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Vicar Justin Baker

From the Pastor's Pen

School is out and summer has arrived at St. John Lutheran Church! Things slow down a bit in summer. Now that you've got more time, take the time to work on your Walk with Jesus. Many of our Children and Youth will walk with Him at Camp Chrysalis and Camp Eagle this month. Those of us staying in town can walk with Jesus as we start our **summer sermon series** on the Gospel of Matthew. For June, July, and into August we'll walk with Jesus through the towns and cities of Galilee as He preaches and teaches the Good News. If you're not already Walking Daily with the Lord as part of your First 15, now is a good time to start. Simply open the Gospel of Matthew and follow along. You'll be blessed by your time in the Word.

If you've been worshipping with us for a while and thinking about joining the church, now's the time for that, too. Our next **New Member** class will be offered on Wednesday evenings, 7pm-8pm, beginning June 7. These hour-long classes will introduce you to our church and our discipleship pathway:



"Worship Weekly. Walk Daily. Connect Consistently. Serve Monthly." Look for more information in this newsletter and sign up online under "Join."

Solomon wrote, "There is a time for every matter under heaven" (Ecclesiastes 3:1). Even as we welcome New Members into our church this month, we say good-bye to our **Vicar, Justin Baker**. Justin came to St. John by himself last June; he's leaving this June with a family. It's been a joy to get to know Justin, to work with him, to watch him grow, to welcome first his wife, Nella, and now their daughter, Olive. I look forward to working with Justin as a peer and colleague in the North American Lutheran Church for years to come. I trust you've been praying for Vicar Justin in the call process. Continue to pray that God will call Justin to the church He has in mind for the Baker family.

- Pastor Eric Waters

PS - Looking ahead to next month, the **Boerne Village Band** will join us again for a **Patriotic Service on July 2** at 11am. Mark your calendars!

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>



INCOME COMPARISON													
Monthly Operating Income	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Average Thru Month
2023	\$152,340	\$106,982	\$105,872	\$121,481									\$121,669
2022	\$134,590	\$124,203	\$141,734	\$115,347	\$104,550	\$106,229	\$114,850	\$122,472	\$96,083	\$116,396	\$123,143	\$311,256	\$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

ATTENDANCE COMPARISON													
Avg Weekly Worship	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Average for Month YTD
2023 ONLINE	101	79	77	90									82
2023 IN-PERSON	464	562	519	606									499
2023 TOTAL	565	641	596	696									581
2022 ONLINE	131	123	104	84	54	91	74	81	66	70	66	103	540
2022 IN-PERSON	350	407	459	632	377	353	344	382	359	372	375	545	
2022 TOTAL	481	530	563	716	431	444	418	463	425	442	441	648	
2021 TOTAL	410	471	522	488	415	420	370	471	459	451	428	676	461

THE VICAR’S CORNER

Dear Church Family,

Our time together is at an end. We have very much enjoyed the privilege of getting to share so many memories with y'all.

A new marriage, a new baby, and now—hopefully soon!—off to a first call.

We are thrilled to be able to share the first month and a half of Olive’s life with you all, for we have really enjoyed our time here, finding this to be indeed a welcoming, friendly, thoroughly Texan congregation. Your warmth really helped to make Nella feel part of this church community, after leaving a huge part of her life, network, church, and friends behind in Pittsburgh.

As of this time of writing, we do not yet know where my call will be, or where

our adventure will take us, but we have been well-fed physically, spiritually, and emotionally while here, and so it has set a good foundation for our marriage, our family, and our future call.

And to that, this pastoral internship has been an overwhelming success. The primary goal I had was to discern whether indeed I was called to pastoral ministry – and quite early on in this internship, this was a clear “yes.” And the secondary goal I had was to absorb and learn from Pastor Waters, which again, has been a big “yes.” And so, whereas I was cautious when I initially arrived, now I leave you all confident in my call – a call the church has confirmed – to be a pastor. And that makes leaving, though with some heartache, easier – because we go forward well-equipped, with a good foundation, and

with God’s favor upon us.

We can think of more than a few memories that stand out over our time here, so much so that there are too many to even list. Know that each of the conversations, warmth, gifts, and meals you all have shared with us have been an encouragement and have given us great joy.

Thank you, St John, for a great internship!

From here, we’ll spend some time with my family in Bryan, making sure they get plenty of time with Olive, before moving to where we end up for a call.

With love,

+ Justin, Nella, and Olive

Church Directory Update

You’re able to review the Church Directory at the Information Desk beginning now. There are two versions: Individual and Family. Please review your photo at the Information Desk.

Find something wrong? There are several reasons why your photo may not be there or may not be updated, including: it didn’t get taken, it was very blurry, or some other glitch. Or you may just not like your photo.

You can easily fix this by having anyone with an iPhone take a new photo and text it to me (with your name) 281-546-9801. You can also personally update your photo(s) in SJConnect!

The Directory will be finalized as-is and available as a printout in the Office and

electronically as a PDF in the Week-at-a-Glance beginning the week of June 28.

Please remember, this is a practical directory, and is intended for folks to be able to know each other’s names, faces, and contact information.

+ Vicar Justin



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Ladies' Bible Study

PRECEPT

Thursdays 9:15am-11am, Room 118

Precept class is on summer break and will resume in September with the study of the prophet Jeremiah.

Questions? Contact Pastor Mariola:
pastormariola@stjohnlutheran.com

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

Wednesdays 9am-10am

Women of the Word will be taking a summer break. Look for information about a Fall study in the August Messenger. For questions, contact 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 Luther Hall. Upcoming dates:

Tuesdays, June 13 and June 27.

**Attention Men
of St. John:
Tuesday Nights
6:30pm**



Walking with God; Join the journey of developing one's relationship with God.

Our groups will be wrapping up Book 1. New groups will start in August. Let Matt know if you are interested in joining:
matt@stjohnlutheran.com

- June 6 - Lesson #8.
The Secret to a Changed Life
- June 13 - Lesson #9.
Every Man a Bulldog
- June 20 - EMAW 1st Book
Wrap-Up and Celebration



Young Adults Gatherings (18-20 somethings)

Meet in the Shepherd's Cave Room #117

Wednesday June 7, 8pm

Unite and plan some summer possibilities.

Wednesday June 21, 8pm

Let the possibilities begin!

Adult Sunday School Classes

9:30am "God Talk"

God Talk is continuing the study of the Apostle Paul, looking at the Benefits of the Gospel according to Paul. Meet in Room 128. Led by Peggy Hoppes.

9:30am "Seekers"

Seekers is studying a book written by Paul H Wright, PH.D. It is a compilation of different characters in the Bible and covers biblical backgrounds and cultures. Meet in Room 216. Led by Carol Postert.

9:30am "Logos"

This class is studying the book of Romans. Meet in Room 118. Led by Richard Wagner.



**SUNDAY mornings
9:30am**

**Shepherd's Cave
Room 117**

June will be wrapping up the Case for Christ, Faith and a Creator series. Next topic to be determined by the group.



Happy Hearts

"Happy Hearts" will NOT meet in June, July, and August. Meetings will resume in September.

Questions? Contact Pastor Mariola:
pastormariola@stjohnlutheran.com

Men's Basketball Continues!

Fun, fellowship, and exercise! The gym opens from 6:30-8:30pm MOST Monday Nights. For more information: talk to Mark or Matt. June's schedule is Monday, June 5, 19 and 26. (NO gathering on June 12 due to Bible Camp Week where Matt and Mark are gone.)



June 4, 6pm-8pm

Chris and Leah Thompson's home
124 El Cielo (Esperanza, Boerne)

This night of fellowship will celebrate the call to "serve".
What has the LORD taught you this past school year as you served in volunteer positions in the church / community?

We will be giving a special "toast," to our Family3 Ministry Volunteers for their work with children and youth this past school year. Finger food is being provided by Amy, so food is not necessary but BYOB.

Please email Matt at:
matt@stjohnlutheran.com or
text Matt at (830) 388-1550 if you plan to be there. We need a close guesstimate for food preparations.
Cheers!



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Our Family³ Ministries Team:



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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

Families, if you haven't been Worshipping Together, make it happen this summer! There will be NO Children or Youth Sunday School classes during the summer but there will be **special Children Messages at each Worship Service**. Come eat in the Family Life Center and Worship together then embark on some summer Sunday adventures!

Let Matt or Tiffany know if you are interested in sharing a Sunday morning Children's Sermon!

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Middle and High School Wednesdays

4pm "Hang Out" in the Gym, Family Room
5:30pm Meal in Luther Hall
6:30pm Study and Fellowship Activities
7:30pm Done



FAITH MILE MARKERS

Sunday, June 4, 9:30am

For all outgoing 5th graders and parent(s). Come learn about **CONFIRMATION** that will be for you this fall. Meet in Room #119. If you can't make this meeting, it will be held again on Sunday, July 23, 9:30am in Room #119.

Thursday, June 8, 10am - 3pm

For those in 5th Grade this past year who did not complete their First Communion preparation, there will be a one-day retreat to prepare for receiving the Lord's Supper. Contact Matt or Tiffany to be a part of this retreat.

Wednesdays this Summer: 'Jesus in His own words'

June 7: Bible Study Theme: Jesus is the Light of the World
June 14: **NO GATHERING due to Camp Eagle and Chrysalis Camp**
June 21: Bible Study Theme: Jesus is the Gate/Good Shepherd
June 28: Bible Study Theme: Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life

I AM

Jesus in His own words

Parents' Night Out

Friday, June 16 • 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.

Congrats!
to our 2023
Confirmands





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LAMB³S:
learning and
memorizing Bible
stories, songs,
and service

*A study for graduating seniors
and college-age students*

FAITH after high school

June 18 and June 25, 9:30am

High School graduates and college-age students:
Join us on Sunday, June 18 and Sunday, June 25 for fun,
fellowship and discussion. Topics will include:

- How can my faith shape my life and career?
- How can I find a new church?
- How will I respond to the party scene in college?

mission trip

June 25, 12:15pm - 2pm

Final Mission Trip Meeting

Join us for the last mission trip meeting to learn the final details including schedule, packing list, and mission work. We will share a devotion to prepare us for the week and to get to know the other participants. Lunch will be provided.

This meeting is for those who have already signed up.

Bible Camp • July 24-28 Registration Is Open!



Bible Camp at St. John is scheduled for July 24-28. This is a Cross Trails Ministry half-day camp program (with a morning session and an afternoon session) for children who have completed Kindergarten - 5th grade in the 2022-2023 school year. There is a morning option for preschool students.

K-5th Grade Morning Session: 7:30am - 11:30am

K-5th Grade Afternoon Session: 1pm - 5pm

K-5 students can be registered for EITHER the morning session OR the afternoon session.

Pre-School: 7:30am - 11:30am only.

Learn more and register at www.stjohnlutheran.com

Bible Camp Volunteers Needed

We need Middle School, High School, and Adult Volunteers for the Bible Camp week (July 24-28). Volunteers can help the entire day or a half day. Lunch will be provided. Contact Matt Olson: matt@stjohnlutheran.com.

We need Housing Hosts for the Cross Trails leaders

During the week of this camp, the college-aged Cross Trails leaders will need a place to stay. Hosts will be needed from Sunday, July 23 through Thursday, July 27. If you are willing to open your home and provide accommodations for the staff leaders, please contact Matt Olson: matt@stjohnlutheran.com or Tiffany: tiffany@stjohnlutheran.com



We have several summer day trips planned that offer opportunities for fun and fellowship. These trips are open to everyone in the congregation with a special invitation to our families with kids looking for a group of friends to hang out with!

Tuesday, June 13 • Guadalupe State Park

\$7 adults, kids under 12 are free. Meet at the river in the back of the park at 1pm for swimming. Bring your own snacks, water, sunscreen, kayaks, and canopies.

Thursday, June 29 • Kerrville Cross and Kroc Center

We will meet at church and follow each other/carpool at 12pm. We will visit the cross first then head to the Kroc Center for swimming;
\$10 adults, \$5 kids.

Questions? Contact Tiffany: 830-328-3744

CHURCH NEWS and UPCOMING EVENTS

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

New Member Classes begin June 7

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 7-July 5. The new members will be welcomed into our church at services on Sunday, July 9.

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.



Remember to return your filled baby bottles by June 18!

Please return your filled baby bottles to church by June 18 and your generous gifts will be given to Hill Country Pregnancy Care Center to help save the lives of unborn children.

FAMILY connections

A Friends in Faith Group
Connecting Families and Young Adults

Adult Fellowship Event Free Roam Brewery June 25, 6pm

Parents, Grandparents,
Young Adults, Friends:

Join us at Free Roam Brewery on Main Street in Boerne at 6pm on June 25. We'll enjoy cocktails and fellowship together!

Contact Marissa Klein 210-393-4653 or Tiffany Jureczki at 830-328-3744 with questions.

Mark Your Calendars For These Upcoming Events:

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July 29



August 26:

Phil Wickam Concert and Dinner

We will meet for dinner before the concert at a restaurant TBD. The concert begins at 7:30pm. Cost is \$50 per person and limited tickets are available. Registration and payment will be required. **Watch for registration information to come.**

SAVE THE DATE Women's Retreat October 20-22, 2023 at Camp Chrysalis



The final dates have been set!
The annual Women's Retreat will be held October 20-22 at Camp Chrysalis in Kerrville. Mark your calendars now and watch for registration to open in September!

2023 MISSIONS

Honduras

November 11-18

In November we will travel to Honduras to serve through outreach, work projects, and community development.

We will have an exciting opportunity to help Project Talitha Cumi start a coffee shop that will provide employment for some of the older girls!

If you would like to participate, support, or simply learn more about this mission, please contact Brad Allen: 210-232-4286.

CHURCH NEWS and UPCOMING EVENTS

Happy Birthday!

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

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

Dave Bowman (06/04)	Glenn Marquardt (06/25)
Patsy Brehmer (06/20)	Larry Pahl (06/15)
Judy Collins (06/20)	Kay Rutherford (06/25)
Jim Hall (06/19)	Dave Smith (06/09)
Kent Johnson (06/19)	June Stevens (06/17)

REMINDER

June Usher Schedule:

8 am services:	Richard Wahl Team
9:30am services:	Brian and Lisa Lee, Sandy Henderson Teams
11am services:	Jim Peters Team

July Usher Schedule:

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

August Usher Schedule:

8 am services:	Randy Evans Team
9:30am services:	The Bearden Team
11am services:	The Moldenhauer 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.



Thank you!

This year's Wild Game Dinner was a wild success!

A huge shout-out goes to all the volunteers who worked tirelessly for months to get this event set.

We also want to thank all the wonderful sponsors that donated. This generosity will help many people through the local, national, and international charities that receive support from St. John.

We need Housing Hosts for the Cross Trails leaders for our July Bible Camp at St. John

During the week of Bible camp, the college-aged Cross Trails leaders will need a place to stay. Hosts will be needed from Sunday, July 23 through Thursday, July 27. **If you are willing to open your home and provide accommodations for the staff leaders, please contact Matt Olson: matt@stjohnlutheran.com.**

Rafiki Foundation Update



Dadi Ishimwe: Rwanda, Grade 11:

Dadi is very grateful to God for His love for him at all times, even when he strays. He is working to master mathematics, physics, chemistry and computer science with a bit of piano and philosophy on the side. He hopes learn to prioritize. Please pray for Dadi to become a well-rounded, classically-educated student. Pray that he seeks Christ first at all times.



Joseph Katebe: Zambia:

Joseph began his first year of college with some anxiety about how well he would perform academically and physically. With God's help and grace, he did very well! He prays that as he starts his second year, he will be focused and motivated to continue working hard. Please pray for him to grow physically and spiritually strong and to continue pursuing God's purpose for him.



To send mail to Dadi, send letters to: PO Box 6856, Kigali, Rwanda, EAST AFRICA.

To send mail to Joseph, send letters to: Post. Net BOX 232, P/Bag E891, Lusaka, Zambia, AFRICA. You may send cards or any other item that fits in a standard size envelope such as bookmarks, stickers, pictures or a postcard. Please do not send packages, checks or cash.



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 practical advice Each of the 14 sessions stands alone, and it is not necessary to begin with the very first one.

The recent StJLC GriefShare cycle, under the guidance of Pastor Mariola Bergquist, concluded in May, but the next cycle is scheduled to begin in August.

A new Tuesday morning cycle will begin August 15, 2023, 10am to noon. The Wednesday evening cycle will begin August 16, 2023, 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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