

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

715-778-5935

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

Friday—closed

Office Staff: Kay Place

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October Events

Spring Lake Lutheran WELCA Pie & Ice Cream Social

October 8th @ Welcome Home - Elmwood

Spring Lake Fall Festival - October 15th

Gilman Fall Festival - October 22nd

Confirmation & Reformation Sunday October 29th - St. John's

November Events

All Saints Sunday - November 5th - Gilman

Blessing of Hunters & Display Quilts - November 12th - St. John's

OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING

Spring Lake Council—5:30 pm

Gilman & St. John's—6:00 pm

October 10th @ St. John's

Ecclesia Reformata, Semper Reformanda

Happy Birthday to us! Sort of. Reformation, the unofficial birthday of the Lutheran Church, is celebrated the last Sunday of October, with the official date being October 31. This year we will celebrate Reformation and Confirmation Sunday at St. John's on Sunday, October 29. Please wear red clothing to worship as red is the color of celebration in the church.

A key figure in this "reforming" of the Christian church was a 16th century monk named Martin Luther. Among his many life-changing ideas, one of my favorites is what he called *the priesthood of all believers*. Before Luther, the Christian church taught that one had to use a priest as a mediator between them and God. The priest would pray for the person and determine what God might want them to do in response to their confession or request.

Luther was inspired when he read this verse from 1 Peter, verses 4-5:

The Lord Jesus is the living stone. The people of the world decided that they did not want this stone. But he is the one God chose as one of great value. So come to him. You also are like living stones, and God is using you to build a spiritual house. You are to serve God in this house as holy priests, offering him spiritual sacrifices that he will accept because of Jesus Christ.

For Luther, this was a major game-changer. This meant that all humans have access to God through Christ, the true high priest, and do not need a priestly mediator. This introduced a democratic element in the functioning of the church that meant all Christians were equal. The priests have their unique work, but it was equal to the work of every other Christian. The Sunday School teacher, the janitor, the home-bound member making phone calls for the congregation – everyone is a "priest" or "minister" that can connect with God and serve a vital function in their church family.

Each one of us is called to serve the Gospel. We are part of a congregation or parish to serve and be served. When someone joined the new, first-century Christian church, they were assigned to serve in a particular ministry. And the church was made aware of everyone's need as well. Could we strive for that today? Could we ask each other to serve and be served so the work of the Gospel could be evident in every member, of every age, in every stage of life?

This is possible because of the great motto of the Reformation, *Ecclesia Reformata, Semper Reformanda*: the church reformed and always reforming. The work of the church calls us to spread the Gospel as we manage the twists and turns of our world, the difficulties, the divisions and disappointments. The message of the Gospel is constant, but the method is always reforming in order to keep communicating the transforming Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Let us pray. Reforming God, by your Spirit, may each of us find our place in the priesthood of all believers that is Trinity Valley Lutheran Parish. As our ministries serve us, may we serve each other and our community as well, so we may celebrate the unique gifts of every person as we remain united in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Guide us to develop disciples and connect to Christ. Amen.

Peace,
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:

October 12th @ 1:00pm

Hostess: Diane Hurtgen

SPRING LAKE:

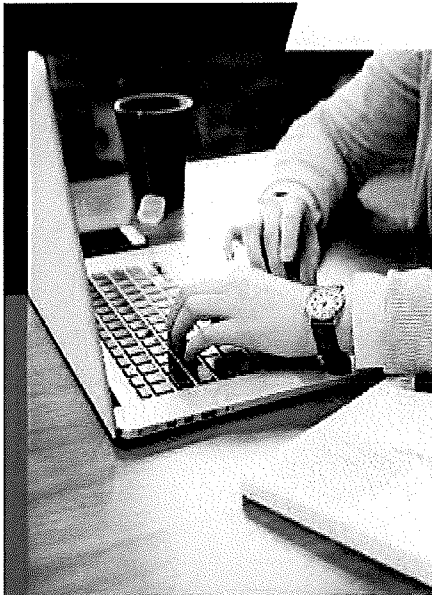
October 16th, 2:00 PM

Welcome Home in Elmwood

GRACE PLACE

Thank you to Spring Lake Lutheran Church for supplying casseroles for Grace Place on September 8th. Volunteers for September were: Mary Hecker, Sally Pierce, Marge Ginsbach, and Donna Blegen.

The Gilman Church will be supplying the casseroles to Grace Place on October 13th. Volunteers for October are Marlene Aamodt, Karen Jorgenson, Janna Niedermeyer and Lynn Traynor.



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*



October Events

Spring Lake WELCA Pie & ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sunday October 8th 3 - 6 pm

Welcome Home Assisted Living in Elmwood

Menu: Barbecues / Sloppy Joes, Hot Dogs, Homemade Pie with Ice Cream

Free Will Donation Everyone welcome!

Proceeds will go to Spring Lake Lutheran Cemetery

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### **Spring Lake's Fall Festival**

**Sunday October 15th at 9:00 am**

Music by Rick Schroeder

Brunch to Follow

For more information visit [WWW.TVLPSV.COM](http://WWW.TVLPSV.COM)

Spring Lake Lutheran Church N7724 County Rd B, Spring Valley, WI

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Gilman's Fall Festival - Sunday

October 22 service @ 10:30 am

Live music by John Lenarz

Dinner (Grilled Chicken & Fixings)

Pies - Sunday School Auction

Gilman Lutheran Church N8107 330th St. Spring Valley WI

All proceeds go to the Sunday School addition for renovations

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### **Housekeeping Items**

This newsletter is primarily sent out by email. If your email changes, please contact the Parish office at [Bookkeeper@tvlpv.com](mailto:Bookkeeper@tvlpv.com) with the new email address.

If you do not have an email address and are not currently receiving the newsletter via mail, please call 715-778-5935 to be added to list for the newsletter to be mailed to

**July & August FINANCIALS  
& ATTENDANCE**

|                            |                   |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>GILMAN: July</b>        | <u>GIVING</u>     |
|                            | \$15,850.00       |
|                            | <u>EXPENSE</u>    |
|                            | \$31,977.01       |
| <b>ST. JOHN'S: July</b>    | <u>ATTENDANCE</u> |
|                            | 90                |
|                            | <u>GIVING</u>     |
|                            | \$8,279.23        |
| <b>SPRING LAKE: July</b>   | <u>EXPENSE</u>    |
|                            | \$8,655.30        |
|                            | <u>ATTENDANCE</u> |
|                            | 152               |
| <b>GILMAN: August</b>      | <u>GIVING</u>     |
|                            | \$3,834.00        |
|                            | <u>EXPENSE</u>    |
|                            | \$5,412.90        |
| <b>ST. JOHN'S: August</b>  | <u>ATTENDANCE</u> |
|                            | 61                |
|                            | <u>GIVING</u>     |
|                            | \$7,126.00        |
| <b>SPRING LAKE: August</b> | <u>EXPENSE</u>    |
|                            | \$6,086.23        |
|                            | <u>ATTENDANCE</u> |
|                            | 80                |
| <b>ST. JOHN'S: August</b>  | <u>GIVING</u>     |
|                            | \$7,527.00        |
|                            | <u>EXPENSE</u>    |
|                            | \$7,703.06        |
| <b>SPRING LAKE: August</b> | <u>ATTENDANCE</u> |
|                            | 145               |
|                            | <u>GIVING</u>     |
|                            | \$2,870.00        |
| <b>ST. JOHN'S: August</b>  | <u>EXPENSE</u>    |
|                            | \$3,851.00        |
|                            | <u>ATTENDANCE</u> |
|                            | 61                |

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

**JULY**

|      |                                            |
|------|--------------------------------------------|
| 7-2  | Gilman                                     |
| 7-9  | St. John's                                 |
| 7-16 | Spring Lake                                |
| 7-23 | St. John's                                 |
| 7-30 | <b>HANDY ANDY PARK</b> (Spring Lake Hosts) |

**AUGUST**

|      |                                       |
|------|---------------------------------------|
| 8-6  | Gilman                                |
| 8-13 | St. John's                            |
| 8-20 | Spring Lake                           |
| 8-27 | <b>HANDY ANDY PARK</b> (Gilman Hosts) |

**SEPTEMBER**

|      |                                                                |
|------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 9-3  | Gilman                                                         |
| 9-10 | St. John's                                                     |
| 9-17 | Spring Lake                                                    |
| 9-24 | Gilman— <b>Sunday School Rally &amp; Blessing of Backpacks</b> |

**OCTOBER**

|       |                                                                  |
|-------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 10-1  | Gilman— <b>3rd Grade Bibles</b>                                  |
| 10-8  | St. John's                                                       |
| 10-15 | Spring Lake - Fall Festival                                      |
| 10-22 | Gilman - Fall Festival ( <b>10:30 am</b> )                       |
| 10-29 | St. John's - <b>Confirmation / Reformation Sunday - Wear red</b> |

**NOVEMBER**

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

**DECEMBER**

|              |                                     |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| 12-3         | Gilman                              |
| 12-10        | St. John's                          |
| 12-17        | Spring Lake                         |
| Sunday 12-24 | St. John's 9:00 am - Christmas Eve  |
| Sunday 12-24 | Spring Lake 4:00 pm - Christmas Eve |
| Monday 12-25 | Gilman - Christmas Day              |
| Sunday 12-31 | St. John's                          |

# SPRING LAKE WELCA

INVITES YOU TO

## PIE & ICE CREAM SOCIAL

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8**

At Welcome Home Assisted Living  
In Elmwood

**3-6PM**

Menu: Barbecues / Sloppy Joes , Hot  
dogs, Homemade pie with ice cream  
**FREE WILL DONATION, EVERYONE WELCOME**



Trinity Valley Lutheran Parish

WORSHIP  
VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED

### GILMAN

Missy Shafer-Hague

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

### SPRING LAKE

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715-639-9218

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Nina Larson

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# October 2023

Sun                      Mon                      Tue                      Wed                      Thu                      Fri                      Sat

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| <b>1</b><br>Gilman - 9:00 am<br>3rd Graders Bibles                                                              | <b>2</b><br>Quilting - St. John's<br>9:00 am                                                              | <b>3</b><br>Pastor @ Welcome<br>Home - Elmwood -<br>Worship 10:30 am                                        | <b>4</b><br>Confirmation<br>*M/C/W 6:00 pm<br>Worship 7:00 pm  | <b>5</b><br>Bible Study - Valley<br>Villa 10:00 am                              | <b>6</b>                          | <b>7</b>  |
| <b>8</b><br>St. John's - 9:00 am<br>Spring Lake WELCA -<br>Pie & Ice Cream So-<br>cial - Welcome Home<br>3-6 pm | <b>9</b><br>Quilting - St. John's<br>9:00 am                                                              | <b>10</b><br>Council Meetings<br>Spring Lake 5:30 pm<br>Gilman & St. John's<br>6:00 pm<br>All at St. John's | <b>11</b><br>Confirmation<br>*M/C/W 6:00 pm<br>Worship 7:00 pm | <b>12</b><br>Bible Study - Valley<br>Villa 10:00 am<br>WELCA- Gilman<br>1:00 pm | <b>13</b><br>Grace Place - Gilman | <b>14</b> |
| <b>15</b><br>Spring Lake Fall<br>Festival - 9:00 am<br>Brunch after Service                                     | <b>16</b><br>Quilting - St. John's<br>9:00 am<br>Spring Lake WELCA<br>2:00 pm - Welcome<br>Home - Elmwood | <b>17</b>                                                                                                   | <b>18</b><br>Confirmation<br>*M/C/W 6:00 pm<br>Worship 7:00 pm | <b>19</b><br>Bible Study - Valley<br>Villa 10:00 am                             | <b>20</b>                         | <b>21</b> |
| <b>22</b><br>Gilman Fall Festival<br>- 10:30 am<br>Meal after service                                           | <b>23</b><br>Quilting - St. John's<br>9:00 am                                                             | <b>24</b>                                                                                                   | <b>25</b><br>Confirmation<br>*M/C/W 6:00 pm<br>Worship 7:00 pm | <b>26</b><br>Bible Study - Valley<br>Villa 10:00 am                             | <b>27</b>                         | <b>28</b> |
| <b>29</b><br>St. John's - Confir-<br>mation - 9:00 am<br>Reformation Sun-<br>day—Wear Red                       | <b>30</b><br>Quilting - St. John's<br>9:00 am                                                             | <b>31</b>                                                                                                   | *M/C/W - Meal / Con-<br>firmation / Worship<br>Service         |                                                                                 |                                   |           |