October 2026

October 2026 Congregational Meeting

October 25 is our Annual Congregational Meeting. We will discuss and vote on St. John's 2027 Budget.

Each year, some of the costs in our proposed budget continue to increase. The 2027 Budget is no different than we've experienced in the past.

We have budgeted increases in our facilities insurance and the Portico cost for Pastor's insurance. We have no control over these, we just budget what we receive from these companies that protect our Pastor and our Home.

We invite everyone to the meeting after our Church Service, so please make plans to attend and be informed of our Church Business going into 2027. Your presence is important and we look forward to a great and informative meeting.

The Lord's Blessings to All,
Richard "Butch" Roecker, Church Council President

Agenda for October 25, 2026 Congregational Meeting

1. Prayer
2. Pastor's Report
3. Approve minutes of last congregational meeting
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Board Reports
    a. Christian Education
    b. Church Properties
    c. Evangelism
    d. Lay Ministry
    e. Parish Fellowship
    f. Stewardship
    g. Worship
6. Council President's Report
7. New Business
    a. Approve budget for 2027
    b. Church updates
8. Close with prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Please Note:
Proposed 2027 Budget
will be shared on or before October 11th. Emailed / mailed to members, and printed for the narthex (gathering space).

St. John Lutheran's Annual

Ingathering

Gospel Worship & Meal
October 4th
One service at 10:30am

St. Mark's Lutheran will join us!

Ladies, bring pie or dessert to share.
Men will prepare the meal.

What is Ingathering?

In 1954 the Ingathering Barbecue began after several years of drought. Because of bountiful crops, members thought it would be appropriate to somehow express their thankfulness to God. Someone donated the beef, and a barbecue was held to "gather in" expressions of appreciation. This event became an annual one, and through the years the offerings have enabled the church to buy property, maintain and improve what it had, add to the building fund, and paid down debt. A small replica of the old church, made for the first Ingathering, is still used each year as the offering box. As the tradition continues, the men of the congregation prepare and serve the meal. The ladies of the congregation bring their pies for dessert.

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

FALL FESTIVAL

FOOD AND GAME
TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE
FOR PURCHASE

ADMISSION:
1 CANNED GOOD
PER PERSON

FOOD - MUSIC - GAMES - RAFFLE

COSTUME CONTEST - CAKE WALK

NOVEMBER 1, 2026

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

Monthly Board Meeting Date Change
Church Council – Monday, October 5th
In November, Church Council returns to the third Wednesday.

Ladies Bible Study
Tuesday, October 13th @ 11:30am
Bring your sack lunch. Drinks will be provided.
Desserts will be provided by
Nola Gustafson and Janice Kimball.

Studying "Together by Grace Bible Conversations: Psalms" by Rachel Wrenn, lead by Pastor Jonathan – page 37 "Problems and Protests in the Psalms."
Come for quality God/good time.

Doubles and Singles
Sunday, October 18th at 4:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a covered dish to share.
We'll have dinner and play games.

St. John Food Pantry
Wednesday, October 21st, 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.

St. John Float for Calallen Homecoming Parade
We're looking to put together a float to represent St. John during Calallen High School's Homecoming Parade on Thursday, October 22nd. If you can participate that day and / or help decorate, please contact Misty Ham or the church office. Theme ideas are welcome and potential decoration days are Sunday, October 18th or Wednesday, October 21st. ***Update: See page 14 for all the details!***

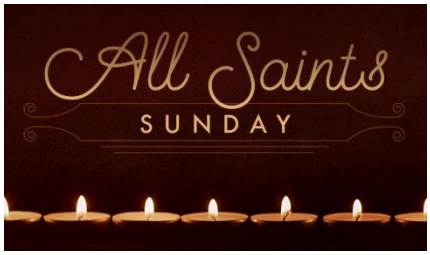
Newsletter Deadline
Thursday, October 22nd
stjohnrobstown@gmail.com

Reformation Sunday
Wear red on **Sunday, October 25th** as we celebrate the ways in which the Holy Spirit continues to guide the church and make things new.

Noisy Offering
Sunday, October 25th beginning of worship
Bring noisy coins or quiet bills to donate toward our outreach ministries.

2027 Budget Approval Congregational Meeting
Sunday, October 25th after worship
Please attend to help us approve our 2027 budget and so we reach quorum. Agenda is on first page. Proposed Budget will be shared on or before October 11st via email / mail and printed for the narthex (gathering space).

All Saints Sunday
On November 1st during our 9:00am worship we will recognize our members, family, and friends who passed away since November 1, 2025.
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 or bring to the office **by October 26th** (call before you come: 361-387-9481).



Online Giving available at stjohnrobstown.org through the "Donate Now" button. Thanks for your support of our ministries!

Day Light Savings Time
Sunday, November 1st at 2:00am.
Turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday, October 31st.

Confirmation Class
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.

Former Member Kay Frances Mauer
passed away on September 19, 2026 and has received the promised reward of everlasting peace in the presence of Jesus. *Please pray for Kay's family and friends as they mourn her passing.*

Her memorial service is this Saturday, October 3rd at 10am at the Mirador Retirement Community (5857 Timbergate Dr, Corpus Christi, TX 78414).
More information can be found in her obituary:
sawyergeorgefuneralhome.com/obituaries/kay-mauer

September Worship Attendance

First Sunday	49		
Second Sunday	46		
Third Sunday	50		
Fourth Sunday	51		

We Welcomed New Members on September 27th!

- The Garza Family: Daniel & Melina Garza, Porter Richardson, Jeremy Garza
- Joe & Susie Lerma

(Thanks to Shotzie Adami for the photos!)

Updated Church Directory

which includes the contact information of our new members is available in the church office (grey file holder on credenza by copier) or upon requst with the church office.

Name Tags

We'll have more visitors for Ingathering. 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!

God's Work Our Hands Day of Service: September 13th

Thanks to those who participated in creating Blessing Bags. We're greatful to Evangelism Board for coordinating this service project. The items were purchased using St. John's 1% Special Benevolence fund.

(Each month, our congregation sets aside 1% of our General Fund offerings for local benevolence)

Blessing Bags

are available in the narthex (gathering space) to take and share as a tangible sign of God's love with someone in need. *Take as many as you need and restock when your supply runs out.*

Coffee Mugs & Brochures

Visitors, please take home & enjoy a free **coffee mug!** *A freewill offering is appreciated from members who would like a mug.* And **brochures** are available to share with those around you.

(A ministry of Evangelism Board)

Thanks to those who attended our most recent Coastal Bend Parish Celebration Sunday & Luncheon on August 30th!

We're grateful to St. Mark's, Corpus Christi for hosting us, and look forward to our next gathering on October 4th at 10:30am here at St. John to strengthen our ties as a Parish. *(Photo credit: Jorge Lopez of St. Mark's)*

Thanks to those who gave school supply donations, physical and monetary, to support our local school districts!

Your generosity has helped local students in the Calallen, Robstown, and Tuloso-Midway ISDs start the school year on the right foot. *Special thanks to Florine Haug for providing a Thrivent Action Grant and to Amelia Swanson for doing the shopping to help your donations go further!*

October Birthdays

6	Randy Emshoff	7	Roy Medina
8	Derek Schulze	13	Daniel Garza
14	Mona Fay Knetig	14	Jonah Lys
16	Kinley Martinez	17	Levi Ham
18	Cody Fox	22	Steve Miller
25	Steve Tenpenny	29	Beth Hartman
29	Mando Vasquez	31	Chris Knetig
31	Charlene Signor		

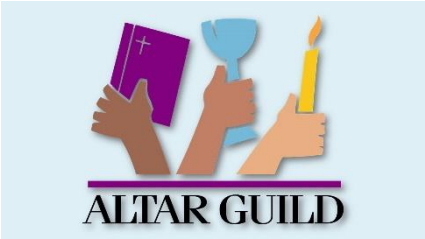
October Wedding Anniversaries

Names	***Date***	***Years***
Derek & Chelsea Schulze	10/10/2015	11
Terry & Charlene Signor	10/26/2003	23

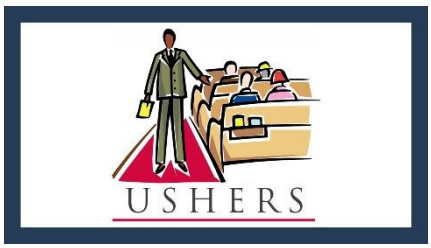
Altar Guild Volunteer Schedule

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.



October Ushers	**November Ushers**
Capt. Mando Vasquez	Capt.
Albert Hornung	Mike Fair
Mason Vasquez	Curtis Fox
	Don Thigpen

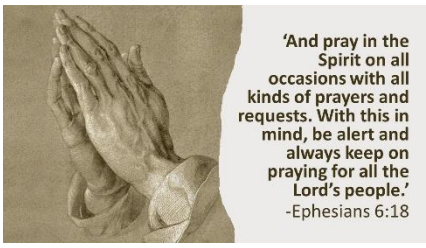


Yard Care – Help Needed

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

Sept – Oct	28 - 3	Don Thigpen
October	5-10	Mando Vasquez
October	12-17	Howard Fels, Terry Signor
October	19-24	Terry Signor
October	26-31	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.

Members:

9/20: **Darlette Brandon** (Life transition, Roxey Scholz's request)
9/13: **Priscilla Johnson** (Broken leg, prayers for healing)

Family & Friends:

9/27: **Charles Tenpenny** (Steve Tenpenny's father)
9/20: **Gloria Owens, Pansy White** (Mary Sue Scheible's requests)

Condolences to the Loved Ones of:

9/27: **Fred Scheible** (Mary Sue Scheible's cousin); **Kay Frances Mauer** (Former member. Obituary link.)
9/3: **Janie Zeller** (Bette Bernsen's request)
9/1: **Suzette Pradon** (Steve & Lauren Miller's daughter-in-law's mother)

Prayer Requests for:

9/20: **Thanksgiving for rain** (Howard Fel's request)
9/13: **Rain** (Howard Fel's request)

Long-Term Prayers:

Paula Campbell; Regina Emshoff; Margie Fair; Paula Kennedy; Loleta Riley; Donnie Schwirtlich; Dee Tavares (Brain tumor, Bette Bernsen's request); **Mando Vasquez**

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

General Fund			Special Fund Bal August 31, 2026	30,235.86
Cash at July 31, 2026		65,752.06		
Current Benevolence		13,494.84	Mem Fund Bal August 31, 2026	32,860.58
Trans from Special Fund				
Trans from Memorial Fund		2,000.00		
Less: Monthly Expenses	(16,178.26)			
	(16,178.26)	(16,178.26)		
Change in Short term liabilities		432.16		
Cash at August 31, 2026		65,500.80		
Year To Date General Fund Cash				
Cash at Jan 1, 2026		73,429.06		
Cash at August 31, 2026		65,500.80		
Change in cash 2026		(7,928.26)		

Stewardship
a way of life

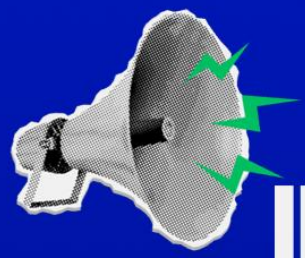
Thank you for your continued support of St. John Lutheran Church and its ministries.

The following is a **synopsis** of important discussions and actions taken during the **Church Council meeting** held on **August 18, 2026**:

- Children's Sunday School has re-started for the school year.
- The use of our field by little league teams has been approved.
- The board of Evangelism is planning an event to create supply bags to give out to the homeless.
- The Board of Worship has scheduled a New Member Sunday on September 27th and a Confirmation Sunday on May 2nd.
- Due to brisket prices, the council approved having a pork barbecue meal for Ingathering.
- The council voted on a salary increase for pastor to recommend to the Parish Council.

The following is a **synopsis** of important discussions and actions taken during the **Church Council meeting** held on **September 15, 2026**:

- Planning for Ingathering and Fall Festival continues.
- The council voted on the new Parish Council members for the term starting in 2027.
- Following congregational feedback, the council voted on pastor's salary again in preparation for an upcoming meeting by the parish council.
- St. John has an opportunity to participate in Calallen's homecoming parade. The council agreed that if there is interest in the congregation, we should.



ANNOUNCE, INVITE, REGISTER

Come be part of a meaningful time of connection, inspiration, and shared purpose as we gather together. Your presence matters, and we would truly love to have you with us.

Mujeres de la ELCA | Women of the ELCA

swtsynod.org/welca for info and to register

St. John Float for the **Calallen Homecoming Parade**

We're entering a float in Calallen's Homecoming Parade and would love you to help us share St. John with our community! All ages welcome.

Decorating the Float:
Wednesday, October 21st at 5pm at the church.

Parade Day:
Thursday, October 22nd.
Meet at 4:30pm at the church & carpool.

Parade Participation:
Riding on the float or walking alongside.
Waving, holding signs, handing out candy.

Parade Time & Route:
Starting at 5:30pm from Calallen Middle School to the High School Stadium.

Thanks *to Misty Ham for coordinating.*
Contact Misty or the church office for questions.

St. John Lutheran Church
3316 Hummingbird Lane, Robstown, TX 78380-6067

October 2026

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Pastor Jonathan: (979) 255-4148, pastorjlys@gmail.com

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 **6:00pm** Stewardship Board	2	3
4 **10:30am Ingathering Gospel Worship & Meal** **2:00pm** Confirmation	5 **6:00pm** Church Council **6:00pm** Property Board	6 **6:00pm** Worship Board	7 **9:00am** Quilters	8	9	10
11 **8:30am** Children's Sun. School **9:00am** Worship **10:00am** Evangelism Board **10:15am** Adult Sunday School	12 **6:00pm** Fellowship Board	13 **11:30am** Ladies Bible Study **2:00pm** Lay Ministry	14 **9:00am** Quilters **6:00pm** Christian Ed	15	16	17
18 **8:30am** Children's Sun. School **9:00am** Worship **10:15am** Adult Sunday School **2:00pm** Confirmation **4:00pm** Doubles & Singles	19	20	21 **9:00am** Food Pantry **9:00am** Quilters **5:00pm** Decorate Float	22 **Newsletter Deadline** **4:30pm** Meet for Homecoming Parade	23	24
25 **Reformation Sunday** **8:30am** Children's Sun. School **9:00am** Worship/Noisy Offering **10:00am Congregational Budget Meeting** **10:15am** Adult Sunday School	26	28 **1:00pm** Office Closing Early	28 **9:00am** Quilters	29	30	31 **Daylight Savings** is Sunday, Nov 1st at 2am. *Turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed tonight.*

***Reminder: November 1st** is **All Saints** Sunday Worship at 9am and **Fall Festival** from 5-7:30pm!*