

Trinity Valley Tribune

Gilman ~ St. John's ~ Spring Lake

February 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

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St. John's Lutheran Church

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Spring Lake Lutheran Church

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Spring Valley, WI 54767

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9am—noon

Office Staff: Linda Price, Ann Beyer



*Join us at St. John's Church on Wed.,
Feb. 17 for a Drive-by Imposition of Ashes
at 11am – noon or 6-7pm*

*† Weekly online worship services
can be accessed at Pastor Amelia's
Facebook page or St. John's, Gilman or
Spring Lake Facebook page. Or
Youtube.com at TVLPGilmanStJohns
SpringLake*

† Sunday Parking Lot Services-

Suspended for February

† Sunday Worship broadcast

On Sun. @ 11am & Tues. @

6pm on Baldwin Lightstream

Cable on channel 16

LEAVING A LEGACY WORKSHOP

If you are considering an estate plan, reviewing/updating a plan, or would simply like to know more about thoughtful estate planning that will consider your heirs and your church, this event is important for you. To register for this online event, go to: <http://nswi.org/generostiy/leaving-a-legacy-workshop>

Times: Feb. 11 @ 6:00-7:30pm or
Feb. 13 @ 9-10:30am

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.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Council members for both Gilman, Spring Lake and St. John's will be installed into their elected positions during worship services in February. Watch for details for this meaningful event. We extend our deep gratitude to each one who was willing to be nominated and elected to office!

CONFIRMATION NEWS

Confirmation classes will still be held on Wednesdays during Lent **except** for Ash Wednesday and Holy Week. Online participation will be available. Ash Wednesday is required with a choice of drive-thru with the imposition of Ashes or you may worship online.

GRACE PLACE

Spring Lake congregation supplied the supper for Grace Place homeless shelter on Fri., Dec. 8th. Sally Pierce, Kim Davis, Donna Blegen and Trudy Rew prepared the casseroles which Orville Pierce delivered to the residents. The February 12th meal will be provided by Connie Anderson, Carol Schilling, Kalena Beyer, and Casey Hannack. We still need more volunteers for the Spring Lake sign up sheet.

WELCA NEWS

GILMAN-SPRING LAKE-ST. JOHN'S

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



WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

In Grief: Family & friends of Travis Hannack, Joyce Esanbock, Ada Hughes

Health Related: Harry Stark, Tom Yonke, Cashton Sorenson, Sue Wood, Risa Carlson, Larry Hurtgen, Carol Schilling, Vickie Lehmann, Emmy Labs (daughter of Krissy Maves-Labs), Sharon Nelson

At Assisted Living/Care centers: Duane Brorson, Betty Larson, Valoris Vanderpoel, Merlin & Virginia Place

*** *Send a card or a phone call to let them know we are praying and thinking of them.***

Prayers to all the healthcare workers and front-line workers

Please remember to update the office on health-related members so we can keep them in our prayers.

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Call Committee has met twice since November. Interview questions and strategies have been completed and we are working with the Synod Office to arrange a practice interview.

Call Committee Members: Kay Place, Trudy Rew, Nancy Cleveland, Matt Pommier, Diane Hurtgen, Vern Vanasse



Reminder to please pick up your 2021 offering envelopes located in the narthex at St. John's Church

PASTOR AMELIA'S MESSAGE

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Greetings! February 17th marks the beginning of Lent with Ash Wednesday. We might be wondering a few things about Lent and Easter. Such questions are:

- Will we have imposition of Ashes for Ash Wednesday and how will we do it?
- Will we have Wednesday Lenten services?
- How will confirmation students participate?
- Will we be able to be in person for Easter?
- many more that you may have that I haven't thought of

Let me assure you that we WILL have online worship services for Lent both on Wednesdays and Sundays. Our series is called "Sir, We Want to See Jesus". I'll give a history about this Biblical phase from John's gospel and I will preach different sermons using the same text for Wednesday and Sundays. Our services will be posted on Wednesday by 12:00pm and Sunday by 9:00am to our church Facebook pages and my personal page. My prayer for this Lent is that we would indeed, see Jesus and be transformed in the process.

ASH WEDNESDAY will include a "drive-thru" imposition of ashes experience, similar to how we shared communion together a couple of times this past fall. This will be available at St. John's on Wed. February 17th from 11:00am-12:00pm and 6:00pm-7:00pm. You can also participate online during the worship service-- packets of ashes and instructions will be available for pick up on Saturday Feb. 13th from 11:00-12:00 at St. John's and Gilman.

Confirmation classes will still be held on Wednesdays during Lent **except** for Ash Wednesday and Holy Week. Online participation will be available.

As for Easter, we will play it by ear. Hopefully we will be able to back together in person. We will only know as we get closer to the date so stay tuned!

Please, please, please call me or email me with any questions and or concerns. This is going to be an incredibly busy Lent season and I welcome all of your prayers and support.

This was sent to us at the office so we are reaching out to anyone who might have ancestry information:

Dear Friends at Gilman Church:

I'm looking into my family. My mother's grandfather family came from Norway. I think that her grandfather settled at Martell WI in the spring of 1860. He was Johan "John" Thompson with his father being Thomas N. Haugen. I am wondering if anyone knows the cause for the name different. Her grandmother was Aaste Marie Jacobson, with her Great-grandmother being Maren Johane Jacobsen. She moved there from Michigan, where her husband passed away. I hope that you have some records that may give me his first name? I would like to thank you for any information that you can find for me.

George Webster

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HONORING ASH WEDNESDAY AT HOME

February 17, 2021

Thank you for marking the beginning of Lent with this sacred and meaningful ritual: the imposition of ashes.

We invite you participate by:

a) worship with us at 12p.m. or 7 p.m. on Wednesday, February 17th on YouTube (TVLP Gilman, St. John's, Spring Lake) or your church's Facebook Page or Pastor Amelia's personal Facebook page. At the indicated moment, place the ashes on your foreheads, prompted by the streaming service.

b) you can follow the order of service below, and worship using this document on your own.

NOTE: Ashes can be picked up at the Church Office or on Saturday Feb. 13 at Gilman or St. John's 11:00-12:00.

Simple Ash Wednesday Service at Home

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YvAFo436bMY>

HYMN

#529 "Just as I Am"

1. Just as I am, without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou biddest me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
2. Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot;
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot...
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
3. Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt;
Fightings within, and fears without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
4. Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, and relieve,
Because thy promise I receive,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
5. Just as I am, Thy love unknown
Hath broken every barrier down,
Now, to be thine, yes Thine alone,
O Lamb of God I come, I come.

L: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.

All: Amen.

Reading: 1 John 1:5-10

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Confession:

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (*Silence for reflection and self-examination*)

L: O Lord our God, we don't always put you first.

All: We confess our sins to you.

L: God of All Peoples, sometimes we only think about ourselves.

All: We confess our sins to you.

L: God of Love, we can be really mean to each other. We say unkind words, and do unkind things.

All: We confess our sins to you.

L: God of Creation, we do things to pollute the earth and don't always share what we have with the poor and hungry.

All: We confess our sins to you.

Silence for Reflection

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

At this time, you are invited to place the side of your thumb gently in the ashes and then paint a cross on your neighbor's forehead.

Then, when everyone has received the blessing of the cross, someone can say:

L: With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

FINANCIAL

📊 SPRING LAKE 📊 TREASURER'S REPORT

Budgeted needs per Sunday for 2020:	\$1166
Ave. received per Sunday for budget:	\$1150.18
Checkbook balance on 12/1/20	\$10,303.63
Deposits 12/1 thru 12/31	\$17,228.78
Total available:	\$13,454.22

Account Balances on 12/31/20:

General: Local	\$10,738.33
Benevolence	0
Building Fund	\$ 154.16
Youth Fund/SS	\$ 561.78
Cemetery	0
Designated: (Non-budget funds)	
Memorial Fund	\$1,076.53
Capital Improvement Funds	\$ 923.42
TOTAL	\$13,454.22

📊 GILMAN 📊 TREASURER'S REPORT

Budgeted needs per Sunday for 2020: \$1824
Ave. received per Sunday for budget: \$

Checkbook balance on 12/1/20	\$26,858.92
Income 12/1 thru 12/31	<u>10,602.80</u>
Total available:	37,461.72
Expenses 12/1 thru 12/31	<u>15,991.85</u>
Checkbook balance on 12/31/20	\$21,469.87

Account Balances on 12/31/20

General: (Local, Benev. & Build.)	\$21,319.87
Designated:	
Cemetery Fund	\$ 120.00
Memorial Fund	\$ 0
Food Pantry	\$ 30.00
Other	<u>0</u>
Total of Special Funds	\$ 150.00
TOTAL	\$ 21,469.87

Property Appeals Savings Account: \$40,076.34
Parsonage Checking Account: \$6,424.83

📊 ST. JOHN'S 📊 TREASURER'S REPORT

Not available at this printing

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