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We welcome all people from all walks of life to join us; whether you are seeking answers to questions about faith, or already have a strong relationship with Christ. We are a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. In keeping with the teachings of Jesus and the witness of Martin Luther, we acknowledge that we are both sinners and saints in need of the grace and love of God. Council members on duty will be glad to answer any of your questions.

WELCOME

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.

Blessed be God's name forever.

Amen.

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep.
Let us confront our sins,
and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of new beginnings,
we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign.

We have strayed from your paths.

We prepare for war instead of peace.

We dishonor one another and your creation.

**Purify us with your refining fire
and set us again on your way of love,
that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance,
and welcome your coming among us.**

Amen.

People of God,
a new thing is growing in our midst,
a tender branch,
a living sign.
By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder.
You have put on ☐ Christ,
and your sins have been washed away.
Rejoice in the way of the Lord.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Christ Be Our Light

ELW 715

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

ELW 203

Hymn of Praise

ELW 204

Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST LESSON:

Isaiah 2:1-5

The First Lesson is from the second book of Isaiah

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come
the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.
Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!

R: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

C:

The Second Lesson is from the thirteenth chapter of **Romans**

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

R: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel:

Matthew 24:36-44

P: The Holy Gospel according to the twenty fourth chapter **Matthew**

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

‘But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

Pastor Stephanie Stark

Sermon

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Hymn of the Day

Canticle of the Turning

ELW 723

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

P: God, in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer

The Sharing of the Peace

Offering Hymn

“Doxology”

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Offering Prayer

Eternal God,
you make the desert bloom
and send springs of water to thirsty ground.
Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money,
and make us messengers of your mercy and love
for all in need of your healing and justice.
We ask this through Christ our Savior.
Amen.

Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

God the eternal Word,
who dwells with us in Jesus,
and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit,
+ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Announcements

Sending Hymn

We Are Marching in the Light

ELW 866

Dismissal

P:Go in peace. Christ is near.

C:Thanks be to God.



The flowers on the altar today are
Given in Glory to God
By the Divin Family

2022 Christmas Season Worship Dates

Pastor Stephanie has announced the **Holden Evening Prayer; an Advent Service**, on Wednesday nights, this Advent Season.

The dates will be **November 30, December 7, 14, and 21.**

This service will begin at **6:00 pm .**

A **Blue Christmas Service** will be held for the Advent Service on **December 21st, at 6:00 pm** . A time to acknowledge that grief and heartache don't go away because it is Christmas.

THE AUSTIN COUNTY CIVIC CHORALE

in their 38th season

PRESENTS

Thy Perfect Light

An Evening of Christmas Choral Music

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2022

FAITH ACADEMY GYMNASIUM

MEAL 6:00PM / CONCERT TO FOLLOW

Advanced Tickets Only

\$20

979-877-8211

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

11-28 Joy Sorensen
11-29 Layla Ordner
Rebecca Blackmon
11-30 Rylan Reichardt
12-3 Chris Logan



Happy Anniversary

11-27 Richard and Ashley
Hewson
12-3 Johnny and Janice
Class

From the Desk of Betty Hengst:

The Sealy Christian
Pantry will pass out
food for Thanksgiving
during the coming
months. Our church
has been asked to col-
lect canned Yams and
Cranberry Sauce.

**Thank you for your
continued support
....Betty**

UPCOMING EVENTS

**11-30 Holden Evening Prayer, an
Advent Service
6:00 pm**
12-5 St John Quilting Ministry 8:30 am
Staff Meeting 10 am
12-6 St John Prayer Shawl Ministry
9:30 am
12-7 Holden Evening Prayer, an Advent
Service 6:00 pm
Confirmation Christmas Party 6:30 pm
12-9 Austin County Chorale Concert
Faith Academy 6:00 pm
12-12 Council Meeting
12-13 Holden Evening Prayer, an
Advent Service 6:00 pm
12-18 Christmas Play
Noisy Offering
Last Day to order Poinsettias

MEMBERS IN OUR CARE

Argent Court –Brenham
Cecil and Carrie Froebel
Kruse Village-Brenham
Elaine Thielemann
Columbus Oaks
Marilyn Wendt
HOMEBOUND:
Katherine Ludwig
Katherine Washburn

THOSE IN OUR PRAYERS

Gloria Tipp
Tomas Divin
Mike Mueller
Allan Boehm
Cindi Harrison
Elrose Kollatschny
David Wilkenson
Fay Rice
Susan Boyett
Robert Klar
Melinda Brod
Richie Butler
Colin Brock
Deana Keller
Paulette Miller
Deanna Ling
Sharon
Bubba Bencal
Jerry Hennecke
Carolyn Poehi
Darrell Grasb
James and Carol Wenzel
Kermit Dittert
Clifton and Florine
Stuessel
Doug Neva
Mike Klar
Katherine Ludwig
Otto Reichardt
Dorothy Mersmann
Karen Landrum
Gloria Havemann
Claire Vengaus
Hart Oshman

UPCOMING MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

SUNDAY	November 27	December 4
Flowers:	The Divins	Marissa Divin
Council Duty	Ruth and Sharon	TBA
Reader	Ruth Walker	Rachel Divin
Acolyte	Jolee Meiers	TBA
Altar Guild	Sharon K, Chris B , Sherry B	Volunteers

**Blue Christmas Service
December 21 at 6pm**

The Christmas season is a time of parties and decorations, family get-togethers, and fun carols, but our sadness doesn't just hide away for the festivities. As we celebrate the coming of our Lord, we remember that God is a God of love. He loves us in our times of joy, as well as, our times of sorrow. Whether you are missing someone this year or just want to experience the quiet side of Christmas this service is for you.

From the Desk of Betty Hengst:

In the past The Sealy Food Pantry has asked each church for a particular food donation. Due to shortages, the Pantry has had to place a food order now to receive in time for Thanksgiving.

The Pantry is asking each church in the area the area church for monetary donations to help defray the cost. The cost of the meat for the boxes is estimated to be \$7500.00 for 150 turkeys and 150 hams.

I should have a container for the donations by this Sunday.

Mailing Address:

Sealy Christian Pantry

P.O. Box 162 Sealy, TX 77474

Thank you !

Betty Hengst



ORDER FORM



RED Poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary for Christmas. If you would like to purchase one or more of these flowers, fill out this form and place your order and

payment of **\$10 each** into a labeled envelope and place it in the box provided. **Order deadline is December 18, 2022.**

Please place my flower(s):

In **Memory** of _____

In Memory of _____

In Memory of _____

In **Honor** of _____

In Honor of _____

In Honor of _____

Or _____ **To the Glory of God**

*Please use the back of this form for additional orders if needed.
Be sure to indicate "Memory of" or "Honor of" or
"To the Glory of God" on additional orders.*

Purchased by: _____

Total number of flowers: _____ Total Paid: _____

Please make checks payable to: St. John Lutheran WELCA

Please pick up your flowers on Dec 24 after
the Christmas Eve service or Dec 25 after Worship Service

**SAVE THE DATE
SAVE A LIFE**

St John of Cat Spring Blood Drive

January 12th, 2023

4-8 pm

Fellowship Hall

More details soon !