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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.**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
our refuge,  
our delight,  
our beginning and our end.

**Amen.**

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us  
and has freed us from our sin.

**Silence is kept for reflection.**

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,  
**we confess that sin has taken hold of us  
and we are complicit in its power.**  
**We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest.**  
**Unbind us and set us free.**  
**Lead us again to the waters of rebirth,**  
**that we may live just and generous lives**  
**for the good of your world**  
**and the care of our neighbors,**  
**following in the servant way of Jesus.**  
**Amen.**

These words are trustworthy and true:  
Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross,  
swallowing up death forever.  
For his sake, you are + forgiven  
and God remembers your sin no more.  
Let your heart be glad again,  
and rejoice in your salvation.  
**Amen.**

## **Gathering Hymn**

*“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*

**ELW 631**

**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:****Isaiah 25:6-9****The First Lesson is from the twenty-fifth chapter of Isaiah**

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples  
 a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,  
 of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.  
 And he will destroy on this mountain  
 the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
 the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
 he will swallow up death for ever.  
 Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
 and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
 for the Lord has spoken.  
 It will be said on that day,  
 Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.  
 This is the Lord for whom we have waited;  
 let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

R: The word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God****Second Lesson:****Revelation 21:1-6a****The Second Lesson is from the twenty-first chapter of Revelation**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,  
 ‘See, the home of God is among mortals.  
 He will dwell with them;  
 they will be his peoples,  
 and God himself will be with them;  
 he will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
 Death will be no more;  
 mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
 for the first things have passed away.’

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'

P: The word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

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### **Gospel:**

**John 11:32-44**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the eleventh chapter.

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

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Children's Sermon**

**Pastor Dietrich**

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## **Hymn of the Day**

*"Borning Cry"*

**ELW 732**

## **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:** Merciful God

**C:** Receive our prayer

### **Candle Lightning Ceremony**

*Remembering the Saints Who Have Gone Before Us*

**Psalm 23      Pew Bible pg. 464**

**In Memory of St John's Saints**

*Dorothy Mersmann Reichardt*

*Randy Dahl*

*Ervin Mieth*

*Elaine Thielemann*

*LaVerne Uhlig*

**Invitation to honor your loved ones**

## **The Sharing of the Peace**

## **The Offering**

## **Offering Response**

### **“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**

Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup,  
you offered yourself in love for the world,  
and in this meal you nourish us with your life.

Fill us with your abundance,  
that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger,  
trusting in your name. **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.**

**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**

Faithful God,  
you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink  
in the body and blood of your Son.  
Now send us out to labor with you,  
in service to the world you have made,  
and among the people you have made your home,  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**Blessing**

The Ancient One, enthroned,  
the Crucified One, now risen,  
the Indwelling One, poured out,  
+ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**Sending Hymn**

*“How Great Thou Art”*

**ELW 856**

**Dismissal**

**P:** Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

The flowers on the altar are given by

**Rylan Reichardt**

in celebration of

***Melvin and Charlotte Reichert’s 61st Wedding Anniversary***



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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11-3 Connie Reibenstein  
11-5 Lytha Wendt  
11-7 Melissa Schmidt  
Tommy Wade  
11-8 Tara Reibenstein  
11-9 James Tiner

## Happy Anniversary

11-1 Melvin and Charlotte Reichert  
11-5 William and Bonnie Hegemeyer  
11-9 Neil and Deanna Ling  
Dan and Linda White

**Our very own Janet Allphin is the director of  
The Austin County Civic Choralé !  
Save the Date !**

Friday, December 13th , 2024

Meal served at 6:00 pm

Faith Academy Gymnasium

**Advanced Tickets Only 979-877-8211**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

11-3

Sunday School/Choir Practice 9:00 am  
Worship Service/Children's Church 10:00 am

**Pastor Dietrich**

**Thanksoffering Boxes Available in narthex**

11-4 Handbell Choir Practice 5:00

11-5 St John Prayer Shawl Ministry 9 am

**St John Fellowship Hall -  
Voting Poll 7am-7pm**

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Sunday School/Choir Practice 9:00 am  
Worship Service/Children's Church 10:00 am

**Don Allphin**

**Our weekly budgeted need: 3329.98**

**Offerings 10-27-24**

General Fund 3825.00 +120 =3945.

Memorial 50.00

Total: 3995.00

Attendance 55 Online 72

## Senior Day

**Wednesday, November 20th  
11:00 am**

The hostesses will be serving turkey,  
ham and all the trimmings!

***So, there is only one thing to do !***



***Blessing of the Quilt and Kits s was held  
October 27th during worship service.***

A BIG THANKS to WELCA and the St John Quilting Ministry for their dedication to this ministry.

The quilts and kits will leave the building soon for their final destination.

**Thanks to Rachel Divin for the picture !**

## Prevailing Prayers

Gloria Havemann

James and Carol Wenzel

Ronnie and Bonnie Smith

Deana Keller

Roy Dierschke

Jeff Pullin

Ralph Grinde

Marcia Melnar

Richard Fry

Prevailing Prayers prayer list will re-boot quarterly. Please let us know if you would like to add someone, keep someone on the list, or take someone off the list . You can call the office at 979-865-5444, , put it on back of your attendance card, ask Council on Duty to let the office know or send an email to [secretary@stjohncatspring.org](mailto:secretary@stjohncatspring.org)

Thank you for your help keeping this important list up to date.

## MEMBERS IN OUR CARE

**Argent Court –Brenham**

Carrie Froebel

**Columbus Oaks**

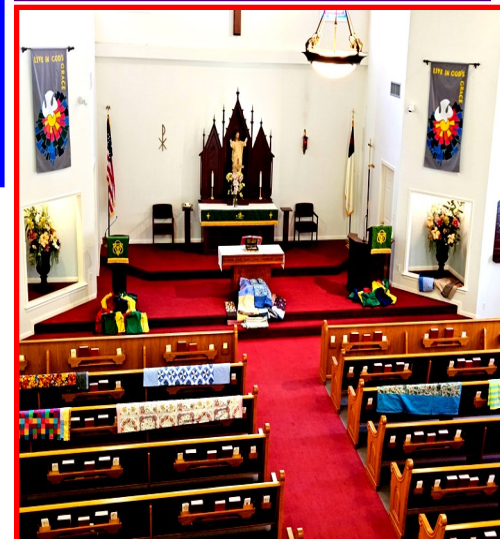
Marilyn Wendt

**HOMEBOUND:**

Katherine Ludwig

Katherine Washburn

Marcia Melnar



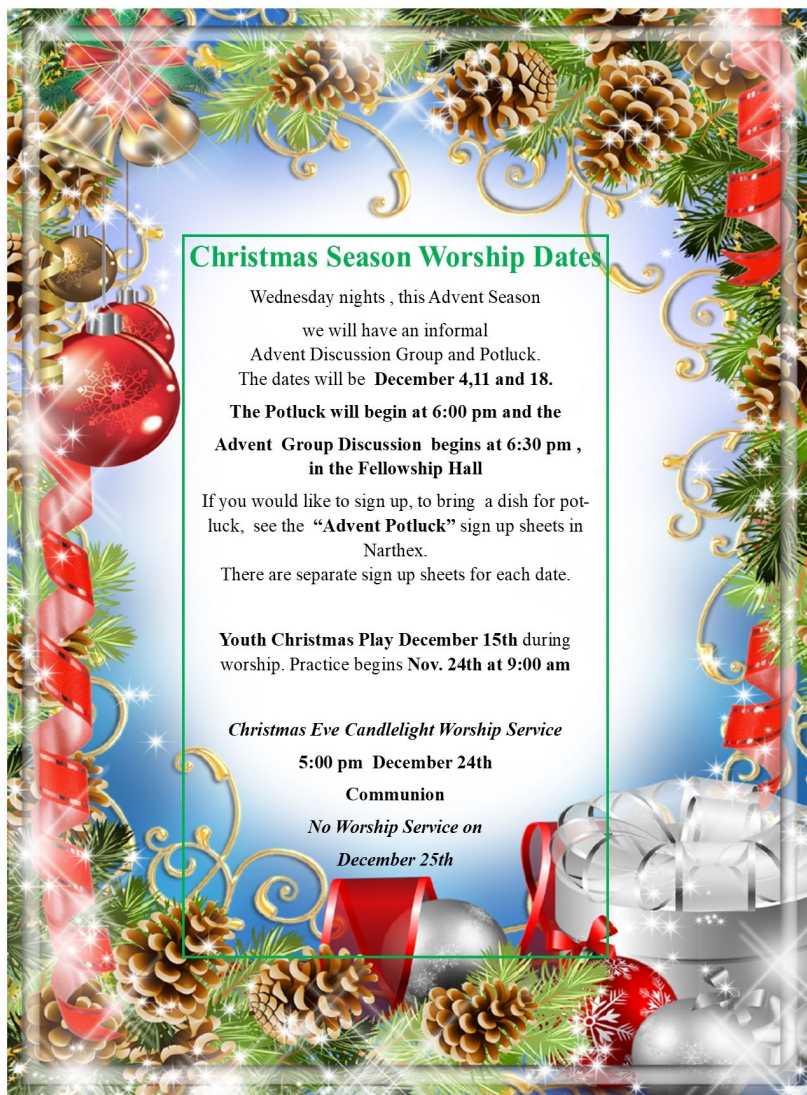


**Thankofferings** show gratitude for God's blessings and give us an important and tangible way to express that gratitude. It is a tradition grounded in our celebration of community, of meeting together to joyfully give thanks for what God has given us. Thankofferings have always been, and still are, our opportunity to say thank you to God in both significant and ordinary moments.

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on." The Widow's Mite, Mark 12:41-44

**WELCA will collect the annual The Thankoffering on Sunday, November 24.**

**Thankoffering envelopes are in the foyer to be picked up.**



## Christmas Season Worship Dates

Wednesday nights, this Advent Season  
we will have an informal  
Advent Discussion Group and Potluck.  
The dates will be **December 4, 11 and 18.**  
**The Potluck will begin at 6:00 pm and the  
Advent Group Discussion begins at 6:30 pm,  
in the Fellowship Hall**

If you would like to sign up, to bring a dish for potluck, see the "Advent Potluck" sign up sheets in Narthex.  
There are separate sign up sheets for each date.

**Youth Christmas Play December 15th** during worship. Practice begins Nov. 24th at 9:00 am

### Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service

**5:00 pm December 24th**

**Communion**

**No Worship Service on  
December 25th**

## November 2024 Ministry Duties

### St. John Lutheran Church Cat Spring

Flowers: Unless there is an \* asterisk by your name, the altar guild understands that you will supply the flowers or plant for that Sunday. If problem arises please call office at 979-865-5444 or **Ruth Walker, Flower Guild**, at 713-816-0629. If you cannot fulfill one of these duties, just call office! Council on Duty-- If you can't make it on scheduled day, please check with other Council to trade Sundays.

### 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 **\$12 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 3rd.**

**Order deadline is Sunday, December 15th.**

**Picture by  
Sherry Barr.  
Quilts and  
Kits ready to  
ship !**



Date	Council on Duty	Acolyte	Reader	Flowers
11-3-24	Chad and Robin	Rhett	Nancy	Rylan Reichardt
11-10-24	Doug	Rinley	Ruth	Robin Haugen
11-17-24	Kyle and Jennifer	Addilyn	Addilynn	Christy Ordner
11-24-24	Mary	Layla	Jheri Sell	Johnnie Katt

In red indicates change from original calendar

### November Altar Guild

Shirley Hering Jennifer Logan  
Brooklynn Logan

Flower Guild  
Ruth Walker

