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Tidings

December, 2009 Volume 63, Issue 12

"The heart of Christ...in the heart of the City."

(from the desk of Pastor Skip)

Well, we have all reached Advent and it's time for me to begin thinking about what I'm going to dedicate my Tidings articles to next year. 2008 was the year of leadership. 2009 was the year of stewardship. What am I going to come up with in 2010? Probably won't think about it much until this article is written because I have one more thing to say about stewardship and then I'll start talking to you about something else. "Bout time, you say? Well, Merry Christmas!

My last input on a Biblical understanding of stewardship comes as the fourth item of interest in Paul's second letter to the Corinthians, Chapters 8:1-15 and 9:6-15. Paul is here describing the very, very poor Christians of Macedonia. He states that even in their poverty they **begged** for the opportunity to take up a collection for the Christians in Jerusalem. Four principles are presented to us here. First, Paul affirms that "above everything the Macedonians gave themselves first to the Lord." We talked about that in the September Tidings. Next Paul tells us that the Macedonians "gave of their own accord, according to their ability." They were prepared to be stewards, they were ready! We dove into that concept in October. In November we came to an understanding that the Macedonians's contribution was given "for the favor of participating in the support of the church." They saw their stewardship as a challenge within their faith to lay claim to the promises of God.

Lastly, the simple fact that Paul tells the Corinthians of the Macedonian stewards is a great witness to what Christian sacrifice can mean to the whole of God's people. Keep in mind that the quality of the management of God's resources I have control over is not only an opportunity to respond to Jesus with faith in his promises but also an important opportunity to respond to my fellow believers in love. It is crystal clear that my giving is an opportunity to show others in my community that I love them. It's clear because that's exactly what Paul says in verses seven and eight of Chapter Eight.

In I Corinthians 16:1-4, Paul requests the Corinthians to put aside money each week as a worship response experience. The habit of the Sunday offering is very early in the Christian tradition. It wasn't started by Lutherans! The "offering" is habitually hooked into a worship-response pattern and as such, a means by which we respond to the gospel as it is preached in our services. I guess that is why I appreciate very much that within our tradition the offering is collected after the sermon as an opportunity to respond volitionally to the message. Now I also realize that that is a little risky—lousy sermon translates into a lousy offering! But it does allow all of us to maintain the joke that Sunday's offering is in indirect proportion to the length of the sermon.

With the attitude that God owns everything the vitality of the Christian's witness is shaped and formed by their worship of God within a specific community as they respond Sunday after Sunday to the Gospel preached within that community. As faith grows under that habit and discipline of weekly response to what is preached, the Christian places themselves more and more into a trust relationship with God as they rely more and more on God's ability, (and not their own) to meet their needs. This trust-bond so vital to a relationship with Jesus will provide for the Christian a great opportunity to share his love with his/her brothers and sisters in Christ within that community. They become then a great witness to the other stewards in the community to what God can do in the life of one He owns.

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In Our Prayers

Please pray for the following members and friends and family of the congregation:

Adeline Cavazos
Adrian Kamm
Alison Donatucci
Anna Lisa Valdez
Ardene Wuthrich
Ashley Aniol
Awilda Borchers
Betty Granger
Brenda Buell
Bud Gullickson
Clarene Moore
Cora Ottmers
Courtney Bowles
Danny Cavazos
Edgar Stahl
Ella Wolff
Elton Boehme
Erica Urrabaz & baby
Eva Buchholtz
Evonne Montero
Frances Hillje
Frances Lemaster
Gail Folk
Gladys Garrett
Grayson Richter
Heather Barta
Henry Grun
Judi Bullington
Julia Chatwell
Julie Wedel
Karen Olson
Karl Nentwich
Kyle Bonin
Lillian Levis
Martina Walleck
Mickey Helms
Monica Garcia & family
Nita Poss
Norman Jones
Oscar Valdez
Ottie & Gene Neitzke
Raelyn Cauble & Baby
Ronald Neitzke
Santos Bara
Sarah Carmichael
Steve, Kathy, Travis & baby
Blake Tondre
Susan Holm Huber
Ted Bowles
Tiffany Harper



Thank you for these gifts received in memory or honor of someone during the month of **October**, 2009:

To the Glory of God

In Memory of:

Lucille Boehme by Gaelyn & Frank Burk; Marguerite Lewis; Gloria Teegardin

Clayton Franz by Gaelyn & Frank Burk

Brad Hermann by Delrose Cearley
Emma & Florence Jernigan by Marguerite Lewis

William H. McNary by Susan & Steve Kogan

Harvey Voges by Agnes Behrens & Children; Delrose Cearley & Family; Ruth Schriewer; Mary L. Stites

Prayer List Continued

Trudy Carmines
Vance Kowalik
Victoria Benavides
Virginia Simms

Family & Friends

Marian Brewer
Carolyn Wudel
Steve Elder
Ambros Leyva

Prayers for our Troops

Bob Recio
Dan Leingang
Dennis Kruse
Eric Oglesbee
Jared Raymond
Matthew Helms
Patricia Hruska



The family of Marian Brewer would like to express our thanks for all the prayers, thoughts, cards, memorials, and visits from Pastor Skip and Pastor Steve during our mother and grandmother's hospital and hospice stays. We would like to especially thank Pastor Skip and Mary Boehme for their cooperation in coordinating the funeral. In addition, we would like to thank Alva Schulmeier and the Bereavement Committee for the delicious luncheon that was served after the funeral. We deeply appreciate all the love and support shown to us these past few weeks.

The Family of Marian Brewer
Bill Brewer
Will and Lindsay Brewer

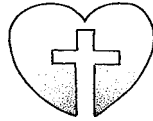
CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations are in order for William L. Brewer II and Lindsay Alyson DeHoff who were married May 30, 2009 at Rush Creek Christian Church in Arlington, Texas. Will is the son of Bill Brewer and the grandson of Marian Brewer.

EMAIL ADDRESS

PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 223-2611 AND GIVE US YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS OR EMAIL IT TO THE CHURCH OFFICE.

THANK YOU



The following were received as members on Sunday, November 8, 2009. Please welcome them.

Carlos and Nancy Codina
Karen Knudson
Liz Porter Laird
Robert, Roxanne and Muffin Russell
Walter Vogt
Dwan Warner

CONGRATULATIONS *December Birthdays*

Dec.	1	Alton Mellenbruch Ronald J Ressman, Jr.
	2	Grace L. Neitzke Jorene Smith Catherine Saathoff
	3	Cora Ottmers Frances Franz Alieda Allen SueAnn P. Haugh
	4	Brian Eckhardt Brooklyn Bowling Neil Haiduk
	5	Kenneth Boehme
	6	Muriel Leafstedt Kristin Grayson Wesley Arnold
	7	Catherine Wilson
	8	Ruby Wehmeyer Courtney Ogle Cassie McNally Jackie McNally Noah Ramirez
	9	Marie Schaper Jim Glass Jeff Curry

CONGRATULATIONS *December Birthdays*

Continued

10	Olive Gallaway
11	Margaret Neumann Joshua Wadsworth
12	Ron Urrabaz Lisa Gail White
13	Sandra Moline Herbert Lieck Judi Bullington
15	Nancy Hein Charles Boehme Thomas Lieck
16	Joan Williams
18	Madisen Curry
19	Diana Garza Joanne Smart Jackie Bourgeois Linda Garza-Molina
20	Gladys Gembler
21	Bill Southwell James "Rob" Hesitlow Christine Caraway Emma Lopez Alexis Pratt
22	Jenny Lynn Heiner
23	Leatha Boenisch
25	Ronald Stinson James Acosta
26	Dr. David Fischer Leslie Ann Schenk
27	Gloria Fleming Mourette Boehme
30	Delrose Cearley Sandi Martin
31	Karen Iredale

Our Christian Mission Statements

St. John's Church

**“Forming Faithfulness to the love of God
...in traditional worship,
...through enlivened discipleship
...with service and honor to all.”**

St. John's Day School

**“As a ministry of the congregation,
St. John's Lutheran Day School
provides a safe, nurturing Christ-centered
environment for young children.”**

***The Worship, Music, and
Arts Committee
Invites you to attend a
Hymn Sing***

**First Sunday of each month 15 minutes
prior to the
Worship service in the sanctuary.**

Christmas Old and New

Sunday December 20th at 2:30 PM

St. John's Lutheran Church, 502 E. Nueva, San
Antonio, Texas

Come enjoy some of the most beloved carols and motets of all time, presented in concert by the stunning voices of the San Antonio Chamber Choir. Christmas Old and New will feature seasonal texts and familiar hymns from the Renaissance to the present. You'll hear soothing Gregorian chant as well as works by Lassus, Byrd, Bruckner, and Lauridsen. "Joy to the World" and "We Three Kings," too! The centerpiece of this wondrous program is Stephen Paulus' Three Nativity Carols for chorus, harp and oboe.

Tickets available online at www.sachamberchoir.org, or at the door. Adults \$15 Students \$5 St. John's members \$10 obtain tickets from Pastor Skip

Free parking in the church lots.



December 31, 2009

Be sure to save the date and join us for a New Year's Eve Party in Memorial Hall on **Dec. 31, 2009**, starting at 7:30 pm. The cost will be \$20 a person, children 12 and under \$5. Entertainment will be provided by Ramblin Man, Bill Damman. Please bring a covered dish to share with all. Tamales will be served. Baby sitting will be provided at \$10 per child. All are welcome.

FIRST FRIDAY CONCERTS

**St. John's Lutheran Church
502 East Nueva
San Antonio, Texas**

All concerts begin at 12:05 PM and are followed by a light lunch served in Memorial Hall (five dollar donation). Limited free parking available.

December 4, 2009

San Antonio Harp Ensemble
Celebrating the 25th Anniversary
Laurie Buchanan, founder/director

January 1, 2010 *Happy New Year*
No First Friday Concert

February 5, 2010
The Church of Our Lady of The Atonement
Academy Middle School Treble Choir
Edmund and Chalon Murray, directors

March 5, 2010 TBA

April 2, 2010
Good Friday Worship (12:00 noon)
No First Friday Concert

May 7, 2010 TBA

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ELF LOUISE CHRISTMAS PROJECT

Thrivent for Lutherans provided monies to purchase 40 bikes for the Elf Louise Christmas Project. Ralph Detwiler and Larry Foster have purchased the bikes. **Now** the bikes need to be assembled. Please watch in the bulletin for a notice as to when and where to help assemble the 40 bikes which will then be delivered on Christmas Eve. For more information regarding this project, please call Larry Foster at 210-342-7508.

(continued from page 1, Pastor Skip's writing)

I want to remind you to do three things this Advent season. As you reflect on your level of stewardship of God's resources you are responsible for, specifically, God's folding resources, take a serious look at your income. Check your budget and see where your money goes. Does it really reflect your Christian faith? Secondly, pray with me that the Holy Spirit prepares us as adequate stewards of God's Creation. Spiritual preparation is a process of growing self-sacrifice for Christ's Kingdom. And third, let our new preparedness enable us to lay claim to the specific blessings we are entitled to, taking God at his word! This isn't putting God to the test but only living within his promises.

My Christian stewardship is the tangible way that I show that I believe not in my ability to guarantee my own financial security, but only in the promise that God has made Skip Courter in Christ Jesus. My level of stewardship should force me to relay on the resources God has given others to manage because I have given all mine to them. In this way we become a community here at St. John's. Our stewardship really is the acid-test of where our faith and hearts are.

It's all so simple. We all want more faith. Well, friends, it doesn't drop from heaven. God's a good steward, he gives it where it is needed. If you never put yourself into a position where you need faith, God doesn't need to give you any! Take the opportunity to grow in faith, run the risk, step out on God's resources and promises. There is no better place than to watch our faith in God's promises reach fulfillment than within this area of our spiritual pilgrimage. Here is a place we can watch our faith grow into the life producing force it is meant to be. The question for us is not, "Lord, how much of my money do you want this Sunday?" but "How much of your money, Lord, can I afford to keep?" And what a question that is! See you in the pews.

THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA

The Women of the ELCA will meet Thurs., Dec. 10 at 9:30 AM in the Pioneer Room.

Program: Christmas Carols by our Pianist Heidi Becker, Bunco and a Covered Dish Luncheon.

All Ladies are invited - just bring a covered dish to add to the Luncheon Table.

Hostess: Mary Circle

Kitchen Cleanup - All Circles

3rd Sunday Refreshments - Mary Circle

Please bring personal items for the Battered Women's Shelter to help brighten their Christmas and a toy for their children, if possible.

Looking forward to having you join us!

NOTES TO THE CONGREGATION

Cookie Walk/Quilt Auction

We are having our Annual Cookie Walk/Quilt Auction and Sale Items on Dec. 6th in the Memorial Hall. We will be selling before and after church. We will gladly accept homemade bake goods donated to sell with the WELCA bake goods. Stock up and freeze the bake goods for Christmas. Proceeds go to Lutheran World Relief and a portion for a special church fund. We will also have a table for Hollye Schwartz here to display the Fair Trade Gift items that you may purchase. Hollye will have coffee, chocolates and handmade items on display. Hollye is a member of Grace Lutheran.

Christmas Blessing to All, WELCA

Health Kits for Lutheran World Relief

We will be collecting Health Kits for Lutheran World Relief for the months of Oct. Nov.& Dec. Items listed below:

- One hand towel, dark color
- One washcloth, dark color
- One bath-size bar of soap, in the wrapper
- One adult-size toothbrush in its packaging
- One wide tooth comb
- One metal nail file or nail clippers with file attached
- Six Band-Aids 1/2" to 1/4"

Please donate any items or a full health kit. Simply wrap all items into the hand towel and secure with ribbon or yarn and drop in the WELCA basket in the Memorial Hall.

Thank You, WELCA

SHEPHERD'S CORNER

So many times in my writing about the Sheep, I assumed (bad designation) that you knew who I was. This is me – Gloria Teegardin.

For this month, I interviewed one couple that has been in our fold for about three years, and the second family who are recently new members.

Slade and Renee Herb joined our flock approximately three years ago. They were married at St. John's and celebrated their third anniversary on November 17th. They bring Slades' maternal grandmother, Mrs. Florence DePaolo, to church and you will read more about Florence later. Renee was a 'military brat'. She has lived in Germany and Turkey as well as other places in the U.S. Renee works for HEB and is an executive director of Pharmacy Marketing. She is also a back-up wedding coordinator, for St. John's working with Mary Boehme. Her hobbies include gardening and working on remodeling their house.

Slade opened his own business, L & L Cycles and does repair & custom work. In addition to cycles and cycle drag racing, he also enjoys history. I'll bet we could get him to assist with some of the St. John's history!

I also had a long talk with **Pearl and Manuel Alvarez**, newer members of the flock. Pearl works for AT & T (we had a long talk about this company and their new endeavors), and Manuel works for SAWS. They were both born and raised in the San Antonio area.

Pearl and Manuel have three children: Felicia, a freshman at University of Texas at Austin, Manuel Jr., who is a Sophomore in high school, and two year old Sebastian. Pearl recently enrolled Sebastian in our day school, and learned about the church through June Airheart. Pearl says, 'we were looking for a church that was like 'home' and have felt welcomed, and that we belong!' Being a busy and working Mom, Pearl's main hobbies are reading and watching different TV shows. Manuel is an electronic bug! Please greet and become acquainted with this new and delightful couple and their family!



A Great Halloween Cemetery Cleanup!

It was a beautiful Halloween morning to spend in St. John's cemetery. We had a great turnout to enjoy the sunny, dry weather. Recent rains have turned the cemetery green and lush—quite a contrast to the long, hot summer! Pastor Skip began the day with a special devotional and read his original account of the parable of the prodigal son. Following the devotional, a large crew of young Luther Leaguers and older members set to work trimming, cleaning fences, removing dead limbs and creating large piles of debris. Luther Leaguers included Brendan Warren, Brittany Weaver, Stephen Salazar, Victor Mendez, Felipa Mendez, Kyle Thompson, Kimberly Hsun and Patrick Hsun. The older (but extremely energetic!) crew was comprised of Steve Wendel, Doris and Ken Taggart, Ken Weaver, Deleyce and Albert Tietze, David Caraway, Fred Pfeiffer, Robert Hartman, Barbara and John Neller-moe, Carmen and David Fischer, our devoted visiting workers Arthur Uhl and W.C. Spenn, Erna Zwicke, Ralph Detweiler, and David Baker. While the brush removal crew worked, Madeline Weaver, Dennis Thomson and Maria Pfeiffer photographed headstones for inclusion on our cemetery website. Special thanks go to Larry Foster who obtained a donation from Thrivent that provided tools and refreshments to the hard-working crew. Our work left the cemetery in good order for All Saints Day and the coming winter. We will keep an eye on the cemeteries in the months to come and look forward to more hard work at the spring work day on May 1. In the meantime, please consider donations to the cemetery trust fund in honor of loved ones and be sure to visit St. John's website to see the always expanding cemetery data base.

Maria Pfeiffer
Cemetery Task Force Chairman

2009 – CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA
(Proceeds to benefit the Luther League)

Poinsettia potted plants will be used during our Christmas Worship services. Each plant will be \$15.00 which includes sales tax. You may present a plant to the Glory of God and:

1) In Honor of:

2) In Memory of:

BY:

Please mark one:

- Plant will be picked up by donor
- Plant will go to the sick or shut-ins

You may bring or mail the form and money to the office or place in an envelope and place in the offering plate. **DEAD-LINE** for turning in money is Monday, December 7.

The deadline for donors desiring to pick-up their poinsettia plant is Tuesday, December 29th. Those plants not picked up by this date will be given to volunteers to deliver to our homebound members. Thank you.

PUBLICATION DEADLINE

Information for the next newsletter must be submitted (preferably by email) by **Friday, December 11, 2009**. Information for the weekend bulletins and announcements are due by **Tuesday afternoon** each week. Submit to: Mary Boehme in the church office:
(ph.) 223-2611 x 200,
(fax) 223-5667, (email)
mboehme@stjohnsroosterchurch.org.

DEADLINES FOR THE FOLLOWING

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

CONTRIBUTIONS

Members of the congregation who desire to receive credit for 2009 are requested to have their contribution in the church by **DECEMBER 31, 2009 or if mailed, the envelope must reflect a postmark no later than DECEMBER 31, 2009 and received by Friday, January 8, 2010 from the United States Postal Service.** (The church office will be closed from December 31, 2009 to January 3, 2010 – reopen on January 4, 2010)

If you are changing your offering using Simply Giving or would like to do Simply Giving, please contact Irene in the church office 223-2611 for forms.

REIMBURSEMENT

Any receipts for reimbursement or expenditure for the year of 2009 **must be in Irene's office no later than Friday, January 8, 2010 otherwise you will not be reimbursed.**

ADVENT FOLDERS

The Advent Folders will not be mailed out this year as in the past years to save on postage. The folders will be available starting Sunday, November 29, 2009 at the reception desk, in the narthex and by the entrance from the Chapel.

ANNUAL REPORTS

All annual reports are due on **FRIDAY January 15, 2010 no exceptions.**

(From Pastors, President, all Committees and Organizations Chair, and School Board)

San Antonio Liederkrantz
Beethoven Mannerchor
Chapel Organist Dr. David Heller
Sunday, December 13, 2009 - 5:30 p.m.

Margarite B. Perker Chapel
Trinity University
(1 Trinity Place)

Sponsored by
The German Weihnachtsfeier Society
of San Antonio
For more Information
please call, 210-826-0255 or 210-342-5765 or 210-534-4481
email: jbculver@grandecom.net or txgisler@swbell.net

MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND JOIN IN THE FUN!

An Old Fashioned St. John's CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 20, 2009

9:30 WORSHIP SERVICE — Within the liturgy our Sunday School children will present “**Sleepover at the Stable**” by Douglas J. Eboch, featuring traditional music and congregation singing many seasonal favorites.

11:30 POT LUCK LUNCH – Please bring a side dish or dessert. Ham, Turkey and Dressing, and Drinks will be furnished by the Wednesday Evening Crew.

Entertainment During and After Lunch

“**The Best Christmas Pageant Ever**” by Barbara Robinson and adapted for Reader’s Theater by Pastor Walter M. Courter. Now the grown-ups get a chance...brought to you by the Church Council and Staff.

The Tuba Meisters – This quartet of professional musicians, featured on stage, television and radio, delight audiences with humor and popular standards for the season. Annually, the Tuba Meisters and St. John’s team together to present **Christmas Tubas**, a large community event that brings together 100+ volunteer musicians from all over south Texas to offer a free, public concert of Christmas music at the Arneson River Theatre. This year’s concert is Saturday, December 19, 2009 at 12:00 noon.

2:30 “Holiday Spirit!” presented by the **San Antonio Chamber Choir**. This ensemble of professional voices is dedicated to enriching the cultural life of south Texas through artistic performances of the finest choral music. Our choral director Ken Turner performs with this outstanding choir. Tickets will be available at the door.

Please complete this form and return to the church office by Friday, December 11, to let us know if you plan on coming for lunch.

Name _____ Total Number of Guests _____

Please bring a new stuffed animal or colorful twin sheet sets to donate to the Lutheran Social Service New Life Children’s Center in Canyon Lake, Texas. New Life Children’s Center is a home for abused, neglected and troubled girls.

URGENT NEED

Christian Assistance Ministry

is in dire need of

MEN'S JEANS AND SHOES

If you are able to hold a "Men's Jeans and Shoes" drive, we will be happy to do an emergency pick-up. Please give us a call as soon as possible as our shelves are bare of men's *small and medium* size jeans (28-34 waists) and *all* size shoes.

Contact Forrest at 223-4099 for a pick-up or you can drop them off at our main client building during business hours:

**110 McCullough
(Downtown at IH-37)
San Antonio, TX 78215**

"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers, you did for me."

Matthew 25:40



**FIESTA NUEVA
AT ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
502 E. Nueva**

**April 18, 2010
Mariachi Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.
Fiesta Nueva at noon-4 p.m.**

Kick off your Fiesta week at Fiesta Nueva with a celebration for the entire family. In the heart of San Antonio and located directly across from La Villita, St. John's Lutheran Church is the oldest Lutheran church in the city and the originator of the Lutheran Coronation. Join us for a special Mariachi Worship Service at 10:45 a.m. that also features past and present royalty of the Lutheran Coronation. Then follow the Mariachi band out onto the grounds to enjoy an afternoon filled with games and rides for the children, food and drink booths, and musical entertainment provided by the San Antonio Jazz Orchestra and other groups.

Attempt to outbid your fellow revelers at the silent auction or try your luck by purchasing a raffle ticket for some fabulous prizes. Our very own King Gallo VII will be crowned and the Royal Court from the Lutheran Coronation will be represented. All proceeds benefit the ministries of St. John's and the St. John's Day School. Make Fiesta Nueva your new Fiesta tradition!

Free admission. For more information, visit www.stjohnsroosterchurch.org or call 223-2611.

**St. John's Evangelical
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And Day School
Fiesta Nueva 2010
Poster Winner
Patricia Becker**

The poster was unveiled at the November 1st annual meeting. Congratulations to Patricia.

*St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Advent and Christmas 2009*

- Sun. Nov. 22 Angel Tree set up in Memorial Hall
- Sun. Nov. 29 "Hanging of the Greens"
- Wed. Dec. 2 Day School - Breakfast with Santa - 800 am
- Fri. Dec. 4 First Friday Concert & light lunch following concert
- Sun. Dec. 6 Choir Cantata during the 9:30 service
Annual Cookie Walk, Silent Auction WELCA
- Sat. Dec. 10 WELCA Christmas Party
- Fri. Dec. 11 Day School Children's Christmas Program
6:00 pm
- Sun. Dec. 13 Luther League Christmas Caroling
- Sun. Dec. 20 Church Christmas Pageant and Party
San Antonio Chamber Choir Concert at 2:30 PM
- Thurs. Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Candle Light Services 5:30
and 11:00 PM - 30 minutes before each service Concert of
Music
- Dec. 24 & 25 Church Office and Day School Closed
- Wed. Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Celebration in Memorial
Hall
- Dec. 31 & Jan 1 Church Office and Day School Closed
- Sat. Jan. 9, 2009 "Taking down of the Greens" at 6:00 pm

**Wednesdays in Advent
December 2, 9 & 16**

**5:30 pm - Vespers
6:00 pm - Dinner in Memorial Hall**

Wednesday, December 24

- 5:00 pm - Concert of Christmas Music (Choirs, Organ,
Instruments)**
- 5:30 pm - Candlelight Holy Communion Service**
- 10:30 pm - Concert of Christmas Music**
- 11:00 pm - Candlelight Holy Communion Service**

**OFFERINGS
AS OF October, 2009**

General Fund		
Income	Current Month	Year to Date
Weekly Commitment	21031.50	248257.32
Parking Lots	20310.86	229119.26
Cemetery Operating		590.00
Other Income	4460.54	50825.55
Income Transfer from Endowment Fund (designated for General & Cemetery Operations) (V. Gembler Estate-designated for Youth) transfer - Sr. High Luther League	2735.25	14556.82 1205.00 10336.11
Total General Fund Income	48538.15	554890.06
Expenses		
Salaries, Benevolence, General & Committee Expenses	55775.97	576457.28
General Fund - Net Gain or (loss (-))	-7237.82	-21567.22
Restricted Funds		
Restricted Income	3869.99	305978.16
Restricted Expenses	759.12	43380.65
Restricted Fund - Net Gain or (loss (-))	3110.87	262597.51

Notes:

	Budget	Amount Paid	Balance
Benevolence			
SW Texas Synod	20000	16666.60	3333.40
TLU-Congregational Aid	650	650	0
TLU -General	1350	1350	0
CAM	1500	1500	0
SAMM	2000	2000	0
CSS	2000	2000	0
Z-Place	1000	1000	0
Synod Assembly Special Offering	1500	1500	0
SA Conference	500	500	0
Cross Trails Ministries	300	300	0
Lutheran Seminary-SW	400	400	0
LSS	250	250	0
Lutheran Vespers	250	250	0
SA Community - Churches	250	250	0
Pastoral Discretionary	200	56.99	143.01
Council Discretionary	2850		2850
Total Benevolence	35000	28673.59	6326.41
Capital Reserve	25200	21000	4200
Money set aside for property taxes		15000	

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502 East Nueva Street
San Antonio, Texas 78205

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