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From the Pastor's Pen

Jesus commands us to "Go and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19). Heaven, John saw, is a place where "people from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages" stand before the throne of God and worship Him day and night (Revelation 7:9). This month, we'll have the opportunity to worship with believers from other nations in our church.

St. John has supported the **Houston Oromo Evangelical Lutheran Church** for years, recently helping to purchase land to build a church of their own. A delegation from the Oromo Church will visit on **August 1** and worship with us at the Late Service. Pastor Kamiso Boru will bring greetings and update us on his church's ministry. Then the delegation will treat St. John to a home-cooked **Ethiopian meal** in the Family Life Center. If you've never tried Ethiopian food before, here's your chance—it's delicious: savory vegetables, flat breads, and spicy meats, something like Indian food. Come join us!

The following Sunday brings a guest preacher from the **Lutheran Church of South Sudan**. Millions of Sudanese have been displaced by years of civil

war, living now in refugee camps in Kenya and Ethiopia. Trinity Lutheran Seminary and College is planting new congregations in the refugee camps and training pastors to serve them. Pastor Jordan Long, President of the seminary, will share that story when he preaches at our services on **August 8**.

Then on **August 15** we begin a seven-week series on the **Book of Revelation**. The events of the last few years have left me wondering what this world is coming to. Naturally, I turned to the Bible for guidance, and over the last year have made a study of Revelation. I'm eager to share with you the Good News that's found there. Join me in the months of August and September as we preach our way through the Book of Revelation. It's a hard book, but a fascinating one, and one which speaks a Word we need to hear in this season.

On a final note, it's been five years now that I've served as your Senior Pastor. Michelle and I moved down here in August of 2016. Boerne is a wonderful place to live, St. John is a great church to serve. Thank you for calling us.

- 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

Christ In Us

There is a simple table prayer our family prays many nights before our meal: "Come Lord Jesus, be our guest, let this food to us be blessed. Amen." We say it so many times that we can forget to think about what we are saying - that we are asking Jesus, our Lord and Saviour, to come and be a guest at our table. We are asking him to be present with us, not just at the meal, but in our hearts and lives. Having Christ live in us is a radical transformation - we are not just following a list of rules of behavior. Instead, we strive to live our lives in accordance to how Jesus would have lived his - with full obedience to the Father and charity to our fellow brothers and sister.

As Paul tells us, it is through faith that we allow Christ to live in us - faith that Jesus exists, that He is present with us, and that He is there to support and

guide us. Once we have that faith, and have Christ's power in us, Paul then tells us to use that power with "all the Lord's holy people." Jesus wants us to communion with each other - to be present and active in our communities. Indeed, the ultimate purpose of the power we have been given is to "grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ." When living through faith, with Christ in us, our worldview shifts - no longer should we be focused on our accomplishments or needs, but on serving each other the way Jesus served us.

I encourage you to ask Christ to be your guest, not just at your meals but in all your life, and to allow Him to transform you into a new creation, serving others through donations of your time, talent, and treasures, to bring

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.

Ephesians 3:16-18 (NIV)

His love to all the world.

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
2021	\$149,464	\$92,893	\$119,933	\$110,256	\$120,505	\$92,056							\$685,108
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	636,668
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	637,204

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	88	85							132
2021 IN-PERSON	289	276	328	346	317	335							315
TOTAL	512	427	450	470	405	420							447
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	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

DID YOU KNOW?



Our church has an awesome library!

St. John's library has books for everyone: children, youth, young adults, adults. There is fiction and non-fiction, books for study and for leisure reading or entertainment- all kinds and genres. To check out a book simply fill out a card. Questions? Contact Terry Hermann at terryhermann08@gmail.com.



NURSERY care is available on Sundays

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



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ADULT FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Ladies' Bible Study

PRECEPT

Thursday 9:15am-11:15am

Precept class will resume on September 9.

The group will be studying 1 Corinthians.

If you plan to attend, please email Pastor Mariola at pastormariola@stjohnlutheran.com to order a workbook.

Led by Pastor Mariola Bergquist.

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

Wednesdays 9am-10am

Women of the Word will be on break in August. Join us in September for a new study on the book of James. Please contact Michelle Waters at watersmichellejoy@gmail.com

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.

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.

HAPPY HEARTS • Monday, September 13

Happy Hearts will start meeting again on **September 13 at 6pm in the Family Life Center.**

We will begin with a potluck followed by a presentation from our own Pat Blackman and his friends. They will speak about the exploits of the 442 regimental Combat Team during WWII which consisted almost 100 % of Japanese Americans. It will explore their origins, their struggle for acceptance and their bravery, including their rescue of members of the Texas 36th Infantry Division who were surrounded and cut off for days, all of which combined to make them the most decorated unit in the history of the U.S. Army.



For Parents, Grandparents, Adults and Young Adults:

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

It's NOT too late to join the discussion of this Christian Classic. We will be wrapping it up this August. 9:30am, Shepherd's Cave #117. See the reading plan below. You can also join the discussion via ZOOM, as well. See the Week at a Glance email or contact Matt for the link.

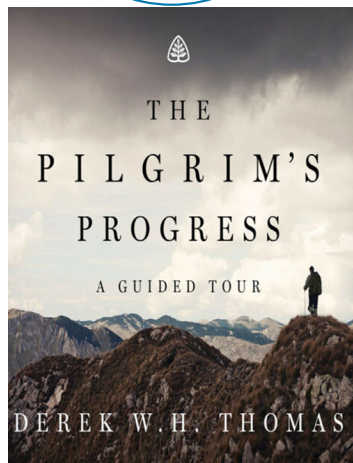
August 1: Mr. By-ends, The Hill Lucre, By-path Meadow, Doubting Castle (pg. 108-131)

August 8: The Delectable Mountains, Ignorance, The Flatterer, Atheist (pg. 131-150)

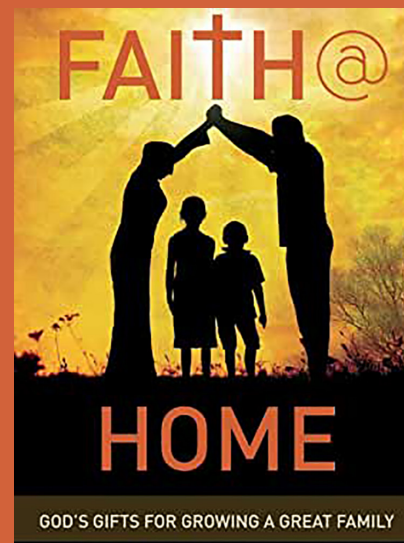
August 15: The Enchanted Ground, Ignorance Rejoins the Pilgrims, Beulah Land (pg. 150-176)

August 22: The River of Death, The Celestial City, The Conclusion (pg. 176-184)

August 29: The Story Continues...



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SUNDAY MORNINGS IN AUGUST



PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

August 1, 8, and 15 will be the wrap up of Pilgrim's Progress. As we close out this classic allegory of the Christian life, we trust seeds of faith, imagination, and courage have been planted.

As Christian author C.S. Lewis said,

"Since it is so likely that (children) will meet cruel enemies, let them at least have heard of brave knights and heroic courage. Otherwise you are making their destiny not brighter but darker."

It's not too late to get connected to this story of Christ's power and leading; for both parents and students!

The Sunday School schedule:

9:30am Meet in the Family Life Center

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

August 22: A special Pilgrim's Progress review event! **August 29:** An end of Summer Celebration!

LOOKING AHEAD TO WEDNESDAYS THIS FALL

Wednesday Schedule starting September 1:

After School - the Family Life Center / Gym is available for recreation.

5:30pm Youth Bell Choir

5:45pm Dinner begins at Luther Hall (The gym will be shut down for a half hour.)

6:15pm Gym is reopen for Recreation

6:30pm Organized activity in gym for Middle and High School Youth (sometimes, ALL ages)

7pm Bible Studies begin with Children having recreation time in the gym.

7:50pm Class wrap up.

FAMILY INFO FOR UPCOMING FALL EVENTS

We Need Volunteer Teachers for this fall

Teacher / Guide Volunteers are needed this fall. Be a shepherd for children/ youth on Sundays or Wednesday evenings. Contact Matt, Tiffany, or Mark.

Teaching/Guide Equipping Meeting
Sunday, August 29 at 9:30am

Meet in the Family Life Center.

INTRO TO FALL

Want to find out what is happening at St. John this fall?
Join us on

August 25, 5:45pm

in the Family Life Center for dinner, fellowship, and an intro to fall events!

Events begin September 1

Wednesday Evening Family Bible Study September 1

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MAKE SOME NOISE!! RING SOME BELLS!!

Learn more about and join the YOUTH BELL CHOIR with T.J. this fall! We will meet on Wednesdays at 5:30pm beginning in September. Let us know if you are interested!



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students, seeking
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YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION



LAMBS³:
learning and
memorizing Bible
stories, songs,
and service

AUGUST 8

**KINDERGARTEN
FAITH MILE
MARKER**

**FAITH
MILE
MARKER**

Entry into School
Blessing at the
worship
services.
Kids will receive
a special cross
during this
blessing!



AUGUST 15



**MIDDLE AND HIGH
SCHOOL YOUTH
12:15PM - 3PM**

Meet in the
Family Life Center for
a Scavenger Hunt!
Winners will be
awarded with a prize!

AUGUST 18

**SERVICE PROJECT NIGHT
WEDNESDAY, 5:45PM**

Meet in the Family Life Center to enjoy a delicious dinner
that will be followed with a service project:

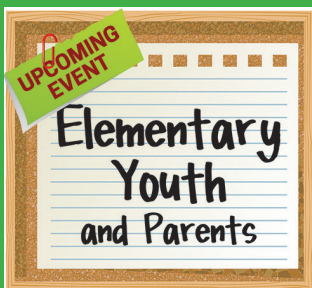
FILL the Warehouse

We will fill
approximately 200
Hurricane Buckets
for the NALC
Disaster Response
Team. This is a fun
night every year
and a great way to
help those in need.



AUGUST 22

**ELEMENTARY
STUDENTS AND
PARENTS
FELLOWSHIP
EVENT**



Watch for details!

AUGUST 25

**FELLOWSHIP
NIGHT AND
INTRO TO FALL
WEDNESDAY
5:45PM**

Meet in the Family Life
Center for a delicious
meal together. After dinner
we will enjoy a fellowship
night where we will grow
in friendship, as well as
get a taste of what will be
happening this fall!

AUGUST 29

**6TH GRADE
FAITH MILE
MARKER**

**FAITH
MILE
MARKER**

Start of Confirmation
Blessing at the
worship services. The
youth will receive a
backpack and Bible.



AUGUST 29

**TEACHER/GUIDE
EQUIPPING
MEETING
9:30AM**

Volunteer teachers/
guides:
Join us in the Family
Life Center for this
informational meeting.

**DON'T
MISS OUT...
JOIN US!**

CHURCH NEWS and UPCOMING EVENTS

HAPPY

Anniversary

Please join us to celebrate
Pastor Waters' 20th Anniversary of Ordination (July 14, 2001) and
5 years of ministry at St. John (August 1, 2016)

We will recognize Pastor Waters at all three worship services on
August 15 and celebrate with a **cake reception between services** in the Family Life Center.

*"Who can find a
worthy woman?
For her price is far
above rubies."*

Proverbs 31:10

WOMEN'S RETREAT OCTOBER 15-17

REGISTRATION OPENS SEPTEMBER 1

What does it mean to be a woman of God?

We all know that women who try to be and do everything get burnt out, sick, and depressed, especially when they don't succeed. We are all guilty of trying to be and do too much during seasons of our lives. The book of Proverbs is a book of wisdom. It tells us how to live according to the expectations of God. At this year's retreat, we will look at the lives of six women of the Bible and the virtues they exhibited. We will learn how to apply these virtues to our lives so that we will glorify God in all we do.

**Join us at Camp Chrysalis
October 15-17, 2021**

for a weekend of learning and fellowship, fun, and worship.

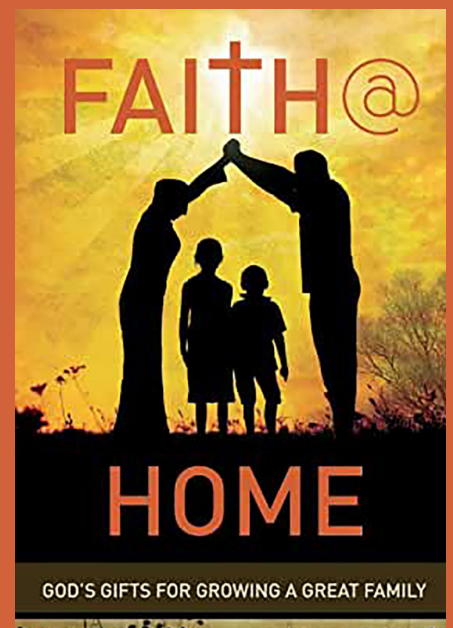
Registration will be available from September 1-27

on St. John's website under 'Events'.

Cost for the whole weekend will be \$110, and will include a bed and four meals. There is an option for Saturday only for just \$30 which includes two meals. We'll have the opportunity to enjoy Camp Chrysalis with activities and hiking. Transportation will be available.

Contact Peggy Hoppes at heart2love4god@aol.com for more information.

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CHURCH NEWS and UPDATES

Happy Birthday!

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

Mary Chapman (08/20)
Roger Hemminghaus (08/27)
Lillian McConnell (08/07)
Merle Olson (08/22)

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

St. John Logo Shirts

Skip Stefansen was a very active member of St. John and enjoyed showing his support by wearing shirts with the St. John logo on them. Linda would like to pass these shirts on to the next person who will appreciate them as much as Skip did. There are two available: Camo short sleeve in size 2XL and a navy short sleeve size 2X. If you are interested, please contact Linda at 818-216-8252.



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.

A new StJLC GriefShare cycle, under the guidance of Pastor Mariola Bergquist, is scheduled to begin in August. Registration at www.griefshare.org is highly recommended but not required.

The Tuesday morning cycle will begin August 17, 10am to noon. The Wednesday evening cycle will begin August 18, 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.



Good news! Our former intern, Alliyah Greaver, has received a call to St John Lutheran church in Greenville, Ohio and Alliyah has accepted. She will be **ordained** at Christ the King Lutheran in Yankton, SD on **August 15**, and will start at Greenville, Ohio at the beginning of September. Alliyah says "thank you St. John, Boerne for all of your support and prayers!"

If you would like to send notes of prayer or congratulations, those can be sent to Christ the King Lutheran Church, 305 W 25th St, Yankton, SD 57078

The ordination service will be streamed at Christ the King Lutheran Church's facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ctkyankton>. Please check this page for specific details. A recording of the service will be posted on Christ the King's website after the ordination: www.yanktonchurch.com.

Check out these photos from CAMP CHRYSALIS 2021



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AUGUST

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
8am Traditional Service 1 9am Food and Fellowship 9:30am Adult Classes 9:30am Praise Service 11am Traditional Service - Houston Oromo Fellowship Meal 2pm Loss of a Spouse Seminar 5pm Dominoes	9am Quilters 2 6pm Property Meeting 6pm Men's Groups 7pm Al-Anon	6pm Middle School Alpha 3 6:30pm Worship Committee 6:30pm Congregational Care	6pm High School Alpha 4	7pm Al-Anon 5	6	7
Kindergarten Faith Mile Marker 8 8am Traditional Service 9am Food and Fellowship 9:30am Adult Classes 9:30am Praise Service 11am Traditional Service - Pastor Jordan Long Guest Preacher	9am Quilters 9 6pm Men's Groups 7pm Al-Anon	6:30am Men's Breakfast 10 6pm Mission Committee	4pm Growing Hope Distribution 11	7pm Al-Anon 12	13	14
Happy Anniversary Pastor Waters! Cake in the FLC between services 15 8am Traditional Service 9am Food and Fellowship 9:30am Adult and Youth Classes 9:30am Praise Service 11am Traditional Service 12:15pm Middle and High School Youth Scavenger Hunt 5pm Canasta	11:30am Mens Lunch at Mamacitas 16 12pm Lit N Lunch 6pm Men's Groups 7pm Al-Anon	10am GriefShare 17 7pm Council Meeting	5:45pm ALL AGES SERVICE PROJECT: Hurricane Buckets and Meal 18 6pm GriefShare	6pm Friend N Faith Eat Out Group 19 7pm Al-Anon	20	21
8am Traditional Service 22 9am Food and Fellowship 9:30am Adult and Youth Classes 9:30am Praise Service 11am Traditional Service 12pm Elementary Youth Event 5pm Canasta	6pm Men's Groups 23 7pm Al-Anon	10am GriefShare 24 6:30am Men's Breakfast	4pm Growing Hope Distribution 25 5:45pm Kick Off to Fall with Meal 6pm GriefShare	7pm Al-Anon 26	27	28
6th Grade Faith Mile Marker 29 8am Traditional Service 9am Food and Fellowship 9:30am Adult and Youth Classes 9:30am Praise Service 11am Traditional Service 5pm Canasta	6pm Men's Groups 30 7pm Al-Anon	10am GriefShare 31				