

# ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

*"We are living and learning God's love by caring for our neighbors,  
sharing Jesus Christ and singing his praises."*

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*"The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks it out."* — Proverbs 18:15 (NRSV)

Dear Members and Friends of St. John and Alvin, August always arrives with a deep breath. It's the final stretch of summer, a time when many of us are squeezing in one last vacation or road trip before school starts. It's a month filled with backpacks and lunchboxes reappearing on store shelves, and calendars slowly filling up with routines and responsibilities again. It's also a time of reflection, a season of transition as we prepare to return to the rhythms of daily life. As teachers, students, school staff, and families prepare for the start of a new academic year, we turn to the words of Proverbs for inspiration:

**"The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks it out."**

Learning isn't just something for children in the classroom. It is the calling of every follower of Christ. We are all **lifelong learners of faith**, seeking knowledge and wisdom: not just facts and figures, but understanding rooted in love, justice, humility, and compassion. Whether you're heading back to a classroom or simply back into a busier season of life, may your heart be open to grow and your ears tuned to God's voice amid the noise of the world.

To our **teachers and school staff**, we thank you for your dedication and pray that you begin this year with strength, creativity, and a deep sense of calling. To our **students**, we pray for curiosity, joy, and kindness in your learning. And to the parents and grandparents among us: we pray for patience and peace as schedules fill and alarm clocks resume their early-morning ringing.

At the same time, we know that **many parishioners will take final summer trips this month**, and we pray for safe travels and a spirit of renewal. Whether you're near or far, please remember that your church continues its ministry year-round. Worship, service, and care for one another do not take a break. If you're away, we invite you to stay connected in prayer and, if possible, in regular giving. Your support allows us to keep being a place of welcome, formation, and outreach, even during these slower weeks. (continued on next page)

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Finally, August also brings with it the reminder of **unpredictable weather**. Living along the Gulf Coast, we know how quickly blue skies can turn into hurricane warnings. This is a time for **prayerful preparedness**. For checking our storm plans and supplies, also for checking in on one another. A phone call to a neighbor, a list of emergency contacts, a quiet word of comfort: these are all ways we love our neighbor as ourselves.

Let us enter this month with discerning hearts and wise ears, always seeking God's presence and direction in whatever lies ahead. Whether you are traveling, teaching, packing lunches, or preparing for storms, **God is with you. And so is your church family.**

In Christ's peace and protection, **Pastor Pete**

### AUGUST SERVER SCHEDULE

Prayerfully consider being a worship leader and volunteer to serve on a worship team. At this time, we are in need of Readers, Cantors, Ushers, Servers, and those that want to serve on Altar Guild.

Any blessing you wish to share with your church family is a gift to God, too!

	<u>August 3</u>	<u>August 10</u>	<u>August 17</u>	<u>August 24</u>	<u>August 31</u>
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Michael Jordan	Ruth Brown	Cindy Hesser	Rhett Weatherford	Carolynn Buenger
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Jimmy McDaniel	Matt Hughes	Patrick Walters	JoAnn Fuchs	Jimmy McDaniel
<b>Cantor</b>	Richard Birk	Amanda Boykin	Beverly Kolonko	Matt Hughes	Preston Brown
<b>Ushers</b>	Richard Kolonko Richard Davis	Richard Kolonko Pat Patterson	Richard Davis Richard Birk	Kevin Hughes Walt Bennett	Preston Brown Don Fuchs
<b>Acolyte</b>	Riley Bennett	Christ Magwe	Abigail Boykin	Riley Bennett	Ryder Fuller
<b>Counters</b>	Pat Hines Becky Branch	Richard Kolonko Becky Branch	Sheila Walters Pat Hines	JoAnn Fuchs Helen Patterson	Pat Hines Becky Branch
<b>Sunday Supervisor</b>	Ruth Brown	Tessa Dorsett	Rhett Weatherford	JoAnn Fuchs	Preston Brown
<b>Children's Church</b>	Sheila Walters	Abigail Boykin	Sheila Walters	Joy Birk	Cathy McDaniel

## ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Two arrangements are available to purchase each Sunday. You can buy one or both arrangements and can take the flowers home after worship. Altar Guild volunteers will place your flowers in a vase that may be returned later. At the time of this publication, there are still opportunities for floral arrangement purchase. **Cost for an arrangement is \$15.00 or your choice of contribution amount.** Write "Altar Flowers" and the date for which you are purchasing in your check memo section or PayPal note.

Date	Vase 1	Vase 2
August 3	Steven & Amanda Boykin, in celebration of Tommy's birthday 08/09	Steven & Amanda Boykin, in memory of Amanda's grandparents anniversary
August 10	OPEN	OPEN
August 17	Pastor Pete & Eli, in honor of their anniversary 08/18	Don & JoAnn Fuchs, in honor of Caden's birthday
August 24	James & Noreen Heck, in celebrations of their daughter Becki's birthday	OPEN
August 31	James & Noreen Heck, in celebration of daughter-in-law Stacy's birthday	OPEN
September 7	Connie Brewer, in honor of her birthday	Charles Schulze, in celebration of Charles' birthday and their anniversary
September 14	JoAnn Fuchs, in honor of Don's 80th birthday	OPEN
September 21	James & Noreen Heck, in celebration of their son-in-law Jeff's birthday	OPEN
September 28	OPEN	OPEN

## WOMENS MID-DAY BIBLE STUDY—August 14, @ 11:00 am

The Women's Bible study is held once a month. A small amount of Women of the ELCA business will be discussed then bible study will begin. Please bring your own lunch. Tea, water & coffee will be provided.

There will be a short devotional read and discussed. JoAnn Fuchs has graciously agreed to lead the devotional. However if someone has an interest in leading or has a inspirational devotion to share please let JoAnn know.

The previous time that the group met was at 7:00pm. Please let us know if the change to morning meetings is more convenient. Feedback and new faces are always welcomed!



## BYOB Sunday, September 21 @ 7:00 pm



BYOB (Bring Your Own Bible) will resume on Sunday September 21 at 7:00 pm. If you would like to bring a dessert to share that would be great. Pastor Pete will lead the group in Bible study.

## WIDOW'S MITE

Just before you walk in the sanctuary is a big jug. That jug is our Widow's Mite jug. We ask that members of the congregation find your loose change, in your car, in your purse, on your nightstand and donate to the Widow's Mite. Funds collected go towards helping those in need.



## PAYPAL GIVING

If you would like to make your offering to the church through PayPal we have good news. Through PayPal Giving Fund donations can be made without PayPal taking a fee out of what you give to the church. Just use your phone to scan the QR code to the right.



## PRAYER SHAWL August 20, @ 12:00 pm



For those interested in learning to crochet or knit the Prayer Shawl ministry will meet on Wednesday, August 20 at 12:00 pm. Or bring what you have been working on to share with others.

## PRAYER CHAIN

For the month of August, the Prayer Chain was asked to pray for the family and friends of the church listed on the next few pages. Help us keep our prayer chain current. Please notify the church office, Pastor Pete or JoAnn Fuchs with updates or additions.

### **PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN MINISTRY—hear God's guidance and share His love**

- ♦ The congregation of St. John Lutheran Church, Pastor Pete and the congregation of Alvin Lutheran Church in Alvin. Prayers for Alvin Lutheran and St. John Lutheran as they grow in Shared Ministry.

### **PRAYERS FOR OUR COUNTRY—wisdom and governance to secure the blessings of liberty**

- ♦ National leaders
- ♦ State leaders
- ♦ Community leaders

## **PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL —protection and support**

- ♦ PTSD sufferers
- ♦ Seth Collard
- ♦ St. Carl Cringle
- ♦ Kenny Hankins
- ♦ CSM Robert Hartzog
- ♦ Alex Hernandez
- ♦ Jose Hernandez
- ♦ Tracy Jones
- ♦ Johnny Ruttan
- ♦ Drake Smitherman
- ♦ ETSN Jason Smitherman
- ♦ Kyle Stahlecker
- ♦ Garrett Wandel
- ♦ Marshall Osborne

## **Prayers for those in our community**

- ♦ First responders, fire fighters, police men and women to protect and serve the community with justice for all.
- ♦ Doctors, nurses, and EMT's; to find the courage to continue fighting this virus and to help keep all in need safe.
- ♦ Teachers, Staff, Students and School personnel to find a balance that will educate the next generation.

## **PRAYERS MEMBERS of St. John**

- ♦ Elo Buenger, good news is that his cancer has not spread to other organs, he will begin his chemo 02/17 & 02/18, 2 days repeating every 28 days for 6 months.
- ♦ Alice Harrington, had her lumpectomy, doctors who took out the tumor say no signs of future cancer, no chemo needed, God is good!
- ♦ Patrick Henry, had a posterior cervical fusion, prayers for healing.
- ♦ \*Update\* Jan Janosky, is back in the hospital with a UTI and a respiratory infection, prayers for healing.
- ♦ \*Update\* Tommy Sparks, is now in a rehab facility in Lake Jackson after his fall in July.
- ♦ Patrick Walters, prayers for continued healing and strength through physical therapy for his back.
- ♦ Bill West, is hospitalized at UTMB Angleton with fluid around his heart and lungs.

## **PRAYERS FAMILY of Church Members**

- ♦ Joe Filipp, father-in-law of Bonnie Filipp, is having treatment on his back.
- ♦ Amy Fuchs, daughter-in-law of Don & JoAnn Fuchs, has been diagnosed with breast cancer, lymph nodes were clear but the lumpectomy was not, she has decided to have a double mastectomy scheduled for 09/04.
- ♦ Ronnie Kaiser, cousin of Charles Schulze, has stage 4 prostate cancer.
- ♦ Lillian Mantey, mother of Ann Jordan, is 96 years old, fell and broke her leg, had surgery and is now doing physical therapy, prayers for continued healing and strength.
- ♦ Kathy McManus, cousin of Richard Kolonko, who was diagnosed with breast cancer, prayers for the next steps with her doctors.

## **PRAYERS FAMILY of Church Members**

- ♦ Clinton McPhaul, nephew of Nancy & Richard Davis undergoing treatment of throat cancer. Prayers for healing & strength.
- ♦ Adrienne Oliver, granddaughter of Carol Sebesta, to have success in finding a job in her chosen career.
- ♦ Gary Riemenschneider, godfather of Amanda Boykin, has started radiation treatment for his cancer on his chest.
- ♦ Jamie Sparks, cousin of Amanda Boykin, has been put on the transplant list for a kidney.
- ♦ Tommy Vacek, cousin of Beverly Kolonko diagnosed with MS.
- ♦ J.R. Vasek, cousin of Beverly Kolonko, who was diagnosed with lung cancer.
- ♦ Danny Walters, brother of Patrick Walters, for continued good health with his cancer in remission and the unknowns of PTSD.



## **PRAYERS FRIENDS of Church Members**

- ♦ Allen Ahrens, former member of St. John, has had to start dialysis since his kidney function has declined.
- ♦ Anjanette Barger, friend of Beverly Kolonko, is battling breast cancer.
- ♦ Norman Brown, friend of Beverly Kolonko, is now in a nursing facility on hospice care, prayers for Norman and his family.
- ♦ Rebekah Cotheran, co-worker of Tessa Dorsett, is going through cancer treatments.
- ♦ Moni Gekler, friend of Beverly Kolonko, who is 90% blind because of diabetes.
- ♦ A.J. Jez (Pop), prayers as he goes through radiation & chemo for cancer, prayers for his family too.
- ♦ David Jones, co-worker of Tessa Dorsett, is going through cancer treatments.
- ♦ \*Update\* Margo Masters, friend of Beverly Kolonko, her tumor has grown and is now on palliative care.
- ♦ Mabel Silverstein, friend of Beverly Kolonko, who has liver cancer and is receiving chemo.
- ♦ Linda Shockley, Jan Janosky's neighbor, is beginning cancer treatments.
- ♦ Willow, Maddie Schulze's friend had the same surgery on Monday 07/21, prayers for quick recovery and healing.

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**Ministry of Music**

Ruth Brown, Music Director

**Property Chair**

Missy Jennings, Mitch & Rhett Weatherford

**Fellowship Chair**

Beverly Kolonko, Coordinator

**Prayer Ministry**

JoAnn Fuchs

**Altar Guild**

OPEN

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**2025 Congregation Council**

President	Preston Brown
Vice-President	JoAnn Fuchs
Secretary	Ruth Brown
Treasurer	Julie Hughes
At-Large	Carol Sebesta
At-Large	Tessa Dorsett
At-Large	Rhett Weatherford

**Join us every Sunday!**

9:30 am Fellowship with coffee & donuts  
10:30 am Worship Service  
Children's Church During Worship

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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

					1	2 <i>Richard Birk</i>
3	4 <i>Riley Bennett M/M Ernie Schreiber, 41 yrs.</i>	5	6	7	8	9
10 <i>Jane German Kay Smith-erman</i>	11 <i>M/M Michael Jordan, 35 yrs.</i>	12 <i>M/M James Heck, 58 yrs.</i>	13	14	15 <i>Patrick Walters</i>	16
17 <i>Pat Patterson</i>	18 <i>M/M Pete Lopez, 35 yrs.</i>	19	20 <i>Preston Brown</i>	21 <i>M/M Bill West, 55 yrs.</i>	22 <i>Jane Boehm M/M Danny Janosky, 55 yrs.</i>	23
24	25	26 <i>Ernie Schreiber</i>	27 <i>Mary Schulze</i>	28 <i>Ruby Skrla</i>	29 <i>Linda Preuit</i>	30
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## Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Worship Service 10:30 am	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Worship 10:30 am Backpack Blessing	11	12 DISD School Begins Lion's Club 6:30 pm	13 BISD & ACS School Begins	14 WELCA 11:00 am	15	16
17 Worship Service 10:30 am	18	19 AISD School Begins	20 Prayer Shawl 12:00 pm	21	22	23
24 Worship Service 10:30 am	25	26 Lion's Club 6:30 pm	27	28	29	30
31 Worship Service 10:30 am						