

Trinity Valley Tribune

Gilman ~ St. John's ~ Spring Lake

MARCH 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

N8107 330th St.

PO Box 386

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St. John's Lutheran Church

S520 Church Ave.

PO Box 336

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Spring Lake Lutheran Church

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PO Box 386

gilslake@svtel.net

Spring Valley, WI 54767

715-778-4334 or 715-778-5935

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9am—noon

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

† Weekly online worship services can 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@TVLPGilmanStJohnsSpring Lake.

† 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.

EASTER

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Lenten services are posted on Wednesdays and can be viewed online.

April 1, 2021 Maunday Thursday Service
7:00 p.m. at Spring Lake

April 2, 2021 Good Friday Service
12:00 p.m. at Gilman
7:00 p.m. at St. John's

EASTER SERVICES

Gilman at 9:45 a.m.
St. John's at 11:00 a.m.
Spring Lake at 8:30 a.m.

PASTOR AMELIA'S MESSAGE

Email address: pastoramelia@gmail.com

Cell phone: 612-850-3904

ATTENTION PARENTS OF CHILDREN 5th Grade and Under! You and your child/ren are invited to **1st Communion Instruction** for Gilman, St. John's, and Spring Lake at St. John's on Sunday Mar. 14 from 1-2:30p or Thursday Mar. 18 6-7pm. Choose whichever date/time works best with your schedule. 1st Communion celebration will be on Sunday April 11 at each church. PLEASE RSVP to svstjelca@svtel.net by Wed. Mar. 3 so I can have the materials prepared. I look forward to seeing you all with your child/ren!

Lenten Greetings to you all~

Lent is a season for reflection and repentance. We take time to examine ourselves and our lives and recommit ourselves to following the way of Jesus Christ, which will lead us straight to the cross. In Lent many of us choose to deny ourselves something, like chocolate, coffee, swearing, alcohol, etc., as a way to live into Jesus' teaching to "deny yourselves and take up your cross and follow me" (Matt. 16:24) Let's not confuse the matter. Giving up chocolate is not the same as dying on the cross. However, it does give us a taste of denying ourselves. The intention then is whenever we would crave what we have chosen to abstain from we would spend that time in prayer, praise, thanksgiving. This is a very meaningful Lenten discipline for many.

Some choose not to 'give something up' but instead choose to take something up. This is in living into Jesus' words and commandment "Love one another as I have loved you" (John 13:34-35) In serving the poor, helping the elderly, visiting the sick, or choosing to do chores that are not designated as 'yours', or spending time with by yourself or with others reading scripture and praying you demonstrate this command.

In one church I served we called this discipline "taking up the towel" echoing in scripture when Jesus washed the disciples' feet. It is caring for the other, and in essence also a form of 'denying yourself' and following Jesus.

I do not advocate one discipline or practice over the other. Both have their purpose, place, and time. What I do advocate for is for you to consider deepening your Lenten experience by choosing one of these practices this Lent. If you haven't started, begin now. If you start and stall, begin again. In this way, as we learn and grow together in our Lenten sermon series "Sir, We Want to See Jesus" we *will see Jesus*.

In prayer,

Pastor Amelia

Notices

FOOD PANTRY HOURS

Spring Valley:

2nd & 4th Wed.
10-11:30am & 4:30-6pm



Elmwood:

1st Tues. 3-6pm
3rd Tues. 9-1pm

NEWSLETTER'S NEW LOOK

As you can see, the newsletter has a new look along with our newly formed parish. This can also be emailed to you to help us save money but we need your help in providing email addresses to input into the system. Your suggestions and comments are appreciated.

THANK YOU

- Special thank you to Chris Houdek for all the hours he has spent getting TVL Parish services on YouTube and the addition of features to the online services that make them more engaging.
- Special thank you to Lisa Nelson for her expertise and time creating the TVL Parish website which links to the individual church websites.

CONFIRMATION NEWS

There will be NO confirmation on Wednesday March 10, 2021 and March 31.

Offering envelopes can be picked up at your home church.

WELCA NEWS

GILMAN-SPRING LAKE-ST. JOHN'S

No meeting or Bible study for Jan., Feb. or March

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Call Committee has completed our preparations, and the interviewing process has begun. We continue to ask for Prayers from the congregations during this time that God may guide a leader to us as our next Pastor.

Call Committee Members: Kay Place, Trudy Rew, Nancy Cleveland, Matt Pommier, Diane Hurtgen, Joy Wilson.

GRACE PLACE

Gilman congregation supplied the supper for Grace Place homeless shelter on Fri., Feb. 12th. Connie Anderson, Carol Schilling, Kalena Beyer and Casey Hannack prepared the casseroles which Orville Pierce delivered to the residents.

The March 12th meal will be provided by Kim Davis, MaryJane Hecker, Donna Lien and Nancy Christianson.

GILMAN WORSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>
3/7	John & Monica Robey	Larry Sorenson	Sam Miller
3/14	Tony & Mel Mader	Tom Gunderson	Collin Hauge Kalena Beyer
3/21	Todd & Trisha Tarynor	Trisha Traynor	Taylor Traynor
3/28	Steve McDonough Ron Thompson	Dawn Schmitt	Charlee Sorenson

Deacon: Luke Miller

Altar Care Dianne Madson/Brenda Aamodt

SPRING LAKE WORSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Readers</u>
3/7	Duey & Kim Davis	Duey Davis
3/14	Art Neiderhauser/Orville Pierce	Trudy Rew
3/21	Chuck & Carol Gregg	Bethany Stringer
3/28	Rita Jensen/Sally Swenson	Karen Blanford

Deacon: Karyl Tiffany

Altar Care Carol Gregg & Donna Blegen

BIBLE CAMP

At Trinity Valley Parish we ask that confirmation students attend “Jr. High/ Confirmation Camp” at Luther Point Bible Camp at least once during the summer before their 7th, 8th, or 9th grade. This year we are scheduled to attend during the week of **July 18-23rd**.

This experience is designed to help campers gain independence, meet new friends and take ownership of their faith through worship, Bible studies and other fun activities. These will include an Outpost adventure, service projects, low-ropes course and more!

Gilman/Spring Lake congregations will pay the great majority of the \$405 cost for each first-time student through grants and fundraisers. But we request that \$135 deposit be paid by the student’s family if at all possible.

Due to the uncertainty that goes along with COVID-19, Luther Point takes everything “one-day-at-a-time”. They are planning on holding the full summer program, however are prepared to make changes as necessary to limit group sizes. They are also waiving cancellation fees up until May 1, 2021 if you need to cancel your reservation for any reason.

It is very important that you register your student online, to avoid a \$25 added fee. For the church to get the early-bird discount of \$15 per student, you will need to go online to complete the registration and pay the deposit by May 1st. Information regarding camp is available at www.lutherpoint.org. If you are unable to pay this deposit, please contact Pastor so that we can find some way to help. Watch for a future mailing.

FIRST COMMUNION

During the Sunday worship services on April 11th, our parish First Communion participants will receive First Communion. In preparation, students will attend a class on Sunday, March 14 from 1-2:30 at St. John’s Church to study about the sacraments. The first class should include parents. If this time does not work for you there is another make-up class scheduled for Thursday, March 18th from 6-7pm at St. John’s Church. Gilman and Spring Lake will have take-home packets to create a banner. St. John’s will have take-home packets to create their stoles.

ATTENTION!!

All 5th graders and younger whose parents believe that their child is ready to receive 1st Communion please contact the office to make sure they are included.

Students on record for First Communion at **Gilman** are: Aubrea Timm, Bella Hauge, Travis Vanasse, RJ Quinn, Tyler Neidermyer, Will Webb.

Spring Lake: Gwen Yonke

St. John’s: Elliot Tanberg, Ruth Hennemann, Kaitlyn Matthys.

ORDER EASTER FLOWERS!

GILMAN: you may order a Lily for \$9.25 or an Azalea for \$19 by calling Marlene Aamodt (778-5687). Orders are due by March 21st.

ST. JOHN’S: you may order Lillies for \$9.25 by using the order form found in the weekly church bulletin. Please complete the order form, attach your payment and return to the church office by March 21st.

SPRING LAKE: you are encouraged to purchase your own flowers and bring them on Easter.

St. Patrick’s Day “Take Out” Dinner

Sunday—March 14, 2021

10:30am to 1:00pm at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church

FREE WILL OFFERING!

*Curbside pickup or delivery (within 5 mile radius of Spring Valley)

To pre-order your meal: call Mary Lansing @ 715-778-5832 or Marie Cevulla @ 715-698-2882. For day of curbside pick-up call The Brother Michael Center @ 715-778-4591.

Enjoy bone-in-ham, real mashed potatoes, ham gravy, homemade baked beans, coleslaw, sweet corn & a slice of pie!

Joint Council Meeting: Gilman, St. John's, & Spring Lake (2/19/21 ZOOM)

Members present: Karen Gunderson, Shelli Wood, Trudy Rew, Nancy Cleveland, Dale Place, Phil Verges, April Miller, Shawn Miller, Jeremy Johnson, Tyra Johnson, Mary Hecker, Stacy Burr, Tricia Traynor, Rob Moore, Leanna Larson, Lisa Nelson, Linda Anderson, Pastor Amelia Houdek, Ray Dohm, Kim Davis, Duey Davis, Barb Anderson, Diane Hurtgen Melanie Wentlandt, Dawn Schmitt

Meeting was called to order at 6:33 by Parish Council President, Karen Gunderson. Pastor Amelia opened the meeting with Devotions and Prayer speaking about trusting in God during change, and choosing not to be fear filled.

Karen expressed thanks for the prompt and encouraging email responses regarding return to in-church worship. She noted that since the worship schedule will change quarterly, Easter Sunday will be the first Sunday in the next quarter, so the rotation schedule will change **on Easter Sunday** and it will be important to advertise that time change frequently, and well in advance.

Pastor informed us that she will require assistance to have things ready to go at each of the last 2 churches in the rotation since she will be traveling between 3 churches for Sunday services and will be unable to do it herself. She will compose a list of things that she needs to be in place prior to the services. She announced that Lenten Imposition of Ashes will be held on Feb. 17th via drive through at St. John's at 11-12 and 6-7, and that there were also individual kits available for pick up at the church office if members would prefer to do this at home. All Lenten Services will be held online (TVLP YouTube page) and then the Sunday services will resume according to their rotation schedule on Feb. 14th.

Call committee members Diane Hurtgen, Nancy Cleveland, and Trudy Rew reported that they had a mock interview practice (recommended by the Synod prior to actual candidate interviews) and Karen confirmed that a donation was sent to that pastor's preferred charity as a thank you. The committee has 2 interviews scheduled the 11th and 15th of February. They requested prayers of support during the interview process.

Lisa Nelson has been working on a Trinity Valley Lutheran Parish Website that will contain information pertinent to the parish, but that will also link to each of the 3 churches from the parish site. She is looking for interested people to provide feedback about the content of this website and will send a Zoom link to those expressing interest. The meeting will be 2/16/21.

We will trial joint council meetings with a brief parish council meeting altogether, and then breaking out into individual church council meetings so that the pastor is able to "attend" all 3 church meetings on the same night. In the future, individual meetings could either be before the joint meeting, or afterward. The meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month. Tentative start times for the joint meeting will be 6:30 or 6:45. Watch for further details.

Dale Place presented some finance questions regarding Portico, payroll, office administrator payroll, frequency of pastor's reimbursement.

Jeremy Johnson announced that there will be a "Fun Day" at Lake George behind the Dam in Spring Valley from 1-3:30 on Sunday, February 28th. There will be kick ball, skating, bonfire. Initial invitation was to all students from the 3 churches along with their families, but after some discussion it was opened to all interested members.

Joint council adjourned at 7:10 p.m. into breakout meetings of the individual councils.

Respectfully submitted by Shelli Wood, Parish Secretary

Reminder: Individual Church Council Minutes are available at the church office or will be sent by email upon your request.

ELECTED OFFICERS 2021

Gilman

President:	Phil Verges
Vice Pres:	Jeremy Johnson
Secretary:	Diane Hurtgen
Treasurer:	Tricia Traynor
Financial Secretary:	Roxanne Kiefer
Deacons:	Dawn Schmitt Tyra Johnson Luke Miller Monica Robey
Trustees:	Leigha Prudlow Mark Kotten, Shawn Miller
SS Superintendent:	April Miller
Board of Education:	Janna Neidermeyer April Miller Tanya Beyer
Nominating Committee:	Ron Thompson Carter Sorenson
Auditing Committee:	Sonya Lenarz Monica Robey
Mission Endowment Board:	John Lenarz Steve Price Phil Verges

St. John's

President	Karen Gunderson
Vice President	Lisa Nelson
Secretary	Barb Esanbock
Treasurer	Earl Gunderson
Financial Secretary	Leanna Larson
Education	Rob Moore
Adult faith & Education	Nancy Cleveland
Stewardship	Stacy Burr
Social Concerns	Mel Wentlandt
Property	David Butts

Spring Lake

President	Ray Dohm
Vice Pres	Shelli Wood
Secretary	Kim Davis
Treasurer	Ann Beyer/Donna Lien
Financial Secretary	Sally Swenson
Deacons	Mary Jane Hecker Trudy Rew Karyl Tiffany
Trustees	Duey Davis Dale Place
Auditing Committee	Kay Place Cindy Jensen

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