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From the Pastor's Pen

"Continue steadfastly in prayer... At the same time, pray for us, that God may open to us a door for the Word." (Colossians 4:2-3)

The Gospel story begins and ends with prayer. It begins with Jesus praying 40 days in the Wilderness; it ends with Jesus praying for hours in Gethsemane. The Father sent His Son on a mission. Jesus prepared Himself for that mission by prayer, asking His Father for the guidance and strength to accomplish His will.

Jesus sends us with a mission, too: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them... and teaching them to obey" (Matthew 28:19-20). Like Jesus, we ask for God's strength and guidance in prayer. Our Sunday sermon series is called **40 Days of Prayer**. We're taking a close look at the Lord's Prayer and Martin Luther's teaching on it in his *Small Catechism*. I hope you can join us every Sunday.

I invite you to come every Wednesday, too, for a half-hour of worship with the *Holden Evening Prayer*. This season of Lent is a time of disciplined focus on God. I encourage you to take on a

Lenten discipline like prayer, Bible reading, or fasting; and I remind you that coming together regularly with other disciples will keep the spiritual fires burning hot. The whole point of Lent and these **40 Days of Prayer** is to draw closer to the Lord, so that He can put us to greater use.

How can God put you to use in His Kingdom? Who do you know who doesn't know the Lord? More people will come to church Easter Sunday than any other Sunday of the year. We're pulling out all the stops: an Easter Eggstravaganza on Saturday for the family; a pancake breakfast on Sunday; brass and choir in worship; and a sermon that I promise will clearly and powerfully preach the Good News of Jesus' death and Resurrection. If you're looking for a time to invite someone to church, this is it! So who will you invite? Who will you bring with you? Who are you praying for?

The Gospel story begins and ends with prayer. Let this month of March begin and end with prayer, as well.

- Pastor Eric Waters

A Note on Stewardship

Pride Comes Before the Fall

¹⁷ You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." ¹⁸ But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today. ¹⁹ If you ever forget the LORD your God and follow other gods and worship and bow down to them, I testify against you today that you will surely be destroyed."

- Deuteronomy 8:17-18a

Have you ever noticed that it is easy to depend on God when you are in a crisis? In fact, going through difficult times often strengthens our faith, as we realize that we are not in control and need help.

Unfortunately, the same is often not true when we experience success. When things go well, we can easily start to think that

it is by our own talent, ability, or expertise. Pride creeps in and before you know it, we forget about seeking God's will and start chasing other "gods" of wealth, recognition, or power. Continuing down this path will lead to failure. This failure can bring us to our knees and turn us back to dependence on the Father.

We should each examine our lives to see if we are using the blessings that God has entrusted us to help others or advance His Kingdom. If not, make changes now to realign your life with God's will.

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

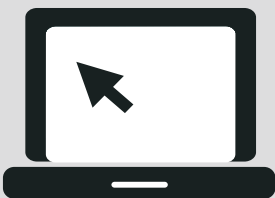
INCOME COMPARISON

Monthly Operating Income	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Through January
2018	\$98,403												\$98,403
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	\$128,517
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	\$116,162
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	\$113,882

ATTENDANCE COMPARISON

Average Weekly Worship	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Average YTD
2018	380												380
2017	380	411	414	462	389	373	353	352	329	386	354	346	380
2016	421	386	477	370	341	376	357	420	383	375	359	527	421
2015	380	403	390	521	370	464	309	367	349	347	364	463	380

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

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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

Know Jesus and Make Jesus Known.

FAMILY³

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 "No Other Gods" by Kelly Minter. 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

Studying 'Killing Jesus: The Unknown Conspiracy' by Stephen Mansfield. See below for more info. Led by Jim Roy.

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

"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

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

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

"Christianity and the Controversies"

Do you enjoy discussing relevant ideas and topics? Do you look for ways to apply your Christian faith in the modern world?

Each week, we discuss how the Bible relates to a variety of historical and current modern issues.

This class meets in the sanctuary after the early service. Led by TJ Bazzoon



Happy Hearts Monday, March 12th • 6pm

"Happy Hearts" will meet on Monday, March 12th at 6pm in the Family Life Center. We will begin with a potluck dinner followed by a slide presentation by Sharon Tschirhart, who will show pictures from St. John's trip to Israel in February 2017.

Sharon says, "I was blessed to go to the Holy Land twice with our St. John group. This last trip we also went to Jordan. It was a true blessing to go to the Holy Land, but to go with my brothers and sisters in Christ made it a blessing on top of a blessing. I would like to share some of the experiences with you in pictures. Also, St. John is considering another Holy Land tour in February of 2019. Come and see through the camera lens what it is like to walk where Jesus walked."

For more information, please contact pastomariola@stjohnlutheran.com.

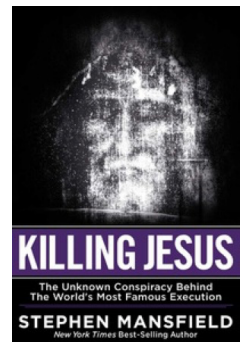
New Monday Night Men's Bible Study

Mondays 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm in the Shepherd House

Our new study will be tackling the book: *Killing Jesus: The Unknown Conspiracy behind the World's Most Famous Execution* by Stephen Mansfield.

This study explores the Gospels as they unveil the events surrounding the crucifixion, A perfect book as we travel through LENT to Jerusalem, the cross & the resurrection!

Join us! You will be glad you did!



Enjoy these pictures from the Happy Hearts "Renewal of Vows Celebration! Pictured is the entire group, the renewal ceremony and 3 St. John couples celebrating more than 60 years together (left to right: Ernie and Beverly Serr, Don and Marj Adickes and Marlene and Don Barnes!) Thanks and congratulations to all who participated!





FAMILY³ MINISTRIES

Know Jesus and Make a Difference

Youth Faith Formation

S³HEEP: students, seeking & serving HIM everywhere, everyday, passionately



Matt Olson, Director of Family Ministries
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WE NEED YOU!!

**WE NEED YOU to PARTICIPATE
and HELP lead in our
Community Outreach Mission:
The Easter Eggstravaganza!**

We will need people on Friday, March 30 to help set up the stage, the craft areas etc. On Saturday, March 31, we will need teams of people manning the various stations, egg hunt etc. **We are going to need at least 50 servant-leaders to make this happen!** Please let Matt or Leslie know if you can be one of them!
Thanks!



Sundays in March

6th & 7th Graders:

GUYS: Know Who God made You to Be: Learning from the Men of the Bible

GIRLS: Know Who God made You to Be: Learning from the Women of the Bible

8th Graders: Students wanting to Affirm their Baptism: Confirmation

Confirmation Journey for Mentors and Youth • Historic Chapel

MAR. 4: Route 3: Faith (My Beliefs)

MAR. 11: Route 4: Purpose (What are my Spiritual Gifts?)

MAR. 18: Route 5: Church (Christ's Body)

MAR 25: Route 6: Service and Growth (The Plan)

9th -12th Graders: The INSANE S.W.E.A.T. Club: 40 Days to a Leaner Spiritual Life

Studying our Bibles

Witnessing to our friends

Encouraging one Another

Acting on what we read

Talking it out with God

Each week we will be practicing, reflecting upon
and encouraging each other to keep going...
He's got us!

Wednesdays in March

Fellowship and Hang-Out starting at 4:30pm in the Shepherd House

March 7: Final Preparations for Coast Mission Trip

March 14: Preparations for the Easter Eggstravaganza

March 21: Reflecting on our Mission Trip to the Coast

March 28: Inviting our neighbors to the Easter Eggstravaganza

Mark your Calendars!

Summer Bible Camp

Senior High Camp Eagle Group Adventure Camp: June 17-22, 2018

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!

How about a weekend camp in April? Teen Life Camp!

April 13-15 at Camp Chrysalis. Your way is paid for anyone aged 14-18 who is willing to have a great time at Camp Chrysalis while learning how to defend or stick up for life in our culture. Enjoy a weekend of campfires, new friends, and discussions with like-minded Pro-Life peers! You can register at TexasRightToLife.com. Questions can be answered by calling 713-782-LIFE, by emailing: StudentCentral@TexasRightToLife.com or by talking to Matt Olson or Vernell Johnson.

MINISTRIES

Make Jesus Known.

FAMILY³

Together, in our Home,
Church and World
Families

Children's Faith Formation



LAMBS³: learning and memorizing Bible stories & songs, and how to serve

Sundays in March

This month's theme goes along the same line as the Sermon series: **Jesus teaches His disciples how to pray. That's us!**

The children will be learning about and practicing the Lord's Prayer.

9:00 a.m. Breakfast in Luther Hall

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Rotational Class time

Wednesdays in March

Following our LENT services, Family Ministries will be providing an opportunity for anyone; but especially for families with young children to gather briefly in the Family Life Center to make something that will reinforce the message of each Wednesday Night service. It will be a few extra moments following church for mom and dad to help bring the message even closer to home for your family.



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

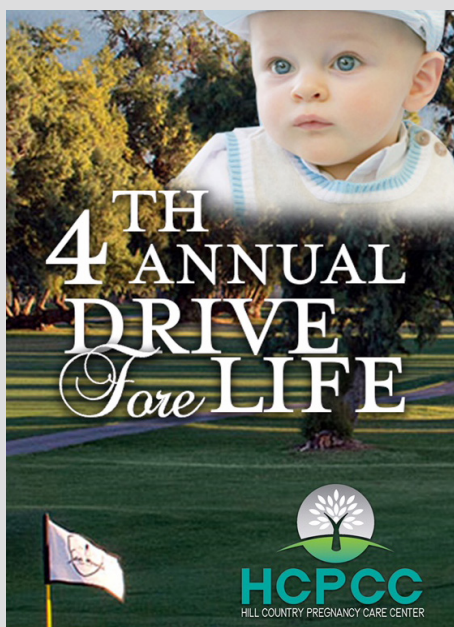
Parents'
**Night
out!**

**Friday, March 16, 2018
6pm - 10pm**

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

**CONTACT:
tiffanyjureczki@hotmail.com**

Important Announcements



**MONDAY, APRIL 2nd
FUNDRAISER AT TOP GOLF**
to benefit Hill Country Pregnancy Care Center

This fundraiser is for Teams of 4 or individual players, with an opportunity for larger groups. This is a fun event for everyone with plenty of time to socialize with your friends, as well as network with others at the fundraiser. No experience or skill necessary to have a great time and a wonderful meal while helping the HCPCC prove that each life is precious and spread the word to future parents.

To learn more about the event or to register:
www.lifesprecious.org.

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.

Classes meet:
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 (830.816.5024) to register or for more information.

Church News & Events

Join Us for our Annual EASTER SUNDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST APRIL 1st



Pancakes, Sausage, Coffee & Orange Juice.
We will serve continuously from
7 am - 10 am in the Family Life Center.

FREE WILL OFFERING.
Sponsored by the St. John Men



Senior Member BIRTHDAYS

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

Betty Gimbel
Bob Magers
Lloyd Markell

Jeanie Theis
Mildred Wilson

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

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.

Blood Drive March 4th

Join us and help make a difference in our
community by helping those in need!

Church Security

In the aftermath of the shootings in
Sutherland Springs, St. John is addressing
our own security protocols to help keep
our congregation safe.

THINK SPRING!

Plan your garden
at the Vineyard!



It's almost time to start gardening.
Reserve your plot at the Vineyard today!
Grow good food and grow friendships as
we seek to reach out to our community!
Contact Grant Meadows at 210-289-3590
for more information and to claim a plot!

WE ARE ON A MISSION



Our **MISSION**: to have you visit our
COMMITTEE table in the Narthex during
March. Please stop by to see what we have
done and what is still to come!

JOIN US!

Palm Sunday - March 25th

Maundy Thursday - March 29th

Worship at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary

Good Friday - March 30th

“Service of Darkness” at 10:00 am in the Historic Chapel and 6:30pm in the Sanctuary

Easter Extravaganza - March 31st

Community Event at 11am with an Easter Egg Hunt, Live Music, Food, Games & More!

Easter Sunday - April 1st

Worship at 8am and 10:30am, Pancake breakfast served from 7am - 10am

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Easter Eggstravaganza

March 31st • 11am

Join us the Saturday before Easter for some family fun! There will be an Easter Egg Hunt, Food, Live Music from the St. John Praise Band, Face Painting, Games and more. *Mark your calendars and invite your friends. This event is for the entire community!*

MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				9:15am Precept Bible Study 7pm Handbell Practice 1	Hill Country Cares Counseling 9am Fabulous Folders 2	Unstuck Planning Retreat 3
Unstuck Planning Retreat 8am Traditional Service 9:15am First Communion Rite 10:30am Traditional Service 10:30am Praise Service 6pm Dominoes 4	9am Quilting Group 5pm Hermann Sons Dance Classes 6:30 Property Meeting 7pm Mens' Bible Study 5	10am Alamo Hospice Bereavement 12pm Painting w/Roberta Buckles 6pm American Heritage Girls 6:30pm Congregational Care Committee 6:30pm Worship Committee 6	9am Bible Study Fellowship Team 9am Women of the Word 2pm the Ukuladies 5:45pm Family Fellowship 6:30 Lenten Services 7pm Choir Practice 7	9:15am Precept Bible Study 12pm Lunch Bunch 7pm Handbell Practice 8	Hurricane Relief Trip- Youth Service Trip Hill Country Cares Counseling 9am Fabulous Folders 9	Hurricane Relief Trip- Youth Service Trip 10
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8am Traditional Service 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Traditional Service 10:30am Praise Service 5pm Cotillion & Etiquette Classes 6pm Hand & Foot 18	11:30am Men's Lunch at Mamacitas 5pm Hermann Sons Dance Class 7pm Mens' Bible Study 19	10am Alamo Hospice Bereavement 12pm Painting with Roberta Buckles 6pm American Heritage Girls 6:45pm Council Meeting 20	9am Bible Study Fellowship Team 9am Women of the Word 2pm The Ukuladies 5:45pm Family Fellowship Night 6:30pm Lenten Services 7pm Choir Practice 21	9:15am Precept Bible Study 7pm Handbell Practice 22	Hill Country Cares Counseling 9am Fabulous Folders 3pm American Heritage Girls Brown Bag 23	24
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MARCH		MARCH 4		MARCH 11		MARCH 18		MARCH 25	
Acolytes	8:00	Jake Pearson		Gabe Cook		Logan Klein		Balie Bowen	
		Will Pearson				Mallory Klein		Gabe Cook	
		Josh Pounds							
	10:30	Trevor Agarwal		Serena Ross		Zachary Gold		Owen Edwards	
		Hayden Allen		Libby Townsend		Valen Barthel		Jaclyn Purchatzke	
		Weston Klutts							
		Sam Waters							
Assisting Ministers	8:00	Doris Beath		Michael Hoepfner		Pastor Waters		James Meckel	
	10:30	Barton Graves		Bruce Hoppes		Chuck Baldwin		Jake Allen	
Assisting - Praise	10:30	Michelle Waters		Jennifer Gold		Matt Olson		Matt Olson	
Lector Readers	8:00	Scott Kramer		Judy Kuentz		Wanda McCarthy		Chuck Baldwin	
Bread Servers	10:30	Frank Bush		Jim Richmond		Lanne Brehmer		Danna Kohleffel	
Wine Servers	8:00	Don Rogers	Joe Ripkin	Cindy Moltz		Karen Schneider		Ken Hilleman	
		Lil Rogers	Phyllis Ripkin	Debbie Welch		Doris Beath		Reidun Hilleman	
	10:30	Mark Danney	Amber Gass	Ken Miltenberger		Dennis Ruck		Ray Pace	
		Shawn Danney	James Lowrie	Anna Miltenberger		Lois Ruck		Sharon Pace	
		Kyle Gass	Sherrie Lowrie	Terry Herrmann		Don Baker		Jennifer Gold	
Altar Guild	8:00	Pam Hegener	Debbie Welch	Pam Hegener	Debbie Welch	Pam Hegener	Debbie Welch	Pam Hegener	Debbie Welch
		Karen Schneider		Karen Schneider		Karen Schneider		Karen Schneider	
	10:30	Sandra Hegyesi	Andrea Wagner	Sandra Hegyesi	Andrea Wagner	Sandra Hegyesi	Andrea Wagner	Sandra Hegyesi	Andrea Wagner
		Claudia Lawson	Beverly Wagner	Claudia Lawson	Beverly Wagner	Claudia Lawson	Beverly Wagner	Claudia Lawson	Beverly Wagner
Ushers	8:00	Cliff Bowen Team		Cliff Bowen Team		David DePriest Team		Cliff Bowen Team	
	10:30	Bob Runion Team		Bob Runion Team		Bob Runion Team		Bob Runion Team	
Flowers						Michael & Jeanine Schuchardt			