



*“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’”
Mark 1:3*

DECEMBER 4, 2011

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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TODAY'S WORSHIP

Order of Worship: Divine Service II, Second Setting (Page 178)

Sermon: Your Own Wilderness

Hymns: Opening – LW #14

Hymn of the Day – LW #28

Communion – LW #380, LW #411, LW #240

Closing – LW #27

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: Julie Bedard

Readers: Kristi Nodurft (8am), Macy Mollberg (11am)

Usher/Communion Assistants: 8B, 11C

Fellowship: Kristi and Doug Nodurft

Greeters: Jennifer Jones (8am), Sarah and Matt Stohs (11am)

Next Week (12/11/11): (Third Sunday in Advent)

Organist: Lorna Menzel

Readers: Lois Rost (8am), Arynne Sherouse (11am)

Usher/Communion Assistants: 8C, 11A

Fellowship: Jennifer Jones, Dee Jones, and Marlene Kleinshmidt

Greeters: Brian Huber (8am), Charlie Stephens and Beverly Dupre (11am)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Altar Flowers. Altar flowers are given today to the glory of God by Joe Stamm and Virgil Ford for 19 years of friendship and blessings.



Mid-Week Advent Services

We have Advent services every Wednesday at 7 pm. Join us each week as we Proclaim the Wondrous Birth!

SAVE THE DATE...LIVE NATIVITY



Don't forget to mark your calendar for the Live Nativity on Friday, December 16 from 6:30 - 8:30. We are still looking for help with the following:

Donations of "treats" (cookies, brownies, etc.)

Donation of bottled water

Supervising Hot Chocolate table

Nativity cast members

Carolers

Clean up crew

Please contact Amy Velez to sign up! aspeaker31@earthlink.net or 502-836-9968.

NEW Church Phone Directory!

In the narthex you will find a Master Copy of our phone/address directory. Please check it to make sure all of your information is correct. If not, please add or delete what is needed.

There are also Personal Information Forms for you to fill out if you have not done so already.

Completed forms can be given to Pastor Ken. Thanks!

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!



Christmas Concert

Kim Jovanovich and the Marigny Pops will be presenting their 23rd annual Christmas Music concert on Dec 11, 2011 at 6PM in the evening. This is an informal musical concert you don't want to miss. St Paul Lutheran Church at 2624 Burgundy Street in the Faubourg Marigny has offered to host the concert again and has extended to us the use of their facilities.

LHS Holiday Brunch - Please join us!!!! The Ladies' Tea has grown into Lutheran High School's Holiday Brunch. It will be held on Saturday, December 10 at noon at the home of Joan Akin (201 Sycamore Drive in Metairie). This is a gift gathering party for the Gryphon Gala, so please bring a gift valued at \$40/person (or a cash gift) to be auctioned off in April. Both men and women are invited to attend. RSVP to 486-6133. Come celebrate the Christmas holidays with us!!!

Lutheran High School- BCS National Championship and Sugar Bowl Opportunity Tickets: If you are interested in the opportunity to win 2 tickets to the **BCS National Championship** and 2 tickets to the **Sugar Bowl**, contact Lutheran High School at 504-455-4062 (\$1 donation/ticket). The drawing will be held on December 21st. The winner receives all 4 tickets and does not need to be present to win!



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.

Handbells anyone? Our handbell set was damaged in Katrina, and we are thinking of having them refurbished and purchase new cases, tables, etc. But there's no reason to do that if we won't have a handbell choir! If you would be interested in playing handbells (even if you've never done it before - training included) please let Julie Bedard, Sarah Stohs or Pastor Babin know.

The Bell Fund For many years, the beautiful sound of our church bell ringing let the neighborhood know that service was starting at St. John. If you were married at St. John, you probably remember the feeling when the bell rang just before your wedding began. Unfortunately we are currently not hearing that beautiful sound due to the large amount of damage to the bell tower. Estimates are for several thousand dollars to repair the bell tower which was not budgeted.

A bell fund has been set up to raise the money. If you are able to donate, please note it on your envelope. If you would like to send donations to the St. John Bell Fund, please make your check payable to St. John and send it to 3937 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70119 with a note enclosed that it is of the bell fund. Thank you in advance!

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, December 10th at 5 pm. Bring your friends and come help grow and shape this new ministry! For more information, talk to Pastor Ken.

Volunteers Needed. Are you looking for a chance to be more involved at St. John? Do you have some free time? There's always plenty to do and more hands are welcome. If you are interested in volunteering your help and giving some of your time in the office, please contact Pastor Ken or Bethany (our principal) either by phone or email.



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!



Take a Meal to the Krzenski Family

Family and Friends of St. John,

As most of you have heard, the Krzenski family recently lost part of their home and much of their belongings to a fire. As they recover from this disaster, we would like to support them by providing them as many meals as we can.

A website has been set up to help organize meal preparation and delivery. If you are interested in signing up to donate a meal, please visit <http://www.takethemameal.com> At this website, you will be prompted to search for the family by their last name: **Krzenski and a password: 2974** Once you have done this, you may sign up for a date and list the meal that you will be bringing. The Krzenski family may then view what meals are being delivered when. We ask that all meals be brought to the St. John Office between the hours of 8AM and 4PM. Thank you for your continuous prayers and support for the Krzenski family.

Birdhouses for sale

Pastor Taglauer is selling birdhouses for \$10.00 each to raise money for his church. His daughter, Kristi Nodurft will be selling this during fellowship time.

School News

An educational fund was established at St. John Lutheran School in the name of Kim Elizabeth Hamm who lovingly and generously gave of her income, time and talents for the benefit of Lutheran School education. Kim was the niece of George and Shirley Kleinpeter.

Youth Group Space

Macy Mollberg is starting up a youth group at the church in January. In preparation, she is looking for help at 6pm Wednesday, December 7th (before Advent service) to clean up the old youth group upstairs in the gym. Let her know if you are interested in helping (and feel free to share any ideas for youth group events). Youth are also welcome to help set up the space!



Upcoming Events:

- December 7Midweek Advent Service at 7:00 pm
- December 8Frederick/Barbalich Wedding Rehearsal
- December 9Frederick/Barbalich Wedding
- December 10Contemporary Service at 5:00 pm
- December 11 Sunday worship at 8:00 & 11:00 am
- December 14 Midweek Advent Service at 7:00 pm
- December 16Live Nativity at 6:30 pm
- December 18 Sunday worship at 8:00 & 11:00 am
- December 21 Midweek Advent Service at 7:00 pm
- December 24Christmas Eve Services at 7:00 and 11:00 pm
- December 25Christmas Day Service at 10:00 am
- January 1New Year’s Day Service at 10:00 am



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
Morgan Kleinschmidt	Dec 14	Robert Olmstead, III	Dec 24
Irwin Senentz, Jr.	Dec 14	John Wolfe	Dec 27
Valerie Vidros	Dec 14	Ron Krugler	Dec 28
Dale Simmons	Dec 15	Karl De Luca	Dec 29
Zachary Jones	Dec 16	Victoria Slack	Dec 29

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
Louise Platt.....	Health concerns
Milton Schuermann	Health concerns
Irwin Senentz	Recovering from lung surgery
Gloria Souchon.....	Recovering from Cataract surgery
Bruce Wismar.....	Health concerns
Ruth Wegener	Health concerns
Mona Wolfe	Recovering from surgery



Friends & Relatives

Name	Reason	Requested by
Jerry Amuedo.....	Diagnosed with pulmonary disease, brother of.....	Christy Laporte
Carolyn Kraft.....	Recovering from Mastectomy, friend of.....	April Dembrun
Rodney Taylor.....	Complications from Muscular Dystrophy, father of...	Joseph Taylor

Thank You

Here's one more living example for acclaiming Gods' Grace and our Thankfulness for His Guidance. Darlene Fields, who many of you knew before Ed was transferred from New Orleans, received a note from her recent tests that she was NED (No Evidence of Disease). This is after many operations for cancer in three regions of her body. Although she's still undergoing treatment for after effects, she sends her gratitude for all our prayers. She may be now taken off the list.

In His Name
Eric Phillipot

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE
November 13, 2011

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: 127 11AM: 21 Sat. 5pm: 20

<p>November 13, 2011 Offerings</p> <p>General Operating Fund: \$ 4,846</p> <p>Loose/Non-Member Offerings: \$ 169</p> <p>Directed Funds:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Altar Guild \$ 45</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Building Fund \$ 230</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Coffee \$ 0</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Facility Income \$ 1000</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Katrina/SBA Debt \$ 125</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Kuehnert Music/Organ \$ 0</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Memorials \$ 200</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Mission of the Month \$ 210</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">SJL School \$ 0</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Social Ministry/Alms \$ 0</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Stewardship \$ 50</p> <p>Other:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Golf Tournament \$ 1,150</p>	<p>Gen. Operating Fund Weekly Snapshot</p> <p>Budgeted: \$ 6,900.00</p> <p>Received: \$ 4,846.00</p> <p>+ / (-) \$ (2,054.00)</p> <p>Gen. Operating Fund Nov. Snapshot</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Week 2</p> <p>Budgeted: \$ 13,800.00</p> <p>Received: \$ 10,237.00</p> <p>+ / (-) \$ (3,563.00)</p> <p>Gen. Operating Fund Year to Date</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Week 46</p> <p>Budgeted: \$ 317,400.00</p> <p>Received: \$ 275,217.00</p> <p>+ / (-) (\$ 42,183.00)</p>
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OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

November 20, 2011

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: 127 11AM: 21 Sat. 5pm: 20

<p>November 20, 2011 Offerings</p> <p>General Operating Fund: \$ 7,324</p> <p>Loose/Non-Member Offerings: \$ 218</p> <p>Directed Funds:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Altar Guild \$ 40</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Building Fund \$ 300</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 \$ 525</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Kuehnert Music/Organ \$ 0</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Memorials \$ 320</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Mission of the Month \$ 20</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">SJL School \$ 50</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Social Ministry/Alms \$ 20</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Stewardship \$ 50</p> <p>Other:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Bell Fund \$ 90</p>	<p>Gen. Operating Fund Weekly Snapshot</p> <p>Budgeted: \$ 6,900.00</p> <p>Received: \$ 7,324.00</p> <p>+/(-) \$ 424.00</p> <p>Gen. Operating Fund Nov. Snapshot</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Week 3</p> <p>Budgeted: \$ 20,700.00</p> <p>Received: \$ 17,561.00</p> <p>+/(-) \$ (3,139.00)</p> <p>Gen. Operating Fund Year to Date</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Week 47</p> <p>Budgeted: \$ 324,300.00</p> <p>Received: \$ 282,541.00</p> <p>+/(-) (\$ 41,759.00)</p>
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Memorials

In loving memory of Wally McCleney, a memorial was received from:
Edmond and Berna Schambach

In loving memory of Beth and Wally McCleney a memorial was received from:
Patricia Sullivan

In loving memory of Wally McCleney a donation to the Bell Fund was received from:
Lloyd DeLuca

In loving memory of Bonnie Kroll Emerson a memorial was received from:
Jack Emerson

In loving memory of Dottie Vix a memorial was received from:
Carl and Janet Henneberg

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE
November 27, 2011

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: 10AM: 107 Thanksgiving: 45

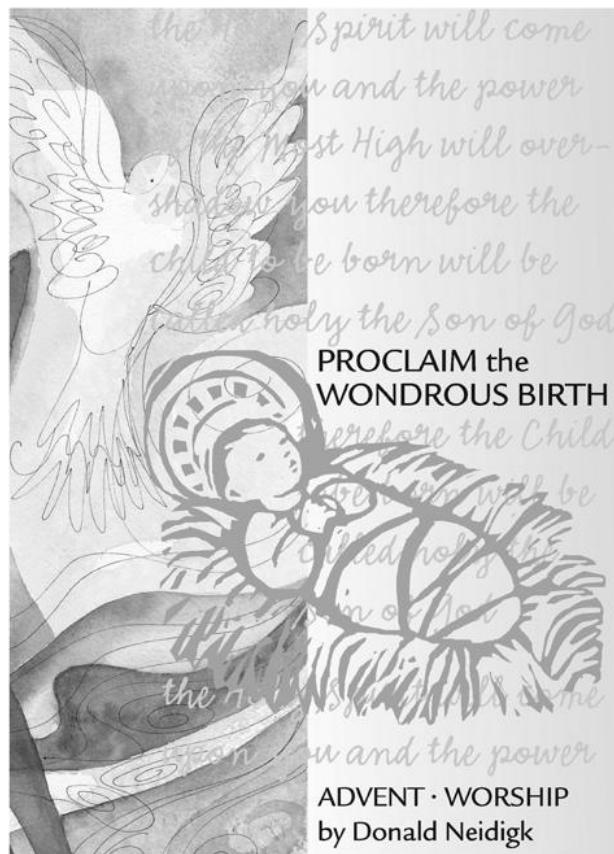
<p>November 27, 2011 Offerings</p> <p>General Operating Fund: \$ 5,903</p> <p>Loose/Non-Member Offerings: \$ 154</p> <p>Directed Funds:</p> <p> Altar Guild \$ 110</p> <p> Building Fund \$ 200</p> <p> Coffee \$ 0</p> <p> Facility Income \$ 1,500</p> <p> Katrina/SBA Debt \$ 25</p> <p> Kuehnert Music/Organ \$ 0</p> <p> Memorials \$ 20</p> <p> Mission of the Month \$ 0</p> <p> SJL School \$ 0</p> <p> Social Ministry/Alms \$ 0</p> <p> Stewardship \$ 50</p> <p> Other:</p> <p> Bell Fund \$ 110</p> <p> Golf Tourn. \$ 17,500</p> <p> (fund match from Thrivent)</p>	<p>Gen. Operating Fund Weekly Snapshot</p> <p>Budgeted: \$ 6,900.00</p> <p>Received: \$ 5 903.00</p> <p>+/(-) \$ (997.00)</p> <p>Gen. Operating Fund Nov. Snapshot</p> <p align="center">Week 4</p> <p>Budgeted: \$ 27,600.00</p> <p>Received: \$ 23,464.00</p> <p>+/(-) \$ (4,136.00)</p> <p>Gen. Operating Fund Year to Date</p> <p align="center">Week 48</p> <p>Budgeted: \$ 331,200.00</p> <p>Received: \$ 288,444.00</p> <p>+/(-) (\$ 42,756.00)</p>
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Memorials

In loving memory of Beth and Wally McCleney a memorial was received from:

Earl and Marilyn Newman

Proclaim the Wondrous Birth



In Advent we are looking toward the wondrous birth of Jesus on Christmas, but along the way in Scripture there were other wondrous births that pointed to God's promises fulfilled and to that most special birth in Bethlehem. Join us for our special midweek Advent services as we look at how each of these wondrous births take us straight to the crib to meet "the baby of promise."

Our midweek Advent services will be on **Wednesdays, December 7th, 14th and 21st at 7:00 p.m.** Come and worship with us as we proclaim the wondrous birth!

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Thanks to Dad Hengeveld (See Matthew 3:1-17)

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WHO LET ALL THESE LOCUSTS IN HERE?