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## From the Pastor's Pen

For years now, it's been my discipline to get up early in the morning, make myself a cup of coffee, and start the day by reading and reflecting on God's Word.

God spoke to me as I journaled on this verse. I wanted to share those insights with you.

God fed His people as they walked through the Wilderness, giving them manna, the bread from heaven. God feeds us as we walk through life, giving us His Word.

God faithfully fed His people every day of their forty years in the Wilderness. God faithfully "gives us each day our daily bread."

The Hebrews had to go out and gather the manna every morning. God gave it to them by grace, but they had to work to go and get it. God "gives us each day our daily bread," but we have to make the effort to go and gather it in.

If the Hebrews didn't gather the manna in the morning, it melted and they went hungry that day. If we don't read God's Word first thing in the morning, chances are we won't read God's Word at all. It's all too easy to let

the busyness of the day take over, so that our time is taken up doing this, that, or the other. It's all too easy to let the idleness of our flesh take over, so that we

spend hours online, in the newspaper, on the phone, or on the couch. It's all too easy to let other things crowd out the space and take up the time for God's Word. It's all too common that our daily bread grows cold and stale on the plate while we, like Martha, bustle about in the kitchen, "occupied with many things."

God "gives you each day your daily bread." What's keeping you from it? Do you have a plan for reading the Bible every day – a time to read it, a place to read it, a passage of Scripture to read? Take your Bible off the shelf now and put it by your favorite chair. Put a bookmark in the Psalms and read one a day, or in the Gospel of Mark and read a chapter each morning. In the time it took you to read this article, you could have read that Psalm or a passage from God's Word. God "gives you each day your daily bread." Why go hungry? Go and get it!

**"Morning by morning they gathered the manna, as much as each could eat; but when the sun grew hot, it melted."**

**Exodus 16:21**

*- Pastor Eric Waters*

# MESSAGE FROM ST. JOHN'S PRESIDENT

Near the end of a life that spanned nearly 100 years, my grandmother wrote these words in her memoir: "God has plans for each and every one of us. He makes no mistakes." This thought came from a lady who endured more than her share of tragedy, yet never looked on herself as a victim. She still is an inspiration for many of us, despite departing earthly life 25 years ago.

I think of those words when the people of St John consider our future. We wonder about God's plans for us; sometimes we even wonder why we are here. We have

many blessings, that is most certainly true. We always rejoice over the gifts of time, talent, and treasure at St John. And in our prayers of thanksgiving, we also ask for wisdom to understand God's plan for us. Confidently, we know that He makes no mistakes.

Looking at our past, what a wonderful, awesome heritage we have! St John will celebrate our 90th anniversary next year, a historic milestone that our forebears could not have imagined. They were tough, bold, determined. And their legacy surrounds us today.

We pray unceasingly, for God to provide us confidence and boldness. We are sure He is not showing us the path of comfort and ease, but rather the stress and spur of true challenge. Not a timid approach, but one of courage and imagination.

It is an exciting time for St John. May we always respect and honor the past, while we boldly plan the future.

St. John Congregation President,  
Scott Kramer

## A NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

### Owner or Manager?

King David is reminding us in this Psalm that God is creator and owner of everything. He is the source of all good things. We are not. God wants us to be stewards of His creation and everything that He provides for us.

Too often we start to act as owners, and not managers of what God has entrusted to us. This can quickly lead us down the

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for He founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters."  
- Psalm 24:1-2

path of greed, selfishness, and envy. Instead, we should seek God's will when taking care of His resources. We should use our God given talents for His glory, not our own. When we make ourselves available, He can

accomplish far more through us than we ever could on our own.

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 March
2018	\$98,403	\$105,044	\$92,291										\$295,738
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	\$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

### ATTENDANCE COMPARISON

Average Weekly Worship	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Average YTD
2018	380	358	385										374
2017	380	411	414	462	389	373	353	352	329	386	354	479	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	463	391



# FAMILY<sup>3</sup> MINISTRIES

*Know Jesus and Make Jesus Known.*

**FAMILY<sup>3</sup>**

Together, in our Home,  
Church and World  
Families

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION NEWS

### Ladies' Bible Study

#### PRECEPT

BIBLE STUDY CLASS

**ON BREAK FOR SUMMER**

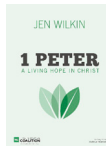
Led by Pastor Mariola  
Bergquist

#### 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: "Aging and Ministry in the 21st Century",  
and Inquiry Approach. Led by Lanne Brehmer

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



### Happy Hearts Monday, May 14th • 6pm

In May "Happy Hearts" will meet on  
Monday, May 14th at 6:00 pm for a  
potluck and a bunco party.

Danna Kohleffel and Doris Beath will be  
the leaders of the event.

"Happy Hearts" will be taking a summer  
break (June- August). Our meetings will  
resume in September.

If you have any questions, please  
contact Pastor Mariola at  
[pastomariola@stjohnlutheran.com](mailto:pastomariola@stjohnlutheran.com).

### Monday Night Men's Study Men's Study

We will be continuing to watch and discuss presentations by Jordan B. Peterson, a University  
Professor from Canada who speaks to the miracles and challenges of the "Christian" West today.  
Join us Monday evenings at 7pm in the Education Wing, Room #119

For more information, check out this website: <https://jordanbpeterson.com/about/>

### 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.

Classes meet:

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

Call the Alamo Hospice office at 830.816.5024 to register or for more information.

### May Committee of the Month: Outreach Committee

The Outreach committee will be the  
Committee of the Month with a table set  
up in the Narthex every Sunday in May.  
Stop by to see what this committee is up  
to and how you can get involved!

### DONATIONS NEEDED!

The Outreach committee will be collecting food donations every Sunday in  
May at their committee table. These items are being collected for the BCC  
(Boerne Community Coalition) Summer Lunch Program, which provides  
lunches for the needy kids in Boerne.

Stop by the Outreach table in the Narthex in May to learn more!





# FAMILY<sup>3</sup> MINISTRIES

Know Jesus and Make a Difference



Matt Olson, Director of Family Ministries  
Email: [matt@stjohnlutheran.com](mailto:matt@stjohnlutheran.com)  
Cell: 830-388-1550

## YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

### S<sup>3</sup>HEEP:

students, seeking & serving HIM everywhere, everyday, passionately

### Sundays in May

#### SPRING SMORGASBORD CLASSES

MAY 6th, 13th, 27th:

#### LEGO & Let God

Vacation Bible School preparation: Help with planning, crafts, skits, music etc. Yes, using Legos too! Each Sunday we will be building and practicing. We need all kinds of gifts and skills to make this happen. VBS June 11 - 15

Meet in the  
Historic Chapel

#### Finding God at the Movies

It might be obvious in some movies where Biblical themes are being shared, but sometimes in not so obvious ways too. Test your discernment capabilities and enjoy some scenes from some good movies too.

Meet in the  
Education Wing

#### Incredible Faith

Summer Feeding Time openings for the lambs<sup>3</sup> will be done via skits & song. We need students who will be a part of that action. Also, craft makers and Bible story tellers will be needed. We need youth doing ministry...share your God given gifts!

Meet in the  
Shepherd House

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### Sr. Recognition Sunday Sunday, May 20th

Graduates are encouraged to help with the planning and leading of this service and will be meeting on the previous Sundays, starting April 29th at 9:30am.

A special class meal with Family<sup>3</sup> members will be worked on as well.

#### Newsboys Concert Thursday, May 3

A few extra tickets were purchased for this event. First come, first served if you want to go. We will be leaving around 5:30pm for this 7pm concert in San Antonio.

#### Youth Summer Bible Camp Sr. High Camp Eagle: June 17-22

Yes, there still are some more spots 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!

### MAY 20th:

**SPECIAL GUEST** for a Middle School, High School & Parent Gathering!!!  
**Dr. Rich Melheim** will be **preaching and teaching** this day along with holding a **Parent & Youth Forum** where he will be encouraging us to be Families<sup>3</sup> of faith! Meeting in the Family Life Center at **9:15am**.

### Wednesdays in May

Due to school final projects and tests there will be **NO "youth" gatherings for the month of May on Wednesday night**. For those who do have the time, Wednesday evenings will be a night of preparation for the upcoming VBS program as well as the Summer Sunday School ministry plan.

Volunteer to help with  
**Vacation Bible School - June 11-15**



Register online at [www.stjohnlutheran.com](http://www.stjohnlutheran.com) under 'Events' and 'Vacation Bible School' or email Leslie Dominguez at [leslie@stjohnlutheran.com](mailto:leslie@stjohnlutheran.com)

# MINISTRIES

*Make Jesus Known.*

## FAMILY<sup>3</sup>

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Families

## CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

### LAMBS<sup>3</sup>:

learning and memorizing Bible stories, songs and service

#### Sundays in May

Do you like mysteries and surprises?  
Each Sunday in May will hold something  
different. Each will be a surprise, so you'll  
have to come and see!

Together we will grow in friendship and  
God's Word.

9:00 a.m. Breakfast in Luther Hall

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Rotational Class time

#### Wednesdays in May

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

Adult Shepherds are needed. Please talk to  
Leslie to see how you can help or email her:  
leslie@stjohnlutheran.com.

There will be No Children gatherings on  
Wednesdays but adults and older students  
who want to help with these preparations.



Check out the North American  
Lutheran Church's Home  
devotional by going to:  
[www.holyfamilytime.com](http://www.holyfamilytime.com)

Parents'  
**Night  
out!**

Friday, May 18, 2018  
6pm - 10pm

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

CONTACT:  
tiffanyjureczki@hotmail.com

## Thank you to all who participated in the Easter Eggstravaganza!

This Community Outreach Event was a huge success thanks to all the volunteers.  
We appreciate you all!





# CHURCH NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

## 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.



## Senior Member BIRTHDAYS

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

Elmer Bergmann Pearl Hillrichs

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

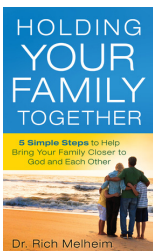
## Sunday, May 20th Lunch & Afternoon Presentation Dr. Rich Melheim

### *Preaching and Teaching on the Importance of Intergenerational and Family Ministry*

Dr. Rich Meheim is an entrepreneur, author, semiotician, cartoonist, comedian, speaker, publisher, playwright, songwriter, family counselor, business systems consultant, preschool designer, and student of the human brain. He is also an ordained Lutheran pastor.



Rich has invested his ministry in creating education systems that pull parents into the core of children, youth and family systems “every night in every home”. He founded Faith Inkubators and the Cross+Gen Movement. He has written 24 books, produced 24 Scripture music albums, created 7 stage plays, and thousands of skits and resources for children, youth, family and Cross+Generational ministry.



**Come hear him preach at St. John's Sunday Services. Then enjoy a lunch and afternoon presentation on the importance of intergenerational and family ministry.**

**This is one you won't want to miss!**

We are asking that those who plan to attend the meal and the afternoon presentation pick up a ticket before the event to help us plan for everyone interested! Tickets are available at the Info Desk and in the Church Office.

*Thank You*

**Thank you everyone for helping support Taking It 2 The Streets (TI2TS) in April!**

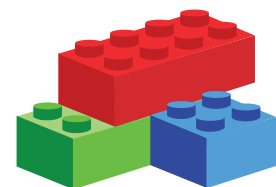
Thanks to your generous support over 100 of our neighbors in need enjoyed a special meal and Christian fellowship.

Special thanks to the Grill Team for preparing the great meal, the youth who prepared the cobblers, and Don Baker our bus driver.

We will be scheduling another opportunity for St John to support another Saturday meal in the late summer. If you have any questions on how you might support TI2TS or get more involved in St John Outreach activities please contact Bob Moriarty at:  
themoriartys@earthlink.net



## WE NEED LEGOS!



**We are looking for people to donate legos for Vacation Bible School!**

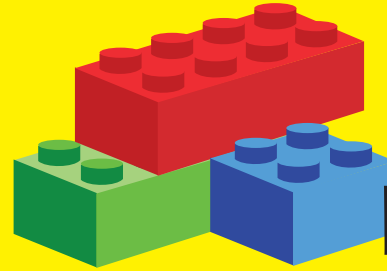
**Big legos, small legos, red legos, all legos!**

Please drop them by the church office and Thank You for helping!

# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Vacation Bible School June 11-15, 9am-Noon

For every house is built by someone, but the  
builder of all things is God -Hebrew 3:4



## LEGO and Let God!

## Register OnLine Today!

Register online at [www.stjohnlutheran.com](http://www.stjohnlutheran.com) under 'Events' and 'Vacation Bible School' or  
email Leslie Dominguez at [leslie@stjohnlutheran.com](mailto:leslie@stjohnlutheran.com)

## MAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		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 Fellowship Team 9am Women of the Word 2pm The Ukuladies 6:30pm VBS Prep 6:30pm Choir Practice	5:30pm Newsboys Concert in SA (leave church at 5:30pm) 7pm National Day of Prayer	Hill Country Cares Counseling 9am Fabulous Folders	
Acolyte Training in the Sanctuary 8am Traditional Service 9:15am Next Step Class 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Traditional Service 10:30am Praise Service 6pm Dominoes	9am Quilting Group 5pm Hermann Sons Dance Class 6:30pm Property Meeting 7pm Mens' Bible Study	6:30am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 10am Alamo Hospice Bereavement 12pm Painting with Roberta Buckles 6pm Mission Committee 6:30pm Congregational Life 7pm Outreach Committee	9am Bible Study Fellowship Team 9am Women of the Word 2pm The Ukuladies 6:30pm VBS Prep 6:30pm Choir Practice	12pm Lunch Bunch	Hill Country Cares Counseling 9am Fabulous Folders	
<b>MOTHER'S DAY</b> 8am Traditional Service 9:15am Next Step Class 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Traditional Service 10:30am Praise Service	9am Quilting Group 5pm Hermann Sons Dance Class 6pm Happy Hearts 7pm Mens' Bible Study	10am Alamo Hospice Bereavement 12pm Painting with Roberta Buckles 6pm American Heritage Girls 6:45pm Council Meeting	9am Bible Study Fellowship Team 9am Women of the Word 2pm The Ukuladies 6:30pm VBS Prep 6:30pm Choir Practice	6:30pm Eat Out Group	Hill Country Cares Counseling 9am Fabulous Folders 6pm Parents Night Out	Cross Generational Gathering - Dr. Rich Melheim (Church Leadership) Graduate Banquet
<b>Dr. Rich Melheim</b> 8,10:30 Graduate Recognition 8am Traditional Service 8am, 10:30am New Member Rite 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Traditional Service 11:30am Luncheon followed by Presentation by Dr. Rich 6pm Hand & Foot	Cross Generational Gathering 11:30am Men's Lunch at Mamacitas 5pm Hermann Sons Dance Class 7pm Mens' Bible Study	6:30am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 10am Alamo Hospice Bereavement 12pm Painting with Roberta Buckles	9am Bible Study Fellowship Team 9am Women of the Word 2pm The Ukuladies 6:30pm VBS Prep	9:30am Days for Girls	Hill Country Cares Counseling 9am Fabulous Folders	
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MAY		MAY 6		MAY 13	MAY 20	MAY 27
Acolytes	8:00	Logan Klein		Josh Pounds	Logan Klein	Josh Pounds
		Jake Pearson		Balie Bowen	Jake Pearson	Gabe Cook
	10:30	Valen Barthel		Weston Klutts	Serena Ross	Jaclyn Purchatzke
		Sam Waters		Owen Edwards	Mayah Morrison	Weston Klutts
		Trevor Agarwal			Sam Waters	
		Hayden Allen			Trevor Agarwal	
Assisting Ministers	8:00	Doris Beath		Michael Hoepfner	Pastor Waters	Barnie Gavin
	10:30	Chuck Baldwin		Jake Allen	Hunter Craig	Bruce Hoppes
Assisting - Praise	10:30	Matt Olson		Matt Olson	Michael Hoepfner	Jennifer Agarwal
Lector Readers	8:00	Jennifer Kuentz		Andra Wisian	Steve Garnsey	Patricia Evans
Bread Servers	8:00					
	10:30	Bart Graves		Lanne Brehmer		Lanne Brehmer
Wine Servers	8:00	Randy Evans	Scott Kramer	Jennifer Kuentz	Youth-Led Services:	Debbi Jordan
		Patrician Evans	Diane Kramer	Marci Schneider	The Youth of St. John	Hannah Jordan
	10:30	Richard Wagner	David Blackburn	Frank Arnold	will be serving	Brandt Klutts
		Beverly Wagner	Janet Blackburn	Ted Kohleffel	at both services	William Mayo
		Kent Grist		Danna Kohleffel		James Meckel
Altar Guild	8:00	Gary & Carol Bruehler		Gary & Carol Bruehler	Gary & Carol Bruehler	Gary & Carol Bruehler
		George & Sandra Eppinger		George & Sandra Eppinger	George & Sandra Eppinger	George & Sandra Eppinger
	10:30	Shay Knippa		Shay Knippa	Shay Knippa	Shay Knippa
		Marcy Voss		Marcy Voss	Marcy Voss	Marcy Voss
Ushers	8:00	Skip Stefansen Team		Skip Stefansen Team	Skip Stefansen Team	Skip Stefansen Team
	10:30	Jason Daniels Team		Jason Daniels Team	Jason Daniels Team	Jason Daniels Team