



“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us...” John 1:14

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ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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TODAY'S WORSHIP

Order of Worship: Divine Service II, Second Setting (Page 178)
Sermon: In the Flesh
Hymns: Opening – LW #41
Hymn of the Day – LW #58
Communion – LW #62, LW #60, LW #61
Closing – LW #53

WELCOME! We welcome all who have come to God's House today! All worshipers are asked to sign a Pastor's Information/Attendance Card and pass it toward the center aisle during the Worship with Offerings.

VISITORS: You are requested to sign our Guest Register in the Narthex. We are honored that you have joined us in the celebration of Christ's presence among us in Word and Sacrament. We look forward to your worshipping with us at your next opportunity.

WORSHIP SERVICES are conducted at 8:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. each Sunday.

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES are held in the Gym at 9:30 am.

SUNDAY SCHOOL for children ages 3 to 5th grade takes place each Sunday morning at 9:30 am in the 1st grade classroom in the school building. Confirmation classes are for 6th grade and above.

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated at the 8:00 service on 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month and the 11:00 service on 2nd and 4th Sundays. As Lutherans we believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Sacrament: that in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine Christ's body and blood are truly present for the forgiveness of sins. If you are a baptized Christian and this is your belief, we welcome you to the Lord's Table. Communicants may receive the wine from either the individual glasses, or the common cup which will be offered following the individual glasses. Communicants who cannot tolerate regular wine may take the white non-alcoholic wine in the individual glasses in the center of the communion tray. We ask that those not receiving the Sacrament, including children and youth who have not taken the First Communion class, keep their hands folded so that they may receive a blessing.

Organist: Lorna Menzel
Readers: Doug Nodurft
Usher/Communion Assistants: 8D, 11B
Greeters: Christy Giardina, Lynn Wismar, and June Stephens

Next Week (1/1/11): (New Year's Day)

Organist: Julie Bedard
Readers: Adrienne Slack
Usher/Communion Assistants: 8D, 11B
Greeters: Karen Trovato, Mike and Christy Laporte
Fellowship: Ruth and Ron Krugler

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Here We Grow Again!...Check out the cross wall in the Fellowship Center to see if you can spot the new crosses contributed by Estle and Pat Neie. More variety! Thanks Estle and Pat!

Talent shared with our church! If you were at the live nativity and saw the awesome costumes that the players wore, be sure to tell **Ms. Elaine Stiegler** how great they are! That's right, a few years ago, Ms. Elaine made each and every single one of those costumes! How lucky are we to have such talent in our congregation and Thank You to Ms Elaine for sharing that talent!

DECEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH: This month we are collecting **new and gently used winter clothing for Monte de los Olivos**. Monte is located in Metairie on David Drive and primarily serves the Hispanic portion of our Lutheran family through Pastor Gonzales. Boxes will be located in the Narthex for your donations. Thank you!

Thanks to the Musicians Thanks to all the musicians who have enriched our worship over the last couple of months. Thank you for sharing the talents God has given you: Brass: Adelle Bergman, Joe Tortorich, April Dembrun, Chase Dembrun, Brian Huber, Amanda Mahnke, Pasto Babin, and Renee Babin; Oboe: Jarod Dembrun; Guitar: Liese Detmer

Chili Cook Off! Mark your calenders now for the 2nd Annual Chili Cook Off! Plan to enter your chili and/or come and taste and vote. We had a great time last year and you will not want to miss it! Friday, January 27. More details to come.

2nd Grade News We have been having a wonderful time in second grade this year. We have ten students, five girls and five boys. They are all very bright and are doing well in school. In Math we have been working on memorizing addition facts to quickly take time tests. We will be beginning subtraction time tests this week. We are also just starting to add two digit numbers together with carrying. We have a math meeting on our math carpet every morning which our students enjoy doing. We sing Math songs and solve different types of problems. The math student of the day writes the answers up for us. This past month, we have also been opening our advent calendar and reading the bible verse for the day in math time. All of the students are looking forward to Christmas, and we have been learning about the birth of Jesus. Several of our students were very surprised that Jesus was born in a stable and placed in a manger. They said they could not believe he was put in a place like a barn and placed where animals ate! All of the students enjoy religion time and like using their individual student

bibles. We have gone on a field trip each quarter so far. We went to Global Wildlife Center in Folsom and learned about the animals there. We also went to see Petite Rouge A Cajun Red Riding Hood play. We read several versions of the fairy tale and compared them before going to see the play. They are all working on becoming stronger readers and are progressing greatly with their reading ability. All of the students in the school made a sheep for a scarecrow that we placed at City Park and the second grade put the scarecrow together. It was Jesus Our Good Shepherd scarecrow with Jesus as the scarecrow and all the children as the sheep. We just found out that it won second place for most original!



NEW Adult Bible Class – Joseph – Carpenter of Steel!

Come to this video Bible study produced by Lutheran Hour Ministries and led by Pastor Ken as we learn about the man God chose to be Jesus' earthly father. We meet in the Gym at 9:30.

Make sure you are on the St. John Email List: each week, the bulletin is sent electronically and any announcements that need communicated. Many times, emails are sent for last minute notification. If you do not receive a weekly email from St. John, please email us at sjlc2@bellsouth.net *asap* so that you will be added to the email list. Note that this email list is used only for church announcements and you will not receive any "spam" emails. Make sure you are on the email list to get important announcements/reminders. Send an email with your email address today!



NEW CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE! We are starting a new service that will be on the second Saturdays of each month in the Sanctuary at 5:00 p.m. It will have a relaxed feel, modern contemporary hymns, and Gospel centered messages. Our next service will be on Saturday, January 14th at 5 pm. Bring your friends and come help grow and shape this new ministry! For more information, talk to Pastor Ken.

NEW PRAYER LIST PROCEDURE. Due to the increased need for prayers for our family and friends of St. John, all names on the bottom section of the prayer list in the bulletin will remain on the list for 1 month from the date of inclusion. After 1 month, names will be removed so that we can add new requests. If you wish someone to be on the list again please resubmit their name to the office by phone, 482-2118, or by email sjlc2@bellsouth.net and it will again be added for another month. Members of St. John will remain on the prayer list as long as needed. Thank you for your prayers for your brothers and sisters in Christ!





Upcoming Events:

January 1	.....	New Year's Day Service at 10:00 am
January 3	.....	School Resumes
January 14	.....	Contemporary Service at 5:00 pm
January 16	.....	School/Office closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 27	.....	Chili Cook-off
January 29	.....	5 th Sunday – one service at 10:00 with potluck lunch



December



Anniversaries and Birthdays:

Happy Anniversary!

Carl & Anne Landwehr	Dec 6
62 years!	
Gordon & Charlotte Anderson	Dec 9
Chip & Carol Darré	Dec 30

Happy Birthday!

Mark Barnhouse	Dec 1	Mickey Greer	Dec 18
Derek Trovato	Dec 1	Sean Mollberg	Dec 20
Hannah Geihlsler	Dec 5	Molly Sylvester	Dec 20
Joel Henschen	Dec 7	Verna Geihlsler	Dec 21
Alexandra Krugler	Dec 8	Andrew Jordan	Dec 21
Alice Kraus	Dec 8	Robert Olmstead, III	Dec 24
Morgan Kleinschmidt	Dec 14	John Wolfe	Dec 27
Irwin Senentz, Jr.	Dec 14	Ron Krugler	Dec 28
Valerie Vidros	Dec 14	Karl De Luca	Dec 29
Dale Simmons	Dec 15	Victoria Slack	Dec 29
Zachary Jones	Dec 16		

ST. JOHN PRAYER MINISTRY

This week, please remember these members and friends of St. John in your prayers.

Members

Name	Reason
James Badeaux.....	Health Concerns
Lois Bairnsfather	Health concerns
Edward Blum.....	Health concerns
Maddie Brown.....	Health concerns
Lloyd and Georgia DeLuca	Health concerns
Liese Dettmer.....	Recovering from surgery
Janet Henneberg.....	Health concerns
Estelle Hrivnak	Health concerns
Cathy Laguaité.....	Health concerns
Carl Landwehr	Health concerns
Paul Mancuso.....	Recovering from stroke
Sylvia Moser	Health concerns
Kelly Orozco	Health concerns
Eric Phillipott.....	Bladder cancer
Milton Schuermann	Health concerns
Irwin Senentz	Recovering from lung surgery
Bruce Wismar.....	Health concerns
Ruth Wegener	Health concerns
John Wolfe	Recovering from bypass surgery
Mona Wolfe	Recovering from surgery



Friends & Relatives

Name	Reason	Requested by
Jerry Amuedo.....	Diagnosed with pulmonary disease, brother of.....	Christy Laporte
Donald Collins.....	Health Concerns, friend of.....	Gloria Souchon
Carolyn Kraft.....	Recovering from Mastectomy, friend of.....	April Dembrun
Berna Schambach	Recovering from back surgery, friend of	St. John
Arthur Stock.....	Diagnosed with liver cancer, cousin of.....	Dale & Nolan Simmons
Rodney Taylor.....	Complications from Muscular Dystrophy, father of...	Joseph Taylor

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

Budgeted weekly in 2011: General Operating Fund Offerings: \$6,900.00

A budget commitment of approximately \$46/week per family or giving unit.

Worship Attendance Last Week: 8AM: 57 11AM: 69

<p>December 18, 2011 Offerings</p> <p>General Operating Fund: \$ 9,829</p> <p>Loose/Non-Member Offerings: \$ 195</p> <p>Directed Funds:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Altar Guild \$ 165</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Building Fund \$ 535</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Coffee \$ 0</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Facility Income \$ 0</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Katrina/SBA Debt \$ 50</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Kuehnert Music/Organ \$ 0</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Memorials \$ 0</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Mission of the Month \$ 0</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">SJL School \$ 0</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Social Ministry/Alms \$ 5</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Stewardship \$ 50</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Other \$ 15*</p>	<p>Gen. Operating Fund Weekly Snapshot</p> <p>Budgeted: \$ 6,900.00</p> <p>Received: \$ 9,829.00</p> <p>+/(-) \$ 2,929.00</p> <p>Gen. Operating Fund Dec. Snapshot</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Week 3</p> <p>Budgeted: \$ 20,700.00</p> <p>Received: \$ 25,088.00</p> <p>+/(-) \$ 4,388.00</p> <p>Gen. Operating Fund Year to Date</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Week 51</p> <p>Budgeted: \$ 351,900.00</p> <p>Received: \$ 317,475.00**</p> <p>+/(-) (\$ 34,425.00)**</p>
*bell fund	**corrected total

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I'M USING JESUS THEMED WRAPPING PAPER SO
I WON'T FEEL AS BAD ABOUT FIXATING SO
HEAVILY ON PRESENTS THIS YEAR