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From the Desk of Vicar Ethan Zimmerman

Beloved friends of St. John, greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

February is looking to be a lively month for St. John and here are a few highlights! On **February 8** at the 11am service we will celebrate our First Holy Communion Service. Our 5th graders have been enjoying learning about the Sacraments, especially Holy Communion! Pray for them and their families as they step into this new era of their walk with Jesus, that they may come to truly appreciate the forgiveness that is given to us in the True Body and Blood of our Lord!

February 18 is Ash Wednesday, marking the beginning of Lent, a season of repentance and turning back to the Lord in preparation for Easter Sunday! To start Lent off properly, we will have **three services** for the imposition of ashes. Two services are in the **Historic Chapel** at 10am and 12pm and one service in the Sanctuary at 6:30pm, with a meal preceding it in the **Family Life Center**. The Ash Wednesday service is a more than appropriate way to begin Lent, to remember that we are dust, and to dust we shall return. On the five Wednesday evenings leading up to Holy Week, starting on **February 25**, we will



have **Lenten services** that use the sung Holden Evening Prayer liturgy, preceded by a meal in the Family Life Center starting at 5:30pm and the Lenten Service in the Sanctuary 6:30pm-7pm followed by a short Bible study back in the Family Life Center until 7:30pm. For the men of St. John, starting on Sunday, **February 15** at 9:30am at the **Brother's in Christ Bible study**, I will be leading a 4-week Bible study called For All the Saints, where we look at two Old Testament saints and two New Testament saints and how they walked with the Lord, all men are invited!

Though Lent can seem like any other part of the year, where life can chug along like normal, I invite you this year to slow down and examine yourself, to see where the Holy Spirit is moving in your life, where there might be areas of repentance or growth. Though the season can be somber and perhaps even a little depressing, as Psalm 30:5b says, "Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes in the morning". The night of Lent prepares us for the morning of Easter, so let us follow our Lord on the road to His Passion so that we may rejoice with Him in His Resurrection!

May God Bless you all in this season of Lent.

- Vicar Ethan

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL



Back-to-School Joy and January Happenings

The first day back at school brought a wonderful burst of energy to campus. Students arrived with big smiles, eager to reconnect with friends and share stories from their break. Classrooms quickly filled with chatter about winter adventures, and it didn't take long for everyone to settle back into the rhythm of learning. By midweek, the familiar flow of Abeka lessons, music, chapel, and PE had returned, grounding students in the routines they love. We gathered for Hot Cocoa on the Playground—a cozy afternoon tradition that brings families together for warm drinks, conversation, and play.

Registration for St. John members and current school families for the 2026-27 school year is open! I encourage everyone to secure their spot early.

February Adventures and Community Connections

Our students are gearing up for an exciting month filled with hands-on learning and community spirit. We'll be taking a trip to the **San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo**, where students can explore agriculture, livestock, and Texas traditions up close. It's always a memorable experience that brings classroom learning to life in a big way.

We'll also be celebrating **Valentine's Day** with simple, joyful activities that focus on friendship, kindness, and creativity. Students will have the chance to exchange cards, enjoy themed crafts, and spread a little extra love throughout the school.

Our next **4-H meeting** is coming up as well, giving students another opportunity to build leadership skills, learn new projects, and connect with peers who share their interests. It's a wonderful space for confidence, curiosity, and community involvement to grow.

Our ongoing **Vacation Trip Raffle fundraiser** continues to support classroom projects and school initiatives, and we're grateful for the enthusiasm and generosity our community brings to this effort. There's still time to get your raffle ticket on our website; drawing happens February 20 at 1:15pm. You don't have to be present to win and the winner picks their trip! Please see page 6 for more details!

We're also preparing for our upcoming **Open House** February 23, a wonderful opportunity to welcome new families and

showcase the joyful learning happening on campus.

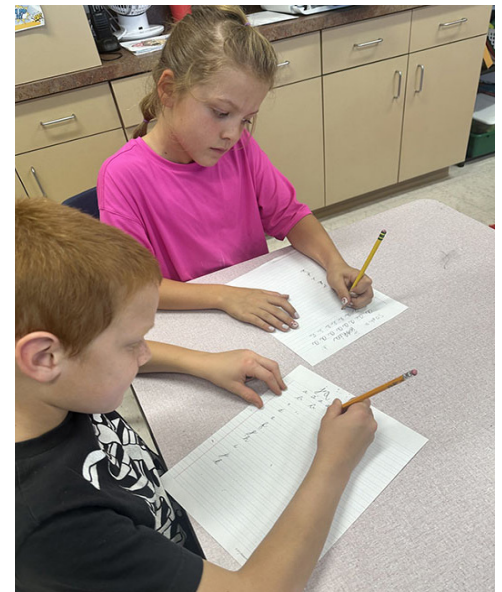
And of course, Fridays remain a favorite thanks to **Cooking Fridays**, where students roll up their sleeves, try new recipes, and build confidence in the kitchen.

February is shaping up to be full of learning, celebration, and connection—everything we love about our school community.

It's a bright start to the new year, and we're excited for all the growth, connection, and creativity ahead.

Faith-filled Adventures, Homeschool Heart

- Tiffany Jureczki
School Director





ADULT FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Ladies' Bible Studies

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

Wednesdays 9am-10am

Women of the Word will continue to meet in Luther Hall. Newcomers are always welcome! For more info contact Michelle Waters at watersmichellejoy@gmail.com.

Women's Sunday Bible Studies

Sundays at 9:30am and 10:45am

Becky Garza and Marissa Klein will be going through More than Enough – God's Strength in Our Weakness. The study looks at 2 Corinthians to show that God is the ultimate source of sufficiency and strength that we need. Becky's group meets at 11am in The Shepherd's Cave (room 117), and Marissa's group meets at 9:30am in the Family Room off the Family Life Center. Reminder about the Parenting Series taking place at 9:30am in the Family Life Center on Sunday January 11, 18 and 25. Please let Marissa (210-393-4653) or Becky (210-827-5356) know if you plan to join the study or if you have any questions.

Co-Ed Bible Study

Precept

Thursdays 9:30am

Precept Bible Study meets Thursdays at 9:30am and will study 1 Peter beginning March 5. Please note the change to the start date (classes have been postponed until March 5 due to unforeseen circumstances). Thank you for your patience! Email pastorwandrey@gmail.com with questions.

Mens' Bible Studies

Mens' Breakfast

Every other Tuesday 6:30am

This group meets in Luther Hall. This group is working through the entire Bible one section at a time using the Serendipity Bible for small groups. Currently in Genesis.

February 3: Lot and His Daughters

February 17: Abraham and Abimelech

Tuesday Night Men's Bible Study

6:30pm in the Shepherd's Cave (Rm #117)

February 3: This group wraps up the study of the parables with its last lesson, "What Does God Expect of Me?"

A New study to start (yet to be determined at the time of printing) will begin on February 10. See the Sunday bulletin or Week at a Glance email for updated information.

Brothers in Christ Group

Sundays at 9:30am

The focus of the Brothers in Christ group is on fellowship and supporting one another in our faith journeys.

This group meets in the Shepherd's Cave, Room 117. Questions? Contact Brandon Quick at bquickcycles@gmail.com

Adult Sunday School Classes

9:30am "God Talk"

This group began a new study on the book of Hebrews in January. All are welcome to join. Meet at 9:30am Sunday in Room 128. Led by Peggy Hoppes.

9:30am "Seekers"

The Seekers is studying "Rose Then and Now Bible Map Atlas" by Paul H. Wright, Ph.D. Meet in Room 119. Led by Carol Postert.

9:30am "Logos"

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



February 15, 6pm - 8pm

We will be meeting at Abi Thompson's place, 7632 Paraiso Crest, Boerne, TX 78015. Please bring a food item to share and a beverage for yourself. Of course, also bring your thoughts and questions as we explore what it means to be a follower of Christ during this time in history (His-story!)

Men's Basketball

The gym opens from 6:30pm-8:30pm on MOST Monday Nights. For more info, talk to Mark or Matt. This month: February schedule is 2, 9, 16, and 23.



Want to get more involved and serve at St. John?

There are many ways to serve at St. John. We are always looking for volunteers to usher, serve on the Altar Guild, help with the Wild Game Charity Dinner, prepare meals for those who are ill, elderly, or in need, or work with the Landscape Team to care for our church grounds, just to name a few opportunities. Learn more on our website under 'Serve', or contact the church office to find out how you can get involved.



FAMILY³ MINISTRIES

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SUNDAY MORNINGS

Sunday School, 9:30am

- February 1:** Moses Led the Israelites
- February 8:** The Ten Commandments
- February 15:** NO SUNDAY SCHOOL due to President's Day Weekend
- February 22:** Service Sunday - Worship at the Tabernacle
 - Kindergarten - Quilting
 - 1st Grade - Ushering (please meet in Sanctuary at 9:15am)
 - 2nd Grade - Cards of Encouragement
 - 3rd Grade - Bulletin Board
 - 4th Grade - Greeting (please meet at Info Desk at 9:15am)
 - 5th Grade - Hospitality

NURSERY CARE IS AVAILABLE ON SUNDAYS

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

Mommy and Me Group Wednesdays, 9am-10am

This group is for moms with children ages 2 and under and meets on Wednesdays from 9am-10am. The group offers a fantastic opportunity to meet new friends while enjoying engaging activities for both moms and their little ones. We provide a mix of fun, social interactions, and insightful parenting discussions, where you can share experiences, seek advice, and build a supportive community. **This group is open to the community!**



WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

f3 Fellowship

This includes all Middle School and High School Gatherings. (Grades 5-12)

- 5:30pm - Meal
- 6:00pm - Games / Ice Breakers
- 6:30pm - Fellowship and Bible Study
- 7:30pm - Pickup



- February 4:** 5th Graders and Parents: First Communion Rehearsal; Middle School: Ten Commandment Test
- February 11:** 5th Grader Celebration Night; Middle School: Test Correction and End of Study Celebration
- February 18:** NO regular activities due to ASH WEDNESDAY Worship Service at 6:30pm
- February 25:** Start of Lenten series in Historic Chapel - We will be preparing to lead Stations of the Cross on Good Friday.



F3 Kids Wednesdays at 4pm

All elementary age students are invited to F3 Kids every Wednesday from 4pm-5:15pm. Please fill out the one time registration on our website under 'Events'. This group will follow *The Gospel Project* weekly's lessons.

Wednesday Morning Hospitality

Wednesday mornings from 8am-9am we will offer coffee, tea, and light breakfast snacks to school parents, young mothers from Mommy and Me, Bible study women, and St. John church staff. **All are welcome to join us!**

FAITH MILE MARKER

February 8, 11am 5th Graders First Communion

5th graders will be celebrating First Communion on Sunday, February 8 at the 11am service. Parents and family will be invited to the altar with their student as they all receive the Lord's Supper together. The rehearsal night will be Wednesday, February 4 at 6:30pm.

OPEN HOUSE

Monday, February 23, 9am

Come learn about the 2026-27 school year!

We are excited to announce the addition of 6th grade beginning next school year!

Registration for the 2026-27 school year is open to the public. Reserve your student's spot early!



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February 8, 5pm

5th - 12th Grade Students:

Meet in the Family Life Center at 5pm on February 8 for a Super Bowl party. Pizza will be provided, please bring a side dish or dessert to share. The party will run until the game ends, but feel free to pick up early, if needed. We will do a devotional in place of the halftime show and there will be fun things to do for those that aren't interested in the game!

Questions? Contact Mark Lynn:
mark.lynn@stjohnlutheran.com.

Registration Deadline: FEBRUARY 15

CAMP EAGLE:

June 17-21

Registration Is Open

This camp is for 8th - 12th graders. Visit our website under 'Events' for details and registration information.



CAMP CHRYSALIS:

June 14-19

Registration Is Open

This camp is for 2nd - 8th graders (8th graders can choose to go to Camp Chrysalis or Camp Eagle) Visit our website under 'Events' for details and registration information.



Registration Closes March 1

NALC Continental Youth Gathering

July 5 -12, 2026 in Roanoke, Virginia

Join us for an exciting journey of faith and fellowship at the North American Lutheran Church's Continental Youth Gathering (CYG), hosted at St. John Lutheran Church in Roanoke, Virginia, from July 7-10, 2026.



REJOICE!

Registration spots are limited, sign up on our website under 'Events'.



HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT

March 27-29

High school students are invited to a weekend retreat focused on Sabbath Rest, March 27-29 at a ranch here in Boerne. This will be a meaningful time to step away from the busyness of life, grow in faith, and connect with one another. Registration opens in February. Visit our website under Events for details and to sign up.

Questions? Contact Mark Lynn at
mark.lynn@stjohnlutheran.com

CHURCH NEWS and UPCOMING EVENTS



February 15

The new members will be welcomed into our church at services on Sunday, February 15.

Wednesdays beginning February 25



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.

THREE SERVICES on Ash Wednesday, February 18

Ash Wednesday

This year, we will hold **THREE WORSHIP SERVICES**
10am and 12 noon in the Historic Chapel
and 6:30pm in the Sanctuary Dinner will be served in the Family Life Center starting at 5:30.

Ash Wednesday marks the start of Lent, the 40-day season of preparation for Easter. We receive ashes on our forehead to "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Trail Life Troop TX-1213 at St. John



Trail Life USA is a Christian scouting program for boys ages 5-17 and their dads. Through outdoor adventure and hands-on activities, boys grow in leadership, character, and practical outdoor skills.

St. John launched this ministry at the end of 2025, and more than 30 people participated in the most recent hiking and camping event. What a blessing! For more information, contact Mark Lynn at mark.lynn@stjohnlutheran.com



VACATION RAFFLE

Support our School with this Trip for Two Raffle Fundraiser

We are thrilled to announce St. John Lutheran School's Spring fundraiser, where one lucky winner will get to hand-pick their dream vacation!

The winner will choose one of the following three-night stays for two people:

Option 1: Hyatt All-Inclusive Tropical Retreat

Option 2: Sedona, Arizona Desert Oasis

Option 3: Hilton Head, South Carolina Coastal Charm

Tickets: \$100 each a limited number of tickets will be sold.

Drawing Date: Friday, February 20 at 1:15pm on Facebook Live.

You do not need to be present to win.

Please Note: Airfare, ground transportation, and personal incidentals are not included. Find all details on the school or church website under 'Events'. 100% of the proceeds from this raffle go directly towards our student enrichment.



Purchase tickets with the QR code or on our website:
www.stjohnlutheranschool.com
or www.stjohnlutheran.com



CHURCH NEWS and UPCOMING EVENTS

Happy Birthday!

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

Tommy Blake (02/12)	Jim Richmond (02/16)
David Hemme (02/08)	Janet Roeder (02/14)
Molly Ley (02/28)	Bill Salathe (02/05)
William Mayo (02/16)	Howard Sheffy (02/20)
Irene Page (02/24)	Lois Warncke (02/13)
Linda Rice (02/02)	Ed Westley (02/23)

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

SAVE THE DATE

Congregational Work Day Saturday, March 21, 9am-3pm

The Property Committee invites you to join us for our annual StJLC spring cleaning! We have a variety of projects that we'll be tackling both inside and outside. Donuts and coffee will be provided in the morning. Lunch will also be served. In the event of inclement weather, the workday will be rescheduled to Saturday, March 28. 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.

Are you a woodworker?



We're looking for larger offering plates to accommodate our new offering envelopes and Connect Cards. Contact Pastor Waters if you'd be interested in making them, or know someone who would.

Want to keep up with everything that is happening at St. John?

Follow us on **Facebook**, **Instagram**, and **YouTube**.
Check out our **website**:
www.stjohnlutheran.com
and subscribe to our 'Week-at-a-Glance' **weekly email**:
<http://eepurl.com/X4f4X>



REMINDER

February Usher Schedule:

8 am services: The Wisian Team
9:30am services: The Hahn Team and 1st Grade Sunday School
11am services: The Allen Team
2-18 Ash Wed. 10am, 12pm Kramer Team
6:30pm Evams Team
2-25 Lent: 6:30pm Wahl Team

March Usher Schedule:

8 am services: The Evans Team
9:30am services: The Hornung Team
Kindergarten Sunday School
11am services: The Runion Team
3-4 Lent: 6:30pm Kramer Team
3-11 Lent: 6:30pm TDB
3-18 Lent: 6:30pm Hardin, Wandrey Team
3-25 Lent: 6:30pm Wisian 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 so it is not necessary to begin with Session 1, participants may start at any point during the cycle.

A new StJLC GriefShare cycle, under the guidance of Pastor Robert Weber, began in January 2026. The Tuesday morning cycle began January 13, 10am to noon. The Wednesday evening cycle began January 14, 5:45pm-7:45pm. Registration at www.griefshare.org is highly recommended, though not required to attend.

Additional information is available at www.griefshare.org or call Pat Albrecht at 210-379-5441 Mary Hopkins at 512-997-8896 or the church office at 830-249-3651.

SAVE THE DATE



Hill Country Wild Game Charity Dinner April 25

The annual **Hill Country Wild Game Charity Dinner** is set for April 25 at the Kendall County Youth Agricultural and Equestrian Center in Comfort.

**TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE NOW!
CHECK OUR WEBSITE UNDER
EVENTS!**

We are in need of a Wild Game Dinner **volunteer with experience in Marketing/Graphic Design** that can help with creating our WGD brochure and possibly other marketing items (banners, etc). If you are interested, please email Richard Wagner at rfwagner@gvtc.com.

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FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Men's Retreat 1 8am Traditional Service 9:30am Adult and Youth Classes 9:30am Praise Service 11am Traditional Service 5pm Dominoes, Canasta, Potluck	9am St. John Quilters 2 6:30pm Men's Basketball 7pm Al-Anon 7pm Ala-Teen	6:30am Men's Breakfast 3 10am GriefShare 5:30pm Property Committee 6:30pm Worship Committee 6:30pm Men's Group Bible Studies	8am Wed. Morning Hospitality 4 9am Mommy and Me 9am WOW Bible Study 5:30pm F3 Dinner, Activities 5:30pm Handbells 5:45pm GriefShare 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm New Members Class 6:30pm Gospel Project Study	7:30am F3@The Cup 5 7pm Al-Anon	6	7
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