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## From the Pastor's Pen

February is here and Lent is fast approaching. Lent is a somber season of self-reflection and preparation for the joys of Easter. If Easter is the time when we celebrate the new life won for us by Jesus, then Lent is the time when we intentionally turn away from our old life and the ruts we have worn. Many of us will take on a discipline for the six weeks of Lent, often giving up something we love out of a greater love for Jesus. What will you give up this year?

Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday**, February 17, when we'll receive the sign of the Cross in ashes on our foreheads to "remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." We'll have two services at 10am and 7pm, both in the Sanctuary this year due to Covid. Lent continues with midweek worship services each Wednesday at 7pm in the Sanctuary. Once again we'll use the Holden Evening Prayer.

Vicar Alliyah Greaver has written the Sunday sermon series for Lent, called "**Refocusing our Life.**" The series will teach the spiritual disciplines which shift us from living by our own priorities to living by God's priorities. I hope you can join us as we learn the disciplines on Sundays and put them into practice every day of the week.

Speaking of joining, if you've been waiting to join St. John Lutheran, now's the time. Our **New Members** class will be offered on Sundays in Lent, February 21 through March 28, 9:30am to 10:30am. This is a five-week class designed to introduce you to St. John Lutheran and our picture of a disciple ("Worship Weekly. Walk Daily. Connect Consistently. Serve Monthly."). We'll officially receive you into membership at your usual worship service on Palm Sunday, March 28. I give God thanks that even in this Covid season our church has continued to grow. For more information and to register, please visit our website.

Finally, I want to let you know about a new opportunity we're offering called "**The Leaving a Legacy Seminar.**" On March 21, 3pm-5pm, we'll host various professionals for a panel discussion and Q&A on how best to leave a positive legacy for your loved ones. Pastor Bergquist and I will be there, as will an estate attorney, financial planner, palliative care doctor, and funeral director. It's still in the works and we'll have more information in next month's newsletter. Save the date on your calendar now.

- Pastor Eric Waters

## Want to keep up with everything that is happening at St. John?

Find us on **Facebook**, **Instagram**, and **YouTube**, check out our **website**, and subscribe to our **weekly email** 'Week-at-a-Glance' here: <http://eepurl.com/X4f4X>





# A NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

## What Do You Love?

I'd like to take a moment to thank Mark Danney for all his hard work as the Stewardship Chairman for the past year. He inspired me, and our whole congregation, with his consistent message of utilizing our time, talent, and treasures to honor Jesus through service to others.

We now move into February, the month of Valentine's Day, and a celebration of love. When Jesus asks Peter what he loves, Peter responds that he loves Jesus. Three times Jesus asks him and three times

Peter responds the same. After each response, Jesus tells him to "feed my lambs", "tend my sheep", and to "feed my sheep." Jesus didn't want Peter to have a selfish love - he wanted him to take that love into his community and care for them. Jesus was telling Peter to use his time, his talents, and his treasures to serve others.

How do you respond when Jesus asks "do you love me more than these?" Do our actions proclaim our love, or have we let

*Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs."  
John 21:15*

our jobs, money, family, or leisure time come between us and Him? Jesus tells us to give what we have and we will be rewarded abundantly - place your trust in Him and watch His plan take form.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Michael Hoeppepner, Chairman  
Stewardship Committee

INCOME COMPARISON													
Monthly Operating Income	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Through Month
2020	\$122,065	\$96,801	\$122,637	\$98,491	\$99,604	\$97,070	97,859	116,881	101,328	94,725	99,757	TBD	\$1,147,841
2019	\$138,052	\$97,576	\$108,348	\$110,696	\$81,251	\$101,281	\$91,042	\$91,777	\$98,904	\$103,879	\$94,205	\$278,321	\$1,117,011
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	\$1,147,330

ATTENDANCE COMPARISON													
Avg Weekly Worship	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Average YTD
2020 ONLINE				705	513	220	220	241	233	170	143	256	300
IN-PERSON	449	408	331*		142	219	148	210	243	247	220	367	271
2019	416	410	384	512	434	347	377	391	385	421	382	574	419
2018	380	358	385	454	365	357	364	375	377	405	375	556	396

\*Online attendance information for March 22 and March 29, 2020 was not available.





# FAMILY<sup>3</sup> MINISTRIES

Know Jesus and Make Jesus Known.

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Families

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION NEWS

### Ladies' Bible Study

#### PRECEPT

**Thursday 9:15am-11:15am** Precept class will continue the study of the book of "Exodus - Let My People Go." For more information, email [pastormariola@stjohnlutheran.com](mailto:pastormariola@stjohnlutheran.com). Led by Pastor Mariola Bergquist.

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

**Wednesdays 9am-10am**

**January 13-April 28**

Women of the Word will continue the study "Come Back to the Source: The Gospel of Mark." Contact Michelle Waters for more info: [watersmichellejoy@gmail.com](mailto:watersmichellejoy@gmail.com)



### Adult Sunday School Classes

**9:30am "God Talk"**

**Studying the Psalms.** Led by Peggy Hoppes.

**9:30am "Seekers"** Room 216. Led by Lanne Brehmer.



#### HAPPY HEARTS

potluck and fellowship is on hold for now due to COVID 19. We will resume when it's safe and possible.

### Mens' Bible Study

**Mens' Breakfast** Every other Tuesday 6:30am

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



For Parents,  
Grandparents,  
Adults and  
Young Adults:



**The Truth Project continues on DVD**  
in the Shepherd's Cave, Room #117  
Sunday mornings:

#### 10:40am Topics:

**Sunday, February 7 and 14**

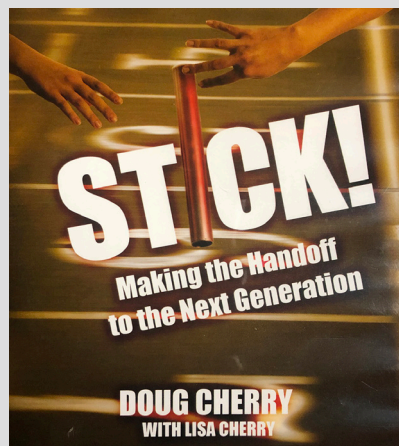
**Sociology: The Divine Imprint**

The order we observe in the natural realm is even more apparent in the social systems God has established: family, church, community, state, labor, and the union between God and man. Life is a series of relationships that flow out of and reflect the Trinitarian nature of the Creator.

**Sunday, February 21 and 28**

**Unio Mystica: Am I Alone?**

Is it possible for the infinite, eternal Creator to dwell within the heart of an individual? The implications of this great mystery, which represents the very core of the Christian faith, are explored at length in this examination of the most intimate of the social spheres.



**Join us for Stick! on DVD**  
in the Shepherd's Cave, Room #117  
Sunday mornings at 8am and 9:30am:

#### How will History view us?

As Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob worked through generations, it is time we do the same. We hold the baton of faith that our children so desperately need. In a wake-up call to parents, Doug and Lisa ignite the revolution of generations. Disqualification is no longer an option. The handoff must be made.

**February 7:** The Parent Handoff Priority  
**February 14:** The Dropped Baton Tragedy  
**February 21:** The Keys to a Successful Handoff

**February 28:** Fashioning our Kids to Withstand Pressure



### Movie & Popcorn All Ages Welcome.



Join us after the Lent Services  
in the Family Life Center!

**February 24** (Part 1)

and

**March 3** (Conclusion)

Bring the family and enjoy the movie!





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## Our Family<sup>3</sup> Ministries Team:

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**We are excited to announce that we are looking for an additional member to the Family<sup>3</sup> Team!**

We would like to hire a full-time Youth Director who will focus on the 6th -12th grade ministries.

Please help spread the word. Thanks!

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## SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION IS GOING ON NOW!

**REGISTRATION IS DUE BY MARCH 1**

**High School Students Have Two Options:**

**Camp Eagle - June 14 - 19 and/or  
Beach Camp with Cross Trails - June 27 - July 2**



**Elementary:**

**Camp Chrysalis - June 27 - July 2**

**Young'ns**

(completed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades)

**Explorers**

(completed 2nd and 3rd grades)

**Yearlings**

(completed 4th, 5th and 6th grades)



**Confirmation Students:**

**Confirmation Camp Camp Chrysalis - June 27 - July 2**

(completed 6th and 7th grades)

**Sign up online today on our website:**

**[www.stjohnlutheran.com](http://www.stjohnlutheran.com)**

## NURSERY CARE IS AVAILABLE ON SUNDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS

We will have a nursery care provider present during **Sunday** morning worship and education times, as well as on **Wednesday** evenings from 7pm - 8pm.



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



## YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION



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

### SUNDAY MORNINGS

Regular Sunday morning Bible classes from 9:30am - 10:30am

**Special Youth  
Discipleship  
Pathway Events  
Happening  
This Month:**

**February 7**  
"Understand the  
5 Love Languages"  
  
Grades 7-12  
Family Life Center  
9:30am

**February 14**  
"Find Your  
Million \$ Mate"  
  
Grades 9-12  
The Fold Rm #212  
9:30am

**February 21**  
"Develop a Meaningful  
Prayer Life"  
  
Grades 7-12  
Family Life Center  
9:30am

**February 28**  
"Develop a Biblical  
Self-Esteem"  
  
Grades 7-12  
Family Life Center  
9:30am

### WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT

Following the Lenten Service

#### K-4TH

**Popcorn and a Movie for K-4th graders.** Meet in the Shepherd's Cave, room #117.  
**February 3** - The William Tyndale Story- They pulled out all the stops to chase him down.  
**February 10** - The Corrie ten Boom Story- An amazing story of courage, sacrifice, and forgiveness  
**February 17** - Ash Wednesday (NO Gathering)  
**February 24\*** - **Movie:** "I Believe" Part I (Following LENT worship service in the Family Life Center.)

#### 5TH

**First Communion: 5th graders**  
**February 3** - First Communion Celebration Rehearsal  
+ **Faith Mile Marker: First Communion, Sunday, February 7** (celebrated at all three services)  
**February 10** - Fun Sacraments Test and Celebration Night!!!  
**February 17** - Ash Wednesday (NO Gathering)  
**February 24\*** - **Movie:** "I Believe" Part I (Following LENT worship service.)

#### 6TH-8TH

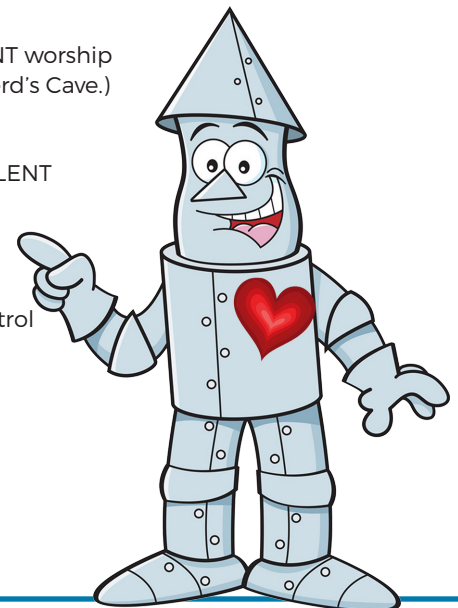
**Confirmation: 6th - 8th grade Confirmation Students**  
**February 3** - Devotion: Staying Connected  
**February 10** - Lord's Prayer Test Night and Celebration  
**Sunday, February 14** - **Middle Schoolers meet in the Family Life Center to go through their Lord's Prayer Test at 9:30am.**  
**February 17** - Ash Wednesday (NO Gathering)  
**February 24\*** - **6th & 7th Graders...Movie:** "I Believe" Part I (Following LENT worship service, 8th Graders meet for Confirmand and Mentor time in the Shepherd's Cave.)  
  
**Confirmands: 8th Graders and Mentors**  
**February 24** - Confirmation Journey - Route #1 Introductions (Following LENT worship service, in the Shepherd's Cave, #117)

#### 9TH-11TH

**9th - 11th graders**  
**February 3** - Living out Kindness and Goodness (The Fold, Rm #212)  
**February 10** - Never go wrong with Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-Control  
**February 17** - Ash Wednesday (NO Gathering)  
**February 24\*** - **Movie:** "I Believe" Part I (Following LENT worship service.)

#### 12TH

**Life After High School: 12th graders** (Meet in the Upper Room, #213)  
**February 3** - Finding God's Plan for Me  
**February 10** - The Gift of Struggle  
**February 17** - Ash Wednesday (NO Gathering)  
**February 24** - Friends and Faith (This is a 6pm meeting)



# CHURCH NEWS and UPCOMING EVENTS

## Lenten Sermon Series - Spiritual Disciplines: Refocusing our Life

This year has disrupted our old routines and daily practices, many old priorities seem unimportant, and old ways of doing life have come unfolded. We are all refocusing our lives.

In this time of refocusing, committing to Spiritual Disciplines is a way to shift from our priorities to God's priorities. Practicing Spiritual Disciplines puts God at the center and allows Him to work through all the daily parts of life. Each Sunday in Lent, we will learn a different biblically informed Spiritual Discipline. We will let our lives be disrupted, not by the world's priorities, but by offering ourselves to God and bringing Him to the focus.

**Join us Sundays during Lent for this Sermon Series led by Vicar Alliyah starting Sunday, February 21.**



## SAVE THE DATE!

*"Who can find a worthy woman?  
For her price is far above rubies." - Proverbs 31:10*

### What does it mean to be a woman of God?

Join us in retreat as we look at Proverbs 31:10-31 and hear the stories of women from the Bible and the world who exhibited virtues and characteristics that glorified God through their lives and their work.

**October 15-17, 2021  
Camp Chrysalis (Kerrville)**

Watch for more information this Summer.  
If you are interested in helping, contact  
Peggy Hoppes at heart2love4god@aol.com



## Blood Drive - February 7 8am - 12 noon in Luther Hall

Join us and help make a difference in our community by helping those in need! For more info, contact Lise Perez at 210-803-0825



## The Season of Lent Begins!



## GriefShare supports continues

The Christian-oriented GriefShare bereavement program, under the guidance of Pastor Bergquist, continues and is available to both StJLC members and non-members. Anyone aged 17 and older mourning the death of a loved one is invited to come at any point during the 15-week cycle, as each class is a stand-alone unit. There is no charge for this ministry.

Meeting options are:

Tuesdays, 10am to noon through May 11 and Wednesdays, 6pm to 8pm through May 12. Childcare is available with prior notice. Both classes meet in the Education Wing, first floor. Current guidelines for COVID protection will be observed, including masks, physical distancing, and ample hand sanitizers.

More information is available online at [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org) or by calling Connie at 512-779-5508, Barbara at 210-373-9070, or the church office at 830-249-3651.



## FAITH MILE MARKER

### First Communion

On **Sunday, February 7**  
witness St. John's 5th graders  
along with some 6th graders  
take their very first Communion.

Let us celebrate with them and  
pray for them.



# CHURCH NEWS and UPCOMING EVENTS

## Happy Birthday!

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

Carrie Astoria (02/23)	Tom Page (02/04)
Tommy Blake (02/12)	Jim Richmond (02/16)
William Mayo (02/16)	Rosa Lee Schwope (02/17)
Irene Page (02/24)	Martha Wallis (02/22)

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

### Shuttle service is coming soon. Can you help?

St John is planning to acquire a vehicle similar to a golf cart to provide a shuttle service primarily from the East side portico to the parking lot. We want to provide this service for those who need a little help to get when attending our worship services. The Property Committee is looking for a six passenger vehicle for this purpose. If you know of the availability of such a vehicle, or if you could make a donation for this endeavor, please contact the church office: 830-249-3651.

### Did You Know...

The flowers on the altar each Sunday are donated by members.

These flowers are often donated in memory of a loved one, to recognize birthdays and anniversaries, to celebrate baptisms, or for any reason at all.

Signing up to donate provides two altar arrangements that can be taken home by the donor or left in the sanctuary to be delivered to area nursing homes.

The Flower Sign-Up Sheet can be found hanging on the wall behind the Info Desk.

Questions? Please contact the church office: 830-249-3651.



Dear St John Family,  
Thank you, my church family, for so many cards, messages, flowers to honor Milton. Several of you kept in touch by phone during his hospital stay. My heart is warmed by your love and concern! Milton is happy sitting beside Jesus!

- Judy Shoquist

To our friends and family at St John:  
We want to thank each of you for the many prayers, cards, and phone calls during our quarantine with the COVID 19 Virus. It meant a lot to us to know we had prayers being lifted up for our recovery.

Sincerely,  
David and Mary Hemme



### It's time to do some growing!

Plots are available so plan now on what you want to grow this spring and get ready to swap gardening tips and fellowship with our neighbors.

Alex Post is our Vineyard overseer. He can be reached at (210) 315-5516.



## The YMCA Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Walk



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## FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	9am Quilters 1 6pm EMAW Groups 6pm Property Meeting 7pm Al-Anon 8pm EMAW Groups	8am Roberta Buckles Painting 2 10am GriefShare 6pm American Heritage Girls 6:30pm Congregational Care 6:30pm Worship Committee	9am Women of the Word 3 6pm GriefShare 7pm Family3 Classes	9:15am Precept 4 7pm Al-Anon	5	6
8am Blood Drive 7 8am Traditional Service 8am Stick! Class 8am First Communion 9am Coffee and Pastries 9:30am Adult & Youth Classes 9:30am Praise Service 10:40am Truth Project 11am Traditional Service 6pm Dominoes	9am Quilters 8 6pm EMAW Groups 7pm Al-Anon 7:30pm EMAW Groups	8am Roberta Buckles Painting 9 10am GriefShare 6pm Mission Committee 6:30pm Congregational Life	9am Women of the Word 10 6pm GriefShare 7pm Family3 Classes	9:15am Precept 11 7pm Al-Anon	12	13
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