

## **A Letter from Your Council President**

Dear Friends In Christ,

As I look back over this last year, I am filled with so much joy to see our church reaching out to all people with God's word of love. I am extremely thankful for each and every one of you. God has blessed us. I want to thank all of you for all that you do for our church and for others. You go above and beyond to help others.

We have accomplished much this year. We paid off our roof loan by Easter. We donated cases of bottled water for local disaster relief buckets. We raised funds to send Jennifer and Pastor to the National Youth Gathering. We donated supplies and funds to provide children in our three local school districts and children in Upbring Foster in Texas with school supplies. We donated money to fill 40 gift baskets for Adult Protective Services. Many of you are praying for others and for us to listen to God. These are just a few of the things we have done.

Next year our proposed budget has been raised by \$9,000. Much of the raise is because of higher expenses such as insurance and utilities. The Parish Council voted to give Pastor Jonathan a 6 per cent raise. He will have been here a year and a half by January. We can all agree that he has done an outstanding job as our shepherd. It is only right that we give him a raise. Our council recommended 5 percent and St. Mark's council recommended 6 percent. When we calculated the difference, it came to \$17 dollars a month, so the council voted for the 6 percent raise. We will all need to dig down in our pockets to be able to meet this increase. God has blessed us so much. I pray that we will be able to meet that budget. If you can give more, please do so. If not, just continue praying that we do God's will.

God's blessings on you.

Florine Haug, Council President

***Please see details about our Budget Approval Congregational Meeting on page 3.***



# ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH FALL FESTIVAL

FOOD AND GAME  
TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE  
FOR PURCHASE

ADMISSION:  
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**FOOD - MUSIC - GAMES - RAFFLE  
COSTUME CONTEST - CAKE WALK**

**OCTOBER 13, 2024**

**5:00PM - 7:30PM**

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

3316 HUMMINBIRD ROBSTOWN, TX 78380

THROUGH THE GENEROUS SUPPORT OF LOCAL INDIVIDUALS, BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS, WE ARE BLESSED TO BE ABLE TO SHARE THIS COMMUNITY EVENT WITH ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT THIS EVENT, PLEASE CONTACT CHELSEA SCHULZE 361-215-3496





# 2025 Budget Approval Congregational Meeting

## October 20<sup>th</sup> after worship

Please attend to help us approve our 2025 budget and so we reach quorum.

**The proposed budget is available at the end of this newsletter,**  
in the narthex, and upon request with the office.

### **Agenda for Congregational Meeting**

1. Prayer
2. Approve minutes of last congregational meeting
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Reports
  - a. Pastor
  - b. Church Properties
  - c. Christian Education
  - d. Evangelism
  - e. Lay Ministry
  - f. Parish Fellowship
  - g. Stewardship
  - h. Worship
  - i. President's report
5. New Business
  - a. Approve budget
  - b. Other
6. Close with prayer and Lord's Prayer



St. John  
Lutheran's  
Annual



# Ingathering

Worship & Meal

September 29, one service at 10:30am

Gospel songs during Worship.

Meal, Service Project, & Presentation following.

St. Mark's Lutheran will join us!

*Please wear your nametags for our guests attending.*

*Ladies, bring pie or dessert to share.*

*Men will prepare the meal.*

## APS Care Baskets Service Project



Following worship on September 29<sup>th</sup> we'll assemble 40 care baskets for Adult Protective Services to support those in need in our community. Thank you for your generosity!

God's work. Our hands.



### **St. John's Ladies Bible Study**

**October 8<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00pm**

Bring your sack lunch. Drinks will be provided. Desserts will be provided by Janice Kimball and Peggy Butler. The study will be on "The Woman of Samaria", page 166 in *Women of the Bible* by Jean E.



Syswerda, and led by Regina Emshoff. Please come for quality God/good time with your sisters in Christ. All are welcome!

### **Doubles and Singles On Break**

Doubles and Singles will be on break in October for Fall Festival.

We will return on November 17<sup>th</sup>.



### **St. John Food Pantry**

**Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 – 11:00 am**

Third Wednesday of Every Month

*Thank you to those who serve!*



### **Fall Festival: Coming Soon!**

October 13<sup>th</sup> from 5-7:30pm at St. John Lutheran.  
Hosted by our Board of Christian Education.

***Contact Cindy Roecker or Chelsea Schulze if you can help.***



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## Noisy Offering

**Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> beginning of worship**

Bring noisy coins or quiet bills  
to donate toward our outreach ministries.



## Reformation Sunday

Wear red on Sunday, October 27th as we celebrate the ways in which the Holy Spirit continues to guide the church and make things new.



## All Saints Sunday

On November 3<sup>rd</sup> during our 9:00am worship we will recognize our members, family, and friends who passed away since November 1, 2023.

If you wish to honor someone, we'd like to include their photo and name on a presentation slide during the service. You'll be invited forward to light a candle as your loved one's name is called during worship.

Please email their photo and name to [stjohnrobstown@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnrobstown@gmail.com) or bring to the office **by October 28<sup>th</sup>** (call before you come: 361-387-9481).



## Day Light Savings Time

Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>

Turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.



## Sunday School

**8:30am – Children's Sunday School** 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.



*>>Both will be on break September 29<sup>th</sup> for Ingathering Celebration.*

## Thank You

"Pastor & members of St. John Lutheran,  
Thank you so much for the beautiful service  
provided for our mom. Also for the lunch provided.  
It was comforting to know so many people cared  
and loved with the love of Christ. We could feel it. I  
watched it again online and could feel the love of  
Christ reach out again, so I know others viewing it  
also felt as blessed. Thank you again.

~Priscilla Johnson and family"



## Condolence Cards for former member Bob Turk's Family

Bob's family shared his wife, Frances', mailing  
address if you would like to send her a  
condolence card for Bob's passing. They  
expressed gratitude for your continued prayers.

Frances Turk  
20696 S. 81<sup>st</sup> W. Ave  
Mounds, OK 74047



## Now Livestreaming on YouTube

In addition to still livestreaming on our [Facebook page](#), our worship services are now also live  
streamed on YouTube! Use the following link to  
access our YouTube channel, and the worship  
services will be streamed under the "Live" tab. The  
worship service continues to be available to view  
on our YouTube channel after the stream is complete.  
[youtube.com/@stjohnrobstown](https://youtube.com/@stjohnrobstown)



## October Birthdays

6	Randy Emshoff	7	Ramon Martinez
8	Derek Schulze	14	Mona Fay Knetig
14	Jonah Lys	18	Cody Fox
22	Steve Miller	25	Steve Tenpenny
29	Beth Hartman	29	Mando Vasquez
31	Chris Knetig	31	Charlene Signor



## October Wedding Anniversaries

<b>Names</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Years</b>
Derek & Chelsea Schulze	10/10/2015	9
Terry & Charlene Signor	10/26/2003	21



## Altar Guild Volunteer Schedule

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

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

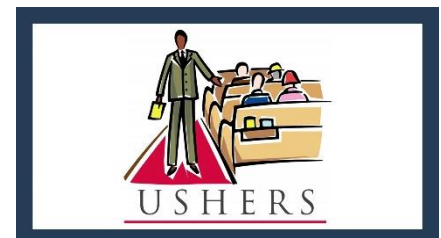


## October Ushers

Capt. Mando Vasquez
Albert Hornung
Mason Vasquez

## November Ushers

Capt. Don Kennedy
Mike Fair
Curtis Fox
Don Thigpen



## 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!

Sept. – Oct.	30-5	Don Thigpen
October	7-12	Mando Vasquez
October	14-19	Howard Fels, Terry Signor
October	21-26	Don Kennedy
Oct. – Nov.	28-2	Don Thigpen





# PRAYER CONCERNS

## Members

Richard Alvord  
Kathy Baca  
Regina Baca  
Verne Benson  
Darlette Brandon  
Joseph De Leo  
Terra De Leo  
Regina Emshoff  
Cindy Fair  
Margie Fair  
Mike Fair  
Ellen Fox

Roy Grossman  
**Jennifer Jaramillo**  
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 families & friends of**

**Ken Heider**

*Passed away 9/13/24*

**Robert 'Bob' Turk**

*Former member*

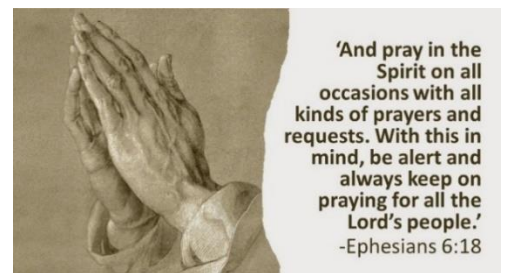
*Passed away 9/23/24*

## Family & Friends

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

Stephen Fuchs  
Mark Geyen  
Richard Gillespie  
Raymond Grote  
Blanca Hale  
Penny Hanson  
Paula Heider  
Will Henderson  
Jennifer Hornung  
Michael Hughes  
Carol Lindquist  
Carole Locker  
David & Liz Lourash  
Vernie Miller  
Priscilla Minter  
Junior Nash  
Sandra Neitch  
Gloria Owens  
Travis Peeler  
Tara Perry  
**Sonjia Peterson**  
Sharon Polansky  
Trey Quezada

Lisa Reaneu  
Robert Redding  
Austin Riley  
Gail Riley  
Rory Riley  
Shane Riley  
Dee Rojas  
Jerry Rychetsky  
Linda Schuenemann  
Connie Simpson  
Barbara Steagall  
Matthew Stebbins  
Harry Stout  
Petra Tobon  
Andy Vasquez  
Fox Vasquez  
Waylon Wallace  
Ronald Wardak  
Ruthie Weathersby  
Pansy White



# STEWARDSHIP

SHARING THE GIFTS WE HAVE



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

<b>General Fund</b>					Special Fund Bal August 31, 2024	25,361.09
Cash at July 31, 2024			73,148.94			
Current Benevolence	12,650.24					
Less: Monthly Expenses	(14,416.04)					
	(1,765.80)	(1,765.80)			Mem Fund Bal August 31, 2024	18,833.27
Change in Short term liabilities		406.42				
Cash at August 31, 2024		71,789.56				
<b>Year To Date General Fund Cash</b>						
Cash at Jan 1, 2024		77,646.02				
Cash at August 31, 2024		71,789.56				
Decrease in cash 2024		(5,856.46)				

## September Worship Attendance

Sunday, Sept. 1 <sup>st</sup>	63	
Sunday, Sept. 8 <sup>th</sup>	55	
Sunday, Sept. 15 <sup>th</sup>	46	
Sunday, Sept. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	54	
Ingathering, Sept. 29 <sup>th</sup>	<Will report next month.>	



## 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](http://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 COUNCIL



The following is a synopsis of important discussions and actions taken during the Church Council meeting held on September 17, 2024:

- The council voted on and approved a budget that will be brought before the congregation to vote on soon
  - The council discussed how to reach out to members who have been absent.
  - The boards continue to plan what activities they will host during the Fall Festival.
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## 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/@stjohnrobstown](https://www.youtube.com/@stjohnrobstown)

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



## Newsletter Deadline

**Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>**

[stjohnrobstown@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnrobstown@gmail.com)



## St. John's Quilters

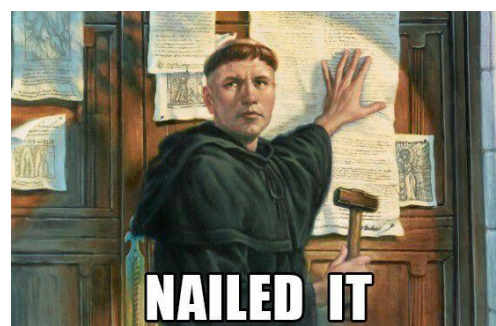
**Every Wednesday at 9am**

Extra hands appreciated!

*No experience necessary.*



**Some Reformation Humor for you!:**





St. John Lutheran Church 3316 Hummingbird Lane, Robstown, TX 78380-6067			October 2024			Office Phone: (361) 387-9481 Pastor Jonathan: (979) 255-4148	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
		1 6:00pm Worship	2 9:00am Quilters	3 6:00pm Stewardship	4	5	
6 8:30am Children's Sun. School 9:00am Worship 10:15am Adult Sunday School	7 7:30pm Church Prop	8 12:00pm Ladies Bible Study 2:00pm Lay Ministry	9 9:00am Quilters 6:00pm Christian Ed	10	11	12	
13 8:30am Children's Sun. School 9:00am Worship 10:00am Evangelism Mtg. 10:15am Adult Sunday School 5-7:30pm FALL FESTIVAL!	14	15 6:00pm Church Council	16 9:00am Food Pantry 9:00am Quilters	17	18	19	
20 8:30am Children's Sun. School 9:00am Worship/Noisy Offering 10:00am CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 10:30am Adult Sunday School	21	22	23 9:00am Quilters	24 Newsletter Deadline	25	26	
27 REFORMATION SUNDAY: WEAR RED! 8:30am Children's Sun. School 9:00am Worship/Noisy Offering 10:15am Adult Sunday School	28	29	30	31			

## PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2025

	Expenses as of 8/31/2024	2024 Approved Budget	2025 Proposed Budget	
<b>LAY MINISTRY</b>				
CHURCH SUPPLIES	0.00	100.00	400.00	
COMPUTER ONLINE SERVICE	414.08	621.00	875.00	
CONVENTIONS/SEMINARS	500.00	500.00	500.00	
MISCELLANEOUS	0.00	200.00	200.00	
OFFICE SUPPLIES/CPU/SOFTW	685.49	1,500.00	1,750.00	
PASTOR-SALARY	14,981.12	27,454.00	29,102.00	*
PASTOR-HSE EQT ALLOWANCE	373.94	641.00	641.00	*
PASTOR-PENSION/MAJOR MD	9,744.69	16,238.00	17,313.00	*
PASTOR-SECA TAX	2,950.01	4,529.00	5,254.00	*
PASTOR'S CELL PHONE REIMB	224.35	385.00	385.00	*
PASTOR'S CONT. EDUCATION	373.94	641.00	641.00	*
PASTOR'S TRAVEL REIMB.	897.40	1,538.00	1,538.00	*
POSTAGE	108.05	500.00	425.00	
PROFESSIONAL EXP.	186.97	351.00	351.00	*
SECRETARY SALARY	18,232.00	27,348.00	28,989.00	
SECRETARY, FICA TAX	1,394.80	2,092.00	2,217.00	
WORSHIP ASSISTANCE	1,100.00	1,200.00	1,500.00	
WORSHIP ASSISTANCE TRAVEL	150.00	600.00	300.00	
PASTOR - MEETINGS	373.94	641.00	641.00	*
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>52,690.78</b>	<b>87,079.00</b>	<b>93,022.00</b>	

\* These figures reflect 64.1% of the total salary and benefits paid to the Pastor. This is St. John's portion.

### WORSHIP

ALTAR GUILD	0.00	600.00	0.00
COPYRIGHT FEES	887.25	1,100.00	1,100.00
ORGANIST EXPENSE	4,920.00	7,200.00	7,500.00
PIANO & ORGAN TUNING & RE	0.00	200.00	200.00
WORSHIP SUPPLIES	794.05	800.00	1,400.00
LIVESTREAMING	20.57	500.00	500.00
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>6,621.87</b>	<b>10,400.00</b>	<b>10,700.00</b>

### PARISH FELLOWSHIP

FELLOWSHIP SUPPLIES	0.00	300.00	300.00
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>300.00</b>	<b>300.00</b>

### EVANGELISM

ADVERTISING/OUTREACH	0.00	300.00	300.00
BENEVOLENCE - LOCAL	0.00	700.00	0.00
BENEVOLENCE -REGULAR	9,710.97	14,000.00	14,000.00
BENEVOLENCE -SPECIAL	150.00	1,000.00	1,100.00
DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS	304.91	400.00	400.00
GULF COAST CONFERENCE	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>10,165.88</b>	<b>17,400.00</b>	<b>16,800.00</b>

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## PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2025 Continued

	Expenses as of 8/31/2024	2024 Approved Budget	2025 Proposed Budget
<b>CHRISTIAN EDUCATION</b>			
ADULT EDUC/NEW MEMBERS	0.00	250.00	250.00
BIBLES	0.00	0.00	0.00
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING	498.97	1,000.00	1,000.00
CONFIRMATION	0.00	250.00	250.00
NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING	250.00	250.00	250.00
SENIOR BANQUET	0.00	0.00	0.00
YOUTH CAMPING	0.00	250.00	250.00
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>748.97</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>

<b>STEWARDSHIP</b>			
EDUC/CONSECRATE SUN/EVENTS	0.00	0.00	600.00
OFFERING ENVELOPES	198.20	400.00	400.00
E-CHECK TRANSACTION FEES	455.86	800.00	800.00
VANCO CREDIT CARD FEES	123.92	300.00	200.00
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>777.98</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>

<b>CHURCH PROPERTIES</b>			
CHURCH-ALARM SYSTEM	0.00	0.00	0.00
CHURCH-ELECTRICITY	11,400.68	15,000.00	15,000.00
CHURCH-GARBAGE COLLECTION	456.08	616.00	616.00
CHURCH-INSURANCE	18,355.12	16,000.00	21,350.63
CHURCH-TELEPHONE	784.59	1,200.00	1,200.00
CHURCH-WATER	987.64	1,200.00	1,200.00
CUSTODIAN SALARY	2,103.75	3,881.00	4,881.00
CUSTODIAN, FICA TAX	160.93	260.00	260.00
JANITOR SUPPLIES	0.00	240.00	240.00
MAINTENANCE-CHURCH/BLDG/EQ	989.20	3,000.00	3,000.00
MAINTENANCE-GROUNDS	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
MAINTENANCE-OFFICE EQUIP.	1,418.43	2,750.00	2,750.00
NEW EQUIPMENT	0.00	500.00	500.00
PARSONAGE-ELECTRIC	1,757.83	2,100.00	2,500.00
PARSONAGE-INSURANCE	1,530.45	1,365.00	2,600.00
PARSONAGE-MAINT.-BLDG/EQ	692.14	1,200.00	1,200.00
PARSONAGE-PHONE/INTERNET	333.48	1,035.00	1,035.00
PARSONAGE-WTR/SEWR/GRBGE	1,104.29	1,950.00	1,950.00
PEST CONTROL	730.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
ROOF/AC LOAN - INTEREST	206.54	5,000.00	0.00
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>43,011.15</b>	<b>59,997.00</b>	<b>62,982.63</b>

\*St. Mark's reimburses us 35.9% of \$1,400/mo for parsonage use and 35.9% of parsonage utilities expenses each month.

<b>TOTAL BOARD EXPENSES</b>	<b>114,016.63</b>	<b>178,676.00</b>	<b>187,804.63</b>
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