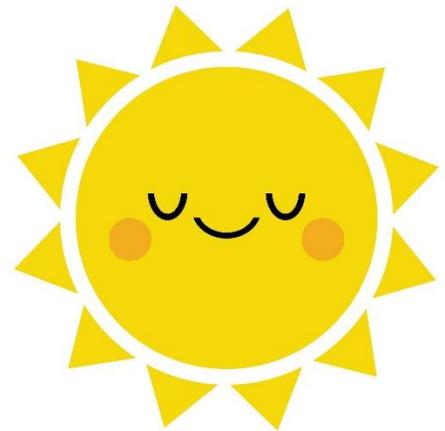


Here Comes the Sun (and Son!)

I was reminded this week that it's a good idea to go out and get some sun. The natural Vitamin D is good for the body, and the warmth is good for the soul. Time outside in nature is rejuvenating and reminds us of our connection to all things living. And yet, I spend most of my time inside. Not because I couldn't go outside and work. I work on a laptop, which is a famously mobile computer. Usually, I'm just following along with my patterns, doing what is easiest and most convenient.

Which is why I am glad for this time of Lent. It's an opportunity to break out of those routines and patterns, at least for a 40-day season. As the weather warms up, as spring approaches, and as we get more time in the sun, Lent refreshes and renews our spirits as well. There is the opportunity to spend more time in the Son. In Jesus, "we live and move and have our being" as our prayer after communion reminds us each Sunday. Creation coming alive after winter mirrors the new life that we find in the death and resurrection of Jesus, which we will again dwell in at the end of this month.

As the days lengthen and continue to get warmer, may you feel the light of Jesus warming, renewing, and refreshing your life. Join me in trying to spend some time outside, admiring creation and remembering our place in the web of life. God, bless us with the rain our area so desperately needs. I'm looking forward to our annual celebration of Holy Week and the Resurrection of Jesus, our Lord!



In Christ,
Pastor Jonathan

Holden Evening Prayer Lenten Worship

...Given for You

7:00 pm each Wednesday, Feb. 25 – March 25

In-person and online. Lenten Devotionals are available in the narthex.



Lenten Offerings

Contributions marked as “**Lenten Offerings**” will be directed half to **St. John students attending summer camp**, and the other half to the Synod Assembly Offering, this year benefitting the **Tiemann Leadership Endowment** (*supporting development of congregational lay leaders, pastors, & deacons serving under Letter of Call. Details here: swtsynod.org/offering*).



Daylight Savings Time: March 8th at 2am

‘Spring’ your clocks forward one hour before bed on Saturday, March 7th.



Can you Provide Easter Candy for our Easter Egg Hunt?

We are needing candy sizes that fit in plastic eggs, please no nuts. Donations can begin Sunday, March 8th in the narthex donation basket. *More details on other ways you can help coming soon!*



Ladies Bible Study

March 10th @ 11:30am

Bring your sack lunch. Drinks will be provided.

Desserts will be provided by Janice Kimball and Mary Sue Scheible.

Pastor Jonathan will lead our study. *We will discuss which new study we will begin since we have finished ‘Women of the Bible.’* Come for quality God/good time with your sisters in Christ.

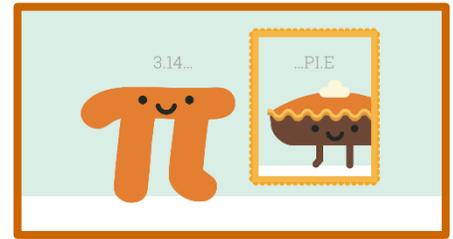


“Pi Day” Pie Potluck

Sunday, March 15th following worship

in the narthex.

In celebration of Pi Day (3.14) we are having a Pie Party on March 15th! Everyone is invited to bring a pre-cut pie to share and enjoy the fellowship.



Doubles and Singles

Sunday, March 15th at 4:00pm

Looking for a fun activity for Spring Break? Doubles and Singles will be held on March 15 in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a covered dish at 4:00 pm to share. We'll have dinner and play games.



St. John Food Pantry

Wednesday, March 18th, 9:00 – 11:00 am

Third Wednesday of Every Month.

Thank you to those who serve!

Volunteers appreciated, arrival time 8:15am.



Noisy Offering

Sunday, March 22nd beginning of worship

Bring noisy coins or quiet bills to donate toward our outreach ministries. ***Donations in March & April will go to Corpus Christi House Hope.***

Hope House provides 24/7 emergency shelter, transitional housing, support, food, clothing, baby items, counseling, education, medical assistance, and other assistance to families, pregnant single mothers, their dependent children and newborn babies who seek an escape from homelessness, addiction, domestic violence, poverty or a crisis pregnancy situation. For more information, see their website: cchope.org



Newsletter Deadline

Monday, March 23rd

stjohnrobstown@gmail.com



Help Us Add Beauty to the Sanctuary for Easter with an Easter Lily

You may bring your Easter Lily to the church beginning Sunday, March 29th and place them in the Library. A **form** will be available on the Library table for you to fill out with your name and in memory / in honor / to the glory of.



Confirmation Class

for 7th & 8th Grade students is held on 1st & 3rd Sundays at 2:00pm at St. John Lutheran. See Pr. Jonathan for questions.



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.



St. John’s Quilters

Wednesdays at 9:00am

Extra hands appreciated! *No experience necessary.* Join for a time of fellowship & service.



Thank you!

Thanks to those who were able to attend our Annual Congregational Meeting on February 8th to hear about our blessed 2025! If you couldn't attend and would like a copy of the 2025 Annual Report, please contact the church office.



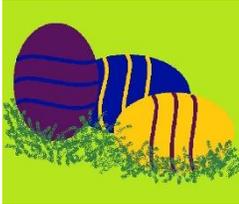
February’s Church Council Synopsis

...will be available in next month’s newsletter.



Holy Week Schedule

at St. John Lutheran Church



Easter Egg Hunt

Date and time TBA. Details soon!

Bring your own basket. For kids of all ages!



Palm / Passion Sunday

March 29th, 9:00 am

Celebrating Jesus' triumphant entry and journey to the cross.



Maundy Thursday

April 2nd, 7:00 pm

Sharing Communion, we remember Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples and the new Commandment he gave.



Good Friday at St. Mark's Lutheran

4620 South Alameda Street, Corpus Christi

April 3rd, 7:00 pm

*Good Friday worship **not** held at St. John, please consider attending with our fellow Coastal Bend Parish members in person or viewing online at*

<https://www.youtube.com/@stmarkslutheranchurch8544/streams>



Easter Sunday

April 5th, 9:00am

Celebrating our risen Savior and Lord!



Easter Monday

Church Office Closed

Monday, April 6th

Thanks to our Guest Preacher

On Sunday, February 8th St. John and St. Mark's Lutheran were joined by guest preacher, Rev. Dr. Ricardo Jimenez-Reyes, the ELCA Southwestern Texas Synod's Bishop's Associate for Community Networks and Latine Ministry. We are grateful for his time with us!



Are You a Member of Thrivent?

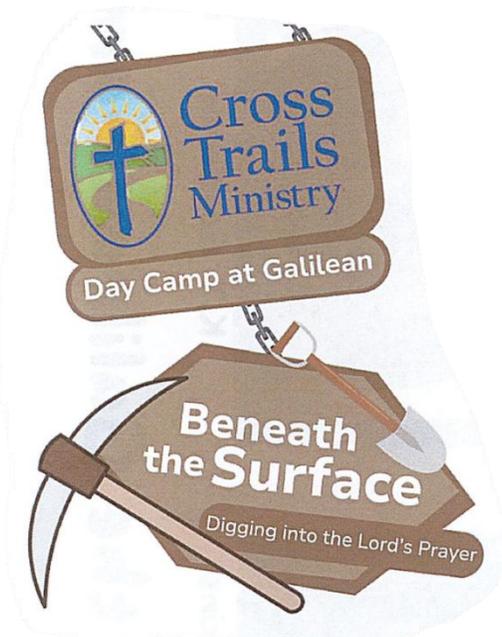
If so, you may have Choice Dollars from 2025 that can be directed to St. John. Some members may have funds to designate to a non-profit of their choosing, St. John can be yours! Contact Thrivent at 1-800-847-4836 before the deadline of March 31, 2026. Or you can log onto your Thrivent account for information and directions.

After doing so, please send a separate message to Lauren as to where you'd like your Choice Dollars directed at St. John (stjohnrobstown@gmail.com, 361-387-9481).



Galilean Lutheran, CC hosts Cross Trails Ministry Day Camp

Galilean Lutheran in Corpus Christi (3321 Cimarron Blvd) is partnering with Cross Trails Ministry to host their Day Camp **June 29th – July 3rd from 8:30am-3:30pm**. Day Camp is available to students who have completed Kinder – completed 5th grade. **Please contact Galilian's church office if you are interested: office@galileanlutheran.org, 361-991-4593.** *Pastor Jonathan & Lauren's children are attending, and Pastor Jonathan is willing to carpool St. John students from St. John to Galilean and back each day. If you are interested in this option, please contact Pastor Jonathan.*



March Birthdays

10	Albert Hornung Jr.	12	Cindi Tyler
14	Amelia Swanson	17	Peggy Butler
18	Misty Ham	29	Joseph DeLeo
30	Michael Barry		



March Wedding Anniversaries

<i>Names</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Years</i>
Jason & Amanda Box	03/02/2010	16
Brent & Joy Beverly	03/12/1994	32
Michael & Denise Barry	03/31/2013	13



Altar Guild Volunteer Schedule

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

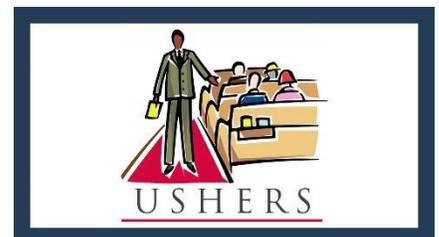
Jan	Paula C., Shotzie A.	Feb	Jennifer J., Misty Ham
Mar	Cindy R., Janice K.	Apr	Amelia S., Karen B.
May	Nola G., Karen B.	June	Paula C., Shotzie A.
July	vacant	Aug	Priscilla J., Amelia S.
Sept	Paula K., Cindy R.	Oct	Lauren M., Karen D.
Nov	Sally F., vacant	Dec	Stephanie V., Monica B.



March Ushers

Capt. Artis Karnei	Capt. Curtis Fox
Verne Benson	Randy Emshoff
David Hartman	Albert Hornung
	Butch Roecker
	Derek Schulze

April Ushers



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!

February	23-28	Mando Vasquez
March	2-7	Howard Fels, Terry Signor
March	9-14	Terry Signor
March	16-21	Don Thigpen
March	23-28	Mando Vasquez
Mar – Apr	30-4	Howard Fels, Terry Signor

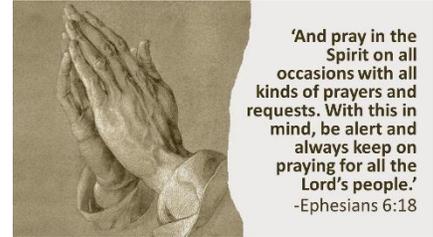


PRAYER CONCERNS LIST

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:

2/8: **Charlene Signor** (hip surgery); **Karl & Delana "Shotzie" Adami** (super flu)

FAMILY & FRIENDS:

2/22: **Pansy White** (Mary Sue Scheible's request)

2/15: **Chico Flores** (Sally Flores' husband, on hospice); **Dee Tavares** (Bette Bernsen's request)

2/8: **Clive Miller** (Mary Sue Scheible's request); **Sandra Lys** (Pr. Jonathan's mom, continued prayers for recovery)

2/1: **Bobby Chesnutt** (Bette & Bob Bernsen's friend, surgery 2/10); **Courtney Hemperly** and **Autumn Brueck** (Bette Bernsen's Goddaughter and her mother)

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR:

2/25: **Rain** (Howard Fels' request)

LONG-TERM PRAYERS:

Richard Alvord; Peggy Butler; Paula Campbell; Regina Emshoff; Margie Fair; Paula Kennedy; Loleta Riley; Donnie Schwirtlich; Mando Vasquez

February Worship Attendance

First Sunday	55		
Second Sunday	59		
Third Sunday	44	Ash Wednesday	42
Fourth Sunday	43	Lent Wednesday 1	32



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 Jan 31, 2026	26,585.39
Cash at December 31, 2025			73,429.06			
Current Benevolence	14,967.19					
Trans from Special Fund						
Trans from Memorial Fund						
Misc-Fel hall usa/copier	90.72					
Less: Monthly Expenses	(15,189.84)					
	(131.93)		(131.93)		Mem Fund Bal Jan 31, 2026	26,866.08
Change in Short term liabilities			(861.26)			
Cash at January 31, 2026			72,435.87			
Year To Date General Fund Cash						
Cash at Jan 1, 2026			73,429.06			
Cash at Jan 31, 2026			72,435.87			
Decrease in cash 2026			(993.19)			

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



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



St. John Lutheran Church 3316 Hummingbird Lane, Robstown, TX 78380-6067		March 2026				Church Office: (361) 387-9481, stjohndrobstown@gmail.com Pastor Jonathan: (979) 255-4148, pastorjlvs@gmail.com	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
1 8:30am Children's Sun. School 9:00am Worship 10:15am Adult Sunday School 2:00pm Confirmation Class	2 7:30pm Church Prop	3 5:30pm Little League Practice 6:00pm Worship Board	4 9:00am Quilters 7:00pm Lenten Evening Worship	5 6:00pm Stewardship	6	7	
8 2:00am Daylight Savings, "Spring" Forward 1 Hour 8:30am Children's Sun. School 9:00am Worship 10:30am Evangelism Mtg. 10:30am Adult Sunday School	9 6:00pm Fellowship Board	10 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 2:00pm Lay Ministry	11 9:00am Quilters 6:00pm Christian Ed 7:00pm Lenten Evening Worship	12	13	14	
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Updates to calendar after publication of newsletter will be made on stjohndrobstown.org/news-calendar



**GULF COAST CONFERENCE
SPRING GATHERING
MARCH 14, 2026
8:30 am - 1:00 pm**



Location: Faith Lutheran Church
1500 E FM 351
Beeville, Texas 78102

Theme: Unpack Your Armor

Theme Verses: Ephesians 6:11-16 NIV

“Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.”

Monetary Offering:

50% WELCA Church Wide
25% SWTX Synodical Women’s Org.
25% The OATH Program,
a Pharmaceutical Assistance Program

Committee:

Conference Coordinator: Cindy Hilliard 361-319-9472
Dawn Butler 361-645-4635

Physical Offering: The Beeville Vineyard - 1 Pound Bags of Rice

Light Breakfast: Coffee, OJ, Milk, Muffins and Danishes
Lunch: Spaghetti, Garlic Balls, Salad, Tea & Water, Desserts

Registration Fee: \$20 (includes food)

Checks Payable to: Faith Lutheran Church Women

Please return registration form and payment to Faith Lutheran by February 28, 2026

Registration Form

Your Church Name: _____

Persons Attending:

Name: _____ Cell/Email: _____

Name: _____ Cell/Email: _____

Name: _____ Cell/Email: _____

Registration Fee enclosed: # Person(s) X \$20 = Total \$ _____