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### From the Pastor's Pen

Independence Day has always been a special time for me and my family. Growing up in New York, where the school year stretches into mid-June, Independence Day marked the start of summer and "independence" for us kids. My hometown had a big parade every year. I loved to watch the fife-and-drum corps march by, followed by the drums-and-bagpipe band in full Scottish regalia, kilts and all. You don't see much of that in Texas. But I've come to appreciate that Texans take their independence very seriously-both the one won in 1776, and the one won in 1836. Texas truly is a land of deep independence and devout faith. It's starting to feel like

Michelle and I will be taking the kids up north for our annual **vacation** in Wisconsin. We've moved around a lot serving the Church—Connecticut, Minnesota, North Dakota, Ohio, and now Texas—and this lake home in Wisconsin is the one place we've always come back to, year after year. It's near and dear to our hearts, a place where we can truly rest and relax and let the "lake life" restore us. I hope you have a place like that, too. God made us to rest and to work, but never forget that the first job

home. Thank you for calling us here.

Adam and Eve had was to rest (Genesis 2:1-3). It was from a place of rest that Adam and Eve would be able to tackle the work God gave them to do. The same goes for you and me, too. I know that in this fast-paced world, we can feel like if we're not doing something all the time, we're hardly

doing anything at all, and surely

falling behind everyone else.

God made you to rest. God
commands you to rest
(Exodus 20:8-11). Jesus
calls you to rest in Him
(Matthew 11:28). Trust God,
and this Summer **take the** 

time to rest.

There will be plenty to do when Fall comes, and Fall will be here sooner than you know it. I'm planning for it already, planning out the whole year. My big goal this year is to act on what we learned from the Reveal Survey last year. I need to help you understand the Bible in depth, grow in your faith through the spiritual disciplines, and step out in faith as you serve the community. If we can do those three things well, our church will grow in health and in numbers. My #1 priority this Summer is to build a discipleship pathway to make it easy for everyone. I'm working on it; it'll be ready to launch in the Fall.

- Pastor Eric Waters

### **MESSAGE from the CONGREGATION PRESIDENT**

School's out for summer! The baby boomers remember the Alice Cooper song with that title, from 1972. Yes, our schedules are changed for the next couple months, and the traffic is very different, too.

For those in leadership of St John, the summer is actually quite a busy time. We are finishing the Facilities Master Plan, which we will bring to the membership soon. It documents our long term intentions, in a structured way, to provide a roadmap for future

decision-making. It has been exciting to consider the possibilities. Many, many hours of work have gone into that document, and we are excited to present the results.

Every summer, we also have two important tasks to complete. One, we will prepare the 2020 budget. It is a very detailed, important document, which we will bring to the membership at our annual meeting in late September. It will reflect our intentions for the coming year: to be good stewards, to realize our vision and mission,

to Know Jesus and Make Jesus Known.

Two, a Nominations Committee will be formed and tasked with identifying members for future leadership positions. St John is so abundantly blessed with the talents and generosity of our members, we praise God for that. And we pray for each member's wisdom, discernment, and serving heart to say "yes, Lord, send me."

St. John Congregation President, Scott Kramer

### A NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

### Don't Let the Weeds Interfere

As summer sets in, those of us with gardens find out how healthy the plants are. With rising temperatures, the weaker plants – possibly those in poor soil start to wither and die. Gardeners spend time regularly keeping the weeds pulled so that they don't choke the plants out before they can yield vegetables. Our healthy plants are producing – often times more that we can keep up with. Not wanting anything to go to waste, vegetables are given away to friends and family.

As we go through our lives, we need to be on guard about success leading to the desire to acquire more and more

material goods and keeping up with a lifestyle that we feel has been earned. All of a sudden, worry about obtaining and maintaining material possessions competes with (or chokes out) our relationship with Jesus, and the commitment to expanding His church through financial support. Prioritizing material possessions over following the Word will prevent us from yielding spiritual fruit and experiencing the true joy of a deeper relationship with our savior. Bring your worries to Him, trusting that Jesus can provide the security, peace, and joy that money can't buy.

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

"A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown".

"The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful. <sup>23</sup> But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown." -Matthew 13:3b-8, 22-23

INCOME COMPARISON													
Monthly Operating Income	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Through May
2019	\$138,052	\$97,576	\$108,348	\$110,696	\$81,251								\$535,923
2018	\$98,403	\$105,044	\$92,291	\$137,611	\$90,598	\$83,467	\$104,972	\$91,490	\$105,934	\$88,848	\$148,672	\$170,212	\$523,947
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	\$495,433
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	\$437,227

ATTENDANCE COMPARISON													
Average Weekly Worship	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Average YTD
2019	416	410	384	512	434								431
2018	380	358	385	454	365	357	364	375	377	405	375	556	388
2017	380	411	414	462	389	373	353	352	329	386	354	479	411
2016	421	386	477	370	341	376	357	420	383	375	359	527	399



### **FAMILY<sup>3</sup> MINISTRIES**

Know Jesus and Make Jesus Known.



### **ADULT FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

### Ladies' Bible Study

#### **PRECEPT**

**BIBLE STUDY CLASS** 

#### Thursday 9:15am - 11:15am

PRECEPT WILL BE ON BREAK FOR SUMMER, RETURNING IN THE FALL. Led by Pastor Mariola Bergquist

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

BIBLE STUDY CLASS

Wednesdays 9am-10:15am Studying Hosea by

Jennifer Rothschild.

June 12 - July 31, 2019.

No class on July 3. Led by Michelle Waters. For questions or to request childcare, email: watersmichellejoy@gmail.com

### Mens' Bible Study

#### Mens' Breakfast

Every other Tuesday 6:30am

"Master Builders Bible For Men" is the foundation for discussion topics.

#### **Monday Night Group**

Mondays 7pm-8:30pm, Room 118

We will not meet in July. We will take a break for summer.

### Germany Tour July 14-25, 2020



Next July, we will travel to Germany on July 14-July 25, 2020 to see **the Passion Play and the Luther Tour**. Pastor

Mariola will be the spiritual leader of this trip that happens only **once every**10 years!

For more info including pricing, itinerary and registration, check out our website under 'Events'. **Space is limited**, so register soon (write 'Sharon T' on the bottom of the application).

Questions? Contact Sharon Tschirhart by phone: 210-215-2976 or by email at: sharontschirhart@gmail.com

### **Adult Sunday School Classes**

9:30am "God Talk" Room 117. Led by Peggy Hoppes.9:30am "Seekers" Room 216. Led by Lanne Brehmer.9:30am "Logos" Room 118. Led by Richard Wagner.

### Young Adults (Ages 18-29): TASTE AND SEE

Are you a young adult between the ages of 18 and 29?

Join us for Taste & See

Discovering God Among Butchers, Bakers, & Fresh Food Makers.

We will gather on 3 Sundays in July Meeting in the St. John kitchen and small dining room for a meal where we will taste-test various foods that are talked about in the Scriptures. We will also see Bible teacher Margaret Feinberg's DVD presentation.

July 7, 6:30pm: Savoring the Salt of the Earth July 14, 6:30pm: Relishing the Olive and It's Oil July 28, 6:30pm; Discovering the Liturgy of the

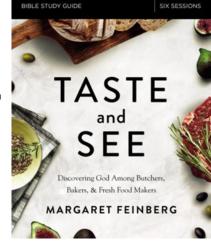
The Format:

Discovering the Liturgy of the Table

6:30pm Mingle & Taste Testing

7:00pm Meal & DVD followed with Discussion

8:00pm Closing Prayer



### **GriefShare Support Group**

Have you lost someone very dear? If so, you know well that the grieving process is physically, emotionally, and spiritually devastating. The good news, though, is that finding a Bible-based support group eases the journey from deep mourning to new joy.

That is the basis of GriefShare, and, under the guidance of Pastor Bergquist, our SJLC family has assembled a ministry team trained to help anyone grieving the death of a loved one.

A new 15-week cycle of GriefShare will begin on August 27, 10am to noon or August 28, 6:30pm to 8:30pm, meeting in the SJLC Education Wing. Childcare is provided on Wednesdays with prior notice. Participation is open to adult SJLC members and nonmembers (17 years and older) of all faiths and all denominations at no charge.

Feel free to investigate the Bible-based program GriefShare at www.griefshare.org for more information, or contact a facilitator.

Connie Harbers, 512-779-5508 Mark Alberthal, 210-508-1800 Barbara Rogers, 210-373-9970



### FAMILY<sup>3</sup> MINISTRIES

Know Jesus and Make Jesus Known.

Together, in our Home, Church and World Families

Our Family<sup>3</sup>
Ministries
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Please pray as we search for an Associate Director of Family<sup>3</sup> Ministries!



### **YOUTH FAITH FORMATION**

S<sup>3</sup>HEEP: students, seeking & serving HIM everywhere, everyday, passionately

### HIGH SCHOOL

### **Sundays** in July

"The Upper Room" #213

#### 9:30-10:30am Led by Brad Allen

The High Schoolers will be practicing discernment in their Bible studies this summer. Using Nooma videos created by former Pastor Rob Bell, insightful thoughts on life and scripture will be welcomed and questioned: Where is law and Gospel in these messages? Where are they not? Why is such analysis so important to the Christian faith?

JULY 7: God's Unchanging Love

JULY 14: Loss

JULY 21: Living in the Moment JULY 28: Does God Answer Prayers?

#### 10:45am Led by Matt Olson

This is a class for High School and Middle School youth discussing the same topics as the 9:30am study (above)

### Wednesdays in July Led by George Klein

JULY 3: NO GATHERING TONIGHT

JULY 10: How to live the life God made us live

JULY 17: Reality Check

JULY 24-26: SECRET SABBATICAL \$100 (see next page)

JULY 24: Being who God made you to be

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

### **Sundays** in July

"The Fold" #212

### 9:30-10:30am Led by Michael Hoeppner

The Middle Schoolers will be using the resource: 'Underground Reality: Vietnam'.

Scattered around Vietnam in secret meetings, believers risk all to follow Christ.'

JULY 7: God is calling you
JULY 14: Heroes of the Faith

JULY 21: Tears of Jov

JULY 28: What's Your Battle Cry?

#### 10:45am Led by Matt Olson

This is a class for High School and Middle School youth discussing the High School topics listed to the left

### Wednesdays in July Led by Matt Olson

JULY 3: NO GATHERING TONIGHT

JULY 10: Blueprints for the Church

JULY 17: Construction Costs

JULY 24: Grand Opening

JULY 31: SIX FLAGS DAY! \$35 (see next page)



### **CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION**

LAMBS<sup>3</sup>: learning and memorizing Bible stories, songs and service

# Nightout!

Friday, July 19, 2019 6pm-10pm

\$10/child \$30 max/family
Dinner included! Nursery- Age 12
CONTACT: tiffany@stjohnlutheran.com

Check out the NALC's Home Devotional: www.holyfamilytime.com

### **Sundays** in July - 9:30-10:30am

JULY 7: The Wedding Feast, Matthew 22:1-14

JULY 14: A Friend in the Night, Luke 11:5-8

JULY 21: Two Guys in the Temple and Woman Caught, Luke 18:10-14 and John 8:1-11

**JULY 28:** House on a Rock, Matthew 7:24-29 and Mark 4:35-41



Learning the Faith 5 for at home!

#### blast! Schedule:

9am Mingle & Play 9:30am Huddle Groups 9:45am Music Time 10am The Bible Story 10:15am Craft/Activity 10:25am Reconnect with Parents

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

High School Secret Sabbatical July 24-26

### A Secret Sabbatical Like No Other!

\$100 secures your spot. Sign up and pay online on our website: www.stjohnlutheran.com under 'Events'.

### Youth (s<sup>3</sup>Heep) Day at Six Flags July 31st



\$35 secures your spot.
Sign up and pay online
on our website:
www.stjohnlutheran.com
under 'Events'.



## Wednesdays June 12-July 24

No gathering on July 3rd

#### Wednesday Summer in the Son Schedule:

9:30am: Gather at St. John

10:00am: Serve at Hill Country Daily Bread

12 Noon: Fast Food Lunch (Bring \$)

1:00pm: Recreation Time 4:00pm: Movie Time at St. John 6:00pm: Dinner & Movie Discussion

6:30pm: Bible Study 7:30pm: Head Home

## Acolyte Training Sunday, July 21st

This meeting is for our 5th Graders and their parents. Join us after the late service to learn the procedures and to help in scheduling. Training will be approximately 11:45am - 12:30pm.

## Thank you!

### Thanks to all who helped make Vacation Bible School 2019 a HUGE SUCCESS!

Over 160 children participated in VBS and we had 50+ volunteers! It was a great week full of fun, activities, learning, and fellowship for all. This event takes a tremendous amount of planning and preparation. A



huge **THANK YOU** goes out to all involved!















### **CHURCH NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS**

### Sam's Kids School Supply Drive



Walmart 🔀

#### It's time for the annual school supply drive benefiting Sam's Kids!

Sam's Kids is an organization that helps Boerne ISD students in need. Sam Champion was a long-time Boerne ISD teacher, principal, and administrator and a member of St. John! Sam was passionate about helping kids and started this organization to "help level the playing field."

These items are specifically requested - though ALL supplies are helpful: Bottled Glue, Colored Pencils, Supply Boxes, WIDE RULED notebook paper, composition books, and spiral notebooks. The schools ask for such specific supplies, you can always check out the lists posted at HEB or Walmart for ideas.

Please leave your items in the designated box in the Gathering Place in the month of July. Contact Maryanna Pearson (maryannapearson@gmail.com) or Marissa Klein (mlmklein03@yahoo.com) if you have questions.

#### **NALC Giftcard Fundraiser**

The news always seems to be filled with terrible stories of weather-related disasters, including flooding, tornadoes, hit hard by much of this damaging weather.

Though many organizations help those affected, you are encouraged to consider helping through the NALC Disaster Response (https://thenalc.org/nalc-disaster-response/). This fund provides resources to help provide rapid response to natural

those affected to begin the rebuilding process. Recent events have stretched the resources of the NALC fund, which continues to provide longterm help for past disasters like Hurricane Harvey as well as immediate assistance for new disasters.

In response to the needed resources, the Women of the North American Lutheran Church will collect gift cards from Home Depot, Lowes, Walmart and Target to aid those in need. Peggy and Bruce Hoppes will deliver any cards received by July 28th to Lutheran Week in Indianapolis in August. For more information, contact Peggy at heart2love4god@aol.com.

### **Our High School youth** enjoyed their time at **Camp Eagle in June!**

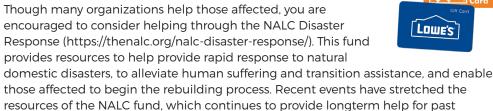








fires, and hurricanes. Most recently, the midwest has been



### **UPDATE!** Uganda, Africa Water Well Mission, May 2019

Six water wells were successfully drilled in villages in desperate need of clean water and of hearing God's Gospel message of love, hope, and forgiveness. It is impossible to truly know how many were helped, but the volunteer team witnessed hundreds come to know Jesus Christ for the first time in these villages. "It was amazing to see the Spirit of God touch His children in search of lasting hope that they could hold onto," said Chris Knippa from St. John (pictured to the right).

Each village had over 2,000 residents that are now being served by these six water wells. PRAISE THE LORD. Thank you StJLC for all your support of this church effort and to God be all the glory!!







### **CHURCH NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS**

## Save the Date!

### **Habitat for Humanity** September 14

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.



Save the Date now and we will have a sign up available as the event comes closer.

We are asking for help with providing lunch on that day, so please consider helping in this way!



#### Honoring our Senior Members (80+) With Birthdays In July

Joan Engelking (07/19) Karen Richmond (07/28) Bette Lafferty (07/05) Ruby Schaub (07/18) Mariorie Leverton (07/20) Avis Young (07/29)

If you are turning 80 or are already 80+ and not listed, contact the church office.

### Pickleball: Monday - Thursday. PICKLEBALI Call Richard 210-391-7619 for more info or to schedule a time to

Men's Basketball: Tuesdays 6:30pm-8:30pm

For more info, contact: Chris Gray: 210-847-0447

learn the game.





### **Honduras Mission Team Coffee Fundraiser and Presentation • July 7**

On July 7th, we will celebrate the water wells that were dug in El Obispo, Honduras, back in March of this year.

Coffee that was brought back from Honduras will be for sale, with 100% of the proceeds going towards future mission trips. Find the table that will be set up and pick up some delicious coffee and support this wonderful ministry!

In addition to the coffee sale, several members of the Honduras Mission Team will give a presentation about that trip during the Sunday School hour. Join us to learn more about this lifechanging mission!

			JULY			
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	9am Women's Fitness 1 11:30am Pickleball 6pm Property Meeting 7pm Al-Anon	VBS 2 6:30am Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 9am Women's Fitness 11:30am Pickleball 6:30pm Congregational Care 6:30pm Worship Committee 6:30pm Men's Basketball	10:30am Pickleball 3	11:30am Pickleball 4 7pm Al-Anon	8am Hill Country Crisis <b>5</b> Counseling 9am Fabulous Folders	6
8am Traditional Service 7 9am Food & Fellowship, blast! 9:30am Praise Worship 9:30am Adulte Wouth Classes 10:45am Traditional Service 10:45am Youth Class 6:00pm Dominoes 6:30pm Young Adult Taste & See	6:30pm Finance Committee 7pm Al-Anon	9am Women's Fitness 9 11:30am Pickleball 12pm Advisory Board Meeting for HCPCC 6730pm Mission Committee 6:30pm Congregational Life 6:30pm Men's Basketball 7pm Outreach Committee	9am W.O.W. Women of 10 the Word 9:30am Summer in the Son 10:30am Pickleball	9am Women's Fitness 11 11:30am Pickleball 7pm Al-Anon	8am Hill Country Crisis 12 Counseling 9am Fabulous Folders	13
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