

THE TORCH



St. John Lutheran Church June 2023

PRAYER SHAWL June 21, @ 12:00 pm



For those interested in learning to crochet or knit the Prayer Shawl ministry will meet on Wednesday, June 21 at 12:00 pm. Or bring what you have been working on to share with others.

WOMENS MID-DAY BIBLE STUDY June 21, @ 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. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday June 21 at 11:00 am.

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!

Family Game Night Saturday June 24, 4:00-7:00 pm



Join us for a fun night of games with your family. Cards, dominoes, cornhole, board games. Bring your favorite games or just show up for great fellowship and dinner. Saturday June 24, 4 pm-7pm at the church!

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

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sharing Jesus Christ and singing his praises."*

Family Dinner Night Out Friday June 16 @ 6:30 pm

St. John Family
Dinner Night Out
Friday June 16 @ 6:30 pm
El Toro
120 Commerce St.
Clute, TX 77531
RSVP to Beverly Kolonko
979-236-1604



Our Mission Statement

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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
June 4	Steven & Amanda Boykin, in celebration of Abigail's birthday 06/09	Michael & Ann Jordan, in memory of Seth's birthday 06/02
June 11	Richard Kolonko, in celebration of Beverly's birthday 06/13	OPEN
June 18	Beverly Kolonko, in memory of dad George Voldan's birthday 06/21	James & Noreen Heck, in honor of son Jason Heck & grandson Josiah Elliott's birthdays
June 25	OPEN	OPEN
July 2	OPEN	OPEN
July 9	Deana Fuchs, in celebration of Don & JoAnn's 53rd anniversary	Deana Fuchs, in celebration of Kay & Jimmy Carter's 53rd anniversary
July 16	OPEN	OPEN
July 23	OPEN	OPEN
July 30	Kolonko's, in celebration of their 24th anniversary 07/31	OPEN

BYOB this month is June 18, 7:00 pm



BYOB is a chance to get together for fellowship and Bible study. BYOB, Bring Your Own Bible (or Beverage), will meet on the third Sunday of the month at 7:00 pm. You are encouraged to bring your own Bible, beverages, and desserts to share. See you then!

We as a congregation have a need and a desire to help others. There is a line item in our budget that allows us to do just that. To donate, please write line item "1140" or "congregational care" in the memo of your check or your giving envelope.



Congregational Care

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>June 4</u>	<u>June 11</u>	<u>June 18</u>	<u>June 25</u>	<u>July 2</u>
Lay Reader	Cathy McDaniel	Thomas Harris	Joy Birk	Carolynn Buenger	Charles Schulze
Assisting Minister	Jimmy McDaniel	Patrick Walters	Kathy Henry	JoAnn Fuchs	Zoe White
Cantor	Beverly Kolonko	Preston Brown	Richard Birk	Amanda Boykin	Matt Hughes
Ushers	Richard Kolonko Patrick Walters	Preston Brown Richard Birk	Pat Patterson Charles Schulze	Kevin Hughes Don Fuchs	Richard Davis Zach White
Counters	Richard Kolonko Sheila Walters	Becky Branch Pat Hines	JoAnn Fuchs Jan Janosky	Pat Hines Sheila Walters	Helen Patterson JoAnn Fuchs
Sunday Supervisor	Amanda Boykin	Tessa Williams	Alice Harrington	Preston Brown	Carol Sebesta
Children's Church	Sheila Walters	Helen Patterson	JoAnn Fuchs	Cathy McDaniel	Sheila Walters

DONATE TO THE ST. JOHN FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION MINISTRY



St. John has become a food distribution point for Friends of the Food Pantry organization. St. John volunteers gather on the first Monday of each month to sort and distribute food to our neighbors in need. Distribution is the first Monday of the month 10:00 am-12:00 pm, next one is June 5.

Donations rise and fall during the holidays, but we eat every day. Please consider buying a few additional items the next time you are at the grocery store and donate it to the food pantry.

If someone you know can use some help, share the good news about the food pantry. If possible, please purchase pull-top cans; some households may not have a can opener.

Thank you for your generosity and for embodying the St. John Mission Statement: *"We are living and learning God's love by caring for our neighbors, sharing Jesus Christ and singing his praises."*

PRAYER CHAIN

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

Please let us know if you choose NOT to have your loved one's first name listed in the Sunday bulletin. Thank you!



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 St. Peter Lutheran Church in Bay City. Prayers for St. Peter Church in Bay City as they navigate their new direction.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY—wisdom, protection, strength, and peace

- * 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 FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL —protection and support

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| * PTSD sufferers | * Alex Hernandez | * ETSN Jason Smitherman |
| * Seth Collard | * Jose Hernandez | * Kyle Stahlecker |
| * St. Carl Cringle | * Tracy Jones | * Garrett Wandel |
| * Kenny Hankins | * Johnny Ruttan | * SPC Nicolas White |
| * SGM Robert Hartzog | * Drake Smitherman | |

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

- * National leaders
- * State leaders
- * Community leaders

PRAYERS FOR RECOVERY—wellness and peace of mind—Members of St. John

- ♦ Jan Janosky, was able to return home, please keep her in your prayers for recovery and healing.
- ♦ Richard Kolonko, started his radiation treatment on March 1st and will continue through to the end of April.
- ♦ Debra Rodriguez, who is still dealing with her back problems.

PRAYERS FOR RECOVERY—wellness and peace of mind—Family of Church Members

- ♦ Denice Bailey, sister-in-law of Preston & Judy Brown, receiving chemo for stage IV breast cancer.
- ♦ Wayne Dodson, JoAnn Fuchs brother-in-law, has been diagnosed with multiple myeloma and is starting a more aggressive treatment.
- ♦ Rebecca Elliott, daughter of James & Noreen Heck, she is on blood thinners for a blood clot in her leg.
- ♦ Matt Freeman, brother of Carol Sebesta, prayers to heal from A-fib.
- ♦ Grace Hines, sister-in-law of Pat Hines she has bone cancer and is still receiving chemo, however she is now suffering with dementia.
- ♦ Ronnie Kaiser, cousin of Charles Schulze, has stage 4 prostate cancer.
- ♦ Kirk Long, father of Allison Carter, surgery for a torn rotator cuff.
- ♦ Henrietta Machacek, aunt of Beverly Kolonko, is having a defibrillator procedure done, prayers for recovery.
- ♦ Milton Machacek, uncle of Beverly Kolonko, went to the ER with bloody stool.
- ♦ David Mattson, brother of Ruth Brown, who was diagnosed with liver cancer.
- ♦ Marlyn McClure, sister of Sharon Seibert, she is doing better but continues to need your prayers for health issues, she's confined to bed and can no longer walk.
- ♦ Kathy McManus, cousin of Richard Kolonko, who was diagnosed with breast cancer, prayers for the next steps with her doctors.
- ♦ Clinton McPhaul, nephew of Nancy & Richard Davis undergoing treatment of throat cancer. Prayers for healing & strength.
- ♦ Tim Pedigrew, uncle of Allison Carter, was in a serious motorcycle accident, had to have a foot amputated.
- ♦ Brandi Soape, daughter of Linda Laurell, dealing with depression and bi-polar.

PRAYERS FOR RECOVERY—wellness and peace of mind—Family of Church Members (continued)

- ◆ Oscar Trujillo, cousin of Beverly Kolonko, who injured his eye. Surgery was performed and a more may be needed to return his sight, prayers for healing.
- ◆ Tommy Vacek, cousin of Beverly Kolonko diagnosed with MS.
- ◆ J.R. Vasek, cousin of Beverly Kolonko, who got deathly sick on a cruise.
- ◆ Henry Voldan, brother of Beverly Kolonko, is home now with a defibrillator vest, his heart is working at 20-25%.
- ◆ Danny Walters, brother of Patrick Walters, as he adjusts to the life of a widower with his cancer in remission and the unknowns of PTSD.
- ◆ Debra Ward, sister-in-law of Alice Harrington, will have her 4th surgery on her spine 03/29 followed by rehab.

PRAYERS FOR RECOVERY—wellness and peace of mind—Friends of Church Members

- ◆ Steve Bradford, prayers have been answered, he doesn't have to have amputation of any fingers, continue prayers for healing.
- ◆ Ana Eberspacher, former student of Tessa Williams, has leg cancer.
- ◆ Ray Eby, friend of the Henry's and former Angleton coach and teacher, is back home, he starts outpatient rehab and doctors believe he will be back to work in the fall.
- ◆ Carla Gager, friend of Beverly Kolonko, who has pancreatitis, hasn't been able to eat, and is bed ridden.
- ◆ Leonard, Hein, former member of St. John, will have a biopsy of his cancer this week.
- ◆ Wes Mayo, friend of the Kolonko's, had surgery for a IPG Optimizer Generator implant and is doing well.
- ◆ Levi Murphy, friend of Caden Fuchs (the Fuchs grandson), is fighting brain cancer.
- ◆ Bill Olbrich, friend of Alice Harrington, making adjustments to his retirement home.
- ◆ Rita Stallberg, friend of the Kolonko's, is back at St. Luke's Hospital but will be coming home to 24 hour care or a nursing facility soon.
- ◆ Jessi Stock, friend of Jacquelyn Boyd, has COPD and stage 4 cancer.
- ◆ Louise Stohr, her cancer came back and is doing chemo.
- ◆ Shelly Stroud, daughter of Everett & Delores Stovall, is 50 years old with lots of medical issues.
- ◆ Adrian Tobar, friend of Beverly Kolonko, diagnosed with a brain tumor, is better but still needs prayers to help his health get better and better. Going from a vibrant 10 year old back to an infant after his accident 4 years ago.
- ◆ Ray Villarreal, friend of Sharon Seibert, cancer is growing again in the colon. Doctors are trying to figure out what can be done if anything. He continues to need prayers.



Jo Greathouse	June 5
Sarah Harris	June 7
Abigail Boykin	June 9
Jayce Branch	June 11
Beverly Kolonko	June 13

Pat & Melvin Hines	
35 yrs.	June 8
John & Nancy Skrla	
39 yrs.	June 9

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Food Pantry Distribution, Monday June 5, 10 am-12 pm
- Lion's Club, Tuesdays June 13 & 27, 6:30 pm
- Family Dinner Night, Friday June 16, 6:30 pm
- Council Meeting, Monday June 19, 6:00 pm
- WELCA, Wednesday June 21, 11:00 am
- Prayer Shawl, Wednesday June 21, 12:00 pm
- Family Game Night, Saturday June 24, 4 pm-7 pm



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June 2023

Ministry of Music

Ruth Brown, Music Director

Property Chair

Richard & Beverly Kolonko

Fellowship Chair

Beverly Kolonko, Coordinator

Congregational Care

OPEN

Prayer Ministry

JoAnn Fuchs

Mutual Ministry

OPEN

Altar Guild

OPEN

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2023 Congregation Council

President	Preston Brown
Vice-President	JoAnn Fuchs
Secretary	Amanda Boykin
Treasurer	Patrick Walters
At-Large	Tessa Williams
At-Large	Carol Sebesta
At-Large	Alice Harrington

Join us every Sunday!

9:00 am Fellowship with coffee & donuts
10:00 am Worship Service
Children's Church During Worship

June 2023

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

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4	5 <i>Jo Greathouse</i>	6	7 <i>Sarah Harris</i>	8 <i>M/M Melvin Hines, 35 yrs.</i>	9 <i>Abigail Boykin M/M John Skrla, 39 yrs.</i>	10
11 <i>Jayce Branch</i>	12	13 <i>Beverly Kolonko</i>	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

June 2023

Events

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4	5 <i>Food Pantry 10 am-12 pm</i>	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 <i>Lion's Club 6:30 pm</i>	14	15	16 <i>Family Dinner Night 6:30 pm</i>	17
18	19	20	21 <i>WELCA 11 am Prayer Shawl 12 pm</i>	22	23	24 <i>Family Game Night 4-7 pm</i>
25	26	27 <i>Lion's Club 6:30 pm</i>	28	29	30	