



*"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son."
Matthew 22:2*

OCTOBER 9, 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: The Wedding Feast
- Hymns: Opening – LW #455 – verses 1 through 4
Hymn of the Day – LW #347
Communion – LW #243, LW #239
Closing – LW #455 – verses 5 through 7

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: Jon Burroughs

Reader Doug Nodurft (8 a.m.), Adelle Bergman (11a.m.)
Ushers/Communion Assistants: 8A(8 a.m.), 11A(11a.m.)
Fellowship: Christi Gardina, Karen Tovato, and Sarah Ledet
Greeters: Brian Huber (8 a.m.), Mike and Christy Laporte (11 a.m.)

Next Week (10/16/11):

Organist: Julie Bedard
Reader Nolan Simmons (8 a.m.), Sarah Stohs (11a.m.)
Ushers/Communion Assistants: 8A(8 a.m.), 11B(11a.m.)
Fellowship: Ruth and Ron Krugler
Greeters: Mickey and Becky Greer (8 a.m.), Jon Huggett (11 a.m.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Altar Flowers. Altar flowers are given today to the glory of God by April Dembrun in Honor of Kristen Tortorich's birthday.

Congregational Assembly

A Congregational Assembly will be held next Sunday, October 16, 2011 in the sanctuary after the 10:00 service. The meeting is being called to discuss current budget issues and office staffing needs. Each council member will also give a report. Please make every effort to attend this meeting and support our church officers. Thank you!

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!

Thank You!

We would like to thank everyone who signed up and brought us a meal on the take them a meal website. It was so nice for days when Maddie had an appointment later in the afternoon that we could just pop the meal in the oven and dinner was ready for us. We are constantly overwhelmed with all the love and support we have received from our family at St. John. Thank you again so much for all that you have done!

- Jarrod and Mallory Brown

Extended Thanks

Christine Donnelly would like to extend a thank you to the St. John Congregation for remembering her father, Freddie Stouder in their prayers. They give their love to all.

Trick or Trunk

It will be a brisk, safe, and fun filled night as Trick or Trunk descends upon St. John Church and School. Please come and participate in a fun event for the church, school, and community.

October 28th 5:30 – 7:30

Cars and Volunteers need to be at church between 4:30 – 5:15.

Volunteers are needed for games, face painting, distribution of hot dogs, water, light up necklaces and more. If you are unable to attend please assist with the donation of candy (a box for collection is located in the rear of the church).

Please call Karen Trovato 236-8534 if you have any questions or suggestions

Choir News

Reformation is coming and we'd like to have a choir! Here at St. John, we make it simple by having a Pickup Choir that will meet for just two rehearsals:

Sunday, October 16 9:00 a.m. (there is only one service that Sunday)

Sunday, October 30 9:15 a.m. with the service being at 10.

Start singing in the shower and come to the balcony for at least one of the rehearsals to join us. If you'd like the music ahead of time, let Julie Bedard know (leave a message for her in the school) and she will get back to you.

Preschool Highlights

I spy with my little eye...10 little Preschoolers waving their moms and dads goodbye!

It is a joy to see what a wonderful new group of students we have in our Preschool classroom. When school began there were many tears in the morning when saying goodbye, but now each morning brings 10 cheerful students who are ready for their day at school! It was difficult for the parents seeing their tears, but now it is the opposite as they have to ask for a hug and kiss before they leave! Our days are very busy and full of learning as we gather for Circle time, play in our centers, work in small groups and praise God during Jesus Time.

Quotation Highlight:

This question was asked after our story of creation while playing: "Mrs. Hicks, who is *that man* who made the animals?"

Our class would like to give a special thank to Ms. Christy Laporte who has been coming in throughout the week to help serve lunches in our classroom!

- Mrs. Hicks

FAMILIENFEURSORGE....The school year is rolling along quickly...we have already had our first family social – our Back to School Social was a huge success with a lot of great food and fun had by all...especially when the school parents played Musical Chairs- they sure got into it!....We are sad to see **Michelle Buchanan** leave us (our office manager) but are glad to welcome **Robyn Carlini** in that position!...stop by the office and introduce yourself!...Thanks to **Catherine Newman** and **Dorothy Giardina** for volunteering in the office- it is a tremendous help!!...also thanks to **Christy LaPorte** for volunteering to help in the 3 year old preschool class and to **Steve Bairnsfather** for hanging up the white board in the library...you are all a true blessing to us.....have you seen those commercials on WGNO Ch. 11 that say "God Bless Louisiana"???...well, keep your eye out for them in the near future and you will see some of our church members in one of them...**Lola and Ken Lass, Carol and Meg Darre, Mona and Natalie Wolfe, Jenna and Matt Hicks, Sarah and Matt Stohs**, and yours truly (**Paula Wood**)

were recently filmed doing one of them with a theme of “family, food, and fun”!- It was filmed at the Lass house – so neighbors **Beau and Kathryn Raymond** and their girls joined in the fun too!!! Look for these promotional spots!!.....well, that is all for now...I haven't received any other news lately so I hope everyone is enjoying this fall weather....and cheering for those Tigers and Saints! Yea teams!.....let me know what's up!....pwood11@hotmail.com

Rock 'N' Bowl School Fundraiser!

Friday, November 4th is the date! Thirty dollars per ticket is the price! Technology for our classrooms is the purpose! Fun and fellowship is the benefit! Would you like to know more? Okay, read this! Your ticket includes admission to Rock 'N' Bowl, food, drinks, (soft drinks, wine and beer), bowling, shoe rental, band cover charge and fun times with your St. John family! This (adult) night begins at 7:00 p.m. Order your tickets today! Order forms are in your bulletin and may be given to Bethany Gonski, Ginny Krzenski or any of the teachers. Thank you for supporting our school!

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.

Lutheran High School Open House for students entering grades 9-12 for the 2012-2013 school year will be held on Thursday, October 20 from 6pm - 9pm. Come stop by to learn more about all that Lutheran High has to offer. LHS is located at 3864 17th Street in Metairie. For more information about the school, visit the website (www.lutheranhighschool.net). Hope to see you there!

Lutheran High School will be hosting an **Alumni Picnic** on Saturday, October 15 at noon on the school's campus (3864 17th Street). All alumni, parents, and friends are invited to attend!!! Fried chicken, potato salad, chips and dips, desserts, and soft drinks will be provided along with entertainment for the kids. Don't miss this chance to reconnect with your former classmates. RSVP to Ashley Reso (afreso@cox.net).

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!

OCTOBER MISSION OF THE MONTH: Our October mission of the month is for **UNITY** of



Greater New Orleans – an organization committed to ending homelessness and bringing New Orleans home. Their mission is to: **Provide** services to those who are homeless – those families and individuals who were homeless prior to Katrina, as well as those who have lost their homes as a result of Katrina; **Advocate** for effective public policies to bring home and rebuild the lives of all low-income people in New Orleans and Jefferson Parish; and **Work** to prevent new homelessness as we rebuild our community. Thanks for your generosity!

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 new 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 second service will be on Saturday, November 12th 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 this summer? There's always lots to do and more hands are welcome. If you are interested in volunteering your help and giving some of your time in the office this summer, 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!



Upcoming Events:

- October 14..... Golf Tournament
- October 16.....One service at 10:00 with Congregational Meeting afterwards**
- October 21-23.....Men’s Retreat
- October 28..... Trick or Trunk
- October 30 Reformation Sunday – One Service with Potluck**



October



Anniversaries and Birthdays:

Happy Anniversary!

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| Mike & Christy Laporte | Oct 14 |
| 21 years! | |
| Charlie & Anne Stephens | Oct 19 |
| 48 years! | |
| John & Dorothy Giardina | Oct 20 |
| 63 years! | |
| Carl & Janet Henneberg | Oct 27 |
| 62 years! | |

Happy Birthday!

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| Mary Geihlsler | Oct 1 | Connor Wolfe | Oct 17 |
| Cooper Slack | Oct 2 | Georgia De Luca | Oct 19 |
| Elroy Ledet | Oct 4 | Christi Giardina | Oct 20 |
| Pat Mitchell | Oct 6 | Olga Rey | Oct 21 |
| Ramona Wolfe | Oct 6 | Tom Axelrad | Oct 23 |
| Lisa George | Oct 9 | Jim Geihlsler, Sr. | Oct 23 |
| Beverly Dupré | Oct 11 | Douglas Roark | Oct 24 |
| Dee Jones | Oct 12 | Ruth Wegener | Oct 24 |
| Estle Neie | Oct 14 | Norman McCord | Oct 25 |
| Louise Platt | Oct 14 | Angela Allain | Oct 30 |
| Jon Huggett | Oct 15 | Louis Guillaud, Jr. | Oct 30 |
| Daniel Senentz | Oct 15 | Katie Jones | Oct 30 |
| Lucille Engelhardt | Oct 17 | Brody Roark | Oct 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: 8 AM: 67 11 AM: 51

<p>October 2, 2011 Offerings</p> <p>General Operating Fund: \$ 5,914</p> <p>Loose/Non-Member Offerings: \$ 47</p> <p>Directed Funds:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Altar Guild \$ 40</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Building Fund \$ 410</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Coffee \$ 20</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Facility Income \$ 0</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Katrina/SBA Debt \$ 0</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Kuehnert Music/Organ \$ 15</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Memorials \$ 500</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 \$ 20</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Stewardship \$ 0</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Other \$ 160*</p>	<p>Gen. Operating Fund Weekly Snapshot</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Budgeted: \$ 6,900.00</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Received: \$ 5,914.00</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">+/- \$ (986.00)</p> <p>Gen. Operating Fund Oct. Snapshot</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Week 1</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Budgeted: \$ 6,900.00</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Received: \$ 5,914.00</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">+/- \$ (986.00)</p> <p>Gen. Operating Fund Year to Date</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Week 40</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Budgeted: \$ 276,000.00</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Received: \$ 254,348.00</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">+/- (\$ 21,652.00)</p>
*bell fund	

ST. JOHN PRAYER MINISTRY

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

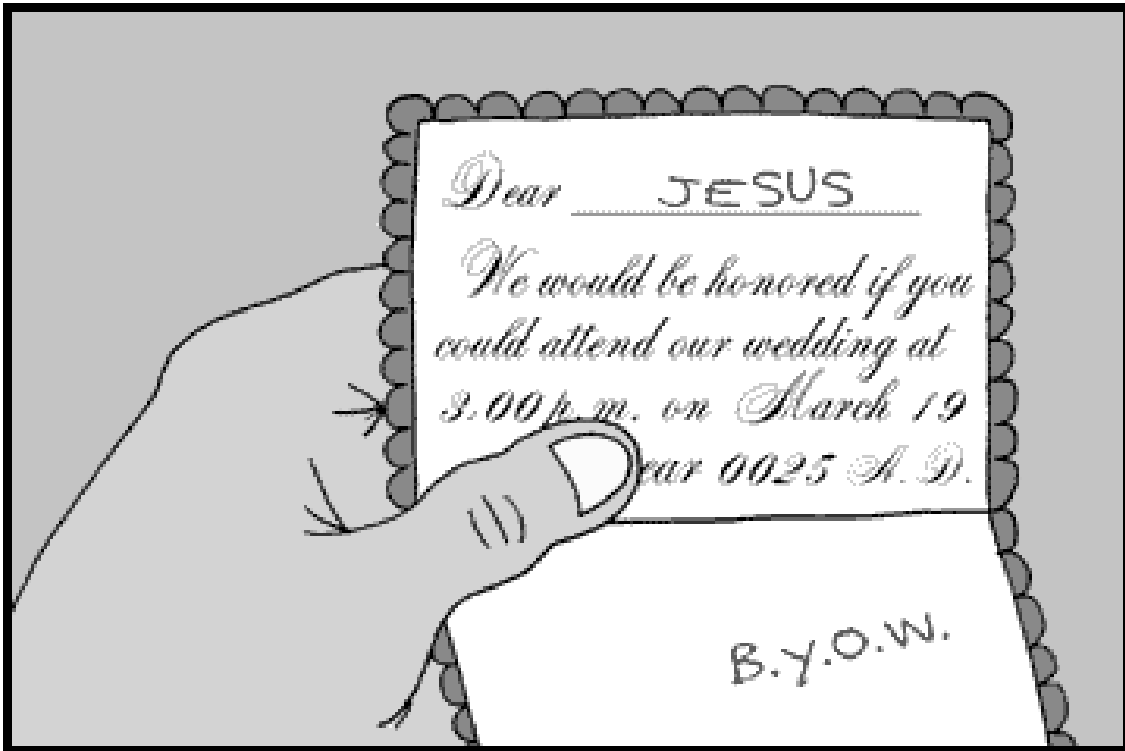
Members

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
Andy Lass.....	Recovering from surgery
Paul Mancuso.....	Cancer Treatment
Wally McCleney	Health concerns
Sylvia Moser	Health concerns
Kelly Orozco	Health concerns
Eric Phillpott.....	Bladder cancer
Louise Platt.....	Recovering from hip surgery
Milton Schuermann	Health concerns
Irwin Senentz	Recovering from lung surgery
Freddie Stouder	Hospitalized
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
Janet Normand.....	Health Concerns, friend of	Gloria Souchon
Lisa Phillpott.....	Health Concerns, wife of.....	Jason Phillpott
Ophelia Price	Health Concerns, friend of	Gloria Souchon
Pat Rumore	Health Concerns, friend of	The Darrés
Andy Schott.....	Cancer, uncle of	Amy Speaker
Lena Sclafini	Health Concerns, friend of	Gloria Souchon
Ricky Sebastian.....	House caught on fire, neighbor of	Liese Dettmer
Gail Strenge.....	Health Concerns, cousin of.....	Penny Strenge & Alex Reinboth
Elio Todaro	Stomach cancer, friend of.....	Jennifer/Dee Jones



Thanks to Dad Hengeveld (See John 2:1-11)

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