

Trinity Valley Tribune

Gilman ~ St. John's ~ Spring Lake

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JUNE/JULY 2021

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

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St. John's Lutheran Church

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Spring Lake Lutheran Church

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Spring Valley, WI 54767

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Summer office hours: Tuesday-Thursday (June 1st thru August 15th) 9am—noon

INSTALLATION SERVICE

The installation service for Pastor Amelia Houdek will be on Sunday June 27, 2021

At Handy Andy Park

9:30 a.m.

Pastor Greg Kaufman from the synod office will be conducting the installation service.

JOIN OUR WORSHIP!

In person worship for **June** is Gilman at 9:45, St. John's at 11:00 and Spring Lake at 8:30.

For **July thru September** Gilman will be at 11:00, St. John's at 8:30 and Spring Lake at 9:45.

Weekly online worship services can be accessed at Pastor Amelia's Facebook page or St. John's, Gilman or Spring Lake Facebook page. You can also find it on [Youtube.com@TVLPGilmanStJohnsSpringLake](https://www.youtube.com/@TVLPGilmanStJohnsSpringLake).

Sunday Worship broadcast is on Sunday at 11:00 a.m. and Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. on Baldwin Lightstream cable on channel 16.

PASTOR AMELIA'S MESSAGE

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Greetings Beloved Friends!

As you may know, I am finished with my interim ministry assignment on May 26, 2021. I will return as the settled pastor on June 14! During my time away I plan to sleep, be outside, read, and binge Netflix shows. Perhaps the most life-giving and important thing I plan to do is spend time in prayer with God to listen to the still small voice; to ask for wisdom and guidance for me and our congregations; to simply be intentionally in the presence of the Divine.

As I spend time in prayer I will also be praying for our parish, for our individual churches, and for you. Specifically I will pray scripture from the prophet Joel, and from Paul who quotes Joel. I'm calling it my "Acts 2" prayer. I am praying that the Spirit would be poured out over us so that we see visions, dream dreams, and prophesy. I will also pray Ephesians 3:14-21 over us:

¹⁴ This is why I kneel before the Father. ¹⁵ Every ethnic group in heaven or on earth is recognized by him. ¹⁶ I ask that he will strengthen you in your inner selves from the riches of his glory through the Spirit. ¹⁷ I ask that Christ will live in your hearts through faith. As a result of having strong roots in love, ¹⁸ I ask that you'll have the power to grasp love's width and length, height and depth, together with all believers. ¹⁹ I ask that you'll know the love of Christ that is beyond knowledge so that you will be filled entirely with the fullness of God. ²⁰ Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us; ²¹ glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus for all generations, forever and always. Amen.

Through this summer may we all grow in faith together! To do this let us commit ourselves to gathering in worship, hearing scripture, and praying. Let us remember to regard one another with respect and mutual love. Let us re-commit to the ways we can participate in and with the body of Christ. Let us recall all that God has done in us and through us this far so that we might remember to thank God for God's unwavering faithfulness.

I hope to see each of you on Sunday June 27th at 9:30 at Handy Andy Park. It will be such a joyous occasion and I am installed officially as your pastor.

Peace be with you all! Be well.

Pastor Amelia

May Joint Council Meeting Minutes

The Trinity Valley Lutheran Parish joint councils (Gilman, St. John's, & Spring Lake) met Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at the St. John's Church fellowship hall. Members present were Ray Dohm, Heidi Mishka (guest), Trudy Rew, Shelli Wood, Kim Davis, Dale Place, Duey Davis, Shawn Miller, Diane Hurtgen, Phil Verges, Jeremy Johnson, Nancy Cleveland, Barb Esanbock, Linda Anderson, Lisa Nelson, Earl Gunderson, Leanna Larson, David Butts, and Pastor Amelia Houdek.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 by Jeremy Johnson, Parish Council Vice-president. Pastor Amelia led a prayer and brief devotion, followed by her pastor's report. She noted that the last Sundays in June, July, and August have been set aside to have one joint service for the entire parish. All 3 services will be held at Handy Andy Park in Spring Valley and would start at 9:30 a.m. In case of inclement weather, the service would be moved to St. John's sanctuary. People will be encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs. If they want to stay in their cars, it's possible that the service could be broadcast via transmitter to the radio. MM by Leanna Larson, seconded by Lisa Nelson to approve the Pastor's report as presented. Motion carried.

Reviewed April joint council minutes. Correction noted: Barb Esanbock was listed incorrectly as Barb Anderson. MM by Phil Verges, seconded by Leanna Larson to approve the April minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

Pastor reported that the finalization of call has not been signed yet, but that she will send it in soon. She will be taking some time off to transition between her role as interim pastor to called pastor from May 27 through June 13 (three Sundays, and 2 full weeks). Pastor Bob Dahm from Wilson Lutheran will be on call for any pastoral emergencies, and a supply pastor will preside over Sunday services. An alternate recorded service will be available weekly, as well. Change of call status will begin June 14, 2021. She reported that she is considering an Installation date to coincide with one of the Joint outdoor services this summer, but that would be contingent upon the schedule of the Synod staff who oversees the installation. Pastor will call the Synod to check on the dates. She'd like to keep it as simple as possible.

The deadline to register for an Open-Door Grant available through the Synod is May 14th. Grant applications are due May 19th. Between \$1500 - \$2500 is available to congregations who submit specific, actionable ideas about engaging new people at this time of re-gathering. Pastor will check to see if this an ongoing ministry initiative vs a one-time event. After some discussion, it was decided that we should apply for this grant. Lisa Nelson will submit the registration and Leanna Larson will write the grant and submit it. One of the suggestions that was well received was to have live music and a food truck and welcome people to join the members of our parish for fellowship. Details to be determined.

Discussion regarding the re-engagement of church members, committees, groups. Still having some difficulty finding worship assistants (reading, ushering, altar care, etc.). Despite some sluggishness gearing up again, Pastor reports that there are new members interested in joining both Gilman and St. Johns, and she feels like worship is going well.

Nancy Cleveland will investigate the cost of readily visible, outside signage showing the worship times. This will be discussed again at the next meeting.

The possibility of live streaming worship services was discussed. St. John's has wi-fi access, Gilman and Spring Lake do not currently. Some of the pros and cons were discussed, though no decisions were reached tonight. This will be discussed in more detail at the next Parish Council meeting and brought back to the joint councils later.

Joint meeting was adjourned, and the individual council meetings were held. Next meeting to be held at St. John's on June 8th at 6:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Shelli Wood, Parish Secretary

Notices

FOOD PANTRY HOURS

Spring Valley:

2nd & 4th Wed.

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



Elmwood:

1st Tues. 3-6pm

3rd Tues. 9-11am

4th Sat. 9-11am

GRACE PLACE

Spring Lake congregation supplied the supper to Grace Place homeless shelter on Friday, May 14th. Cindy Jensen, Kim Davis, Sally Pierce and Rita Jensen prepared four casseroles. The Gilman Volunteers for **June 11th** are Cathy Hopwood, Sue Horstman, Brenda Johnson and Diane Hurtgen. The Spring Lake volunteers for **July 9th** are Trudy Rew, Donna Springer, Missy VandeVrede and Kim Woodford. We thank all those who have volunteered to provide a casserole throughout the year.

SUMMER PARISH WORSHIP TOGETHER

Join us for "**Parish Worship Together**" at Handy Andy Park on Highway 29 in Spring Valley at 9:30am on the following Sundays this summer:

Sunday, June 27th Pastor Amelia Installation

Sunday, July 25th

Sunday, August 29th

1. Bring a chair. If inclement weather, worship service will be held at St. John's church.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL-SAVE THE DATE

The Community Vacation Bible School has been scheduled for July 18 – July 22 (Sunday -Thursday) from 6-7:30pm.

TUESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Will meet @ 10:00 in St. John's Fellowship hall on June 15th and July 20th.

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS!!!!!!

requirements are due July 15th to qualify for participation in confirmation ceremonies in the fall.

WELCA NEWS

GILMAN:

Meeting & Bible Study: Thursday June 10th @ 1pm at church; Bible Study led by Pastor Amelia.

Hostess: Sue Horstman

Thursday, July 8th at 12 noon at church (picnic bring a bag lunch for yourself); Bible Study led by Diane Hurtgen

SPRING LAKE:

Meeting & Bible Study: Monday, June 21st and Monday, July 19th @ 2pm at Welcome Home; Bible Study led by Pastor Amelia.

CHURCH ROTATION SCHEDULE

2021

FEBRUARY-MARCH

GILMAN	8:30
ST. JOHN'S	9:45
SPRING LAKE	11:00

APRIL-JUNE

GILMAN	9:45
ST. JOHN'S	11:00
SPRING LAKE	8:30

JULY-SEPTEMBER

GILMAN	11:00
ST. JOHN'S	8:30
SPRING LAKE	9:45

OCTOBER-DECEMBER

GILMAN	8:30
ST. JOHN'S	9:45
SPRING LAKE	11:00

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

June 1st thru August 15th

Monday: Closed

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9am – noon

Friday: Closed

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WORSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

GILMAN

<u>Date</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>
6/6	Jim & Tammie Anger	Cheri Jacobson	Kalena Beyer
6/13	Connie Anderson	Joy Holerud	Taylor Traynor
6/20	Jayden & Casey Hannack	April Miller	Sam Miller
Deacon: Tyra Johnson			
Altar Care: Julie Webb & Missy Hague			
7/4	Jeff & Jana Neidermyer	Dianne Madson	Addison Neidermyer
7/11	Rich/Brenda Aamodt	Brenda Aamodt	Charlee Sorenson
7/18	Jeff & Amy Wheeler	Jeff Wheeler	Jaci Mader
Deacon: Luke Miller			
Altar Care: Brenda Johnson & Diane Hurtgen			

SPRING LAKE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Readers</u>
6/6	Tom & Sue Yonke	Donna Lien
6/13	Randy & Debbie Hague	Dale Place
6/20	Sally Swenson	Bethany Stringer
Deacon & Altar Care: Karyl Tiffany		
7/4	Paul & Karen Blandford	Paul Blanford
7/11	Randy & Kathy Nyeggen	Randy Nyeggen
7/18	Art Neiderhauser & Orv Pierce	Don Blegen
Deacon: Mary Jane Hecker		
Altar Care: Marg Ginsbach, Sue Wood		

ST. JOHN'S

<u>Date</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Readers</u>
6/6	Joyce Brooke/Cheryl Larsen	Bev Lueth
6/13	Marsha Brunkhorst/Kathy Miller	Marsha Brunkhorst
6/20	Bob & Pam Hanson	Stacy Burr
Altar Care:		
7/4	Keith & Nina Larson/Elliot Tanberg	Jon Anderson
7/11	Jason Stark Family	Evah Butts
7/18	Paula Hampton/Nancy Cleveland	Elena Roberts
Altar Care:		

ATTENTION SPRING LAKE CONGREGATION!!!

CAN YOU HELP???

The Spring Lake Church was established in 1874, and the building that we now worship in was constructed in 1932 after a tornado destroyed the original structure in 1930. This building was completed in just 5 months for a cost of approximately \$10,000 and the first service in it was held in 1932. Since that time many renovations, repairs, and improvements have been made because the members of the church have been diligent about maintaining the structure – both inside and out, as well as the grounds.

It has been determined that the brick work on the church needs repair, as well as the sidewalks in front of the church. Bids have been secured and the church council has accepted a bid for tuckpointing, rebuilding the caps and columns, as well as the use of the lift needed to do the repair, for a total of \$7,200 from American Stone and Brick out of New Richmond. Robey Maintenance has bid \$4,100 to replace the existing sidewalks.

The work on the church will need to be done first as it involves the use of a lift that could possibly damage any new concrete sidewalks, so that is scheduled to begin in July, with the sidewalk replacement later. ***The church council is now asking that you consider donating to the cost of this much needed project.*** The plan is to use the money that is already appropriated to the capital improvement fund, as well as what is in the building fund. If we can raise enough money through donations, other fund balances won't need to be used.

If you can help with an extra monetary gift towards these two projects, please designate the **BUILDING FUND** on your offering envelope, or you may send a separate donation to the church office indicating tuckpointing or sidewalk improvements.

Thank you for your faithful support of our beautiful church.

June 2021

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Mon

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Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

OFFICE CLOSED MON. & FRIDAY FOR SUMMER								
			1 *Pastor Amelia out of office thru 6/13	2	3	4	5	
6 8:30-Spring Lake 9:45-Gilman 11:00-St Johns		7 8am-Crew leaves for West Cap from SJ 10-11:30-Memory Café at SJ 6:30-Joint Council Meeting	8	9 1pm-Gilman Welca at church	10 4pm-Supper delivered to Grace Place Shelter	11	12	
13 8:30-Spring Lake 9:45-Gilman 11:00-St Johns		14 10am-Women's Bible Study at SJ	15	16	17	18	19	
20 FATHER'S DAY 8:30-Spring Lake 9:45-Gilman 11:00-St Johns	21 2pm-SL Welca at Welcome Home	22 10-11:30-Memory Café at SJ	23	24	25	26		
27 9:30am-Worship at Sandy Andy Park	28	29	30					

NOTE: WORSHIP
ROTATION
CHANGES IN JULY

July 2021

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

NOTE: WORSHIP ROTATION CHANGES IN JULY	OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY & FRIDAY FOR SUMMER						
8:30-St. John's 9:45-Spring Lake 11:00-Gilman							
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
8:30-St. John's 9:45-Spring Lake 11:00-Gilman				Noon-Gilman Welca at church	4pm-Supper delivered to Grace Place Shelter		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
8:30-St. John's 9:45-Spring Lake 11:00-Gilman		8am-Crew leaves for WestCap from SJ 10am-Memory Café at SJ		Confirmation requirements due			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
8:30-St. John's 9:45-Spring Lake 11:00-Gilman 6-7:30pm: VBS Luther Point Camp	2pm-SL Welca at Welcome Home 6-7:30pm: VBS Luther Point Camp	10am-Women's Bible Study at SJ 6-7:30pm: VBS Luther Point Camp	6-7:30pm: VBS Luther Point Camp	6-7:30pm: VBS Luther Point Camp	Luther Point Camp	Marsha Kotten Celebration of Life	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
9:30am-Worship at Handy Andy Park		10am-Memory Café at SJ					