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From the Desk of Pastor Rob

A Year of Blessing and a Month of Celebration

Has it really been a year already?

This month marks **one year** since I moved from Long Island, New York, to Boerne, Texas, to serve as your associate pastor—and what a year it has been!

From the start, the congregation has been



so warm and welcoming to both me and my family. Many of you have asked if we've settled in, and I'm happy to say: **Yes, we love it here—and more and more, Boerne is starting to feel like home.**

As I reflect on this first year with you, I'm filled with gratitude—and I'm also excited to share that **May is packed with opportunities to gather, celebrate, and grow in faith together.** I hope you'll join us!

Upcoming Events in May

Sunday, May 4 - Confirmation Sunday (11am Service)

Come support our confirmands as they affirm the baptismal promises once made on their behalf. This is a big step in their spiritual journey, as they take personal responsibility for nurturing their faith. Come celebrate this Faith Mile Marker.

That evening, join **"Bible 'n Brews"** – a casual gathering to connect, learn, and grow together.

Sunday, May 11 - Mother's Day and Baby Bottle Fundraiser Kickoff

Celebrate the moms in our lives and help launch our Baby Bottle Coin Fundraiser in support of local pregnancy resources. The fundraiser runs through Father's Day—every coin helps!

Sunday, May 18 - Graduate Recognition Sunday

We'll honor our high school graduates during the 11am worship service. They'll help lead the service and receive a blessing as they prepare for what's next.

Wednesday, May 21 - StJLC School's Art Show and End-of-Year Program

Our second year of St. John Lutheran School is wrapping up! We celebrate with an art show and end-of-year program: The **Art Show opens at 5:45pm, End-of-Year program begins at 6:30pm.** Let's pack the room and support our young learners—we've had nearly 50 students this year!

Thursday, May 22 - Boerne Lake Family Day

It's the last day of school for BISD (half day) and we've reserved the pavilion at Boerne Lake for a fun, family day. Bring lunch, your sunscreen, and your joy—I'll be there, and I'd love to see you!

Friday, May 30 - Schlitterbahn Waterpark Trip

We're wrapping up the month with our annual day trip to Schlitterbahn, one of the largest and most beloved waterparks in the country. It's always a splash—don't miss it!

Scholarship Reminder: Applications for scholarships to college, trade school, or vocational programs are **due May 31.**

Thank you again for a beautiful first year. I am grateful for your support, your prayers, and the joy of serving with you. Here's to

the next chapter—together!
With gratitude and joy,

- Pastor Rob +

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	\$179,606	\$119,562	\$151,760										\$150,309
2024	\$177,209	\$119,607	\$132,304	\$130,219	\$131,199	\$112,010	\$123,608	\$110,261	\$120,597	\$115,483	\$144,371	\$335,616	\$146,040
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

ATTENDANCE COMPARISON

Avg Weekly Worship	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Average for Month YTD
2025 ONLINE	140	114	125										126
2025 IN-PERSON	471	486	578										512
2025 TOTAL	611	600	703										638
2024 ONLINE	108	94	110	105	98	105	85	89	87	92	102	159	104
2024 IN-PERSON	418	457	663	408	438	456	392	433	413	453	395	653	567
2024 TOTAL	526	551	773	513	513	561	477	522	500	545	497	812	671

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

What a year!! Even the students are commenting on how fast it flew by! As we look towards the summer, we hope to have everyone join us for Summer Family Day Trips, Summer Camp, and our End-of-Year Program and Art Show on May 21. In addition to that, we will look for you at the National Day of Prayer at Main Plaza on May 1.

In April, our upper elementary class was invited to Kendall County's Government Week. Students toured the historic and new jails, the historic courthouse, and had lunch and lively discussion with the county officials. School parents and teachers love the Abeka curriculum and cannot believe how much every child has learned this school year! We got to see the new Angel Studio production of "King of Kings," an animated cartoon about Jesus' life. We highly recommend it! St. John students had a private tour of the tunnel that connects the Kendall Inn to the Dienger while we learned how hotels work and planned our own party. We ended April with Lutheran High School's Field Day for local Lutheran elementaries and our own Bike Rodeo.

I would like to personally say thank you for all of your support of St. John Lutheran School; your prayers have been felt, your Lenten offerings received, your donations appreciated, and your in-person love imprinted on our hearts!

- Tiffany Jureczki, School Director



StJLC School Art Show
Wednesday, May 21
5:45pm in the Family Life Center
followed by
End-of-Year Program
6:30pm in the Sanctuary

Join us in the Family Life Center for the StJLC School Art Show on Wednesday, May 21 from 5:45pm-6:30pm. Immediately following the Art Show will be the End-of-Year Program in the Sanctuary.

Thank you StJLC members for your support this year! You are all invited to our Art Show and Program.



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ADULT FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Ladies' Bible Studies

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

Wednesdays 9am-10am

WOW will not meet in May. This group will resume on June 4 for "More Psalms of Summer."

For more information, contact Michelle Waters at watersmichellejoy@gmail.com.

Women's Bible Studies Sundays 9:30am and 10:45am

The Sunday Women's Bible Study Class meets at 9:30am and 10:45am. Both classes will be held in the Shepherd's Cave, Room 117. **Contact Marissa with questions: 210-393-4653.**

BIBLE and BREWS

May 4, 6pm-8pm

Mike and Linda Miller's home
108 Palo Alto, Boerne

Please bring a food item to share and a beverage for yourself. Enjoy some great fellowship and get the inside scoop on initiatives for the NEW school year as we get set to have our annual meeting in June.



Young Adults Gathering

RSVP to Matt: matt@stjohnlutheran.com

May 18 at 6pm
Cibolo Creek Brewing

Mens' Bible Studies

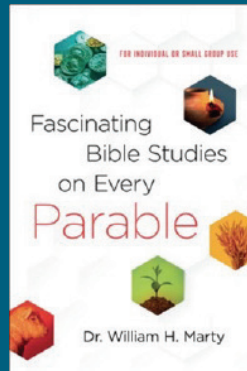
Mens' Breakfast

Every other Tuesday 6:30am

"Master Builders Bible For Men" is the foundation for discussion topics. This group meets in Luther Hall. This month: May 13 and 27.

Tuesday Night Men's Bible Study begins May 6

Meet us in the Shepherd's Cave (Rm #117) on May 6. This group will start a study of Jesus' parables. Using the book, "Fascinating Bible Studies on Every Parable" by Dr. William H. Marty, participants will dive deep into what Jesus was getting at as one better understands the culture of the day. Grow in your knowledge of what the "Kingdom of God" is all about.



This study is led by Ben Roberts.

Brothers in Christ Group Sundays at 9:30am

Brothers in Christ is a group of men that meet to casually discuss what God-related reading they are doing and how He is moving in their lives. The focus of this group is on fellowship and supporting one another in our faith journeys.

This group meet on Sundays from 9:30am - 10:30am in the Family Room in the Family Life Center. For any questions contact Brandon Quick at bquickcycles@gmail.com

Adult Sunday School Classes

9:30am "God Talk"

This group is studying Proverbs, using the "Holman Old Testament Commentary: Proverbs", by General Editor and Author Max Anders. Contact Peggy Hoppes for more information. Meet at 9:30am Sunday morning in Room 128. Led by Peggy Hoppes.

9:30am "Seekers"

Seekers is studying Romans. Meet in Room 119. Led by Carol Postert.

9:30am "Logos"

This class meets in Room 118. Led by Richard Wagner.

NALC South Texas Women's Retreat

Six women from St John attended the NALC South Texas Women's Retreat in La Vernia. It was a great day of learning, worship and fellowship. The same event will be held next year in April in Goliad. We look forward to going again!



Men's Basketball

The gym opens from 6:30pm-8:30pm MOST Monday Nights. For more info, talk to Mark or Matt. This month: May 5, 12 and 19.





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SUNDAY MORNINGS

Sunday School, 9:30am

Schedule for Pre-K through Middle Schoolers:

May 4: Lesson 14A

May 11: Lesson 15A

May 18: Quiz Bowl and Graduate Recognition time

Sunday School Concludes for the Summer on May 18
and will resume on August 17.

Children Sermons will be given at each Worship Service
during the summer and special Worship Activity sheets will
be available for our youth during the worship services.

Looking for a solid, Christian education
for your children?
Know someone who has children
PreK-5th Grade?

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WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

F3 Fellowship will take a break for the
month of May and resume on June 4.



F3 Kids has wrapped up
for this school year and
will return in the fall



Mother's Day, May 11

A simple gift to Mothers will be given out at the
worship services on Mother's Day, May 11.
Thank you, Moms, for all that you do!

Parents' Night Out

May 16, 6pm-9pm

\$15/child \$45 max/family. Dinner included!
Nursery-Age 8

CONTACT: tiffany@stjohnlutheran.com

Sign up online: www.stjohnlutheran.com

NURSERY CARE IS AVAILABLE ON SUNDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS

We will have a nursery care provider present during
Sunday morning worship and Wednesday Bible Study
times for children ages 3 and under.



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FAITH MILE MARKERS

8th Grade Confirmation Sunday, May 4, 11am

Join us at the 11am service and witness the confirmation of St. John's 8th graders.

May 3: Confirmation Banquet at 6pm for the 8th graders and their families

High School Graduate Recognition Sunday, May 18, 11am

Join us at the 11am service as we celebrate and offer a special blessing for our High School graduates! The graduates will have Recognition Tables set up during breakfast in the Family Life Center.

New this year: Each graduate will receive a Lutheran Study Bible and we would love for our members to write a special note for them in their Bible before the 11am service. *These Bibles can be found in the FLC on May 18.*

May 14, 6:30pm: Worship Service Meal and Rehearsal for the graduates

Stay up to date!

Find us on **Facebook**, **Instagram**, and **YouTube** and check out our **website: www.stjohnlutheran.com**



All are invited to attend any of these trips, they are not just families with kids, but open to all church members.

May 22 - Boerne Lake:

Text LAKE to 830-249-3651 to RSVP

May 30 - Schlitterbahn

Text WATERPARK to 830-249-3651 for tickets

June 6 - Day in Bandera with a Trail Ride

Text TRAILRIDE to 830-249-3651 for tickets

June 20 - Kreuzberg Canyon Natural Area

Text CANYON to 830-249-3651 to RSVP

July 6 - Boerne Concert Band Patriotic Concert

Text CONCERT to 830-249-3651 to RSVP

July 25 - Cave Without a Name

Text CAVE to 830-249-3651 for tickets



Find details: www.stjohnlutheran.com

St. John Lutheran Church of Boerne SUMMER CAMPS 2025

All camps are for children ages 3-10. The cost for each camp is \$100. All camps will be held 8am-12pm and include snacks and a summer shirt.

JUNE 2-5 TOUR 'DE BOERNE

JUNE 16-19 SCIENCE!

JULY 7-10 PUPPETS

JULY 21-24 CAMPING

Register now for our summer camps!

Each camp will be held Monday-Thursday, 8am-12pm. The cost for each camp is \$100 per child. Camps are for children 3 - 8 years old.

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

Space is limited!



2025 Scholarship Opportunities: Deadline to Apply is May 31



Attention all graduating high school seniors: Applications are due **MAY 31**

Apply for one of five **\$1000** 2025 StJLC Scholarships for your continuing education at a college/university, vocational, or trade school. A link to the application can be found on our website under 'Events'. You **MUST** be a StJLC of Boerne member to apply. Please see the application for other requirements and details about the scholarship. Questions? Ask Barbara Parker or Mark Lynn at mark.lynn@stjohnlutheran.com.



CHURCH NEWS and UPCOMING EVENTS



IT'S BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG TIME!

Fundraiser for Hill Country Pregnancy Care Center

Pick up a baby bottle beginning on **May 11** (Mother's Day) in the Gathering Place. Between Mother's Day and Father's Day, fill the bottle with cash, coins, or checks. Return it to church by June 15 and your generous gifts will be given to Hill Country Pregnancy Care Center to help save the lives of unborn children. Learn More at: www.lifesprecious.org

Shoe Drive: 'Shoe Us The Love'

in support of the Kendall County Women's Shelter

Cleaning out your closet? We need your shoes!

In April and May we will be collecting men, women, and children's shoes: NEW, USED, or GENTLY WORN. The Women's Shelter will be "paid by the pound" for the shoes and they will be reconditioned and given to needy men, women, and children. The Women's Shelter will also benefit by receiving the reconditioned shoes and distributing them to the women and children who need them.

St. John will be setting up a collection box in the Gathering Place where you can drop off shoes at your convenience. You can also drop them off at Fabulous Finds Thrift Store, 934 North School Street, Tuesday through Saturday 8am-2pm.

Help the Kendall County Women's Shelter raise funds by donating gently worn, used and new shoes. Be sure to ask your friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers to donate too!



May 22 - Boerne Lake

We have the pavilion reserved all day. Lake entry is free for anyone associated with St. John.
Text LAKE to 830-249-3651

May 30 - Schlitterbahn

You **MUST** pre-purchase your tickets here to get the group rate.
Text WATERPARK to 830-249-3651



Find details and RSVP: www.stjohnlutheran.com

rightnow MEDIA

Did you know?

Our church members have access to the world's largest streaming library of biblical resources.

It's true! To get access, please contact Matt Olson, Mark Lynn, or Amy Stremmel and they will get a Rightnow Media invitation sent your way so you can enjoy these wonderful resources and grow deeper in biblical understanding, to know Jesus more!

Stay up to date!

Find us on **Facebook**, **Instagram**, and **YouTube** and check out our **website: www.stjohnlutheran.com**



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Happy Birthday!

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

Gloria Beckett (05/02) Barbara Marquardt (05/02)
Shirley Carter (05/25) Raymond Pace (05/30)

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

THANK YOU

REMINDER

May Usher Schedule:

8 am services: The Kramer Team
9:30am services: The Thompson Team
The Blackburn Team
11am services: The Schneid Team

June Usher Schedule:

8 am services: The Wahl Team
9:30am services: The Lee Team
The Perez Team
11am services: The Peters Team

July Usher Schedule:

8 am services: The Wisian Team
9:30am services: The Henderson Team
11am services: The Runion Team

Please arrive early for your scheduled service!

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

Congregational Workday

Thanks to the 20+ volunteers who participated in the **Congregational Workday** on Saturday, April 5. The workday was a huge success. We worked on a wide variety of indoor and outdoor activities including power washing, weed eating, raking leaves, deep cleaning in the Sanctuary and Historic Chapel, cleaning flower beds and gutters. Praise the Lord for the volunteers! The Lord doth provide!



Thank you to everyone who supported the **2025 Hill Country Wild Game Charity Dinner** on April 26!

Thank you to all of the committee members who worked long and hard to make this event a success, to the donors for their generosity, to Auctioneer Forres Meadows, to the many, many volunteers who worked at the dinner, to all of the cooks who helped prepare the meal, to the Wild Game Dinner Executive Board members for their leadership, and to everyone who came to the dinner and supported this event.

Many wonderful charities, local and international will benefit from this fundraiser. **Praise be to God!**



Easter Eggstravaganza

THANK YOU to the St. John family for the eggs you provided for the Easter Eggstravaganza and for all the help in making this event a success! Over 2,000 eggs blessed the many participants as they played, fellowshiped, and hunted together!



Remembering Mom Webinar

May 4, 2pm

On Sunday, May 4, GriefShare is offering a new supplementary resource: free Remembering Mom video at St John Lutheran Church, Room 119, Education Wing from 2pm to 4pm. Mary Hopkins will lead the session to help navigate your grief and find healthy ways to cope after the death of your mom. This is a video that provides a compassionate and insightful exploration of what it means to grieve a mother. For additional information please contact Mary at maryelizabeth.hopkins@gmail.com or text or call 512-997-8896 and let her know you plan to attend.


The next GriefShare cycle will begin in late summer. Watch for details in the next newsletter.

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MAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	 <p>St. John Lutheran School has Chapel at Noon every Monday and at 11:30am Tuesday - Friday</p>			National Day of Prayer 7:30am F3 @ The Cup 9:30am Precept 7pm Al-Anon 1	2	6pm Confirmation Banquet 3
8am Traditional Service 4 9:30am Adult and Youth Classes 9:30am Praise Service 11am Traditional Service: Confirmation 2pm GriefShare 'Remembering Mom' Webinar 5pm Dominoes, Canasta, Potluck 6pm Bible and Brews	9am St. John Quilters 5 6:30pm Men's Basketball 7pm Al-Anon 7pm Ala-Teen	5:30pm Property Committee 6 6:30pm Men's Group Bible Studies 6:30pm Worship Committee	9am Mommy and Me Group 7 9am Women of the Word 6:30pm Choir	7:30am F3 @ The Cup 8 9:30am Precept 7pm Al-Anon	9	10
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