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From the Desk of Pastor Eric Waters

August brings the start of a new school year and the start of a new season at StJLC. God has blessed our church with significant growth over the last few years. It's time we consider **expanding our facilities**. Almost a year ago Council appointed a Building Committee, which has been hard at work considering various plans and proposals and received feedback along the way. The Building Committee has listened to what you've said and is ready to present its work to the congregation.

Growth in our congregation's size and increasing community demand for our facilities have created pinch points in three primary areas: the Family Life Center, the classrooms, and the kitchen. We propose to address those pinch points by: dividing the existing Family Life Center into four large classrooms and adding more restrooms; expanding the kitchen; building a new Fellowship Hall on the east side of Turner Street; and building a new Recreation Center on the west side (where Faith Hall, Luther Hall, and the Vicarage now stand). This proposal meets the urgent needs of the church now and allows the school to expand into the Education Wing in the future. I'm very excited about it! I want you to be, too.

We're holding two informational



Townhalls on August 9 and August

23 after the Late Service in the Family Life Center. We'll spend some time sharing the facilities proposal in detail, but most of the time is for you to ask your questions, share your opinions, and gather the information you need to make a good choice.

Then we'll hold a special **Congregational Meeting on August 30** after the Late Service in the Sanctuary to seek the congregation's approval to start a capital campaign. When the campaign is over and we know how much is pledged, we'll come to the congregation with a proposal to start a building campaign—but that won't be until next June. No construction will start until then. At this point, we're only asking for approval to raise the funds necessary for construction.

I'm very excited about our plans to expand our church facilities and eager to lead the congregation in the multi-year task of getting it done. I want you to be excited, too, and I want you to be informed. Plan now to come to one of the Townhall Meetings and the Congregational Meeting. I may be the Lead Pastor, but this is your church. We all have a say in where the Lord is leading us.

— Pastor Waters

A MESSAGE FROM OUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

I want to take this opportunity to share some very exciting news with you.

As you've heard over the past year, our Building Committee has been faced with defining the best way to enhance our church campus while addressing the growing needs for additional space in several areas. Last fall a proposed revision in our Facilities Master Plan was shared with you. Many liked the proposal, but not all. Over the following months you have had several opportunities to express your questions, comments, concerns, and recommendations. Let me first assure

you that all this feedback is valued and appreciated. In short, "we heard you"!

Alternative design options were developed and critically evaluated. The result of this deliberation, seasoned with much prayerful consideration, has recently led the Building Committee to unanimously approve an alternative building plan design that is felt to better address the pressing needs of our church and at a reduced cost.

On **August 9 and August 23** detailed overview presentations of the new design will be presented to you at **Town Hall Meetings** / Q and A sessions in the Family

Life Center following the late Sunday services.

The Council and Building Committee are excited to share this new revision of the Facilities Master Plan with you. These sessions will be your opportunities to see the plan, ask your questions, and give your feedback.

As you know, this is a critical matter for our church, and your opinions are important. I hope you will mark your calendar and plan to attend these meetings. I look forward to seeing you there.

Tom Hardin, Council President

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS



July was bursting with red, white, and blue – and a whole lot of camp fun!

God Bless America Camp: We decorated the church, crafted festive "sparklers," sang our hearts out, and learned kid-friendly highlights of America's history. Smiles, songs, and star-spangled pride all around!

Water Exploration Camp: It was wet and wild from start to finish. Hot-potato water balloons kept everyone giggling, sea life temporary tattoos were a hit, tie-dye turned out beautifully, and hose time cooled us down on those hot, sunny days.

Looking ahead:

Our school team is busy preparing for the 2026-27 school year with staff training and classroom set-up, so everything is ready for a great start.

Meet the Teacher: Monday, August 10, 5pm-6pm. Everyone's invited! Come explore your school, say hello to teachers, and drop off supplies.

First Day of School: Tuesday, August 11.

Programs offered this year: Pre-K, Elementary, and Sixth Grade.

We can't wait to see our students and families back on campus for a wonderful year of learning, growth, and community. As always, thank you for your support through prayer, a friendly check-in, and donations of all kinds!

- Tiffany Jureczki, School Director



Introducing

**St. John
Homeschool BRIDGE**
Faith-Filled Enrichment

Your homeschool is unique. Our goal isn't to replace it - it's to enrich it.



St. John Homeschool BRIDGE partners with homeschooling families by providing Christ-centered enrichment through art, music, physical education, hands-on learning, and meaningful friendships. We come alongside the excellent education happening at home by offering opportunities that help children discover their God-given gifts while growing in faith and community. Parents enjoy the benefit of a dedicated day to catch up on work, errands, or simply recharge.

The Homeschool BRIDGE will be held at St. John Lutheran School on **Tuesdays from 9am-2pm**. Students should bring their own lunch, snack and water bottle. **Families register children by the semester.**



Learn more and register today:
www.stjohnlutheralschool.com



ADULT FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Ladies' Bible Studies

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

Wednesdays 9am-10am

Women of the Word will begin a new study this Fall on Paul's letter to the Romans. Join us for Romans: The Power of the Gospel on Wednesday mornings 9am-10am, August 26 - December 9. God used the Book of Romans to completely transform Martin Luther's life and His Word still has the power to change ours as well. For more information, or to request childcare, please contact Michelle Waters at watersmichellejoy@gmail.com. There is \$20 course fee.

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).



**St. John Women's
Faith through the Decade
Luncheon**

September 13, 12:30pm-3:30pm
in the Family Life Center

All women (8th grade and up) are invited to a lunch to share and listen to each other's faith journey over the last 10 years. Our purpose for this event is to build on the community of faith we share as women. Fellowship as Sisters in Christ strengthens us in our daily walk.

Registration Opens August 9 and closes September 6

Register in person at our table in the Gathering Place on Sunday mornings, scan the QR code, visit our website, or text **DECADE** to 830-249-3651.

Cost is \$10/person (\$15 after August 30).

Questions?
Contact Abi Thompson: 210-315-9842
or Marissa Klein: 210-393-4653



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.



Young Adults Gatherings

**August 2, 6pm-8pm
in the Shepherd's Cave**

Young Adults (18-30), join us for a time of reflection and encouragement in our faith.

BIBLE and BREWS

August 9, 6pm-8pm

Join us at Shelly Oliversen's house (718 Kline Pass Dr. Bulverde, TX 78163 Gate code is #1379). As usual, bring some food to share, your favorite beverage, and questions you have of the Bible and faith.

Mens' Bible Studies

Mens' Breakfast

Every other Tuesday 6:30am

This group will meet August 4 and 18. Grow in fellowship and knowledge of God's Word with a good breakfast.

August 4 - Jacob Flees to Laban
August 18 - Jacob's Dream at Bethel

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.

August 4 - David Plays for Saul
August 11 - David defeats Goliath
August 18 - David shows Mercy
August 25 - David becomes King

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

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

Men of St. John and guests...

Join us at Darrell and Anna Steubing's home (28511 Clydesdale Cir, Bldg. 500, Fair Oaks Ranch, 78015) on Thursday, August 13 starting at 6pm. Bring a piece of meat to grill on provided grills and your favorite beverage. Come and enjoy this wonderful night of fellowship!



Men's Basketball

The gym opens from 6:30pm-8:30pm on MOST Monday Nights. For more info, talk to Mark or Matt. August schedule is 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31





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 resumes on August 16!

Please enjoy family worship, Children's Sermons, and getting the weekly Gospel Project activity sheets until Sunday School returns.

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 EVENINGS

f3 Fellowship

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



August 5: NO Gathering

(Volunteer Equipping Night)

August 12: NO Gathering

(Start of BISD school week)

August 19: Kick-Off Fellowship Night

August 26: Parent and Student Intro to the Year

Did you know?

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

rightnow MEDIA

It's true! To get access, please contact Matt Olson, Mark Lynn, or Thelma in the office 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!

**St. John Lutheran School
is enrolling now for the fall!**

Register Today!



**St. John Lutheran
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Boerne, Texas

**Pre-K - 6th Grade
Plus Homeschool Enrichment**

**Faith-filled Adventures,
Homeschool Heart!**



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Know Jesus and Make Jesus Known.

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Together, in our Home,
Church and World
Families



AMERICAN
HERITAGE GIRLS™
FAITH | SERVICE | FUN

Information & Registration

August 4 at 6pm

St. John Lutheran Church
315 Rosewood Ave., Boerne, Family Life Center

Parent Info and Girl Social

for all new and returning families

Get ready for a fun
and Christ-centered year!

girls ages 5-18

Find out more at:

americanheritagegirls.org



Trail Life

Information & Registration

August 11 at 6:15pm

St. John Lutheran Church
315 Rosewood Ave., Boerne

Join the Adventure!

for all new and returning families

Step by step toward a
Christ-centered manhood

Troop TX1213, boys ages 5-17

Find out more at:

traillifeusa.com

We need YOU!

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 7pm.

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



Lunch and a Movie

August 16



Celebrate the start of the new Sunday School year with a wonderful movie about "David". A great family film that will inspire and bless. The sermon that day will be about David and Goliath. Cap your Sabbath with food, fellowship and a great (rather recent) blockbuster film! Come to the Family Life Center after worship. ALL AGES are welcome!

Please RSVP on our website under 'Events', scan the QR code, or text DAVID to 830-249-3651 so we can plan accordingly for food!



F3 Kids Returns

August 26, 4pm-5:15pm

Register on our website under 'Events' or **text F3KIDS to 830-249-3651.** All K-4th grade students are welcome!



FAITH MILE MARKERS

Kindergarteners: Start of School

Sunday, August 9, 11am

Bring your school backpack to receive a gift for it and to get a blessing. Both student and parents will be asked to come forward for a special prayer for this important transition of life.

6th Graders: Confirmation begins

Sunday, August 30

6th graders will receive gifts from the congregation to equip them for the Confirmation Journey. A parent and student informational meeting will be held the Wednesday before, August 26 at 6:30pm.

Labor Day Parade

Saturday, September 5

All church and school families are invited to **ride with us in the Kendall County Fair Parade on Saturday, September 5.**
COME SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH ON THE FLOAT!

Text Tiffany at 830-328-3744 with questions.

CHURCH NEWS and UPCOMING EVENTS

GRIEF SHARE[™] LOSS OF A SPOUSE

Grieving the death of a spouse?

Or do you know someone who is?

Seminar: August 2, 2pm

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

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

Country Service
featuring
The Ranger Band
August 16, 11am



Join us for a Country Service with music from The Ranger Band, featuring St. John's own Dana and Miles Wehrmann! Come hear the steel guitar, twin fiddles and more!

TOWN HALL MEETING

August 9, 12:15pm
August 23, 12:15pm

There will be two Townhall Meetings to discuss the capital and building campaigns: August 9 and August 23 at 12:15pm. Both of these meetings will be held in the Family Life Center.

CONGREGATIONAL Meeting

August 30, 12:15pm

On Sunday, August 30, there will be a Congregational Meeting at 12:15pm in the Sanctuary.

Please plan now to join us for these important meetings and decisions.

Pastor and Michelle Waters, together with Women of the Word, invite our church family to celebrate the engagement of

Please join us

Sunday, August 16, 2026
5-7 pm

139 Escalera Circle
gate code: #9782

Sophia Waters &
ISAAC SHIN

UPCOMING EVENTS: SAVE THE DATES



the **GOSPEL** PROJECT.

The Gospel Project
midweek Bible study
resumes September 2

Join us in the Family Life Center from 6:30pm-7:30pm as we take an in-depth dive into the weekly lesson and prepare ourselves to better hear the sermon on Sunday morning.

SPECIAL FALL MEN'S BREAKFAST

FOOD • FRIENDS
FELLOWSHIP • FAITH

SEPTEMBER 12
8AM-12PM

DETAILS TO COME!

Fall Women's Retreat

November 6-8

Details to come!



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

November 6 - 8, 2026

New Member Classes begin September 13

New Members classes start Sunday, September 13, 12:30-1:30pm in the Family Life Center. The five classes introduce you to the Lutheran understanding of the Christian faith and orient you to our StJLC discipleship pathway. Lunch is provided! New Members will be welcomed at the services on Sunday, October 18.

Register on our website or Text JOIN to 830-249-3651

**NEW MEMBERS
CLASS**

CHURCH NEWS and UPCOMING EVENTS

Happy Birthday!

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

Linda Christiansen (08/03)	Catherine Parten (08/28)
Mary Hemme (08/05)	Lula Bell Rittimann (08/18)
Roger Hemminghaus (08/27)	Ann Salathe (08/16)
Denny O'Neill (08/19)	Judy Snider (08/20)
Merle Olson (08/22)	Martha Witherow (08/04)

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

Military Updates are needed!

If you have a loved one currently serving our country that you want to receive monthly cards, you must let us know!

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. **A new form must be completed yearly.** Questions? Contact Beverly Wagner at 713-416-5351.

College Care Packages

It's that exciting time of year again - when students are headed off to college! St. John wants them to know we're thinking of them! Our College Care Committee will send care packages during the 2026-2027 school year.

If you have a college student who'd like to receive a package, stop by the Info Desk to provide their name, address, and any food allergies or dietary needs. Questions? Contact Jessica Goad: jessikag@gvtc.com.

A Message from our youth that attended the Continental Youth Gathering (CYG) in Virginia:

Five of us youth went to the NALC Continental Youth Gathering in Roanoke, Virginia. The theme of the gathering was "Rejoice!"

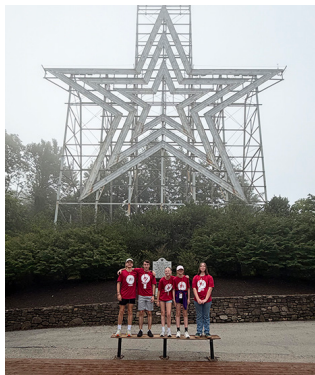
We made so many good memories. Some of our favorite moments were when we went to a trampoline park and pelted Garrett with dodgeballs. Another moment would be our worship time, when we all grew closer to God by worshipping him in a mosh pit. When we went to our mission at the Blue Ridge Women's Center, we laughed and talked while writing thank you letters to donors of the center. At night, we saw episodes of The Chosen.



We all got to hear different sermons and stories from pastors across the country. They spoke on the topics of these words, Recorded, Revealed, Redeemed, Resilient, and lastly Resurrected. They also offered Educational gatherings to dig into real topics and ask questions and grow in faith.

Through the gathering, we learned to always rejoice in Jesus and to pray without ceasing. We are very thankful to the congregation for this opportunity.

- St. John Youth
Ariella, Mazzy, Eddie,
Chris, and Luke



REMINDER

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 Fichter Team
	4th Grade Sunday School
11am services:	The Schneid Team

October 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.



GriefShare is led by caring people who have experienced grief and have successfully rebuilt their lives. We are here to help you through the grief process toward healing and hope for the future.

The 14-week GriefShare program consists of encouraging videos from leading grief recovery experts, small group discussion and a workbook with daily exercises.. The program is nondenominational and features biblical concepts for healing from grief. If you or someone you know needs support, please contact us.

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

Go to www.griefshare.org to register and for additional information about GriefShare. For information you may contact Pat Albrecht at 210-379-5441 or Mary Hopkins at 512-997-8896 or www.stjohnlutheran.com/griefshare or the church office at 830-249-3651.

THANK YOU

To my St. John Faith Family,
Erika and I would like to thank everyone for your concern, support, and prayers before

and after her disc replacement surgery. We are especially grateful for those who participated in the meal train; your kindness allowed us to focus fully on her recovery and care during this time. Thank you to our church family for surrounding us with such love and support.

- Pastor Rob +

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