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From the Pastor's Pen

For the last month we've been looking at the last week of Jesus' life "through the eyes" of the other characters in the story: Caiaphas, Judas, Herod, and Peter. This month we come to that last week, called "Holy Week."

Holy Week begins with **Palm Sunday** on April 10. We'll celebrate with a procession of palms, shouting "Hosanna!" to the Lord who came into Jerusalem as King but was killed "outside the city" (Hebrews 13:12) as a sacrifice. On Maundy Thursday, April 14, we gather in the Sanctuary at 7pm to remember "the night on which He was betrayed." The service begins with a foot washing, continues with a sermon on "the new commandment" (John 13:34, the novum mandatum which gives the day its name), and features a special Communion service with distribution at the altar rail. The service ends with stripping of the altar as symbol of our Lord's abandonment and in preparation for the next day.

The next day, April 15, is **Good Friday**, a day so terrible that only God Himself could make it good, for this is the day Jesus died. We gather for identical services at 12 noon and 7pm to hear and sing the story of our Lord's agony, arrest, trial, crucifixion, and death. This is a sad and sobering service, focused on our sin and the Savior's suffering. But we need to be reminded of the price Jesus

was willing to pay for us so that we can better understand His great love for us. I encourage you to come, "spend an hour with Jesus watching and waiting" (Matthew 26:40) and prepare yourself for the joy of the Resurrection on Sunday.

Saturday was the day Jesus descended to the dead and the day the Apostles rested for the Sabbath. For us, it is day of activity at church and outreach to our community. We're bringing back the **Easter Eggstravaganza** this year! It's a fun morning of games, activities, and food, all leading up to an Easter egg hunt for the kids. The Eggstravaganza is a great "Come to" invite, so seize the opportunity and bring your kids, grandkids, and neighbors to the fun. They'll have a blast!

It all leads up the biggest Sunday of the year: **Easter Sunday**, April 17. Services will be at the usual times of 8am, 9:30am, and 11am, but each will feature special music and all celebrate our Lord's great victory over sin, death, and the grave. This year I'm preaching on Easter through the eyes of Mary Magdalene, who didn't believe—who couldn't believe—until Jesus called her by name. Pray for me, asking the Lord to give me a sermon that will touch people's hearts and open their eyes to His Son!

- Pastor Eric Waters

A NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

The Greatest Gift

He is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Easter Sunday is coming and we are reminded of the greatest gift we have ever been given-Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection to conquer death and free us from the bondage of sin. God's gift is given to us freely, without any requirement other than to have faith in Him. This unearned salvation is our special blessing as Christians and what sets us apart from any other world religion-there is nothing we can do to

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

earn our way to eternal life. Christ has already paid our passage.

Now you must choose what to do with that gift. Jesus calls us to care for the poor and the sick, to give freely from our riches, and to spread the good news to all the world. Remember that the best and most effective missionary work we can do is simply being

an example of servanthood while being ready to share the message as the Holy Spirit leads us. Give thanks for this gift, and use it to give your time, your talents, and your treasures to the Lord and your community.

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	Average Thru Month
2022	\$134,590	\$124,203											\$129,397
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	\$121,179
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	\$109,744

ATTENDANCE COMPARISON

Avg Weekly Worship	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Average for Month YTD
2022 ONLINE	131	123											127
2022 IN-PERSON	350	407											379
2022 TOTAL	481	530											506
2021 TOTAL	410	471	522	488	415	420	370	471	459	451	428	676	441
2020 TOTAL	450	480	428	705	546	416	367	451	476	417	364	602	465

* Online attendance added starting April, 2020

Pastor Waters' Sermons Inspire Invitation

A note from Meg Grier, host of 'God and Our Dogs' Podcast

"God relates to us in everyday life experience. I learned that firsthand twenty plus years ago from my Black Lab Belle. Now, we share "Ah Ha" moment stories with our dogs on 'God and Our Dogs', a radio show Saturday morning on Boerne Radio 103.9 FM and podcast on www.GodandOurDogs.com or your favorite podcast site. We develop a new perspective to rely on God the way our dogs rely on us. A new perspective—God's perspective—renews, creates, and elevates our lives.

Pastor Waters and Rod Townsend shared stories of hope and remembrance on September 11. Pastor Waters also inspired me to realize a missed opportunity for the weekly show—inviting listeners to come to church with me! Thank you, Pastor Waters, for inspiring me to invite listeners to church at the conclusion of the show."

-Meg Grier



God and Our Dogs airs every Saturday Morning at 9am on Boerne Radio 103.9FM - www.BoerneRadio.com.
You can also tune in on Apple Podcasts or your favorite podcast site.
Sign up for more content and contests at: www.GodAndOurDogs.com.



FAMILY³ MINISTRIES

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ADULT FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Ladies' Bible Study

PRECEPT

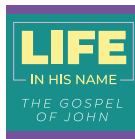
Thursdays 9:15am-11am, Room 118

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. 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 now meets in Luther Hall.

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"

Beginning March 6: "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 Pastor Kurt Wandrey.

Interested in being part of a Men's Group?

Contact Matt Olson:

830-388-1550 or

matt@stjohnlutheran.com



Happy Hearts Monday, April 11

"Happy Hearts" will look at the beautiful Texas wildflowers. We will travel through the Hill Country and stop for lunch in Llano. Please look for more details in the bulletin.

Questions? Contact Pastor Mariola: pastormariola@stjohnlutheran.com



Shepherd's Cave Happenings:

Equipping parents and grandparents to pass on the faith.

The TRUTH PROJECT

Wednesdays 6:30pm, Room 117



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

April 6: Tour 10 – The American Experiment: Stepping Stones
April 13: Tour 11 – Labor: Created to Create
April 20: Tour 12 – Community and Involvement: God Cares; do I?
April 27: Introduction to the Engagement Project:

Managing Anxiety: Yours and Mine

Sundays 9:30am, Room 117

Reactivity is contagious. It spreads within us as individuals until it becomes unmanageable, and it spreads like wildfire between people. Reactivity keeps us from encountering deep peace and freedom and it causes relational damage and stuck patterns.

But it doesn't have to be this way. With some careful observation, diagnostic tools, and practical habits, you can learn to flip the power dynamic and move from being managed by anxiety to managing it. You can lower reactivity in yourself and others and displace your anxiety with peace. You can be calm, aware, and present.

Anxiety carries a message that keeps you stuck and trapped, but you can learn to notice when you are living by that message of anxiety and replace it with a true belief of freedom and peace through Christ.

April 3: Four Spaces of Anxiety

April 10: Chronic Anxiety

April 17: NO Classes – Happy Easter!

April 24: Inner Critic

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



Sunday, May 1 • 6pm

Chris and Leah Thompson's:
124 El Cielo, Boerne

The leading topic: What is your favorite chapter of Scripture?
What is your favorite Bible verse?

Let's share the stories of God's Word impacting our lives as we enjoy food, drink and fellowship!



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Know Jesus and Make Jesus Known.

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Together, in our Home,
Church and World
Families

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SUNDAY MORNINGS FOR L.A.M.B.S³

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

K-1st Grade: "You shall be holy..." was God's call on the people of Israel, yet the Golden Calf was made and worshipped. May we trust God and His directions even when it seems like He is not there.

2nd Grade: The parables of the Grumblin' Grape Growers and the Two Debtors will reveal God's character and how He does things differently than the world does.

3rd Grade: A closer look at "Good Friday," and "Easter Sunday," will bring the studies of the Gospels to their pinnacle.

4th Grade: Through the adventures of the Apostles, students will be reminded that even while being young, you matter in proclaiming Christ, both in word and deed.

5th Grade: Will be inspired by the witness of Corrie ten Boom, Eric Liddell, and Gladys Aylward.



SUNDAY MORNINGS FOR S³H.E.E.P.

During the month of April, 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. Scientology and New Age thinking will be the topics for the month of April.

8th-10th Graders to meet in the FLC with Mark where they will then go to the Historic Chapel to learn about and practice the spiritual disciplines of "celebration," "submission," as well as practice "service".

11th-12th Graders to meet in the Upper Room to be strengthened and encouraged in their walk with Christ through various means of presentations and discussions.

NOTE: NO Children or Youth CLASSES on Sunday, APRIL 17 due to EASTER. He is RISEN!!! He is RISEN indeed!!!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES IN APRIL

April 6

Supper 5:45pm

6:30pm
Worship Service

7pm
Confirmand and Mentor
Meeting

and

All Age
Movie and Popcorn:

Journey with Jesus Part I

Holy Week: April 13

Supper 5:45pm

6:30pm
Confirmand and Mentor
Meeting

and

All Age
Movie and Popcorn:

Journey with Jesus
Part II

April 20

Supper 5:45pm

6:30pm
Confirmand and Mentor
Meeting

and

Middle School and
High School
Youth Activities

April 27

Supper 5:45pm

6:30pm
END OF
SCHOOL YEAR
CELEBRATION
NIGHT

5th-12th Grade

(see advertisement on next
page)

Parents' Night Out

Friday, April 8 • 6pm-10pm

\$15/child \$45 max/family
Dinner included! Nursery-Age 10

CONTACT: tiffany@stjohnlutheran.com

Sign up online: www.stjohnlutheran.com

Watch for DAY CAMP REGISTRATION

Day Camp is scheduled for
July 25-29

Registration will open this month!

St. John will host six Cross Trails
Ministries counselors who will lead a
full five-day Bible Camp experience.
Watch for more information to come!

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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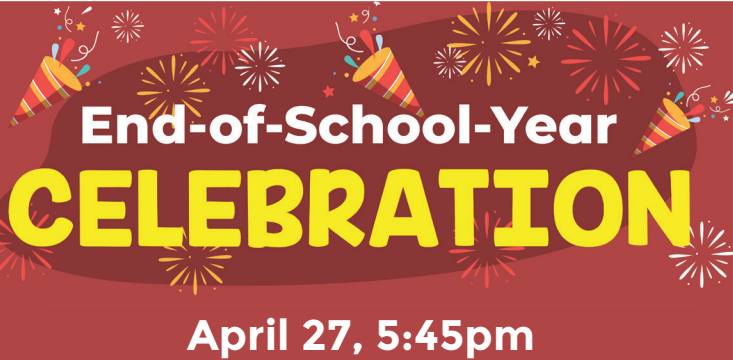
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students, seeking
and serving HIM
everywhere, everyday,
passionately



YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION



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



April 27, 5:45pm

FOOD, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP!

Join us as we remember this past school year and summer and get set for the summer events ahead!

Wednesday youth activities will then take a break in May and resume on June 1.

FAITH MILE MARKER

CONFIRMATION Sunday, April 24, 11am

Join us at the 11am service and witness several of the youth from St. John be confirmed.

Please keep in your prayers the following students as they put to words and actions what they believe: Alexis, Lily, Elizabeth, Luke, Corey, Sage, Jeffrey, Lila, and Sydney.

COLLEGE STUDENTS ZOOM!

Sunday, April 24, 8pm
Thursday, April 28, 8pm



Interested in a college scholarship?

The Dr. Joseph Graham Scholarship Program sponsored by Texas Right to Life is a \$1,000 per semester scholarship to a Texas college or university. The deadline is April 9, 2022 to be considered for Fall of 2022. Learn more and apply: texasrighttolife.com/student-central.

Make it a family movie event! April 6 and April 15, 7pm

Join us in the Family Life Center on April 6 and 13 for the movie: *Journey with Jesus*.

In *Journey with Jesus*, a feature-length film, join Dr. Tony Evans and his daughters as they experience the Holy Land like never before. *Journey with Jesus* brings the Bible to life as the Evans family lead a walking tour of Jesus's ministry. Through their personal insights and powerful teaching, the places that defined Christ's life come alive in a fresh way.

Join Dr. Tony Evans, Chrystal Evans Hurst, and Priscilla Shirer, as they trace the steps that changed the world in *Journey with Jesus*. Also, hear from some of our own St. John members who traveled to Israel in March.



thank you

Thank you to all who donated to the **Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser** in February.
What a yummy **Pancake Breakfast** it was!



CHURCH NEWS and UPCOMING EVENTS

HE IS RISEN

and is calling your name!



UPCOMING HOLY WEEK EVENTS...MARK YOUR CALENDARS

PALM SUNDAY: APRIL 10

Worship Services: 8am, 9:30am, 11am

MAUNDY THURSDAY: APRIL 14

Worship Service at 7pm

GOOD FRIDAY: APRIL 15

Worship Services at 12pm and 7pm. The 7pm service will be livestreamed.

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA: APRIL 16

Community Event 11am - 1pm with Easter Egg Hunt, Music, Food, Games!

EASTER SUNDAY: APRIL 17

Worship Services 8am, 9:30am, 11am. Breakfast will be served: 7am - 11am

The 11am service will be livestreamed.



Easter Eggstravaganza April 16 • 11am-1pm

Join us the Saturday before Easter for an Easter Egg Hunt, Food, Music, Bounce Houses, Games, Activities and more.

Mark your calendars and invite your friends.

This event is for the entire community!

WE NEED YOU...

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS
to help with our
Easter Eggstravaganza!**

**We need many volunteers to make
this a success!** Talk to Matt Olson or
sign up in the Gathering Place.

and EASTER EGGS!

**The Easter Eggstravaganza
Egg Collection is underway!**

We are looking for donations of
plastic Easter eggs filled with candy/
goodies. If you would like to donate,
please drop them off at church by

April 10.



CONNECTIONS Fellowship Group

This Friends in Faith Group connects
St. John members and visitors who are
"under the hill"-young adults/families.

This is a wonderful fellowship
opportunity within and outside of the
church.

**The group meets the last Saturday of
every month.**

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.*

**This group also meets at church on
Sunday mornings in the
Family Life Center at 9:30am for
weekly fellowship.**

**The APRIL EVENT is still
to be determined, but will
take place on April 30.**

Watch for more details to come!

**Want to keep up
with everything
that is happening
at St. John?**

Find us on **Facebook**, **Instagram**,
and **YouTube**.

Check out our **website:**
www.stjohnlutheran.com

and subscribe to our

'Week-at-a-Glance' **weekly email:**
<http://eepurl.com/X4f4X>



CHURCH NEWS and UPCOMING EVENTS

Happy Birthday!

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

Frank Arnold (04/02) Alton Tschirhart (04/08)
Gary Bruehler (04/06) Gladys Turner (04/23)
Ken Nietenhoefer (04/03) Ron Walter (04/06)

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



Martha Wallis celebrated her 100th birthday last month! Pastor Mariola Bergquist and Frank Bush were with her to help celebrate.

Happy 100th Martha!

REMINDER

April Usher Schedule:

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

May Usher Schedule:

8 am services: The Scott Kramer Team
9:30am services: The Thompson Team
11am services: The Mike Schneid 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.

changes are coming to our LIVESTREAM

We are upgrading our online streaming services. As you know, we have had some technical issues in the past month with our streaming of the Sunday services. In order to fix the problems, we are changing the way we stream our services.

**Beginning April 1, we will no longer be using the BoxCast app.
We will be streaming directly to our YouTube channel.**

What does this mean to you?

1. You can still watch the livestream through our website at **www.stjohnlutheran.com/livestream**.
2. You can go directly to our YouTube Channel and watch the livestream from there: **<https://www.youtube.com/StJohnLutheranChurchBoerne>**
3. If you are watching the livestream through your smart TV, Roku, Apple TV, or Amazon Fire TV device, **instead of using the Boxcast App you will use the YouTube App**. You will need to make sure the YouTube App is downloaded, as the BoxCast app will no longer work. Once you have the YouTube app downloaded, you can search for St. John Lutheran Church Boerne. You may want to test this and look now for our YouTube channel before the services this weekend, so you don't miss anything!

Let Us Pray

Please keep in your prayers:

'Every Man a Warrior' ministry is holding a national gathering in Tennessee, April 1-3. J.J. Johnson, Chad Christman, Mike Miller, and Matthew Olson are attending. Pray that they will gain a deeper and broader vision of nurturing men's ministries here at St. John and beyond.



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.



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, 10am-noon through May 3 and Wednesdays, 6pm-8pm through May 4.** Childcare is available with prior notice. Both groups meet in the Education Wing, first floor. (Note: Groups will not meet Easter (Holy) Week, Tuesday, April 12 or Wednesday, April 13.)

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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APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			-		1 Every Man A Warrior National Gathering-----	2
8am Traditional Service 3 9:30am Adult and Youth Classes 9:30am Praise Service 11am Traditional Service 4pm Dominoes -----	9am Quilters 4 6pm Property Meeting 7pm Al-Anon	6:30am Men's Breakfast 5 8am Roberta Buckles Painting 10am GriefShare 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 6 4pm Open Gym 5:30pm Bell Choir 5:45pm Dinner 6pm GriefShare 6:30pm Lenten Services 7pm Wednesday Activities 7pm Choir	9:15am Precept 7 7pm Al-Anon	6pm Parents' Night Out 8	9
PALM SUNDAY 10 8am Traditional Service 9:30am Adult and Youth Classes 9:30am Praise Service 11am Traditional Service 12pm Family Committee Meeting	9am Quilters 11 6pm Happy Hearts 7pm Al-Anon	8am Roberta Buckles Painting 12 6:30pm Congregational Life 6:30pm Mission Committee 6:30pm Men's Group Bible Study	9am Women of the Word 13 4pm Open Gym 5:30pm Bell Choir 5:45pm Dinner 6:30pm Wednesday Activities: Sabina Movie 7pm Choir	MAUNDY THURSDAY 14 11:30am Lunch Bunch Eat Out Group 6pm Al-Anon 7pm Worship Service	GOOD FRIDAY 15 12pm Worship Service 7pm Worship Service	11am-1pm 16 EASTER EGGSTRAVA- GANZA!
EASTER SUNDAY 17 8am Traditional Service 9:30am Adult Classes 9:30am Praise Service 11am Traditional Service 5pm Canasta No Children or Youth Classes	12pm Lit N Lunch 18 7pm Al-Anon	6:30am Men's Breakfast 19 8am Roberta Buckles Painting 10am GriefShare 11:30am Men's Lunch 5:30pm American Heritage Girls 6:30pm Men's Group Bible Study 7pm Council Meeting	9am Women of the Word 20 4pm Open Gym 5:30pm Bell Choir 5:45pm Dinner 6pm GriefShare 6:30pm Wednesday Activities: Sabina Movie 7pm Choir	9:15am Precept 21 6pm Friends N Faith Eat Out Group 7pm Al-Anon	22	6pm 23 Confirmation Banquet
Confirmation Day 24 8am Traditional Service 9:30am Adult and Youth Classes 9:30am Praise Service 11am Traditional Service 5pm Canasta 8pm College Zoom	7pm Al-Anon 25	8am Roberta Buckles Painting 26 10am GriefShare 5:30pm American Heritage Girls 6pm Wild Game Dinner Meeting 6:30pm Men's Group Bible Study	9am Women of the Word 27 4pm Open Gym 5:30pm Bell Choir 5:45pm Dinner 6pm GriefShare 6:30pm Wednesday Activities 7pm Choir	9:15am Precept 28 7pm Al-Anon 8pm College Zoom	29	30