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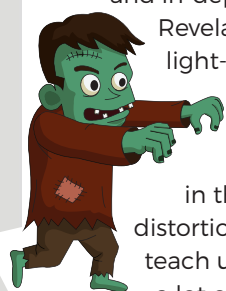
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From the Pastor's Pen



After preaching such an intense and in-depth series on the Book of Revelation, we move to more light-hearted series this month called **"Monster Mash."** Monsters are distortions of nature, and each monster in the series will highlight a distortion in the Christian life and teach us how to correct it. I had a lot of fun writing this series. I think you'll enjoy it, too. We'll end with a **trick-or-treat** event in the Family Life Center after church on Sunday, October 31 (Halloween). Bring your kids and your grandkids; invite your friends and neighbors. It'll be a smash!



We end the month with trick-or-treat at church, and we begin with a picnic at the Millers' ranch. Our annual **church picnic** is always one of my favorite events. Spend the afternoon socializing, playing games, fishing, enjoying barbeque...it's a great way to get to know people, especially if you're new to the church. When we came to StJLC five years ago, the picnic was one of those events that made this church feel like home. We want you to feel at

home, too, so please come and join us! It's on October 3, and you'll find more information inside this newsletter.

Speaking of "joining us," our next **New Members class** starts on October 13. The class will meet on Wednesday nights. Dinner is served 6pm-6:45pm, with class running 7pm-8pm. The five classes cover an introduction to the Lutheran church and the discipleship pathway here at this church: Worship Weekly, Walk Daily, Connect Consistently, and Serve Monthly. Find out more inside this newsletter and sign up online.

Finally, the Boerne Village Band is back for another **Polka Service** on October 24! The Early and Praise Services will be as usual that day, but the Late Service will be led by the Boerne Village Band and feature all polka music, all the time. We had a barrel of fun the last time we did this in 2019. Come and join us, and bring your friends!

Halloween candy and barbeque, monsters and New Members, polka and picnic...it will be an October to remember at StJLC! Come join the fun!

- 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

Responsible Use of Our Talents

We have all heard the parable of the talents many times before. A man going on a journey calls three of his servants and gives each a sum of money "according to his ability." The two servants who received the most used the money wisely and made more, while the one with the least holds on to it for fear of losing it. The master is displeased with the servant who did not make a profit and sends him to the "outer darkness" where there will be "wailing and gnashing of teeth." At first blush, this seems a harsh indictment of a man for, at worst, not losing the money with which he was entrusted. However, Jesus is telling us to use everything we have been given to the best of our abilities - not just our financial wealth, but also our talents and gifts. We are not meant to hoard what He has given us, but to use it to enrich others and spread the Word.

It is important to also realize that God doesn't care about the absolute amount of what we give - the master was equally happy with both of the servants who used their talents wisely, despite one of them gaining more than twice the money the other had. He does, however, want us to give back in accordance with what he has given us. Remember the widow who gave two coins in the offering? Jesus told his disciples that she "has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had." (Mark 12: 42-44) God has granted each of us different talents and treasures and we are to use these responsibly and to His glory.

One part of using our treasures responsibly is safeguarding against

For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.

Matthew 25:29 (ESV)

fraudsters and scammers who seek to rob us of them. I encourage you to attend a seminar hosted by one of our members, Jim Peters, a Certified Fraud Examiner, on October 17 after the late service in the Family Life Center. He will teach us about what types of fraud are currently being used, how to protect yourself from them, and what to do if you fall victim to one. We hope to see you there!

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	\$89,873	\$123,896					\$898,876
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	851,408
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	738,085

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	94	151					124
2021 IN-PERSON	289	276	328	346	317	335	276	319					322
TOTAL	512	427	450	470	405	420	370	470					446
2020 ONLINE				705	513	220	220	241	233	170	143	256	300
2020 IN-PERSON	449	408	331*	142	219	210	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

Fraud Prevention Seminar • October 17, 12:15pm

While reading this invitation to the upcoming Fraud Prevention Seminar, scam artists and fraudsters are actively planning their next moves to defraud you and others of your hard earned money and savings. [Consumer fraud totaled \$56 billion in 2020] Ultimately, we are each responsible for protecting ourselves and our loved ones against such frauds and scams.

The purpose of the upcoming seminar is to provide you with the knowledge and tools to protect yourselves and others from becoming a victim of such scams. The scope of the subject matter to be presented involves the history of and types of actual scam and fraud scenarios, the "red flags" to identify the various scam attempts, the psychological aspects and knowledge used by the scam artists to influence and defraud the victim, the proactive measures to prevent the fraud or minimize the potential loss, and actions to be taken once one has been scammed.

The presenter will be Jim Peters, CPA, Certified Internal Auditor, and Certified Fraud Examiner. He has 41 years in the banking and credit union industry as an Internal Auditor, Fraud Investigator, and Bank Secrecy Act Compliance Officer.



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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 began a new study on the book of James on September 1. This class will run Wednesdays, 9am-10am, through November 10. We'll be focusing on James' call to obedience: "be doers of the Word not hearers only." For more information, contact Michelle Waters at watersmichellejoy@gmail.com. \$5 for course materials.

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.

October 5 and October 19

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.



November 7, 6pm

(tentative date...
watch for details)

All adults are welcome as we explore questions, laugh, and grow in faith.

Strengthening Faith and Family: Faith5



Sunday Mornings This Fall

Shepherds Cave (Room 117) 9:30am and 10:45am
(also offered via ZOOM;
see Week at a Glance for link or email Matt)



Learning the "why," and the "skills," of the Faith5. It's all about nurturing healthy relationships at home that in turn will help nurture a deepening of faith in Christ.

October 3: Talk: How do you get to Carnegie Hall? Answer: Practice, practice, practice.

October 10: Pray: Prayer is communication with God about what we're doing together.

October 17: Bless: The best way to predict the future is to invent it.



HAPPY HEARTS

Monday, October 11, 6pm

"Happy Hearts" will meet on Monday, October 11 (Columbus Day) at 6pm in the Family Life Center.

We will begin with a potluck (please bring food to share) followed by a presentation from the Operation Christmas Child representative. Our congregation will be collecting Christmas shoeboxes once again this year.

Gloria Baker is the congregational coordinator for Operation Christmas Child at St. John.

Please join us for an evening of fun and fellowship.



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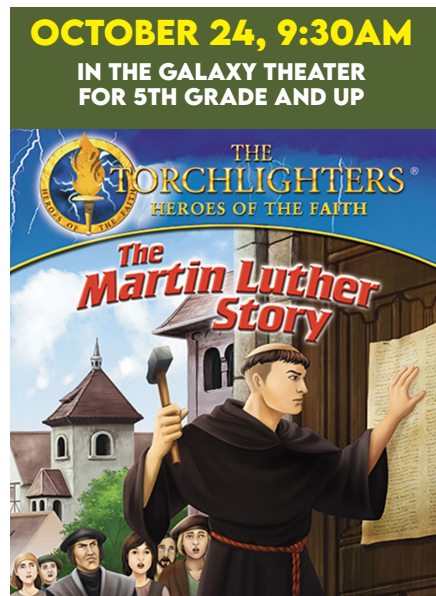


SUNDAY MORNINGS FOR L.A.M.B.S³

Learning and memorizing Bible stories is the main hope for students as they make friends and learn about God together. The other two "s's" in our lambs³ acronym stand for "songs" and "serving." Watch for these learning activities to pop up in the month of October, too. Please pray that God will open both hearts and minds to His Word as they explore various parts of the Bible according to their grades.

Students are to meet at 9:30am on Sunday mornings in their classrooms (education wing) and to be picked up by their parents at 10:30am.

The 5th graders will be learning about the following heroes of faith this month: Augustine, St. Patrick, and Martin Luther. Join in the viewing of this 30 minute animation of Martin Luther's life on October 24 at 9:30am in the Galaxy Theater. You can also see it during the Monster Mash party on October 31.



SUNDAY MORNINGS FOR S³H.E.E.P.

6th and 7th graders will be exploring other religions comparing their beliefs to Christianity. This month they will examine Judaism, Hinduism, and Buddhism. Please pray for discerning hearts and minds. Students meet in Room 212, the Fold at 9:30am.

8th, 9th, and 10th graders are seeking to grow in their relationship with Jesus by learning and practicing spiritual disciplines. This month they will be diving into the meaning and experience of worship, solitude, and fellowship. Please pray that students will be open to try and be eager to incorporate these practices into their lives. 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 wrestle with the topics of Philosophy and Ethics: Anthropology: Who is Man?; and Theology: Who is God? The Bible and our current culture are at odds in many of these areas. 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.

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 rooms
- 7pm - Middle School Confirmation in Room 212, the Fold
 - High School Bible Study on Romans in Room 213, the Upper Room
 - Pre-School - 5th graders play time in the Gym.
- 8pm - All is done.

NOTE: There are NO Children or Youth WEDNESDAY Night activities on OCTOBER 13 due to BISD "Fall Break."

FAITH MILE MARKER

3rd Grade Bibles

**Starts October 24 at 9:30am
in Room 214**

October 24: The Importance of God's Word

October 31: How the Scriptures Came to Be
(RECEIVING of the BIBLEs at 11am
Worship Service)

November 7: How to Use Your Bible for Study and for
Quiet Times



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YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION



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

HIGH SCHOOL LOCK-IN OCTOBER 10-11



High school students will enjoy a lock-in at St. John from 6pm on October 10 to 7am on October 11. **For information or to sign up, contact Mark: mark.lynn@stjohnlutheran.com**

MIDDLE SCHOOL CORN MAZE OCTOBER 22, 5PM-10PM



Middle School students... join us from **5pm-10pm on Friday, October 22** as we celebrate fall with dinner and then a corn maze adventure! **For more information or to sign up, contact Mark: mark.lynn@stjohnlutheran.com**

COLLEGE STUDENTS ZOOM! OCTOBER 17 AND 28



Let's continue to encourage one another by sharing and praying together. Join us on Sunday, October 17 at 8pm and/or Thursday, October 28 at 8pm. **For more information, please contact Matt: matt@stjohnlutheran.com**

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH MONSTER MASH 2021



**October 31
12:15pm - 2pm**

Join us for lunch, candy, and activities for all ages!

Prizes for the best monster and monster hunter, as well as the best trick-or-treat table will be awarded.

**THIS IS A
COMMUNITY
EVENT!**

*Invite your family,
friends, neighbors,
teachers, even the
pizza delivery guy!*

All are welcome!

We will have decorated tables set up for trick-or-treating at the Monster Mash party.

*If you would like to volunteer to host a table (decorate and/or pass out candy),
please sign up in the Gathering Place on Sunday or contact Mark: mark.lynn@stjohnlutheran.com.*

Candy donations are also welcomed!

CHURCH NEWS and UPCOMING EVENTS

MEMBERS CLASS

**Classes begin
October 13**

If you or someone you know is interested in joining St. John, please register online or contact the church office. Classes are held on Wednesday evenings, begin on October 13 and run through November 10. Find more info at www.stjohnlutheran.com.

**Polka Service featuring
the Boerne Village Band
October 24**



Join us at the October 24, 11am service for Polka Hymns, Songs, and Service, featuring the Boerne Village Band.

You won't want to miss this!

**Blood Drive • October 17
8am - 1pm 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



**All Saints Sunday
November 7**

November 7 is All Saints Sunday this year. As we have done in the past, we would like to honor your loved one by announcing their name before the congregation and offering a white flower in their memory. If you have a loved one who has passed away in the last year and would like to have him/her recognized in this manner, we will have a form for you to fill out as the day gets closer.

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 as a tangible expression of God's love through the hands of local partners. Samaritan's Purse is bringing shoebox gifts and the message of the Gospel to more than 100 unreached people groups each year. Hundreds of new churches are being planted each year as a result of OCC outreach events and discipleship.

Every Sunday, starting October 10, a table will be set up in the Gathering Place to share more information about OCC and to distribute empty shoeboxes 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!

Key Dates: **November 15-22: OCC Collection Week - Shoebox Drop-Off at StJLC.**
November 22: Pack Christmas 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.
4. 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@gvvc.com, take a card from the Serving Wall, or visit our website under 'Serve' to sign up online!



Grieving?
Know someone who is?



SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

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.



www.griefshare.org/holidays

November 14, 2021 • 2pm-4pm

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.

CHURCH NEWS and UPDATES

Hill Country Daily Bread needs our help!

Each year, Hill Country Daily Bread Ministries (HCCDBM) requests donations of graham cracker pie crusts to include in their Thanksgiving distribution boxes for those in need. These are the prepackaged pie crusts in a foil tin that can be found in the baking aisle of the grocery store.

If you can help, there will be a box set up in the Gathering Place in October where donations can be dropped off.



Happy Birthday!

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

Judy Clark (10-06)	Kjell Oliversen (10-06)
Juan Hernandez (10-29)	Fred Starbuck (10-20)
Jerry Johnson (10-20)	Joyce Urban (10-14)
Pat King (10-31)	Jan Walter (10-19)

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

Bethlehem Christian Families • October 31

On Sunday, October 31, we will have a special opportunity to view products and creations in wood created by the hands of Christian artisans in and around the Holy Land region. The Rishmawi Family has been designated as the representative for these wonderful Christian artisans and has been authorized to show their olive wood carvings.



We invite you to visit their display tables and view some of the finest handcrafts available from the Holy Land. You can also view these beautiful items online at <http://www.bethlehem-art.com/>

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.

The Congregational Care Committee will be sending College Care packets!

The Congregational Care Committee will resume college care packets during the fall semester. If you have a college student who would like to receive a package from St. John, please send an email with your student's name and college address to Pam Putnam at Pp830tx@aol.com. In the past, we have included candy, gum, inspirational quotes, Bible verses, and artwork from our nursery children.



Volunteers Needed!

St. John's Emergency Response Ministry provides assistance should a medical emergency arise or an armed intruder threaten our congregation during church services or events. If you are interested in learning more or volunteering, please contact Dave Depriest at 210-241-0277 or 1811alpha@gmail.com

The Service Night to fill hurricane buckets was a huge success!



Fall 2021 Cross Trails Retreats:

Women's Fall Craft Retreat
October 22-24 at Camp Chrysalis
for adult women

Family Advent Festival Retreat
December 3-5, December 10-12,
December 17-29 at Camp Chrysalis
for families, singles, or couples

Learn more at www.crosstrails.org

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