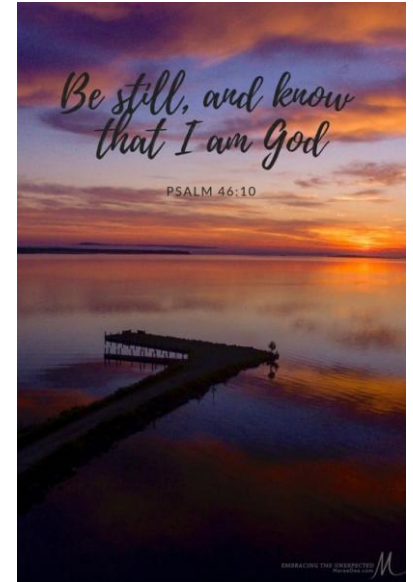


Be Still

"Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea...Be still, and know that I am God!" -Psalm 46:2&10a

I've recently spent a lot of time with families who have experienced rapid changes in a short period of time. Changes that cause a lot of grief. Changes that leave the future even more uncertain than it was already. I've gotten a lot of practice at being still. Sitting in moments of silence with these families because there is not a lot that can be said. Reading Scripture and praying, letting the Spirit speak for us.



Being still is incredibly hard! We want to give advice, give comfort, share our story, fix something with our hands, move past the grief and pain of change because it's uncomfortable. We also live in a world that doesn't want to give the time for stillness. There are things to do, mountains to climb, new experiences to have, and changes happening every minute. If we're not doing something...we're failing, lazy, inept, out of control, or not strong enough. Friends, that's simply not true.

"Be still" God invites us. "Remember that when all is said and done, my love for you will be all that's left" We can remember this without being still, but it can be easier if there is a stillness within us and around us. That stillness comes from God in Jesus Christ through the Spirit. It's not something you can make on your own but you can certainly cultivate it. How can you help bring the stillness of God to the world around you?

**In Christ,
Pastor Jonathan**



School Supply Drive

Due August 10th

Monetary donations labeled “**Upbring School Supplies**” will be sent to **Upbring** to provide foster children across Texas with school supplies.

Physical donations will be shared between **Robstown, Calallen, & Tulo-Midway ISDs.**
Please place in narthex donation bin. Thank you!

- ❖ Crayola Crayons, 24 count box
- ❖ Crayola Classic Markers, 8 or 10 count box, washable
- ❖ #2 Pencils, no designs or glitter
- ❖ Pencil Top Erasers, package
- ❖ Glue Sticks, large
- ❖ Scissors, round metal tip, plastic handle
- ❖ Spiral Notebooks, wide-ruled, 70 pages, solid color cover
- ❖ Tissues, large box





Adult Protective Services Care Baskets

Contribution & Service Opportunity

supporting those in need in our community

**Monetary Contributions gratefully
accepted through August 24th.**
Mark with “APS Baskets.”

No physical donations, please.

Evangelism Board will purchase the supplies using your contributions.
If you can help Evangelism shop, please contact Verne Benson.

Partnering with St. Mark's to assemble
40 Care Baskets following worship
on Ingathering Sunday, August 31st at St. Mark's.

God's work. Our hands.



5th Sunday

Coastal Bend Parish

Celebration!

At St. Mark's Lutheran Church
(4260 S. Alameda, CC)

Sunday, August 31st

One 11:00am Joint Worship

> No worship at St. John on 8/31 <

Fellowship Lunch following worship

Beginning August 10th, sign up in narthex or contact church office to help St. Mark's prepare.

**God's Work, Our Hands Sunday joint service project:
creating Adult Protective Services care baskets.**

***Unable to attend? Go to stmarkscctx.org and click
"Join Us Online" to worship with us online.***

Kids Against Hunger Service Opportunity

Sunday, August 3rd, 1:00pm

at St. Mark's Lutheran, Corpus Christi

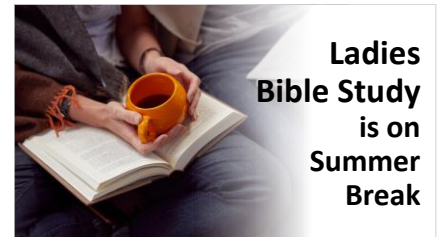
Join members of St. Mark's Lutheran as they pack food for Kids Against Hunger. Their target is 12,000 oatmeal meals for distribution by the Coastal Bend Foodbank. Bring family and friends! To learn more about this ministry, go to kidsagainsthunger.org



Ladies Bible Study is on Summer Break

for August.

Will return September 9th. See you then!



Don Kennedy's Celebration of Life Service

will be held at St. John Lutheran on Saturday, August 16th at 11:00am with reception following.

The family has invited everyone to wear their "outdoor best" in honor of Don. Pastor Jonathan shares his appreciation for your continued prayers and support of Paula, Krystal, and Jay during this time.

Don's Obituary:
<https://www.kubenafuneralhome.com/obituary/donald-robert-kennedy>



Children's Sunday School Restart

Sunday, August 17th, 8:30am

Back to School Backpack Blessing

Sunday, August 17th, during worship

Students, teachers, staff, and administrators are invited to bring their backpacks or other tools they use in their vocation to be a part of the blessing as they kick off their new school year!



Doubles and Singles

Sunday, August 17th at 4:00pm

in the Fellowship Hall.

Bring a covered dish. If you have any questions, you can contact Mona Fay 361-387-2383.



St. John Food Pantry

Wednesday, August 20th, 9:00 – 11:00 am

Third Wednesday of Every Month

Thank you to those who serve!



Newsletter Deadline

Thursday, August 21st

stjohnrobtown@gmail.com



Noisy Offering

Sunday, August 24th, beginning of worship

Bring noisy coins or quiet bills

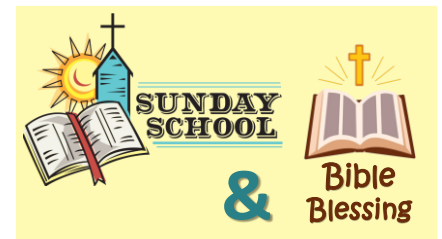
to donate toward our outreach ministries.



Sunday School & Bible Blessing

Sunday, August 24th during worship

We'll have a special time of prayer in worship as our Sunday School students of all ages learn and grow in faith this year.



Sunday School

8:30am – Children's Sunday School returns August

17th and is held in the Sunday School classrooms

(first door on the left as you go down the hall toward the Fellowship Hall).

Following Worship – Adult Sunday School

in the Fellowship Hall.



St. John's Quilters

Wednesdays at 9:00am

Extra hands appreciated! *No experience necessary.*

Join for a time of fellowship & service.



Sponsors: Mariah Alyse Flores, Abegayle Christine Galindo, Jayden Seth Menchaca, Otto Scott Franz
Welcome, Child of God!



God bless each one of you,
Peggy Butler”



were turned upside down but the first responders. Soon these communities will move toward rebuilding. Organizations like Lutheran Disaster Response will be present for this next phase. Even when the immediate responders leave, there will still be those there to support. Thank you for the ways you have prayed, given financial gifts, and helped our fellow Texans in their time of need! ~Pastor Jonathan *(See page 11 for more info on LDR)*

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August Birthdays

1	Terra DeLeo	3	Mike Fair
3	Conner Martinez	4	Verne Benson
7	Roy Grossman	8	Denise Barry
10	Artis Karnei	10	Mason Vasquez
11	Scarlet Schulze	12	Donnie Schwirtlich
16	Brenda Klostermann	19	Brandy Marion
21	Florine Haug	21	David Marion
24	Jon Duplantis	26	Patsy Sheeran
27	Alyssa Swanson		



August Wedding Anniversaries

<i>Names</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Years</i>
David & Beth Hartman	8/4/1990	35
Steve & Lauren Miller	8/22/1975	50
Robert & Chris Knetig	8/26/1978	47



Altar Guild Volunteer Schedule

Call Nola Gustafson at 361-215-3388 if you can volunteer.

Jan	Paula C., Shotzie A.	Feb	Jennifer J., Misty Ham
Mar	Cindy R., Janice K.	Apr	Amelia S., Karen B.
May	Nola G., Karen B.	June	Paula C., Shotzie A.
July	<i>vacant</i>	Aug	Priscilla J., Amelia S.
Sept	Paula K., Cindy R.	Oct	Lauren M., Karen D.
Nov	Sally F., <i>vacant</i>	Dec	Stephanie V., Monica B.

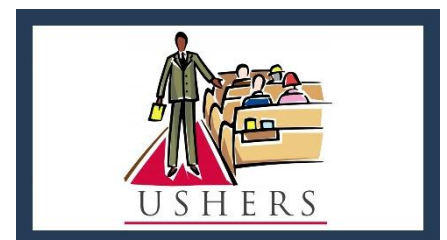


August Ushers

Capt. David Hartman
Steve Miller
Don Thigpen

September Ushers

Capt. George Johnson
Dawson Byars
Dewayne Byars
Jon Duplantis



Yard Care – Help Needed

Call Howard Fels at 361-877-9618 if you can join the volunteer lawn crew rotation. Many hands make the job light!

July - Aug	28-2	<i>Volunteer(s) Needed</i>
August	4-9	Don Thigpen
August	11-16	Mando Vasquez
August	18-23	Howard Fels, Terry Signor
August	25-30	<i>Volunteer(s) Needed</i>



PRAYER CONCERNS FROM THE PAST MONTH

Members

Richard Alvord
Kathy Baca
Regina Baca
Verne Benson
Darlette Brandon
Ervin Brooks
Peggy Butler
Joseph De Leo
Terra De Leo
Karen Duplantis
Regina Emshoff
Cindy Fair

Margie Fair
Mike Fair
Ellen Fox
Roy Grossman
Florine Haug
Priscilla Johnson
Diane Keller
Paula Kennedy
Jimmy Kimball
Jennifer Klostermann
Chris Knetig
Robert Puente

Loleta Riley
Doris Scholz
Roxey Scholz
Donnie Schwirtlich
Steve Tenpenny
Don Thigpen
Cyndi Tyler
Eddie Vasquez

Condolences to the family & friends of

Don Kennedy

*St. John member &
Paula Kennedy's
husband.
Passed away 7/11/25*

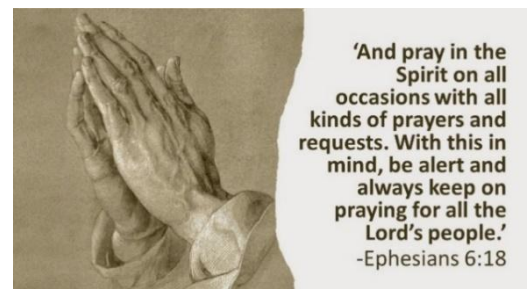
Family & Friends

Gloria Adami
Wayne Albert
M/M Rick Anderson
Brett Baker
M/M K. Bettis
Diana Beverly
Susan Bickam
Delores Boultinghouse
E. L. Brashear
Bob Brueck
Charles Burgess
Frank Cain
Ruthie Mae Casebolt
Jay Cassidy
Lauren Cook
Pat Scheible Cook
Shawn Cook
Michael Cowan
Joyce Davidson
Link Davidson
Pat Denny
Denise Drawe
Jeanne Ellis

Pete Fair
Glenda Fleming
Jim Gerdes
Mark Geyen
Richard Gillespie
Donna Golden
Pr. Clyde Grier
Raymond Grote
Blanca Hale
Penny Hanson
Paula Heider
Will Henderson
Carol Hoffman
Jennifer Hornung
Michael Hughes
Ryleigh Hemperly
Carol Lindquist
Carole Locker
Larry Lott
David & Liz Lourash
Michael Mealy
Vernie Miller
Priscilla Minter

Junior Nash
Sandra Neitch
Gloria Owens
Cindy Graham Payne
Derek Owens
Travis Peeler
Tara Perry
Sonjia Peterson
Sharon Polansky
Trey Quezada
Lisa Reaneu
Robert Redding
Barry Reed
Austin Riley
Gail Riley
Rory Riley
Shane Riley
Reed Rinn
Dee Rojas
David Russell
Jerry Rychetsky
Michelle Saucedo
Ernie Scheible

Glenda Scheible
Linda Schuenemann
Connie Simpson
Mike Stanfield
Barbara Steagall
Barry Steagall
Matthew Stebbins
Harry Stout
Petra Tobon
Andy Vasquez
Fox Vasquez
Waylon Wallace
Ronald Wardak
Ruthie Weathersby
Pansy White
**Safe reentry to USA after
International travel for
Pastor Robert Lim**



STEWARDSHIP

SHARING THE GIFTS WE HAVE



Thank you for your continued support of St. John Lutheran Church and its ministries.

General Fund				Special Fund Bal June 30, 2025	25,837.80
Cash at May 31, 2025			73,354.88		
Current Benevolence	16,645.73				
Trans from Special Fund	1,600.00				
Trans from Memorial Fund	1,604.19				
Less: Monthly Expenses	(19,597.24)				
	252.68	252.68		Mem Fund Bal June 30, 2025	21,341.08
Change in Short term liabilities		415.98			
Cash at June 30, 2025		74,023.54			
Year To Date General Fund Cash					
Cash at Jan 1, 2025		72,034.68			
Cash at June 30, 2025		74,023.54			
Increase in cash 2025		1,988.86			

St. John Contribution Options:

Online or Through a Mobile App

If you would like to financially support St. John, you can do so through your smart phone by downloading the Vanco Mobile app from your phone's app store.

Or you can give online by visiting our website:

stjohnrobstown.org. Click Donate Now. You will be directed to our own secure online donations page where you can choose your donation type, one-time or recurring donation, and payment method.

Thank you for supporting the ministries of St. John! ~Stewardship Board



Church Office Closed

for Labor Day on Monday, September 1st



CHURCH COUNCIL



The following is a synopsis of important discussions and actions taken during the Church Council meeting held on July 15, 2025:

- Howard Fels was appointed as the director of the Board of Church Properties.
- The Board of Evangelism continues to plan a service project to create baskets for Adult Protective Services in conjunction with St. Marks.
- The council discussed hiring a Janitor in the near future.
- The council also discussed a recent request to use the church facilities. It was decided that more information is needed before moving forward.

July Worship Attendance

First Sunday	60	Sunday, June 29th	107
Second Sunday	52		
Third Sunday	49		
Fourth Sunday	45		



Not Able to Attend Worship in Person?

Our 9:00am Sunday Worship is always available to view on St. John's YouTube & Facebook pages:

[youtube.com/@stjohnrobtown](https://www.youtube.com/@stjohnrobtown)

[facebook.com/stjohnrobtown](https://www.facebook.com/stjohnrobtown)



ELCA's Lutheran Disaster Response provides long term disaster response. To give, go to: elca.org/our-work/relief-and-development/lutheran-disaster-response and scroll down for the Domestic "Flooding" link, or mail donation to Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gift Processing Center, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009 (Make checks payable to "Lutheran Disaster Response," memo line "Flooding").

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
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3 9:00am Worship 10:15am Adult Sunday School	4 7:30pm Church Prop	5 6:00pm Worship Board	6 9:00am Quilters	7 6:00pm Stewardship	8	9		
10 Donations Due: School Supply Drive 9:00am Worship 10:00am Evangelism Mtg. 10:15am Adult Sunday School	11	12 On Break: Ladies Bible Study 2:00pm Lay Ministry	13 9:00am Quilters 6:00pm Christian Ed	14	15	16 11:00am Don Kennedy's Celebration of Life Service & Reception		
17 Back to School Blessing 8:30am Kid's Sunday School 9:00am Worship 10:30am Adult Sunday School 4:00pm Doubles & Singles	18	19 6:00pm Church Council	20 9:00am Food Pantry 9:00am Quilters	21 Newsletter Deadline	22	23		
24 Sunday School & Bible Blessing Donations Due: APS Baskets 8:30am Kid's Sunday School 9:00am Worship / Noisy Offering 10:30am Adult Sunday School	25	26	27 9:00am Quilters	28	29	30		
31 11:00am 5 th Sunday Parish Celebration Worship & Luncheon at St. Mark's, CC No Worship at St. John	1 Church Office Closed for Labor Day							



*Congregational Letter
shared 6/30/25*

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June 30, 2025

From Your Church Council President:

I thank God for this wonderful congregation. You are such caring, loving, and kind people.

I want to thank every one of you for contributing to such a wonderful service this last Sunday. Polka Spirit from Shiner was a wonderful joy to have lead our service. The baptism of Matthew was very touching. The potluck was fantastic. Thank all of you for bringing extra to make everyone feel welcome. Thanks for all the help in the kitchen. I invited several visitors who stayed for the potluck after I told them we had plenty of food. If you missed the service, I urge you to view it online either on Facebook or YouTube.

Don Kennedy has gotten a roofer to fix the leak in the bell tower and the window in the sanctuary. We have been putting up a tarp after service over the altar to protect it from the leakage. The cost is \$4,200 for the repair. The church council voted to use memorial funds to pay for the repair.* We have over \$20,000 in that fund and much of it has been in there for years. You have been giving generously to the church, so we felt that we did not want to ask you to come up with any extra money.

God's blessings,
Florine Haug
Church Council President

(Photos on next page)

**Update: We were able to use funds from St. John's Special Fund "Texas Windstorm Payments" account to cover the cost of these repairs. Funds in this account were a reimbursement designated for roof repairs from our insurance company after Hurricane Harvey. ~Lauren Lys, 7/31/25*



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