

# Trinity Valley Tribune

Gilman ~ St. John's ~ Spring Lake

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July 2024

## 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**

715-778-5935

## July Events

### Blood Drive

July 12th at St. John's

### Service at Handy Andy Park

July 28th hosted by Gilman

### 80th Birthday Celebration

For Darryl Klawitter

July 13th 1:00 to 4:00 PM

At the American legion Post 301

206 Main Street

Woodville WI 54028

### July 9th COUNCIL MEETINGS

Spring Lake Council—5:30 pm

Gilman & St. John's—6:00 pm

All meet at St. John's

### Parish Council Meeting

August 25th following service at St. John's

## ***PASTOR'S ARTICLE FOR JULY 2024***

The good ol' summertime! Summer...the word brings back joyful memories and the present anticipation for plans yet to unfold for this summer. I will ask you to consider one more word – an action, really – for the summer. That word is worship.

Yes, everyone's summer is bursting with commitments like vacations, weddings, graduations, home projects, and more. And here I am – your pastor – reminding you to attend worship during the summer, too! Don't stop reading! I just want to encourage you to consider something!

I am blessed by every worship service I attend, even as a parishioner, and I rejoice whenever I get to be with our parish in worship or any type of fellowship. And I know summer can get crazy busy. My family had a little cottage in Walworth, WI, for 25 years and I relished the time I spent there. Our weekends there were a type of worship because we suburbanites from Chicago cherished our time among trees and lakes, time spent fishing or exploring nearby towns. Now this was many years before I became a pastor, and looking back I believe we did not avoid worship during the summer. Worship just took on a different shape.

As a nature-lover, I would often wake up earlier than the others so I could gaze at a calm lake and be stirred by birdsong and other sounds nature makes as it wakes up each morning. The whispers of the new day sparked spiritual and emotional gratitude in my soul, and slowly sipping my coffee seemed like an almost sacramental act.

I understand the need to get away. I understand how a gentle moment like the one I just described, or a more engaging, interactive event, can be worshipful. So even when you aren't in a church building on Sundays this summer, take a worshipful approach to what is bringing you joy, peace, or gratitude. Thank God for what you are enjoying. Sing a hymn, read or recite a Bible verse, utter a short prayer, or have a time of sharing good vibes with those around you.

But when you are able, please attend worship. Revel in Christian companionship and its countless blessings. Thank God and recall the ongoing love and hope that we have in Christ. And here's another reminder...we have worship with Holy Communion every Wednesday at 6 p.m. at St. John's all year. (Hint, hint!)

Enjoy your summer. Attend a church worship service when you can. And worship God with every breath, spreading Christ's love everywhere. Even on vacation!

Love ya bunches,  
***Pastor Bob***

# President's Report

Ever hear of Mount Nebo? Well, according to Wikipedia, in the Bible book of Deuteronomy, Moses ascended Mount Nebo, in the land of Jordan and from there he saw the Promised Land, which God had said he would not enter; Moses then died there. A monument atop Mount Nebo commemorates Moses' death after seeing Canaan, across the Jordan valley.

Part of the Abarim mountain range, Mount Nebo is 2300ft above sea level. The view from the summit provides a panorama of the West Bank across the Jordan River valley. The city of Jericho is usually visible from the summit, as is Jerusalem on a very clear day.



A Christian church from Byzantine times stands on the top of Mount Nebo. It was constructed in the second half of the 4<sup>th</sup> century. Inside the church there are mosaics that were uncovered in the 1930's during archeology excavations. Some pictures that I took in 2005 when I was there are included.

I hope this little piece of history helps you picture some of the historical places that we have heard about but really can not visualize.

I hope everyone is having a great summer and don't forget our services on Wednesday evening at 6:00PM at St Johns and Sunday at 9:00AM. Also, the last Sunday of June, July, and August services will be held at Handy Andy Park at 9:00AM. St John's will be the default location if the weather doesn't cooperate.

As always, if you have anything you would like the Parish Council or your respective church council to know, please don't hesitate to contact one of the members.

*Dale Place*

TVLP Council President



# ***Announcements***

## **Spring Lake Interior Painting**

The Spring Lake Church Council decided at the last meeting to paint the interior of the church. The walls will be painted along with the cleaning of the fans, replacing some light bulbs that require ladders that we don't have and the wall going down the stairs being repaired. The total cost should be under \$4000 and will be completed before the July church service. Any contributions to ease the cost of the project would be welcome.

## **Our Churches Cemeteries**

It's summertime and this is the time of year that our three cemeteries require up-keeping. Along with general upkeep, mowing of the lawns is a large expense for our cemeteries. There are laws in place that restrict how cemetery boards can use funds that have been obtained by the sale of burial plots. Please keep the cemeteries in mind when deciding in your offerings.

## **PHOTOS NEEDED!!**

Spring Lake will be celebrating its' 150th anniversary this year!

The Celebration Committee is searching for photos of  
Spring Lake Lutheran Church and its' parishioners.

Old photos of the church, parishioners, confirmation classes  
especially prior to 1950 are most desired.

Also, photos of the actual placement of the copper steeple are needed.

All photos will be scanned and returned to the owner.

Photos can also be emailed to the following email address:  
[place.jeannie@yahoo.com](mailto:place.jeannie@yahoo.com)

Questions? Contact the Parish Office at 715-778-5935.



### FOOD PANTRY HOUR

**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

**Last Saturday** of each month 9-11am

### WELCA NEWS

#### GILMAN:

*Gilman Church Picnic*

*Hostess: Bring your own bag lunch*

#### SPRING LAKE:

*July 15th 2pm*

*Welcome Home in Elmwood*

## GRACE PLACE

Spring Lake will be supplying the casseroles for Grace Place on July 12th. The volunteers for July are Nancy Christiansen and Cindy Jensen. **Volunteers are still needed for July and October**

Gilman Lutheran will be supplying the casseroles to Grace Place on August 9th. Volunteers are: Connie Anderson, Dianne Madson, Janna Neidermyer, and Ruth Nelson.

Thank you to St. John's for supplying casseroles for Grace Place on June 14th. Volunteers for June were: Stacy Burr, Luann Emerson, Karen Gunderson, and Laura Hennemann. **More Volunteers are needed for September, and December**

#### ***Rotation for Trinity Valley Grace Place Casserole Club***

Spring Lake Lutheran Church supplies casseroles in January, April, July and October.

Gilman Lutheran Church supplies casseroles in February, May, August and November

St. John's Lutheran Church supplies casseroles in March, June, September and December



## Housekeeping Items

This **newsletter** is primarily sent out by email. If your email changes, please contact the Parish office at **Bookkeeper@tvlpv.com** with the new email address.

If you do not have an email address and are not currently receiving the newsletter via mail, please call **715-778-5935** or stop in the office to be added to list for the newsletter to be mailed to you.

**APRIL & MAY FINANCIALS  
& ATTENDANCE**

**GILMAN: APRIL**      GIVING  
\$6,702.00  
EXPENSE  
\$8,404.35  
ATTENDANCE  
128

**ST. JOHN'S: APRIL**      GIVING  
\$13,605.07  
EXPENSE  
\$11,009.15  
ATTENDANCE  
180

**SPRING LAKE: APRIL**      GIVING  
\$7,931.21  
EXPENSE  
\$3,851.35  
ATTENDANCE  
61

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**GILMAN: MAY**      GIVING  
\$7,268.00  
EXPENSE  
\$5,465.70  
ATTENDANCE  
145

**ST. JOHN'S: MAY**      GIVING  
\$18,159.57  
EXPENSE  
\$44,293.64  
ATTENDANCE  
139

**SPRING LAKE: MAY**      GIVING  
\$2,150.00  
EXPENSE  
\$3,888.34  
ATTENDANCE  
81

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**  
**WORSHIP SERVICES WILL BE**  
**At 09:00 AM**  
**Wednesday Evening Worship**  
**at St. John's. 6 pm**

**July**

7-7 Gilman  
7-14 St. John's  
7-21 Spring Lake  
7-28 Gilman **Handy Andy Park**

**August**

8-4 Gilman  
8-11 St. John's  
8-18 Spring Lake  
8-25 St. John's **Handy Andy Park**

**September**

9-1 Gilman  
9-8 St. John's  
9-15 Spring Lake  
9-22 Spring Lake  
9-29 Gilman

**October**

10-6 Gilman  
10-13 St. John's  
10-20 Spring Lake  
10-27 St. John's



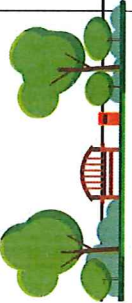
**November**

11-3 Gilman  
11-10 St. John's  
11-17 Spring Lake  
11-24 Spring Lake

**December**

12-1 Gilman  
12-8 St. John's  
12-15 Spring Lake  
12-22 Gilman  
12-29 St. John's

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> Quilting - St. John's 9:00 AM	<b>2</b> Welcome Home Elmwood 10:30am	<b>3</b> Worship 6:00 PM	<b>4</b> Independence Day 	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Gilman - 9:00 AM	<b>8</b> Quilting - St. John's 9:00 AM	<b>9</b> Council Meetings St. John's and Gilman 6:00pm Spring Lake 5:30pm	<b>10</b> Worship 6:00 PM	<b>11</b> Bible Study - Valley Villa 10:00 AM Gilman WELCA Church Picnic 12:00 PM	<b>12</b> Blood Drive 11:00 AM - 05:00 PM Grace Place Spring Lake  <small>Americans Red Cross Together, we can save a life</small>	<b>13</b> Darryl Klawitter 80th Birthday Celebration at American Legion In Woodville 1:00-4:00 PM
<b>14</b> St. John's - 9:00 AM	<b>15</b> Quilting - St. John's 9:00 AM WELCA Spring Lake Welcome Home Elmwood 2:00 PM	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Worship 6:00 PM	<b>18</b> Bible Study - Valley Villa 10:00 AM	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> Spring Lake - 9:00 AM	<b>22</b> Quilting - St. John's 9:00 AM	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Worship 6:00 PM	<b>25</b> Bible Study - Valley Villa 10:00 AM Worship Spring Valley Nursing Home 10:00 AM	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> Gilman Handy Andy Park - 9:00 AM 	<b>29</b> Quilting - St. John's 9:00 AM	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Worship 6:00 PM			