

Trinity Valley Tribune

Gilman ~ St. John's ~ Spring Lake

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May 2022

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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ATTENTION GILMAN & SPRING LAKE MEMBERS!!!

At their April 19th meetings, the councils of Gilman and Spring Lake voted to recommend the sale of the parsonage. This is a decision that must be agreed upon by the members of both congregations, and to that end, there will be a meeting at each church following their respective worship services **on May 15th** for discussion and voting. You may call **Jeremy Johnson** at 612-790-0510, or **Shelli Wood** at 715-690-4081 if you have questions, or if you are unable to attend but would like to listen and vote by phone. Please submit your request for the "attend by phone" option by either calling Jeremy or Shelli, or by calling the church office prior to noon by May 12th and you will be given instructions on how to listen and vote by phone during the actual meeting time. No absentee ballots or voting by proxy is permitted per our constitutions. Please plan to attend this important meeting.



GRADUATE SUNDAY

Trinity Valley Lutheran Parish High School seniors will be recognized during worship on Sunday, **May 15th**. A simple ceremony and presentation will be made during the service at all churches. A coffee hour will be served in their honor following worship at St. John's only.

Our high school seniors are (Gilman): Tor Johnson, MacKenzie McGrane, Lilly Ninneman, Elizabeth Prudlow, Carter Sorenson, Dylan Webb; (St. John's): Connor Lynam, Max Schmitt, Elijah Butts, Blayne Gregg, Max Matthys, Charlie Maier, Claire Anderson; (Spring Lake): Tristan Neisinger, Patrick Tiffany Wyatt Wood. If any graduates have been missed from this list, please contact the office.

PASTOR AMELIA'S MESSAGE

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May Blessings to you all!

Thursday is the gateway to the weekend as May is to the gateway of summer. I say **throw the gates wide open!** When you think about it though, May is a gateway; not only to summer, which we will talk about, but it is a gateway to something new; it is a gateway to forward movement. Children move to the next grade level. High School Seniors walk through the gateway of graduation into many different paths and opportunities. College Seniors (regardless of age) matriculate into new and brighter future. And in the midst of all of these milestone events, parents prepare for their children to be in the next phase of life, and as a mom I can say this, sometimes have to learn a completely different way to parent. (I'm still figuring out how to parent 20 somethings.) Yes, May is a gateway to so many events. I'm particularly looking forward to summer here at Trinity Valley Lutheran Parish!

Please look through your newsletter carefully to catch details of events, worship time changes, and special milestone celebrations. Check out this schedule of events:

HS senior recognition on Sunday May 15

1 TVLP Worship service at 9:15 am on Sunday May 29 at St. John's

Community VBS June 5-9 (I'm so excited to teach on Tuesday and Wednesday)—we'll need volunteers to help serve dinner. More info to come.

Beginning in June worship times change! To give opportunities to both worship and enjoy the season, worship services will be 30 minutes.

July brings a completely different worship experience as we have 1 service per Sunday with some fun activities following church!

Confirmation students attend Luther Point July 17-22

Whew! There are so many opportunities to explore ways to connect. My prayer is that May will be also a gateway to deeper relational connections with church friends and family. May it be a gateway to re-engage with us if you've been away for a while. May it be a time for rest and renewal. May it be a time that you and I connect 1:1.

So, friends, throw the gates wide open!

With Joy~

Pastor Amelia

FOOD PANTRY HOURS

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



Elmwood:

1st Tues. 3-6pm
3rd Tues. 9-11am
Sat. 9-11am

GRACE PLACE

Gilman congregation supplied the supper to Grace Place homeless shelter for April. Diane Hurtgen, Kalena Beyer, Karen Jorgenson and Lois Verges prepared meals. The Spring Lake Volunteers for May 13th are Nancy Christensen, Kim Davis, Sally Pierce and Rita Jensen. Spring Lake still has some open slots in July & September.

SPRING VALLEY SENIORS STAYING PUT

~Expanding Services to Elmwood Community~

Join us for a presentation on Staying Put and how:

- ◆ We offer an array of non-medical volunteer services to help seniors and adults with disabilities to maintain their independence.
- ◆ We offer the opportunity to become a volunteer in the rural tradition of "neighbors helping neighbors."
- ◆ We offer these services at no charge. (*Donations accepted*)

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

11:30 am—1 pm

Elmwood Auditorium

A light luncheon will be served ~ RSVPs are appreciated to
715-778-5800

SPRING LAKE ALTAR PAINTING

Just before Advent this past winter, the picture of Jesus, the Good Shepherd was removed from the altar at Spring Lake. The painting was repaired and cleaned by Esa Everroad, artist and owner from The Purple Pelican Art Gallery in Spooner, WI. The shellac was removed from the surface, the canvas was cleaned and reconditioned, the damaged areas were repaired and repainted, and just before Good Friday, the beautifully restored painting was returned. Many thanks to Esa for her expert restoration, as well as to the Spring Lake WELCA who paid for half the cost. Thanks to the talent of Kay Place and Ann Beyer, handmade quilts were furnished to fill the empty space while the painting was being repaired, and we are grateful for their generosity, too. Dale Place designed a method to hang the quilts, complete with specialty knots, and Duey Davis reinstalled the newly restored artwork. It is clean and bright, and it's wonderful to have the painting back where it belongs. Thank you all!

WELCA NEWS

GILMAN:

Meeting & Bible Study: Thursday, May 12th @1pm at Church

Quilters will meet as needed. Contact Marlene Aamodt for next meeting date.

SPRING LAKE:

Meeting & Bible Study: Monday, May 16th at 2pm
ST. JOHN'S:

Women's Bible Study every Monday
@ 10:00 am and 5:00 pm in the fellowship hall
St. John's Quilting Thursdays 9am—noon

THANK YOU!!!

Many thanks to all the people responsible for an enjoyable, very successful Maundy Thursday service and meal held at St. John's on April 14th. The service was meaningful, the food was good, and the fellowship was wonderful! Special thanks to Nancy Cleveland from St. John's for organizing the meal, and to Duey and Kim Davis from Spring Lake, Larry and Diane Hurtgen and Larry and Dianne Madson from Gilman, and to all the confirmation students and their families for their preparation, service, and participation on Maundy Thursday and throughout Lent. Thanks go out also, to the musicians who played and sang during the Lenten services: Danny Cipriano, Ella Esanbock, Michelle Schmitt, Pastor Amelia, as well as to Willa and Clint Meyer for special music at Gilman. Your talents added so much to our worship experience. Also, thanks for the Thrivent Action Grant, Spring Valley Bakery and Market Place Foods in Menomonie. Thank you to those who served coffee and treats after the Lenten services, and to those who provided flowers to beautify our sanctuaries on Easter Sunday. Thank you to all of the Gilman helpers who carried flowers and stands up the steps to the sanctuary. You are ALL appreciated!!

PARISH OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR JOB OPENING

After about four and a half years of service, Linda Price will be retiring from her position as church secretary. She has turned in her resignation effective June 1, 2022. We are grateful for her years of dedication to our churches and wish her well as she enjoys being fully retired! Thank you, Linda!

Linda's resignation creates a vacancy in the church office, and the Parish Council is in the process of hiring an office administrator. That person will join Ann Beyer, who has offered to serve as Parish bookkeeper for Trinity Valley Lutheran Parish. If you, or someone you know, is interested or qualified, please contact either Pastor Amelia or Shelli Wood for further details and job description.

Trinity Valley Lutheran Parish Council Meeting Minutes
TVLP Joint Council Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2022, 6:30 p.m.
TVLP Joint Council Meeting—St. John’s Fellowship Hall

Call to Order-President Shelli Wood called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present-Tricia Traynor, Ross Keehr, Ann Beyer, Bill Emerson, Jeremy Johnson, Barb Esanbock, Leanna Larson, Tom Gunderson, Trudy Rew, Karyl Tiffany, Rob Moore, Heather Koenning, Nancy Cleveland, Kim Davis, Duey Davis, Jeanne Runge, Sean Miller, Ray Dohm, Diane Hurtgen

Information items:

March minutes were reviewed.

Synod Assembly—April 30 - Shelli Wood, Nancy Cleveland, Sean Miller, Pastor Amelia will attend via Zoom.

New office computers are here—Pastor Amelia’s husband is setting them up.

Office Administration and Bookkeeping job openings—Linda Price’s resignation is effective June 1. A posting for that position will be made soon. Ann Beyer will be in the office Monday and Tuesday to do the bookkeeping for all 3 congregations and the parish. A firm in Menomonie is doing payroll.

Summer Schedule—Services on the last Sunday of June, July, and August will be held in Handy Andy Park at 9 a.m. pending agreement with the village of SV. Pastor Amelia has vacation scheduled the first two Sundays of July. **One combined service** will be held the **first 3 Sundays in July**. Churches will rotate hosting the services, locations/time to be announced.

Next Joint Council Meeting Date—May 10, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Adjourned to individual council meetings at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hurtgen

APRIL ATTENDANCE & INCOME REPORT

	4/3	4/6-Lent	4/10 Palm Sun.	4/13-Lent	4/15 Good Friday	4/17-Easter	4/24
Spring Lake-Income	\$1945.00	\$ 125.00	\$1125.00	\$ 180.00		\$ 570.00	\$630.00
Attendance	23	n/a	29	n/a		38	n/a
St. John’s-Income	\$2925.00	—	\$1035.00	\$ 973.00		—	\$1792.75
Attendance	50	—	68	88		—	32
Gilman-Income	\$3084.00	\$90.00	\$1172.00	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Attendance	40		55		22	57	28

~ CONFIRMATION NEWS ~

Confirmation Camp scheduled for July 17-22.
Early bird registration due by May 1st.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LAST DAY

Gilman—May 1st
St. John's—Date TBA
Spring Lake—May 8th

PART-TIME CHURCH OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Position: Office Administrative Assistant

Work status: Part-time 16-20 hours per week (flexible)

Salary: \$15.00/ hour

Qualifications include:

- Excellent and efficient communication skills
 - Experience working with all Microsoft Business Suite products
 - Ability to work on multiple projects at once
 - Collaborative and creative in solution finding
 - Independent worker while participating as a team
 - A pleasant and positive attitude in work and with people.
- Minimum High School Graduate with at least 2 years experience.
Please submit inquiries and resume to Pastor Amelia Houdek at pastoramelia@gmail.com Deadline to apply is June 1st.

CHURCH ROTATION SCHEDULE
SPRING/SUMMER

MAY

ST. JOHN'S	8:30
SPRING LAKE	9:45
GILMAN	11:00
*May 29th-One Parish Service at SJ 9:15	

JUNE

(NEW TIMES)

ST. JOHN'S	8:30
SPRING LAKE	9:15
GILMAN	10:00
*June 26th-One Service-Handy Andy 9:15	

JULY (ONE SERVICE/WEEK-ROTATED)

July 3rd	9:15	Gilman
July 10th	9:15	Spring Lake
July 17th	9:15	St. John's
July 24th	9:15	Gilman
July 31st	9:15	Handy Andy (SJ)

AUGUST

ST. JOHN'S	8:30
SPRING LAKE	9:15
GILMAN	10:00
*Sept. 4th-One Parish Service at Gilman 9:15	

WORSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

GILMAN

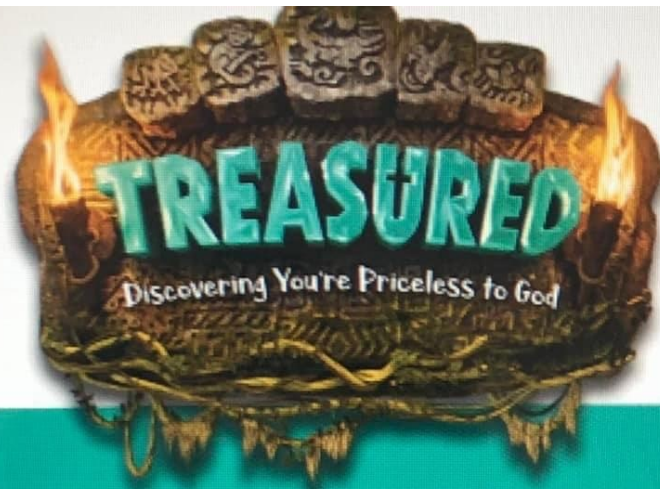
<u>Date</u>	<u>Greeters/Ushers</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
5/1	Duane Nelson & Orval Britton	Tom Gunderson	Chase Rud
5/8	Larry & Diane Madson	Diane Madson	Addison Neidermyer
5/15	Rich & Brenda Aamodt	Brenda Aamodt	Trenton Vorlicek
5/22	Karen & Darryl Klawitter	Darryl Klawitter	Payton Jorgenson
Altar Care: Lois Verges, Teresa Clements			Deacon: Tom Gunderson

SPRING LAKE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Deacon</u>
5/1	Sue Wood, Rita Jensen	Shelli Wood	Deacon: Karyl Tiffany
5/8	Don & Cindy Jensen	Trudy Rew	
5/15	Ray Dohm	Duey Davis	
5/22	Randy & Debby Hague	Donna Lien	
Altar Care: Kim Davis, Donna Lien			

ST. JOHN'S *(Coffee fellowship following worship April—September)*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Comm. Servers</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
5/1	Richard/Lynda Johnson	Earl/Karen Gunderson	Rob Moore	Brian/Pat Sandness	Brynn Moore Isaac Koenning
5/8	Pommier Family	Marsha Brunkhorst/Kathy Miller	Marsha Brunkhorst	Cheryl Larsen Matt Pommier	Claire/Henry Pommier
5/15	Henneman Family	Mel/Megan Wentlandt	Nancy Cleveland	Laura/Phil Henneman	Grace/Ruth H.
5/22	Nina/KeithLarson	Judy Larrieu/Shelby Crow	Earl Gunderson	Kevin Anderson/Elena R.	Parker/Kate C.
5/29	Pete/Barb Esanbock	Bill & Luann Emerson	Barb Esanbock	Sara/Grace Anderson	Sam Schmitt/ Kolton Wilman



Spring Valley Community Vacation Bible School 2022



SUNDAY, JUNE 5TH
REGISTRATION: 3:00-3:30PM
VBS ACTIVITIES:
3:30-5:15PM
FAMILY MEAL: 5:15PM

AT TREASURED VBS

KIDS DIG INTO ACTION-PACKED, FAITH-FILLED ADVENTURES. THEY'LL DISCOVER GOD'S GREATEST TREASURE ISN'T DIAMONDS, GEMS, OR GOLD, IT'S THEM!

Sacred Heart Brother Michael Center
Sunday, June 5th - Thursday, June 9th

MONDAY, JUNE 6TH -
THURSDAY, JUNE 9TH
FAMILY MEAL: 5:15PM
VBS ACTIVITIES:
6:00-7:30PM



JOIN THE FUN! BE A
VOLUNTEER!
ANYONE ENTERING
7TH GRADE IN THE FALL - ADULT

For registration forms and any questions please contact
vbs4sv@gmail.com



Check out our Facebook Page
"Spring Valley Community Vacation Bible School"

GOD KNOWS YOU - HEARS YOU - COMFORTS YOU - FORGIVES YOU - CHOOSES YOU