

# Trinity Valley Tribune

Gilman ~ St. John's ~ Spring Lake

MAY 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

### 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.



May 16th  
Recognition of our  
2021 Graduates!

◆ Gilman: Ava Bawek, Luke Miller, Luke Walkky, Kaitlyn Aamodt.

◆ St. John's: Michael Bauer, Nolan Stans, Ella Esanbock, Jessica Wildner, Grace Herum, Pierce Burr, Boen Stoiber, Wylie Brooke, Larissa Stark and Tanner Sands.

◆ Spring Lake: Anna Blanford and Maddie Olson.

## PASTOR AMELIA'S MESSAGE

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Dear Friends in Christ,

For whatever reason, lately I have just wanted to be "home". I am not sure if it's because I simply miss my deceased parents or if it's because I simply miss my own kids, but I just want to be "home". Oh, I know the saying, "Home is where the heart is". And that is true. But there is also something to be said for a physical place where we can run to, hide in, refresh in, be at peace. To love and be loved. To be cared for and to care. Home for me is not only the people I love, but it is a specific house as well.

An unknown author writes, "At their best, our homes act as our sanctuaries. They are the nests we return to for rest and nourishment before we venture out once again to spread our wings and fly. But there are times that we may feel quite differently about our homes -- times when we feel surrounded by turmoil rather than harmony or mired in chaos rather than immersed in peace. It is at these times that we have the power to decide to bring more love into our homes.

When we choose love, we are choosing to begin within. With a deep breath, we close our eyes and ask that when we open them again, we will see where we can make shifts to create greater harmony. These may be inner shifts, such as accepting others' personality traits and working with them rather than against them. Or they may be changes we can make with items around the house -- removing the ones that cause frustration and displaying things that make us feel good. Then, we reach out to the people with whom we share our homes -- whether they are family members or another combination of people who share our space. We can help to shift their perceptions toward the positive by asking each person to think about their ideal living situation. After allowing some time for reflection, gathering to discuss each person's ideas may lead to the discovery that there are conflicting concepts about what your shared home should provide. Once this information is out in the open, we have a roadmap for creating balance and harmony from seemingly disparate desires. Together, agreements can be made to enable all to take the steps needed to create a unified vision."

When we have consciously chosen to make our home a place of harmony, then God's Love, who is Christ, can expand throughout the lives of all who live there. Each person will be nurtured, allowing them to take that peace and serenity with them into the world, sharing it with whomever they may encounter; and making every space they enter a warmer and more loving place for everyone.

My prayer for this month is two-fold. First, I pray that each of your homes would be filled with love and harmony. Second, I pray that as we begin to gather back to worship we would see our churches as "home" as well...full of love and welcome. May God's love continue to dwell in you and your families richly.

With joy~

Pastor Amelia

# CONFIRMATION NEWS!!

To: Parents of non-participating Confirmation Students

From: Pastor Amelia Houdek, interim pastor

Re: Alternate Confirmation Plan

Date: 04-13-2021

Dear Parents:

In cooperation with the Trinity Valley Parish Youth Advisory and Activities Team I have put together an alternate plan for those students who would like to be confirmed with their class but did not participate during the 2020-2021 programming year due to COVID. I understand how crazy it has been and I want to make sure that each student has the opportunity to continue on their confirmation trajectory.

The good news is that every lesson we had this past year both in the Old Testament session and the 10 Commandment session is available for your viewing pleasure online. The other good news is that I have workbooks for each student to use for each lesson to help them think about the lesson a bit more in depth. Both of these are very user friendly and I am sure your student will be able to navigate them.

The requirements to be completed before July 15, 2021 are as follows:

Watch online videos for each session you missed, Old Testament and 10 Commandments. You will find the Old Testament session on the Gilman/Spring Lake youtube channel. You will find the 10 Commandment session on the TVLP Gilman St. John's Spring Lake channel. You'll have to scroll through many videos but they are all there.

Complete the corresponding workbook lesson for each week, including highs/lows. You will need to pick this up from the office. There are workbooks for each session.

Complete 20 worship notes. All services are on youtube or each church's facebook page.

Complete the 10 Commandment quiz

And here is more good news! There is plenty of time to accomplish all of this because the completed workbooks and sermon notes are not due back in my office until **JULY 15, 2021**. Isn't that great? Plus, I am here as a resource for questions and help. My goal is to help you and your student reach their faith milestones. I know together we can help keep each student stay on track to be confirmed in their anticipated year, whether in 2021 or 2022.

If your student wishes to sit this year out and pick up in the fall, that is totally fine! However, each student needs to complete 2 full years of confirmation. (And attend at least 1 summer Bible camp!)

Please let me know if your student needs materials and I will be sure to have a packet ready for pick up.

In the spirit of cooperation,

Pastor Amelia Houdek

# Notices

## FOOD PANTRY HOURS

### **Spring Valley:**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wed.  
10-11:30am & 4:30-6pm



### **Elmwood:**

1<sup>st</sup> Tues. 3-6pm  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. 9-11am  
4<sup>th</sup> Sat. 9-11am

## WELCA NEWS

### GILMAN:

**Meeting & Bible Study:** Thursday May 13th @ 1pm at church; Bible Study led by Pastor Amelia.

**Hostess:** Lois Verges

### SPRING LAKE:

**Meeting & Bible Study:** Monday, May 17th @ 2pm at Welcome Home; Bible Study led by Pastor Amelia.

## GRACE PLACE

Gilman congregation supplied the supper to Grace Place homeless shelter on Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Lois Verges, Kalena Beyer, Joy Holerud and Brenda Walkky prepared four casseroles which Trudy Rew delivered. The Spring Lake Volunteers for May 14<sup>th</sup> are Cindy Jensen, Kim Davis, Sally Pierce and Rita Jenson. We thank all those who have volunteered to provide a casserole throughout the year. They are so appreciative during these trying times.

## NEW WEBSITES!!!

"We are pleased to announce our new website for Trinity Valley Lutheran Parish. You can find the site at [www.trinityvalleylutheranparish.com](http://www.trinityvalleylutheranparish.com). We will now update the website on a weekly basis with the online worship services along with other information and resources."

"We are also pleased to announce that St. John's also has a new and updated website. The old website link is no longer active and you can now find St. John's website at [www.svtjohns.com](http://www.svtjohns.com). This new site will also be updated weekly with the online worship services as well as information and resources specifically for St. John's members and the community."

## 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

Thank you to Larry Madson for constructing the pulpit riser for Pastor Amelia, making it easier for Pastor to see over the pulpit light.

## Sunday School News!

As quickly as Sunday School resumed in February, it has come to an end. Spring Lake Sunday School will finish up as of May 9th as usual. We are thankful as always to have our congregation on our side to support us as we venture through our lives together.

Missy, Donna & Kimmy  
Your Sunday School Teachers

## 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, or 9<sup>th</sup> grade. This year we are scheduled to attend during the week of **July 18-23<sup>rd</sup>**.

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](http://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.

## GILMAN WORSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>
5/2	Brad & Wendy Anderson	Dawn Schmitt	Sam Miller
5/9	Phil & Judy Verges	Phil Verges	Jaci Mader
5/16	Dale & Kay Strom	Sonya Lenarz	Chase Rud
5/23	Nate & Becky Leland	Jeremy Johnson	Collin Hague
5/30	Michele Frederick	Darryl Klawitter	Charlee Sorenson

Deacon: Monica Robey

Altar Care: Lois Verges & Teresa Clements

## SPRING LAKE WORSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Readers</u>
5/2	Chuck & Carol Gregg	Shelli Wood
5/9	Sue Wood & Rita Jensen	Trudy Rew
5/16	Don & Cindy Jensen	Mary Hecker
5/23	Ray Dohm	Duey Davis
5/30	Jim & Zona Hague	Zona Hague

Deacon: Trudy Rew

Altar Care: Nancy Christensen & Cindy Jensen

## ST. JOHN'S WORSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Readers</u>
5/2	Phil & Laura Henneman	Rick Gould
5/9	Pete & Barb Esanbock	Barb Esanbock
5/16	Bill & Luann Emerson	Claire Anderson
5/23	Judy Larrieu	Gretchen Cipriano
5/30	Shelby Crow & Julie Finch	Earl Gunderson

Altar Care: Ann Beyer

# May 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Marsha Kotten private funeral service
2 8:30-Spring Lake 9:45-Gilman 11:00-St. John's	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 <i>Mother's Day</i> 8:30-Spring Lake 9:45-Gilman 11:00-St. John's	10	11 8am-Crew leaves for West Cap from SJ 6:30-Joint Council Meeting	12	13 1pm-Gilman WELCA at church	14 4pm-Supper Delivered to Grace Place Shelter	15
16 <i>Senior Recognition</i> 8:30-Spring Lake 9:45-Gilman 11:00-St. John's	17 2pm-SL WELCA @ Welcome Home	18 Newsletter articles due	19	20	21 7pm-SVHS & Elmwood Graduation	22
23 8:30-Spring Lake 9:45-Gilman 11:00-St. John's	24	25	26	27 Pastor Amelia on vacation thru 6/1	28	29
30 8:30-Spring Lake 9:45-Gilman 11:00-St. John's	31 <b>Memorial Day</b>					