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From the Pastor's Pen

This July brings the celebration of our American independence and recognition of our global church. The month begins with a **Patriotic Service** on July 2 at 11am. Once again this year, the Boerne Village Band will join us at the Late Service to lead with patriotic hymns and songs. I'm preaching that day on Jesus' words, "I have come not to bring peace, but a sword" (Matthew 10:34). The Gospel of peace should unite us, but the offense of the Gospel divides us. Independence ultimately means to trust and follow Him.



The next Sunday, July 9 is **New Member Sunday**. God continues to bless StJLC with health and growth as we reach out into the community. Come support our newest members as they declare their faith in Jesus Christ, and welcome them into our church family.

God's church family stretches from one end of the world to another, and nowhere is God's family growing faster than in Africa. Every Sunday, more Lutherans worship in Africa than in North America. It may surprise you to learn that the largest and fastest-growing Lutheran church in the world is in Ethiopia. Come

hear more about that church and its story for yourself. Pastor Tilaye Daba, Director of the Global Mission Society for the **Ethiopian Evangelical Lutheran Church** Mekane Yesus (which means "Place of Jesus"), will preach at all three services on July 30. It's an extraordinary opportunity to learn how the Holy Spirit is moving powerfully in Ethiopia, bringing millions of people to faith in Jesus Christ, including many Muslims. Hear from a man who's been serving on those frontlines for years. You don't want to miss it—and pray that the Lord will start a similar work among us here.

Speaking of prayer, keep the **St. John Lutheran School** in your prayers. Classes begin August 10. The weeks leading up to that date are a crucial time of planning and preparation. God has called this church to start a school. Ask God to give that school a strong and healthy start.

American independence and the Ethiopian Lutheran church; New Members this month and a new school the next. Good things are happening at StJLC. Thank you Jesus!

- 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

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	\$96,133								\$116,562
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	\$124,085
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	\$118,610

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	93								83
2023 IN-PERSON	464	562	519	606	413								480
2023 TOTAL	565	641	596	696	506								583
2022 ONLINE	131	123	104	84	54	91	74	81	66	70	66	103	
2022 IN-PERSON	350	407	459	632	377	353	344	382	359	372	375	545	524
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	454

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL



At St. John Lutheran School our mission is to Know Jesus and Make Jesus Known through Academic Excellence and Christian Character. We value the education of every child that walks through our doors. Our faith-based abeka® curriculum will help your child to grow intellectually, morally, and spiritually. If you are looking for a solid Christian education, small classroom sizes, one-on-one attention, close-knit 'community', and excellent teachers, St. John Lutheran School is the place for you!

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Pre-K through 5th Grade Enrollment is available now.

- Our School day is 8:30am-3:00pm.
- K3 and K4 students have the option of 3 days/week (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday) or 5 days/week.
- Kindergarten – 5th grade meets 5 days/week.
- St. John Lutheran School follows the same school schedule as Boerne Independent School District (BISD).
- The first day of school for 2023 is Thursday, August 10.

THE CURRICULUM

The abeka® curriculum offers many benefits:

- It's **structured** on a Christian foundation and offers daily Bible instruction.
- It's **broad** and will help your child build skills in a variety of subjects, from art to engineering.
- It's **exciting** and keeps children engaged and entertained using a variety of activities including coloring, singing, poetry, puppetry, and more!
- It's **proven** through research to be effective for children with all different learning styles and abilities.

OPEN HOUSES

We are holding weekly **Open Houses** in July for anyone interested in learning more.

These Open Houses will be held Wednesday evenings at 7pm on July 5, 12, 19, 26. We ask that you please RSVP online to an Open House so we can plan accordingly.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Parent Resource Fair: July 26, 11am-1pm
St. John Lutheran School **Ribbon Cutting:** August 8, 1pm

Meet The Teacher: August 9, 12pm-3pm
First Day Of School: August 10



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ADULT FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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 Women of the Word will meet for a summer reunion and catch up time on Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 9am at the Dienger in Boerne.

Look for information about a Fall study in the August Messenger. For questions, contact Michelle Waters at watersmichellejoy@gmail.com.

NALC Continental Youth Gathering



HOST HOMES NEEDED June 30-July 5, 2024

There is a potential that NALC students and adults from Canada will want to visit our church. Our goal is to provide host homes and alleviate some of the cost for those who want to attend but need financial help.

Please let us know if you will serve by opening your home for this first ever NALC Youth Gathering!

Sign up on our website under 'SERVE/SIGN UP TO SERVE'

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, August 11 and August 25.



This group is taking a July break but groups for both Books #1 and #2 will start Tuesday, August 22.

Young Men, Middle Aged Men, Old Men, Dad's and Grandpas, be a part of this life giving and encouraging Bible Study to be all that God called you to be!

Introduction to Men's Bible Studies August 15, 7pm

What is God calling you to do?

- Every Man a Warrior
- The Truth Project
- The Engagement Project
- Bible Study Fellowship

Come to this meeting and learn about all the options and choose which works for you!



Young Adults Gatherings (18-20 somethings)

Meet in the Shepherd's Cave Room #117

**Wednesday July 12, 8pm
Wednesday July 26, 6pm***

How about serving at a Bible Camp? Come and hear stories of such adventures and find out if God might be calling you! Guests from Cross Trails Ministries will be present!

**A meal will be served.*

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**

Take part in this morning time to discuss the topic of the day. You will find encouragement for your soul! (series of studies to begin again in August).



Happy Hearts

"Happy Hearts" will NOT meet in July or August. Meetings will resume in September.

Questions? Contact Pastor Mariola:
pastormariola@stjohnlutheran.com



Mark your calendar for Sunday, August 13, 6pm

Watch for more details next month.

Men's Basketball

The gym opens from 6:30-8:30pm MOST Monday Nights. For more information: talk to Mark or Matt. July's schedule is Monday, July 3, 10, 17, 31.





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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!

FAITH MILE MARKERS

Sunday, July 23, 9:30am

NEW 6th graders and parents who were NOT a part of the June Introduction to Confirmation meeting: come learn about CONFIRMATION which will begin August 16. Meet in Room #119.

**Welcome
to the
Lord's table:**

Cash, Cooper
and Marlo!



WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Middle and High School Wednesdays

4pm "Hang Out" in the Gym,
and Family Room

5:30pm Meal in Luther Hall

6:30pm Study and Fellowship
Activities

7:30pm Done



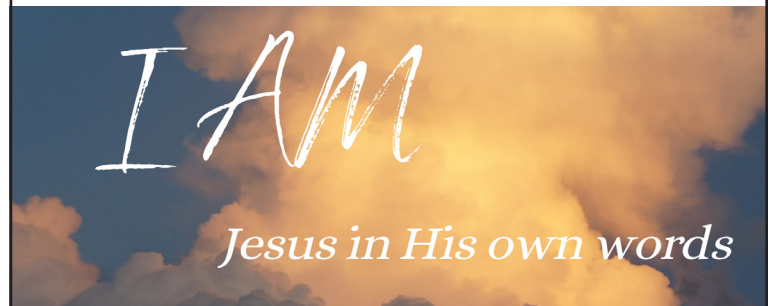
Wednesdays this Summer: 'Jesus in His own words'

July 5: Bible Study Theme: I am the True Vine

July 12: Bible Study Theme: "I AM" with Prayer Stations

July 19: Preparation for Bible Camp at St. John

July 26: NO F3 Fellowship due to Bible Camp at St. John



**Mark Your
Calendars!**

August 15: Rally Sunday.

Sunday School begins.

August 16: f3 Fellowship Returns!

This includes First Communion, Confirmation, and High School Gatherings.

October 13-15: Family Camping Retreat in Kerrville.

Watch for details to come!

Parents' Night Out

Friday, July 21 • 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.



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**Bible Camp
July 24-28 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.

Sign up online
or contact Matt Olson:
matt@stjohnlutheran.com.



These trips are open to everyone in the congregation with a special invitation to our families with kids who are looking for fun summer activities.

Questions? Tiffany: 830-328-3744

Monday, July 10 Cascade Caverns

Meet us at the cave at
9:30am
(226 Cascade Cavern Rd., Boerne) for an exciting adventure! The cost is \$15 for adults, \$10 for kids.



Tuesday, August 1 Old Tunnel State Park Bat Cave

Meet us at 8pm at the bat tunnel (10619 Old San Antonio Rd., Fredericksburg) to see the bats emerge!

Please **RSVP by July 31 and purchase your tickets through our website under 'Events'.** Cost is \$2 per person.



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FAMILY
connections



Family
POOL
party

July 29, 1pm

Pack up the family and join us for a family pool party at the Esperanza Pool on Saturday, July 29 from 1pm-4pm.

BYOB and please bring snacks to share.

Please RSVP by July 26 on our website under 'Events' so we can plan accordingly!

**PHIL WICKHAM
BRANDON LAKE**



August 26

Phil Wickham Concert and Dinner

Join the Connections group for dinner and a concert at the ATandT Center. Limited tickets are available for \$50 each. Get yours today on our website under 'Events'.

CHURCH NEWS and UPCOMING EVENTS

Sam's Kids School Supply Drive



It's time for the annual school supply drive benefiting Sam's Kids!

Sam's Kids is an organization that helps Boerne ISD students in need.

These items are specifically requested - though ALL supplies are helpful: Crayons #2 Pencils, WIDE ruled composition books, WIDE ruled notebook paper.

Please leave your items in the designated box in the Gathering Place in the month of July. Contact Maryanna Pearson (maryannapearson@gmail.com) or Marissa Klein (mlmklein03@yahoo.com) if you have questions.

**Patriotic Service featuring
the Boerne Village Band
July 2, 11am**



Guest Speaker: Pastor Tilaye Daba July 30

Pastor Tilaye Daba is an ordained Pastor in the Ethiopian Evangelical Lutheran Church Mekane Yesus ("Place of Jesus"), the largest Lutheran church body in the world with 11 million baptized members. With over 28 years of ministry experience, he has dedicated himself to expanding the Kingdom of God globally and locally. Every Sunday, more Lutherans worship in Africa than in North America.

Pastor Daba will preach at all three worship services on July 30. Join us for this extraordinary opportunity to learn how the Holy Spirit is moving powerfully in Ethiopia, bringing millions of people to faith in Jesus Christ.



Camp Chrysalis and Camp Eagle were awesome!

THANK YOU St. John for supporting our students for the summer camps!



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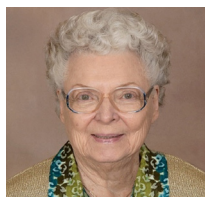
Happy Birthday!

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

Sandra Eppinger (07/27) Kurt Nestman (07/16)
Bette Lafferty (07/05) Karen Richmond (07/28)
Marjorie Leverton (07/20) Avis Young (07/29)
George Young II (07/19)

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

**Happy 101st
Birthday
to Avis Young
on July 29!**



The Property Committee Needs You!

We are looking for volunteers to
join the best Committee at St John
Lutheran Church...the Property
Committee!

Winston Churchill said "We make
a living by what we get, we make
a life by what we give". Please help
the volunteers on our committee by
giving St John the gift of your time
and talents to benefit our church.

Please contact Brandt Klutts for more
details: email: tesoro@gvtc.com,
cell: 830.305.4623.

REMINDER

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

September Usher Schedule:

8 am services: Scott Kramer Team
9:30am services: The Sheffy and Hanes Teams,
5th Grade Sunday School
11am services: The Schneid Team

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

**Would you like to be an Usher at
our Late service or PRAISE service?**

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

Grieving the death of a spouse?

*Or do you know
someone who is?*

**Find help at a
Loss of a Spouse seminar.**

GRIEF SHARE® LOSS OF A SPOUSE August 6, 2pm

The death of a spouse changes your life
forever. Daily emotions and challenges can
seem too hard to bear. Find help at the "Loss
of a Spouse" seminar on **August 6 at 2pm at
St. John Lutheran Church**. All are invited to
attend. St. John membership is not required.

**Learn more and register to attend at
www.griefshare.org.**



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 15, 10am to noon. The
Wednesday evening cycle will begin
August 16, 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.

Congratulations!

to the StJLC Scholarship Recipients!

Congregational Care is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2023 St. John Lutheran Church Scholarships: Hayden Allen, Maggie Bachmann, Madison Hall, and Mayah Morrison. These graduate members achieved academic excellence, participated in school and community activities, and worked various jobs, all while growing in their Christian faith. Thank you to the donors of the \$1000 scholarships. Best wishes to these students in their promising futures! We look forward to the 2024 Scholarship Program.



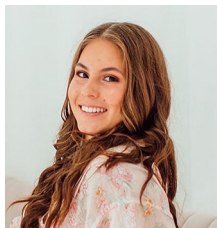
Hayden Allen



Maggie Bachmann



Madison Hall



Maya Morrison

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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8am Traditional Service 2 9:30am Adult Classes 9:30am Praise Service 11am Traditional Service 11am Boerne Village Band 5pm Dominoes, Canasta, Potluck	9am St. John Quilters 3 6pm EMAW 6:30pm Men's Basketball 7pm Al-Anon	6:30pm Worship Committee 4	4pm F3 Fellowship 5 7pm New Members' Class 7pm School Open House	9:30am Music Together® 6 with Wendy Valentic 7pm Al-Anon	7	8
Middle School and High School 9 Mission Trip New Member Sunday 8am Traditional Service 9:30am Adult Classes 9:30am Praise Service 11am Traditional Service	9am St. John Quilters 10 9:30am Summer Day Trip: Cascade Caverns 6pm EMAW 6:30pm Men's Basketball 7pm Al-Anon	6:30am Men's Breakfast 11 6:30pm Congregational Life 6:30pm Mission Committee 6:30pm Outreach Committee	3pm Growing Hope Distribution 12 4pm F3 Fellowship 7pm School Open House	9:30am Music Together® 13 with Wendy Valentic 7pm Al-Anon	14	8:30am 15 Via de Cristo Team Building
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