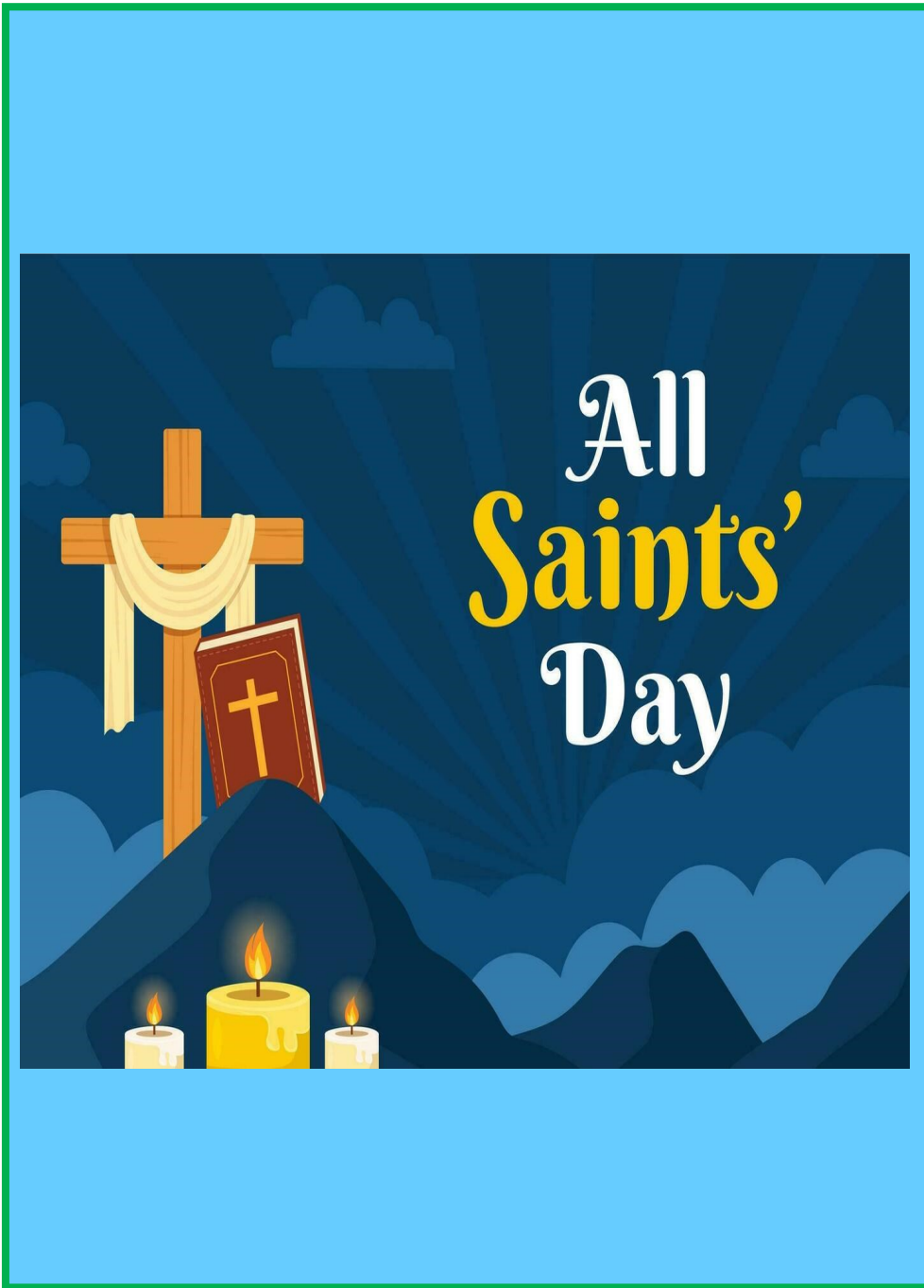


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We welcome all people from all walks of life to join us; whether you are seeking answers to questions about faith, or already have a strong relationship with Christ. We are a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. In keeping with 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**

### **Announcements**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the + Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

### **Gathering Hymn**

*“ Shall We Gather at the River “*

**ELW 423**

**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 ( first verse only)**

**ELW 204**

## **Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **First Lesson:**

**Revelation 7:9-17**

#### **The First Lesson is from the seventh book of Revelation**

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, ‘Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!’ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, ‘Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.’

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, ‘Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?’ I said to him, ‘Sir, you are the one that knows.’ Then he said to me, ‘These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’

R: The word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

### **Second Lesson:**

**1 John 3:1-3**

#### **The Second Lesson is from the third chapter of 1 John**

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

P: The word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

**Gospel:****Matthew 5:1-12**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the fifth chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children’s Sermon****Pastor Stark****Sermon****Pastor Stark****Hymn of the Day***“ For All the Saints ”***ELW 422****Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

**P:** Hear us, O God

**C:** Your mercy is great

## **Remembering the Saints Who Have Gone Before Us**

## **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**

God of all goodness,  
generations have turned to you,  
gathered around your table,  
and shared your abundant blessings.  
Number us among them  
that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance,  
and give thanks for your rich blessings,  
we may feast upon your very self  
and care for all that you have made,  
through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.  
**Amen.**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

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## **Preface**

## **Holy Holy Holy**

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## **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.**

## **Canticle “Lamb of God”**

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## **The Distribution**

*All who believe in the Real Presence of Christ in Holy Communion are welcome to partake. Please fill out an attendance card to indicate your intention to participate and hand it to the usher.*

## Prayer after Communion

Lord Jesus,  
in this simple meal you have set a banquet.  
Sustain us on the journey,  
strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children,  
and give us glad and generous hearts  
as we meet you on the way. **Amen**

## Blessing

May the God of all creation,  
in whose image we are made,  
who claims us and calls us beloved,  
who strengthens us for service,  
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!

The blessing of God,  
Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit,  
be with you today and always.

**Amen**

## Sending Hymn

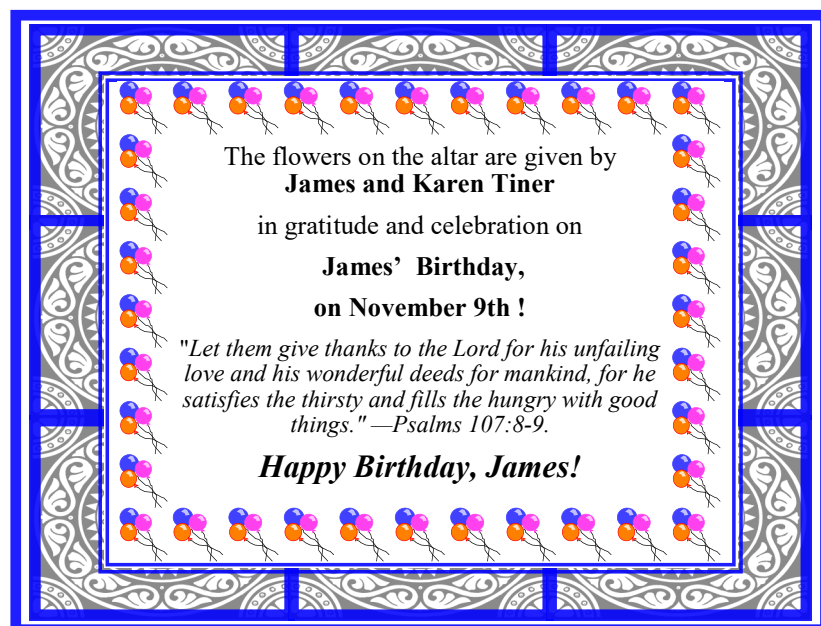
*“ When the Saints Go Marching In ”*

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## Dismissal

**P:** Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Weekly News 11 5-11 2023

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

11-5 Lytha Wendt  
11-7 Melissa Schmidt  
Tommy Wade  
11-8 Tara Reibenstein  
11-9 James Tiner  
TJ Menke

## Happy Anniversary

11-5 William and Bonnie  
Hegemeyer  
11-9 Neil and Deanna  
Ling  
Dan and Linda White

## UPCOMING EVENTS

11-5  
Sunday School/St John Singers 9:00 am  
All Saints Day Remembrance Worship  
Service 10:00 am  
11-6 St John Quilting Ministry 8:30 am  
11-7 **Voting Location 7am-7pm-  
Fellowship Hall**  
11-8 Confirmation Class 6:30 pm -Office  
11-9 St John Handbell Practice 5:30 pm,  
11-12  
St. John Singers & Sunday school 9 am  
Worship 10 am  
Austin County Chorale Concert 4:00 pm  
St John Lutheran Bellville  
11-15 Senior Service 11:00 am  
Confirmation 6:30 pm

## MEMBERS IN OUR CARE

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

**Our weekly budgeted need: 3329.98**

## Offerings 10-29-23

General Fund 6045.00  
Total: 6045.00  
Attendance 76  
Online

## UPCOMING MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

SUNDAY	Nov 5, 2023	Nov 12, 2023
Flowers	Jim Tiner	Robin and Faith Haugen
Council Duty	Ryan Chad	Jennifer and Kyle
Reader	Confirmands	Ralph Grinde
Acolyte	Brooklynn Logan	Addilynn Divin
<b>November Altar Guild-Sharon Koehne, Chris Beckendorff, Sherry Barr</b>		
<b>Flower Guild—Ruth Walker</b>		

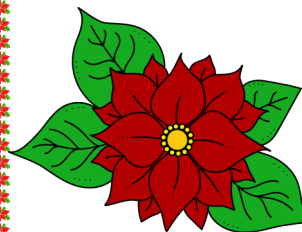
## It is Poinsettia Order Time!

**RED Poinsettias** will be placed in the sanctuary for Christmas. If you would like to purchase one or more of these flowers, fill out the order form and place your order and donation of **\$10 each, per poinsettia** into the labeled envelope and place it in the box provided, in the Narthex.

Everything you need to order will be in the Narthex starting

**Sunday, November 5th.**

**Order deadline is Sunday, December 10th.**



## Prevailing Prayers

Gloria Tipp  
Mike Mueller  
Allan Boehm  
Cindi Harrison  
Fay Rice  
Susan Boyett  
Richie Butler  
Colin Brock  
Deana Keller  
Paulette Miller  
Deanna Ling  
Sharon  
Bubba Bencal  
Darrell Grasb  
James and Carol Wenzel  
Dorothy Mersmann  
Gloria Havemann  
Hart Oshman  
Johnny Griffin  
Wes Redman  
Melinda Brod  
Betty Remmert  
Jerry Ordner  
Carrie and Vanna Froebel  
Kelly Macha  
Melinda Brock  
Kendall Manna  
Elaine Thielemann  
JD Divin  
Joe Brandt  
Yanulis Family  
Katie Johnston  
Brian Carpenter  
Micheal Pawelek  
Maria Hahn  
Zachary Schulke  
Rita Jacobs  
Colleen and Exi  
Judy Johnson  
Betty D.  
Lynda Carson  
Richard Kudlacek



# THE AUSTIN COUNTY CIVIC CHORALE

IN THEIR 39TH SEASON

PRESENTS

## A Musical Celebration of Then & Now

### Bellville's 175th Birthday!

NOVEMBER 12, 2023

4:00 PM

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH  
FAITH CENTER  
BELLVILLE

NO ADMISSION  
DONATIONS ACCEPTED



#### A Note from the Cemetery Sexton

There has been a change in Cemetery Policy. Per discussion during the church service on August 13th, and with approval of the Church Council on August 14th, concrete curbing around gravesites will no longer be allowed after January 1, 2024. This is not really a change in policy, but more of a clarification, since the Church Bylaws currently state that ; (e. A newly plotted section of the cemetery as defined in the cemetery policy will have a restriction where no curbing is allowed around the grave site.)

The new Cemetery Policy wording is; (Curbing around gravesites in any area of the cemetery will not be allowed after January 1, 2024. This will include the placement of any items that would impede the mowing of the grass on the grave, such as footstones, park benches, trees, shrubs, flowers, etc. Headstones and concrete foundations for headstones will be allowed. Flowers placed next to headstones will also be allowed.)

This policy is being implemented to make it easier to care for the cemetery and to reduce the erosion currently taking place in the cemetery.

Regards

Ken Wienken

Preorder your 2023 St John Cat Spring Cookbook

*Arrives by Christmas 2023*

Estimated price is \$20 per cookbook

Sign up in the foyer

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**Please place my flower(s):**

In Memory of

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In Honor of

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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