

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

Friday—closed

Office Staff: Kay Place and Brandie Regenscheid

February Events

Annual Meetings

Gilman— February 4th

St. John's— February 11th

Spring Lake— February 18th

Following church service at each church

Announcements

Gilman Cemetery Association is looking for someone for secretary / treasurer.

Volunteers need to sign up for meals for confirmation class, If interested please contact Missy Hague or Laura Hennemann

FEBRUARY 13th COUNCIL MEETINGS

Spring Lake Council—5:30 pm

Gilman & St. John's—6:00 pm

All meet @ St. John's

February 2024 Pastor Bob's Article

WELCOME TO LENT...BUT WHAT IS IT?

Lent is a time of solemn reflection and tempered joy. We follow Jesus from the culmination of his earthly ministry to the week before his death, and then to the triumph of the Resurrection. Below is a quick look at Lent and our Lenten Worship Schedule. More details are coming, especially about First Communion. Please consider making worship attendance a priority on Wednesdays and Sundays in Lent as we, together, focus the redeeming, restoring work of Jesus Christ, our Crucified and Resurrected Lord. ~ *Pastor Bob*

A Very Brief History from ELCA.org

The term *Lent* originally comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencten* which means *spring*. This is the time, in the Northern Hemisphere, when the days are lengthening. The season began as period of fasting leading up to the Vigil of Easter, a service held on the Saturday before Easter. Catechumens, those preparing for baptism at Easter, would fast and spend days in intense preparation. For those that were already baptized, Lent was a period to be renewed in their faith by studying the Bible, the Creed and the Lord's Prayer.

Although it was originally only a two-day period of preparation, Lent became a three-week preparatory period in the middle of the fourth century and then this was further expanded into six-weeks, or forty days. By the end of the fifth century, there was a desire to exclude Sundays from Lent since Sundays are always celebrated as feasts of the Resurrection. Thus Lent begins not on Sunday, but on Ash Wednesday. The current practice of forty days of Lent recall Jesus' forty-day fast in the wilderness after his Baptism (Matthew 4:2, Luke 4:1-2) as well as Moses' forty-day fast on Mount Sinai (Exodus 34:28).

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP (7 P.M.) IN LENT

I AM Sermon Series¹ with Holden Evening Prayer

Wednesday, Feb. 14 • *Ash Wednesday Worship with the Imposition of Ashes*

Wednesday, Feb. 21 • *I AM the Bread of Life*

Wednesday, Feb. 28 • *I AM the Light of the World*

Wednesday, March 6 • *I AM the Door*

Wednesday, March 13 • *I AM the Good Shepherd*

Wednesday, March 20 • *I AM the Resurrection and the Life*

SUNDAY WORSHIP (10 A.M.) IN LENT

Witness at The Cross² Sermon Series

Sunday, Feb. 18 • *Bystanders and Scoffers*

Sunday, Feb. 25 • *The Other Victims*

Sunday, March 3 • *The Soldiers*

Sunday, March 10 • *The Beloved Disciple*

Sunday, March 17 • *The Women*

Palm Sunday, March 24 • *Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus*

Easter Sunday, March 31 • *The Cross – A New Perspective*

1 Reverend Dr. Karoline Lewis

2 Dr. Amy-Jill Levine

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

Wednesday, March 27 • *NO Worship or Confirmation*

Maundy Thursday, March 28 • 7 p.m. Worship with First Communion Celebration

Good Friday, March 29 • 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Worship



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:

No meetings Until April 2024

SPRING LAKE:

No meetings until April 2024

Welcome Home in Elmwood

GRACE PLACE

Thank you to Spring Lake Lutheran Church for supplying the casseroles to Grace Place on January 12th. Volunteers were: Kim Davis, Sally Pierce, Trudy Rue & Mary Jane Hecker.

Gilman will be supplying casseroles for Grace Place on February 9th. Volunteers for February are: Carol Schilling, Sue Horstman, Tammie Anger and Diane Hurtgen.

St. John's will be supplying casseroles for Grace Place on March 8th. Volunteers for March are: Laura Hennemann, Rob Moore, Lynda Johnson, and Nina Larson

Rotation for Trinity Valley Grace Place Casserole Club

Spring Lake Lutheran Church supplies casseroles in January, April, July and October.

Gilman Lutheran Church supplies casseroles in February, May, August and November

St. John's Lutheran Church supplies casseroles in March, June, September and December

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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** 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 you.

**November & December FINANCIALS
& ATTENDANCE**

GILMAN: November GIVING
 \$5,673.00
 EXPENSE
 \$8,653.72
 ATTENDANCE
 131

ST. JOHN'S: November GIVING
 \$11,336.12
 EXPENSE
 \$9,499.76
 ATTENDANCE
 171

SPRING LAKE: Nov. GIVING
 \$4,190.00
 EXPENSE
 \$10,027.20
 ATTENDANCE
 61

GILMAN: December GIVING
 \$9,018.86
 EXPENSE
 \$19,458.67
 ATTENDANCE
 218

ST. JOHN'S: Dec. GIVING
 \$10,376.00
 EXPENSE
 \$9,217.31
 ATTENDANCE
 196

SPRING LAKE: Dec. GIVING
 \$3,869.00
 EXPENSE
 \$5,085.70
 ATTENDANCE
 88

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**WORSHIP SERVICES WILL BE
 At 10:00 AM January– March
 In April 09:00 AM**

**Wednesday Evening Worship
 7pm at St. John's**

JANUARY

- 1-7 Gilman
- 1-14 St John's
- 1-21 Spring Lake
- 1-28 St John's

FEBRUARY

- 2-4 Gilman - Annual Meeting to follow
- 2-11 St. John's - Annual Meeting to follow
- 2-18 Spring Lake - Annual Meeting to follow
- 2-25 Spring Lake

March

- 3-3 Gilman
- 3-10 St. John's
- 3-17 Spring Lake
- 3-24 Gilman
- 3-31 St. John's

April

- 4-7 Gilman
- 4-14 St. John's
- 4-21 Spring Lake
- 4-28 Spring Lake

May

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

June

- 6-2 Gilman
- 6-9 St. John's
- 6-16 Spring Lake
- 6-23 St. John's
- 6-30 Spring Lake

February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Bible Study - Valley Villa 10:00 AM	2	3
4 Gilman - 10:00 AM Gilman Annual Meeting after Service	5 Quilting - St. John's 9:00 AM	6 Pastor @ Welcome Home - Elmwood - Worship 10:30 AM	7 Confirmation *M/C/W 6 :00 PM Worship 7:00 PM	8 Bible Study - Valley Villa 10:00 AM	9 Grace Place - Gilman	10 Sylva Anderson — 100th Birthday Celebration - 1-4 PM at St. John's Church
11 St. John's - 10:00 AM St. John's Annual Meeting after Service	12 Quilting - St. John's 9:00 AM	13 Council Meetings Spring Lake 5:30 PM Gilman & St. John's 6:00 PM All at St. John's	14 Lent Ash Wednesday No Confirmation Worship 7:00 PM	15 Bible Study - Valley Villa 10:00 AM.	16	17
18 Spring Lake - 10:00 AM / Spring Lake Annual Meeting after service *Betsy Larson 100th Birthday Celebration	19 Quilting - St. John's 9:00 AM	20	21 Confirmation *M/C/W 6 :00 PM Worship 7:00 PM	22 Bible Study - Valley Villa 10:00 AM	23	23
25 Spring Lake - 10:00 AM	26 Quilting - St. John's 9:00 AM	27	28 Confirmation *M/C/W 6 :00 PM Worship 7:00 PM	29 Bible Study - Valley Villa 10:00 AM Pastor @ Spring Valley Nursing Home - Worship 10:00 AM		*Betsy Larson — 100th Birthday Celebration Feb. 18th, 2 4 PM at Welcome Home in Elmwood
			*M/C/W - Meal / Confirmation / Worship Service			