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From the Desk of Pastor Eric Waters

April begins with the most important week of the year. Holy Week tells the story of Jesus Christ's betrayal, suffering, death, and resurrection. Join us **Maundy Thursday**, April 2, as we commemorate the Last Supper and the institution of the Lord's Supper. Join us **Good Friday**, April 3, as we witness the Stations of the Cross and the suffering of our Lord. Join us **Easter Sunday**, April 5, as we celebrate Christ's resurrection from the grave and victory over sin, death, and the devil. Holy Week changed the world. Join us as we celebrate it and invite someone to worship with you; God may change their lives.

Saturday's **Easter Eggstravaganza** is another opportunity to invite someone to church. Kids will have fun, parents will be blessed, and everyone will hear the Good News. The Church's mission is to "Go and make disciples" (Matthew 28:19). Inviting people to church is one of the ways we "go" into our community.

The Lord is "making disciples" in our church. Since the start of the school year, we've added 41 new members to our church family. What a joy to see our congregation grow both in numbers and in faith. With that growth comes the challenge to ensure that our facilities support all that God is doing through us.



For more than a year, the Council has been discussing how our building can best serve our ministry now and in the future. We've partnered with Walsh & Associates to help guide our next steps in a time of listening and discernment. Beginning April 12, you'll have the chance to share your thoughts in a short **online survey** about a possible building campaign. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey and share your voice. Your input will help us make the best, most faithful decisions for the future of StJLC when we meet for our Annual Meeting in June. - *Please see page 2 for more details!* -

The month ends with the **Hill Country Wild Game Charity Dinner** on April 25. Since its inception 23 years ago, the Dinner has raised over \$700,000 for local, national, and international charities. God has put the Wild Game Charity Dinner to mighty use for years past. Be a part of what God is doing this year. Buy your tickets and bring your friends; buy the raffle tickets and bid on items; fill your plate and enjoy the food. Who says you can't have fun and do the Lord's work at the same time? Join us at the Youth Agricultural and Equestrian Center on April 25.

- Pastor Eric

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR OUR CONGREGATION

Looking Ahead Together at St. John

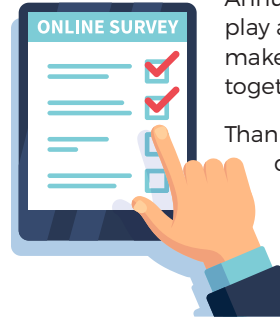
God is doing amazing things here at St. John! Our church family and congregation is growing, not only in numbers but also in faith, fellowship, and service.

With that growth comes an important opportunity. As more people gather for worship, Bible study, fellowship, and ministry, we want to be sure our facilities continue to support all that God is doing through our church. The Church Council has been prayerfully discussing how our building can best serve our congregation and the Boerne community, both now and in the years ahead.

To help guide this process, we have partnered with **Walsh & Associates**, a

ministry consulting group that assists churches in times of planning and discernment. Their role is to help us listen well, gather input from the congregation, and prayerfully consider whether a future building campaign may be the right step for St. John.

As part of this process, **beginning April 12, you will have the opportunity to participate in a short online survey** to share your thoughts about the church, its facilities, and our future. The survey only takes a few minutes to complete, but your feedback is very important. Your thoughts, ideas, and



perspectives will help our leaders better understand the congregation's hopes, priorities, and readiness as we consider next steps.

We encourage everyone to take a few moments to complete the survey when it becomes available. **Make your voice heard!** As we look ahead to our Annual Meeting in June, your input will play an important role in helping us make thoughtful and faithful decisions together about the future of St. John.

Thank you for being part of what God is doing here. Please continue to keep this process in your prayers as we seek His guidance for the path ahead.

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL



March Wrap-Up: Adventure, History and Hands-On Learning!

As we step into a new month, we're excited to look back on an unforgettable March filled with outdoor adventure and immersive learning experiences. From camping under the stars to stepping back in time at a living history museum, our students made memories that will last a lifetime! March wrapped up with our highly anticipated School Camping Trip, and what an adventure it was! Students enjoyed:

- Campfire storytelling and group reflection time
- Nature hikes exploring local plants and wildlife
- Team-building games that strengthened friendships
- Fishing!!

The trip encouraged independence, cooperation, and resilience — all while having plenty of fun outdoors. Many students said the campfire evening was their favorite moment!

Earlier in the month, students participated in a Living History Museum, where history truly came alive. Instead of simply reading about the past, students experienced it firsthand.

April at Our School: New Life, New Skills, New Memories!

April is bringing excitement, learning, and community connection to our campus! From watching new life hatch before our eyes to building bike safety skills and celebrating time together as families, this month is full of meaningful moments.

One of the most anticipated events of the season is happening right in our classrooms — chicks hatching live! Students are observing the full life cycle, from egg to fluffy hatchlings. This hands-on science experience allows students to:

- Learn about life cycles and animal development
- Practice patience and careful observation
- Record daily changes in science journals
- Experience the wonder of new life up close

There's nothing quite like seeing those first tiny cracks appear in the shell!

As we prepare for Easter, students will participate in a Cross Walk, a reflective journey that helps them understand the meaning of the season. Through age-appropriate stations and guided discussion, students will:

- Reflect on themes of hope, love, and sacrifice
- Participate in prayer and quiet reflection
- Connect faith with everyday actions

It is always a meaningful and thoughtful experience for our school students.

We are excited to host Popsicles on the Playground — a relaxed afternoon where families can gather, connect, and enjoy time together. We love creating moments where families feel connected and welcomed.

Our annual Bike Rodeo is rolling in this month! This fun and educational

event helps students practice important bike safety skills.

April is shaping up to be a month filled with growth — in learning, in faith, and in community. We are grateful for the many opportunities our students have to explore, reflect, and connect.

- Tiffany Jureczki, School Director

We will have a school fundraiser at Marble Slab Creamery April 27 from 4pm-7pm

Find details on page 7





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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 are leading a study - 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. Questions? Contact Marissa (210-393-4653) or Becky (210-827-5356).

Co-Ed Bible Study

Precept

Thursdays 9:30am

Precept Bible Study meets Thursdays at 9:30am and is studying 1 Peter. Questions? Email pastorwandrey@gmail.com.

Adult Sunday School Classes

9:30am "God Talk"

This group is studying the book of Hebrews. 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.

Mens' Bible Studies

Mens' Breakfast

Every other Tuesday 6:30am

This group will meet APRIL 14 and 28 and is working through the Bible one section at a time using the Serendipity Bible for small groups (currently in Genesis).

April 14: Abraham Tested

April 28: The Death of Sarah

Tuesday Night Men's Bible Study

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

This gathering of men is resuming on April 7 reading C.S. Lewis' book Reflections on the Psalms. Pick up your book the first night. Suggested donation of \$10.

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

Men's Basketball

The gym opens from 6:30pm-8:30pm on MOST Monday Nights. For more info, talk to Mark or Matt. APRIL schedule is 6, 13, 20, 27.



Parenting: Talking Truth in a Confused Culture

3-Sunday Workshops: April 12, 19, 26

9:30am in Luther Hall

Parents, how comfortable are talking to your kids about sex? If you said, "not really comfortable," you're not alone. Polling has found that 57% of parents said they only feel somewhat comfortable or uncomfortable talking to their children about sexual matters. Obviously doing so is very important.

St. John will be providing some excellent help via Hill Country Pregnancy Care Center's parent program, "The Birds and The Bees." This facilitator-lead, DVD presented and small group discussion format will be a comfortable, informative

and empowering event to help you in this very important task.

Mark your calendar for Sundays April 12, 19, and 26 from 9:30am - 10:30am in Luther Hall.

Please go online to register so that the proper number of materials can be provided.

This will be an important, meaningful and fun time with other parents!

These workshops will be presented by Hill Country Pregnancy Care Center



BIBLE and BREWS

April 12, 6pm - 8pm

Join us at the home of Brandon and Stacey Quick: 172 Shepherds Crook, Helotes, TX 78023-2491. Please bring some food to share, your favorite beverage and of course your theological questions. Cheers!

Women Walking in Faith (WWF) is a new women's committee that will plan events to get StJLC women involved together!

SAVE THE DATE!

'High Tea'
May 9, 2pm-4pm

This event will be hosted in the Family Life Center. Ladies of all ages are welcome! More info to come...





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SUNDAY MORNINGS

Sunday School, 9:30am

- April 5:** NO Sunday School due to Easter
- April 12:** Crossing the Jordan River
- April 19:** Conquering Jericho
- April 26:** Sunday of Service (Achan's Sin and the Defeat of Ai)
Special Project / Event TBD

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



- April 8:** Fellowship and Bible Study
- April 15:** Service Night
- April 22:** End of the Year Celebration (F3 is off until June)
- April 29:** Confirmation Rehearsal Night

Nursery care is available on Sundays

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

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!**

OPEN HOUSE

Monday, April 27, 9am

Come learn about the 2026-27 school year!

We are excited to announce the addition of 6th grade beginning this fall!

Registration for the 2026-27 school year is open to the public.

Reserve your student's spot early!



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 follows *The Gospel Project* lessons.

We will meet on April 8, 15, 22 and 29. We will not meet on April 1 due to Holy Week. On April 29 we will have our end-of-the-year celebration. Join us!

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!**

NOW ENROLLING! REGISTER TODAY!



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All are invited to attend any of these trips, they are not just for families with kids, but open to all church members. Find details about each trip on our website.



May 21 - Boerne Lake Day

May 29 - Schlitterbahn

June 12 - Tubing

**June 28 - Mountain Home Zoo/
Texas Wildlife Park**

July 17 - Riding on Faith Rodeo

Find details on our website under 'Events':
www.stjohnlutheran.com



Fiesta
Camp

June 8-11

A vibrant celebration of culture and faith.

God Bless America
Camp

June 29-July 2

Patriotic fun just in time for the 4th of July.

Water Explosion
Camp

July 13-16

Cool activities centered around water and wonder.

Each camp will be held
Monday - Thursday, 8:30am-12pm.
The cost for each camp is \$150 per camper.

Registration closes on June 5.

Spots are limited! Register today!

Learn more: www.stjohnlutherschool.com



SAVE THE DATES:

FAITH MILE MARKER

8th Grade Confirmation

Sunday, May 3, 11am

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

High School Graduation

Sunday, May 17, 11am

Join us at the 11am service as we celebrate and offer a special blessing for our High School graduates!

2026 Scholarship Opportunities

Attention all graduating high school seniors!

Apply for one of five **\$1500** 2026 StJLC **Scholarships** to attend an accredited 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. **Applications are due MAY 31, 2026.** See the application for all requirements and details. Questions? Ask Barbara Parker at bparker@gvtc.com or Mark Lynn at mark.lynn@stjohnlutheran.com.



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

Find 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>



CHURCH NEWS and UPCOMING EVENTS

EASTER WEEK

MAUNDY THURSDAY: April 2

Worship Service at 7pm

GOOD FRIDAY: April 3

Worship Services at 12pm and 7pm

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA:

April 4

Community Event 11am - 1pm with an Easter Egg Hunt, Music, Food, Games!

EASTER SUNDAY: April 5

Worship Services 8am, 9:30am, 11am. Breakfast will be served: 7:30am - 11am. The 11am service will be livestreamed.

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA!



April 4, 11am-1pm

This is a **FREE COMMUNITY EVENT**, all are welcome! There will be an Easter Egg Hunt, food, music, games, activities, and more!

Join us and invite your friends and neighbors!

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.

This event features delicious wild game fare, door prizes, silent and live auctions, kids' games and more.

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE

WE ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS FOR THE SILENT AND LIVE AUCTIONS.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

Learn more on our website.



LEARN MORE



VOLUNTEER



PURCHASE TICKETS



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Celebrity Scoop at Marble Slab Creamery

Load up the family and come get ice cream served by your favorite school and church staff!



April 27
4pm-7pm

10049 Lemon Creek Blvd., Suite 105
Boerne TX 78006
(by the new Lemon Creek HEB
in Fair Oaks)

A portion of the proceeds from each sale will be donated to StJLC School.



CHURCH NEWS and UPCOMING EVENTS

Happy Birthday!

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

Frank Arnold (04/02)	Jerry Oordt (04/06)
Gary Bruehler (04/06)	Josie Short (04/09)
Dennis Juren (04/04)	Alton Tschirhart (04/08)
Ken Nietenhoefer (04/03)	Gladys Turner (04/23)
	Ron Walter (04/06)

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



Like to work outdoors?
Want to serve St. John?

The Landscape Team needs you!

If you enjoy working out in the yard, the St John landscape team has just the job for you. We will start working beginning on Friday, April 3 and work from 9 to 11 am every Friday morning. If you would like to know more about the landscape team contact Don Baker, 830-431-0521, dgbaker@gvtc.com.

REMINDER

April Usher Schedule:

8 am services: The Wisian Team
9:30am services: The Rivera Team
11am services: The Hardin Team
4-2 Maundy Thursday:
7pm The Peters, Mikulencak Teams
4-3 Good Friday:
12pm The Hardin Team
7pm The Allen Team

May Usher Schedule:

8 am services: The Kramer Team
9:30am services: The Flanders Team
11am services: The Schneid Team

June Usher Schedule:

8 am services: The Wahl Team
9:30am services: The Hahn and Perez Teams
11am services: The Peters 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.

Join the Email Prayer Team

The Email Prayer Team is a group of Prayer Warriors that desire to serve StJLC by praying daily for prayer requests from our congregation. These Prayer requests are sent via email each week. Please contact Phyllis Ripkin (210.232.2010 or pripkin@gvtc.com) or Amy Stremmel at the church office if you would like more information or desire to serve on this ministry team.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know you can give directly to the Building Fund to support improvements to our facilities and our proposed expansion?

Our Property Committee has been hard at work making improvements to our facilities, and we're looking ahead to what comes next. If you feel led to support these efforts, there are a couple of easy ways to do so. You can **use the giving envelope in the pew** and write "Building Fund" on the "Other" line, or **visit the St. John website**, click "Give," then "Give Now," and select "Building Fund" from the drop-down menu. Gifts to the Building Fund are intended to be over and above regular giving to the General Fund.

If you'd like to learn more about the proposed expansion, feel free to reach out to Don Baker at 830-431-0521 or dgbaker@gvtc.com.



The Christian-oriented GriefShare bereavement program, under the guidance of Pastor Weber, continues and is available to both StJLC members and non-members. Anyone aged 17 and older mourning the death of a loved one is invited to come at any point during the 14-week cycle, as each class is a stand alone unit. There is no charge for this ministry. Attendees find welcome, support and respite in the company of others who are struggling with the many aspects of grief. Registration at www.griefshare.org is highly recommended but not required.

Meeting options are Tuesdays, 10am to noon through April 28, meet in room 118 and Wednesdays 5:45pm to 7:45pm through April 29, meet in room 128. We will not meet during Holy Week on March 31 and April 1. More information is available at www.griefshare.org or call the church office at 830-249-3651 or Pat Albrecht at 210-379-5441 or Mary Hopkins at 512-997-8896.

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