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Vicar Alliyah Greaver

From the Pastor's Pen

Here are **3** good ways you can join us this June.

1.

First, I invite you to join me at
Vacation Bible School,

June 7-10. Families will take
a "Blast to the Past" to learn

about Jesus. We'll transform our church
campus into the Bible lands and Bible
times so that children can interact with
Bible characters as they learn Bible
stories. Lots of our volunteers will be all
decked-out and dressed-up to teach
your children and grandchildren about
Jesus. I'll be doing that myself - come
and join me! Check out our website for
more information and to register your
family.

2.

Second, Mark Lynn will be
joining us as our **Youth Director.**

Matt Olson has done good,
hard work for years, but as the Family
Ministry Director he's responsible for
everything from cradle to college. We're
bringing in someone to focus on middle
and high-school youth. Mark Lynn has
years of experience as a Christian Camp
director and a Youth Director. We're
really excited to have him share that
experience with us and build up our

Youth program, too. Join Matt and me
in welcoming Mark to our staff when we
officially install him during the worship
services on June 20.

3.

Third, join me in saying goodbye
to **Vicar Alliyah Greaver** on
June 13. It's hard to believe, I

know, but Alliyah has already been with
us for a year. St. John has been blessed
by her time and by her ministry, but now
it's time for her to serve a church of her
own. I trust that you've been praying
for Vicar Alliyah in this search process,
asking God to call her to the church
He has in mind for her. Come and
celebrate with us as we send her into
the pastorate and wish her Godspeed.
It's been well over a year since we had a
congregational dinner at the church. I
can't think of a better reason to gather,
celebrate, and rejoice than this! Come
and join us. There's no cost to you, but
we do ask you to pick up a ticket so we
can plan accordingly.

- 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

Giving From Our Gifts

In our devotional this month, I've chosen to highlight two different verses from the New Testament that focus on the gifts God has given us. These gifts are not just our genetics or random twists of fate - they are the "manifestations of the Spirit." They are God working in us. Just think about that for a moment. God Himself, the creator of the universe, has chosen to be present inside us and to work through us for the "common good." God calls on us to not squander our gifts on worldly ambitions, but to use them to uplift our community.

We are each unique. We have different life experiences, skills, abilities, and resources. Share those gifts with those around you. You might be called to be a Sunday School teacher, sharing your

faith with our children. Perhaps you feel called to be an usher or communion assistant, or help pray with those in need, or help with any of the many ways

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 1 Cor. 12:4-7 (NIV)

Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk." Acts 3:6 (NIV)

that St. John tries to help people connect to each other and to God. Peter says "silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you." Give what you have, whatever it is.

Monetary support is of course always needed and appreciated. But a church without a community is simply an expensive building. Use your gifts, the manifestation of God inside you, and reach out to one another. Build a community, the common good, so that we support one another and lift each other up as we strive towards our ideal, Jesus Christ.

Your Brother in Christ,
Michael Hoepfner, Chairman
Stewardship Committee

INCOME COMPARISON

Monthly Operating Income	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Through Month
2020	\$149,464	\$92,893	\$119,933	\$110,256									\$472,546
2020	\$122,065	\$96,801	\$122,637	\$98,491	\$99,604	\$97,070	97,859	116,881	101,328	94,725	99,757	254,232	439,994
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	454,672

ATTENDANCE COMPARISON

Avg Weekly Worship	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Average YTD
2021 ONLINE	223	151	122	124									155
2021 IN-PERSON	289	276	328	346									310
TOTAL	512	427	450	470									465
2020 ONLINE				705	513	220	220	241	233	170	143	256	300
2020 IN-PERSON	449	408	331*	142	219	148	210	243	247	220	220	367	271
TOTAL	449	408	331	705	655	439	368	451	476	417	363	623	571
2019	416	410	384	512	434	347	377	391	385	421	382	574	419

Updates to St. John's Covid Policy



St. John's Council has further lifted our Covid restrictions.

Beginning in June, we will return to our practice of serving Communion by individual cups on the first Sunday of the month and by intinction the other Sundays.

Beginning in July, Communion servers will no longer be required to wear masks.



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ADULT FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Ladies' Bible Study

PRECEPT

Thursday 9:15am-11:15am Precept class will be on break until Fall. For more information, email pastormariola@stjohnlutheran.com. Led by Pastor Mariola Bergquist.

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

Wednesdays 9am-10am

Join Women of the Word this summer as we study, live, and pray some of the Psalms in Six Psalms for Summer. Wednesday mornings, 9am - 10am, June 16-July 28, 2021. \$5 materials fee. For more info or to reserve childcare, please contact Michelle Waters at watersmichellejoy@gmail.com

Adult Sunday School Classes

9:30am "God Talk"

Studying the Psalms. Room 128.
Led by Peggy Hoppes.

9:30am "Seekers" Room 216.

Led by Lanne Brehmer.

9:30am "Logos"

Studying Acts. Room 118
Led by Richard Wagner.

Mens' Bible Study

Mens' Breakfast Every other Tuesday 6:30am

"Master Builders Bible For Men" is the foundation for discussion topics. This group is currently studying Ephesians and meets in the Family Life Center.

June 1: Ephesians 2:1-10 June 15: Ephesians: 2:11-22 June 29: Ephesians: 3:1-13



For Parents, Grandparents, Adults and Young Adults:

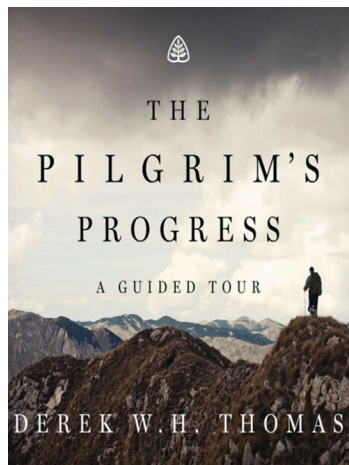
'The Pilgrim's Progress' Sundays at 8am and 9:30am in the Shepherds Cave (Room 117)

Go through the classic Christian book, "Pilgrim's Progress." Bible Study and discussion groups will be happening both at 8am and 9:30am in the Shepherds Cave, Room 117.

Understand this Christian Journey better with a deeper look at this story of Pilgrim. Determine what part of the journey you are currently facing and find strength to face it.

All our children and youth will be going through the book as well via an animated movie.

Join in the discussion with your kids or grandkids by walking alongside them in this Sunday morning class. Facilitated by Matt Olson.



Bill Loveless led a Monday Night Men's Bible Study at St. John a few years ago and it was very well received...check this one out!

The Battle Of The Mind

Livestream and In-Person Conference with Bill Loveless of Christ Is Life Ministries

**Saturday, June 12,
10am-12pm**

Oak Hills Church in SA

What is the battle of the mind? How do we engage God to win the battle?

For more info: Email or call Bill Loveless at 210-478-0618 or bill@christislifeministries.com

Vacation Bible School Volunteers needed!

June 7 - 10, 9am - 11:30am

Be an elder of a tribe as we take a BLAST to the past in Biblical times. The Word is out...Jesus is coming to town!





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Our Family³ Ministries Team:

Matt Olson, Director of Family³ Ministries, Email: matt@stjohnlutheran.com, Cell: 830-388-1550

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SUNDAY MORNINGS IN JUNE

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS



Pilgrim's Progress: It's a story that has much meaning for each of our walks with Jesus.

Sunday, June 6: City of Destruction

Sunday, June 13: The Forbidden Forest

Sunday, June 20: Swamp of Despondency

Sunday, June 27: Worldly Wiseman

The Sunday School schedule:

9:30am Meet in the Family Life Center or if it is nice, come right outside to the play area.

9:50am Students will then watch a section of the Pilgrim's Progress movie.

10:15am Small group discussions.

10:30am Parents pick up children in the Family Life Center

TUESDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS IN JUNE

YOUTH ALPHA BEGINS!

Middle School Tuesdays

6pm Supper
6:30pm Fellowship Game
7pm Video and Discussion (Done by 8pm)
Meet in the Family Life Center.

Tuesday, June 1 - Life: Is This It?

Tuesday, June 8 - Jesus: Who Is He?

Tuesday, June 15 - Cross: Why Did Jesus Die?

Tuesday, June 22 - Faith: How Can I Have Faith?

Tuesday, June 29 - Prayer: Why and How Do I Pray?

Bring friends, especially those who are not a part of a Christian Faith community.

High School Wednesdays

6pm Supper
6:30pm Fellowship Game
7pm Video and Discussion (Done by 8pm)
Meet in the Family Life Center.

Wednesday, June 2 - Life: Is This It?

Wednesday, June 9 - Jesus: Who Is He?

Wednesday, June 16 - Cross: Why Did Jesus Die?

Wednesday, June 23 - Faith: How Can I Have Faith?

Wednesday, June 30 - Prayer: Why and How Do I Pray?

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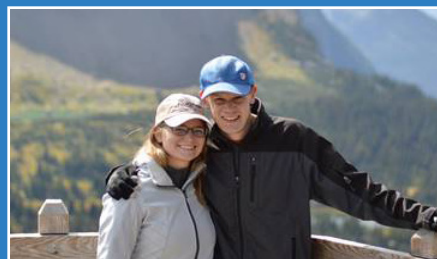
Due to Vacation Bible School and Bible Camps happening this month, there will be NO special Sunday events for High School and Middle School, but they will

return in July headed up by our NEW Youth Director, Mark!

There will be NO Elementary family Sunday gathering this month since many of those students will be headed to Camp Chrysalis on that scheduled Sunday.

It will also be a busy month with Vacation Bible School going on.

This Sunday gathering plans to return in July.



WELCOME OUR NEW YOUTH DIRECTOR, Mark Lynn

Mark and his wife Rachel will be getting settled here in the Boerne area at the beginning of the month with him starting at St. John on June 15.

On June 20 he will be installed at each of the services. May we thank and praise God for this new member of our staff. Let us keep him and his family in your prayers as they make this transition from Indiana to Texas and as he leads our 6th-12th graders into deeper fellowship, service and discipleship.

NURSERY CARE IS AVAILABLE ON SUNDAYS

We will have a nursery care provider present during **Sunday** morning worship and education times.



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S³HEEP:
students, seeking
and serving HIM
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passionately



YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION



LAMBs³:
learning and
memorizing Bible
stories, songs,
and service

VBS

June 7-10
9AM - 11:30AM



Come explore what it might have been like when Jesus lived. Everyone will dress like they did in Bible times, participate in historic games and crafts, and even witness Jesus performing miracles!

We're Trying Something NEW This Year!

Your **FAMILY** is invited to live like Jesus from June 7-10, 9am-11:30am. **This year, an adult must attend VBS with your children to enjoy the fun together!** This could be a parent, grandparent, babysitter, nanny, neighbor or friend...as long as they are over 16 years old. Learn more and register on our website TODAY!

VBS REGISTRATION IS OPEN! Learn more and sign up on our website under 'Events'

Here's an overview of what the VBS week has in store:

Monday

Theme:

The Wedding Feast Begins /
The Bridegroom Arrives

Verse of the Day:

Let us rejoice and be glad
and give him glory! For the
wedding of the Lamb has
come... - Revelation 19:7

Jesus Sighting:

Jesus enters our village. Signs
and Wonders take place:
Water into Wine; The blind
see and the lame can walk.

Old Testament Story:

The Garden of Eden: Adam,
Eve and the Fall

Tuesday

Theme:

The Bread of Life provides all
that we need.

Verse of the Day:

Then Jesus declared, "I am the
bread of life. Whoever comes to
me will never go hungry, and
whoever believes in me will
never be thirsty. - John 6:35

Jesus Sighting:

Jesus meets with the people
on the hillside, teaching them
how to live and providing a
miraculous meal.

Old Testament Story:

Manna in the Wilderness

Wednesday

Theme:

Jesus is the Lamb of God who
takes away the sins of the
world!

Verse of the Day:

"Look, the Lamb of God, who
takes away the sin of the
world! - John 1:29

Jesus Sighting:

Jesus before Pontius Pilate

Old Testament Story:

The Passover

Thursday

Theme:

He is ALIVE!

Verse of the Day:

For God so loved the world
that he gave his one and only
Son, that whoever believes in
him shall not perish but have
eternal life. - John 3:16

Jesus Sighting:

Is it true? Is He alive? Just
maybe we will see Him again?!

Old Testament Story:

Noah and the Flood

Please Keep in your Prayers this Month:

Camp Eagle High School participants, June 13-17: Logan, Luke, David, Tanner, Nathan, Gabe, Mallory, Peyton, and Matt. Our Maddie Arnold will be working as a counselor there this summer. Please pray for her health, safety, and ministry.

Camp Chrysalis participants, June 26 - 30: Marcus, Danielle, Matthew, Anna, Christopher, Jonathan, Kinsley, Riley, Georgia, Annelise, Jonathan, Corey, Luke, Samuel, Isaac, Elizabeth, Ava, Ashley, Sage, Jillian, Bridgette, Lily, and New Youth Director Mark.

DAY CAMP • JULY 26-30

Cross Trails Ministry will be holding a day camp at St. John for children who have completed K-5th grade. Space is limited, so learn more on our website under 'Events' and register today!

We are also looking for a few volunteers from St. John to help during this week and to offer housing for the camp leaders. Contact Tiffany if you can help!

CHURCH NEWS and UPCOMING EVENTS

VICAR ALLIYAH SEND-OFF CELEBRATION JUNE 13, 12PM

Join us on June 13 after the late service for a Send-Off Celebration for Vicar Alliyah! There will be food, fellowship, and lots of fun for all ages. Come on out and send her off with a lot of love from all her friends here at St. John.

Stop by the table in the Gathering Place to pick up a dinner ticket for the party so we can plan accordingly for food.



Blood Drive - June 6 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



You're Invited!

**Saturday, June 12
11am- 1pm**



Beverly and Ernie Serr will be back in Boerne and at St John to celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary. The Serrs enjoyed 20 years of living in Boerne and are grateful for their St. John church family. All friends of Beverly and Ernie are invited to attend a brunch hosted by their son, Brian Serr, on Saturday, June 12 from 11am - 1pm in the Family Life Center to help them celebrate.



The physical, emotional, and spiritual effects following the loss of a loved one can be devastating. The good news, is that grieving folks who find a support group often discover that the process from mourning to joy is possible.

GriefShare is a 14-week program where participants will find support and practical advice. Each of the 14 sessions stands alone, and it is not necessary to begin with the very first one. A participant can start at any point during the cycle.

The recent StJLC GriefShare cycle, under the guidance of Pastor Mariola Bergquist, concluded in May, but the next cycle is scheduled to begin in August. The new Tuesday morning cycle will begin August 17, 2021, 10am to noon. The Wednesday evening cycle will begin August 18, 2021, 6pm-8pm.

Call the church office at 830-249-3651, Connie Harbers at 512-779-5508, or Barbara Rogers at 210-373-9070 for more information.

More GriefShare information is available at www.griefshare.org.

SAVE THE DATE!

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

Women's Retreat: October 15-17 Camp Chrysalis (Kerrville)

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.

We need volunteers!
If you are interested in helping,
please contact Peggy Hoppes at
heart2love4god@aol.com



Congratulations
CLASS OF 2021
ENJOY YOUR SUMMER!

CHURCH NEWS and UPDATES



To our St. John family,

My family and I want to thank you for all of your heartfelt love and support expressed so thoughtfully in your cards and phone calls while Judy was in the hospital, throughout her hospice, and after she passed away.

While it was a very difficult time for her, Judy felt every one of your prayers and rejoiced knowing throughout everything, it was God's will be done. We miss her terribly, but we rejoice knowing she is pain free and with Jesus.

God's blessings to each of you!

-Charles Kuentz and family

To our St. John family,

We would like to thank all the members of our St. John family for the prayers and kind thoughts during Maurice's stays in the hospital and now while he is recuperating at home. Special thanks to the Prayer Shawl Group for the beautiful shawl. Many thanks for the home visits, telephone calls, flowers and cards. They've meant a lot during this time.

-Maurice and Jeanie Theis

OUTREACH AND MISSION COMMITTEE UPDATES

The Outreach and Mission Committees offer financial support to international, national, and local organizations. Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, we ended 2020 with a surplus. \$45,000 of that surplus has been set aside for: the Uganda Tree of Life, India! Transformed, Baranski Congo Mission International and the Oromo Evangelical Church. the NALC Seminary Scholar Fund. Hill Country Daily Bread, Boerne Community Coalition, Hill Country Pregnancy Care Center, and Kendall Country Women's Shelter.

Thank you for your generosity and support which allows us to continue our commitment to the Great Commission.



Rafiki Foundation, Inc. Update

Dadi Ishimwe: Rwanda, Grade 9: Dadi is thankful that God helped him to survive the Covid pandemic. God helped him excel in his studies, even though he was away from school for seven months.

Prayer Requests: Please pray for Dadi to be spiritually strong and learn to trust and believe in God more and more. Also pray that he learns to be more social and friendly to others. Finally, pray that he continues to learn and excel in his physics and calculus classes.



Joseph Katebe: Zambia, Grade 12: Joseph knows that God is omnipresent and was the one who kept him safe from the coronavirus. He knows that God has seen us through last year and is still protecting us today. He thanks God for his protection, love, and care. **Prayer Requests:** Please pray for Joseph to continue studying God's Word wholeheartedly. Also pray for him to study and have the desire to work hard in mathematics. Finally, pray for him to share Bible truths with others.



To send mail to Dadi, send letters to: PO Box 6856, Kacyiru, Kigali Rwanda, EAST AFRICA. To send mail to Joseph, send letters to: Post.Net BOX 232, P/Bag E891, Lusaka, Zambia, 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.



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

Dave Bowman (06/04)	Bill Price (06/20)
Judy Collins (06/20)	Kay Rutherford (06/25)
John Levertton (06/05)	Dave Smith (06/09)
Glenn Marquardt (06/25)	June Stevens (06/17)

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

MISSIONS COMMISSION UPDATE

St. John supports mission churches in Texas.

The Mission Committee has approved financial support for the San Miguel Lutheran Church in Fort Worth, Texas and the Oromo Evangelical Church in Houston Texas. Both churches were thankful for the much needed funds as their very existence depends upon financial support.

San Miguel Lutheran Church, a thriving Hispanic church in Fort Worth, needed St. John's support as it was compelled to pay for the existing property when it left the ELCA to become an NALC congregation. The NALC churches in Texas rallied around San Miguel Lutheran.

The Oromo Evangelical Church in Houston (an Ethiopian congregation) has been financially supported by St. John since its formation in 2011. Since then, it has grown tenfold. The Oromo Evangelical Church's newest challenge is to build a church facility on a newly acquired tract of land in the Houston area. St. John's generous support helps with this effort.

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JUNE						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		6:30am Men's Breakfast 6pm Middle School Alpha 6:30pm Congregational Care 6:30pm Worship Committee 1	4pm Growing Hope Distribution 6pm High School Alpha 7pm VBS Volunteer Meeting 2	7pm AI-Anon 3	4	5
8am-12pm Blood Drive 8am Traditional Service 9am Food and Fellowship 9:30am Adult and Youth Classes 9:30am Praise Service 11am Traditional Service 6pm Dominoes 6	9am Quilters 6pm Property Meeting 6:30pm Men's Groups 7pm AI-Anon VBS 7	6pm Middle School Alpha 6pm Mission Committee 6:30pm Congregational Life 8	6pm High School Alpha 9	7pm AI-Anon 10	11	11am-1pm Beverly and Ernie Serr 65th Wedding Anniversary Celebration in the FLC 12
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FATHERS DAY Mark Lynn Installation 8am Traditional Service 9am Food and Fellowship 9:30am Adult and Youth Classes 9:30am Praise Service 11am Traditional Service 5pm Canasta 20	11:30am Mens Lunch at Mamacitas 12pm Lit N Lunch 6:30pm Men's Groups 7pm AI-Anon 21	6pm Wild Game Committee 6pm Middle School Alpha 22	9am WOW Bible Study 6pm High School Alpha 23	7pm AI-Anon 24	25	26
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Afternoon CAMP CHRYSALIS						