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From the Pastor's Pen

March is here and Lent is upon us. Lent is the 40-day season of preparation for Easter. If Easter is the time when we celebrate the new life won for us by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, then Lent is the time when we intentionally turn away from our old life and the sins that have become too comfortable for us. Many of us will take on a spiritual discipline this Lent, often giving up something we hold near and dear. Last year, Texas gave up electricity for Lent. Lord willing, we won't do that again! But what will you give up this year? How will you Walk Daily with the Lord over these next six weeks?

Lent begins on March 2, **Ash Wednesday**, when we'll receive the sign of the Cross in ashes on our foreheads to "remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Services are in the Sanctuary at 10am and 7pm. I've always found a Sanctuary filled with people with Crosses on their foreheads to be a powerful and sobering sight. I hope you can join us.

Lent continues with a new Sunday sermon series called **"Through Their Eves."** The series tells the sterved less

Eyes." The series tells the story of Jesus'

final week through the eyes of the other characters: Caiaphas the High Priest, Judas the betrayer, Herod the "other" King, Peter the Rock who crumbled, and Pilate the politician. It's a new look at an old story, one which should help us see it in a new light. I hope you can join us.

I hope you can also join us for our midweek Lenten worship services, too. Beginning March 9, we'll gather every Wednesday at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. Our format is the Holden Evening Prayer, a beautiful and easy-tosing prayer service. Our sermons will be on the Gospel lessons assigned by the lectionary. Worship lasts about a half hour and should be over by 7pm. Please join us for dinner beforehand in the Family Life Center, starting at 5:45pm. Midweek services are a great way to Connect Consistently, Worship Weekly, and spur your Daily Walk. They're also a great spiritual discipline to take on for Lent. I hope you can join us.

Lent is upon us, the season of preparation. May this Lenten season be a blessing for you,

- 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

Being Good Stewards

In the beginning, God created us to be stewards of His creation. We are called to be caretakers of all aspects of this world, from the environment and animals to our families and communities. God has entrusted us with the world and we must now accept that responsibility and serve faithfully.

God has granted us our gifts and talents to help us fulfill this responsibility. Some of us may travel to help those affected

"Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful."

(1 Corinthians 4:2)

by natural disasters, while others labor on Sunday mornings to serve breakfast to our fellow parishioners. Some may be called to evangelize to foreign nations while others lead studies in our local community. Whatever your gifts, use them to the glory of God and the betterment of our fellow man In all things, I hope you find that peace and joy that God brings when you center your life around Him. God bless you!

Your Brother in Christ, Michael Hoeppner, Chairman Stewardship Committee

INCOME COMPARISON													
Monthly Operating Income	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Average Thru Month
2022	\$134,590												\$134,590
2021	\$149,464	\$92,893	\$119,933	\$110,256	\$120,505	\$92,056	\$89,873	\$123,896	\$86,919	\$118,393	\$104,987	\$213,041	\$149,464
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	\$122,065

ATTENDANCE COMPARISON													
Avg Weekly Worship	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Average for Month YTD
2022 ONLINE 2022 IN-PERSON 2022 TOTAL	131 350 481												131 350 481
2021 TOTAL	410	471	522	488	415	420	370	471	459	451	428	676	410
2020 TOTAL	450	480	428	705	546	416	367	451	476	417	364	602	450

^{*} Online attendance added in starting April, 2020

Meet St. John's First Scholar, Luke Beaver

The congregation of St. John financially supports a seminary student with a gift from our church. Luke Beaver is our first scholar! He is a new NALS seminarian who will also be training for Army chaplaincy. Here is a little bit about Luke, in his own words:

"My name is Luke Beaver. I am in my second year of a three-year Master of Divinity program at Trinity School for Ministry, North American Lutheran Seminary. I grew up in the Lutheran church in central Pennsylvania. I have a sister who currently lives in New York City and my parents reside in Selinsgrove, PA. I attended Temple University with a major in Environmental Studies and a minor in Religion.

Upon graduating Temple University, I commissioned into the Army Reserve with an active-duty commitment. I am currently serving as a Chaplain Candidate, Second Lieutenant in the 365 Engineer Battalion out of Schuylkill Haven, PA. After I am ordained and am properly credentialed, I hope to be an active-duty Army Chaplain.

Thank you to the leadership and congregation of St. John Lutheran Church in Boerne, TX for supporting me in my ministerial education."





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ADULT FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Ladies' Bible Study

PRECEPT

Thursdays 9:15am-11am, Room 118

Precept class will continue the study of 2 Corinthians through the month of April. Questions? please email Pastor Mariola at pastormariola@stjohnlutheran.com

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

Wednesdays 9am-10am

Women of the Word is studying *Life In His Name*: *The Gospel of John* from January to May, Materials fee



is \$5. For more info or to request childcare, email 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 meets in the Family Life Center.

Adult Sunday School Classes

9:30am "God Talk"

Godtalk began a study on the Parables of Jesus in January. The format is discussion using the book "The Parables of Jesus" by William Barclay.

Meet in Room 128.
Contact Peggy Hoppes for more info:
heart2love4god@aol.com

9:30am "Seekers" Room 216 Led by Carol Postert.

9:30am "Logos"

Coming Soon: "The Spiritual Realms"
This is a Bible study on Heaven and Hell
and places beyond this world, realities
of existence beyond what we know
and experience every day. We hope to
strengthen your faith in Jesus Christ alone,
and bring you to a deeper, more Biblical,
understanding of death and Resurrection.

Meet in Room 118. Led by Richard Wagner and Pastor Kurt Wandrey

Interested in being part of a Men's Group?

Contact Matt Olson: 830-388-1550 or matt@stjohnlutheran.com



HAPPY HEARTS March 14 • 6pm

Happy Hearts will meet on Monday, March 14 for food, fellowship and BUNCO. We will begin at 6pm in the Family Life Center with a potluck (please bring food to share). This will be followed by playing bunco. Join us for a night of fun!



Shepherd's Cave Happenings:

Equipping parents and grandparents to pass on the faith.

Sundays 9:30am, Room 117

Continuing with some of the tough questions Christians face today, we explore more deeply on the following through Ligonier Ministries:

March 6: Has Science Disproved the

Existence of God?

March 13: NO CLASS due to SPRING BREAK

March 20: Why Does God Allow so Much

Suffering and Evil?

March 27: Is Jesus the Only Way?

The TRUTH PROJECT

Wednesdays 6:30pm, Room 117



"Be transformed by the renewing of your mind." – Romans 12:2

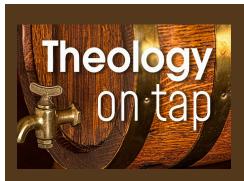
March 2: NO CLASS - Ash Wednesday

March 9: Tour 7 - Sociology: The Divine Imprint (Following the LENT worship service)

March 16: NO CLASS due to SPRING BREAK

March 23: Tour 8 - Unio Mystica: Am I Alone? (Following the LENT worship service)

March 30: Tour 9 - The State: Whose Law? (Following the LENT worship service)



Sunday, March 20 • 6pm

at the home of Art and Liza Humphries, 102 Rusty Lane, Boerne

The leading topic:
Sharing our faith with others...
the good, the bad...the
challenging call to evangelism.

Join us!



FAMILY³ MINISTRIES Know Joseph

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Our Family Ministries Team:

Matt Olson, Director of Family³ Ministries, Email: matt@stjohnlutheran.com, Cell: 830-388-1550 Mark Lynn, Director of Youth Ministries, Email: mark.lynn@stjohnlutheran.com. Cell: 630-596-7312 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



SUNDAY MORNINGS FOR L.A.M.B.S³

During the month of March please pray for the students and teachers as they take in the following:

> K-1st Grade Crossing the Red Sea and The Ten

> > Commandments

2nd Grade Parables of the two brothers and the

bridesmaids as well as Zacchaeus'

encounter with Jesus.

3rd Grade Jesus' Words: "I am the wav." And.

"love one another."

4th Grade Paul's Teachings of Jesus: "Rejoice

always!" and "comfort your hearts."

5th Grade Will be inspired by the witness of Mary

Siessor, Amy Carmichael and

Samuel Morris.

SUNDAY MORNINGS FOR S³H.E.E.P.



During the month of March, please pray for these students and teachers as they take in the following:

> 6th and 7th Graders to meet in The Fold where they will continue their comparison of world religions to Christianity. Mormonism and Jehovah's Witnesses will be their topics for the month of March.

> 8th - 10th Graders to meet in the FLC with Mark where you will then go to the Historic Chapel to learn about and practice the spiritual disciplines of study and celebration. 11th-12th Graders to meet in the Upper Room to be strengthened and encouraged in their walk with Christ.

NOTE: NO CLASSES on Sunday, March 13 due to SPRING BREAK week.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES DURING LENT

March 2:

Ash Wednesday Supper 5:45pm

Worship Service 7pm

Confirmation Mentor Meetina

(Just for the Adult Mentors - NO students) **Shepherds Cave** 8pm

March 9:

Lent Supper 5:45pm

Worship Service 6:30pm

8th Graders and Mentors meet in The Fold @ 7pm

Movie and Popcorn: "The Richard Wurmbrand Story" for all ages Family Life Center, 7pm

(see advertisement on next page)

March 16:

Lent Supper 5:45pm

Worship Service 6:30pm

NO Family3 Ministry Activities after worship due to SPRING Break.

March 23:

Lent Supper 5:45pm

Worship Service 6:30pm

8th Graders and Mentors meet in The Fold @ 7pm

Movie and Popcorn: "Sabina part I" PG-13 Family Life Center, 7pm

(see advertisement on next page)

March 30

Lent Supper 5:45pm

Worship Service 6:30pm

8th Graders and Mentors meet in The Fold @ 7pm

Movie and Popcorn: "Sabina part II" PG-13 Family Life Center, 7pm

(see advertisement on next page)



4th Grade **FAITH MILE MARKER**

4th Graders, parents, and grandparents are invited to the final two Family Strong workshops in Room 119 at 9:30am

March 6: Mission #2 Develop a Supportive Faith Web March 27: Mission #3 Make a Family Mission Statement

NURSERY CARE IS AVAILABLE **ON SUNDAYS** AND WEDNESDAYS

We will have a nursery care provider present during Sunday morning worship and education times, as well as on Wednesday evenings.



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S³HEEP: students, seeking and serving HIM everywhere, everyday, passionately



YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S **FAITH FORMATION**



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



SPECIAL Fundraising event for the High School Summer Mission Trip: June 4-10. "FREE-WILL" donations will be collected at breakfast on MARCH 6 as the mission trip participants cook the pancakes and sausage as well as serve the congregation!

March 23 and 30, 7pm

Make it a family movie event!

Join us in the Family Life Center on March 23 at 7pm for Part 1 and on March 30 at 7pm for Part 2 of the movie: Sabina: Tortured for Christ, the Nazi Years. It is the story of how God's love transformed an ambitious, atheistic hedonist into one of the greatest Christian women of the 20th century.

This movie is rated PG-13.



Ski Pilgrimage 2022 March 13-19

Please be in prayer as our 23 Ski Trip participants pilgrimage to Winter Park studying the BIG Mountain Top experiences that take place in the Scriptures. Please pray for safe travels and activities as well as deepened friendships and faith! Thanks!



"The Richard Wurmbrand Story" Family Movie: March 9, 7pm

Join us in the Family Life Center on March 9 at 7pm for a Torchlighter family movie! The Richard Wurmbrand Story is a half-hour, action-packed, animated program on the life of Richard Wurmbrand. founder of The Voice of the Martyrs.

This movie is for all ages, so bring your family and we'll bring the popcorn!



IT'S **BOWLING TIME!**



Parents' Night Out

Friday, March 18 • 6pm-10pm

\$15/child \$45 max/family Dinner included! Nursery-Age 10 CONTACT: tiffany@stjohnlutheran.com

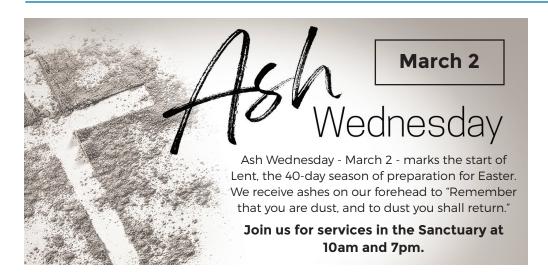
Sign up online: www.stjohnlutheran.com

COLLEGE STUDENTS ZOOM!

Thursday, March 24, 8pm Sunday, March 27, 8pm



CHURCH NEWS and UPCOMING EVENTS





Join us on March 6 for a special pancake breakfast! This is a fundraiser for the Youth Mission Trip to Lake Charles, LA in June. The breakfast will be prepared and served by the youth that will be attending the trip. There will be a free will offering available to support the youth.

Blood Drive - March 6 8am - 12 noon in Luther Hall

Join us and make a difference in our community by helping those in need! For more info, contact Lise Perez at 210-803-0825





Join us on Wednesdays in the Sanctuary at 6:30pm-7pm, beginning March 9 for our Lenten Worship Services. We'll sing the Holden Evening Prayer and listen to short sermons on the Gospel lessons.

family activities

Come early and join us for dinner in the Family Life Center, beginning at 5:45pm. There will also be activities for the whole family after the worship services.

New! CONNECTIONS Fellowship Group

A Friends in Faith Group is starting to connect St. John members and visitors who are "under the hill" - young adults/families. With more and more younger people and families joining the church, we want to provide a fellowship opportunity within and outside of the church. **The group will meet the last Saturday of every month starting March 26**. The events may or may not include kids as we want opportunities for the adults to get to know each other and other opportunities where the kids can come and connect, too. We can provide the names of teenagers who work in the nursery if you need a babysitter at your home. We will also start meeting at church on Sunday mornings (starting March 27) in the Family Life Center at 9:30am for weekly



fellowship. We hope to evolve into a weekly devotional/Bible study as we see where the group wants to go and grow in faith.

Our first event will take place on Saturday, March 26 at 6pm at the home of George and Marissa Klein (117 Ranger Dr. in Boerne). This will be an adult only evening. We will have an Italian Potluck and ask those coming to bring an appetizer, side, or dessert. BYOB. Please RSVP to Marissa 210-393-4653.

CHURCH NEWS and UPCOMING EVENTS

Happy Birthday!

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

Selma Blankenship (03/26) Evin King (03/16) Bob Brakey (03/25) Lloyd Markell (03/15) Jack Clark (03/27) Jeanie Theis (03/14) Peggy Combest (03/25) Mildred Wilson (03/06) Betty Gimbel (03/19) Mary Lou Zoeller (03/10)

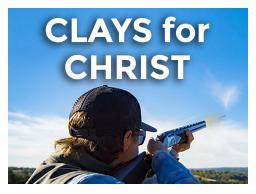
If you are turning 80 or are already 80+ and not listed, contact the church office.

Wild Game Dinner



Game Dinner

this year. Supply chain issues, Covid uncertainty, a poor game harvest, and a temporary loss of preparation facilities have presented too many obstacles to overcome in the next few months. The Wild Game Dinner will be back in 2023, bigger and better than ever!



New Fellowship Group

A new group has formed at St. John Lutheran church for shotgun shooters and people who might be interested in learning how to shoot moving airborne targets - clays that is. It's the "Clays for Christ" (C4C) group led by StJLC member, Jim Grier.

Whether beginner or experienced, whether a member of St. John or not, C4C is all about fellowship outdoors, using the opportunity to reinforce our Christianity and to act on our discipleship in Christ. To learn more, visit our website: www.stiohnlutheran.com or contact Jim Grier at 830-431-1880, or Art Humphries at 505-504-8500.



Take some time to do some growing both in St. John's Community Garden as well as with knowing our neighbors within this community. Call Alex to get a plot: (210) 315-5516.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE MINISTRY

Safety Tips for our Congregation

We live in a dangerous world. While we, people of faith, put on the armor of God, we also use common sense to protect ourselves and our loved ones. It's easy to become complacent when thing are going well, however, emergency situations can arise quickly and catch us off quard.

St. John Lutheran Church's Emergency Reponse Minstry (ERM), staffed by volunteers, works to keep our congregation safe in various ways. To that end, the ERM will begin providing safety tips for the congregation from time to time, reminders of things we probably already know, but tend to forget. These reminders will be displayed on Sundays on the screens at the front of the Sanctuary.



As the ERM continues to serve this congregation, it welcomes your comments and/or suggestions, by contacting Dave Depreiest at 210-241-0277 or Sharon Tschirhart at 210-215-2976.

REMINDER

March Usher Schedule:

8 am services The Randy Evans Team 9:30am services: The Kinsler Team The Bob Runion Team 11am services

April Usher Schedule:

The Kirby Wisian Team 8 am services: 9:30am services: The Hornung Team 11am services: The Tom Hardin Team

Please remember to arrive early for your scheduled service!

Would you like to be an Usher at our Sunday services?

If you are willing to serve in this way, please contact the church office at 830-249-3651 or see Johnny Moldenhauer to volunteer.



GriefShare Support Continues

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, 10amnoon through May 3 and Wednesdays, 6pm-8pm through May 4. Childcare is available with prior notice. Both classes meet in the Education Wing, first floor. (Note: Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 2. Groups will not meet on Tuesday, March 1 or Wednesday, March 2.)

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.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
		8am Roberta Buckles Painting 1 5:30pm American Heritage Girls 6:30pm Congregational Care 6:30pm Worship Committee 6:30pm Men's Group Bible Study	9am Women of the Word 2 10am Ash Wednesday Service 4pm Open Gym 5:30pm Children's Bell Choir 5:45pm Dinner 6:30pm Choir 7pm Ash Wednesday Service 8pm Mentors meeting	9:15am Precept 6pm Al-Anon	4	5	
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