

Trinity Valley Tribune

Gilman ~ St. John's ~ Spring Lake

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Mission Statement

By the power of the Holy Spirit, Trinity Valley Lutheran Parish is united to increase the vitality of our individual congregations by joining our talents and resources. Together we can better serve one another, share God's goodness, Sacrament, and bring Christ to our neighbors.

Church Locations

Gilman Lutheran Church

N8107 330th St.
PO Box 386

St. John's Lutheran Church

S520 Church Ave.
PO Box 336

Spring Lake Lutheran Church

N7724 County Rd B
PO Box 386

Spring Valley, WI 54767

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Friday—closed

Office Staff: Kay Place

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Looking Forward to September!!

Sunday School Rally Day and Blessing of the Back Packs Sept. 10
at St. John's.

Confirmation orientation meeting:

9th graders—Sept. 13th @ 6:00 pm

7th & 8th graders—Sept. 20th @ 6:00 pm

Confirmation will be starting Wednesday September 27

Classes 6:00—7:00 pm

AUGUST COUNCIL MEETING

Spring Lake Council meets August 8th at 6:00 pm

Gilman & St. John's meets August 15th at 6:00 pm at St. John's

BOLD, LOVING, AND SENSIBLE
Pastoral Ponderings from Pastor Bob for August 2023

Dear Parish Family,

1 Peter 4:10-11 + *Serve each other according to the gift each person has received, as good managers of God's diverse gifts. Whoever speaks should do so as those who speak God's word. Whoever serves should do so from the strength that God furnishes. Do this so that in everything God may be honored through Jesus Christ. To him be honor and power forever and always. Amen.*

First, a note about a faithful servant. I am grateful for the ministry of our office administrator, Ann Beyer, who has just retired. Her expertise, competence, and commitment are stellar. Thank you, Ann, for the huge responsibility you shouldered during the creation of our parish and your wise guidance over the last few months.

Second, I am blessed to be part of this parish as your bridge/interim pastor. I am always learning and growing here at TVLP, and constantly see God at work. Despite my youthful appearance (bald is beautiful!) I have been ordained for over 25 years, and I often review these words from my ordination service:

- Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures and faithful in your use of the means of grace?

- Will you pray for God's people, nourish them with the word and sacraments, and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?

- Will you give faithful witness in the world through word and deed, that God's love may be known in all that you do?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them. Amen.

The call to ministry, and its countless blessings, are hard to verbalize. I am so grateful that I am still involved in ministry, still motivated by my ordination vows, and still pursuing my life's work. Thank you, TVLP.

Third, the passage above from 1 Peter 4 is meant for every Jesus follower, not just pastors and church administrators. The Holy Spirit calls each of us and gives unique gifts to be used for the sake of the Gospel. We will always be fighting the sinful desire to say, "What's the church doing for me"? We are part of our parish to serve. Yes, our parish is to meet the spiritual needs of our members, but everything we do is to encourage and empower our people to serve. As Brian McLaren writes, "It not about the church meeting our needs; it about joining the mission of God's people to meet the world's need."

The responsibility for the future of TVLP is in the hands of each member. To deal with human imperfections, the church needs guidelines and expectations, but they are there to keep us rooted in Christ and focused on service. As we head into the fall, pray for guidance for our parish. Also, seek the Spirit's guidance to learn how you, personally, can serve our parish to keep the Good News of Jesus flowing and the people of God serving others for the sake of that Good News. We are privileged, as written in 1 Peter 4, to serve from the strength that God furnishes.

Peace,

Pastor Bob Friese



FOOD PANTRY HOUR

Spring Valley: 2nd & 4th Wed.

10-11:30am & 4:30-6pm

Elmwood:

1st Tues. 3-6pm

3rd Tues. 9-11am

Last Saturday of each month 9-11am

WELCA NEWS

GILMAN:

Meeting & Bible Study:

August 10th @ 1:00pm

Hostess: Dianne Madson

SPRING LAKE:

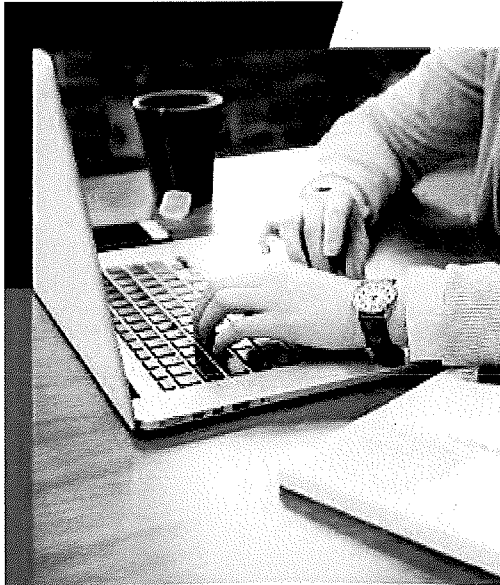
August 21st, 2:00 PM

Welcome Home in Elmwood

GRACE PLACE

Thank you to the Spring Lake Lutheran Church for supplying the casseroles to Grace Place on July 14th. The volunteers for July were: Trudy Rew, Cindy Jensen, Sally Pierce and Nancy Christensen.

The Gilman Lutheran Church will be supplying casseroles for Grace Place on August 11th. Volunteers for August are: Brenda Johnson, Michelle Frederick, Sue Horstman and Sonja Lenarz.



Trinity Valley Lutheran Parish

WE ARE

hiring!

Bookkeeper/Office Manager

Part Time

Monday- Thursday 8am to Noon

Starting at \$20/hr

Duties include bookkeeping, record keeping, and general office duties

Contact Phil Hennemann @

715-307-7028

*Located in
Spring Valley, Wi*



**MAY & JUNE FINANCIALS
& ATTENDANCE**

GILMAN: May GIVING
\$6,967.00
EXPENSE
\$25,649.52
ATTENDANCE
137

ST. JOHN'S: May GIVING
\$8,297.00
EXPENSE
\$7,004.38
ATTENDANCE
113

SPRING LAKE: May GIVING
\$3,240.00
EXPENSE
\$2,239.64
ATTENDANCE
50

GILMAN: June GIVING
\$6,416.18
EXPENSE
\$6,468.40
ATTENDANCE
74

ST. JOHN'S: June GIVING
\$7,562.00
EXPENSE
\$8,619.70
ATTENDANCE
94

SPRING LAKE: June GIVING
\$2,585.00
EXPENSE
\$4,817.99
ATTENDANCE
42

NEW WORSHIP SCHEDULE
**ALL WORSHIP SERVICES WILL BE
AT 9:00 AM**

JUNE

6-4 GILMAN
6-11 ST. JOHN'S
6-18 SPRING LAKE
6-25 **HANDY ANDY PARK** (St John's hosting)

JULY

7-2 Gilman
7-9 St. John's
7-16 Spring Lake
7-23 St. John's
7-30 **HANDY ANDY PARK** (Spring Lake

Hosts)

AUGUST

8-6 Gilman
8-13 St. John's
8-20 Spring Lake
8-27 **HANDY ANDY PARK** (Gilman Hosts)

SEPTEMBER

9-3 Gilman
9-10 St. John's
9-17 Spring Lake
9-24 Spring Lake

OCTOBER

10-1 Gilman
10-8 St. John's
10-15 Spring Lake
10-22 Gilman
10-29 St. John's—**Confirmation**

NOVEMBER

11-5 Gilman
11-12 St. John's
11-19 Spring Lake
11-26 Spring Lake

August 2023

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1 Pastor—Welcome Home Elmwood Worship 10:30 am	2	3	4	5
6 Gilman 9:00 Parish Council meet- ing after worship	7	8 Council Meeting Spring Lake 6:00 pm	9	10 Gilman WELCA 1:00 pm	11 Gilman—Grace Place	12
13 St. John's 9:00	14	15 Council Meetings Gilman & St. John's 6:00 pm	16	17	18	19
20 Spring Lake 9:00	21 Spring Lake WELCA 2:00 pm Welcome Home	22	23	24	25	26
27 Handy Andy Park Gilman Hosts 9:00	28	29	30	31		