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Worship Schedule

Sunday 9:00 AM Traditional Service
Coffee Fellowship
11:00 AM Praise & Worship
11 AM - Kids Church

Special Dates in November

1st All Saints' Day
4th Daylight-Saving Time ends
11th Veterans Day
18-25 National Bible Week
22nd Thanksgiving Day
25th Christ the King Sunday



Dear Friends,

This month we begin our two service schedule at 9:00 and 11:00 am as we end daylight savings time. It's

good to be able to welcome back our winter visitor friends. The theme for November 4th is All Saints' Sunday. I've been reading up on saints and stewardship. One reason we remember the saints is that they were such stewards of God's grace while among us. They are an interesting collaboration of blessings from God that get managed well for the whole spirit of our church. At the same time, often the churches in which we worship were built because of the sacrificial giving of those who have gone before. Utilizing God's gifts for the common good of the church, for the mutual enrichment of our lives seems to be a common thread.

So we'll lift up those who've gone before, loved ones and friends whom we hold in memory and spirit. Psalm 24 states that "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and those who dwell therein." Another lesson stresses that the Lord is making all things new. We are entrusted, as a church, with a sacred trust to take good care of the world God made, to help the Lord care for his people and look after those in need. Looks like saintly stewardship, right here within our own lives, families, and community.

November 11th we enjoy giving thanks for our Veterans and the many sacrificial ways they served and helped our nation continue strong and free. We're collecting pictures for a board to illustrate some historic detail and memory. We'll honor their service and consider the service of many others including our Lord's life given to serve the wholeness of our lives. Many past and present have served to renew society. It's good to give thanks for the many ways people serve.

November 18th is a kind of "Famine Sunday," as we get ready for a national Thanksgiving holiday time in the community. Our youth are doing a 30 hour famine over the weekend and they'll ask us in the congregation to lend our support. Thinking about sharing and using our gifts well for others, their effort living on a whole lot less is really quite a sincere effort they make leading and guiding us.

November 25th is Christ the King Sunday. This Sunday ends the month and the Pentecost season of the church year. This summer time has been the time of our growth as Christians. Andrew is mentioned in the scriptures for this day, the one who brought Peter to Christ. His expression was "Come and See." Sometimes our offering could be who we bring with us. Saints are people who let the light in. Stewards are people who take good care of God's blessings and gifts, so that the mission of the church can thrive. Doing both together makes our lives well grounded and all of us together a spirited harbor. Thank you for your parts in how far we have come as a church. It's a grateful place we serve. It's a gladness we know and share.

Love, joy and peace,
Pastor Charles



Rehearsals are in full swing. More voices are always welcome. We're beginning to work on Christmas music.

Join us at 4 pm in the Ministry Center. If you have any questions please call Laura Stave at (760)564-0137.

A FAMILY PRAYER

Lord, behold our family here assembled. We thank you for this place in which we dwell for the love that unites us, for the peace accorded us this day, for the hope with which we expect the morrow, for the work, the health, the food, and bright skies that make our lives delightful for our friends in all parts of the earth. Amen

—Robert Louis Stevenson



- 2 Kris Hopping
- 5 Lane Stave
- 7 Robert Dixon
Phillip Branson
- 8 William Koch
Shirley Rosales
- 9 Christy Ansbro
- 13 Noah Brown
- 14 Conner Peace
- 15 Madison Hulslander
- 16 Karla Wilson
- 16 Alma Titone
- 18 Jim Anderson
- 18 Carol Van Natta
- 19 Len Brickles
- 20 Terrie Heer
- 20 Michelle Melcher
- 20 Layla Espinoza
- 22 Faith Loutsenhizer
- 25 Henry Therkildsen
- 27 Lillian Wilson
- 29 Astrid Blaker

December 1 - 10

- 2 Lisa Caronna
- 3 Lu Clubb
- 3 Fred Kressierer
Jan Querciagrossa
- 4 Norma Jean Woods
Nancy Frey
Danette Davis
- 5 Dora Hoppe
- 6 Betty Stucki
Joyce Medford
- 7 John Hagar
Stephanie Hopping
- 8 Arlene Kukowski



- 3 Donna & Don Olsen
- 6 Linda & Daryl Wolf
- 8 Carole & Robert Ericksen
- 14 Nydia & Eugene Louis
- 19 Elizabeth & Harry Waaler
- 26 Joan & Dave Laudig
Judy & Benjamin Davis
Bonnie & Larry Wolf

December 1 - 10

- 3 Sandra & Vito Genovese
- 5 Betty & Dick Landis
- 6 Joyce & Bill Richter
- 15 Diane & Dan McClary



If anyone is interested in being a Service Assistant (Usher, Greeter, Reader, or Communion Assistant) please contact Millie Taylor at iammillietaylor@gmail.com Everyone is welcome!

November 4th



FALL BACK one hour at bedtime on Saturday, November 3rd or at 2 AM Sunday morning.

RESUMING November 4th.

9 Am Traditional Worship
11 AM Praise Worship



St. John's is blessed with people who are gracious to those who are poor in their pockets, but rich in their spirits.

It's not too early to include holiday foods when shopping. We have a few cans of cranberry sauce, pumpkin, sweet potatoes, and dressing mix squirreled away on the shelves, but could use a lot more. Thank you for all the bags, egg cartons, and toiletry items that continue to fill the baskets in the narthex. It's encouraging to know that you keep FIND IN MIND.

If you wish to make a financial contribution to FIND, please write "FIND" in the memo section of your check or on the offering envelope.



From our

**Council
President**

Blessings abound at St. Johns. So often we tend to focus on what we don't have or how things could be better. It's human nature as individuals as well as the collective body of believers, I am a perfect example. No wonder God reminds us to slow down and count our blessings. We have been so blessed here at St. Johns over the last year . A wonderful Ministry Center, beautiful enlarged warming area, freshly painted and cleaned Fellowship Hall. Numerous furnishings, window coverings, signage and items needed to complete the interior of our new center. All paid for and pledged(loaned) from our members and friends of St. Johns.

- * A new camera system donated by AMSProtectme.com, our security company that monitors our facility.
- * It looks like we will not need to borrow from our credit line.
- * One of the families that *loaned* us \$10,000.00 for the building has decided to "donate" it.
- *And here come our winter friends. *Welcome back.*

Blessings abound here. As we enter the winter season let's not forget how blessed we are. Let's look for more ways to share these blessings with our neighbors and community. This is too good of a thing to keep to ourselves. Thanks to you all who make this happen and of course thanks to God for his continued light that shines here at St. John's.

Blessings, Craig Jahries
Council President

COMBINING EVANGELISM AND MISSION



WEBSITE - What is your view of our web site? What changes/additions would you suggest?
How often do you access the web site? --- And for what reasons?
E mail your thoughts to st.johns@verizon.net.

ADULT FORUM - Topic for our October 7th session was devoted to planning for Oktoberfest. Experiences of past events continue to be helpful. The October 21st session was scheduled to review the recent Church Council meeting; we discussed our web site and the need for constant updates.

Topics for November 4th - Oktoberfest review/consider future events.
November 11th are being considered-any suggestions?
November 25th will review the November Church Council meeting.

FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

The congregation continues to be generous with articles for our neighbors across the street at the Washington Apartments. Board games, craft items, movies, books, magazines are all welcomed.

COFFEE HOSTS BETWEEN SERVICES

Karen and Rick Sorensen are still involved with continued testing and "check ups" related to Karen's successful surgery for a kidney. The procedures will continue thru the balance of 2012. If you can host a Sunday in either November or December-please add look for the sign-up sheet in the "warming kitchen" area.

REACH OUT TEAM NEEDS YOUR INPUT

Would you be interested in a Bible Study between the services? Any specific book or personality of the Bible would you like to study? What topic(s) would you like to hear about during an Adult Forum?

Contact: Lothar Vasholz / lotharav@aol.com

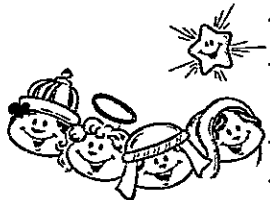


The youth of St. John's spent the month of October serving, and planning for the Holiday season. On October 7th we had a Youth Sunday. We had youth ushers, reader, greeters, a communion assistant, a performance from Rock the Flock and some fabulous music from youth

musicians. We even hosted fellowship hour! On the 21st we had our first "Mission Sunday." Rock the Flock did an amazing job bringing their message of "New Life in Christ" to the residents of the Washington St. Apartments. On the 28th we got together to host a fun costume party for the Sunday school kids.

Upcoming Events for November

- Sunday, 4th RTF Performs @ 9 & 11am
Youth Worship 5 to 7pm
- Friday, 9th Winterslam in Ontario 7pm
- Friday, 16th 30 Hour Famine
- Sunday, 18th "Famine Sunday"
- Friday, 23rd Family football game - 1pm



The Sunday school kids will be taking a break from their weekly lessons, as they begin rehearsal for their annual Christmas Pageant which will take place on December 9th. Please be sure to bring your "little angels" to the Ministry Center at 11am so they can learn all the wonderful new music for this year's show!



Our NEWSLETTER, "The Good News", newspaper is delivered via email in the form of a pdf file (portable document file). Please make sure we have your email.

It can be viewed with Adobe Reader, available for free at;

<http://www.adobe.com/downloads>.



If you would like prayer for you or someone else, please contact one of the people listed below. This group stretches far and wide via e-mail. Make sure to ask the person's permission to be placed on the prayer chain. Requests are confidential.

- Call (760): Diana Lang 360-2479
- Joan Laudig 343-2093
- Marji Vasholz 221-6571



F.I.N.D.

Food In Need of Distribution

St. John's is blessed with people who are gracious to those who are poor in their pockets, but rich in their spirits. We moved over 5,000 lbs. of food last month. That same food is moved from the warehouse, loaded

for transport, delivered to church storage, packed in bags, and finally handed out to our recipients. It's our privilege to participate in the whole process. The USDA, Feeding America Program, FIND Warehouse and multiple contributing companies, stores and individuals all make it possible. With God's blessing, we'll continue to do our best to serve His people.

If you wish to make a financial contribution to FIND, please write "FIND" in the memo section of your check or on the offering envelope.

October	2011	2012
# of people served	456	511
# of people over 55	135	135
# of children under age 5	58	48
# of children age 5-19	117	134
# of people 20-55	146	194
# of families served	165	177



On October 28th we welcomed;

Jean & Jeff Beier, Judy Burke, Lynn De Rosier, Ruth & Carl Fikes,
and Susie Keenan

into the membership of St. John's.



THOUGHTS FOR VETERANS DAY

**Remember
Our
Veterans**

Abraham Lincoln gave his second Inaugural Address on March 4, 1865, as the Civil War was raging.

He said, "Fondly do we hope — fervently do we pray — that this mighty scourge of war may speedily pass away."

Lincoln's next paragraph is especially appropriate for Veterans Day:

"With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphan — to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace, among ourselves, and with all nations."

When President Lincoln finished his classic oration, he reportedly kissed the Bible and left the platform. He was assassinated the next month.



On November 11, 1918, the Germans and the Allied Nations, which included the United States, signed a document to initiate an armistice (cessation of hostilities), thus ending World War I. A year later, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation designating November 11 as Armistice Day. It was to be a day of reflection — a day to remember those who died in the country's service and to offer Americans the opportunity "to show sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nation."

Wanting to recognize more specifically America's veterans, Congress passed a bill changing the name of the day from Armistice Day to Veterans Day. The change was made in May 1954.

On this national holiday, churches around the nation hold services of prayers and praise. Followers of the Prince of Peace pray for peace among the nations of Earth and for the day when "they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more" (Isaiah 2:4, NRSV).

**We HONOR YOU and we THANK YOU for your service
to the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA .**

Please join us November 11th at we honor our Veterans with a special tribute worship services.



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God's work. Our hands.

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

God's word of promise is given to all who are facing uncertainty, damage and disruption following Hurricane Sandy and its subsequent storms.

That word of promise is Christ is with you always. With Paul we can say, "If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it." (1 Corinthians 12:26)

As members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), we remain in prayer, responding generously and working tirelessly to rebuild lives, congregations and communities.

We are not doing this work alone. Through ELCA Disaster Response, we are joining with our congregations, affiliates and other partners in our shared commitment to restore communities. As we have shown in past disasters, we stay until the work is done. That is the ELCA's commitment.

Please continue to respond with prayers, generous gifts of time and money, and the commitment to a sustaining presence. Visit ELCA Disaster Response at www.ELCA.org/disaster for updates, downloadable bulletin inserts, worship resources and ways to make contributions online.

Thank you for your prayers and generosity as we respond together and do God's work in Christ's name for the life of the world.

In God's grace,

The Rev. Mark S. Hanson
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



NOVEMBER 16-17, 2012
CENTRAL CITY LUTHERAN MISSION
SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA

For more information, workshop descriptions, or to register for just \$35, visit www.elca.org/glocal or call 800-638-3522.

God's work in mission always propels us to encounter the neighbor, particularly in the stranger. ELCA Glocal Mission Gatherings equip us for God's work in today's global and local realities as well as their "glocal" intersections.

What is mission? Who is the neighbor? Let's consider these questions together as they relate to our migrating and immigrating world. Come, join some of the most relevant mission conversations of our time.

"Then the Lord said to Cain, 'Where is your brother Abel?' He said, 'I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?'" -Genesis 4:9

We are pleased to work with Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, synods and the local planning team to present this event.



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ELCA DISASTER RESPONSE
HURRICANE SANDY

NOVEMBER 2012

www.elca.org/disaster

From the Caribbean to the northern Atlantic coast of the United States, millions of people have evacuated their homes and communities due to Hurricane Sandy. Strong winds and torrential rains have led to flooding and mass destruction. The storm has claimed the lives of at least 84 throughout the United States and the Caribbean.

We need your help. The ELCA is a leader in disaster response. Working through our local affiliates and global church partners; we stand ready to respond. Your gifts will help our church meet the immediate needs of those affected by providing food, water and shelter. And we will continue to help for as long as we are needed.

The storm sent trees crashing down and left neighborhood streets looking like rivers. While destruction on the Eastern coast is devastating, please also remember the damage of Hurricane Sandy in the Caribbean as millions are feeling the impact of this storm.

Please give today. Your gift, designated for "Hurricane Sandy," will be used entirely – 100 percent – in response to this disaster. You can designate your gift for Hurricane Sandy – where the need is greatest, or you can donate gifts specific to the United States or Caribbean. Thank you!

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Yes, I want to help!

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Give through your congregation or send your check directly to:
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write "Hurricane Sandy" or "Where Needed Most"
on your check's memo line.



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