



*“Well done, good and faithful servant.
You have been faithful over a little;
I will set you over much.
Enter into the joy of your master.”
Matthew 25:21*

NOVEMBER 13, 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: Talented People
Hymns: Opening – LW #203
 Hymn of the Day – LW #404
 Communion – LW #378, LW #246, LW #238
 Closing – LW #394

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

Reader *Christi Giardina (8 am), Jim Geihlsler (11am)*
Ushers/Communion Assistants *8A, 11B*
Fellowship: *Jim and Denisse Geihlsler*
Greeters: *Mickey and Becky Greer (8am), Lynn Wismar and June Stephens (11am)*

Next Week (11/20/11):

Organist: Julie Bedard
Readers: *Adrienne Slack (8am), Eric Phillpott (11am)*
Usher/Communion Assistants: *8A, 11B*
Fellowship: *Tom Axelrad and Sheryl Story*
Greeters: *Christi Giardina (8am), Mike and Christy Laporte (11am)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCHOOL NEWS

We want to thank everyone who supported our Rock 'N' Bowl fundraising event. Many attendees requested that we do this again next year so it seems to have been an enjoyable evening for all. Our total profit was about half of what we need in order to purchase the interactive board (SMART Board) for the sixth grade classroom. Joel Henschen, our sixth grade teacher, is very excited about that! If our Chili Cook Off is as successful as it was last year, we should be able to purchase the equipment. You will be hearing more about the Chili Cook Off, scheduled for January 27th, from Julie Bedard.

Our goal this year is to have interactive boards in all of our upstairs classrooms. We already have one board that Sarah Stohs utilizes daily with her students. We are hoping to purchase the same technology for our third grade classroom and to accomplish this we are planning an auction in late March. This event, titled Blackboards and Blue Jeans, is being coordinated by our school board chairperson, Arynne Sherouse. Please talk to her if you are interested in helping.

Today we welcome our kindergarten and first grade students who are here to play handbells for us. We thank the parents for bringing the children this morning and Paula Wood for directing.

ANOTHER FUN POTLUCK!

Thank you to everyone who participated in last weeks' potluck! The big group effort of cleanup was especially appreciated. BIG THANK YOU to Amy Speaker Velez for shopping and cooking the main dish of Italian sausage/meatballs in sauce with pasta....wasn't it yummy? If you haven't been to the last potlucks, be sure to attend our next one. It's great fellowship and delicious food!

MORE NEW CROSSES

Our cross wall in the Fellowship Center continues to grow and grow. Can you spot the new additions? Joe Stamm and Virgil Ford brought some crosses from Puerto Rico; Paula Wood gave some crosses and one of them was actually from Pastor Kuehnert and Lorraine; Mark Barnhouse and Jennifer Jones brought one from San Marcos Basilica in Venice. Check out the ever-growing cross wall and enjoy!

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Can you help with this wonderful service? We need some help next Sunday after worship to bring things down from the choir loft after 11:00 service. And if you would like to help during the Hanging of the Greens service on November 27th, please speak with Sarah Ledet. Thank you!

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.

POINSETTIA PICKUP

If you purchased poinsettias during our Altar Guild and St. John Lutheran School sale for personal use please see Christi Giardina or Sarah Ledet to pick up your poinsettias on Sunday, November 27th, following our 10:00 a.m. Hanging of the Greens Service. We appreciate your support for our church and school. Poinsettias donated to the church will be noted in the Hanging of the Greens bulletin

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!!!

Letter from Pastor Tag

Dear Members of St. John and Pastor Ken:

This Sunday, we arrived at New Life and the treasurer presented us with news of your generous gift for the Kenyan trip. I thank you so much!

It is an exciting opportunity to share Jesus' Love in a cross-cultural setting through MMT. It is my hope that the many needs of those applying for aid will be met helping to bring healing in their lives.

Our team is meeting in Atlanta on November 8th, leaving on the 9th for Amsterdam and Nairobi. We will be housed in Atemo, a short distance from Matongo where the ELCK has a clinic, (including a lab and dispensary), the ELCK Seminary and a deaconess college. I expect to teach and preach a bit also. Additionally, I am expected to do what the team leader wishes to have done. I covet your prayers and again thank you greatly. I'm appreciative.

Blessing!

Pastor Tag

Kenyan Medical Mission Team

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!

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.

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!

NOVEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH: November's Mission of the Month is the **Thanksgiving Basket food drive**. Please place your nonperishable food items in the boxes in the Narthex labeled "Food Drive". Acceptable items include canned meats and vegetables, peanut butter, cereal, oatmeal, cream of wheat, instant hot beverages, dry milk, pasta, rice, canned sauces, soups and juices. Thanks for your participation.



Adult Bible Class! Stewardship – is it a bad word? Does it make you squirm? Is it just about money? NO! Our Christian stewardship is really all about how we live our lives for God and for others. Come join us in this Bible Class led by Doug Nodurft and Pastor Ken as we learn how God has blessed us and how we can be a blessing to others. We will 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, 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.

Help for Christians in San Salvador

Some of you may know Gloribel Rubio, whose husband was a Pastor here at St. John years ago. Their church was affected by the recent rain and storms in that area and they are seeking prayers and aid. If you would like to help them, make a check out to St. John and write San Salvador in the memo line. Thank you!

Dear friends in Christ,

I just want to share with you what is happening again in El Salvador. We have been hit by two big storms coming from Mexico. We are having heavy rains for 10 days now. Thousands are homeless, schools have been closed to house the people, roads are heavily damage, because the rain has not stop it's not possible to evaluate all the damage. The President has declared state of emergency for the whole country. The road to the airport was closed temporarily because of mud slides, so the road to Tepeagua and Guaymango. One of the bridges we cross to Guaymango collapsed with the strong waters from the rivers. These tragedy has been evaluated as one of the worse in our country. Our Church is trying to reach to our communities to see how our members are doing. I have not been able to communicate with Irma or any other member of Guaymango, the telephone connections are damage. I am trying to contact the police there to ask them if I could travel but no luck. One of the greatest losses, besides of lost lives is the corn harvest, it is totally lost with all the water, this will bring more missery to our farmers who this year were very please with their harvest. I am doing well considering, the house is with water every room but I cannot compare my situation with those who lost everything.

Again, I ask you for your prayers for our people and for the soon stopping of the rain.

In Christ again,

Gloribel Rubio



Upcoming Events:

November 24Thanksgiving Day Service at 10:00 am
 November 25 Saddy/Rodriguez Rehearsal at 6:00 pm
 November 26Saddy/Rodriguez Wedding at 7:00 pm
 November 27Hanging of the Greens- one service at 10:00 am
 November 30Midweek Advent Service at 7:00 pm
 December 16Live Nativity at 6:30 pm



November



Anniversaries and Birthdays:

Happy Anniversary!

Juan & Heather Cazabon	Nov 3
John & Ramona Wolfe	Nov 7
Steven & Angela Allain	Nov 9

Happy Birthday!

Chloé Babin	Nov 2	Kristen Knauff	Nov 15
Suzette Ledet	Nov 3	Sylvia Williams	Nov 15
Dustin Godbey	Nov 4	Anne Landwehr	Nov 16
Sarane'e Bell	Nov 5	Ryan Koenig	Nov 18
Yvonne Campell	Nov 5	Rhonda McCord	Nov 21
Krysten Ledet	Nov 5	Macy Mollberg	Nov 21
Elizabeth Wucher	Nov 5	Adrienne Slack	Nov 21
Helen Roy	Nov 10	Joshua George	Nov 22
Adelle Bergman	Nov 11	Norman McCord, Jr.	Nov 22
Elsbeth Harkey	Nov 11	Milton Blust	Nov 23
Clarence Holmes	Nov 11	Rebecca Chittom	Nov 24
Diane Phillpott	Nov 11	Megan Steinbauer	Nov 27
Michael Greer	Nov 13	Pamela Koenig	Nov 28
Rebecca Greer	Nov 15	Brittany Growden	Nov 28
		Peter Steinbauer	Nov 30

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: 53 11AM:61

<p>November 6, 2011 Offerings</p> <p>General Operating Fund: \$ 5,391</p> <p>Loose/Non-Member Offerings: \$ 160</p> <p>Directed Funds:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Altar Guild \$ 0</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Building Fund \$ 475</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 \$ 25</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Kuehnert Music/Organ \$ 15</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Memorials \$ 25</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 \$ 0</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Stewardship \$ 50</p> <p>Other:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Golf Tournament \$ 500</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Bell Fund \$ 200</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Potluck \$ 11</p>	<p>Gen. Operating Fund Weekly Snapshot</p> <p>Budgeted: \$ 6,900.00</p> <p>Received: \$ 5,391.00</p> <p>+ / (-) \$ (1,509.00)</p> <p>Gen. Operating Fund Nov. Snapshot Week 1</p> <p>Budgeted: \$ 6,900.00</p> <p>Received: \$ 5,391.00</p> <p>+ / (-) \$ (1,509.00)</p> <p>Gen. Operating Fund Year to Date Week 45</p> <p>Budgeted: \$ 310,500.00</p> <p>Received: \$ 270,371.00</p> <p>+ / (-) (\$ 40,129.00)</p>
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Memorials

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

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Henneberg, Sr.

ST. JOHN PRAYER MINISTRY

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

Members

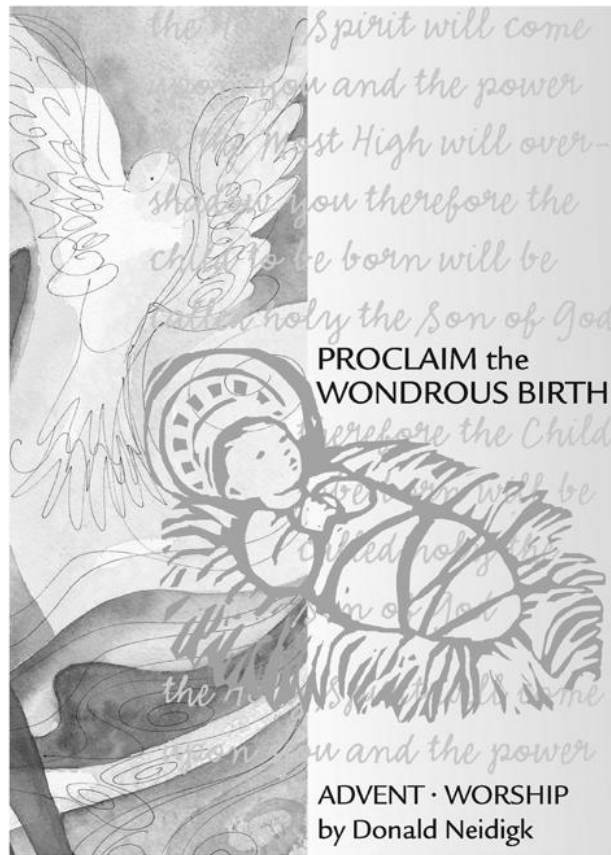
Name	Reason
James Badeaux.....	Health Concerns
Lois Bairnsfather	Health concerns
Edward Blum.....	Health concerns
Maddie Brown.....	Health concerns
Lloyd and Georgia DeLuca	Health concerns
Liese Dettmer	Recovering from surgery
Janet Henneberg.....	Health concerns
Estelle Hrivnak	Health concerns
Cathy Lagaite.....	Health concerns
Carl Landwehr	Health concerns
Andy Lass.....	Recovering from surgery
Paul Mancuso.....	Hospitalized, 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
Freddie Stouder	Hospitalized
Bruce Wismar.....	Health concerns
Ruth Wegener	Health concerns
Mona Wolfe	Recovering from surgery



Friends & Relatives

Name	Reason	Requested by
Andrew A.....	Life concerns, nephew of.....	Virgil Ford
Joseph Bethancourt	Health concerns, cousin of.....	James Badeaux
Jackie Chalin	Surgery & Health Concerns, friend of	Gloria Souchon
Shannon Deblanc	Brain Tumor, friend of	The Darrés
Darlene Fields.....	Health Concerns.....	St. John
Chico Garcia	Injured in boating accident, friend of	Emily Maclean
Debra Gorman.....	Hospitalized after brain aneurism	Joseph Taylor
Odie Moises.....	Health concerns, mother-in-law.....	Brian Huber
Rick Murray.....	In coma, relative of.....	Kathy Bretz
Lisa Phillipott.....	Health Concerns, wife of.....	Jason Phillipott
Andy Schott.....	Cancer, uncle of	Amy Speaker
Ricky Sebastian.....	House caught on fire, neighbor of	Liese Dettmer
Gail Streng.....	Health Concerns, cousin of.....	Penny Streng & Alex Reinboth
Rodney Taylor.....	Complications from Muscular Dystrophy, father of...	Joseph Taylor
Elio Todaro	Stomach cancer, friend of	Jennifer/Dee Jones
Kate Toepfer.....	Injured in a fall, 4 year old relative of.....	Pastor Ken

Proclaim the Wondrous Birth



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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, November 30th, 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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TALENTS THAT GOD HAS GIVEN ME