

A Different Pace

On Memorial Day, we spent the morning at the beach. This isn't a tradition or something we planned in an attempt to "make the most" of the day off. We just had some good friends in town for their time at the beach, and they invited us to join them!



I definitely understand why so many people enjoy the beach as a place to relax. When we spend time there, my phone, watch, and other things I carry daily are in the side pocket of the cart. There is a beautiful loss of the sense of time and a focus on what and who is in front of me.

The rhythm of the Summer months makes space to experience a different pace. Whether it's because of the weather (heat), travel, children being out of school, a week of camp, family reunions, or other celebrations, there are more opportunities to lean into what is in front of us. Opportunities to play and enjoy relationships with others. It's a break and a chance to practice, so we can see those same gifts when life becomes more routine.

I used to struggle with the Summer because I tried to keep a similar rhythm as there is throughout the year. What I have come to realize is that I was fighting against what my life and our world need. My weekly routines need a little more Summer to break into them. It's the play, relationships, slowing down, and change of pace...the inherent gifts of Summer, that we long for and need all year round. So this Summer, I'm going to try to soak up the gifts this season gives, learn from them, and bring a taste of them forward into future seasons. The God of growth, play, joy, and connection be with you in whatever the coming months hold.

In Christ, Pastor Jonathan

Coastal Bend Parish Celebration!

at St. John Lutheran

Sunday, May 31st

One 10:30am Joint Worship

Joined by St. Mark's Lutheran, CC

Worship led by Polka Spirit,

a polka worship band from Shiner Lutheran Church.

BBQ Chicken Lunch after worship.

St. John: Bring Sides. St. Mark's: Desserts.

Unable to attend?

stjohnrobstown.org to worship with us online.

Name Tags

We'll have more visitors for our May 31st Parish Celebration! To help these folks know us, please remember to wear your name tag while at church. *If your name tag is missing, please contact the church office and Lauren will create one for you.* Thanks!



Have a Favorite Hymn?

Sign up in the narthex or contact the church office with your name and hymn. We'll sing them during worship throughout the summer.



Sonia Swanson's Celebration of Life Service & Reception

Saturday, June 6th at 10am at St. John. Remembering the life of Sonia Swanson, Brian Swanson's mother. Following the service, a reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Please pray for Brian, Amelia, Alyssa, and Sonia's family and friends as they mourn her passing.



Resiliency & Preparedness Temple Talk

On Sunday, June 7th, Bryce Kennedy, Innovator for Resiliency & Preparedness with the Synod Office, will join us for a temple talk and conversation after worship.



Ladies Bible Study

June 9th @ 11:30am

Bring your sack lunch. Drinks will be provided. Desserts will be provided by Paula Kennedy and Mary Sue Scheible. 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.



Church Office Coverage Needed June 11th

Lauren needs help covering the office Thursday, June 11th from 9am - 2pm. Duties are simple and include answering the phone and receiving deliveries. If you can help, please contact the church office: stjohnrobstown@gmail.com, 361-387-9481. Thank you!



St. John Food Pantry

Wednesday, June 17th, 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.



Father's Day

Sunday, June 21st is Father's Day. We'll celebrate the fathers and father-figures in our lives with a cake after worship, provided by Board of Worship!



Newsletter Deadline

Thursday, June 25th

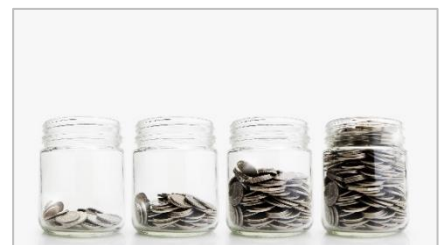
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Noisy Offering

Sunday, June 28th beginning of worship

Bring noisy coins or quiet bills to donate toward our outreach ministries. ***Donations in June will go to The Purple Door in Corpus Christi, providing free, confidential services for those affected by domestic or sexual violence.*** purpledoortx.org for details.



Doubles and Singles

Sunday, June 28th at 4:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Note: Meeting on the Fourth Sunday in June!

Bring a covered dish to share.

We'll have dinner and play games.



ELCA Innovation Lab

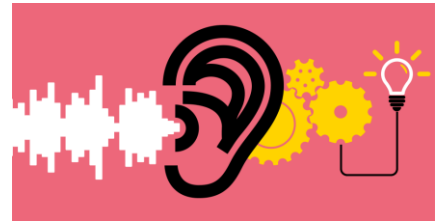
Wednesday, July 1st, 11am – 1pm, here at St. John.

The ELCA Innovation Lab of the Churchwide Organization is traveling across the Southwestern Texas Synod and are coming with ears open and notebooks ready! They want to hear your ideas, your hopes, and your wildest “what if” dreams for the future.

No agenda. No sales pitch. Just listening, relationship-building, and shared imagination for where the Spirit may be leading next.

What would you try if you had creative partnership and real resources behind you? What would it mean for your community if someone with resources showed up and said, “Tell us more”?

They want to hear from you! Register [here](#), or click the “Register” link on our stjohnrobstown.org homepage. Learn more [here](#).



Confirmation Class

for 7th & 8th Grade students is on break for the summer. See you again this fall! Check with Pr. Jonathan for questions.



Sunday School

***Children's Sunday School** is on break for the summer. Faith-on-the-go packets available in the narthex. See you again this fall!*

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.



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



Baptism & First Communion

On May 17, 2026, Alyssa Marie Longoria was baptized and received her First Communion. Her parents are Crystal Krueger and Gilbert Longoria, and baptismal sponsors are Noel & Kara Adams. Welcome, Child of God!



Children's Sermon

What a joy to see our young disciples during worship on Pentecost Sunday, May 24th!



Celebrating our Graduates!

On Sunday, May 24th we celebrated

our graduates with a blessing during worship and cupcakes following, provided by Board of Worship.

Congratulations to our high school graduate, **Jennifer Jaramillo**, daughter of Brandy Marion and granddaughter of David Marion, and to our college graduate, **Mason Vasquez**, son of Mando & Stephanie Vasquez!



Can you help Lauren once-a-year to update our Membership Records?

Lauren needs once-a-year help entering membership information in St. John's "Red Book." We have both a physical book where legible handwriting is appreciated, and a digital document in Microsoft Excel. The work can be done from your home or at the church, and could even be split by two people. If interested, contact Lauren in the office. Thanks!



Thank You From Peggy Butler's Family

"Pastor Jonathan, Lauren, and the St. John Lutheran Church congregation, Our mom, Peggy, loved you all just as she loved her family. We hope that you cherish every memory of her as we will. We thank you for all of the love, support, and the preparations that went into her service as well as the luncheon... May God bless you all. With much love, Kristin Fuchs, Ken Crowder, Kurt Crowder, and all of Nana's grandchildren and great-grandchildren."



The Ark Assessment Center Benevolence

\$100.07 was donated to The Ark Assessment Center & Emergency Shelter for Youth using January & February 2026's Noisy Offering funds, as directed by our Evangelism Board. Thank you for your generosity! *Details on The Ark's ministries can be found at ark4kids.com.*



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!: stjohnrobstown.org/onlineworship



June Birthdays

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|----|---------------|----|----------------|
| 2 | Margery Fair | 9 | Kaden Martinez |
| 23 | Alice Taylor | 25 | Terri Krebs |
| 28 | Paula Kennedy | | |



June Wedding Anniversaries

| Names | Date | Years |
|---------------------------|-----------|-------|
| Mando & Stephanie Vasquez | 6/9/2001 | 25 |
| Gary & Karen Boyd | 6/10/1978 | 48 |
| Brian & Amelia Swanson | 6/17/1995 | 31 |
| Randy & Heather Emshoff | 6/27/1992 | 34 |
| Ervin & Darlene Brooks | 6/30/1973 | 53 |



Altar Guild Volunteer Schedule

Contact Nola Gustafson if you can volunteer.

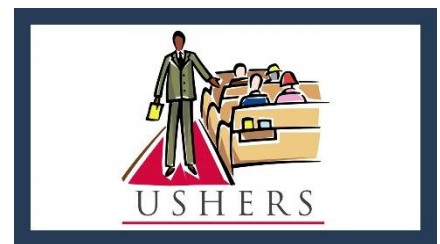
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| Jan | Paula C., Shotzie A. | Feb | Jennifer J., Misty Ham |
| Mar | Cindy R., Janice K. | Apr | Amelia S., Karen B. |
| May | Nola G., Karen B. | June | Paula C., Shotzie A. |
| July | vacant | Aug | Priscilla J., Amelia S. |
| Sept | Paula K., Cindy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



June Ushers

| | |
|-----------------|---------------|
| Capt. Mike Fair | Capt. |
| Dawson Byars | Butch Roecker |
| Dewaye Byars | Derek Schulze |
| Jon Duplantis | |
| Artis Karnei | |

July Ushers



Yard Care – Help Needed

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

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|-------------|-------|---------------------------|
| May | 25-30 | Howard Fels, Terry Signor |
| June | 1-6 | Terry Signor |
| June | 8-13 | Don Thigpen |
| June | 15-20 | Mando Vasquez |
| June | 22-27 | Howard Fels, Terry Signor |
| June - July | 29-4 | Terry Signor |

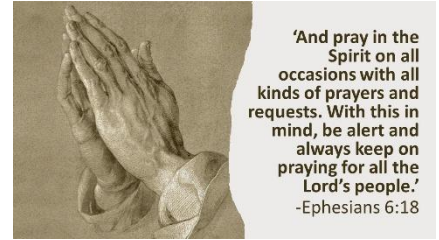


PRAYER CONCERNS LIST

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.



MEMBERS:

5/3: **Steve Tenpenny** (Heart cath procedure on 5/11 with additional testing during May)

FAMILY & FRIENDS:

5/24: **Pansy White** (Mary Sue Scheible's request, 92yo, hospitalized)

5/17: **Kurt Swanson** (Lisa Swanson's request, healing post-surgery & upcoming medical treatment); **Stephen Stuart** (Lisa Swanson's request, cancer treatment)

5/10: **Nelda Standard** (Mary Sue Scheible's request)

5/3: **Dee Tavarez** (Bette Bernsen's request)

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR:

5/3: **More rain** (Howard Fels' request)

LONG-TERM PRAYERS:

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

May Worship Attendance

| | | | |
|---------------|----|------------------------|--|
| First Sunday | 53 | | |
| Second Sunday | 69 | | |
| Third Sunday | 42 | | |
| Fourth Sunday | 62 | | |
| Fifth Sunday | | <Will share next month | |



CHURCH COUNCIL

The following is a synopsis of important discussions and actions taken during the Church Council meeting held on May 19, 2026:

- Over the summer, several students will be going to summer camp. A blessing of the backpacks will be held August 9.
- The parsonage windows have been repaired. The board of church properties have replaced several lightbulbs around the church but said more may need to be replaced.
- The noisy offering for May and June will be going to the Purple Door. In July and August, it will go to Metro Ministries.
- The council discussed that the ELCA is starting a listening tour and St. John's will be hosting a listening session in July.
- Dates for Fall Festival and Ingathering were discussed but have not been finalized.



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

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| General Fund | | | | Special Fund Bal Apr 30, 2026 | 29,486.92 |
| Cash at March 31, 2026 | | 70,692.31 | | | |
| Current Benevolence | 18,469.44 | | | | |
| Trans from Special Fund | 360.00 | | | | |
| Trans from Memorial Fund | | | | | |
| Less: Monthly Expenses | (14,829.55) | | | | |
| | 3,999.89 | 3,999.89 | | Mem Fund Bal Apr 30, 2026 | 26,625.58 |
| Change in Short term liabilities | | (835.88) | | | |
| Cash at April 30, 2026 2026 | | <u>73,856.32</u> | | | |
| Year To Date General Fund Cash | | | | | |
| Cash at Jan 1, 2026 | | 73,429.06 | | | |
| Cash at April 30, 2026 | | <u>73,856.32</u> | | | |
| Change in cash 2026 | | <u>427.26</u> | | | |

VBS hosted at our fellow Parish congregation, St. Mark's Lutheran in Corpus Christi!

Weekend Vacation Bible School
Countdown has started!

BLAST OFF

at St. Marks Church



Scan to Register

Launching Kids: Ages PreK - 6th
On a Mission of God's Love!!

June 27-28 from 9am to 1pm

Contact the Office for Registration:

Office@StMarksCCTx.ORG

Cici Schuetze - Coordinator

(361) 290-7350

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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
| 31 10:30am Coastal Bend Parish Celebration Worship, worship led by Polka Spirit 11:30am BBQ Chicken Potluck Luncheon | 1 7:30pm Church Prop | 2 6:00pm Worship Board | 3 9:00am Quilters | 4 6:00pm Stewardship Board | 5 | 6 10:00am Sonia Swanson's Celebration of Life Service & Reception |
| 7 9:00am Worship / Temple Talk 10:15am Adult Sunday School | 8 6:00pm Fellowship Board | 9 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 2:00pm Lay Ministry | 10 9:00am Quilters 6:00pm Christian Ed | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 9:00am Worship 10:00am Evangelism Mtg. 10:15am Adult Sunday School | 15 | 16 6:00pm Church Council | 17 9:00am Food Pantry 9:00am Quilters | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 9:00am Worship 10:15am Father's Day Cake Social 10:15am Adult Sunday School | 22 | 23 | 24 9:00am Quilters | 25 Newsletter Deadline | 26 | 27 |
| 28 9:00am Worship/Noisy Offering 10:15am Adult Sunday School 4:00pm Doubles & Singles | 29 | 30 | 1 9:00am Quilters 11:00am ELCA Innovation Lab Listening Session | | | |

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