

St. John Students Attended Camp Chrysalis

From July 19-24, Cody Fox, Levi Ham, Emmett Ham, Emily Ham, and Pastor Jonathan attended Camp Chrysalis in Kerrville. They had fun and made memories while exploring “Beneath the Surface” and digging into the Lord’s Prayer, learning that it helps us to “Praise” God, reminds us of our “Purpose,” helps us trust that God “Provides” for us, “Preserves” us, and sends us to “Proclaim” the good news to others. *“... and weeeeeee WILL!”*





School Supply Drive

Due August 23rd

Physical donations will be shared between
Robstown, Calallen, & Tuloso-Midway ISDs.

Please place in narthex donation bin.

Label **monetary donations** with “**School Supplies.**”

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



Coastal Bend Parish Celebration!

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

Sunday, August 30th

One 11:00am Joint Worship

> No worship at St. John that day <

Fellowship Lunch following worship

Bring a dessert to share

Beginning Aug 2nd, sign up in narthex or contact church office to help St. Mark's prepare.

Unable to attend? Join us online:

youtube.com/@stmarkslutheranchurch8544/streams

Children's Sunday School Restart

Sunday, August 9th, 8:30am

Back to School Backpack Blessing

Sunday, August 9th, 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!



Ladies Bible Study

Tuesday, August 11th @ 11:30am

Bring your sack lunch. Drinks will be provided.

Desserts will be provided by

Karen Duplantis and Nola Gustafson.

Studying "Together by Grace Bible Conversations: Psalms" by Rachel Wrenn, lead by Pr. Jonathan – page 21 "The Poetry of the Psalms." Come for quality God/good time.



August Board of Worship Meeting

will be held Tuesday, August 11th at 6:00pm. They'll return to meeting on the first Tuesday of the month in September.



Doubles and Singles

Sunday, August 16th at 4:00pm in the Fellowship

Hall. Bring a covered dish to share.

We'll have dinner and play games.



Confirmation Class returns August 16th

Held on 1st & 3rd Sundays at 2:00pm at St. John Lutheran. See Pr. Jonathan for questions.



St. John Food Pantry

Wednesday, August 19th, 9:00 – 11:00 am

Third Wednesday of Every Month.

Thank you to those who serve!

Volunteers appreciated, arrival time 8:15am.

Mark donations as “Feeding Ministry” or [donate now](#) through our website.



Newsletter Deadline

Thursday, August 20th

stjohnrobtown@gmail.com



Noisy Offering

Sunday, August 23rd beginning of worship

Bring noisy coins or quiet bills to donate toward our outreach ministries. **Donations in August will go to**

Metro Ministries of Corpus Christi. *Metro*

Ministries provides a soup kitchen, temporary

housing, and medical clinic. They also help folks experiencing homelessness to find sustainable jobs and long-term housing. ccmetro.org/ for details.



Sunday School

8:30am – Children’s Sunday School returns August 9th 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.



Church Office Closed

for Labor Day on Monday, September 7th



Baptized Sunday, July 26, 2026

Jeremy Joseph Garza

Parents: Daniel & Melina Garza

Grandparents: Joe & Susie Lerma

Sponsors: Miranda Lerma and

Sammy Cano

Welcome, Child of God!



Camp Celebration Worship

On Sunday, August 2nd, we heard stories, sang camp songs, and gave thanks for the camp experience our young people had in July. A joyful celebration!



Richard Alvord's Passing

Richard "Dick" Alvord passed away Thursday, July 23rd and received the promised reward of everlasting peace in the presence of Jesus.

Arrangements are being planned by the family and will be announced at a later time. We pray for Richard's wife, Doris, and his loved ones as they mourn his passing.

Richard's obit.: sawyergeorgefuneralhome.com/obituaries/richard-alvord

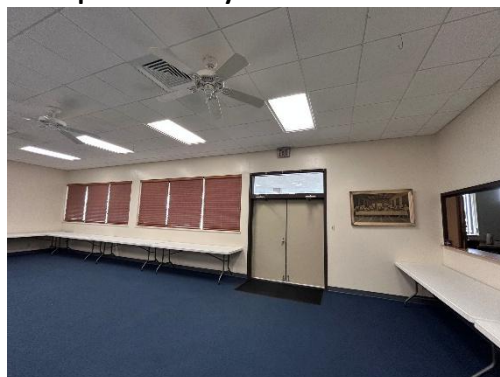


Fellowship Hall Drop Ceiling Repaired

The Fellowship Hall drop ceiling, which partially fell due to structural shifting in June, was repaired in July. The final repair totaled \$2,625.00, and we were left with extra ceiling tiles in case we need to replace any in the future.



Before:



After:

Parsonage Front Yard Water Leak and Repair

In July, a leak appeared in the parsonage front yard. Dwain McCain Plumbing dug for the leak, and ran a temporary line while the spot dried out. The final decision was to trench a new water line from the curb to the house instead of digging further for the original leak. The new water line was placed on July 27th and the total bill was \$1,181.11.



Before:



After:

Hill Country Flooding

In light of the 2026 Hill Country flooding, our Southwestern Texas Synod Disaster Response team has updates, ways to volunteer, and ways to donate. Property damage was widespread, so volunteers and donations are very appreciated. Check out their webpage for all the details, as well as other ways they've served our synod: swtsynod.org/disaster-team



July Worship Attendance

First Sunday	42		
Second Sunday	52		
Third Sunday	42		
Fourth Sunday	60		



Not Able to Attend Worship in Person?

Our 9:00am Sunday Worship is always available to view on St. John's [YouTube & Facebook pages](#). Don't forget to register your online attendance!: stjohnrobtown.org/onlineworship



Online Giving available at stjohnrobtown.org through the "[Donate Now](#)" button. Thanks for your support of our ministries!



Attention Thrivent Members:

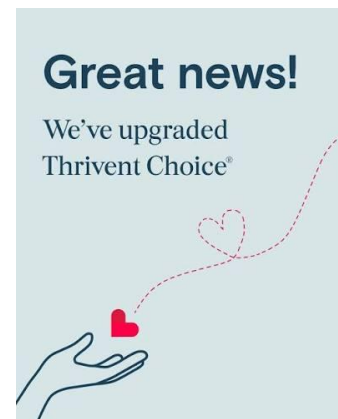
Update to Thrivent Choice Dollars!

The Thrivent Choice program has been upgraded, making it even easier for Thriven clients with membership to live generously and support organizations like St. John.

- Now all members receive Choice Dollars (*\$1 granted by Thrivent for each Choice Dollar directed*).
- Choice Dollars are fully available at the start of the year. *For 2026, the full amount is available to direct now.*
- Directions due by December 31st (*instead of March 31st, as it was previously*).

You can work with your Financial Advisor to direct your Choice Dollars, or use the search feature on Thrivent.com/organizations.

Reminder to contact Lauren in the church office with how you'd like your Choice Dollars directed at St. John.



August Birthdays

1	Terra DeLeo	3	Mike Fair
3	Conner Martinez	4	Verne Benson
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

Names	Date	Years
David & Beth Hartman	8/4/1990	36
Steve & Lauren Miller	8/22/1975	51
Robert & Chris Knetig	8/26/1978	48



Altar Guild Volunteer Schedule

Contact Nola Gustafson if you can volunteer.

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

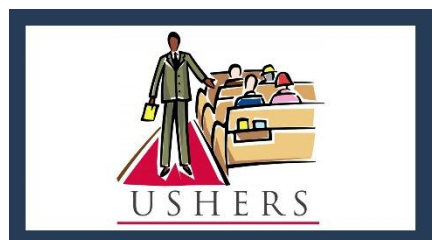


August Ushers

Capt. David Hartman
Steve Miller
Don Thigpen

September Ushers

Capt. George Johnson
Dawson Byars
Dewayne Byars
Jon Duplantis



Yard Care – Help Needed

Contact Howard Fels if you can join the volunteer lawn crew rotation. Many hands make the job light!

August	3-8	Don Thigpen
August	10-15	Mando Vasquez
August	17-22	Howard Fels, Terry Signor
August	24-29	Terry Signor
Aug – Sept	31-5	Don Thigpen



PRAYER CONCERNS LIST

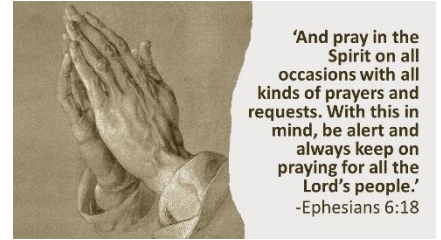
Prayer requests are removed after four weeks unless the church office is otherwise notified.

Long-Term Prayers remain until requester asks for removal.

Prayer list submissions can be emailed to

stjohnrobstown@gmail.com

or submitted with the Sunday attendance card.



FAMILY & FRIENDS:

7/26: **Greg Fair** (Knee cap surgery on 7/29 in Houston, Mike Fair's brother);

Pansy White (Mary Sue Scheible's request)

7/19: **Dee Tavaren** (Bette Bernsen's request); **Gloria Owens** (Surgical procedure, Mary Sue Scheible's request)

7/12: **Robert Redmond** (In hospital, Mary Sue Scheible's request)

OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE LOVED ONES OF:

7/23: **Richard "Dick" Alvord** (Doris Alvord's husband. Obituary [link.](#))

7/16: **Kenneth "Kenny" Cooley** (St. Mark's member, Gracie Cooley's husband. Obituary [link.](#))

7/12: **Ella Baker** (Mary Sue Scheible's request)

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR:

7/19: **Thank you for rain, prayers for those flooded** (Howard Fels' request)

LONG-TERM PRAYERS:

Paula Campbell; Regina Emshoff; Margie Fair; Paula Kennedy; Suzette Pradon (Lauren Miller's request); **Loleta Riley; Donnie Schwirtlich; Mando Vasquez**

CHURCH COUNCIL

The following is a synopsis of important discussions and actions taken during the Church Council meeting held on July 21, 2026:

- The dates have been set: Ingathering will be on Oct. 4th and Fall Festival on Nov. 1st.
- The drop ceiling in the fellowship hall has been repaired, and we now have extra tiles for future repairs if needed.
- A plumber is working at the parsonage to repair a leak in the yard.
- The board of Evangelism is finalizing information pamphlets to provide for visitors, and mugs with the church logo have been ordered.
- The board of Evangelism is also planning a service project in September for God's Work our Hands.



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

General Fund				Special Fund Bal June 30, 2026				30,193.80
Cash at May 31 2026			68,410.47					
Current Benevolence	15,699.84							
Trans from Special Fund								
Trans from Memorial Fund								
Less: Monthly Expenses	(14,206.55)							
	1,493.29	1,493.29		Mem Fund Bal June 30, 2026				33,245.58
Change in Short term liabilities		335.84						
Cash at June 30, 2026		70,239.60						
Year To Date General Fund Cash								
Cash at Jan 1, 2026		73,429.06						
Cash at June 30, 2026		70,239.60						
Change in cash 2026		(3,189.46)						



Cross Trails Ministry

**Mark Your
Calendar!**

SEPTEMBER 19TH

**FREDERICKSBURG
MARKTPLATZ
9AM-3PM**

FALL FESTIVAL

**Ways to Get
Involved**



QUILT SHOW & AUCTION

- Donate a quilt or help us collect quilts for the Online Quilt Auction. Quilts will be on display for viewing and bidding at the Fall Festival in Fredericksburg.

GIFT CARD DONATION

- We are accepting gift card donations for our Gift Card Wheel table! Donated cards need to be a minimum of \$10 value and dropped off or mailed to the office. Popular choices Include Walmart, H-E-B, Amazon, fast food venues, and local businesses!

**HEAD OVER TO CROSSTRAILS.ORG
FOR LINKS TO SIGN UP & TO LEARN
MORE ABOUT EACH OF THESE ITEMS!**



Contact Kristen Bigott, at kristen@crosstrails.org for questions or more information

Camp Chrysalis, where our St. John students attended camp in July, is part of Cross Trails Ministry!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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9 9:00am Worship 10:15am Adult Sunday School	3 7:30pm Church Prop	4	5 9:00am Quilters	6 6:00pm Stewardship Board	7	8
9 8:30am Children's Sun. School 9:00am Worship 9:00am Back to School Blessing 10:00am Evangelism Mtg. 10:15am Adult Sunday School	10 6:00pm Fellowship Board	11 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 2:00pm Lay Ministry 6:00pm Worship Board	12 9:00am Quilters 6:00pm Christian Ed	13	14	15
16 8:30am Children's Sun. School 9:00am Worship 10:15am Adult Sunday School 2:00pm Confirmation Returns 4:00pm Doubles & Singles	17	18 6:00pm Church Council	19 9:00am Food Pantry 9:00am Quilters	20 Newsletter Deadline	21	22
23 8:30am Children's Sun. School 9:00am Worship/Noisy Offering 10:15am Adult Sunday School	24	25	26 9:00am Quilters	27	28	29
30 11:00am Coastal Bend Parish Celebration Worship & Luncheon at St. Mark's Lutheran, Corpus Christi <i>*No worship or Sunday School at St. John*</i>	31					

Updates to calendar after publication of newsletter will be made on stjohnrobstown.org/news-calendar