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An Announcement from **Pastor Mariola Bergquist**

Dear Members of St John:

I have been greatly privileged to serve the Lord and His Church in the Ministry of Word and Sacrament for 32 years. 21 of those years I have served here at St John Lutheran Church in various pastoral positions. In my ministry I have been blessed to serve in three different congregations and work with many

wonderful people.

After much discernment and prayer, I have made the decision to retire from active ministry. My retirement goal is June 2024.



I have informed of my decision the Senior Pastor, Pr Waters, and the Congregational Council.

> The process of calling another pastor is a lengthy one. It can take between 18-24 months. Therefore. we need to start the process soon.

I will continue serving in my present position until my official retirement date - June 2024. And I plan to enjoy every minute

of it!

In Christ.

Pastor Mariola Bergquist

From the Pastors' Pen (PAR)

Updates from Pastor Eric Waters



It's been a pleasure serving with Pastor Bergauist these last five years and I look forward to serving side-byside with her for the next two.

I thank Pastor Bergquist for her foresight and candor with the Church Council. Our denomination tells us that it takes 18-24 months to call an Associate Pastor. Council would like to start that process soon, and will present a motion for a congregational vote at a specially

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A NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

Be Still

Summer has arrived. As a parent, I find that, while we no longer have the stress of helping our children with homework, after-school activities, and other events, we can often feel even more overwhelmed since we still have many camps and other activities we have to organize for them, while also trying to keep them engaged when they are home all day. It is important during these times to make sure to set aside time for God. I find that even doing a short 10-minute bible study right after I

He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth. (Psalm 46:10)

wake up is a great way to prepare myself for the day to come.

The Bible is full of commands to pray to God and praise Him. As with everything in the Bible, this is not because God needs our praise, but because, by doing so, we center ourselves on what's important. God calls us to use our time, talents, and treasures to the benefit of others, but it can be easy to let that message get lost in the hectic lives

we lead. Reorienting over lives towards Jesus gives us the courage and peace to give of our financial and time resources to the benefit of God's kingdom. Spend time with God, listen to Him, and let Him guide you through any of life's challenges.

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	\$124,203	\$141,734	\$115,347									\$128.969
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	\$118,137
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	\$110,154

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	123 407 530	104 459 563	84 632 716									111 478 589
2021 TOTAL	410	471	522	488	415	420	370	471	459	451	428	676	473
2020 TOTAL	450	480	428	705	546	416	367	451	476	417	364	602	516

^{*} Online attendance added starting April, 2020

PART 2) continued

"Join."

From the Pastors' Pen... Part 2, Continued from page 1

called Congregational Meeting in July. We want everyone to come to that vote well-informed. So, we will hold a **Townhall Meeting on June 26** after the Late Service to talk about the process of calling an Associate Pastor, lay out an expected timeline, anticipate questions you may have, and give everyone the opportunity to talk and let their voice be heard. Please mark it on your calendar now and plan to participate in this important meeting at the end of the month.

We begin the month by welcoming

Justin Baker as our Vicar. Vicar Baker has graduated from the North American Lutheran Seminary and will spend this next year at StJLC serving as an intern pastor, learning how to lead a church, and serving in a congregational setting. The internship program is a great opportunity for StJLC to invest in the future of the North American Lutheran Church by training pastors for the denomination. We'll introduce Vicar Baker at our services on June 5. He'll be in the pulpit for the first time on Father's Day, June 19, then on the first Sunday of each month thereafter. Welcome, Vicar Baker! We're so glad you can join us!

If you've been worshipping with us for a while and thinking about joining the church, now's the time. Our next **New Members** class will be offered on Wednesday evenings, 7pm-8pm, beginning June 15. These hour-long classes will introduce you to our church and our discipleship pathway of "Worship Weekly, Walk Daily, Connect Consistently, and Serve Monthly." Look for more information in this bulletin and sign up online under

- Pastor Eric Waters



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ADULT FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Ladies' Bible Study

PRECEPT

Thursdays 9:15am-11am, Room 118

Precept class will be on break and return in September. Questions? please email Pastor Mariola at pastormariola@stjohnlutheran.com

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

Wednesdays 9am-10am

Six MORE Psalms of Summer 2022

Women of the Word will do another short summer study on the Psalms. We'll be studying, praying, meditating on, and even some memorizing of these beautiful words that Jesus used as His prayer book. Please join



us! Wednesdays, 9am-10am, June 15-July 27 (with NO class July 6). For more info or to request childcare, email Michelle Waters at watersmichellejoy@gmail.com.

HAPPY HEARTS

Happy Hearts will take a break for the summer and return in September.



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"

God Talk 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"

"The Spiritual Realms" Bible study continues. Learn wha the Bible says about 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.

Men's Basketball

is for those aged 16 years and older. Join us for fun, fellowship, and exercise! Gym opens from 6:30pm-8:30pm Monday nights in the summer. Questions? Talk with Matt.





Are you connected to rightnow Media?

If you don't have a rightnow media account, call the church office (830-249-3651) or email Matt directly (matt@stjohnlutheran.com) to request to be connected and be blessed with countless Bible Studies and Family friendly growth opportunities. Check out the most recent Shepherds Cave study - "Managing Anxiety: Yours and Theirs." Pick up the worksheets that were used at St. John's Info Desk. Be ready to let the Holy Spirit give you His deeper peace this summer and beyond.



Supporting Life, No Matter What the Size or Age See the next page for more info.



Young Adults (18-20 somethings) **Summer Gatherings** Thursdays at 7pm, Room #117

June 2: Organizing and planning night. What topics, service projects and fellowship activities do we want to engage in?

June 9: Topical Bible Study TBD

June 16: Service Night TBD

June 23: Particular Fun and Fellowship Activity evening. TBD

(No Gathering on June 30

Shepherd's Cave, Room 117

The Engagement Project

Shepherds Cave Bible Study and Discussions: SUNDAYS or WEDNESDAYS

This will be the SAME class but you have two different opportunities to join it: SUNDAYS at 9:30am or WEDNESDAYS at 6:30pm in Room #117. This will include 19 class sessions with the ability to borrow a DVD to watch any missed lessons.

The Engagement Project is a call to the body of Christ to awaken from its slumber and to begin to be the light and salt we were meant to be. Why did Jesus leave? Why does God send? What is God's endgame for you and for me? The answers to these questions are not for the faint of heart, but we will wrestle with them together. And, with His blessing, it really will change everything.

INTRODUCTION Video:

'Land of Naught: A Remnant of Hope" WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1 at 6:30pm and

SUNDAY, JUNE 5 at 9:30am Find more info:

www.deltackett.com/what-is-engagement-project.





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SUNDAY MORNINGS FOR L.A.M.B.S³ AND S³H.E.E.P.

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Children Sermons will be at each Worship Service this Summer

In a season of trying some NEW things (for example, no children or youth Sunday School this summer) we are adding a short Children focused message at each service, starting June 5. During the final verse of the Opening Hymn at the Traditional Services we will welcome children to come up by the altar to sit and hear a message directed to them. The aim is to get them to listen for the coming lessons from the Pastor in his/her coming message. At the Praise Service, children will be signaled to come forward during the final stanzas of the second opening song. Let's see how it goes! We need your kids to be there though to get the true test. See you in church!

Supporting Life, No Matter What the Size or Age

St. John Lutheran has been and remains a strong advocate for the right to life. We are unapologetic about what we believe the Bible teaches about its sanctity. Psalm 139:13-15 often bottom lines it the best when the writer, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit says...





14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.



15 My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

With the culture swirling over the possibility of Roe vs. Wade being overturned, we thought it would be especially important to remind each other of what Christian organizations have always been doing, remain doing, and will continue to do no matter of a court case outcome-that is to care for people: unborn babies, infants, the mothers, the fathers, and all those who are facing Satan's tactics to "steal, kill and destroy" (see John 10:10).



Be Informed on How to Help: Join us at 9:30am and 11am in the Shepherd's Cave (or FLC)

June 12 - Hill Country Pregnancy Care Center

June 19 - Horns for Life / Texas Right to Life

June 26 - Film - The Dark Secrets of Planned Parenthood and How They Affect Our Children

July 31 - Dr. Barbara Geistfeld, Lutherans for Life -Texas Director, will be here for several special presentations.

Dr. Barbara Geistfeld will share at both **9:30am and 11am in the Family Life Center** on the topic of "Life: A Gift from God." At 12 noon there will be a simple lunch and opportunity for further questions and answers regarding Lutherans for Life and how we might better be engaged as Christ's hands, feet, ears, voice; His presence..

Be it in the womb or at the end of many, many years, The mission of Lutherans for Life is to equip Lutherans and their neighbors to be gospel-motivated voices for life.

St. John's Mya Olson and her friends from The University of Texas, "Horns for Life Club" serve at an Austin pregnancy care center. Mya is now the president of this organization, and she will be sharing with our St. John family on June 19 and prior to the youth on June 15 regarding Texas Right to life as well as how it is to be on a college campus in the midst of such a cultural battle.

Looking for some support in answering questions and challenges to your views on the "Right to Life?" See the following website: **liveaction.org**.



Christ's love compels us to walk beside each other in all seasons of life.

If you or someone you know is in a season of an unexpected pregnancy, your St. John family is here to help. Please talk with one of the Pastors or with Matt.

To get started:

- · How the Abortion Movement Hijacked the Women's Movement: subverted.liveaction.org
- · What about in the case of rape? Something to think about: theradiancefoundation.org/ryan



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YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION



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and <u>s</u>ervice



SOS: Summer Of Service

June 1: Intro and Mission Trip Send Off

June 8: Preparing St. John's Sunday School Classrooms

June 15: "Horns for Life" and/or Hill Country Pregnancy Care Center

June 22: Fellowship Night

June 25 (Saturday): Sleep In Heavenly Peace Bed Build https://www.shpbeds.org/ (see below for more info)

June 29: CAMP



Children's Day Camp • July 25-29

Cross Trails Ministry Day Camp at St. John is scheduled for July 25-29. This is a day camp program for children who have completed Kindergarten-5th grade in the 2021-2022 school year. This cost for the camp is \$30 per child for the entire week.

Availability is limited, so register today to reserve your spot!

Find more information and the link to register at www.stjohnlutheran.com under 'Events'.

'Sleep In Heavenly Peace' Bed Build - Youth and Parents Serving Together Saturday, June 25, 7:45am - 2pm

Join us to make a difference in our community! Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a group of volunteers dedicated to building, assembling, and delivering top-notch bunk beds to children and families in need. Learn more: https://www.shpbeds.org/

Lunch is included. Please RSVP to Mark (mark.lynn@stjohnlutheran.com) by June 19. Students under 18 years old must be accompanied by a parent/adult.

Summer is a great time to work on consistent family devotions.

Here are some possible resources:

· Sola Publishing: www.holyfamilytime.com

(see the Info Desk area for a handout about the what, why, and how of "Holy Families")

- · See the Info Desk area for Family Devotion books to try at home and use throughout the summer. (Limited supply.)
- · Get connected with Rightnow Media resources. See the Adult Faith Formation page (page 3).



Parents' Night Out

Friday, June 17 • 6pm-10pm

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

Sign up online: www.stjohnlutheran.com

NURSERY CARE IS AVAILABLE ON SUNDAYS

We will have a nursery care provider present during Sunday morning worship and education times for children ages 3 and under..

CHURCH NEWS and UPCOMING EVENTS



New Member Classes begin June 15

If you or someone you know is interested in joining St. John, please register online or contact the church office. Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings, 7pm-8pm, June 15-July 13. The new members will be welcomed into our church at services on Sunday, July 17.

Will you be a new member sponsor? We are looking for current members to sponsor our new members. This is a great way to become more active and help our new members to feel welcomed and at home here. Please consider signing up! For more information, please contact the church office.



Join us to talk about the process of calling an Associate Pastor.

We will lay out an expected timeline, discuss questions, and hear your thoughts and concerns.



CONNECTIONS Fellowship Group

June 25, 6pm r June Connections eve

For our June Connections event, the Post family will be hosting a BBQ Potluck at their house on Saturday, June 25 starting at 6pm. **This will be an adult evening**. Brisket and tea/ water will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Due to allergy concerns, please do not bring anything with peanuts. If you need help finding a babysitter, please let us know and we can provide a list of names. The Post's address is 123 Sharon Drive in Boerne.

Please RSVP to 830-428-1208 by June 18th. Hope to see you there!

Our July event will be a summer swim party at Esperanza - details to come.

Supply Donations Requested for Honduras Mission Trip

SJLC is continuing the tradition of sending mission teams to assist the community of El Obispo, Honduras, and the mission work at Project Talitha Cumi (PTC). June 11-18 our volunteers will spread the Gospel and assist with multiple clean water and educational projects in the name of Jesus Christ. We could use the following donations:

- · New or used books for K-12 in Spanish or English. Will supplement the library we previously started.
- · Crochet needles and yarn we will use in a life skills class. (40 participants)
- · Legos with or without storage containers.

Donations can be placed in the Honduras Mission Box in the narthex or contact Brad and Jake Allen. (bradallentx@gmail.com) Thank you for your support!

AN INTERESTING READ:

The Importance of Having Children in Church

(blog article posted by First Baptist Church of Randleman, NC)

An exerpt from the article:

'I recently read an article talking about why you are seeing less and less play places in McDonald's. There are a lot of reasons for this. Obviously, safety issues are a huge concern. Those both real and unreal. Like the one where a three-year-old child was stuck with a syringe full of heroin in a McDonald's play place and died. Yes, that turned out to be untrue. Believe it or not the real reason that McDonald's play places are disappearing is because of technology. Walk into a McDonald's now and you will see children playing on iPhones and iPads and not even using the playground. This just shows us how time changes things.

As a believer, one thing that has not changed is the importance of having our children in church.......

Read the full article online at: fbcrandleman.com/single-post/2019/08/01/the-importance-of-having-children-in-church

CHURCH NEWS and UPCOMING EVENTS



Dave Bowman (06/04) Judy Collins (06/20) Jim Hall (06/019) Glenn Marquardt (06/25) Kay Rutherford (06/25) Dave Smith (06/09) June Stevens (06/17)

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

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

A visit to Cibolo Creek Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation in Boerne

Pastor Mariola visited Cibolo Creek Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation in Boerne and spent time with these five wonderful women!



Left to right: Clara Knoll, Nadine Flathouse, Martha Wallis, Pastor Mariola Berquist, Mildred Wilson, Joyce Rust.

Welcome

On June 1, we welcome **Justin Baker**, St. John's new Vicar. Justin will be living in Saxon House with his dog, Maya, and will be joined by his future wife, Nella, after their wedding in July.

In May, we welcomed **Amy Stremmel**, our new Office Assistant. Amy is a lifelong Boerne resident and lives in town with her husband and two daughters. She has already settled in well and is the perfect addition to our St. John staff. She manages the day-to-day activities of our front office. Stop by and say hello!



THANKEYOU

Thank you to the Family Ministries Committee, the donors and the volunteers who helped make the playground project happen! It was a lot of fun to see it take shape and it will bring enjoyment to so many children in our church family and the surrounding community.'

- Hayden Allen



Congratulations! to the 2022 Confirmands





GriefShare Support Continues

The Christian-oriented GriefShare bereavement program, under the guidance of Pastor Bergquist, is a 14-week program where participants will find support and practical advice from professionals. Each of the 14 sessions stands alone, and a participant can start at any point during the cycle. This program 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. There is no charge for this ministry.

The new Tuesday morning cycle will begin August 16, 2022, 10am to noon. The Wednesday evening cycle will begin August 17, 2022, 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 information is available online at www.griefshare.org.

REMINDER

June Usher Schedule:

8 am services: 9:30am services:

The Richard Wahl Team
Jean Sheffy and
Jehnny Moldonbauer

11am services:

Johnny Moldenhauer The Jim Peters Team

July Usher Schedule:

8 am services: 9:30am services: 11am services: The Kirby Wisian Team Rene and Lise Perez The Bob Runion Team

August Usher Schedule:

8 am services: 9:30am services: 11am services: The Randy Evants Team Johnny Moldenhauer Team Johnny Moldenhauer Team

Please remember to arrive early for your scheduled service!

Would you like to be an Usher at our Sunday PRAISE service?

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

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JUNE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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