

Trinity Valley Tribune

Gilman ~ St. John's ~ Spring Lake

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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

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Office hours : Mon.-Thurs.: 9am-noon

Friday—closed

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Congratulations to our 2022
Confirmation Class!!

St. John's:

Evah Butts, Kate Cipriano, Parker Cipriano, Gaige Larson, Aaron Morrow, Ryan Danielson, Alec Boyer, Danika Schmitt and Wyatt Smith

Gilman:

Kalena Beyer, Jaci Mader, Addison Neidermyer and Chase Rud

Spring Valley Ecumenical Worship Service!

November 23, 2022

7:00 p.m.

@ St. John's Lutheran Church

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS!!!!

Important Dates:

Nov. 6th practice for Christmas program starts.

Dec. 11th—Sunday School Christmas program @ St. John's 9:00am

PASTOR AMELIA'S MESSAGE

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Reformation/ Confirmation Sunday is a day of celebration and renewed commitment to aligning our lives to reflect our Christian values. This is true not only for our confirmands but for each and every one of us. When was the last time you honestly reflected on how your life choices align with Christian values for following Jesus? Would you take the time this month to do some of this important spiritual work for a renewed and restored relationship with Jesus, the church, and the world?

A fellow colleague of mine writes, *"There was a time when being a Christian, attending worship (nearly) every Sunday, and being directly involved in the life of the church, was a given. It was one way we gave meaning to our lives. But, for more and more people, that is no longer the case. Today there are many who believe they can have a meaningful life without engaging with the Divine; without any encounter with Jesus. One of the challenges faced by the Church (which is all of us) is explaining why being a Christian [and following Jesus] is important."*

Our confirmands wrote their personal faith statements that reflect where they are on their faith journeys. These statements reflect a starting point for what they believe and how they will live their beliefs at this moment. As we go through life our understanding of God, Jesus, Holy Spirit, and faith formation shift. Just like we review our household budgets to reflect our priorities ought we too review our own faith statements? How can we proclaim Christ if we are not truly aware of our convictions in Christ?

So, I ask you: will you commit to writing your own faith statement for this stage of your life? And then, might you share your faith with a child, a friend, a co-worker, a neighbor? To get you started, how would you reply to the following questions?

Why are you a Christian?

Why is it important to you to be a Christian?

What's your favorite story about Jesus? Why?

What difference does Jesus make in your everyday life?

What's one thing you really like about Jesus?

How does faith give meaning to your life?

How have your life priorities shifted to reflect your faith in Christ?

What might need to shift? Why?

I see an excellent opportunity to build community around "faith matters". I am also interested to hear your stories as we grow in faith together.

Blessings,

Pastor Amelia

Restored

FINDING REDEMPTION IN OUR MESS



JOIN US!!

At 7:00pm on Wednesdays gather for an express worship service. Our music will be contemporary! Our prayers will be lifted to God. Our hearts will be restored as we hear God's word that is meant to restore you and your life by uncovering the hidden image of God within us.

35 minutes a week can change your life. 35 minutes a week can change the world.

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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

WELCA NEWS

GILMAN:

Meeting & Bible Study:
Thursday November 10th
1:00

SPRING LAKE:

Meeting & Bible Study:
Monday, November 21st
2:00 p.m. @ Welcome Home

GRACE PLACE

Thank you to the Gilman Congregation for suppling the supper to Grace Place homeless shelter for the month of October. Marlene Aamodt, Connie Anderson, Karen Jorgenson and Melissa Hague prepared the meals.

Spring Lake Congregation will be suppling the supper to Grace Place November 11th. The volunteers for November are: Kathy Nyeggen, Mary Hecker, Trudy Rew and Sally Pierce.

THANK YOU!



Thank you to Dale and Kay Place for the donation of the drum set which has been a great addition to our Wednesday night Express Service!

PASTORAL CARE COVERAGE NEWS!!!!

Pastor Amelia is available to visit you at home, Assisted Living, Care Center, hospital, lunch or coffee. To help prioritize her visitation schedule, please call her to request a visit. 612-850-3904

ATTENTION WORSHIP ASSISTANTS!!!!

Have you been a greeter, usher, reader, or acolyte? Do you help with communion? If so, you are appreciated!!! We are updating the lists we use to schedule worship helpers and reviewing the way those people are notified. So, if you are one of those people who help with our worship services, be on the lookout for a postcard, an email or text, or a phone call to ask you to help at your church. Those assignments will be published a little way in advance, so if you can't be at church on the day you are assigned to help, you can trade with someone else, or let the church office know so they can assign someone else. Thank you so much for helping to make our services run more smoothly. If you haven't been notified but would like to serve your church during worship, or if you can volunteer in another way, please call the church office and we'll add your name to the list!

SUNDAY ASSISTANTS

GILMAN

NOV. 6-READER: Diane Hurtgen; **USHERS:** Dianne Madson & Connie Anderson

ST. JOHN'S

NOV. 13TH-READER: Earl Gunderson; **USHERS:** Earl & Karen Gunderson

SPRING LAKE

NOV. 20TH-READER: Duey Davis; **USHERS:** Duey & Kim Davis

SPRING LAKE

NOV. 27TH-READER: Dale/Kay Place; **USHERS:** Dale & Kay Place

NEW WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**ALL WORSHIP SERVICES WILL BE
AT 9:00 AM
(EXCEPT FOR CONFIRMATION SUNDAY)**

SEPTEMBER

9-4 GILMAN
9-11 ST. JOHN'S
9-18 SPRING LAKE
9-25 GILMAN

OCTOBER

10-2 GILMAN
10-9 ST. JOHN'S
10-16 SPRING LAKE
10-23 SPRING LAKE **Fall Festival**
**10-30 ST. JOHN'S 9:00/GILMAN 10:30
(CONFIRMATION SUNDAY)**

NOVEMBER

11-6 GILMAN
11-13 ST. JOHN'S
11-20 SPRING LAKE
11-27 SPRING LAKE

DECEMBER

12-4 GILMAN
12-11 ST. JOHN'S
12-18 SPRING LAKE
12-24 St. John's **4:00**
12-24 Spring Lake **6:00**
12-25 GILMAN (CHRISTMAS DAY)

SEPTEMBER FINANCIALS & ATTENDANCE

	<u>GIVING</u>	<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>
GILMAN:	\$8699.00	\$3519.35	142
ST. JOHN'S:	\$8536.40	\$5225.42	138
SPRING LAKE:	\$2580.00	\$2843.23	49