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From the Pastor's Pen

We have much to be thankful for this November. We begin with **All Saints Sunday**, the one day of the year when we remember those who have died with faith in Christ within the last twelve months. We give God thanks for the eternal life which He has given them through the death and resurrection of His Son. We give God thanks that we will see them again when Jesus comes again, or Jesus comes to take us home.

The second Sunday is **New Members Sunday**, when we give thanks to God for the people He sends us. I anticipate 25-30 people will join us that Sunday. We give thanks to God for continued growth.

On the third Sunday of the month we'll give thanks to God for the resources He has given us. November 21

is **Consecration Sunday**, the one day of the year when we make a commitment for what we will give to the Lord next year. You'll receive a Pledge Card in the mail the week before Consecration Sunday. Please talk with your family about what you'll give to the Lord, make your pledge, and bring it with you that Sunday.

A few days after that is **Thanksgiving Day**, the one day of the year our nation

sets aside to give thanks to God for His blessing. When you sit down to eat this year, I encourage you to open up the Bible, read a verse, and lead your family in prayer. You could use Psalm 75:1 (shown in center), or Psalm 106:1 ("Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His mercy endures forever"), or Psalm 127 (the tradition I've built in my family). The important thing is to give God thanks. All that you have, and all whom you love, are

We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks, for your name is near. We recount your wondrous deeds.

Psalm 75:1

gifts from the Lord. Give God thanks for them, and let the people in your life know you love them this Thanksgiving Day.

The Sunday after that, the fourth Sunday of November, is the first Sunday of **Advent**. Advent is the one season of the Church year when we prepare our hearts for the Coming of the Lord. This year

we'll do that by preaching on Christmas carols, a different one each Sunday. We begin with the one which begins Advent every year: "Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel." We'll rejoice and give thanks that Emmanuel has come to us as a Baby—and will come again as King. We have much to be thankful for this November. Come, and join us, and give God thanks!



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: <u>http://eepurl.com/X4f4X</u>



A NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

Responsible Use of Our Talents

Christ said that it is more blessed to give than to receive. Do you really believe that? In what ways have you been blessed by giving? Sometimes it's not easy to give. We have all experienced that. Why do we want to keep things for ourselves? We want to be comfortable, perhaps. But do we put our desires above Christ's kingdom? How do you balance giving and keeping? There are practical matters but also heart matters. If we live "by faith" is it possible that God will supply our every need?

We are all called to be followers of Christ. Being a follower brings wonder and insight, comfort and peace, but it also brings challenges and encourages us to "In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.""

Acts 20:35

see the world in new and startling ways. Following is a daily decision to join our risen Lord on the path to which we are invited. It is a decision to open ourselves to both the wonder and the challenge.

Sunday November 21st is Consecration Sunday. On this day we will offer our tithe commitments to the Lord for 2022. We ask not only for your monetary pledges, but also pledges of your time and talents. Please spend time in prayer and see how the Lord wants you to use your gifts.

Your Brother in Christ, Michael Hoeppner, Chairman Stewardship Committee

	INCOME COMPARISON												
Monthly Operating Income	January	February	March	April	Мау	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Through Month
2021	\$149,464	\$92,893	\$119,933	\$110,256	\$120,505	\$92,056	\$89,873	\$123,896	\$86,919				\$985,795
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	952,736
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	836,989

	ATTENDANCE COMPARISON												
Avg Weekly Worship	January	February	March	April	Мау	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Average YTD
2021 ONLINE	223	151	122	124	88	85	94	151	163				128
2021 IN-PERSON	289	276	328	346	317	335	276	319	296				319
TOTAL	512	427	450	470	405	420	370	470	459				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

Organ Update

We currently have raised \$62,255 of the necessary \$111,000 to fund the new organ for the Sanctuary. To donate, contact the church office. Thank you for your support!



NALC Disaster Buckets: Project Update

In the last two years, StJLC has partnered with the North American Lutheran Church National Disaster Team to provide Disaster Relief Buckets and Quilts to the Rosenberg, TX warehouse. From there they are distributed to churches for local families in need.

The Buckets contain 10 items that aid in clean up including gloves, cleansers, bleach, brushes, and contractor bags. The cost of the items is between \$10-\$12, plus the cost of the bucket which were fortunately donated by a generous member. A report from the week of September 20 shows shipments for Hurricane Ida to Louisiana to be 729 Flood Buckets and 181 quilts plus tools, food, health kits, and school supplies. StJLC packed and shipped 250 buckets on August 23 plus 100 empty buckets and 30 quilts. A request for more supplies was received for additional items so they could pack more buckets due to extreme need. We responded and were able to deliver items for 150 more buckets, an additional 100 empty buckets, and 20 more quilts. This means that StJLC provided over 50% of the buckets and 30% of the quilts that were given to the families in need.

Thank you to the congregation of St. John for your caring and benevolence. Compliments to you. A huge thanks goes out to our quilters and those who helped with this project. Each of you have Blessed many in need. Thank you for your service,

FAMILY³ MINISTRIES

Know Jesus and Make Jesus Known.

FAMILY³ Together, in our Home, Church and World Families

ADULT FAITH FORMATION NEWS

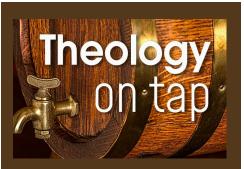
Ladies' Bible Study

PRECEPT

Thursdays 9:15am-11am, Room 118 Precept class will continue studying 1 Corinthians. Led by Pastor Mariola Bergquist.

Women of the Word (W.O.W.) Wednesdays 9am-10am

Women of the Word will continue the study on the book of James on Wednesdays, 9am-10am, through November 10. For more information, contact Michelle Waters at watersmichellejoy@gmail.com.



November 7, 6pm

Come and process with friends the monsters you encountered this past month in the sermon series Monster Mash.

Bring a food to share and your favorite beverage for a time of questions and discussions with friends.

We will be meeting at Matt and Shantell Olson's home at 115 Surrey Drive, Boerne.

Note: Childcare will be provided at St. John (which isn't too far away). Let Matt know if you need it... (830) 388-1550 or matt@stjohnlutheran.com

Also note that parking may need to happen on North Plant Street as the Surrey Drive cul-de-sac may get full.

Mens' Bible Study

Mens' Breakfast

Every other Tuesday 6:30am "Master Builders Bible For Men" is the foundation for discussion topics. This group meets in the Family Life Center. Join us November 2, 16, and 30.

Adult Sunday School Classes

9:30am "God Talk" Studying the Psalms. Room 128. Led by Peggy Hoppes.

9:30am "Seekers" Room 216.

9:30am "Logos" Studying Acts. Room 118 Led by Richard Wagner.



Though COVID has inadvertently helped remind us of the importance of family connection; the idolatry of consumerism at Christmas (Christ's Birthday) remains. Get a jump start this Advent season by taking a look at a group of Christ-followers who chose to make Christmas what it ought to be - a joyous celebration of Jesus' birth that enriches our hearts and the world around us, not a retail circus that depletes our pocketbooks and defeats our spirits. Come see and discuss the DVD series (and book): Advent Conspiracy. This four week exploration shows you how to substitute consumption with compassion by practicing four simple, but powerful, countercultural concepts.

November 14: Worship Fully – Because Christmas begins and ends with Jesus! November 21: Spend Less – And free your resources for things that truly matter. November 28: (Break – Thanksgiving Weekend) NO Family3 Ministries classes December 5: Give More – Of your presence: Your hands, your words, your time, your heart. December 12: Love All – The poor, the forgotten, the marginalized, and the sick, in ways that make a difference.



November 8 • 6pm

"Happy Hearts" will meet on Monday, November 8, 2021 at 6pm in the Family Life Center.

We will begin with a potluck (please bring food to share) followed by a presentation from our security team. David Depriest and Sharon Tschirhart will explain how the security team at St John is organized and their main objectives.

Please join us for an evening of fun and fellowship.



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 14-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 November 16 and Wednesdays, 6pm to 8pm through November 17.

Childcare is available with prior notice. Both classes meet in the Education Wing, first floor.

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

FAMILY³ MINISTRIES

Know Jesus and Make Jesus Known.

Our Family³ Ministries Team:

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SUNDAY MORNINGS FOR L.A.M.B.S³

Please pray for our teachers and young people as they take in the Scriptures. Here is a brief of their lessons for November:

Kindergarten and 1st graders will learn about Abraham's call and testing as he comes to understand that it is God who provides.

2nd graders will delve into the "Lost Sheep" parable and the "Rich Fool" thus exploring the Lord as our Shepherd who wants us to know Him.

3rd graders will see Jesus' ministry began with His baptism and wilderness experience as well as the call of His disciples.

4th graders witness the power of God through His disciples and see God's Word continue to spread in miraculous ways.

5th graders will be learning about the following heroes of faith this month: William Tyndale and John Wesley.

SUNDAY MORNINGS FOR S³H.E.E.P.



FAMILY³ Together, in our Home, Church and World Families

6th and 7th graders continue their exploration of other religions comparing their beliefs to Christianity. This month they will finish their look at Buddhism and take some time to celebrate as they review what they have learned thus far. Please pray for discerning hearts and minds. Students meet in Room 212, the Fold at 9:30am.

8th, 9th and 10th graders continue to seek to grow in their relationship with Jesus by learning and practicing spiritual disciplines. They too will take some reflection time as they process what they have been learning and practicing. Please pray that students will be eager to incorporate these practices into their life. Students ought to meet Mark in the Family Life Center at 9:30am and then they will go together to the Historic Chapel.

11th and 12th graders will wrestle with the topics of Theology: Who is God? and then they will enter the topic of Science: What Is True? The Truth Project presentations lead to important discussions. Please pray that clarity and truth will always prevail in these meeting times. Students meet in room 213, the Upper Room at 9:30am for this exploration time.

There Is NO Sunday School on November 28 due to Thanksgiving Break.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

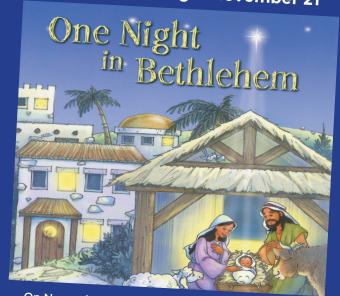
Fellowship, Learning, and Serving remain the backbone of these nights.

The typical schedule is:

4pm:	Open Gym for all ages
5:30pm:	Youth Hand bell Choir in the Music Room
5:45pm:	The start of Dinner at Luther Hall for all ages
6:15pm:	Open Gym for all ages
6:30pm:	Middle School and High School Bond Building
	activity in the Gym
	5th Graders First Communion class in room 115
	Pre-school - 4th grade Bible Study in nursery
7pm:	Middle School Confirmation Room 212, the Fold
	High School Bible Study on Romans Room 213
	the Upper Room
	Pre-School - 5th graders play time in the Gym.
8pm:	All is done.

There are NO Wednesday Night Activities on November 24 due to Thanksgiving Break.

Youth and Adult Christmas Program December 12 Preparations begin November 21



On November 21, students will begin preparations for the Christmas Program / Cantata that will be held on Sunday, December 12 at the 11am service.



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Know Jesus and Make Jesus Known.

S³HEEP: <u>s</u>tudents, <u>s</u>eeking and <u>s</u>erving HIM <u>everywhere</u>, <u>everyday</u> <u>p</u>assionately



YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION



FAMILY³ Together, in our Home, Church and World

Families

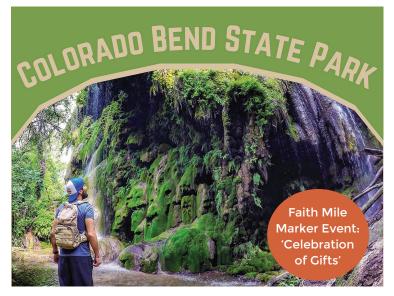
LAMBS³: learning and memorizing Bible stories, songs, and service

MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENT NOVEMBER 7, 12:15PM - 2PM



Ready for some silly fun? Middle schoolers will compete in a series of 60 second challenges using only ordinary household items. This will be worth a million laughs! Meet in the Family Life Center at 12:15pm. Lunch will be provided.

HIGH SCHOOL EVENT NOVEMBER 13, 9AM - 7PM



Join us as we head off to hike at Colorado Bend State Park located in Bend, Texas. We will meet at church at 9am and carpool to the park. Please RSVP to Mark (mark.lynn@stjohnlutheran.com) by November 10.



March 13-19, 2022

This will primarily be a High School focused ski trip, so High school students will have the first opportunity to sign up now through November 15. After November 15, the Ski Trip will be open to all youth and their families on a first come, first serve basis.

Visit St. John's website under 'Events' for additional details and for the link to register TODAY.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out to Mark Lynn, Director of Youth Ministry, at Mark.Lynn@stjohnlutheran.com or 630-596-7312.

COLLEGE STUDENTS ZOOM! NOVEMBER 21, 8PM



Let's continue to encourage one another by sharing and praying together. Join us on Sunday, November 21 at 8pm . For more information, please contact Matt: matt@stjohnlutheran.com

CHURCH NEWS and UPCOMING EVENTS

All Saints Sunday: November 7

November 7 is All Saints Sunday this year. We will honor loved ones that have recently passed by offering a white flower in their memory.



When you are grieving a loved one's death, the holiday season can be

especially painful. Our Surviving the Holidays seminar helps participants prepare for the holidays and even discover hope for the future.

November 14, 2021 2pm-4pm

St. John Lutheran Church



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.



November 17 • Uvalde County Fairplex

215 Veterans Lane, Uvalde, Texas

On November 17, a group from St. John will head to Uvalde to prepare and serve food to the Texas State Troopers/ Border Patrol currently working there. We will set up from 11am-7pm, as this will cover two shifts of troopers. Sinclair Land Surveying, Inc. will donate the food for the event. **If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact Lem Sinclair.**

Consecration Sunday: November 21

Consecration Sunday is November 21. On this day, we will present our tithe pledges for 2021. Please begin to consider and pray about your faithful contribution to God through the mission of St. John.

Dickens on Main

November 26 and 27 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

On Friday, November 26 and Saturday, November 27 volunteers are needed to set up luminaries, as well as invite people to our Christmas Eve Services via flyers on their cars. Contact Matt to volunteer: matt@stjohnlutheran.com

Annual Turkey Project: Wednesday, November 27

"Christian Men of Boerne" is a group of men from various churches in Boerne that gather on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving to prepare Turkey Dinners for the needy in Boerne. The men of St. John will participate again this year!

For more information on how to donate or get involved, visit our website under 'Events' or contact Bart Graves: 210-861-2416 or bartman@gvtc.com

Operation Christmas Child (OCC)

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) is a project of Samaritan's Purse that delivers shoeboxes filled with toys, hygiene items, and school supplies to children around the world at Christmas.



Stop by the table in the Gathering Place to learn more and pick up an empty shoebox to be filled.

StJLC is the shoebox collection site for the Hill Country Area. Many volunteers are needed to help during the November Collection Week. Please consider volunteering!

November 15-22: OCC Collection Week - Shoebox Drop-Off November 22: Pack boxes into cartons and load them on a truck.

Volunteer and Donation Opportunities: 1. Pray for OCC!

2 Pack a shoebox and drop off at StJLC during Collection Week.3. Cash donations are welcome. Make check out to StJLC but be sure to designate it to OCC or Samaritan's Purse.

 November 15-22- Assist with manning the church during the Box Drop-Off times.

5. November 22 - Help load the cartons into a trailer.

For more info or to sign up: Contact Gloria Baker at 830-431-0522 or dgbaker@gvtc.com, take a card from the Serving Wall, or visit our website under 'Serve' to sign up online!

Make The Holidays Brighter For A Child This Christmas through the Angel Tree Program

Share Christ's love by sponsoring an Upbring - Foster in Texas child through our Angel Tree program this year.

To participate: Pick an Angel from the tree set up in the Gathering Place. Purchase gifts. Returned unwrapped gifts to the Angel Tree with the Angel tag attached to the gift.

Find more information on our website!



CHURCH NEWS and UPDATES

SAVE THE DATE!

Christmas Decorating Volunteers Needed! November 30 at 9:30am

Come help decorate our church for the Christmas season. Decorating will take place on Tuesday, November 30 at 9:30am. For more information, contact Ann Peters: lannpete@yahoo.com.

Christmas Cantata and Youth Christmas Program December 12, 11am

This year our Christmas Cantata and our Youth Christmas Program will be on December 12 at the 11am service. This year the theme of the youth program is 'One Night in Bethlehem'. Join us! This is one you won't want to miss.



December 15 5:30pm

St. John Lutheran Church, St. Helena's Episcopal Church and First United Methodist Church welcome you to celebrate the season with us during the second annual Christmas Churches by Candlelight Walk. Come and enjoy Christmas music, fellowship, prayer, and food as we walk to each church by candlelight. Watch for more details to come!

Nomen's One Day Retreat

Saturday, January 29, 2022 • 9am-3pm

More information about the retreat and registration will be coming soon.

Check out some pictures from last month's Church Picnic!









Happy Birthday!

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

Clara Knoll (11/01) Don Barnes (11//16) Joyce Rust (11/22) Helen Clouse (11/18) Nancy Felps (11/14) Erik Lunde (11/28) Gladys Kuebel (11/03) Frankeen Price (11/01) VaNelle Magers (11/15) Jack Speir (11/13) Sue Arnecke (11/14) Carl Bohls (11/21)

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



Rafiki Foundation, Inc. Update

Dadi Ishimwe: Rwanda, Grade 9:

Dadi really enjoys applying his knowledge in solving problems that need math application. He would really like to learn to drive a car.

Prayer Requests: Please pray for Dadi to continue to study hard for God's glory and to focus on what is important as he goes through his final weeks of Grade Level 9.



Joseph Katebe: Zambia, Grade 12:

Joseph's hobbies are reading novels and riding bikes. He enjoys exercising and

keepinghimself fit. He is waiting eagerly and studying hard for his final examinations that are coming up.

Prayer Requests: Please pray for Joseph to continue studying for his exams in November. Pray that he helps others by teaching them what he knows about God, and that he



is a good example for younger and fellow friends.

To send mail to Dadi, send letters to: PO Box 6856, 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.

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NOVEMBER									
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY			
	9am Quilters 1 6pm Men's Groups 6pm Property Committee 7pm Al-Anon	6:30am Men's Breakfast 2 8am Roberta Buckles Painting 10am GriefShare 5:30pm American Heritage Girls 6:30pm Worship Committee 6:30pm Worship Committee 6:30pm Men's Group Bible Study	9am Women of the Word 3 4pm Growing Hope Distribution 4pm Open Gym 5:45 Dinner 6;30pm Choir 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm Wednesday activities 7pm New Members Class	9:15am Precept 4 7pm Al-Anon 4	5	6			
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