

Trinity Valley Tribune

Gilman ~ St. John's ~ Spring Lake

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January 2024

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 Closed Jan 1st

Friday—closed

Office Staff: Kay Place and Brandie Regenscheid

January Events

Parish Informational Meeting

St. John's
After Service Jan. 14th

Parish Council Meeting Jan 2nd 6pm

Happy New Year!

Announcements

Gilman Cemetery Association is looking for someone to take over as secretary/treasurer

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

January COUNCIL MEETING

Spring Lake Council—5:30 pm

Gilman & St. John's—6:00 pm

January 16th @ St. John's

January 2024 Pastor's Article

Happy New Year! First of all, may you and yours have a terrific and healthy 2024. Second, remember that, in Christ, we are new people. Not just in 2024, but every single day. Isn't that enough – striving to grow in Christ every day – every crazy, unpredictable, and mysterious day? I believe so.

We find in 2 Corinthians 5: 17: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

I absolutely love this verse. Every time I read it, I am filled with excitement and joy. So often life weighs us down and we forget that we are no longer enslaved to the world. The old is gone the new is here! Even when we don't see, feel, or experience "the new," it's there.

And in Matthew 6, we read, "So do not worry or be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will have worries and anxieties of its own. Sufficient for each day is its own trouble."

No, this quote is not from Oprah, a radio talk show host, or an internet influencer. It is from Jesus. He lived on earth, he took human form, he knows the challenges we face. And he calls us to be focused. Not giddy or disgustingly optimistic – but rooted in his love and his teaching of community, compassion, and compromise. Community = being united with, and compassion = to suffer with, and compromise = to promise with or to seek to agree with one another.

Friends, we know this way of thinking is seldom prevalent in our world, so let's focus on it – personally, socially, and spiritually. Every day we are new, or renewed, in Christ as we daily recall that we are baptized into God's family, restored by Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit. I am certain that I need this daily reminder, that each of you need it, and that our parish need it. And with this focus, we can continue to faithfully commit to our greatest work – developing disciples and connecting to Christ.

Shalom and Love Ya Bunches,
Pastor Bob Friese
Interim Pastor



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 Gilman Lutheran Church for supplying the casseroles to Grace Place on December 8th
Volunteers were: Linda Price, Betty Wall, Charlotte Wentlandt, and Casey Hannock.

The Spring Lake Lutheran Church will be supplying casseroles for Grace Place on January 12th,
Volunteers are still needed.

Spring Lake's signup sheet for grace place 2024 is located on the bulletin board in the church entryway and will be providing the meals in January.

Annual Meetings

Gilman— February 4th

St. John's— February 11th

Spring Lake— February 18th

Reports are due to the office by January 14th.

All meetings are to be held at each church after service

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.

**October & November FINANCIALS
& ATTENDANCE**

GILMAN: October GIVING
\$11,494.00
EXPENSE
\$6737.98
ATTENDANCE
207

ST. JOHN'S: October GIVING
\$8,924.00
EXPENSE
\$9,735.95
ATTENDANCE
256

SPRING LAKE: Oct. GIVING
\$3625.00
EXPENSE
\$4,311.89
ATTENDANCE
69

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

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

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

WORSHIP SCHEDULE
WORSHIP SERVICES WILL BE
At 10:00 AM Jan.– March
At 09:00 April on

Wednesday Evening Worship
7pm at St. John's

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 9:00 am - Christmas Day
Wed. 12-27 No worship
Sunday 12-31 Gilman

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

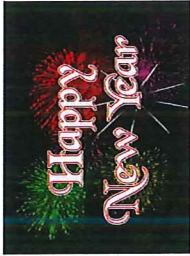
April

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

January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 	2 Pastor @ Welcome Home - Elmwood - Worship 10:30 am Parish Council Meeting 6:00 pm SJS	3 Confirmation *M/C/W 6 :00 pm Worship 7:00 pm	4 Bible Study - Valley Villa 10:00 am	5	6
7 Gilman - 10:00am	8 Quilting - St. John's 9:00 am	9	10 Confirmation *M/C/W 6 :00 pm Worship 7:00 pm	11 Bible Study - Valley Villa 10:00 am	12 Grace Place - Spring Lake - volunteers needed	13
14 St. John's - 10:00 am Parish Informational Meeting to follow	15 Quilting - St. John's 9:00 am	16 Council Meetings Spring Lake 5:30 pm Gilman & St. John's 6:00 pm All at St. John's	17 Confirmation *M/C/W 6 :00 pm Worship 7:00 pm	18 Bible Study - Valley Villa 10:00 am	19	20
21 Spring Lake - 10:00 am	22 Quilting - St. John's 9:00 am	23	24 Confirmation *M/C/W 6 :00 pm Worship 7:00 pm	25 Bible Study - Valley Villa 10:00 am	26	27
28 St John's 10:00am	29 Quilting - St. John's 9:00 am	30	30 Confirmation *M/C/W 6:00 pm Worship 7:00 pm			
			*M/C/W - Meal / Con- firmation / Worship Service			