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### From the Pastor's Pen

Thousands of people will visit Boerne April 8 for the total eclipse. Get ready to watch it yourself by looking up two Scripture passages. Matthew 27:45-46 tells us that the Sun refused to shine when Jesus was crucified: "Now from the sixth hour (noon) there was darkness over the land until the ninth hour (3pm). And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Matthew 24:29 promises that "the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven" when Jesus comes again. On April 8 as your eyes watch the eclipse, let your heart

Our students will share their faith on **Confirmation Sunday**, April 21. The Early and Praise services that day will be as usual, but the Confirmation Students will lead our Late Service. At one point during the service, I'll ask the students to confess their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and declare their intention to follow Him. I get inspired when people

look back to Jesus' death and forward to

Jesus' return; give thanks for the one and

hope for the other. As opportunity allows, use the darkness of the total eclipse to

share the Good News of God's Son.

stand up and put their faith in Jesus. I hope you will, too. Join us April 21 to support our students as they confirm their faith.

Then join us later that week for the **Wild Game Dinner** on April 27. It's at a

new venue this year, the Kendall
County Youth Agriculture and
Equestrian Center. But it will
feature the same great food,
drink, fellowship, auction,
and opportunity to bless our
community. If you're looking
for a great way to introduce
people to St. John Lutheran and

give them a "taste" for our church, this is it! Buy your tickets soon—they're going fast. Then come and be generous at the auction. Everything goes to charity to help people in Kendall County and beyond. See you there!

Finally, mark your calendars now for **May 5**. The first Sunday of next month will be **Pastor Bergquist's final sermon** from our pulpit. I want to see a full house at each service. Pastor Bergquist has served God faithfully and blessed us richly in her many years of service here. Come support her as she preaches one last time, then celebrate her after the Late Service that day.

- 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
2024	\$177,209	\$119,607											\$148,408
2023	\$152,340	\$106,982	\$105,872	\$121,481	\$96,133	\$117,134	\$118,348	\$115,725	\$103,778	\$117,023	\$104,620	\$272,595	\$127,669
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	\$134,238

ATTENDANCE COMPARISON													
Avg Weekly Worship	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Average for Month YTD
2024 ONLINE	108	94											77
2024 IN-PERSON	418	457											372
2024 TOTAL	526	551											449
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	

## 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

We can't believe the school year is almost over! I think it's safe to say, the first year of St. John Lutheran School was a success for the church, students, staff, and parents! With only two short months left, we will wrap up with our last visits to Menger, a Bike Rodeo, National Day of Prayer, Field Day at Lutheran High School, an Art Show and End-of-Year Program, and a day at Boerne Lake.

Thank you for attending our Texas Living History Museum in March. The students were so proud to share their research with you. St. John Lutheran has embraced the school in every way! We've loved spending time with the ladies who come to tutor. Our garden plots have yielded the most abundant crops. We were blessed with a visit from a Japanese exchange student who shared the art of origami with us. We love sharing our adventures with you! The two days before Spring Break the elementary classes went camping at Chrysalis! The comradery and bonding that happened was a blessing and it felt like we were in paradise for two days! The students were able to learn other skills they can't get in a classroom: fishing, hiking,

canoeing, archery, constellations, native animals facts, and more.

If you would still like to get your child, grandchild, friend, or neighbor into St. John Lutheran School, we have two more Open House dates, April 22 and May 13 at 1pm and 7pm each day. Open Houses are followed by Student Preview Days for those interested.

- Tiffany Jureczki School Director











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### **ADULT FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

#### **Ladies' Bible Studies**

#### **PRECEPT**

Thursdays 9am-11am, Room 118

Dear Precept Class,

Thank you so much for the beautiful farewell brunch and for your generous gifts for my retirement. I have enjoyed teaching "Precept" for 14 years and will miss you all.

- Pastor Mariola

Plans are being made for "Precept" to resume in the fall of 2024 with a new leader.

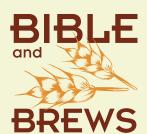
#### Women of the Word (W.O.W.)

#### Wednesdays 9am-10am

Women of the Word will continue the study on The Sermon on the Mount. Join us as we look closely at the most famous sermon the world has ever heard. For more information or to request childcare, email Michelle at watersmichellejoy@gmail.com.

Women's Bible Studies in April: Sundays at 9:30am and 10:30am

The 9:30am class is led by Marissa Klein in the "Family Room" off the Family Life Center. Becky Garza leads the 10:30am class in Room 117. Questions? Contact Marissa: 210-393-4653.



April 14, 6pm

This evening will be a celebration and tank you to all the Family<sup>3</sup>
Volunteers!

Location TBD. Details to come.

#### Mens' Bible Studies

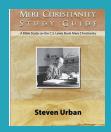
#### Mens' Breakfast

Every other Tuesday 6:30am

"Master Builders Bible For Men" is the foundation for discussion topics. This group meets in Luther Hall. April dates are: April 2, 16, 30.

#### Men's Bible Study Options in April:

"Men of the Bible"
Sunday Morning (9:30am) and
Tuesday Evening (6:30pm)
in the Shepherd's Cave (Rm #117).



"Mere Christianity"
CO-ED Evening Bible Study for
Spring and Summer
Tuesday Evening (6:30pm)
in Room #119

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study: 6:30am in Luther Hall (April 2, 16 and 30)

#### Did you know that Pastor Eric and Michelle have a podcast?

pastors confidential

Find and listen

to the podcast on Apple Podcasts: pastors confidential.

#### Men's Basketball

The gym opens from 6:30-8:30pm MOST Monday Nights. For more info, talk to Mark or Matt. The APRIL schedule is 1, 8, 15 and 29.



#### **Adult Sunday School Classes**

#### 9:30am "God Talk"

This group continues the study of Paul 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.

### Happy Hearts

#### Happy Hearts April 1 Wildflower Tour

On April 1st "Happy Hearts" will go on the wildflower tour in the Hill Country.

We will travel on the church bus to Marble Falls. We will eat lunch in the restaurant in Marble Falls.

For more info, please email pastormariola@stjohnlutheran.com





Young Adults Zoom! April 21, 8pm

Please email Matt for the link to join: matt@stiohnlutheran.com.



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#### Our Family<sup>3</sup> Ministries Team:



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#### **SUNDAY MORNINGS**

## Children and Youth Sunday School classes at 9:30am

April 7: NO Sunday School due to BISD Holiday Choice

Eclipse Weekend \*Special Galaxy Theater Movie for all ages

**April 14:** Regular Sunday School Classes (13B) **April 21:** Regular Sunday School Classes (14A)

April 28: Service Sunday

Kindergarten - Ushering, 1st Grade - Cards of Encouragement

2nd Grade - Bulletin Board, 3rd Grade - Greeting 4th Grade - Hospitality, 5th Grade - Quilting

#### Kids, remember your offering on Sunday!

Parents: Let's nurture and reinforce good stewardship with our children. Make it a habit for them to bring an offering for Sunday School to honor Jesus by supporting the *Kendall County Loves Kids* program.



# Elementary Kids Events Wednesdays at 4pm

All elementary age students are invited to F3 Kids every Wednesday



from 4pm-5:30pm. We will learn new skills while having fun with friends and memorizing Bible verses! Come on over after school, we will have a snack waiting for you!

April 3: Visit to the public library

April 10: Spring Craft

**April 17: Cemetary Rubbings** 

April 24: Service project in SJ Vineyard

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

# Parents' Night Out

Friday, April 19 • 6pm-10pm

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

Sign up online: www.stjohnlutheran.com

#### **WEDNESDAY EVENINGS**

#### **Wednesdays Activities**

5:30pm Meal for all ages in the FLC

6:15pm: Game/IceBreaker

**6:30pm:** Worship and Small Groups (5th - 12th graders meet in the

Historic Chapel)





Join us in the Galaxy Theater for a 30 minute movie on April 7 at 9:30am. We will watch 'He Is Risen'. Meet in the Narthex at 9:30am, the movie will conclude by 10:30am.

# FAITH MARKER

#### 8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION

Sunday, April 21, 11am

Join us at the 11am service and witness the confirmation of several of St. John's youth.

April 17: Confirmation Rehearsal at 6:30pm

in the Sanctuary

April 20: Confirmation Banquet at 6pm

# 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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#### High School Game Day April 7, 12pm-4pm

Join us in the FLC for lunch and games! Contact Mark for details.



May 23 - Boerne Lake June 7 - Schlitterbahn June 28 - Movie in the Park July 16 - Abendkonzerte July 30 - San Fernando Texas Light Show

Anyone is welcome to attend any of these trips, they are not just families with kids, but open to all church members. Join us!

Please RSVP if you plan to attend: www.stjohnlutheran.com



# Join us at our summer camps!

Each camp will be held Monday-Thursday, 8am-12pm. Cost for each camp is \$75 per child for the week. Camps are for children 3 years old - completed 4th grade.

Learn more and register on our website under 'Events' or simply scan the QR code.

Space is limited, so sign up today!



#### NALC Continental Youth Gathering July 2024 at St. John

**July 1 - 4** 



WE BELONG

For youth that have completed 6th - 12th grade.

# There is still time to register! Registration Deadline is April 15

The first-ever NALC Continental Youth Gathering will be held at St. John on July 1 – July 5. This four day gathering will provide opportunities for NALC youth to grow in faith and relationship with others as the Body of Christ. Join us for these highlights:

- · Rodeo
- Speakers
- Fireworks
- Music
- Service Projects
- Fellowship

Find more information about the speakers and the gathering at: https://cyg.thenalc.org/

Check it out: www.stjohnlutheran.com



### Bible Camp at St. John



#### July 15-18 • Registration Is Open!

Cross Trails Ministry Day Camp at St. John is scheduled for July 15-18. This is a day camp program for kids who have completed Kindergarten-5th grade in the 2023-2024 school year.

Pre-School: 8am - 12pm.

K-5th Grade Morning Session: 8am - 12pm K-5th Grade Afternoon Session: 1pm - 5pm



### ATTENTION! GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS:

Apply for one of five \$1000 2024 StJLC Scholarships. The application can be found HERE. You MUST be a StJLC of

Boerne member to apply. Applications are due MAY 31, 2024. Please see the application for other requirements and details about the scholarship. Questions Contact Jonnelle Post or Matt Olson: matt@stjohnlutheran.com.



Learn more about the college scholarship and find the 2024 application link on our website under 'Events'.

### **CHURCH NEWS and UPCOMING EVENTS**









VOLUNTEER NOW

### Charity Wild Game Dinner April 27

St. John's Wild Game Dinner to raise money for local and international charities is set for April 27 at the Kendall County Youth Agricultural and Equestrian Center in Comfort with doors opening at 4pm. This event features delicious wild game fare, door prizes, silent and live auctions, kids' games, and more. Learn more about this event on our website.

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW and join us in April!



#### Thursday, May 2

The National Day of Prayer is an annual event that enables us to recall and to

teach the way in which our founding fathers sought the wisdom of God when faced with critical decisions. On this day, we humbly come before God, seeking His guidance for our leaders and His grace upon us as a people. Plan now to join us - there is a morning gathering and afternoon gathering:

#### Mayor's Prayer Breakfast



#### Boerne Main Plaza Event





Come join us on May 5 after the late service to honor Pastor Bergquist and the time she has given in service of our church. Gather with us in the Family Life Center as we let her know how special she is and what her presence has meant.

If you will attend this event, we ask that you let us know! Starting April 7 there will be a sign up sheet in the Gathering Place. There is no charge for the event, we simply need to determine how much food will be needed. We are welcoming people to bring a dessert of their choice. If you will bring a dessert, please mark that next to your name when you stop by to sign up.

Volunteers are also needed to help with the setup, serving, and break down. Please contact Geneva Sinclair if you are willing to help, we would greatly appreciate it!



#### **Growing Rural Garden Program**

St. John Lutheran Church Vineyard Community Garden 401 Rosewood Ave., Boerne, Texas 78006 COME JOIN our Alamo RCD ORGANIC GARDEN TEAM!

#### **OPEN TO BOERNE AREA RESIDENTS!**

Upon application approval, your family will be provided with two garden plots, garden materials and implements, gardening training/mentoring, garden curriculum guide and MORE for FREE and YOU KEEP the PRODUCE!

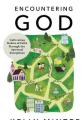
Please read our Garden Welcome Packet for DETAILS & apply now! Go ONLINE NOW, at www.alamorcd.org

SAVE THE DATE

Women's Fall Retreat

November 1-3

at Camp Chrysalis



KELLY MINTER

and mark your calendars now for:

Men's Winter Retreat January/February, 2025

at Camp Chrysalis. Specific dates TBD.

This year's Ski Trip in March was an awesome time! Thank you to all who had a hand in making this trip possible!



### **CHURCH NEWS and UPCOMING EVENTS**



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

Frank Arnold (04/02) Gary Bruehler (04/06)

Alton Tschirhart (04/08) Gladys Turner (04/23) Ken Nietenhoefer (04/03) Ron Walter (04/06)

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

# REMINDER

#### **April Usher Schedule:**

9:30am services:

The Wisian Team 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?

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



Dear Members of St. John Lutheran Church,

The Bible encourages us to be generous with others as we are able and willing within our possessions and hearts. "Each one of us must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." -2 Corinthians 9:7 As we are called to love one another, we should help others in need as we are able to assist them, whether by physical offerings or spiritual prayer requests. Jesus taught that it is "more blessed to give than to receive."" Thank You for your generous donations and prayers for the St. John School Scholarship Fund during Lent! Your donations will help children right here in Boerne get a topnotch, CHRISTIAN education.

- Students and Staff of St. John Lutheran School

The Property Committee would like to express a big **Thank You** to the eighteen men and women who participated in the congregational workday on March 16. There is still more to do and if you would like to help with various projects, please contact Don Baker, 830-431-0521, dgbaker@gvtc.com.

Mark your calendars for the next Congregational Workday scheduled for Saturday, October 19, 9 am to 3 pm.



#### **DISASTER RESPONSE**

We want to give a huge shout out and Thank You to St. John's Robin Scheel and Randy Sibley for driving and delivering two truckloads of hay to the farmers impacted by the Panhandle fires.

Many from St. John donatedin response to the NALC's call for help and we thank all those who have contributed to these efforts.

We are still collecting monetary donations, if you wish to help. To contribute, drop a check in the offering plate on Sunday and write 'Disaster Relief in the memo line or stop by the church office. If you would like to help in other ways, please contact Dr. Mike Miller. Outreach Committee (432-425-6901).

Thank You to all who donated goody-filled eggs for our Easter Eggstravaganza this year!

This community event is a great opportunity for St. John to host many family and children from Boerne and the surrounding area and your donation helps them feel welcomed by St. John!



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. Participants can start at any point in the cycle.

The current StJLC GriefShare cycle, under the guidance of Pastor Mariola Bergguist, began in January. Registration at www.griefshare.org is recommended.

The Tuesday morning cycle began January 16, 10am to noon. The Wednesday evening cycle began January 17, 2024, 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.

#### Are you a widow or widower in need of a handyman?

The Congregational Care Committee has been in contact with a local couple in Boerne who have a Christian handyman business. These wonderful people have offered to provide free local handyman services services to widows/widowers.

If you meet the criteria and are interested, contact: HishandsBoerne@gmail.com or call Kristin Rachel at 830-443-5182

#### Can You Help?

The Property Committee is nearing completion of the renovation of the Vicarage (formerly known as the Saxon House). We are in need of various furnishings for the house. Specifically needed is a queen-size mattress and boxspring, bed frame, head board, dresser, night stands, lamps, and book shelf.

If you would like to donate any of these items please contact Don Baker, 830-431-0521, dgbaker@gvtc.com.

#### the MESSENGER Newsletter

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	9am Happy Hearts 1 Wildflower Tour 9am St. John Quilters 6pm Property Committee 6:30pm Men's Basketball 7pm Al-Anon 7pm Ala-Teen	6:30am Men's Breakfast 2 10am GriefShare 6pm StLLC Bylaws Team 6:15pm American Heritage Girls 6:30pm Men's Group Bible Studies 6:30pm Worship Committee	9am WOW Bible Study 3pm Growing Hope Distribution 4pm F3 Kids Event 5:30pm Bells 5:30pm F3 Dinner, Fellowship 6pm GriefShare 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm Crossways	7pm Al-Anon <b>4</b>	5	6
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