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From the Pastor's Pen

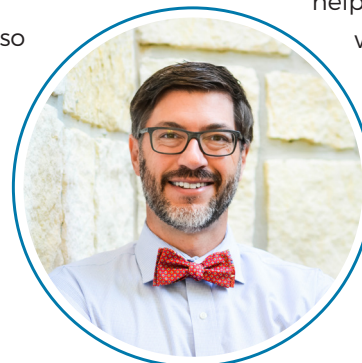
As our children and grandchildren are getting ready for a new school year, our church is getting ready for a new worship schedule. Beginning on **August 19th**, all of our worship services will be in the Sanctuary: 8:00 Traditional, 9:30 Praise, and 10:45 Traditional. The change allows the pastors to be present in all services from beginning to end and gives each service the leadership it deserves. It also opens up the Family Life Center to host our Food & Fellowship gathering from 9-9:30 am and our Children's Sunday School from 9:30-10:30 am. The Adults, like the Youth, will meet in the Education Wing. Beginning August 19th, the whole church family will "meet in the same building on the same block." It's a big step toward our vision for St. John Lutheran Church.

Another big step is just around the corner. We launch into *The Story* on **September 9th**. *The Story* is an abridged, chronological version of the Bible in the easy-to-read NIV translation. God has given His Word to us, but sometimes we find it hard to read and

even harder to understand. We'll invest the next nine months making it easier for you and your family. Adults, teens, children, and preschoolers will each have their own age-appropriate copy of *The Story*, and we'll all read the same parts of the Bible at the same time. Pastor Bergquist and I will preach that same lesson from the pulpit. We want to help parents talk about the Bible with their kids; grandparents study God's Word with their grandkids. We want to make disciples in our families.

God's Word has power. Jesus says, "If you abide in my Word, you are truly my disciples. You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8:31-32). It is my expectation that God will work powerfully in our lives as we spend this next year in His Word. It is my hope that reading *The Story* together as a church will build the discipline of reading the Bible on your own.

We're taking big steps toward our vision these next few weeks. I'm excited to see what God will do in our church this year!



- Pastor Eric Waters

MESSAGE from the CONGREGATION PRESIDENT

The people of St. John gathered for a Town Hall meeting on July 8, between worship services. Questions asked and answered, opinions offered and considered. Even a joke or two. An enjoyable time of socializing and thoughtful consideration of St. John's future.

Aside from the Town Hall, I am often asked about our plans for buildings, especially those across Turner Avenue. For example, we need to provide an attractive space for our youth. Well, the first step in answering those questions is to define the big picture. We do have a Facilities Master Plan, but it is 9 years old. So, on July 17th the Council

voted to engage an architect for an update of the Plan. To be clear, the Plan does not make any decisions about specific buildings. However, it does define a framework for us to make those important decisions. Once the Plan is updated, then we can carefully decide on specific property. Importantly, these processes involve all the people of St John.

God has given St. John amazing gifts. We have a membership that is rich with talented people, women and men from all walks of life, who serve the church with their abundant skills. It is truly inspiring to see such vast and varied talents in our Lord's service. When we

talk about offerings of time and talent, this is exactly what we mean.

And, of course, we are blessed with a 90 year heritage from our ancestors, who founded the church, nurtured it through tough times, and seized opportunities to grow. They sacrificed for the church, and their legacy surrounds us today. Now, we follow in their footsteps, as we thoughtfully consider our future path. We pray for boldness, skill, wisdom, and selfless sacrifice among leaders and members. May God continue to bless St. John with these abundant gifts.

St. John Congregation President,
Scott Kramer

A NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

Focus on Eternity

16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. 17 For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. 18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.
- 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

These words of encouragement remind us that our present conditions (good or bad) are temporary. As Christians, we can look forward to eternity in the presence of God. So, we should not be

discouraged by our current struggles. We should also not be consumed with chasing prosperity in this life. Our time on earth is better spent by growing our relationship with Christ and bringing

others to Him. We should fix our eyes on eternity and use our time and resources to spread the gospel. Can you imagine the impact we would have if everyone spent the same amount of energy studying and sharing God's Word as we do on our hobbies, surfing the internet, or updating social media? Ask yourself: What has more value? We would be wise to invest in our eternal relationship with Christ.

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 June
2018	\$98,403	\$105,044	\$92,291	\$137,611	\$90,598	\$83,467							\$607,414
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	\$577,864
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	\$509,595
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	\$542,317

ATTENDANCE COMPARISON													
Average Weekly Worship	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Average YTD
2018	380	358	385	454	365	357							383
2017	380	411	414	462	389	373	353	352	329	386	354	479	405
2016	421	386	477	370	341	376	357	420	383	375	359	527	395
2015	380	403	390	521	370	464	309	367	349	347	364	463	421



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

Every Thursday 9:15am

Studying the Book of Acts. Led by Pastor Mariola Bergquist

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

BIBLE STUDY CLASS

Wednesdays 9-10:30 am
ON BREAK IN AUGUST

A new study will begin in September. 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

We will continue our study on the Gospel of John. See below for the schedule.



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

"Faith Steps" Room 215: A video-based Bible study for parents focusing on how to confidently teach your children about God. Led by George Klein

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



Happy Hearts September 10th at 6pm

Our first meeting after our summer break will be on Monday, September 10th at 6pm for a potluck dinner in the Family Life Center. Following dinner, Sharon Tschirhart will present a program on "Forensic Behavioral Profiling" based on many years of her experience in this field. Please join us for a night of fellowship and interesting information.

"Happy Hearts" is a fun and fellowship group for retirees or anyone nearing retirement age and it meets at St John on the second Monday of the month from 6pm - 8pm.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Mariola at pastormariola@stjohnlutheran.com.

Precept Resumes Class on September 6th at 9:15am

"Precept" Bible study for women will resume their classes on September 6, 2018 at 9:15 am in room #118. This fall we will be studying the Book of Acts. For more information and sign up, please contact: pastormariola@stjohnlutheran.com

GOD TALK: Have you ever wondered about the Book of Revelation?

What can all those horrible images possibly say to our Christian faith? There is so much more to the vision John received on the island of Patmos; it is filled with lessons for every Christian to prepare our hearts and lives for the promises that God has already fulfilled and will finally fulfill for His people. **Join us in God Talk, Room 119 in the Education Wing at 9:15 on Sundays beginning on August 26th as we discuss God, the Church and the End Times.** We'll begin with the Book of Daniel and then move on to Revelation. We'll learn that it isn't so frightening after all.

Monday Night Men's Study on the Gospel of John. 7pm in the Shepherd House

August 6th: Chapters 8 & 9 Guilty and Blind: Jesus Redeems and Gives Sight

August 13th: Chapters 10 & 11 Our Shepherd Leads and gives New Life

August 20th: Chapters 12 & 13 The Importance of Feet

August 27th: Chapters 14 & 15 Christ our Source

Men of St. John and Beyond:

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 15th for a SPECIAL Men's Breakfast at 8am in the Family Life Center. The guest presenter will be Bill Loveless.

Watch for more details to come.

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 Kronosky Place and **Tuesdays at 10am** at St. John

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



FAMILY³ MINISTRIES

Know Jesus and Make Him Known



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

Middle-School Events 6th-8th Graders:

Back-to-School Party Sunday, August 26 5pm-8pm

Please contact Marissa Klein 210-393-4653 or Gretchen Allen 713-851-2752 if you have questions or would like to help participate in organizing of this event.

Middle School Confirmation will be on Wednesday evenings as a part of our Cross-Generations Gatherings:

Starts September 12th

24 HOUR YOUTH ALPHA RETREAT

**Saturday, August 11th at
Noon until Noon on
Sunday, August 12th**

Mystery Trips throughout the day with overnight and conclusion here at St. John. Topics we will be covering:
#7 Spirit: Who Is the Holy Spirit and What Does He Do? #8 Fill: How Can I Be Filled with the Spirit? #9 Evil: How Can I resist Evil? #10 New Life: How Can I make the Most of the Rest of My Life?

For registration and more information contact Matt!

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

S³HEEP:

students, seeking & serving HIM everywhere, everyday, passionately

Sundays in August - 9:30-10:20am - Room #213

Feeding Time (Feeding on God's Word)

AUGUST 5: ALPHA #7 Spirit: Who is the Holy Spirit and what does He do?

AUGUST 12: ALPHA #10 New Life: How Can I make the Most of the Rest of My Life

AUGUST 19: ALPHA #11: Healing: Does God Heal Today?

AUGUST 26: ALPHA #12: Telling Others: How and Why Do I Tell Others?

Wednesdays in August

6:00pm meal in the Family Life Center, 6:30pm YouTube and Discussion in Room #213. Done by 8:00pm.

AUGUST 1: ALPHA #6 Bible: Why and How Do I Read the Bible?*

AUGUST 8: SPECIAL EVENT! JOIN US FOR THE SURPRISE!

AUGUST 15: ALPHA #10 New Life: How Can I make the Most of the Rest of My Life

AUGUST 22: ALPHA #11: Healing: Does God Heal Today?

AUGUST 29: ALPHA #12: Telling Others: How and Why Do I Tell Others?

Coming Sundays starting September 9th:

The whole family. The whole Bible. The whole year.

THE STORY

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Coming Wednesdays: starting September 12th

Cross-Generations: Our teaching focus...The Apostles Creed

We will gather each Wednesday with food, friendship, teaching, service and worship for all ages! **Be a part of this Sacred Experiment!**

6:00 p.m. Food & Fellowship in the Family Life Center

6:30 p.m. Cross-Generations begins!

7:30 p.m. Taking it home!

MINISTRIES

Make Jesus Known.

FAMILY³
Together, in our Home,
Church and World
Families



Leslie Dominguez,
Child Ministries Coordinator
Email: leslie@stjohnlutheran.com
Cell: 210-882-2580

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



Parents'
**Night
out!**

**Friday
August 17th, 2018
6pm - 10pm**

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

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CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

LAMBS³:

learning and memorizing Bible stories, songs and service

Sundays in August

God does incredible things when we put our faith in Him

We continue our look at heroes of faith in the Bible and discover what we can learn from them!

AUGUST 5: Bravery Girl - Faith means doing the right thing even when it's scary.

AUGUST 12: Builder Man - Have faith, even when you are opposed by others.

AUGUST 19: The Mightiest Hero of All - Put your faith in Jesus.

AUGUST 26: Bible Story Hero Review

THROUGH AUGUST 12th:

9:00 am Breakfast in Luther Hall

9:15 am Sunday School Opening

9:30 am Class time

STARTING AUGUST 19th:

9:00 am Food & Fellowship in the Family Life Center

9:30 am Children's BLAST begins! (Bible Learning and Sharing Time)

Children's Sunday School will now be called

blast!

bible learning and sharing time

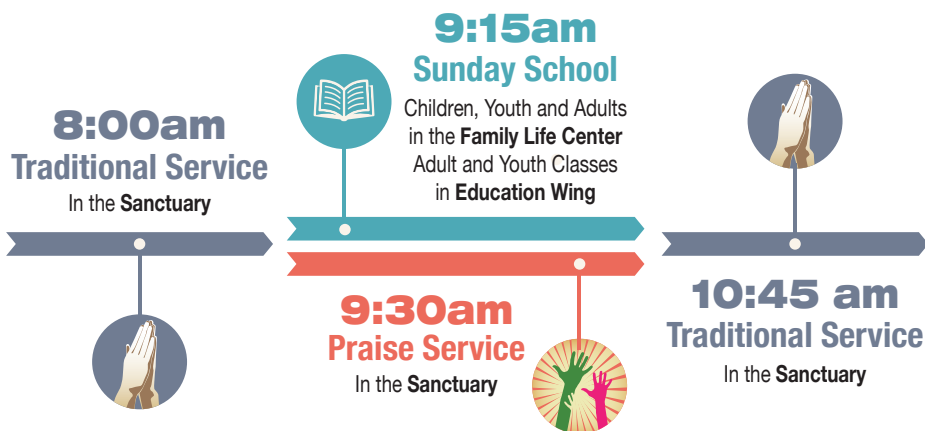
Kids, are you ready to have a BLAST on Sundays?! Starting August 19th we will be meeting in the Family Life Center instead of Luther Hall (9-10:30am). In our **Bible Learning And Sharing Time** (formerly known as Sunday School) you can have breakfast with your parents; engage in fun activities; join in song and dance; hear and experience the Bible story for the day, meet in small groups to discuss how the Bible story can be related to our lives, as well as do an art activity, pray together and who knows what else?! What do you say? **Join us.. it will be a BLAST!**

FOR ALL AGES

Would you like to be a part of a SACRED EXPERIMENT? Plan now to be a part of our Cross-Generational Gatherings on Wednesday Nights, September 12th through November 14th. We are intentionally seeking to mix the ages as together we share in a meal, fellowship, learning, worship and service. Prayerfully consider being a part of this exciting Journey in Faith! Watch for more information to come!

CHURCH NEWS

NEW WORSHIP SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE **AUGUST 19th**



BEGINNING AUGUST 19th:

- All Services will be held in the Sanctuary
- All Education (Adult, Youth, Children) will be located in the Main Building/Education Wing
- **EVERYONE IS TOGETHER** - Children no longer need to leave the Main Building.
- The Family Life Center will be opened up to use for family, children, fellowship, intergenerational gatherings, and other events, as was originally intended.

Congratulations to Pastor Schulte, St. John's "Pastor Emeritus"

61 years ago he heard the calling. Henry Schulte felt the pull to be a pastor. His education began at Texas Lutheran College in Sequin, continued at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio, and he was ordained in 1965. Since then, he served at churches in Shelby, Fayetteville, San Antonio and Kerrville. He also worked as head of personnel and oversaw 250 congregations with 350 pastors in Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana before being elected bishop of the Southwestern Texas Synod of the Evangelical Church in America. The opportunity to come to Boerne appeared in 1994 at St. John Lutheran Church and it was a blessing for all involved.

During his 21 years of service at St. John, the congregation outgrew the small, historic chapel and Pastor Schulte worked to raise money to build a new sanctuary. He supervised the construction of the Sanctuary, Family Life Center and Administration wing, while doing the same several years later when the Education wing was built.

On June 20, 2015, Pastor Schulte retired - 50 years after his ordination. Last month he was recognized and honored as Pastor Emeritus at St. John Lutheran Church.



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 August**

Bill Felps	Ernie Serr
Roger Hemminghaus	Gert Sousa
Elizabeth Markell	Bernice Stolte
Lillian McConnell	

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

Reflections from our Youth Camps this Summer...



Thank You

We thank everyone for the prayers and show of support in our time of grief. We thank the Lord for our church family and their caring hearts. Kyle's parents and siblings are doing as well as can be expected at this time.

Sharon & Raymond Pace

UPCOMING EVENTS

Taking It 2 The Streets

Taking It 2 The Streets will be heading to San Antonio on Saturday, October 6th. Mark your calendars now and watch for more information to follow!



Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity will be held on September 28th and 29th. Mark your calendars now and watch for more information to follow!



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COME ALONG ON A 31 WEEK JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE.

Sundays September - May

'The Story' is an abridged, chronological version of the Bible presented in a simple, easy-to-understand way. This year, St. John will take a church-wide journey to discover how our story fits into His. Together, we will support each other and grow in His Word, as we hear of God's love and His plan for our lives.

AUGUST

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			6pm Youth Alpha 1	6:30pm Worship Committee 2	8am Hill Country Crisis Counseling 9am Fabulous Folders 3	4
8am Traditional Service 5 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Traditional Service 10:30am Praise Service 6:00pm Dominoes	6:30pm Property Meeting 6 7pm Mens' Bible Study	10am Alamo Hospice Bereavement 7 6:30pm Congregational Care Committee	6pm Youth Alpha 8	9	8am Hill Country Crisis Counseling 9am Fabulous Folders 10	Youth Alpha Retreat 11
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8am Traditional Service 19 9:15am Sunday School 9:30am Praise Service 10:45am Traditional Service 6pm Hand & Foot	11:30am Men's Lunch at Mamacita's 20 7pm Mens' Bible Study	10am Alamo Hospice Bereavement 21 7pm Council Meeting	6pm Youth Alpha 22	23	8am Hill Country Crisis Counseling 9am Fabulous Folders 24	25
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AUGUST		AUGUST 5		AUGUST 12	AUGUST 19	AUGUST 26
Acolytes	8:00	Karl Gass		Trevor Agarwal	Karl Gass	Jaclyn Purchatzke
		Logan Klein		Luke Wyle	Jake Pearson	Serena Ross
	10:30	Maci Wehrmann		Sam Waters	Taylor Burke	Hayden Allen
		Hayden Allen		David Waters	Annie Townsend	Zachary Gold
		Mayah Morrison				
		Valen Barthel				
Assisting Ministers	8:00	Doris Beath		James Meckel	Michael Hoeppe	Pastor Waters
	10:30	Bart Graves		Jake Allen	Barnie Gavin	Hunter Craig
Assisting - Praise	10:30	Matt Olson		Sophia Waters	--	--
Lector Readers	8:00	Marissa Klein		Jennifer Kuentz	Wanda McCarthy	Gloria Williams
Bread Servers	10:30	Brad Allen		Danna Kohleffel	--	Lois Ruck
Wine Servers	8:00	Ron Kalmbach	Skip Stefansen	Doris Beath	JJ Johnson	Gary Bruehler
		Nancy Kalmbach	Linda Stefansen	Debbie Holman	Vernell Johnson	Carol Bruehler
	10:30	Kyle Gass	Gwen Morris	Minda Acord	Jennifer Gold	Brad Morrison
		Amber Gass	Rene Perez	Shirley Carter	Sandra Hegyesi	Cindy Morrison
		Dave Morris	Lise Perez	Ted Kohleffel	Melva Williamson	Jan Walter
Altar Guild	8:00	Beverly Hernandez		Beverly Hernandez	Beverly Hernandez	Beverly Hernandez
		Carrie Tyner		Carrie Tyner	Carrie Tyner	Carrie Tyner
	10:30	Sherry Speir		Sherry Speir	Sherry Speir	Sherry Speir
		Sara Moldenhauer		Sara Moldenhauer	Sara Moldenhauer	Sara Moldenhauer
Ushers	8:00	Cliff Bowen Team		Cliff Bowen Team	Cliff Bowen Team	Cliff Bowen Team
	10:30	Johnny Moldenhauer Team		Johnny Moldenhauer Team	Johnny Moldenhauer Team	Johnny Moldenhauer Team
Flowers		--		--	Frank & Linda Bush	Jim & Karen Ross