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From the Pastor's Pen

School is back in session, the students are hitting the books, and it's time for us to get back into The Book, too. There are lots of ways to **study the Bible** at StJLC: Sunday School classes, Wednesday's Women of the Word, Tuesday's Precepts, and starting soon my own Bible study on Wednesday nights. I figured with all that's going on in the world these days, a study on the End Times would be interesting. So I invite you to join me on Wednesday nights, 7-8pm, beginning September 16 for an 8-week overview of what the Bible says about "Living in the End Times." I'm looking forward to teaching the Bible again and hope you can join me.

Please join me, too, for our church's annual **Congregational Meeting** after the Late Service on Sunday, September 13. It's been an unusual year, but the work of the church goes on, and you as members get a vote in what happens. We'll adopt a budget for next year, ratify changes to the NALC's constitution, elect new members to Council, and vote on whether to begin with the first modest steps of our Facilities Master Plan. Boerne continues to grow, and I hope StJLC will take modest but important steps to grow, too. StJLC is *your* church. Come to the meeting and let your voice be heard and vote counted.

Join me at our annual Church Picnic on October 4. Things will be a little different this year, but we're not going to let the coronavirus stop us from coming together and having a good time. Disciples "Connect Consistently" with one another and with their church. It's been hard to connect with each other when we're forced to keep social distance. It's not easy to feel connected to the church when so many programs and activities are put on hold. I've had the opportunity these last few weeks to go to a wedding. and a banquet, and a birthday partyhow good it was to be out connecting with people again! We want you to enjoy that goodness, too. The church picnic is old fashioned fellowship, and it's good for the soul. I hope you can join us on October 4. Save the date!

- Pastor Eric Waters

Want to keep up with all St. John happenings?

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



MESSAGE from the CONGREGATION PRESIDENT

During the dog days of summer, some important seasonal changes are taking place around us. School has started in Boerne ISD. St. John leadership has developed a budget for 2021. And the annual congregational meeting is set for September 13.

As normal, we will gather at the annual meeting to approve the annual budget and elect our council for 2021. We will possibly have additional business with property improvements and NALC constitutional amendments. Watch your mail and our media platforms for announcements.

Early in August, we attended the NALC annual convocation. St. John was represented by Pastor Waters, Pastor Bergquist, Vicar Greaver, Brad Allen, and myself. Through the wonders of modern internet meeting systems, more than 500 delegates participated, spread across North America. We approved rules and agenda, made motions and debated them, heard reports of committees, and elected members of boards and committees. Just like we were in a conference hall together. We approved a 2021 budget that reflects today's uncertainties and realities. A highlight for St. John was Pastor Waters' election to the Board of Regents of the North American Lutheran Seminary (NALS). In this role, he will be shaping the education of the next generation of pastors. He and the other pastors on the Board will strive to provide trained clergy to serve the NALC's future needs. Please join me in praying for it's success on this vital mission.

St. John Congregation President, Scott Kramer

A NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

Our Duty and Delight Rests Upon Hope

Our faith is what is in our hearts today. We know that the Holy Spirit is within us. We can feel and see our faith through worship of God, through walking with Christ in our listening and meditating on his word, through connecting with and loving one another, and through serving our Lord. Others are able to see us as we bear the fruits of joy, peace, love, patience, kindness, gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control. Faith, the first cornerstone of stewardship, is about today. Our faith today brings forth hope for the future. This second cornerstone is not about what is seen, but is what is unseen. God knows the plans he has for us. plans to prosper us and not to harm us, but to give us hope and a future. (Jeremiah 29:11). He delights in those who hope in the Lord.

We too should delight in our hope and prayers for all the children of God especially during these times of crisis. May we hope and pray that we have the opportunity to return a portion of our Command those ...in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

- 1 Timothy 6: 17-19

time, talent, and treasures to our Lord so that we may take hold of the life that is truly life.

Your brother in Christ, Mark Danney, Chairman- Stewardship Committee

INCOME COMPARISON													
Monthly Operating Income	January	February	March	April	Мау	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Through Month
2020	\$122,065	\$96,801	\$122,637	\$98,491	\$99,604	\$97,070	97,859						\$735,150
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	\$748,276
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	\$705,255

	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						415
IN-PERSON	449	408	331*		142	219	148						283
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.

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FAMILY³ MINISTRIES

Know Jesus and Make Jesus Known.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Ladies' Bible Study

PRECEPT

Thursday 9:15am-11:15am

On September 10, Precept will begin studying the letter to the Philippians. Join us at 9:15am in the Family Life Center. Led by Pastor Mariola Bergquist.

Women of the Word (W.O.W.) Wednesdays 9am-10am August 12 - September 30, 2020

We contintue studying the book of Jonah Led by Michelle Waters

Adult Sunday School Classes

9:30am "God Talk"

We will be studying the Psalms each Sunday at 9:30am beginning on August 30.

The psalms show us what God has done in the past and what He will do in the future. Studying these hymns teaches us to trust God and to turn to Him in all our struggles and joys. We will learn how to pray the psalms, to bask in God's steadfast love, to experience His comfort, and to dwell in His grace. For more information, contact Peggy Hoppes.

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

Mens' Bible Study

Mens' Breakfast

Every other Tuesday 6:30am "Master Builders Bible For Men" is the foundation for discussion topics.

Be a part of a Men or Women's Small Group that will grow your Bible Study skills and deepen your relationship with Jesus.

The study series, *Every Man a Warrior: Helping Men Succeed in Life* has proven to be a favorite for many here at St. John let alone around the world. It's counterpart for women, *Cultivating Holy Beauty*, holds promise to do the same. Let Matt know if you would like to find out more or just let him know you are ready to get started!

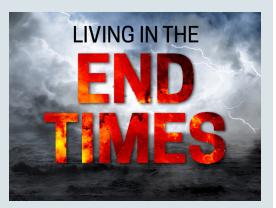


NEW WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Living in the End Times. Wednesdays, 7pm-8pm starting September 16 Led by Pastor Eric

Pastor Eric leads this 8-session overview of what the Bible says about the End Times and how to live in them. Bring your Bible.

Please register online through our website so we know how many people to plan for.



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FAMILY³ Together, in our Home,

Church and World

Families

Parents/Grandparents/ Adults

The Truth Project

Combined in person and online classes will be taking place this September. Meet in the Shepherd's Cave (Room #117) at 8am, 9:30am and 10:40am (see separate topic schedule for 10:40am) or be involved online via Zoom.

8am, 9:30am, and Zoom Class Topics:

NO Class on Sunday, September 6 Sunday, September 13 and 20 Topic:

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.

Sunday, September 27 Topic: The State: Whose Law?

Of all the social spheres, the state, to which God grants the power of the sword for the punishment of evil and the preservation of the good, has the greatest potential to go awry if it oversteps its authority. The civil magistrate must always remember his place under the sovereignty of God – otherwise, havoc will ensue.

10:40am Topics:

A FRESH start of the Truth Project and a Cross + Generational class as well (it is for Middle, High Schoolers and Adults). This class will meet in the Shepherd's Cave following Praise Worship.

NO Class on Sunday, September 6 Sunday, September 13 and 20 Topic: Veritology - What is Truth?

Sunday, September 27 Topic: Philosophy and Ethics – Says Who?



HAPPY HEARTS potluck and fellowship are on hold for now due to COVID 19. We're monitoring the situation and will resume when it's safe and possible. Please check for new announcements.

FAMILY³ MINISTRIES

Know Jesus and Make Jesus Known.

Our Family³ Ministries Team:

Matt Olson, Director of Family³ Ministries, Email: matt@stjohnlutheran.com, Cell: 830-388-1550 Tiffany Jurezcki, Nursery and Children's Ministry Coordinator. Email: tiffany@stjohnlutheran.com, Cell: 830-328-3744 Amy Townsend, Hospitality Coordinator, Email: amy@stjohnlutheran.com, Cell: 713-480-8113

A note from Matt Olson, Director of Family3 Ministries, about our upcoming children and youth Fall gatherings:

"It's all about relationships!"

This statement is both encouraging as well as terrifying to me. It encourages me to know that I have the ability to develop and maintain healthy relationships by nurturing them through time and attention. It also reminds me that life is not about stuff or experiences, but it's about our relationships with others and ultimately our relationship with Jesus Christ. This statement terrifies me because too often the people I ought to be closest to are the ones I most easily neglect and hurt due to poor time management, lack of attention, and taking them for granted. And the most terrifying is that I act the same way with our LORD. Times planned with Jesus can easily get pushed aside. I know I am not alone in this. It is a part of our "saint and sinner" struggle.

What if there was a way to nurture authentic, healthy, life-giving relationships with those closest to me while at the same time welcoming Jesus into the mix?

Your church family wants to equip and train you to do this, as well as hold you accountable to follow through in your "home family" as well. Jesus knew we need each other because "it is all about relationships" and most especially with Him!

Quality over quantity will be our mantra as we break groups into smaller groups.

Some classes may be only two people while others will need to be limited to no more than ten. Small groups will not only be more Covid-safe, but also make for better opportunities to build, nurture, and develop quality relationships. Goal-orientated Christian Education materials used on Sunday morning - and on Wednesdays for teens - will be distributed for use at home with the hope that phone calls or brief Zoom meetings of encouragement and support will be welcomed.

Here are some adjustments for this fall's Sunday and Wednesday children and youth gatherings:

- NO gathering breakfasts or meals. Please go straight to your designated room at the designated time.
- Wear face masks
- · Children (pre-k through 4th grade) need to be picked up by their parents / guardian at their assigned room.
- · Be ready for flexibility and change.
- Sunday morning classes will start September 13. Wednesday night gatherings will begin September 16 at 7pm. By God's grace, may we build character in our children and youth as together we seek to Know Jesus and Make Jesus Known!

- Matt

Due to Covid-19. we are still on PAUSE with **Parents'** Night Out.

Please watch for further information as we would like to provide this opportunity for both students and parents as soon as is safely possible



(especially for Parents & Grandparents of Kindergarten through 4th Graders) Sundays, September 13 - October 18 at 9:30am

in the Family Life Center, as well as a Zoom option in the evenings at 8:00pm

September 13: Find out how student Sunday School lessons connect with the home.

September 20: The Power of Listening and Sharing.

NURSERY NEWS

Together, in our Home, Church and World

Families

Beginning Sunday, September 13, we will have a nursery care provider present during Sunday morning worship and education times, as well as on Wednesday evenings from 7pm - 8pm.

It would be appreciated if parents / guardians would register your pre-school child online on St. John's website. This will help us to determine the number of care providers needed. Thank you.

FAMILY³ MINISTRIES Together, in our Home, Church and World Know Jesus and Make Jesus Known. Families YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S S³HEEP: LAMBS³: students, seeking learning and and serving HIM memorizing Bible FAITH FORMATION everywhere, everyday stories. sonas. passionately and service SUNDAY MORNINGS: 9:30am-10:30am AGE/GRADE WEDNESDAY EVENINGS: 7pm-8pm LOCATION Beginning September 13 **Beginning September 16** Jesus played with the children and taught the adults... Pre-School Pre-school setting will be a safe space to socialize and learn about Jesus. Skilled providers offer a Bible Story, this happens as well on Wednesday nights. Nursery song, and craft project. The Books of Moses: The Lord God made a beautiful **Kindergarten** Room #217 world, but Adam and Eve messed up big time. The Creator has a new plan to save them. 1st Grade Into the Promised Land: It had taken ten miracles to get Room #214 them out of Egypt. It would take even more to get them "Into the Promised Land" for good. 2nd Grade The Songs of Israel: Lost sheep. Scattered seeds. Buried Room #215 treasure. Jesus knew how to tell stories. Some liked them, others not so much **3rd Grade** The Good News: A new star was shining and angels were For K - 4th Graders Room #119 announcing that God was about to do something absolutely marvelous! **MOVIE AND POPCORN NIGHT** Starting September 16, meet in the Family Llfe Center. 4th Grade Word Spreads: Riots. Jailbreaks. Stonings. Miracles. Daring Room #115 Movie will be held in the Galaxy Theater. escapes. A world turned upside down. All because of a wandering rabbi and his ragtag band of followers who **SERVICE PROJECT NIGHT: SEPTEMBER 23** claim he was raised from the dead! 5th Grade On Sundays, students will be challenged to **be bold!** This FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION Small Dining Room is where preteens will have a safe place to address their Explore sacraments and practice faith (FLC) doubts and find their wings. through friendship building and service Small Dining Room (FLC) 6th Grade Review of the Story of the Bible: To understand God's The Fold #212 Word and His work in our world today, we need to understand the story as a whole. 7th Grade Young Men: Belonging and Living as a Young Man of God THE LOR Guys: Room #211 Young Women: Belonging and Living as a Young Woman Girls: The Parlor of God **Confirmation: The Lord's Prayer** 8th Grade Diving Deep: Experiencing Jesus Through Spiritual As taught in Martin Luther's Small Catechism. **Historic Chapel** Disciplines Small groups will meet in the Family Life Center. (back door) 9th Grade This Changes Everything: How the Gospel Transforms the The Upper Room Teen Years (Written by a Teen) #213 티스())티란 RIRC 10th Grade Holy Sweat: The remarkable things ordinary people can Learn the most effective form of leadership, Family3 HQ do when they let God use them! Jesus style - Servant-Leadership. The Fold #212 LIVING IN THE 11th Grade The Jesus Centered Life: The Life you didn't think was Room #126 possible, with the Jesus you never knew 12th Grade

The Truth Project: An In-Depth Christian Worldview Experience

Room #128

Study begins on September 16. Led by Pastor Waters. OR Help with Confirmation

CHURCH NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS



October 4, 2pm-6:30pm

The annual church picnic will be held on Sunday, October 4, 2pm-6:30pm. Tickets will be available in the Gathering Place (Sundays, beginning September 6) or in the church office during the week.

The menu will consist of Bill Miller's BBQ, pinto beans, potato salad, and dessert. We will also have chicken strips and potato chips. The location for the picnic is the Balous and Julie Miller ranch at 28 Upper Balcones Rd (down the road from Starbucks).

Due to Covid-19, things will be a little different this year. Safety for all attendees will be the highest priority. Even though we will be outside, face masks will be required (except when eating or drinking) because it will be difficult to maintain social distancing. Additionally, some of the normal activities will need to be curtailed. Some tables and chairs will be set up, but it is recommended that you bring a table and chairs if at all possible. For the fishing tournament, cane poles will be available but you can bring your own fishing gear. Bait will be provided.

In order to ensure a safe environment, many volunteers will be necessary. The volunteer sign-up sheets will be on the table in the Gathering Place. Contact Don Baker (dgbaker@gvtc.com or 830-431-0521) for questions.

More information will be provided as planning progresses. Check the St. John Website or the Week-at-a-Glance email to stay up-to-date.



Nomen's Retreat

October 16-18 • Ebert Ranch

St. John's **Women's Overnight Retreat** will be **October 16-18 at Ebert Ranch in Harper, TX**.

The retreat will be a great time to get to know one another and our best friend: Jesus.

OVERNIGHT registrations will be limited to 16 women. SATURDAY-ONLY participants will not be limited.

Cost: \$100 overnight, \$30 Saturday only.

Social distancing will be followed. Questions? Contact **Peggy Hoppes: heart2love4god@aol.com**

Register Online Today at stjohnlutheran.com under 'Events'

CHURCH NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS



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Thank you to all who contributed to the Police Fundraiser with cards of encouragement and monetary donations. Over \$3000 was raised to gift the Kendall County, Boerne, and Fair Oaks Ranch Police Departments with baked goods and gift cards. Discounts and gift cards were also collected from local businesses. In September (date and time to be determined), Pastor Waters and Sharon Tschirhart will present the gifts at St. John.

Your support of our law enforcement is much appreciated. May God protect them as they serve and protect us.

Dear St. John Friends,

Thank you for your sympathy cards and notes filled with love and support for me and my family. We thank those who were at the celebration of life, love, and faith for Skip and those who were able to watch online. May God bless you.

Love, Linda Stefansen and Family

A HUGE "Thank you!" goes to Grant Meadows who has been orchestrating our community garden, The Vineyard, the past six years, (since its time of inception). "Farmer Grant," is what the Ambleside kids call him!



Grant's gardening and neighboring will remain, but he is stepping back from the

oversight of the plot management, etc. Please tell him "Well done!" and "Thanks!" His service to our community and church has greatly blessed our ministry!

This also means, we need someone or someone(s) to now step up and take the helm. Please prayerfully consider this unique and wonderful way to garden and to reach out to our neighbors! Talk with Grant and Matt to find out more. **Fall Plots are Available Now!**

Happy Birthday

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

Dolores Bauer (09-12) Sandra Bradley (09-13) Lanne Brehmer (09-26) Nadine Flathouse (09-03) Barnie Gavin (09-11) Don Hansen (09-27) Joe Hegyesi (09-18) Martin Hillrichs (09-04) Larry Justice (09-02) Marjorie Maxwell (09-26) Arliss Oliversen (09-05) Jayne Puls (09-20) Henry Schulte (09-10)

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



If you or some one you know is in need of support, please contact us!

> www.griefshare.org Connie: 512-779-5508, Barbara: 210-373-9070, St. John office: 830-249-3651.



We will be celebrating a **FAITH MILE MARKER** on Sunday, September 13th at the 11am service: The NEW 6th graders will be starting their Confirmation Journey this fall.

Let us keep them and their families in our prayers as they start this important and challenging time of Faith Formation. May Jesus become even more alive to them in both their heads and their hearts!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

September 13 after the late service

Plan to join us!

The Congregational Care Committee Needs Your Help!

College Student Addresses

The Congregational Care Committee is updating our mailing list for St. John college students for the 2020-2021 school year. We send care packages with snacks, treats, and notes of encouragement twice each semester. If you are a parent of a college student or if you are a student enrolled in any level of college studies, please stop by the information desk in the narthex and fill out a college address card. We are also looking for parents to help with packing and mailing the care boxes.

Military Member Addresses

We are updating our list of St. John members who are serving in the military. We send cards and notes of encouragement several times each year. If you are serving in the armed forces or are a parent of a soldier, please stop by the information desk and fill out a military address card.

Mail Team

Our mail team needs a caring person to be the Team Leader, and also several additional volunteers to assist with mailings. We send cards to homebound members and seniors, encouragement cards to our college students and military members, as well as get-well cards and sympathy cards. If you would like more information about being a team leader or mailer, please contact Shaun Danney at sdanney@gvtc.com.

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SUNDAY MONDAY		TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		8am Robert Buckles Painting 1 6:30pm Congregational Care 6:30pm Worship Committee	9am Women of the Word 2 7pm Shepherd Equipping	9:15am Precept 3 7pm Al-Anon	4	5
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Stay Up-To-Date!

At this time, all of our usual day-to-day activities are uncertain and constantly changing. We will do our best to offer frequent updates regarding our services, activites, etc. via email, on our website, and on social media. We encourage you to follow us on Facebook and Instagram and check our website (stjohnlutheran.com) often to stay informed.