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From the Pastor's Pen

Moving down from up North, I still find it hard to believe that school starts in August. Growing up in New York, we didn't start school until after Labor Day and the end of the New York State Fair (if you think Texas brisket is good, wait until you try a Central New York baked bean sandwich with a side of salt potatoes!). But as the saying goes, I'm "not in Kansas anymore." The start of the school year is here, and it brings the start of the church program year, too. I've got two big initiatives teed up for the Fall, both focused on the Bible.

The first is an eleven-week sermon series called "**David, a Man After God's Own Heart.**" I loved preaching through Revelation last Fall. This year, I wanted to preach an in-depth series from the Old Testament. I've always loved the story of King David. It's got everything: intrigue, action, romance, suspense, heroism, tragedy, and more. This narrative from a thousand years before Christ still captivates us today as an all-too-human tale of divine love and faithfulness. I've been wanting to preach through it ever since I wrote my dissertation on it back in 2008. Join me as we begin this series this Fall on August 14.

The other big initiative for the Fall is a Bible study called **Crossways**. Ever since we took the Reveal survey in 2019, I've been eager to teach a regular Bible study of my own. I've had chances to teach New Members classes, and topical classes, and even the occasional class on a book of the Bible. But now at last I can teach through the whole Bible itself! Crossways is an in-depth journey through all 66 books of the Bible, emphasizing the historical and cultural context of the times, but focused on how the hero of the Bible is God and the story of the Bible is how God works through covenants to choose and redeem us by grace. I've taught it before and can honestly say that I know of no other resource which better connects the Old and New Testaments into one great story of God. Crossways is a 60-session Bible study that takes 2 years to complete. You don't have to commit to the whole thing, but I do encourage you to try out this first 10-week session on the first 5 books of the Bible. Join me on Wednesday nights starting August 17. School's in session and I'm excited to go deep into the Bible with 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

Stewardship through faith, love, and hope

God calls us to be stewards of his world and creations, but what does that mean? 1 Thessalonians 1:3 shows us how he wants us to serve.

First, our work is produced by FAITH. God works through us to accomplish his mission, but he can only do that if we have faith in Him. We can do mighty works and inspire others to Him when we allow ourselves to trust in Him and not in our own power.

“We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ”
(1 Thessalonians 1:3)

Second, our labor is prompted by LOVE. We don't do good works in order to earn our place in Heaven, we do them because we love our fellow man and our God. Love is the defining character of a Christian - we show love to even our enemies and allow that love to reshape lives.

Lastly, our endurance is inspired by HOPE

in our Lord Jesus Christ. This life is a marathon, not a sprint. We do not know the hour or the day when Jesus will return and gather us in his arms, but we persevere with hope.

My prayer for you is that you will continue God's work through faith, love, and hope. Serve your community and your world. Support the church in its mission to bring the Gospel to all people. Pray daily. Amen.

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	\$141,734	\$115,347	\$104,550	\$106,229							\$121,109
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	\$114,185
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	\$106,215

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	104	84	54	91							98
2022 IN-PERSON	350	407	459	632	377	353							440
2022 TOTAL	481	530	563	716	431	444							538
2021 TOTAL	410	471	522	488	415	420	370	471	459	451	428	676	454
2020 TOTAL	450	480	428	705	546	416	367	451	476	417	364	602	504

* Online attendance added starting April, 2020

A MESSAGE FROM OUR VICAR

Hi folks!

It's been a whirlwind so far at St. John. By the time this gets to you, I'll have preached twice and will soon be preaching my third sermon on the first Sunday in August. I will also have been married for a couple of weeks and likely many of you will have seen, if not met, my now wife, Nella. Please do continue to introduce yourselves to both of us so that we can continue to get to know you. Y'all have done a terrific job welcoming me here and

I'm grateful for y'all to be extending that same Texas welcome to Nella.

One of my major theses is that the most fundamental things of Christianity can be easily overlooked. I discovered this when I preached my first sermon, about six years ago. I realized that though I had heard sermons for three decades, I couldn't say in a very simple way what a sermon is. And that meant that I really didn't know what a sermon was. In trying to answer what a sermon was, I realized there were bigger questions at

stake that shaped how I would answer that question: What is church and what is it for? What is the gospel? What is the role of the pastor in church? What is the aim of the preacher? What does Scripture mean for us today?

I wonder if any of you have had some of the same wonderings.

There are great sermons and great preaching here at St. John. I would love for you to find me and share your thoughts on, "What is a sermon?"

+ Vicar Justin



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ADULT FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Ladies' Bible Study

PRECEPT

Thursdays 9:15am-11am, Room 118

Precept class will resume on September 8 in Room 118. We will study the Book of Isaiah. If you would like to join the class, please contact Pastor Mariola at pastormariola@stjohnlutheran.com

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

Wednesdays 9am-10am

Women of the Word will resume in September. Plan to join us on Wednesdays, 9am-10am. Look for more information in the weekly bulletins and in September's Messenger. Questions? Contact Michelle Waters at watersmichellejoy@gmail.com.



**Shepherd's Cave
Room 117**

The Engagement Project

Shepherds Cave Bible Study and Discussions: SUNDAY mornings, Room 117

Let us be the light and salt we are meant to be. Let's get the mission down... Why did Jesus leave? Why does God send? What is God's endgame for you and for me? This is not just important truths for each of us, but it also is what we are to pass on to our children and grandchildren.

August 7: #1B Creation: The End Game
August 14: #2A Fall: The River of Death
August 21: #2B Fall: The River of Death
August 28: #3A Redemption: The Heart of God

Men's Basketball Continues!

Join us for fun, fellowship and exercise! The gym opens from 6:30-8:30pm on Monday nights.

Who wants to keep it going through the school year?

We will need to take off the 2nd Monday of each month, but the rest... let's play some basketball!

Let Matt or Mark know if you are interested.



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"

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"

Meet in Room 118. Led by Pastor Kurt Wandrey.

HAPPY HEARTS

Happy Hearts will resume on September 12 with a night of music played by T.J. Bazzoon on the new organ. Plan now to join us. More details to come.



SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, September 11 • 6pm

Join us at "Gather Boerne" Eatery; 946 N. School Street, Boerne from 6pm - 8pm. Let's mingle, catch up, and discuss Pastor Waters' sermon series: 'David: A Man After God's Own Heart'.

Every Man A Warrior

This month Pastor Waters begins his series on "David, a Man After God's Own Heart." Among many things, he was a warrior for God. Men of St. John and beyond, "Are you a man after God's own heart?" "Are you a warrior for Him?" God wants us to be these things.



If you are not yet part of a men's small group Bible Study...it is time. **Join us on Tuesday, August 30, 7pm in the Shepherds Cave** and we will get you connected. Hear testimonies from guys who have now made this a regular part of their weekly schedule. *If that Tuesday does not work, text Matt and let him know you are interested: Matt 830-388-1550.*

Note: Various Bible Study times throughout the week will be determined. Also, a variety of Bible Study options will be presented as well.



Young Adults (18-20 somethings)

**Pausing for planning and prayer:
August 11, 6pm**

Home or away from home, how can your church (Family2) support and encourage you?

Let's gather to brainstorm some ideas for the coming year as well as take some time to pray for the specific blessings and challenges that are headed your way!

Meet in the Shepherds Cave (Room 117) on Thursday, August 11 at 6pm. Food will be provided!



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SUNDAY MORNINGS FOR L.A.M.B.S³

Sunday School Returns September 11

The acronym l.a.m.B.s3 (Preschool - 5th Graders) stands for "learning and memorizing Bible stories, songs and serving". We are seeking to get better at this year after year.

Improvements this year include:

- Bible Story pictures will be displayed each week in rooms, thus helping to memorize the stories of the Bible.
- At least a monthly time of singing / music for each class will take place, as well as a monthly service project for each class.
- Students will get a turn at ushering, quilting, hospitality, greeting, decorating, and encouraging throughout the school year.

Learn more on "RALLY Day"

September 11, 9am in the Family Life Center.



WEDNESDAY EVENINGS FOR S³H.E.E.P.

Introducing... F3 FELLOWSHIP



August 3: Kick-Off (Introduction to the year)

August 10: NO GATHERING - BISD start day

August 17: Bible Study

August 24: SERVICE NIGHT - "Hurricane Buckets"

August 31: Fellowship Night and Devotions

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.

Check out St. John's youth at Camp Eagle and the 'Sleep in Heavenly Peace' bed build service event





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YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION



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



Introducing... **F3 FELLOWSHIP**

Fall Kick-Off

August 3

5:45pm: Meal in Luther Hall

6:30pm: Mixers and Information

All youth and parents are invited to join us to learn about the fall programming for the new school year.

High School **LOCK-IN**

August 5-6



High school students: the lock-in is at St. John from **Friday, August 5 at 6pm to Saturday, August 6 at 7am**. Join us for pizza, games, sumo wrestling and the Gospel. **Cost is \$10, but friends come for FREE!** For info or to sign up, contact Mark: mark.lynn@stjohnlutheran.com

Middle School **NERF WAR**

August 28



Middle School students: Join us from **12:30pm - 3pm on August 28** for lunch and a nerf war! Please bring your nerf gear. For more information or to sign up, contact Mark: mark.lynn@stjohnlutheran.com

FAITH MILE MARKERS

Kindergarteners: Start of School

Sunday, August 7

Kindergarteners will receive a gift and a blessing with their parents at the 11am service. Bring your backpack.

First Graders and Parents: Special Event

Sunday, August 21

This is a NEW Faith Mile Marker. First grade students will celebrate the love God has for them. Meet at **9:30am in the Family Life Center**. Food, fun, fellowship, and a special gift will make this a special morning for your family.

FAMILY CAMP

**at Lake Bastrop
South Shore Park**

October 7-10

Register for this awesome family camp that will include fellowship, hiking, fishing, activities, and worship. This is a great way to connect.

Registration will open in August. Check our website for more details.



Contact Matt:
matt@stjohnlutheran.com
or Mark:
mark.lynn@stjohnlutheran.com

HURRICANE BUCKETS Service Project

August 24 • 6:30pm

We will meet in Luther Hall to enjoy dinner before filling **Hurricane Buckets** for the NALC **Disaster Response Team**. This is a fun night every year and a great way to help those in need.



SAVE THE DATE!

Confirmation Camp at Camp Chrysalis

September 9-11

CHURCH NEWS and UPCOMING EVENTS



NEW SERMON SERIES Begins August 14

"David, a Man After God's Own Heart."

This new series will begin on August 14 and finish on October 23. Join us!



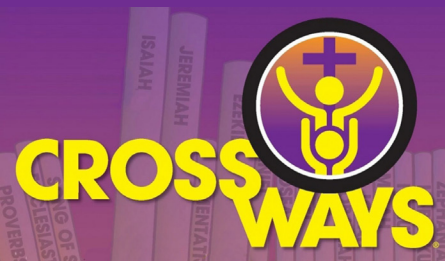
A Friends N Faith Fellowship Group for Young Adults/Families
CONNECTIONS

August 27

The August Connections event will be hosted by Tiffany Jureczki. This will be an adult-only event to be held on Saturday August 27. Watch for more details to come!

Crossways Bible Study • Begins August 17

Crossways Bible Study is a two-year, in-depth journey through every book of the Bible. The first 10-week session covers Genesis through Deuteronomy. This study will be taught by Pastor Eric on Wednesday nights, 6:30-7:30 pm, in Room 216 beginning August 17. The cost of materials is \$20.



Sign up: www.stjohnlutheran.com under 'Events'

.... MARK YOUR CALENDARS

WOMEN'S RETREAT FALL 2022



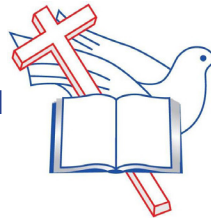
OCTOBER 14-16 CAMP CHRYSALIS

Join us for a weekend of learning and fellowship, fun, and worship at Camp Chrysalis in Kerrville.

This year's theme is "Breathe. Making Room for Sabbath."

**Registration opens
on September 1.**

Visit to Oromo Evangelical Church in Houston



September 25

The Mission Committee wishes to extend an invitation to join us as we visit the Oromo Evangelical Church in Houston on Sunday, September 25. The worship service and meal will run from 10:30am to 2:30pm. Some of you remember the visit from Pastor Kamiso Boru and the Oromo congregation to our church last summer. We support this congregation financially and with prayer. Now, let's show our physical support with our presence. Depending on interest, we may take the church bus or caravan in our own vehicles.

Please contact Janet Blackburn if you would like to join us (830-446-9258 or Jblackburn60@msn.com).

Kendall County Women's Shelter

Charity Clay Shoot August 26

at Joshua Creek Ranch



Kendall County Women's Shelter will host a Clay Shooting tournament on Friday, August 26 at the beautiful Joshua Creek Ranch. It will be a day of skills challenges, shooting contests and lots of fun prizes! All proceeds benefit the Kendall County Women's Shelter and its continuous efforts to create A Safe Place for families who are immediately fleeing domestic violence. Participants will enjoy a light breakfast and a delicious lunch.

Find more information and register on the Kendall County Women's Shelter website: www.kcwstexas.org/clay-shoot.

CHURCH NEWS and UPCOMING EVENTS

Happy Birthday!

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

Mary Chapman (08/20)
Roger Hemminghaus (08/27)
Lillian McConnell (08/07)
Merle Olson (08/22)
Lula Bell Rittimann (08/18)

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

Happy 100th Birthday to Lillian McConnell!

St. John's July Centurion is Lillian McConnell, who will be 100 years old on August 7! Join us in wishing her a very happy and healthy 100 year birthday!



REMINDER

August Usher Schedule:

8 am services: Randy Evans Team
9:30am services: Dean, Audrey Bearden
11am services: Johnny Moldenhauer Team

September Usher Schedule:

8 am services: Scott Kramer Team
9:30am services: Kenny, Shari Hahn
11am services: Mike Schneid Team

October Usher Schedule:

8 am services: Scott Kramer Team
9:30am services: Pam & Joshua Putnam,
Kym Fox
11am services: Matthew Pearson Team

*Please remember to arrive early
for your scheduled service!*

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

To volunteer, please contact the church office at 830-249-3651 or see Johnny Moldenhauer.

JUST MARRIED Congratulations Justin and Nella! August 7, 12pm

Justin, our Vicar, and his new bride, Nella, were married on July 16 in Washington, Pennsylvania. Now that they have returned to Boerne, we want to congratulate them both and welcome Nella. **St. John is hosting a wedding celebration for the newlyweds on Sunday, August 7 following the 11am service in the Family Life Center.**

Join us in the celebration to share warm wishes and God's blessings with Justin and Nella!



Interested in Fall Gardening? Get your plot at the Vineyard now!

The Vineyard at St. John is a garden that offers approximately 60 plots for planting and growing. The plots are available to all those in the Boerne community and beyond. If you or someone you know is interested in a plot in the garden, please contact Alex Post, Vineyard Supervisor, at 210-315-5516.

Save the Date

80 Years+ Party • November 13

On Sunday, November 13, we will recognize and honor members of our church family who are 80 years old and older. **This celebration will take place in Family Life Center from 9am-11am.** We will have tables set up for our honorees to display memorabilia and pictures so they can share their memories and accomplishments with us.



The physical, emotional, and spiritual effects following the loss of a loved one can be devastating. The good news, is that grieving folks who find a support group often discover that the process from mourning to joy is possible.

GriefShare is a 14-week program where participants will find support and advice. Each of the 14 sessions stands alone, and it is not necessary to begin with the very first one. A participant can start at any point during the cycle.

A new StJLC GriefShare cycle, under the guidance of Pastor Mariola Bergquist, is scheduled to begin in August. Registration at www.griefshare.org is highly recommended but not required.

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

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AUGUST

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	9am Quilters 1 6pm Property Meeting 6:30pm Men's Basketball 7pm Al-Anon	6:30pm Congregational Care 2 6:30pm Men's Group Bible Study 6:30pm Worship Committee	4pm Open Gym 3 5:45 Fall Kick Off: All Youth and Parent's Night	7pm Al-Anon 4	6pm High School Lock In 5	High School Lock In 6
8am Traditional Service 7 9:30am Adult Classes 9:30am Praise Service 11am Traditional Service 12pm Justin & Nella Wedding Celebration 5pm Dominoes, Canasta, Potluck	9am Quilters 8 6:30pm Men's Basketball 7pm Al-Anon	6:30am Men's Breakfast 9 6:30pm Congregational Life 6:30pm Men's Group Bible Study 6:30pm Mission Committee 7pm Internship Committee 7pm Mental Health Support Group	BISD First Day of School 10 4pm Growing Hope Distribution No Youth Activities	11:30am Lunch Bunch 11 6pm Young Adults 7pm Al-Anon	12	13
8am Traditional Service 14 9:30am Adult Classes 9:30am Praise Service 11am Traditional Service 12pm Family Committee Meeting	12pm Lit N Lunch 15 6:30pm Men's Basketball 7pm Al-Anon	10am GriefShare 16 11:30am Mens Lunch 6:30pm Men's Group Bible Study 7pm Council Meeting	4pm Open Gym 17 5:45pm Family Dinner 6pm GriefShare 6:30pm Handbells 6:30pm Youth Activities 6:30pm Crossways Bible Study	5:30pm Friends of Faith 18 Dinner Club 7pm Al-Anon	6pm Parents' Night Out 19	20
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