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From the Pastor's Pen

February is a month of discipleship here at StJLC. It starts February 4 with Walk Thru the Bible: ntLIVE, a fun, creative, energetic, and interactive way to learn and understand the New Testament. The event begins in the morning, when the guest instructor will teach the first session at each of our worship services. Then it continues with lunch and the last two sessions in the afternoon. Do you want to understand the Bible's "big picture?" Do you want to be able to share it with someone in a fun and quick way? Do you know someone who needs to hear and understand the Gospel? Walk Thru the Bible is for you! And it's our "Bring a Friend to Church" day for the Spring. Who will you invite and bring to church on February 4? For more information about Walk Thru the Bible and to sign up, look inside this newsletter.



Everyone who comes will get a 40-day devotional called "God's Grand Story." That devotional will be the basis for the six-week sermon series which begins February 11. I'll kick off the series with a sermon on the Temptation of Christ to prepare us for Lent. Lent itself starts three days later on Ash Wednesday, February 14. The morning worship service will be at 10am in the renovated Historic Chapel, the evening service at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. At both services we'll mark your forehead with ashes in the sign of the Cross and celebrate Holy

Communion. Ash Wednesday is the first of the 40 days of Lent. Join us as we walk through this season of preparation together.

Then come back the following Wednesday for the first of our midweek Lenten worship services. Once again this year, we'll sing the Holden Evening Prayer. This year, our service will feature a brief homily based on the reading of the day from the "God's Grand Story" devotional book (we're really going to Walk Thru the Bible this Lent!). I hope you can join us - 6:30pm-7pm in the Sanctuary, with dinner in the Family Life Center starting at 5:30pm.

For those of you who have been waiting to join our church, Lent is your time, too. The next New Members class begins Sunday, February 18 and continues each Sunday in Lent. Classes start right after the Late Service and run 12pm-1:30pm with lunch provided. We'll introduce you to our church and our discipleship pathway of Worship Weekly, Walk Daily, Connect Consistently, and Serve Monthly. Look inside this newsletter to learn more and sign up online.

Jesus gave the Church a mission to "Go and make disciples." His Great Commission is our focus this Lent. Come walk through the Bible and through Lent with us!

- Pastor Eric Waters

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	\$117,134	\$118,348	\$115,725	\$103,778	\$117,023	\$104,620		\$114,494
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	\$118,145
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	\$109,925

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	95	107	88	89	97	109	96	89
2023 IN-PERSON	464	562	519	606	413	417	395	388	397	372	361	548	444
2023 TOTAL	565	641	596	696	506	512	502	476	486	469	470	644	533
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	498
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	465

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. Your child will grow intellectually, morally, and spiritually with a solid Christian education, small classroom sizes, one-on-one attention, and excellent teachers.



This Month's Update from our St. John Lutheran School Director, Tiffany Jureczki

With one semester down we are planning for the 2024-25 school year! We had our first Open House and enrollment has begun; spots are filling fast. All church members are invited to our Open Houses to learn more about YOUR school. We'd also love to have you visit chapel (Mondays @ 12pm, Tuesdays-Fridays @ 11:30am). We have opened our sponsorship back up for any individuals or businesses who would like to make a donation. Packets can be picked up in the school office if you're interested.

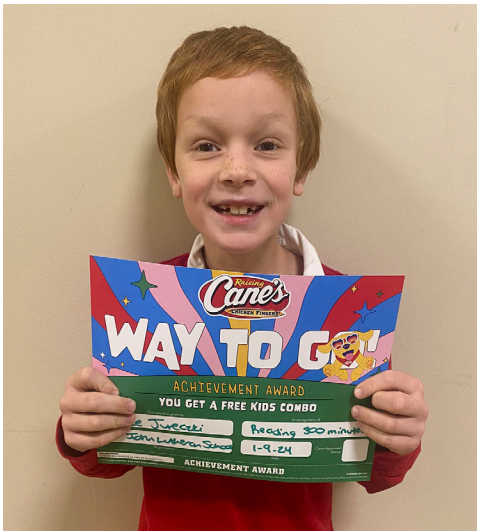
February brings new adventures. The two

elementary classes will help at Blessings in Back Pack. Everyone will get to visit the Humphries' horse experience. We will all attend the San Antonio Stock Show. Sharon Tschirhart did a handwriting analysis with the elementary students and the staff is looking forward to the training she is doing with us. T.J., our Music Director, is teaching our older students bells and we look forward to them performing their song at the end of the month. Our visits to Menger Springs Cibolo House returned with fun for all! We have a fundraiser at Marco's Pizza all day on February 20. The

St. John Vineyard is producing amazing vegetables for our student gardeners, thanks to Chela Langenberg's help. We are working on Texas artwork for Texas Independence Day at the beginning of March and looking forward to the elementary camping trip also at the beginning of March.

As always, thank you for your support of St. John Lutheran School. The staff, students and teachers experience the love from St. John on a daily basis!

- Tiffany





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ADULT FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Ladies' Bible Studies

PRECEPT

Thursdays 9am-11am, Room 118

Precept will continue to study the Book of Jeremiah (Part 2) on Tuesdays at 9am in Room 118. Questions? Contact Pastor Mariola: pastormariola@stjohnlutheran.com

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

Wednesdays 9am-10am

Women of the Word will begin a new study on The Sermon on the Mount on January 10. Join us as we look closely at the most famous sermon the world has ever heard. Wednesdays, 9am to 10am. \$5 materials fee. For more information or to request childcare, email Michelle at watersmichellejoy@gmail.com.

Mens' Bible Studies

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: February 6 and 20.



**Sundays in the Shepherd Cave
(All are welcome)**

**Tuesday Night Men's Study
and Wednesday Evening
after LENT Worship**

God's Grand Story

A Six-Week Adventure
in the New Testament

Week #1 (Sunday, Feb. 11) Jesus Comes (NO Small Group Gatherings on Ash Wednesday, but the following Wednesdays, there will be a gathering opportunity.)

Week #2 (Sunday, Feb. 18) Jesus Ministers

Week #3 (Sunday, February 25) Jesus Dies – and Lives

Week #4 (Sunday, March 3) The Church Begins

Week #5 (Sunday, March 10) Paul's Letters

Week #6 (Sunday, March 17) General Letters and Revelation

Adult Sunday School Classes

9:30am "God Talk"

Please join us for our continuing study of Paul as we turn our focus to his letter to the Romans. We will be using the book "Be Right: How to be Right With God, Yourself, and Others" by Warren Wiersbe. 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 1 Corinthians. Meet in Room 118. Led by Richard Wagner.

BIBLE and BREWS

formerly Theology on Tap

**February 18, 6pm
Location TBD**

As we embark on God's Grand Story (His Word / Your Life) this Lenten season, the ministry of Jesus was filled with power and wonders. Is God doing these kinds of things today? There are differing views within the body of Christ regarding how we approach such beliefs.



**Happy Hearts
February 12, 6pm**

Happy Hearts will meet on Monday, February 12 at 6pm for a potluck in the Family Life Center, followed by playing an interactive digital trivia game, led by Diann Wandrey. Everyone needs to have their smart phone to play.

Please join us for an evening of food, fun and fellowship.

For more info, please email pastormariola@stjohnlutheran.com



**Young Adults Zoom!
(18-20 somethings)
February 25, 8pm**

Please email Matt for the link to join: matt@stjohnlutheran.com. We will be looking at "Equipped" chapters 4-7.

Men's Basketball

The gym opens from 6:30-8:30pm MOST Monday Nights. For more info, talk to Mark or Matt. February schedule is 5, 19, and 26





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SUNDAY MORNINGS

**Sunday School classes at 9:30am
for all ages (preschool-high school)**

February 4: Regular Bible Story and Learning (9A)

February 11: Regular Bible Story and Learning (10A)

February 18: NO Sunday School due to Presidents' Day weekend.

February 25: Service Sunday: Kindergarten - Hospitality
1st Grade - Quilting, 2nd Grade - Ushering
3rd Grade - Cards of Encouragement,
4th Grade - Bulletin Board, 5th Grade - Greeting



Children's Offering beginning in February

*Beginning
in the
month of
February
we will be
collecting a
children's
offering
during
Sunday
School.*



**All students are encouraged to bring change or dollar bills
to put towards 'Boerne Loves Kids' (a local charity that
helps children in our community).**

The Family³ Ministries Committee's hope is to nurture and teach consistent stewardship practices to children. We will focus our giving on the Kendall County Loves Kids program. Along with weekly collection of money to help support the projects of this organization, watch for occasional special items to be collected for it as well.



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.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Wednesdays Activities

4pm K-5th - Special Events (see below)
6th-12th - Volunteer with F3 Kids
5:30pm Meal for all ages in the FLC
6:30pm Study and Fellowship Activities for
5th grade-Adults
7:30pm Classes and activities conclude



February 7: Finish Sacraments/ Lord's Prayer

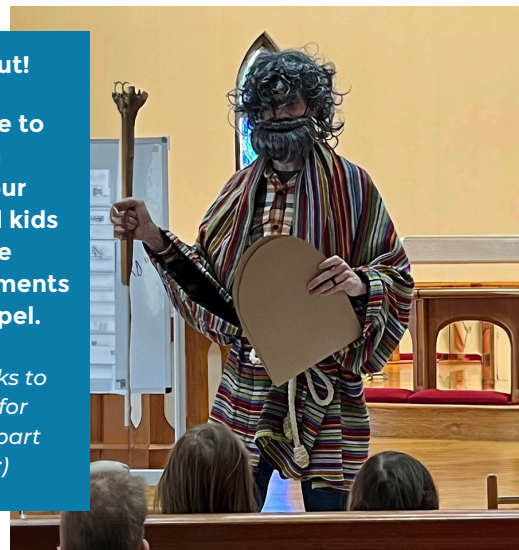
February 14: Ash Wednesday Worship Service
(NO Regular Youth Gatherings)

February 21-March 27: Join us on Wednesday nights during Lent
for a special time of worship in the Historic Chapel geared towards
youth. Or worship together as a family in the main sanctuary and
then join with us at 7pm for activities.

Check it out!

Moses came to
St. John
to teach our
StJLC school kids
about the
10 Commandments
during Chapel.

Special thanks to
Mark Lynn for
playing the part
of Moses :)



Parents' Night Out

Friday, February 16 • 6pm-10pm

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

Sign up online: www.stjohnlutheran.com



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Middle and High School Students:

Join us on February 11 at 5pm for a Super Bowl party! We will have fellowship and a devotional instead of viewing the half-time show. Location TBD. Please bring a dish to share. Contact Mark Lynn with questions: mark.lynn@stjohnlutheran.com

Elementary Kids Events



Wednesdays at 4pm

February 7: Yoga

February 14: Show Your Love

February 21: Craft Day

February 28: Prepare Lenten Meal

Find more and register on our website under 'Events'.

FAITH MILE MARKER

8th Grade Confirmation begins February 11

Confirmants (8th Graders) and Mentors start their journey together on Super Bowl Sunday (February 11) at 9:30am in Luther Hall. They will seek to encourage one another to articulate one's faith. Please be in prayer that this time of focused faith discussion will nurture deeper conviction.

Ski Pilgrimage March 10-16

**We have 2 spots remaining
for the ski trip!**
These spots are open to anyone.



Visit St. John's website under 'Events' for details and the link to register. Questions? Contact Mark: Mark.Lynn@stjohnlutheran.com.

REGISTRATION CLOSES FEBRUARY 15

Elementary and Middle School Camp Chrysalis • June 9-14



Registration is OPEN NOW!

This camp is for students who have completed 2nd through 8th grades. **Find the link on St. John's website under 'Events' to register.**

SUMMER CAMPS

Registration is OPEN NOW!

This camp is for students who have completed 8th through 12th grade. Visit campeagle.org to learn more. **Register with the link on St. John's website.**

High School Camp Eagle • June 9-13



NALC Continental Youth Gathering

HOST HOMES NEEDED: June 30-July 5, 2024

On July 1-4, 2024 St. John will be hosting the FIRST ever NALC Youth Gathering. We are expecting 500 students and adult leaders from all over the USA and Canada. We need more host homes! Please prayerfully consider and sign-up as plans are being made! Thanks for supporting your "World Family". **Sign up on our website!**



CHURCH NEWS and UPCOMING EVENTS

Ash Wednesday February 14



Ash Wednesday marks the start of Lent. We receive ashes on our forehead to "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

We will have services in Historic Chapel at 10am and in the Sanctuary at 6:30pm.

MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES

Wednesdays beginning
February 21

Join us on Wednesday evenings beginning February 21 from 6:30pm-7pm in the Sanctuary for the Holden Evening Prayer. Come early and join us for dinner in the Family Life Center at 5:30pm. There will be activities for the whole family after the worship services.

This year, all donations collected during the Lenten services will go into the StJLC School Scholarship fund.

To learn more about the School Scholarship Fund, contact Tiffany: tiffany@stjohnlutheran.com

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

New Member Classes
begin February 18

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 Sundays, February 18 through March 17 from 12pm-1:30pm. Lunch will be served before class. New members will be welcomed on Sunday, March 24.

Will you be a new member sponsor? We need current members to sponsor our new members. This is a great way to become active and help our new members to feel welcomed and at home here. For more info, please contact the church office.

A few memorable hours.
An epic adventure.

INTERACTIVE

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Walk Thru The Bible:

ntLIVE

Sunday, February 4

*It's not a class, a typical seminar, or a boring lecture.
It is a highly engaging, dynamic,
and memorable event that helps you understand God's Word
and make the connection between His story and yours.*

Experience the story of the New Testament through a fun, compelling, and engaging event that will change the way you read the Bible.

On Sunday, February 4, the morning services will have a guest presenter from "Walk Thru the Bible".

After the morning services, all are invited to stay and join us for lunch and ntLIVE (registration is required). NtLive is two and a half hours of group learning in a fun and exciting way that teaches the big picture of the New Testament. Attendees will learn the major events and people of the New Testament, understand its storyline and how it connects to your life today.

Cost is \$25/person (under 8 years old come for free). Lunch will be served. Childcare provided. Family scholarships are available, talk to Matt Olson or contact the church office.

Session 1: St. John's Three Morning Worship Services (8am, 9:30am, and 11am)...The Adventure Begins!

Afternoon sessions are offered to continue the learning (registration required):

Session 2: 1pm to 2:15pm [Break: 2:15pm to 2:30pm]

Session 3: 2:30pm to 3:30pm

Scan the QR Code to learn more and register or visit our website under 'Events'.

Invite your friends - this is going to be awesome!

After ntLIVE, we will continue our
Walk Thru The Bible with
GOD'S GRAND STORY on February 11



Pastor Waters will begin a six-week sermon series on February 11 which is the follow-up and continuation of what you will learn at the February 4 event. Everyone who attends on February 4 will get a 40-day devotional called "God's Grand Story." This devotional is the basis for his sermon series. Come check it out!



CHURCH NEWS and UPCOMING EVENTS

Happy Birthday!

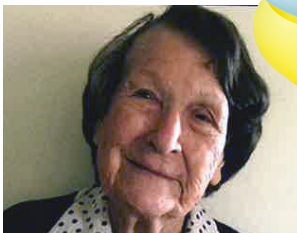
Honoring our Senior Members (80+)
With Birthdays In January

Tommy Blake (02/12)	Linda Rice (02/02)
David Hemme (02/08)	Jim Richmond (02/16)
William Mayo (02/16)	Janet Roeder (02/14)
Irene Page (02/24)	Martha Wallis (02/22)

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

Happy 102nd Birthday, Martha Wallis!

Martha turns 102 this year, born on February 22, 1922. Join us in wishing her a very happy birthday!



Correction to January 2024 Newsletter:

In January, Bill Dever celebrated his 80th birthday, but his name was misspelled (shown as Denver, not Dever). We sincerely apologize for the error! Happy belated Birthday, Bill Dever!

Thank You!



Howard Brandall presented at HAPPY HEARTS last month about his father's WWII experiences. His father's platoon liberated the first known concentration camp at Ohrdruf, Germany. His father received many meritorious awards including the purple heart and bronze star and was awarded The Combat Infantry Badge by General Patton himself. Howard also spoke of Shelly's dad's Navy service in WWII and those who gave their lives for our freedoms in service for our country. Thank you for sharing these stories!



A HUGE THANK YOU

to all those that attended our Volunteer Fair on January 21 and signed up to serve.

We appreciate all the volunteers that work tirelessly to further the mission of St. John and spread the good news of Jesus Christ by serving others!



REMINDER

February Usher Schedule:

8 am services:	The Wisian Team
9:30am services:	The Hahn Team
	2nd Grade Sunday School
11am services:	The Runion Team
2-14 (Ash Wed):	12pm Moldenhauer Team
	6:30pm Evans Team
2-21 Lent:	6:30pm Wahl Team
2-28 Lent:	6:30pm Kramer Team

March Usher Schedule:

8 am services:	Randy Evans Team
9:30am services:	Allen Hornung Team
	1st Grade Sunday School
11am services:	Bob Runion Team
3-6 Lent:	6:30pm: Moldenhauer Team
3-13 Lent:	6:30pm Wandry Team
3-20 Lent:	6:30pm Wisian Team
3-28 Maundy Thursday:	6:30pm Mikulencak Team
3-29 Good Friday:	12pm Moldenhauer Team
	6:30pm Pearson Team

April Usher Schedule:

8 am services:	The Wisian Team
9:30am services:	The Rivera Team
	Kindergarten Sunday School
11am services:	The Hardin Team

Please remember to arrive early for your scheduled service!

Would you like to be an Usher? We need your help!

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

Congregational Work Day March 16, 9am-3pm

The property committee is planning a congregational work day on Saturday March 16 from 9am to 3pm. Come join us for some spring cleaning! We have a variety of projects that we'll be tackling both inside and outside. Drinks and snacks will be provided in the morning and pizza for lunch. We have a great time working together. Contact Don Baker: dgbaker@gvtc.com, 830-431-0521.



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. A participant can start at any point during the cycle.

A new StJLC GriefShare cycle, under the guidance of Pastor Mariola Bergquist, began in January. Registration at www.griefshare.org is highly recommended.

The Tuesday morning group meets 10am to noon. The Wednesday evening group meets 6pm-8pm. Call the church office at 830-249-3651, Pat Albrecht at 210-379-5441, or Barbara Rogers at 210-373-9070 for more information.

More GriefShare info is available at www.griefshare.org.

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FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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WALK THRU THE BIBLE 4 8am Traditional Service 9:30am Adult and Youth Classes 9:30am Praise Service 11am Traditional Service 12pm Lunch for WTTB event 1pm-3:30pm WTTB sessions 5pm Dominoes, Canasta, Potluck 6pm Boerne Concert Band	9am St. John Quilters 5 6:30pm Property Committee 6:30pm Men's Basketball 7pm Al-Anon 7pm Ala-Teen	6:30am Men's Breakfast 6 10am GriefShare 6:15pm American Heritage Girls 6:30pm Men's Group Bible Studies	9am WOW Bible Study 7 3pm Growing Hope Distribution 4pm F3 Kids Event 5:30pm Bells 5:30pm F3 Dinner, Fellowship 6pm GriefShare 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm Crossways	9am Precept 8 12pm Lunch Bunch 7pm Al-Anon	9	10
American Heritage Girls Fundraiser 11 8am Traditional Service 9:30am Adult and Youth Classes 9:30am Praise Service 11am Traditional Service 12pm F3 Committee Meeting 5pm Youth Super Bowl Party	9am St. John Quilters 12 6pm Happy Hearts 6pm School Board Meeting 7pm Al-Anon 7pm Ala-Teen	10am GriefShare 13 6:30pm Congregational Life 6:30pm Mission Committee 6:30pm Men's Group Bible Studies	Ash Wednesday 14 9am WOW Bible Study 10am Ash Wednesday Service 4pm F3 Kids Event 5:30pm F3 Dinner, Fellowship 6pm GriefShare 6:30pm Ash Wednesday Service	9am Precept 15 11:30am Quilting Around the Bend 5:30pm Friends of Faith Dinner 7pm Al-Anon	6pm Parents' Night Out 16	17
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