

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 Pent 17 9:15 Adult Bible Study & Children's Sunday School 10:30 Worship & Communion	6 7:30 Men's Fellowship Breakfast	7 9:00 Martha Circle	8 6:00 Church Council Meeting	9	10	11
12 Pent 18 9:15 Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship & Special Congregational Meeting	13	14 10:00 Ministerial Alliance Annual Meeting @ FBC 12:00 Rebekah Circle	15 6:00 Sarah Circle	16	17	18
19 Pent 19 9:15 Adult Bible Study & Children's Sunday School 10:30 Worship & Communion	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Reformation 9:15 Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship	27 6:00 WOSJ Unity Meeting	28 3:00 November Newsletter Deadline	29	30	31	

Volunteers for October



If you are unable to volunteer on a certain day, try to let the office know **before** the newsletter's deadline. If you cannot fill a position that you are **already** scheduled for, please switch with someone else on the list, **then** let the office know of the change. **We always welcome more volunteers!**

Communion Prep & Paraments

Pat Graham
05, 12, 19 - Green
26 - Red

Flowers

05 –
12 –
19 – Grimes
26 – Pospech

Leader

05 – Pr. Reitmeyer
12 – Heather Roeske
19 – Mark Stroman
26 – Mark Stroman

Greeter

05 – Merle Otwell
12 – Will Roeske
19 – Dorothy Foerster
26 – Jeremy Pospech

Acolyte

05 –
12 –
19 – Dane Hoffmann
26 –

Lector

05 – Merle Otwell
12 – Mark Stroman
19 – Wayne Gisler
26 – Amy Lee

Communion Assistant

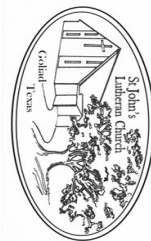
05 – Merle Otwell
19 – Wayne Gisler

Cookies for Fellowship

05 – Merle Otwell & Holly Simpson
12 – Heather Roeske & Linda Swickheimer
19 – Wayne Gisler & Janet Grimes
26 – Bethany Homeyer & Amy Lee

Grounds Maintenance

Russell & Ann Borth



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

OCTOBER

*The grass withers, and the flower fades,
but the word of our God will stand forever.*
~ Isaiah 40:8

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

11 - Sherry Gloor	24 - Jered Hausmann
12 - Marilyn Pospech	24 - Bryson Otwell
21 - Dane Hoffmann	29 - Joshua Bayer
23 - Jason Hausmann	29 - Garrett Oehlke
	31 - Ivy Willms

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1 - Joyce Albrecht	22 - Wayne Gisler
6 - Hope Willms	21 - Dane Hoffmann
8 - Garrett Baacke	25 - Shelly Schulze
8 - Leslie Hanslik	27 - Peyton Gutierrez
10 - Johnnie Faye Hausmann	28 - Jean Hausmann
18 - Kevin Willms	28 - Joel Riggs
19 - Caroline Roeske	29 - Alisa Bone
	29 - Shanell Gorman
	31 - Cierra Fromme
	31 - Travis Lee

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

1 - Logan & Lauren Brandt
3 - Tara & Jeff Garner
10 - Jason & Danette Mares
20 - David & Lesley Bruns
28 - Curtis & Wendi Pospech

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Ava Soliz, JG Musser, Natalie Stehling, Jeneal Jackson, Dorothy Hennig, Steven Hobbs, Vurlen Hosek, Conny McKelvey, Nancy Willeford, Burket Curtis, Reese Homeyer, Curtis Polozeck, Nick Picard, Spencer Pfenninger, Kelly Oehlke, Mark Harper

THOSE IN CARE FACILITIES

Vernell Dohmann, Don & Jerry Ann Rehn,
Joyce Baecker, Joyce Albrecht

PRAYER CHAIN

If you added someone to the prayer list, please touch base periodically with **updates**, the person's **current needs**, or when to **remove** them from the list. Names will be automatically removed after one year.

If you would like to be a member of the prayer chain and receive updates by phone or email, update your Time & Talent Sheet or let the office know.

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If you would like to **unsubscribe** or have the newsletter **emailed** to you please let the office know.
361.645.3330 stjohnsgoliad@gmail.com
Office Hours: Tue., Wed., Thu. 9:00-4:00

Though it may not feel like it at the time, the person you are debating is not your enemy. They may have an opposing worldview, but that does not make them your opponent. Your real enemy is the Devil. He is a deceiver and the father of all lies. The person you are debating is simply the deceived. They are blind, brokenhearted, and captive. They are the ones Jesus came to save. It should be our goal to proclaim the good news to them so that by all possible means they might receive salvation.

Check your pride at the door

Be humble and show humility, I am guilty of not doing that like Jesus would want me to do. If you want unbelieving friends to listen, humility is key. Tell them about your doubts and failures and how Christ helps you overcome them. This will make you relatable, and suddenly you might find they are listening.

This doesn't mean that you can't still present your case, but as Colossians 4:6 says, every word should be "*full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.*" Before you say or post something, ask yourself if it is an adequate representation of the love of Christ.

Ask questions

Scripture says we should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry. When we feel angry when talking to someone or on social media, we often wind up doing all the talking. Instead, ask your unbelieving friends questions. Often you will find something painful in their past caused them to arrive at their current perspective or belief system. This is a wide-open door to share the love of Jesus.

Jesus does this all the time in the Gospels. He constantly responds to people's traps, insults, and indignant questions with a question of his own.

Peace to you, *Mark Stroman*

(look for the continuation in November's newsletter)

DEFENDING YOUR FAITH - Part 1 of 2

While perusing an email from The American Family Association (AFA), a faith-based organization, I found an article written by a lady named Kendra White about defending your faith on social media. I have taken the liberty of modifying her article to be a little more fitting for our situations here in Goliad and Runge. The credit for these thoughts and words go to her and her inspiration from Christ Jesus.

We have all been there. Something is said by a person or a post on social media is made that feels like a slap in the face to our beliefs as Christians. It makes you angry and your immediate reaction is to respond and put that person in their place, but how should we go about responding?

As Christians, it is not our job to defend Christ's character. He is God. His words are eternal. He does not need our help. In Philippians 2:9-12, The Apostle Paul wrote: *"Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."*

However, it is our job and privilege to identify ourselves as followers of Christ and be witnesses of our faith. Sometimes that means boldly speaking the truth to someone who is hostile or doesn't want to listen. But how do we do this without giving in to sin? Here are a few helpful tips to consider when responding to sincere or hostile conversations with people or on social media.

Remember the real enemy

Ephesians 6:12 says, *"For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places."*

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The next council meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 8th @ 6:00** in the Fellowship Hall. Council minutes are posted on our website. Paper copies are available upon request.



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

All men from the congregation and the community are invited to join us on the **first Monday of every month at 7:30** in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast and discussion.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Bible study takes place **every Sunday morning at 9:15** in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone is welcome to join.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Sunday school will be held on the **first and third Sundays of each month at 9:15**. Teachers are needed for the upcoming season, please check your schedule and sign up on the Children's Ministry board in the Fellowship Hall. Have questions? Reach out to Heather Roeske @ 956-655-1950.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Meeting will follow our morning worship on **Sunday, October 12th**, in order to vote on the NALC constitutional amendments.



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MARTHA CIRCLE

Tuesday, October 7th @ 9:00

Devotion: Lissa Knetig

REBEKAH CIRCLE

Tuesday, October 14th @ 12:00

Devotion: LaNell Ressmann

SARAH CIRCLE

Wednesday, October 15th @ 6:00

Devotion: Linda Swickheimer

UNITY MEETING

Monday, October 27th @ 6:00

Devotion: Rebekah Circle

We will be discussing: the Bunco Party, the 2026 yearbook, election of officers for 2026, the Thankoffering service, Christmas cheer bags for nursing home residents and shut-ins, the Unity Christmas Party, the 2026 District Gathering at our church, etc. Please try to attend, there will be a lot to discuss.

LADIES' BUNCO BRUNCH

Saturday, November 8th @ 9:30

The Women of St. John's & Women of St. Paul are invited to enjoy dice and doughnuts! (and other yummy treats!)

in the Fellowship Hall @ 251 N. Market St. - Goliad.

Just bring your smiles... and lucky socks if you have them!

Please RSVP to Amy Lee @ 830-534-7314 by November 1st.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Taking orders through November 9th

If you would like to order a live evergreen wreath or would like information about ordering a wreath to honor a deceased veteran buried in Glendale Lutheran Cemetery, please contact Sherry Gloor (361-571-3505), Pat Graham (361-443-9031), or Debbie Baacke (361-571-2940).

Mail your **check or money order** for **\$17 each** wreath that you order to St. John's Lutheran Church, PO Box 518, Goliad, TX 77963, or Sherry Gloor, 2484 FM 622, Goliad, TX 77963 (Coordinator). **The check needs to be made payable to WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA.**

On your check or separate piece of paper tell us the name of veteran and branch of service they served in.

There will be a **ceremony at Glendale Lutheran Cemetery on Saturday, December 13th at 11:00 a.m.** to honor our deceased veterans, open to anyone that would like to attend.

thank you

Thank you for the goods and monetary donations. We sincerely appreciate the generous support of your church. Gifts such as yours enables our organization to achieve our goal of helping people in need of food in Goliad County.

Tony Kouba, Goliad County Outreach