

# WE ARE ON A MISSION

at St. John

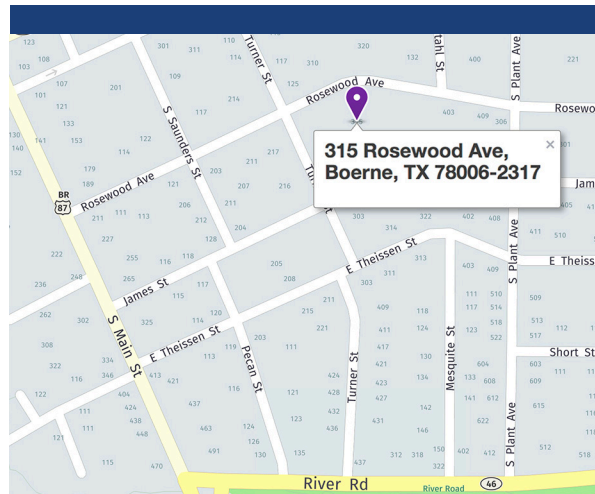
The Mission Committee is responsible for supporting and encouraging local, national, and international missions by enabling them to fulfill our St. John Lutheran Church mission of "Know Jesus. Make Jesus Known." Our committee provides financial support to assist in addressing the spiritual needs of people served by these ministries.

This committee receives 5% of the annual benevolence budget. We then distribute this money to numerous missions after review of each request for financial support to determine that the organization is mission-driven and in agreement with the core values of SJLC.

Once we provide financial support, we continue to maintain communications and relationships with each mission to ensure that their efforts continue to be mission-driven and that our funding is still needed and being used for the intended purpose of Making Jesus Known.



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## MISSION EFFORTS AT ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

The **Mission Committee** is providing financial support for many local, national, and international organizations. We strive to establish and maintain relationships with each mission and ministry receiving our financial support.

### Local Missions:

Special efforts have been made to support local organizations which provide mission services to our members, our neighbors, and our friends in Boerne and surrounding areas. Examples of the local ministries we support include:

- Kendall County Women's Shelter
- Cross Trail Ministry
- Grace House of San Antonio
- Stand By Me Mentoring (thru Hill Country Daily Bread ministry)
- Christian Job Corp of Kendall County
- Sisters of Sanctuary
- Jail Ministries of Kendall and Bandera Counties

### National/International Missions:

In addition to supporting our local organizations, we know that Jesus gave us the Great Commission to "...Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation." (Mark 16:15) Therefore, we also provide support to many missions in our state, nation, and worldwide. Examples of these ministries include the following:

- Oromo Evangelical Church of Houston, Texas
- Kim and John Baranski - Missionaries in Japan
- Evin Schuchardt - Texas A&M Ministry
- Austen Hornung - Texas A&M Ministry
- Reverend Raymond Bush, Missioner and Bishop Elect to Finland
- Faith Comes By Hearing
- Uganda Water Well Projects
- Project Talitha Cumi Girls Home in Honduras

### Members Involved in Ministry

Many of the ministries we support have current or previous members directly involved in the ministry in some way. For example, Kim and John Baranski who are current missionaries in Japan are previous members of SJLC. Several members have traveled to the Talitha Cumi Girls Home in Honduras over the past few years to minister to abused and abandoned girls from Honduras. Current members have traveled to Uganda several times to drill waterwells for villagers who have no access to fresh water. This has enabled our members to share the Good News of Jesus Christ while in these villages. Two young men from our congregation, Evin Schuhardt and Austen Hornung, are currently very involved in Christian ministry to students on the Texas A&M campus and community. Well over 50% of our total funding goes to ministries with members involved in ministry.

### St. John's very own "Mission"

In addition to supporting numerous local to worldwide missions, the Mission Committee is involved in supporting our very own "Mission," St. John Lutheran Church as follows:

- The Mission Committee designed a logo so that our church identity is readily noticed on banners, clothing, car decals, vehicle door signs, media, and correspondence.
- Our committee prepares Visitor Gift Packages for all first-time guests to welcome them and encourage them to return to worship with us.
- The committee helps organize New Member classes and recruit sponsors so that these members feel welcomed and enabled to become active in our ministry immediately.
- Our committee schedules Greeters to provide a warm welcome to all members and guests who attend Sunday morning worship services.
- Our committee manages the Information Desk in the Gathering Place to provide assistance and answer questions for all guests and members.
- We have advertised our church activities with several "hangings" of a street banner across Boerne's Main Street.
- Our committee prepares gift packages providing information and gifts included in Welcome Baskets delivered to new residents in the Boerne area by "BConnected" Welcome Service.

