

Trinity Valley Tribune

Gilman ~ St. John's ~ Spring Lake

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September 2023

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

715-778-5935

Office hours : Mon.-Thurs.: 9am-noon

Friday—closed

Office Staff: Kay Place

Bookkeeper@tvlpv.com

September

Sunday School Rally Day and Blessing of the Back Packs

Sept. 24 - St. John's.

Confirmation Info Meetings:

9th Graders & Parents - Sept. 13th @ 6:15 pm

7th & 8th Graders & Parents - Sept. 20th @ 6:15 pm

Confirmation will be starting Wednesday September 27

Classes 6:20 - 7:00 pm Worship 7:00 - 7:30 pm

October Events

Spring Lake Fall Festival - October 15th

Gilman Fall Festival - October 22

SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

Gilman, St. John's & Spring Lake Council meet

September 12th 6:00 pm—St. John's

Follow Jesus, Make Disciples

Here we go again! Fall means that many things at our parish are about to go into full swing – Sunday School, Confirmation, and more. And at the same time, our daily lives are consumed with school, sports, the arts, holidays, and other special events, as well as our jobs and typical family and personal responsibilities.

For Jesus people like us, busy times like this are when we are challenged to keep a firm grip on our faith life as seemingly every minute of every day is scheduled, organized, and verified.

Over the summer, our councils, committees, and our worship have somewhat focused on WHY we do WHAT we do at TVLP. Let's confirm that while we study and revere the Bible, our lives are most influenced by and guided by – specifically – the teachings of Jesus Christ. We find one of his most valuable commands at the end of the Gospel of Matthew, when after his resurrection, Jesus said to the men and women that followed him: *Go and make disciples.*

After three-plus years with their new rabbi, the disciples had learned how to follow Jesus, and had a firm grip on his teachings. Soon, Jesus would send the gift of the Holy Spirit which would imbue them with “the heart and mind of Jesus.”

These followers of Jesus were now called, equipped, and inspired to *go and make disciples.* And that same Holy Spirit remains with us as we, too, are called, equipped, and inspired to *go and make disciples.* Not church-goers. Not committee members. Disciples. Christian disciples. Those whose way of life is modeled after the disciplines – the teachings, instruction, and guidance – found only in the teachings of Jesus Christ.

This brings me to a “theme” that may direct our preparation for and inspiration for the 2023-24 church year at TVLP: *Follow Jesus, Make Disciples.* This faith statement will keep us focused on WHY we do WHAT we do at TVLP, even amid our crazy, overwhelming lives. It is critical to point out that *to disciple* does not ever mean *to punish* or *to harm.* Simply put, *to disciple* means *to teach.* I'll add this wonderful definition: *Making disciples means to enter into relationships to teach others to trust and follow Jesus.* That is powerful!

So may we go to church, attend Sunday School and Confirmation Class, work on committees, and munch on donuts and coffee after worship. Yet most importantly, may our prayer for our parish be that each member strives to enter into relationships to teach others to trust and follow Jesus. May we live and breath and thrive with these words in our hearts and on our lips: Follow Jesus, Make Disciples.

Love ya bunches,
Pastor Bob
Interim 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:

September 10th @ 1:00pm

Hostess: Cathy Hopwood

SPRING LAKE:

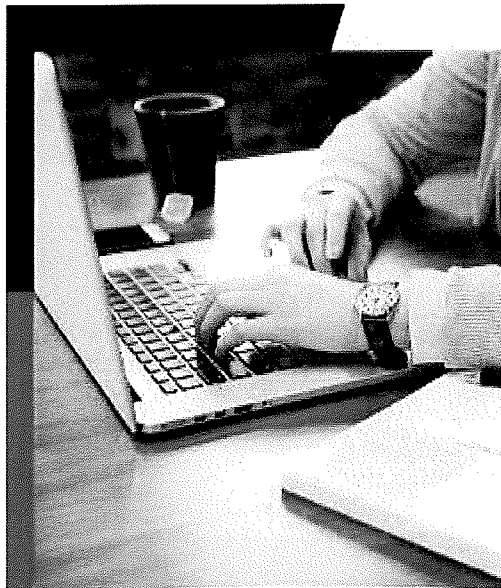
September 18th, 2:00 PM

Welcome Home in Elmwood

GRACE PLACE

Thank you to Gilman Lutheran Church for supplying casseroles for Grace Place on August 11th. Volunteers for August were: Brenda Johnson, Michelle Frederick, Sue Horstman and Sonja Lenarz.

The Spring Lake Lutheran Church will be supplying the casseroles to Grace Place on September 8th. Volunteers for September are Mary Hecker, Sally Pierce, Marge Ginsbach, and Donna Blegen.



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*



President's Report

30 August 2023

Hello and welcome! We have had a busy summer with plenty of ups and downs, and that was before the county fair!

I would like to open by thanking Ann Beyer for her dedication and professionalism during her tenure as the Parish Administrator. You will be missed. Additionally, while I had limited interaction with Brit Hanson, her services were also critical to the well-being of the parish. Ladies, we wish you only the best in your future endeavors.

We welcome Jessica Hanson as our Assistant Administrator. Many of Jessica's duties will be those which were previously attended to by Britt. Jessica has made it a priority to ensure our social media platforms (Facebook, the Parish website and such to the non-tech savvy such as myself). I do encourage everyone to take a look around to see the changes and progress.

Kay Place has stepped up in a big way to help us as we continue our search for a new Parish Administrator. Kay is currently serving as our interim Parish Administrator. This is a temporary solution until we find the right fit for our Parish office team. Thank you for your efforts.

If you know of an office professional who is looking for a new challenge, we would like to hear from them!

Moving from staffing to current events for the Parish, we are in the early stages of our search for our next "permanent" pastor. Please speak to your Council President if you are interested in being a successful part of this team.

As we move into Autumn; Sunday School and Confirmation plans are being finalized. Get ready and look for information for the Fall Festivals at Spring Lake and Gilman!

I encourage everyone who is able to check out our Parish website at www.tvlpsv.com. You can find our Worship times and locations, the activity calendar and much more!

Regards,
Phil Hennemann
TVLPSV President

**MAY & JUNE FINANCIALS
& ATTENDANCE**

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

GILMAN: July GIVING
 \$36,000.00
 EXPENSE
 \$25,517.12
 ATTENDANCE
 90

ST. JOHN'S: July GIVING
 \$8279.23
 EXPENSE
 \$8138.64
 ATTENDANCE
 152

SPRING LAKE: July GIVING
 \$2,585.00
 EXPENSE
 \$4,817.99
 ATTENDANCE
 61

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 Gilman—**Sunday School Rally & Blessing of Backpacks**

OCTOBER

10-1 Gilman—3rd Grade Bibles
 10-8 St. John's
 10-15 Spring Lake - Fall Festival
 10-22 Gilman - Fall Festival
 10-29 St. John's - **Confirmation / Reformation Sunday - Wear red**

NOVEMBER

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

Volunteers Needed

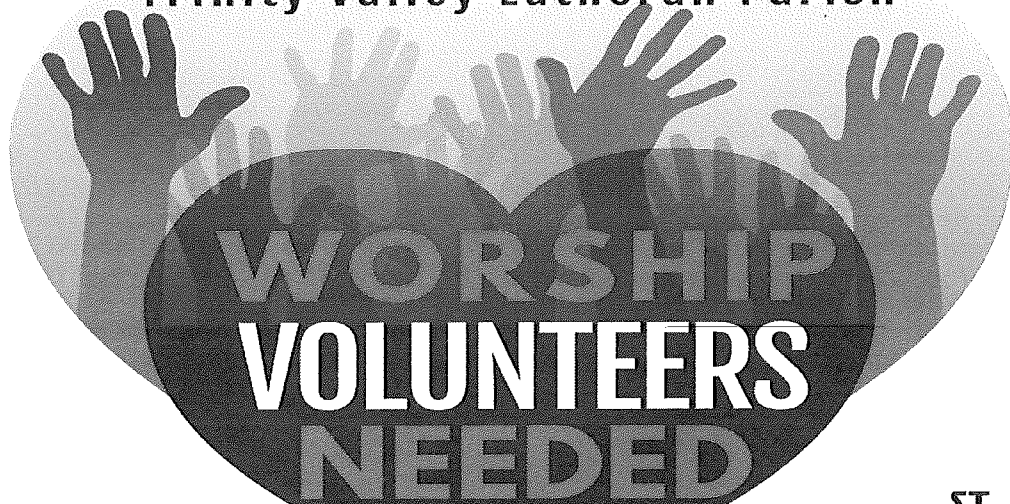


CALL COMMITTEE

Looking for representatives (1 male & 1 female) from each church to be a part of the call committee.

If interested, talk to your church council president.

Trinity Valley Lutheran Parish



GILMAN

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**LEARN MORE TODAY BY TALKING
WITH YOUR CHURCH REP**

SPRING LAKE

Trudy Rew
715-639-9218
kenandtrudyrew@centurylink.net

ST. JOHN'S

Stacy Burr
715-410-1068
stacy.slush15@gmail.com
Nina Larson
715-619-8098
bluhous@hotmail.com

September 2023

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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3 Gilman - 9:00 am	4	5 Quilting - St. Johns 9:00 am Pastor - Welcome Home - Elmwood Wor- ship 10:30 am	6 Bible Study Valley Villa- 3:00 pm Wed. Night Worship - 6:30 pm	7	8 Grace Place - Spring Lake	9
10 St. John's - 9:00 am	11	12 Quilting - St. Johns 9:00 am Council Meetings - St. John's 6:00 pm	13 Confirmation 9th Graders & Par- ents INFO MEETING - St. John's 6:15 pm Wed. Night Worship - 7:00 pm	14 Bible Study - Valley Villa 10:00 am WELCA Gilman 1:00 pm	15	16
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24 Gilman - 9:00 am Sunday School Rally & Blessing of Back- packs	25	26 Quilting - St. Johns 9:00 am	27 First Night of Confirma- tion - St. John's 6:00 pm - Meal & Fellow- ship—Optional 6:20 pm - Confirmation Class—Required 7:00 pm - Wed. Night Wor- ship- Required	28 Bible Study - Valley Villa 10:00 am	29	30