

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

September
2024

*Time heals griefs and quarrels, for we change and are no longer
the same persons. Neither the offender nor the offended are
any more themselves.*

Blaise Pascal French mathematician, physicist, inventor, writer, and Christian philosopher (1623–1662)

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I like this quote from Blaise Pascal. I am good friends with Blaise. I read about him in his book "Pensées". Blaise had the habit of writing down his thoughts on small pieces of paper and he would place them in his coat pockets. When he died at 39, his friends discovered the slips of paper in his clothes, they gathered the "pieces of his thoughts". They numbered them according to discovery and then put them in categories. They were published as "Pensées" or "Thoughts".

Alvin Lutheran and St. John Lutheran are changing because they exist in time. Our passage through Covid has sped up the pace of Change. Our journeys have been different and our responses during the crisis has left its marks on our individual congregations. Please keep in mind that this Covid change has affected the WHOLE church and every church is trying to figure out what to do next.

I look at the phrase "for we change and are no longer the same persons." It helps me see that we are not the same people, we are not the same congregations we were before Covid. There will be opportunities for our congregations to do things together and that is a good thing. We need to have patience with each other as this new relationship is forming. This new relationship needs to be nurtured.

We are sharing a pastor and we have begun a Confirmation Class that has students from each congregation. We are taking turns hosting the classes, so that they get to know the other's church. These are the first steps for both congregations.

It is my hope that there will be many more steps in both directions. I have started sharing ideas with people and working on coordinating information between the church offices. I hope that others will be inspired to form new friendships and new ministry. My hope is in the work that the Holy Spirit has started and I know that the Holy Spirit will be with us as we walk this part of our journey, TOGETHER.

Pastor Pete

Family Dinner Night Out Friday September 20 @ 6:30 pm



St. John Family
 Dinner Night Out
 Friday September 20 @ 6:30 pm
 Filipp's Café
 2315 Hoskins Mound Rd.
 Danbury, TX 77534
 RSVP to Beverly Kolonko
 979-236-1604

SEPTEMBER 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>September 1</u>	<u>September 8</u>	<u>September 15</u>	<u>September 22</u>	<u>September 29</u>
Lay Reader	Carolynn Buenger	Helen Patterson	Cathy McDaniel	Amanda Fuller	Matt Hughes
Assisting Minister	Kathy Henry	Patrick Walters	Jimmy McDaniel	Kathy Henry	JoAnn Fuchs
Cantor	Beverly Kolonko	Matt Hughes	Amanda Boykin	Richard Birk	Preston Brown
Ushers	Kevin Hughes Richard Kolonko	Richard Davis Charles Schulze	Don Fuchs Kevin Hughes	Richard Birk Patrick Walters	Preston Brown Don Fuchs
Counters	Jan Janosky JoAnn Fuchs	Sheila Walters Richard Kolonko	Becky Branch Pat Hines	JoAnn Fuchs Helen Patterson	Richard Kolonko Becky Branch
Sunday Supervisor	Ruth Brown	Rhett Weatherford	Julie Hughes	Carol Sebesta	Preston Brown
Children's Church	Sheila Walters	Abigail Boykin Leynie Seidler	Joy Birk	Cathy McDaniel	Mary Schulze

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
September 1	Charles & Disa Schulze, in celebration of their 40th anniversary & Charles' birthday	Charles & Disa Schulze, in celebration of their 40th anniversary & Charles' birthday
September 8	Connie Brewer, in honor of Connie, Ryan & Dawn's birthdays	OPEN
September 15	Sheila & Patrick Walters, in honor of Sheila & Chuck's birthdays	Amy & Dave Kullerd, in celebration of their anniversary
September 22	Steven & Amanda Boykin, in memory of August Weise's birthday	OPEN
September 29	OPEN	OPEN
October 6	Sheila & Patrick Walters, in honor of Patrick's liver transplant	OPEN
October 13	Connie Brewer, in memory of Johnny's birthday	James & Noreen Heck, in honor of Jeff & Becki Elliott's anniversary
October 20	OPEN	OPEN
October 27	Richard & Nancy Davis, in honor of Zach White's birthday	OPEN

WOMENS MID-DAY BIBLE STUDY—September 18, @ 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 an 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!



CONFIRMATION CLASS

A new confirmation class has begun with orientation that was held August 18 and the first class August 25. Pastor Pete is doing a joined class with Alvin Lutheran, alternating classes at St. John Lutheran and Alvin Lutheran. Please keep all those attending class in your prayers, as they journey through learning about their faith and the church. Class dates in September and October:

September 8 at 1:00 pm at Alvin

September 22 at 1:00 pm at St. John

October 6 at 1:00 pm at Alvin

October 27 at 1:00 pm at St. John



BYOB Sunday, September 22 @ 7:00 pm



BYOB (Bring Your Own Bible) will resume on Sunday September 22 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.



TIME & TALENT



Please check out St. John's website and fill out the Time and Talent survey. The direct website link is:

https://www.st-john.org/time_and_talent Copy and paste this into your browser or go to www.st-john.org and select the 'Time and Talent' tab at the top and to the far right.

This will help grow our congregation by using your gifts to serve the church. You might think, "Well everyone knows what I can do to help." We ask that you prayerfully consider what you can do to serve and help with in the congregation. This will also let us know if there are interests in areas that we aren't serving and maybe we should be. After you fill it out encourage you friends to do the same!

PRAYER SHAWL September 21, @ 12:00 pm



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

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 CHAIN

For the month of September, 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 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 | ◆ Marshall Osborne |
| ◆ CSM 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 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

- ◆ Patrick Henry, praise the Lord he got good results on the kidney biopsy. The surgeon wants to wait 3 months before doing the lung biopsy.
- ◆ Maddie Schulze, had a good check up, with one more doctor to go, please continue prayers.

PRAYERS FAMILY of Church Members

- ◆ Ray Castillo, cousin of Beverly Kolonko, who had a stroke and is in a Victoria Hospital.
- ◆ Ronnie Kaiser, cousin of Charles Schulze, has stage 4 prostate cancer.
- ◆ David Mattson, Ruth Brown's brother, after finishing cancer treatments he found out his cancer has returned and metastasized and is now stage 4, prayers for strength and comfort through more treatment.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Judy Mendez, Claudia Baker's sister, is having surgery to have stents put in her right leg.
- ◆ Tim Pedigrew, uncle of Allison Carter, now has stage 3 kidney cancer, continue prayers of healing.
- ◆ Chuck Seidler, Sheila Walters son, started rehab for his shoulder and still has a long road to recovery, continued prayers for complete recovery.
- ◆ Tommy Vacek, cousin of Beverly Kolonko diagnosed with MS.
- ◆ Elsie Vasek, aunt of Beverly Kolonko, is recovering from heart palpitations and dehydration.
- ◆ J.R. Vasek, cousin of Beverly Kolonko, who was diagnosed with lung cancer.

PRAYERS FAMILY of Church Members

- ♦ **Update* Henry Voldan, Beverly Kolonko's brother, his heart has weakened more, meds are giving him rest, if released in a day or two it will be on hospice.*
- ♦ 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

- ♦ Anjanette Barger, friend of Beverly Kolonko, is battling breast cancer.
- ♦ Norman Brown, friend of Beverly Kolonko, has an aggressive lung cancer and will begin radiation in May. Also has Parkinson's and other health issues, prayers for relief and strength.
- ♦ Carla Gager, friend of Beverly Kolonko, who has pancreatitis, hasn't been able to eat, and is bed ridden.
- ♦ Margo Masters, friend of Beverly Kolonko, mass found on her ovaries.
- ♦ Levi Murphey, friend of Caden Fuchs, his cancer has returned.
- ♦ JaVan Pruet, friend of Richard & Beverly Kolonko, who had a total shoulder replacement is now doing physical therapy.
- ♦ Mabel Silverstein, friend of Beverly Kolonko, who has liver cancer and is receiving chemo.
- ♦ Paul Romine, friend of Pastor Pete and former St. Paul Lutheran member who helped with the church bell donation, has mesothelioma, prayers for him and his wife Leota as caretaker.
- ♦ Linda Shockley, Jan Janosky's neighbor, is beginning cancer treatments.
- ♦ Rita Stallberg, friend of Beverly Kolonko, was released and readmitted for dehydration and low hemoglobin, prayers for answers from tests.
- ♦ Louise Stohr, her cancer came back, is not doing well.
- ♦ 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.
- ♦ Debra Ward, friend of Alice Harrington, is at home recovering from an auto accident.
- ♦ Sandra Ward, friend of Alice Harrington, had a bad fall and is at inpatient rehab.
- ♦ Peggy Widaman, friend of Beverly Kolonko, who has stomach cancer only has a couple of months.
- ♦ Hattie Woodburn, friend of Beverly Kolonko, had foot surgery after two toes were dislocated.
- ♦ Lisa Yeager, friend of Julie Hughes, has been doing daily radiation and weekly chemo treatments, feels she has improved but still needs lots of prayers.

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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

Church Staff

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2024 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
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Fri
Sat

<i>1</i>	<i>2</i> <i>Charles Schulze</i>	<i>3</i> <i>Kyle Thompson M/M Charles Schulze, 42</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i> <i>Don Preuit</i>
<i>8</i> <i>Connie Brewer</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i> <i>Sheila Walters M/M David Kullerd, 27 yrs.</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>15</i> <i>Don Fuchs M/M Kevin Hughes, 34 yrs.</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i> <i>Kevin Hughes Timothy Weirich M/M Gerry Hildebrandt, 39 yrs.</i>
<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>
<i>29</i> <i>Connie Hohlt</i>	<i>30</i>					

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Events

Sun

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1	2 <i>Labor Day Office Closed</i>	3	4	5	6	7
8 <i>Confirmation Class 1:00 pm @ Alvin</i>	9	10 <i>Lion's Club 6:30 pm</i>	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 <i>WELCA 11:00 am Prayer Shawl 12:00 pm</i>	19	20 <i>Family Dinner Out @ Philipp's Café 6:30 pm</i>	21
22 <i>Potluck Lunch- Confirmation Class 1:00 pm @ St. John BYOB 7:00 pm</i>	23	24 <i>Lion's Club 6:30 pm</i>	25 <i>Council 6:00 pm</i>	26	27	28
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