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From the Desk of Pastor Eric Waters

The month of July starts with a bang at StJLC. The Boerne Village Band will lead us in a **Patriotic Service** on July 5 at 11am, as they do every year, but this year is a big one! This year marks the 250th anniversary of our nation's Independence. No doubt you'll be celebrating all that weekend with cookouts, family gatherings, fireworks, and parades. Come to church and celebrate with your church family, too. I'm working on a special sermon connecting the story of our nation with the story of Israel as part of The Gospel Project. Come join us, and bring a friend!



This year also marks the **25th anniversary of my ordination**, and the 10th year of my time with you at StJLC. The Council is planning a special celebration in the Family Life Center on July 26 during prime breakfast time (9am-9:30am). I continue to give God thanks almost daily for calling me to faith in Jesus Christ, calling me into the ministry, and calling me to serve here at StJLC. Join me as we celebrate what God has done.

This milestone in my ministry has me looking ahead to what God has still to do. By God's grace, our church continues to grow year after year. The

Building Committee has spent much of the last year working on plans to expand our church facilities. We'll hold a series of **townhall informational meetings** in late July and early August when we'll present the proposal, answer questions, and hear your feedback. I'm really excited about the proposal and eager to share it with you. The townhalls have yet to be scheduled as I write this, so keep your eyes on the bulletin and your ears on the announcements for updates. We want to share the excitement and learn what you think. Plan on being there.

The church schedule opens up for me in summer and I've spent many hours planning for the year ahead: new ministries, new opportunities, new ways to reach more people for Christ and connect church members with one another. But I'm also looking forward to getting away for a while and spending some much-needed down time at the lake in Wisconsin. Time with the family on the water, around the campfire, and in the woods is good for my soul. I hope you're able to find some down time with your loved ones, too.

- Pastor Waters

A MESSAGE FROM OUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Greetings! I hope everyone is having a good summer.

Thankfully, St John had a very successful Annual Congregational Meeting on June 14. I was pleased with not only the attendance but the degree of active participation as well. We recognized and thanked Council members who will be completing their terms of office at the end of July – Wanda McCarthy (Treasurer), Diann Wandrey (Secretary), Dede Capps (Congregational Care Committee chair), and Karen Ross (Family Ministries Committee chair), and welcomed their successors – Brad Beshea (Treasurer), Pete Rivera (Secretary), Eric Christopher (Congregational Care), and Kelli Fichter

(Family Ministries). Don Baker was re-elected to serve another term as Chair, Property Committee. Linda Christensen, Ryan Gombert, and Gretchen Allen were approved to serve on our St John School Board. We approved 2026-2027 budgets for both our church and our school, and honored Lem Sinclair for his dedication and service as Director of our Wild Game Charity Dinner for over 20 years. Additionally, we were able to have valuable reviews and Q/A sessions on the work of the Building Committee in updating the Facilities Master Plan and the recent capital campaign feasibility study results. Thanks to all who participated in these key discussions.

The next year will be a busy one for St. John. Plans for improving and expanding our campus facilities to meet the growing needs of our church will be finalized, a capital campaign to raise funding to support our campus improvements is anticipated, the Stephen Ministry program will come to life, a new picture directory of our congregation will be distributed, our St. John LiNK will expand, the Gospel Project will continue, and new programs to support Senior Ministries and Youth Ministries will be introduced. I look forward to working with you to keep St. John Lutheran the special place we all know it to be.

Tom Hardin, Council President

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS



St. John Lutheran School Celebrates a Successful Year and an Exciting Summer

We wrapped up our third year at St. John Lutheran School with several memorable events, including a Talent Show, Water Day, and our annual Art Show and Program. These special activities gave our students the opportunity to showcase their God-given talents, creativity, and accomplishments from throughout the school year.

Our students learned so much this year through the Abeka curriculum, and parents were continually impressed by the knowledge and skills their children gained. We were also excited to receive our standardized testing results, which showed our students scoring above average, reflecting their hard work and dedication throughout the year.

June was packed with summer fun! During our Field Trips Galore Camp, students spent their days exploring the Hill Country with adventures in Kerrville, New Braunfels, and Fredericksburg. Next came Fiesta Camp, filled with exciting activities, games, and learning opportunities. We wrapped up the month with our God Bless America! Camp, celebrating our nation with patriotic fun and fellowship.

As we look ahead, we are grateful for the blessings of another successful year and the continued growth of our school family. Be sure to follow us on

social media to see photos, updates, and upcoming events.

Enrollment is now open for the 2026-2027 school year, and we still have a few spots available. If you are looking for a Christ-centered education that nurtures academic

excellence and strong Christian values, we invite you to contact us and learn more about joining the St. John Lutheran School family.

- 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 wrap up the study of the Psalms on July 8. For more information about the upcoming fall study, contact Michelle Waters at watersmichellejoy@gmail.com.

Women's Sunday Bible Studies

Sundays at 9:30am

Marissa Klein is leading a women's study and all are welcome to join. Questions? Contact Marissa (210-393-4653).

Ladies BUNCO Night

Hosted by WWF (Women Walking in Faith)

Wednesday, July 22

6:30pm-8:30pm

Women of all ages are invited to join us! Please bring a heavy appetizer or dessert to share. Join us from 6:30pm-8:30pm in Luther Hall on July 22 for fun, fellowship and be ready to roll!!



Co-Ed Bible Study

Precept

Thursdays 9:30am

Precept Bible Study is on break for summer and will resume again in September. 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 July 7 and 21. Grow in fellowship and knowledge of God's Word with a good breakfast.

July 7 - Jacob Gets Isaac's Blessing

July 21 - Jacob Flees Laban

Tuesday Night Men's Bible Study

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

Get a preview of the Gospel Project for the coming Sunday.

July 7 - Israel Wants a King

July 14 - Saul Rescues Israel

July 21 - Saul Disobeys God

July 28 - Samuel Anoints David

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



Young Adults Gatherings

July 1 and July 15, 6:30pm-8pm
in the Shepherd's Cave

Join us these Wednesday evenings in July for a food, fellowship and discussion around the challenges of growing one's spiritual life during unrelenting screens and social media distractions.

SAVE THE DATE

St. John Men's Meat and Greet
Thursday, August 13, 6pm

Men of St. John and guests...

Darrell Steubing will host this event. Bring your favorite meat and beverage and enjoy an evening of fellowship. Watch for more information.



Save the Date

2nd Annual

Faith Through The Decades Luncheon

Sunday, August 30

12:30pm - 3:30pm

in the Family Life Center

Watch for details and registration information to come!

BIBLE and BREWS

July 12, 6pm-8pm

Free Roam Brewery

Join us at Free Roam Brewery, 325 South Main Street Boerne. Money will be needed for this gathering. Come for the night to mingle and huddle up for some questions and discussion.

Men's Basketball

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





FAMILY³ MINISTRIES

Know Jesus and Make Jesus Known

FAMILY³
Together, in our Home,
Church and World
Families



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SUNDAY MORNINGS

Sunday School, 9:30am

LamBs Sunday School is on break until August:

Please enjoy family worship and getting the weekly Gospel Project activity sheets. There is one for young students and one for older students.

There also will be Children Sermons at each of the Worship Services this summer.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

f3 Fellowship

This includes all Middle School and High School Gatherings. (Grades 6-12)

July 1: Noon-3pm, Picnic Lunch and swimming at Guadalupe River State Park.

July 8: 5:30pm - 7:30pm American Founding Fathers of Faith

July 15: Noon - 3pm Bowling

July 22: NO F3 Fellowship

July 29: 5:30pm - 7:30pm End of Summer Celebration



Nursery care is available on Sundays

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



F3 Kids is taking a break for summer.

Watch for details as the group will return in the fall.



Looking for a solid, Christian education for your kids in PreK-6th Grade? Enrollment is open, but filling up fast!



Wednesday Morning Hospitality

This fellowship group is taking a break for summer and will return in the fall!

The Mommy and Me Group is on break until the fall

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!**



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

Find details on our website.



July 17 - Riding on Faith Rodeo

We will meet in Bandera at Mansfield Park (2886 Hwy 16 South, Bandera) and watch the rodeo together. Meet us there at 7:30pm, the rodeo starts at 8pm. Purchase tickets at the gate and bring money for concessions. Please RSVP so we know who to watch for!

Text **RODEO** to **830-249-3651**

Questions? Email: tiffany@stjohnlutheran.com

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

Late Registration is still available



Water Explosion Camp

Cool activities centered around water and wonder.

July 13-16

Camp is for kids ages 3-10 and will be held

Monday - Thursday, 8:30am-12pm.

The cost for each camper is \$300.

Limited spots are available...Register today!

Learn more: www.stjohnlutheranschool.com



High School LOCK-IN

August 7

Join the Lock-in at St. John from **Friday, August 7 at 5pm to Saturday, August 8 at 7am.** Join us for a night of fun and fellowship. **Cost is \$10, but friends come for FREE!** Dinner will be provided. For info or to sign up, contact Mark: mark.lynn@stjohnlutheran.com



We need YOU to help with our Youth!

Interested in serving at St. John? Looking for an opportunity that is fun AND fulfilling?

We are looking for Sunday School Teachers and Wednesday Night Leaders for the coming school year. Talk with Matt, Tiffany or Mark or come to our meeting on August 5 (see below)!

Mark Your Calendars

August 5: Volunteer Equipping Night

Sunday School Teachers and Wednesday Night Leaders are needed for the coming school year. Talk with Matt, Tiffany or Mark to find out more! A Volunteer Equipping Night will be held on Wednesday, August 5 at 6pm.

August 7: High School Lock-In

See information above!

August 9: Faith Mile Marker

Kindergarteners "Start of School" Faith Mile Marker will be celebrated during 11am Worship on August 9.

August 16: Rally Sunday

Sunday School begins.

August 19: f3 Fellowship Returns

Join us for friendship building activities for the youth, including First Communion, Confirmation, and High School Gatherings.

August 30: Faith Mile Marker

6th Graders "Start of Confirmation" Faith Mile Marker will be celebrated during 11am Worship on August 30.

CHURCH NEWS and UPCOMING EVENTS



**School
Supply
Drive**

**Donate school supplies in the
Gathering Place to help
fill backpacks in August**

JULY 5-26

For more information contact
avajk53@gmail.com
(210) 274-1760

- Composition Notebooks - Wide-Ruled
- Glue Sticks - Large and/or Small
- #2 Ticonderoga Pre-Sharpended Pencils
- Black Expo Dry-Erase Markers - fine point, 4 pack
- Multi-colored Highlighters, 4 pack
- Crayola Colored Pencils, 12 count
- Crayola Classic Markers - broad tip
- Scotch Tape Dispenser Rolls

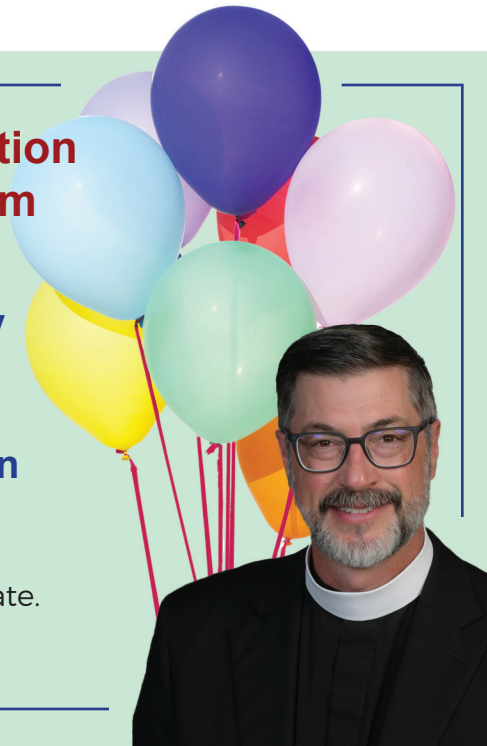
**Patriotic Service
with the Boerne Village Band
July 5, 11am**



**Anniversary Celebration
July 26, 9am-9:30am**

**Pastor Waters'
25 year Anniversary
of Ordination
and 10 years
of serving at St. John**

Join us for cake in the
Family Life Center to celebrate.
Cards with memories are
welcome at the event!



Honduras
MISSIONS

**See what God is doing
around the world!**

The Honduras Mission Team will travel to Honduras in November, serving a children's home and the surrounding communities with the love of Jesus.

**Informational Meeting
July 12, 4pm**

Join us to learn the details of the trip and ask questions - we would love for you to join us!

Trip Dates: November 13-20

Contact Brad Allen to learn more:
bradallentx@gmail.com
or the travel agent: Grace Expeditions
at 830-708-6425, or email:
graceexpeditions@gmail.com

LOOKING AHEAD

**SPECIAL FALL
MEN'S BREAKFAST**

FOOD • FRIENDS
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**SEPTEMBER 12
8AM-12PM**

DETAILS TO COME!

Fall Women's Retreat

November 6-8



*My grace is
sufficient for you, for
my power is made
perfect in weakness.
2 Corinthians 12:9*

November 6 - 8, 2026

**Military Updates are
needed!**

Summer is a time of reassignments, promotions and new addresses for military members.

If you have previously completed a request for monthly cards to be sent to a loved one currently serving our country, it is time to update the request card of any changes to address or rank/grade. **EACH military card MUST BE UPDATED by SEPTEMBER in order for the person to continue to receive a card monthly.**

Forms are available at the Info Desk and can also be used to add names to the mailing list. A new form must be completed yearly. Questions? Contact Beverly Wagner 713-416-5351.

CHURCH NEWS and UPCOMING EVENTS

Happy Birthday!

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

Harold Bogert (07/11)	Bette Lafferty (07/05)
Bettie Edmonds (07/12)	Franz Ley (07/08)
Sandra Eppinger (07/27)	Kurt Nestman (07/16)
Susie Hallin (07/29)	Marjory Olson (07/27)
Ruth Anne Harris (07/15)	Hap Van Norman (07/07)
Dave Hougen (07/04)	George Young (07/19)
Bernice Justice (07/06)	

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

REMINDER

July Usher Schedule:

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

August Usher Schedule:

8 am services: The Evans Team
 9:30am services: The Bearden Team
 5th Grade Sunday School
 11am services: The Moldenhauer Team

September Usher Schedule:

8 am services: The Kramer Team
 9:30am services: The Putnam Team
 3rd Grade Sunday School
 11am services: The Allen 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.



Welcome to the Garden!

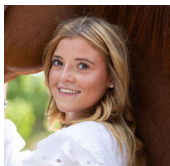
Summer is a great time for heat-loving plants such as peppers, squash, and tomatoes. If summer is too hot for you, now is a good time to plan for a fall planting season. The St. John Community Garden offers a hands-on way for both young and old to learn the important skills of patience, planning, resource management, and responsibility.

The Garden is currently undergoing several changes to help improve the gardening experience for all with the goal to be up and running by the time the school year starts. Some of these new changes include new management of the site, cleaning of garden, rebuilding of beds, and widening of pathways, among other changes. **If you would like to be a part of this development, or are interested in a future plot in the garden, please contact Christian Morales at 713-417-7738 or C.M.Morales@icloud.com.**

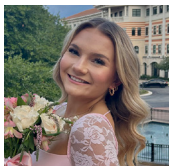
Congratulations!

to the StJLC Scholarship Recipients!

Congregational Care is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2026 St. John Lutheran Church Scholarships: Alexis D'Spain, Lily Edwards, Elizabeth Hoepfner, Corey Klein, and Sage Langenberg. These graduate members achieved academic excellence, participated in school and community activities, and worked various jobs, all while growing in their Christian faith. Thank you to the donors of the \$1500 scholarships. Best wishes to these students in their promising futures! We look forward to the 2027 Scholarship Program.



Alexis D'Spain



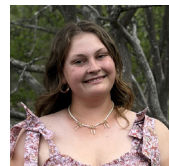
Lily Edwards



Elizabeth Hoepfner



Corey Klein



Sage Langenberg

Grieving the death of a spouse?

Or do you know someone who is?

GRIEF SHARE

LOSS OF A SPOUSE

Seminar: August 2, 2pm-4pm

The death of a spouse changes your life forever. Find help at the "Loss of a Spouse" seminar on **August 2 at 2pm in the Education Wing at St. John**. All are invited, St. John membership is not required.

Learn more and register to attend at www.griefshare.org.



The GriefShare program will help you through the grief process toward healing and hope for the future. It is a 14-week program and is nondenominational. It features biblical concepts for healing from grief. The program consists of videos from grief recovery experts, small group discussion and a participants book for thoughtful reflection on the weekly topic.

A special 2-hour seminar, 'Loss of a Spouse', will be held August 2, 2pm-4pm.

The next 14-week GriefShare cycle, under the guidance of Pastor Robert Weber, begins Tuesday, August 11 at 10am in Room 118 in the Education Wing and Wednesday evening, August 12 at 5:45pm in Room 128 in the Office Wing.

Registration for the seminar and the weekly sessions is highly recommended: www.griefshare.org. For additional info, specific dates and meeting locations, visit www.stjohnlutheran.com/griefshare or contact Pat Albrecht at 210-379-5441, Mary Hopkins at 512-997-8896 or the church office at 830-249-3651.

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JULY

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