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From the Pastor's Pen

March will be a big month at StJLC, so I'm asking you to join me for a "Sweet Hour of Prayer" in the Historic Chapel on Wednesday, March 20, 8pm-9pm. Like we have at past Prayer Vigils, I'll write a guide to focus your prayers on events in the world and ministries of the church. Holy Week will start just a few days later; we want to make sure our church is covered in prayer and empowered by the Holy Spirit. No need to sign up. Simply

join us in the Chapel that

evening.

Holy Week starts on March 24, which is both Palm Sunday and New Member Sunday this year. First, we'll welcome over 25 New Members at the beginning of the worship service. Then we'll process into the Sanctuary with palms in our hands and "Hosanna!" on our lips. Palm Sunday is always a big day at our church and a good day to invite friends to come hear the salvation story.

Then come back later that week as we somberly reflect on how much that salvation cost. It begins March 28 with **Maundy Thursday**, "the night in which He was betrayed." We'll gather at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary to hear the story of the Last Supper, reenact the washing of the disciples' feet, and gather around the

altar rail for Communion—the only service of the year when the whole congregation is served from the altar. Then the altar will be stripped and we'll leave in silence as a sign that "the hour of darkness has come." The next day, March 29, is **Good**

Friday, the day Jesus was crucified.

We'll gather at 12pm in the
Historic Chapel and 6:30pm in
the Sanctuary to hear Jesus'
"Seven Last Words from the
Cross" and respond to Him
with hymns, prayer, and
thanks.

The following day, March 30, is our annual **Easter Eggstravaganza**. This is a great community event! Last year we welcomed over 250 people to our egg hunt, most of whom do not attend our church. Tell your family and friends and invite your grandkids and neighbors. They'll have a fun time and get a great glimpse of our church. Then invite them to come back the next day for **Easter Sunday**, March 31, when I'll preach the good news of Christ's resurrection from the dead and the free gift of eternal life to all who believe in Him.

March will be a big month here at StJLC. Pray that the Lord will work through us to draw people to Jesus. Join me at the "Sweet Hour of Prayer."

- 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	\$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
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	\$118,518

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

March is full of excitement at St. John Lutheran School! By the time you receive this in the mail, we will have had our artwork on display at Texas Heritage Bank for Texas Independence Day, March 2. The students drew beautiful renditions of the San Antonio Missions in charcoal. This week, our elementary students will have an overnight trip to Camp Chrysalis where we will hike, make s'mores, canoe, and participate in archery, as well as, outdoor worship. We'll take a quick week off for Spring Break and then jump right back in with National

Agriculture Day on March 19 and a lesson with a bison farmer on March 21. Our next Give Back Fundraiser is at Chili's in Boerne on March 19; make sure to tell them you are with StJLC.

All St. John members are invited to the Family Life Center on Thursday, March 28 from 9:30am-10:30am to our Living Texas History Museum. Come learn about important Texas citizens who helped make our country, I mean state, a great place to live! School students have done their research and prepared their presentations for you.

We also encourage everyone to invite their friends and neighbors to our Open House on March 18 at 1pm and 7pm. Enrollment for the 2024-25 school year is open and spots are already filling fast.

- Tiffany











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ADULT FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Ladies' Bible Studies

PRECEPT

Thursdays 9am-11am, Room 118

Precept has wrapped up. Pastor Mariola is thankful for all who have come to her class throughout the years. As she prepares for her retirement, plans are being made for Precept to resume in the fall with a new leader. Details to come!

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.

Sundays at 9:30am and 11am



Women's Sunday Morning Bible Study

In March we will be going through God's Grand Story that Pastor is preaching on for Lent. The 9:30am class is led by Marissa

Klein in the "Family Room" off the Family Life Center. Becky Garza leads the 11am class in Room 117. Questions? Contact Marissa: 210-393-4653.



Happy Hearts March 18

On March 18, The Happy Hearts will go on a trip to see the San Antonio Missions. We will visit the four historic churches: Concepcion, San Jose, San Juan and Espada. We will travel on the church bus and stop for lunch at Luby's. For more info, please email pastormariola@stjohnlutheran.com



March 17, 6pm (St. Patrick's Day) Location TBD

Join us for fellowship! 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. Upcoming dates: March 5 and 19.

Men of St. John:

Be a part of a One-Year Devotional Study of Men in Scripture, "Men of the Bible."



Each week you will encounter a different man of the Bible... Monday-Learn his story. Tuesday-Take a deeper look at the

Wednesday-Look at the Scriptures that reveal the legacy of the man. Thursday-Reflect on his legacy of promise.

Friday-Learn from his legacy of prayer.

There are 52 men of the Bible to learn from starting the Monday after Easter, April 1, 2024, to April 1, 2025. As the infamous Mr. T might say, "I pity the fool," who hasn't learned from the men in the scriptures.

Also watch for small men's groups that will be held to discuss these Bible characters. Gain more insight as together we learn to walk with God.

Matt will be collecting orders during the first half of LENT, with the plan to have the books by Holy week so we can start together right after Easter. The cost will by \$15. Let's do this!

Men of St. John:

A C.S. Lewis 'Mere Christianity' study will begin Tuesday, April 2 at 6:30pm

Men's Basketball

The gym opens from 6:30-8:30pm MOST Monday Nights. For more info, talk to Mark or Matt. March schedule is 4, 18, and 25



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.

Bible Study
in the Shepherd Cave:
Sunday Morning (Coed),
Tuesday Night Men's Group
Wednesday Evening

God's Grand Story

after LENT Worship (Coed)

A Six-Week Adventure in the New Testament

March 3, 5 and 6: Small group discussion on Jesus Dies-and Lives (pg. 52-55)

March 10: Small group discussion on The Church Begins (pg. 70-73)

March 17, 19 and 20: Small group discussion on Paul's Letters (pg. 88-91)

March 24 and 26: Small group discussion on General Letters and Revelation (pg. 106-109)

March 31: Easter (No class gathering)

Note: There is NO Children or Youth Sunday School due to BISD Spring Break on both March 10 and 17.



Young Adults Zoom! March 24, 8pm

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



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SUNDAY MORNINGS

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

March 3: Regular Bible Story and Learning (11A)

March 10: NO Sunday School due to BISD SPRING BREAK

March 17: NO Sunday School due to BISD SPRING BREAK, but a

Special "St. Patrick's Day movie will be shown in the Theater in Faith

Hall at 9:30am. See advertisement

March 24: Regular Bible Story and Learning (12B)

March 31: EASTER - NO Sunday School Class in Celebration of Easter

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!

March 6: Bible Scavenger Hunt

March 13: Holiday for Spring Break

March 20: Resurrection Eggs

March 27: Veteran's Park

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

Parents' Night Out

Friday, March 15 • 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

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



All youth are invited to join us on Wednesday nights during Lent for a special time of worship in the Historic Chapel geared towards you. Or worship together with your family in the main sanctuary and then join with us at 7pm for activities.

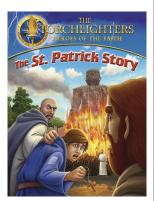
March 6: Special LENT Youth Gatherings in Historic Chapel March 13: NO F3 Fellowship due to BISD SPRING BREAK March 20: Special LENT Youth Gatherings in Historic Chapel March 27: NO F3 Fellowship due to Holy Week



March 17 at 9:30am

Join us in the Galaxy Theater for a 30 minute movie on March 17 at 9:30am. We will watch an animated version of the St. Patrick story to find out why the man known as St. Patrick is credited with introducing Ireland to Christ.

The Torchlighters is an ongoing series of animated programs with strong values and educational content for youth ages 8-12.



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.

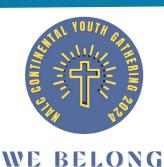


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NALC Continental Youth Gathering July 2024 at St. John



July 1 - 4

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

Highlights:

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

Support your home congregation; St. John is the first location for a NALC Gathering!

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



Adults, are you looking for some adventure? We need chaperones! Contact Mark Lynn for info.

Walk Thru The Bible







Men's Retreat 2024









2024 College Scholarship Opportunities

Attention all graduating high school seniors

Apply for one of five **\$1000** 2024 StJLC **Scholarships**. A link to the application can be found on our website under 'Events'. 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? Ask Jonnelle Post or Matt Olson at matt@stjohnlutheran.com.



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





Join us for dinner, worship, and family activities

Join us on Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm-7pm 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.

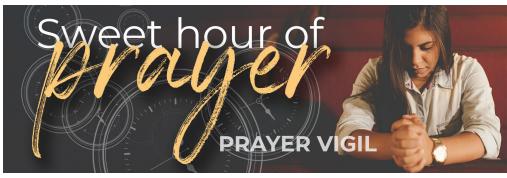
This year, all donations collected during the Lenten services will go into the StJLC School Scholarship fund.

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

Congregational Work Day Saturday, March 16 9am - 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 and we hope to see you there. For questions contact Don Baker, dgbaker@gvtc.com, 830-431-0521



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We need many volunteers to make

this a success! Talk to Matt, Tiffany,

or Mark.

We are looking for donations of

plastic Easter eggs filled with

goodies. If you can help, please

drop donations off at church.

CHURCH NEWS and UPCOMING EVENTS



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

Bob Brakey (03/25) Jack Clark (03/27) Peggy Combest (03/25) Lloyd Markell (03/15) Patsy Fann (03/05) Betty Gimbel (03/19)

Evin King (03/16) Bob Kunz (03/12) Jeanie Theis (03/14) Mildred Wilson (03/06) Mary Lou Zoeller (03/10)

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

SAVE THE DATE

Women's **Fall Retreat** November 1-3

at Camp Chrysalis



Thank You!



Last year, St. John implemented a College Scholarship Program for StJLC youth members starting their first year in college. We want to say a huge THANK YOU to the anonymous donor(s) of the four \$1000 scholarships that were distributed in 2023. The recipients were blessed with this financial assistance because of your kindness and generosity.

Now, as the end of this school year approaches, we look forward to the 2024 Scholarship Program and the chance to support up to five more of our youth members with their college education.

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



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!



PURCHASE TICKETS



VOLUNTEER NOW

Do you need a ride to a doctor appointment, the grocery store, or for other needs?



The Congregational Care Committee has St. John volunteers ready to help. We also have a limited number of ride vouchers provided by The Center at Kronkosky Place. These vouchers can be use for rides within a 10-mile radius, including handicap rides, and also can be used to attend The Center's Monday-Friday lunch. Pick up your ride voucher in the church office or contact Frank Bush at 210-602-6620.

REMINDER

March Usher Schedule:

8 am services: Randy Evans Team 9:30am services: Allen Hornung Team 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?

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

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 Bergquist, began in January. Registration at www.griefshare.org is recommended.

During Holy Week there will be no GriefShare meetings on March 26 or March 27. The Tuesday morning cycle is through April 30, 10am to noon in Room 118. The Wednesday evening cycle is through May 1, 6pm-8pm in Shepherd House. 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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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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8am Traditional Service 3 9:30am Adult and Youth Classes 9:30am Praise Service 11am Traditional Service 12pm New Members Class 5pm Dominoes, Canasta, Potluck	9am St. John Quilters 4 6:30pm Property Committee 6:30pm Men's Basketball 7pm Al-Anon 7pm Ala-Teen	6:30am Men's Breakfast 5 10am GriefShare 6:15pm American Heritage Girls 6:30pm Men's Group Bible Studies	9am WOW Bible Study 3pm Growing Hope Distribution 4pm F3 Kids Event 5:30pm Bells 5:30pm F3 Dinner, Fellowship 6pm GriefShare 6:30pm Lenten Worship 7pm Crossways	9am Precept 7pm Al-Anon 7	8	9
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