

# November Birthdays

Karen Hairell	11/01	Sammy Fischer	11/17
Meagan Fishbeck	11/01	Patricia Morris	11/17
Codi Heldt	11/02	Mary Helen Barrick	11/18
Grace Bauman	11/03	Eddie Singer	11/18
Lexi Martin	11/03	Janet DeBord	11/19
Bobby Bauch	11/04	Candace Alex	11/19
Jade Demuth	11/05	Kellie Martin	11/20
Sandra Heldt	11/05	Travis Singer	11/20
Cathy O'Connor	11/06	Rachel Sizemore	11/20
Sally Meyer	11/07	Linda Dentler	11/21
Belinda Kinkade	11/07	Micah Thigpen	11/21
Diana Rippstein	11/09	Kinsley Martin	11/22
Trent Koenig	11/09	Trinka Martin	11/23
Robbie Riehs	11/09	Connie Novosad	11/23
Emma McGinnis	11/11	Ryan Hartman	11/25
David Dentler	11/12	Ethan Hartman	11/25
Juan DeLaGarza Jr.	11/12	Lauren Bowen	11/25
Bobbie Guinn	11/12	Franklin Ahlschlager Jr.	11/25
Jennings Sizemore	11/14	Mark Sievers	11/26
Marty Foss	11/14	Jennifer Hartman	11/28
Cadence Tomanec	11/15	Randy Sternadel	11/28
Emily Koenig	11/15	Sutton Taylor	11/28
Barbara McDonald	11/15	Rocky Myers	11/28
Linda Buzek	11/17	Natalie Gajer	11/30
Charlotte Hill	11/17	Nyle Ruth Rowland	11/30

Happy Birthday

Thank you to all our Veterans  
for your service to our Country  
and our Freedom!



December deadline is  
**Wednesday, November 15, 2023**

Newsletter  
**DEADLINE**

November 2023

## First English Evangelical Lutheran Church

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TV Broadcast 10:30a Sundays

*KXTS-TV Channel 41 – Suddenlink Cable Ch. 9*

10:30 Sundays live streaming at “[Facebook.com/FELCVictoria](https://www.facebook.com/FELCVictoria)”

**Saturday, November 4, 2023**

Don't forget to turn your clocks *back*  
one hour before you go to bed.



**BUNCO AND DOMINOS** - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

invite men and women for Bunco and Dominos  
Sunday, **November 5** in the Multipurpose room.

*Registration begins at 1:00p. Games begin at 1:30p.*

Please RSVP by **Sunday, October 29** to the

Church Office - 361-575-4305

Ann Gaskamp - 361-550-2861

Susie Breeden - 361-573-6637



**SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

Board of Education Sunday School Department  
is preparing for the Sunday School youth  
Christmas program. Practice will be held every  
Sunday in November during the Sunday School  
hour in the Sanctuary.

The Christmas Program will be **Sunday,**  
**December 10,** during the 10:30am Service.



*Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. Ephesians 6: 10 -11*

How can things so good feel like a battle sometimes? Because when things are good it upsets the devil. When we are giving are all for the kingdom of God, Satan is going to do everything in his power to slow it down, stop it, or make it look like it isn't God's work at all. That's the toughest part of this journey in faith. Not only are we fighting against our own nature, but we are also fighting against an evil one who wants nothing more than our failure.

I think my military mind kicks in at this point. When you are in a battle against an enemy, everyone is focused on the battle. The machine works as it has trained to work. The soft spots are covered. The strategies are thought through, and everything is accounted for. You put on the gear that you are supposed to put on. You do the jobs that you have prepared for. You go into the battle ready for anything.

That's what God is telling in the letter to Ephesus through Paul. The schemes of the devil are real. They are targeting us and the work that we are doing so that he can derail them. He doesn't want us to stay on track. So, if we know they are coming, how do we prepare for them? We prepare by keeping our eyes on our leader, putting on the armor that He has given us, and staying true to the task that we are called to by our God.

When we do that, we will "be able to stand against the schemes of the devil." It doesn't mean that they won't come. They will and the harder we work, the harder he will work. So be ready. Stand in God's armor. Love like Jesus loves and "be strong in the Lord."

In His arms,  
PC



# Worship Schedule

Date/Time	Worship Assistant	Lay Readers	Communion Assistant	Deacons
11/5 8:00a	James Reinhardt	Jackie Schlinger	Jackie Schlinger	James Janak
11/5 10:30a	Mary Gail Moody	Kylee Swoboda	Randy & Sandy Muegge	Jeff Sproles
11/12 8:00a	James Reinhardt	Aaron Muegge	Aaron Muegge	Aaron Muegge
11/12 10:30a	Al Reinhardt	Olivia Reynolds	Kathryn Reynolds Sandra Heldt	Jim Hartman
11/19 8:00a	James Reinhardt	Emily Koenig	Emily Koenig	Alton Johnston
11/19 10:30a	Mary Gail Moody	Merle Thompson	Merle Thompson Sharon Church	Marty Foss
11/26 8:00a	Ginger McGill	Ginger McGill	Kathleen Sproles	Jeff Sproles
11/26 10:30a	Al Reinhardt	Jennifer Matus	Jennifer Matus Mary Gail Moody	James Janak

## COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

You are invited **SUNDAY, November 19**, at 6:30 p.m. to St Peter's Baptist Church, 2708 S. Laurent St. to attend the Victoria Area Community Worship Service. Pastor Chip is the preacher for this service.



## 2024 BUDGET FORUM

Please attend the annual budget forum on **Sunday, November 19**, during the Sunday school hour. This meeting will inform us of the increases and decreases proposed for our 2024 budget. The meeting will be held in the Hiller Activity Center (gym).

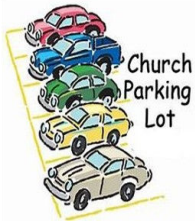
We will review the proposed 2024 budget, which will be presented for your approval at our annual meeting



**A LOOK  
at the  
BUDGET**

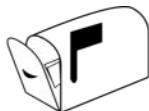
## GROWTH FUND UPDATE – Thank you to everyone who

has and continues to give to the Growth Fund. The cost of this project is estimated to be between \$300,000.00 and \$400,00.00. As of today the account is up to 48,416.28 due to your generosity. Please prayerfully consider to continue to donate towards this project by using the blue envelopes in the pews labeled “FELC Growth Fund” or “Parking Lot” or please label the white pew envelopes stating the same.



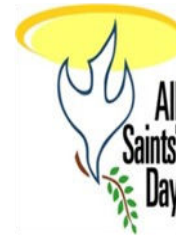
## ADDRESS CORRECTIONS

**Walter Hranitzky**  
6902 Hearthside Dr.  
Sugar Land, TX 77478



**Bobby Bauch**  
604 B Westwood  
Victoria, TX 77901

## ALL SAINTS' DAY - A day for the commemoration of the



faithful departed is one of the oldest feast days in our church Year. **Sunday, November 5**, is the observance of All Saints' Day. In addition to remembering those members of FELC who have passed away this past year, each one of us will be given the opportunity during both services to recall loved ones, friends, and mentors now living

in heaven whose faith in Christ inspired us and gave us joy.

Come celebrate the communion of saints as we remember those who have died as well as honor the lives and influences of living saints, who through their daily lives, show others the Christian walk and faith.

*We remember the following FELC members who have passed away since All Saints' Day last year.*

*Ronnie Morris  
Caroll Crouch  
Julie Sagebiel  
Mary Evelyn Hillmer  
James O'Connor  
Melrose Goetz*



*John Balusek  
Mary Gleinser  
Brandy Schrade  
Louis Montgomery  
Warfield Frisbie*

## NEW MEMBERS "FOUNDATION CLASS" – If you know

someone interested in joining First English Lutheran Church, please call the Church office at 361-575-3623. Pastor Chip will hold a New Members “*Foundations Class*” **Sunday, November 5**, during the Sunday School hour at 9:15a.m. in the Activity Center (gym) Then, **Sunday, November 12**, the new members will be received at 8:00a or 10:30a service.

New Member classes are held quarterly.



## Sunday Services Attendance

Date	8:00a Attendance	10:30a Attendance
10/1	62	163
10/8	56	199
10/15	54	214
10/22	38	276



### Our Love and Sympathy to the family of:

- Thomas Dentler (Grandson of Sally Meyer)
- Joe Cliffe (Father of Joe Cliffe)
- Wyatt Hassel (Son of Pastor Bill and Renee Hassel)

### SPECIAL PRAYERS



Lillian Lau, Mike Buckert, Al Cartmell, Jan, Ronnye, Bill Kelly, Rusty & Jennifer Reininger, Linda Moore, Beverly Hilbrich, Charlene Balfanz, Wayne Jacobs, Steve, Dan, Zac Koenig, Donna Munsch, Carol Lala, Patrick Munsch, Tada Hines, Tiffany Wade, Henry Wood, Steve Motal, Susan Friedrichs, Jay Thigpen, Sandy Muegge, Shirley Gisler, Joyce Foster, Diane Seifert, Jerry, Mike Buckert, Ken Stimpson, Carrie Kacir

#### November Tellers

6 - Elles/Westbrook  
 13 - Muegge/Hiller  
 20 - Malina/Kelly  
 27 - Kucera/Elles

#### November

10/28 - 11/10 — Kathleen Sproles  
 11/11 - 11/24 — Vickie Spann  
 11/25 - 12/8 — Kathleen Sproles



# Thank you

- Thank you to my church family for the cards, calls, texts and prayers while I was recuperating from my total knee replacement and subsequent fall. My recovery was delayed by my fall and your words of encouragement made my extended therapy much easier. May God shower each of you with His endless blessings. With my love, **Elaine Malina**
- I would like to thank our wonderful church family for the love they showed me during my recent illness and hospitalization. Thank you so much for your prayers, visits, phone calls, beautiful cards and flowers. Also, thank you for the delicious food that was delivered to our home. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated and will always be remembered. May God Bless each of you,  
 Love, **Geralene Schulte**



We continue a tradition of community outreach at Christmas with the Angel Tree project. This year's recipients are children who are in Foster Care being served by CASA volunteers. The child's name, age and gender, as well as their wish list, will be placed on the tree in the Narthex in mid November. As you pick a child's name from the tree, please sign your name and phone number on the list provided that corresponds with the number on the name tag. This helps us know who to contact if a gift has not been returned. **Please place your gift in a GIFT BAG and attach the name tag to the bag when returning the gift to the church or church office.**

**Each gift has a price limit of \$35.00**

CASA will be having their Christmas party at FELC on Friday, **December 8**; therefore, we will need to have all gifts returned to the church no later than **Sunday, December 3**.

**If there are no names left on the tree you can still purchase gift cards or extra gifts (unwrapped) for CASA to use.**

Thank you for your generous support to CASA,  
 Board of Social Concerns

## THE MEANING OF LUTHER'S SEAL

Luther's Seal represents the essentials of the Gospel:

- The black cross represents the total depravity of man and the tremendous sacrifice Christ made by giving up his life for the ungodly.
- The red heart represents the love of God in sending His own Son to give his life for the salvation of the elect. Salvation is all grace, God's gift.
- The white rose represents the sinlessness and joy of Jesus Christ our Savior, and the cleansing and happiness we receive by his justifying grace. Having five petals, it also represents the five great truths of the Protestant Reformation: sinners are saved by Grace Alone, through Faith Alone, in Christ Alone, on the basis of Scripture Alone to the Glory of God Alone.
- The blue background represents the glories of heaven that await those who believe by faith alone in the sovereign King of Kings and Lord of Lords, Jesus Christ.
- The gold ring which surrounds the blue background represents the most precious treasure in all the universe: eternal life and blessedness in Jesus Christ.



*See color copy on the bulletin board in the Narthex!*

*One Step in a Lifelong Adventure of Faith*



**CONFIRMATION CLASS** – Congratulations to our Confirmation students who renewed their Baptism by affirming their faith through Confirmation on Reformation Sunday, October 29.



*Michael Barjenbruch  
Jacob Duggar  
Carter Heldt*

*Zain Koenig  
Trevor Ledbetter  
Jax Lorange*

**DECORATIONS NEEDED** - Are you cleaning out your Fall and Christmas decorations that you no longer want? Board of Congregational Life would love to have the decorations to be used on the tables for church functions! Please bring them to the church office and we will pick them up!

Thank you for your generosity! Board of Congregational Life

## OFFICIAL NOTICE

### ANNUAL MEETING FOR 2024 YEAR

FIRST ENGLISH EVANGELICAL  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023  
11:30 A.M.**

Following meeting in the Sanctuary, Congregational Life will provide Hamburgers with all the fixings in the Hiller Activity Center  
If you would like, bring a dessert to share.

**BAPTISM** - Sunday, October 29, Magnolia Grace Bowen was Baptized as a child of God and a member of First English Lutheran Church. She is the daughter of Casey and Cheyenne Bowen.



**FIFTY AND FUN** - Will meet **Thursday, November 9**, in Felger Hall at 6:00p. Please join us for fellowship and games. Please bring a meat dish, side dish or dessert to share.

**QUILTERS NEEDS** - The quilters

group is in need of fabric!

If you have material or sheets you would like to donate, we need fabric pieces at least a fourth of a yard or larger. Sheets are always needed for lining the quilts. If you don't have any fabric or sheets to donate, you can always make a monetary donation to the quilters fund by placing your donation in the white pew envelopes and labeling it "Quilters fund". If you would like to come and help, we meet every Tuesday in the sewing room from 9:00am to 12:00 in the educational building. We would love for you to see what we do. Thank you!! For more information, please call or text Donna Heinold at 361 571-7266



**LONG RANGE PLANNING FORUM**

Sunday, **November 12**, and Sunday, **November 26**, at 9:15a in the Activity Center there will be Long Range Planning Forums.

These forums will involve discussion of FELC's Mission and Vision and long term goals. We hope you will attend these forums.



**Poinsettias for Christmas**

Poinsettias will be available through the church, furnished by Renken's Nursery.

**The cost is \$17.50 each.**

Fill out the order form below and return with payment (checks made payable to FELC).

**PLANTS MAY BE PICKED UP AFTER THE 7:00 P.M. CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP OR YOU MAY PICK YOUR PLANT UP AT THE OFFICE BY 4:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**POINSETTIAS ARE PRE-ORDERED; ONLY 80 ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN**

**PLEASE PRINT**

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PLEASE USE ONE (1) ORDER FORM FOR EACH POINSETTIA ORDER.

You can write one check for total order

Poinsettia Plant Order Form

Giver's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Giver's Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Bulletin Information  
(Please Print)



In Honor Of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Loving Memory Of: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by Whom: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Wording will be in bulletin)*

*The Deadline to submit Order and Payment is 4:00p.m.*

***Wednesday, December 13, 2023***







Poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuary weekend before Christmas.

**ALL ORDERS & MONEY MUST BE IN THE OFFICE BY THE DEADLINE**



# November



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5 :30p – 7p Bible Study (FH) 6 :15p Handbells 6 :30p ARK 7:00p Choir	2 3:00- 6:00p (gym) 6:00-9:00p (gym)	3 Office closed 7p – 11p (gym)	4 8:00a – 4:00p (FH) Walk to Emmaus 
5 <b>All Saints Sunday</b> 8:00a Worship 9:15a Sunday School 9:15A Foundations Class(AC) 10:30a Worship 10:30a TV Worship 1 – 4:00p Girl Scouts (AC) 6:00-8:00p Open Gym	6 3:00-6:00p (gym) 6:00-9:00p (gym)	7 9-12 Quilting 12:00p Al-Anon (CR) 1:30p Prayer Gr.(CR) 3:00- 6:00p (gym) 6:00-9:00p (gym) 6:30p Faith Study(FH)	8 5 :30p – 7p Bible Study (FH) 6 :15p Handbells 6 :30p ARK 7:00p Choir	9 9:30a Ruth B.S.(CR) 3:00- 6:00p (gym) 6:00-9:00p (gym) 6:00p Fifty & Fun (FH)	10 Office closed 7p – 11p (gym)	11  <b>VETERANS DAY</b>
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<b>TV Broadcast</b> <b>Every Sunday</b> <b>10:30a TV Worship</b> <b>Ch.41/Optimum CH. 9</b> live streaming at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/FELCVictoria">Facebook.com/FELCVictoria</a>	 <p>This is the <i>Day</i> that the Lord has made, let us <i>Rejoice</i> and be glad it in it.  <i>Psalm 118:24</i></p>		(AC) = Activity Center (ARK)= Acts of Random Kindness (BOCL) = Board of Cong. Life (BOD) = Board of Deacons (BOED) = Board of Education (BOE) = Board of Elders (BOEV) = Board of Evangelism (BOS) = Board of Stewardship (BOSC) = Board of Social Concerns (BOT) = Board of Trustees (BOW) = Board of Worship		(BOY) = Board of Youth (B.S.) = Bible Study (CR) = Conference Room/Church Office (FH) = Felger Hall (Gym) = Gym in Use (HC) = Home Communion (HD) = Heritage Day (Hax) = Hax Parlor (WGT) Women’s Grace Team (WR) = Workroom/Church Office (YR) = Youth Room	