stroman	Bob Brakey	Stan Walden	Aaron Wyle	
		James Lowrie	Gretchen Allen	Elizabeth Stroman	Sheryl Brakey	Carolyn Walden	Jennifer Wyle	
				Sandra Hegyesi	Mindi Acord	Terry Herrmann	Shirley Carter	
Altar Guild	8:00			Pam Putnam	Pam Putnam	Pam Putnam	Pam Putnam	
	10:30			Shaun Danney	Shaun Danney	Shaun Danney	Shaun Danney	
		Vicki Hanes		Vicki Hanes	Vicki Hanes	Vicki Hanes	Vicki Hanes	
Ushers	8:00	Ron Conant Team		Ron Conant Team	Ron Conant Team	Ron Conant Team	Ron Conant Tear	
	10:30	Tom Hardin Team		Tom Hardin Team	Tom Hardin Team	Tom Hardin Team	Tom Hardin Tear	
Flowers		Easter Lilies		Cookie Rader	Don Hansen			