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From the Pastor's Pen

Jesus said to His Apostles, "If you abide in my Word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8:31-32). Jesus promised that if we *abide in His Word* – if we live in the Bible, make it our home, spend time with it day and night – then two things will happen. First, we will *know the truth* about the God who created the world and finally stepped in to save it. Second, *the truth will set us free*. God will work through His Word to change our hearts and transform our lives.



We're going to take God up on His promise this year. Starting **September 9th**, our whole church family will go through the whole Bible together the whole year. We're using a version of the Bible called **The Story**, an abridgment of the Bible in the easy-to-read NIV translation, arranged chronologically so that it reads like a novel. We'll be preaching **The Story** from the pulpit, studying **The Story** in all of your youth and many of our adult classes, and reading **The Story** at home. As we abide in the Word together, God will work in our lives and in our church.

We'll also have the chance to study the faith together on Wednesday evenings. Beginning **September 12th**, I'll be teaching what Luther's *Small Catechism* says about the Apostles' Creed, the foundational statement of who God is and what He has done for us. It's all part of our new **Cross Generational Family Ministry**, when we gather as a church family to share a meal, study the faith, learn from each other in guided conversation, and worship God. I've always loved teaching and look forward to this new way of teaching the faith together, across generations, as a church family.

The month ends with our annual **Congregational Meeting on September 30th**. Come hear what God has done in our church this past year, and where we believe God is leading us to go next year. St. John Lutheran is your church. Come get involved, cast your vote, and have a say in what we do.

- Pastor Eric Waters

MESSAGE from the CONGREGATION PRESIDENT

We are in the dog days of summer. We expect the hot weather, end of summer vacations, lazy summer afternoons, and the Chicago Cubs fading in the pennant race. But, wait! The Cubs are in first place. And we are not seeing lazy afternoons at St John, either.

Yes, there is a lot happening here. Let's take a look.

We have changed the worship schedule for our Sunday mornings, including a refreshed Sunday School program for the children. Check it out, in the Family Life Center, where the children are having a BLAST (Bible Learning And Sharing Time).

The Praise Service is now in the main sanctuary, and what a difference!

Our Bible study program, called *The Story*, begins in September. It gives us a wonderful linkage between the sermons and the Sunday School lessons for all ages. So, parents and grandparents will be on the same page as their children on a weekly basis, with material appropriate for each age group. We are planning the meetings and milestones to update our facilities master plan. There is opportunity for every member of St John to participate in this process. Watch for announcements of key meetings in October and November.

Our annual congregational meeting will be on September 30. There, we will review our progress in St John ministry, vote for Council representatives next year, and approve our operating budget for 2019. Please join us for this important meeting.

Yes, St John is a busy place. But, being busy is not the goal. The goal is to change lives. We rejoice at the fruits of St John ministry, and we press on with our mission. To Know Jesus, and Make Jesus Known, God has provided us with the resources. Let's do it!

St. John Congregation President,
Scott Kramer

A NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

Give Freely

24 One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. 25A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed – Proverbs 11:24-25

This Proverb can seem counterintuitive at first glance. By giving freely, we will gain more? Withholding leads to poverty? How can this be true?

Perhaps it is because one of the reasons God blesses us is so that we can, in turn, bless others. This may be the reason that we prosper in our work – to grow in a spirit of generosity by helping

someone in need. We can be “refreshed” when our hearts are turned from “withholding” to giving. Trust God that you will prosper – either spiritually or financially - when you give to someone He has placed in your life.

Who is in need of your help today? Give freely!

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 July
2018	\$98,403	\$105,044	\$92,291	\$137,611	\$90,598	\$83,467	\$104,972						\$712,386
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	\$681,5244
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	\$591,241
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	\$619,125

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	364						380
2017	380	411	414	462	389	373	353	352	329	386	354	479	397
2016	421	386	477	370	341	376	357	420	383	375	359	527	390
2015	380	403	390	521	370	464	309	367	349	347	364	463	405



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
Beginning September 6

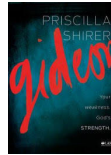
Studying the Book of Acts. Led
by Pastor Mariola Bergquist

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

BIBLE STUDY CLASS

Wednesdays 9-10:30 am
September 5 - October 17

Gideon: Your Weaknesses,
God's Strength. 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 - 9:30 am - 10:30 am

"God Talk" Room 117: 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

"The Story" Room 215: A class for parents led by George Klein. 10 minute DVD lesson
by Randy Frazee, author of *The Story*, with discussion geared toward parents whose
children are studying *The Story* at blast!

"The Story" Room 118: A class for adults led by Richard Wagner. 10 minute DVD
lesson by Randy Frazee, author of *The Story*, with follow up discussion.



Happy Hearts September 10th at 6pm

"Happy Hearts" is a group for ages 60+
that meets monthly on the Second
Monday at 6pm at St John Lutheran
Church in the Family Life Center. We
begin with a potluck dinner followed by a
special program featuring guest speakers,
artists, musicians and presenters. We also
have game nights and take short trips to
see the wonders of Texas.

Please join us on Monday,
September 10, 2018 at 6pm for a
potluck dinner and a presentation
by Sharon Tschirhart on "Forensic
Behavioral Profiling". All are invited.

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

WOMEN'S RETREAT PLANNING MEETING September 20th at 1pm

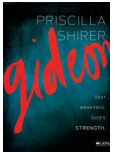
Our next meeting for the January Women's
Retreat will be on September 20th, 1pm
in Pastor Bergquist's office. Contact Peggy
Hoppes at heart2love4god@aol.com for
more information.

Precept Resumes on September 6th at 9:15am

"Precept" women's Bible study resumes on Thursday, September 6, 2018 at 9:15 am in
Room 118. We will be studying the Book of Acts (16 sessions). If you are interested in
participating, please email pastormariola@stjohnlutheran.com to order a book.

Women of the Word New Study: September 5 - October 17

Join us for Priscilla Shirer's 'Gideon: Your Weaknesses, God's Strength'.
Contact Michelle Waters for more information or if you need childcare:
watersmichellejoy@gmail.com



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

SEPT. 3: NO GATHERING (Labor Day)

SEPT. 10: Chapters 16 & 17 Jesus Encourages & Empowers Us

SEPT. 17: Chapters 18 & 19 Betrayal & Death

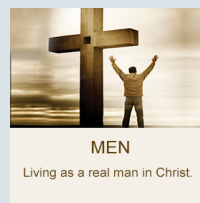
SEPT. 24: Chapters 20 & 21 Resurrection & Restoration

Men of St. John and Beyond:

SPECIAL Bible Study Series happening this
October & November with
SPECIAL Guest Presenter:

Living as a Real Man In Christ will be
Monday Nights 7 - 8:30 .m in Rm #118. Led
by Bill Loveless of Christ is Life Ministries.
(see www.christislifeministries.com to find
out more about Bill
and his encouraging
and practical ministry
Christ has called
him to.)

Plan now to be
a part of it!



Lutheran Men in Mission Retreat

Now is the time to get registered for the
Lutheran Men in Mission Retreat being held
at Camp Chrysalis in Kerrville. The theme is
One Year to Live. See the following link to
hear what men across the country are
saying about this quality event and to
register. **September 15 is early registration**
which will save you some money. (St. John
scholarships are available.) **Deadline to
register is October 8.** This is a great
opportunity for fellowship & growth!
<http://www.lutheranmenin-mission.org/events/one-year-to-live/>

Plan now to be a part of it!





FAMILY³ MINISTRIES

Know Jesus and Make a Difference



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

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

S³HEEP:

students, seeking & serving HIM everywhere, everyday, passionately

Sundays in September - 9:30-10:30am

High School Youth Room #213, Middle School Youth Room #212

Feeding Time (Feeding on God's Word)

SEPT. 2: Youth Alpha #13 Church: What About the Church?

SEPT. 9: *The Story*: Creation

SEPT. 16: *The Story*: Abraham

SEPT. 23: *The Story*: Joseph

SEPT. 30: *The Story*: Moses

Wednesdays in September

*Starting on the 12th: Cross-Generations 6 p.m. Meal 6:30 p.m. Inter-generational learning and worship time right in the Family Life Center. ALL AGES wanted!!!

SEPT. 5: Youth Alpha #13 Church: What About the Church?

SEPT. 12: The Apostles' Creed: *God the Creator*

SEPT. 19: The Apostles' Creed: *God the Preserver*

SEPT. 26: The Apostles' Creed: *God the Provider*

Middle School Confirmation will be on Wednesday evenings, starting September 12th, as a part of our Cross-Generations Gatherings

(see information above.) Also, if and when students cannot make this teaching time, there will be a take home book for parents and students to work through together.

S.O.S. Saturday Of Service: Opportunities to be Christ's hands and feet in this world.

September 8th - 3pm:

Participate in an **Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box** event here at St. John. Hear a speaker and see how you can help make this important ministry happen

September 15th:

Volunteer with Cross-Trails Ministries (Camp Chrysalis & Ebert) by helping with a children's game booth at the **Fall Festival in Fredericksburg**. Go to www.crosstrails.org for more information and who to contact.

September 29th:

Be a part of a **Habitat for Humanity** building day. Watch for more details as well as sign-up information.

**Thanks to all who
participated and helped with
the Youth Alpha
Retreat in August!
A fun time was had by all!**



Youth (s3Heep) Pickle Ball Tournament: Sunday, September 23rd

Meet after church in the gym. Food will be served. Veggie tales will be playing. A Middle School court and a High School court will eventually determine who our doubles Pickle Ball champions are (actually...we'll just have a lot of fun playing around!)



MINISTRIES

Make Jesus Known.

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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
September 21st,
2018
6pm - 10pm

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

CONTACT:
tiffanyjureczki@hotmail.com

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

LAMBS³:

learning and memorizing Bible stories, songs and service

Sundays in September

Within our NEW blast! (Bible learning and sharing time) format, pre-school - 5th graders will be focusing on the same stories that the Pastors will be sharing their sermons on. Everyone will be on the "same page" as we study the Scriptures together!

SEPT. 2: Road to Emmaus
SEPT. 9: The Story: Creation
SEPT. 16: The Story: Abraham
SEPT. 23: The Story: Joseph
SEPT. 30: The Story: Moses

Have a
FAMILY FUN Day by
checking out the Lutheran
Fall Festival in Fredericksburg
on September 15th. Support
Bible Camp Ministries by
taking part as a tourist or
a volunteer!

Children's
Sunday School
is called

blast!

bible learning and sharing time

Kids, are you ready to have a BLAST on Sundays?! We meet every Sunday in the Family Life Center from 9:00am-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-Generations 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!

CHURCH NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 9th!

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

Starting September 9th, our pastors will be preaching *The Story*, 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.

THE STORY



***The Story* is coming to St. John beginning September 9, 2018.** Dive deeper into *The Story* through one of the following Sunday morning opportunities:

9:30 am **Getting To The Heart of God's Story.** A class for adults led by Richard Wagner. 10 minute DVD lesson by Randy Frazee, author of *The Story*, with follow up discussion. Room 118.

9:30 am **Getting To The Heart of God's Story.** A class for parents led by George Klein. 10 minute DVD lesson by Randy Frazee, author of *The Story*, with discussion geared toward parents whose children are studying *The Story* at blast!

10:45 am ***The Story*.** A class for teens and adults interested in learning, applying, and discussing *The Story*. Led by Michael Brundeen.

For more information contact Michelle Waters at watersmichellejoy@gmail.com

Get your books for *The Story*. There is an age appropriate version for every member of the family!

Pick up your book(s) on Sunday, September 2nd and 9th, during the Food and Fellowship time 9-9:30am in the Family Life Center.

Cost of the books: free will offering



GUEST SPEAKER Randy Frazee Sunday, October 7, 2018

Randy Frazee is the author of numerous works including *The Story* and *Believe*, two wildly successful Bible engagement campaigns used by millions of people around the globe. Formerly the senior minister at Oak Hills Church here in San Antonio, Randy is a graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary and currently the Lead Pastor of Westside Family Church in Kansas City, Kansas. He is a leader and innovator in spiritual formation and biblical community.



St. John is very lucky to have Mr. Frazee preaching to our congregation on October 7th during all 3 worship services: 8am, 9:30am, and 10:45am. Join us to hear him preach about *The Story*!

St. John Adults: We Need You!

Be a part of a SACRED EXPERIMENT, mentor and be mentored as you grow with your church family here at St. John!

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Prayerfully consider being a part of this exciting Journey in Faith!

CHURCH NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Habitat for Humanity Build Dates: September 28th and 29th, 2018



Once again this year Saint John Lutheran Church has committed to help fund and build a Habitat home for a family in need in San Antonio. Working in collaboration with other Lutheran Churches, the Lutheran Cluster continues this mission of hope, and works towards giving a family a new life. This year's family is the Htay Mo & Bu Reh family (pictured).



Homeownership through Habitat, is so much more than a safe, affordable home for a family in need. Together we provide families a way to end the desperate cycle of poverty where every day is a struggle to survive. Together we provide hope and share God's love through our dedication and service to those in need. Together we lift up families and communities and make our city a better place for everyone! But this is only possible through the generosity of this congregation!!

We need volunteers for Friday and Saturday, September 28th & 29th. You can sign up to help on both days or just one day. No special skills needed and ages 14 and up are welcome! **THESE ARE ALWAYS FUN DAYS OF SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP!** **TRANSPORTATION AND LUNCH ARE PROVIDED.**

Details: Meet at the church at 6:30 AM. We'll leave by 7am and return to church by 5pm. Please wear comfortable clothes appropriate for the work and weather. Wear items that can get stained, ripped, muddy, paint-spackled, etc. You must wear closed-toed shoes - do not wear flip flops, backless shoes or Crocs. For safety, do not wear loose, oversized clothing or dangling jewelry.

Grow with the Vineyard Community!

Plots are available for fall and winter plantings. Contact Grant Meadows at 210-289-3590.



SAVE THE DATE SEPTEMBER 18, 2018

Annual FUNDRAISING Gala

St. Peter The Apostle, 202 W. Kronkosky St., Boerne, TX
6:00 to 8:00 pm

RESERVE A TABLE NOW

No Cost for Hosting a Table
Invite 8-10 Friends
Table Placement Based Upon
Date Reservation Is Received

Email: hcpcc@lifesprecious.org or call 830-249-9717



Reversing Diabetes/Weight Control With Diet Support Group: September 6th at 6pm

Our next support group meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 6th at 6pm. This group meets the first Thursday of every month with live-streaming on Facebook every 2 weeks. If you need to lower your numbers (pre-diabetes or type 2 numbers can come down fast), come learn about a way of eating that can help! We are a Christian group and believe we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. For more info contact group leader, Sharon Tschirhart at sharontschirhart@gmail.com or cell: 210-215-2976

Be a part of the SonShine Team

For the past year, St. John's SonShine Teams have created a warm and welcoming environment for our members and guests. We want everyone who comes to St. John Lutheran Church to be... **Greeted** - welcomed with a very warm smile and handshake, **Directed** - directed and escorted to where they need to go, if necessary, **Treated** - to FOOD and FELLOWSHIP in the Family Life Center, **Seated** - welcomed into the Sanctuary by Ushers.

If you are currently not involved, but want to volunteer to be a SonShine Team member, please contact Sara Moldenhauer by email: jrmoldenhauer@sbcglobal.net. More information is available at the Information Desk or on our website: www.stjohnlutheran.com.

CHURCH NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

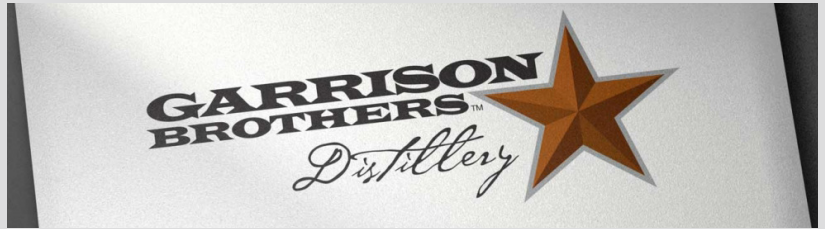
Garrison Brothers Distillery Tour Saturday September 22, 2018

The St John Lutheran Church Congregational Life Committee is inviting you on a road trip to beautiful Hye, Texas. Come join us for a relaxing afternoon to tour the Garrison Brothers Distillery and then dine on fine cuisine in historic Fredericksburg. The date for the tour is **Saturday September 22, 2018**. We will leave the church grounds at **10:30am** on the church bus. Snacks and drinks will be provided for the drive to the distillery.

The tour will be from 12:00 to 2:00. We will then drive to Fredericksburg to eat at one of the famous eateries.

Garrison Brothers Distillery is Texas' first and oldest bourbon distillery. *From Garrison Brothers Website: We value God, family, friends and our country, foremost, but we always welcome strangers.*

**Total cost for distillery tour per person: \$21.00. Meal in Fredericksburg: Dutch Treat.
Remit payment to Richard Wagner. Maximum of 20 attendees for the tour.
Contact Richard Wagner to reserve a seat: rfwagner@gvvc.com or 281-467-0072**



Annual Congregational Meeting: September 30th

Join us at 11:30 on September 30th for our annual Congregational Meeting.

This is your opportunity to hear and discuss St. John's plans for the upcoming year, including council representation and budget information.

September is Congregational Care Committee Month

Please visit the Congregational Care Committee table in the Narthex before and/or after all services in September to explore your many opportunities to serve our Lord by serving your brothers and sisters in Christ. Plans for Serving forms will be available for your convenience.

"...choose you this day whom ye will serve; ...but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:14 (KJV)

It's time to start planning for the 18th Annual St. John Wild Game Dinner on April 27, 2019 at the Kendall County Fairgrounds in Boerne!

With your help this past year, **\$73,382** was raised at the event. After expenses, **\$51,463** was donated to several worthwhile charities. This year's recipients include:

- Kendall County Women's Shelter and the Sisters of Sanctuary—helping find shelter and aid for battered women.
- Uganda and Honduras orphanages and schools—financing water wells that supply lifesaving, clean water.
- Habitat for Humanity and Golfers Fore Others—building and remodeling houses for people who need them.
- Hill Country Daily Bread and Take it to the Streets—feeding the homeless and those in need.
- Military Warriors Support Foundation and Reel Recovery—supporting our military men and women wounded in service.

Dating from 2001, the St. John Wild Game Dinner has raised **\$475,000**. The goal for the 2019 event is to raise **\$80,000** and donate this entire amount to the charities that St. John supports. In order to do this, we need to underwrite the expenses associated with the dinner including hall rental, food, supplies and other items. We are seeking **25 individuals or companies to become benefactors** of the event by donating \$1,000 each. A complete list of the expenses associated with the 2017 dinner is available for your review, please contact Lem Sinclair at lsinclair@sinclairsurvey.com for the information.

We hope we can count on you to help make the 2019 St. John Wild Game Dinner the most successful yet! Please contact Lem Sinclair at 830-446-9030 or email me at lsinclair@sinclairsurvey.com for more information or to donate. On behalf of the Wild Game Dinner Committee, thank you in advance for your support.

Yours in Christ, Lemuel T. Sinclair, Chair, St. John Wild Game Dinner



CHURCH NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Taking It 2 The Streets: Saturday, October 6th, 5pm

St. John Lutheran Church will be teaming up again with Taking It To The Streets to commune and feed dinner to the homeless in downtown San Antonio.

Come join us as we share God's Love!

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

- Servers: We will travel together on the church bus to the serving area in San Antonio at 5:30pm sharp!
- Pans of Cobbler - (to feed 300)
- Cookies (homemade-placed in single serving bags)
- Clothing (especially undershirts, socks, underwear & backpacks)



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



80 Years+ Party: November 11, 2018: Start Planning Now!

Mark your calendars for a special celebration. On Sunday, November 11, 2018 we would like to recognize members of our church family who are at least 80 years young.

This celebration will take place in Family Life Center from 8:30-10:30am with brunch. We will have tables set up for our honorees to display memorabilia and pictures so they can share their memories and accomplishments of those 80+ years with us. This is going to be an intergenerational event that children, parents and grandparents will not want to miss.

Grief Share - A Bible-based program to help those who need support

The grieving process that follows death can be physically, emotionally, and even spiritually devastating. The good news, though, is that human beings who find a support group often discover that the journey from mourning to joy is possible. St. John Lutheran Church of Boerne is ready and willing to help grieving people with a special ministry.

You will find welcome, support, and respite in the company of others who are struggling with the natural and normal responses to grief. Each person's grief journey is absolutely personal and unique. The prayers, video presentations by highly qualified Christian counselors and personal stories will reassure you that although it is hard to live through a grief experience, there is hope that adjustment to a new life will come. You are not alone.

Participation is open to adult SJLC members and nonmembers (17 yrs to 120) of all faiths and denominations. We hope you will spread the news to grieving people in your circles. Two GriefShare groups starting soon:

Tuesday mornings beginning September 18, 10:00 AM to noon, SJLC Education Wing, Room 118. Connie Harbers and Barbara Watson are the Tuesday morning facilitators.

Wednesday evenings beginning September 19, 6:30-8:30 PM, SJLC Education Wing, Room 119. Participants are welcome to eat dinner at 6pm with our church family, and childcare is available during the Wednesday GriefShare meeting. Betty Steubing, Barbara Rogers, and Mark Alberthal will facilitate the evening group.

Call the St. John office (830.249.3651), Connie Harbers (512.779.5508), or Betty Steubing (830.446.9713) with questions.



CHURCH NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS



Sunday, October 14 • 2:00 to 6:30

at the Balous and Julie Miller Ranch located at 28 Upper Balcones Rd.

Turn right at Starbucks and it is a mile down the road, on the right, after crossing Menger Creek.

We will serve Bill Miller's BBQ and hot dogs/chips.

Tickets will be on sale beginning on Sunday, September 16th
in the gathering place on Sunday or in the church office during the week.
BBQ tickets are \$10 and hot dog tickets are \$5.

This event is not just for kids. There will be fun and games for adults, as well. Planned activities include volleyball, train rides, paddles boats, canoes, kayaks, gaga ball, a bounce house, and pecan harvesting. Special events are a youth fishing tournament and a dessert bake-off with 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes. Desserts for the bake-off contest must be turned in by 3pm for judging. Bait and cane poles will be provided for the fishing tournament or you can bring your own fishing tackle. We will be tables and chairs but it is recommended that you bring extras, just in case. Also bring dominos, playing cards, puzzles, checkers, etc.

Volunteers are needed!

We need volunteers to operate the train ride (engineer), to cook and serve the hot dogs (master chef), and judge the fishing tournament (game warden). We can also use plenty of help for setup and cleanup. There are additional volunteer opportunities. A sign-up sheet is in the gathering place or you can contact Don Baker, dgbaker@gvtc.com, or 830-431-0521 (cell) for more information.

Next Step Classes Begin October 14 - November 4

Do you know anyone who may be interested in membership at St. John? Are you a member and interested in a 'refresher' class?

If you or someone you know is interested in membership at St. John, please contact us and let us know! We would love you to join us for our Next Step classes beginning October 14th. While the New Member Classes are designed for new members, Pastor Waters welcomes current members of St. John to attend, as well.

Have Greeting Cards? Donations Are Cheerfully Welcomed

The Congregational Care Committee's Mail Team gratefully accepts all types of greeting cards for their card ministry. If you have any you'd like to donate, please bring them to the church office, attention Congregational Care Committee.

Are you or is someone in your family enrolled in college?

The Congregational Care Committee is updating our list of St. John college students so that we can send care packages this fall. We send care packages with snacks, treats, and notes of encouragement 4 times each school year. If you have a college student, please send their complete mailing address to Shaun Danney at sdanney@gvtc.com or stop by the Congregational Care Team table in the Narthex any Sunday in September to complete an address card.



Rafiki Foundation, Inc. Update

Educational update on Dadi Ishimwe:

Dadi scored in Division I, the highest division, on the national exams. Our seventh graders are learning fractions and variables in math. Dadi thinks fractions are easy but variables are tricky. Science has a focus of living things like moss, liverworts, and other non-vascular plants. Dadi learned a lot about new types of plants, such as horsetails and club mosses which are both related to ferns. In geography, they have studied the universe and also Rwandan topics like the regional districts throughout the country. **Prayer Requests:** Dadi requests prayer that he may understand entrepreneurship class lessons.

The Rafiki children love to receive mail from their sponsors. Please send letters to: PO Box 6856, Kacyiru, Kigali Rwanda, EAST AFRICA. You may send cards or any other item that fits in a standard size envelope such as bookmarks, stickers, pictures or a postcard. Please do not send packages, checks or cash.



Dadi Ishimwe
Village: Rwanda

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 September

Dolores Bauer
Verta Bergmann
Nadine Flathouse
Eunice Guilmino
Don Hansen

Joe Hegyesi
Marlin Hillrichs
Marjorie Maxwell
Arliss Oliversen
Jayne Puls
Henry Schulte

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

Men's Basketball Tuesday evenings 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Students who like to
play Basketball are
certainly welcome after
school on Tuesdays.
Doors will be open!



Come and Play Pickle Ball on Mondays

A great game for all ages!
Check with the office
to see
available
court times.



SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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8am Traditional Service 2 9am Food & Fellowship, blast! 9:30am Praise Service 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Traditional Service 6:00pm Dominoes	LABOR DAY 3 6:30pm Property Meeting	10am Women's Fitness 4 12pm Painting-Roberta Buckles 6pm American Heritage Girls 6:30pm Congregational Care Committee 6:30pm Men's Basketball 6:30pm Worship Committee	9am W.O.W. Women of the Word 5 6pm Youth Alpha 6:30pm Choir	9:15am Precept 6 7pm Handbell Practice	8am Hill Country Crisis 7 Counseling 9am Fabulous Folders	3pm 8 Christmas Shoebbox Meeting
8am Traditional Service 9 9am Food & Fellowship, blast! 9:30am Praise Service 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Traditional Service	12pm Book Review 10 5:15pm Hermann Sons Dance Class 6pm Happy Hearts 7pm Mens' Bible Study	6:30am Men's Breakfast 11 & Bible Study 10am Alamo Hospice Bereavement 12pm Painting-Roberta Buckles 6pm Mission Committee 6:30pm Congregational Life 6:30pm Men's Basketball 7pm Outreach Committee	9am W.O.W. Women of the Word 12 6pm Cross Generations 6:30pm Choir	9:15am Precept 13 7pm Handbell Practice	8am Hill Country Crisis-14 Counseling 9am Fabulous Folders	9am Via de 15 Cristo Meeting Fall Festival in Fredricksburg
8am Traditional Service 16 9am Food & Fellowship, blast! 9:30am Praise Service 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Traditional Service 12pm Invitation Seminar 6pm Hand & Foot	11:30am Men's Lunch 17 at Mamacita's 12pm Book Review 5:15 Hermann Sons Dance Class 7pm Mens' Bible Study	10am St. John GriefShare 18 12pm Painting-Roberta Buckles 6pm American Heritage Girls 6:30pm Men's Basketball 7pm Council Meeting	9am W.O.W. Women of the Word 19 6pm Cross Generations 6:30pm Choir 6:30 St. John GriefShare	9:15am Precept 20 6:30pm Eat Out Group 7pm Handbell Practice	8am Hill Country Crisis 21 Counseling 9am Fabulous Folders 6pm Parents Night Out	Distillery 22 Tour
8am Traditional Service 23 9am Food & Fellowship, blast! 9:30am Praise Service 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Traditional Service 11:30am Youth Pickleball 6pm Hand & Foot	12pm Book Review 24 5:15pm Hermann Sons Dance Class 7pm Mens' Bible Study	6:30am Men's Breakfast 25 & Bible Study 10am St. John GriefShare 12pm Painting-Roberta Buckles 6:30pm Men's Basketball	9am W.O.W. Women of the Word 26 6pm Cross Generations 6:30pm Choir 6:30 St. John GriefShare	9:15am Precept 27 7pm Handbell Practice	Habitat for Humanity 28 Building Project 8am Hill Country Crisis Counseling 9am Fabulous Folders	Habitat for 29 Humanity Building Project
8am Traditional Service 30 9am Food & Fellowship, blast! 9:30am Praise Service 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Traditional Service 11:30am Congregation Annual Mtg 6pm Canasta						

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SEPTEMBER		SEPTEMBER 2		SEPTEMBER 9	SEPTEMBER 16	SEPTEMBER 23	SEPTEMBER 30
Acolytes	8:00	Annie Townsend		Jake Pearson	Logan Klein	Karl Cass	Gabe Cook
		Taylor Burk		Josh Pounds	Rex Rivera	Luke Wylie	Jake Pearson
	10:45	Valen Barthel		Hayden Allen	Ty Jureczki	Hayden Allen	Sam Waters
		Owen Edwards		David Waters	Mayah Morrison	Zachary Gold	Owen Edwards
		Jaclyn Purchatzke					
		Maci Wehrmann					
Assisting Ministers	8:00	Doris Beath		Pastor Waters	Paul Harris	Barnie Gavin	Doris Beath
	10:45	Chuck Baldwin		Hunter Craig	Bruce Hoppes	Gloria Williams	Bart Graves
Bread Servers	10:45	Jim Richmond		Frank Bush	Lanne Brehmer	Richard Wagner	Brandt Klutts
Wine Servers	8:00	George Eppinger	Ken Hilleman	Deborah Jordan	Scott Kramer	Jean Sheffy	Marjorie Brune
		Sandy Eppinger	Reidun Hilleman	Hannah Jordan	Diane Kramer	Janie Wahl	Cindy Moltz
	10:45	David Blackburn	Deanna Crist	Don Baker	Jim Peters	Gene Roeder	Tom Hardin
		Janet Blackburn	Sherry Speir	Linda Bush	Ann Peters	Janel Roeder	Christi Hardin
		Kent Crist	Jill Daniels	James Meckel	Bob Rogers	Beverly Wagner	Terry Herrman
Altar Guild	8:00	Jeanne Leslie		Jeanne Leslie	Jeanne Leslie	Jeanne Leslie	Jeanne Leslie
		Jackie Murley		Jackie Murley	Jackie Murley	Jackie Murley	Jackie Murley
		Lori Romain		Lori Romain	Lori Romain	Lori Romain	Lori Romain
	10:45	Sharon Arnold		Sharon Arnold	Sharon Arnold	Sharon Arnold	Sharon Arnold
		Sherry Ross		Sherry Ross	Sherry Ross	Sherry Ross	Sherry Ross
Ushers	8:00	Randy Evans Team		Randy Evans Team	Randy Evans Team	Randy Evans Team	Randy Evans Team
	10:45	Jason Daniels Team		Jason Daniels Team	Jason Daniels Team	Jason Daniels Team	Jason Daniels Team
Flowers		Louise Langenberg		--	--	Dana & Kelly Wehrmann	--