

The heart of Christ...
in the heart of the city



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From the desk of Pastor Skip:

Jesus spent his entire ministry teaching. He then commissioned his followers to teach, saying in Matthew, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, **TEACHING** them to observe all that I have commanded you." From that day on, **teaching** the Christian faith has been an essential part of **being** a Christian. We all have that responsibility.

In the early church teaching was essential as Christians began to discern and put into doctrinal form what the Gospel was and was not. Up to and through the Council of Nicea in 325 AD, there were differing viewpoints concerning the life and ministry of Jesus and many Christian communities felt the need and pressure to clarify some things as orthodoxy and other things as heresy. It all involved teaching.

Throughout the fourth and fifth centuries great Christian teachers, landmark theologians, such as St Augustine, St Ambrose, and the Cappadocian Fathers helped crystallize and popularize the essential teaching of the church. Then along came Luther, an educator/priest, who took teaching the Christian faith to a whole new level. It was his teaching that lifted the church out of the dark ages and into the institution we know it to be today. It was all teaching.

As Lutheranism came to America that emphasis on teaching became predominate. We at St John's are the highest example of that in American history. As the growing number of German Lutherans settled here in South Texas, they lacked pastoral leadership. That was addressed finally by Christian Friedrich Spittler who in 1840 had started a missionary school in Switzerland to teach evangelism and discipleship. It was Rev. Spittler, who in 1851 sent one of his graduates to Texas, Philip Frederick Zizelmann. Rev. Zizelmann's first mission here was the establishment of a school in 1856, which also taught confirmation. Zizelmann confirmed his first catechumens April 5, 1857, eight months **before** St John's congregation was formed 26 December. Eleven days after St John's was organized the church council resolved to recognize the day school. Classes began under the charter of St John's Church, March 1, 1858. The Rev. C. C. Mayer was its first Director and charged tuition of 50 cents a month.

Adult education was also huge in maintaining and expanding our Lutheran heritage here in South Texas. The adults of St John's continued to gather to learn from Scripture, know it and live the words of Jesus in their everyday life. Luther's Small Catechism was written for parents to teach their children in their home and because of that, the adults themselves knew they had to stay one step ahead of their children in their own Christian education.

But as education over the years shifted from homes to public school and confirmation from homes to churches, adult teaching and learning did not remain a primary focus in our church. This shift has created incredible problems for us. The entire focus shifted from adults to children and teaching and learning among adults declined in importance,

to the point in some congregations, it is non-existent. It appears today that children's Sunday School and Vacation Bible school have become the priority.

Unfortunately, even right here at St John's, there are those adults who haven't attended an adult Christian education class since their final exam years ago in Confirmation. In the years since, they have lost that which is vital to their own lives and church. What happens as their adult lives change and they progress through the changes in life from the 30's to the 80's, they do not equip their faith for the age process and the body, emotion, and spirituality changes that happen with age. As we grow older our lives change and we need to grow our relationship to Christ to keep pace. It is inconceivable for me to think that someone living with a 13 year old's understanding of the Christian faith can be faithful when they are facing retirement issues in their 60's. It's inconceivable, but it happens before my eyes everyday.

In Our Prayers

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

Adeline Cavazos
Alta Woytaszyk
August Michalek
Bill Brewer
Billy Odam Sr.
Brian & Debbie Haas
Caroline & Robert Hahn
Charline Herzog
Christal Davis
Cora Ottmers
Daniel Wood
Delia Islas
Dennis Reininger
Duane Jennings
Eddie Flesher
Florence De Paolo
Geneva Hestilow
George Pasterchick
Heidi Becker
Helen Gresh
Isolde Scarzafava
Jesse Mercer
John Stapleton
Joseph Mays & his mother
Judi Bullington
Linda Monsive
Lucille Herndon
Lynn Ziese
Margaret Reynolds
Margie Ringcon
Marilyn Hartung
Marlene Menetti
Merikay Qualls
Michael Helms
Nicky Flores
Nita Poss
Norma Woelfel
Pastor Norm Sulaica
Pastor Steve Lunning
Paul Erich
Philip Lunning
Rebekah Lang
Rev. Cheryl Owen
Santos Bara
Sara Longoria
Scott Crosby
Steven Moyer

Stuart Leafstedt
Terri Ann Goode
Tiffany Harper
Tom Guyer
Wanda Kurth Jones
Willie & Myrna Robinson
Yolanda Garza
Family & Friends
Marguerite Lewis
Willis Cresswell Jr.
Myrle Ann Zunker
Julius Holm

Prayers for our Troops

Bob Recio
Brian Alfaro
Casey Desmuke
Dan Leingang
Dennis Kruse
Eric Oglesbee
Jamie Raymond
Jared Raymond
Mark Alfaro
Matthew Helms
Micah Jenkins
Michael Longoria
Samuel Tate
Steven Baker



Thank you for these gifts received in memory or honor of someone during the month of September, 2011.

To the Glory of God

In Memory of:

Laura Geiger by Evelyn Bippert & Family; Viola Caraway; Delrose Cearley; Curtis & Frances Franz; Ruth Haas; Augusta Knuepper; E.A. Kunze; Harry & Norene Kunze; Litz (Eldridge) Kunze; Lillian Pittman; George & Joyce Pittman; L.M. & Zio Pittman; Joyette & Roger Cameron; Fred & Sharon Pittman. Harvey Lee & Sharon Kunze; Fred & Maria Pfeiffer; Francis R. Sandberg; Margarete Schuette; Ron & Belinda Schmidt; Carol Shaner; John & Katherine Spenn; James & Carla Zuercher

Viola Kolmeier by Viola Caraway; Delrose Cearley; Betty Chan; Curtis & Frances Franz Ruth Haas; Grace Neitzke; Ron & Belinda Schmidt; Albert & Patsy Schrieber; Isabel Ventreck; Shirley Zunker & Harry Jones

Walter Schessenhagen by Mary Jane Schessenhagen

Our Christian Mission Statements

St. John's Church and Day School

**"Forming Faithfulness to the
love of God**

**...in traditional worship,
...through enlivened discipleship
...with service and honor to all."**

Publication Deadline

Information for the next newsletter must be submitted (preferably by email) by **Friday, November 4, 2011**. 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



Congratulations to Sara Goode and Jesse Valadez on the baptism of her children, Chasity, Jayden, and Agnes, on September 25, 2011.



CAM is in need of men and boys clothing and food items. Please bring them to the church and place in the boxes marked for CAM in Memorial Hall.

Thank you

St. John's Council Meeting Minutes

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church Congregation Council Meeting minutes are posted on the bulletin board outside Memorial Hall.

Highland Park Lutheran Church 705 Hammond Avenue

The Annual Turkey Dinner, Bazaar & Flea Market, sponsored by the Women of Highland Park Lutheran Church, will be held on Wednesday, October 26th. Serving hours are from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM and 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM. Food to Go is available. Donation ticket prices are \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 10. Matching funds are being applied for through Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

2011 – 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. You may present a plant to the Glory of God and:

In Honor of:

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 form and money to the office or place in envelope and place in the offering plate. **DEADLINE** for turning in money is Monday, December 5th.

The deadline for donors desiring to pick-up their poinsettia plant is Tuesday, December 27th. Those plants not picked up by this date will be given to volunteers to deliver to our homebound members. Thank you.

**Trinity Lutheran Church
5520 S. Flores Street
"Sausage Supper & Bazaar"
Thursday, November 3, 2011
Serving Time: 3:00 to 7:00 PM
Donations: \$7 per plate
Silent Auction**

(Sausage, Sauerkraut, Green Beans,
New Potatoes, Applesauce, Bread)



CONGRATULATIONS *November Birthdays*

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|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|---------------------------------------|
| Nov. 1 | Dora Boenisch
Mary Boehme | 19 | Susan H. Park
Deborah Johnson |
| 2 | Brandon Rickrim
Joshua Kowalik | 20 | Ruth E. Haas
Chasity Valadez-Goode |
| 3 | Travis Tondre
Adelle Rose Trevino | 22 | Carole Sue Wendel
Darrell Franz |
| 4 | Joey Fisher
Karen Wolff | 23 | Mike Bauer
Col. Wayne Wright |
| 6 | Brittany Weaver | 25 | Roy Lemaster |
| 7 | Sebastian Alvarez | 26 | Marilyn Brehm |
| 8 | Shannon Albers
Dale Schultz
Gloria Teegardin | 27 | Elvera Wehe
Ashlyn Schultz |
| 9 | Frances Bara
Micaila Larson
Ella D. Wilson | 28 | Scott Baker |
| 10 | Christine Ressmann | 29 | Dr. Carmen Fischer
William Ogle |
| 11 | Maurice Deaver
Roger Steckly | | |
| 13 | Ruth Schriewer
Viola Caraway
Mary Jane Schessenhagen
Travis Haiduk | | |
| 14 | Henry Uhr, Jr
Laura Almaguer
Trey Reed | | |
| 15 | Vernell Helm
Dawne Wright
Patti Bernard | | |
| 17 | Jonathan Schmidt | | |

Joint Service
Grace and St. John's Lutheran Churches
Sunday 13 November at 10:30 AM
Sunday School at 9:00 AM
Grace Lutheran Church
Pastor Christopher Gentile, Preaching
Pastor Skip Courter, Presiding

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2011
After worship Sunday, 6 November, we will hold our constitutionally required congregational meeting. Please mark your calendars for this important gathering.

All Saints Sunday **November 6, 2011**

This is the day we remember all our Saints that have gone before us this past year. A candle will be lit for each name that is read during the prayers of the church.

This Month's Events

No Evening Activities on Wednesday,
Nov. 23

Church Ofc. & DS Closed, Thurs. Nov.
24 & Fri., Nov. 25 for Thanksgiving

Men's Retreat Group meets each
Tuesday at 6:30 PM in 3rd flr. conf. rm.
Except Nov. 22 no meeting
Bible Study, Each Wed. at 9:30 AM

Men's Group meets at Taco Haven
each Thursday at 6:30 AM except Nov.
24 no meeting

Wednesday Dinners, 5:30 PM

Campus Ministry meets Wed., 6:30 PM

Book Club Wed., 6:30 except Nov. 30
meets at 6:45 PM

Bell Choir Wed. at 6:30 except Nov. 30
meets at 6:45 PM

Choir Wed. 7 PM except Nov. 30
meets at 7:15 PM

Fiesta Nueva Mtg., Nov. 1, 6 PM

First Friday Concert Nov. 4, 12:05 PM

Tiding Articles due November 4

Annual Mtg. Sunday, Nov. 6, following
Church Service

Executive Comm. Mtg., Sun., Nov. 6
following Annual Meeting

Party in the Pasture, Nov. 6, 1:00 PM
Lutheran Coronation Mtg. Nov. 6, 3:00
Quilting Nov. 9 & 16 at 11:00 AM
WELCA Nov. 10, 10:00 AM, Lunch
following at La Focaccia, 11:00 AM
Joint Church Service with Grace
Lutheran Church, Nov. 13, Sunday
School at 9:00 AM, Worship at
10:30 AM

Committee Mtgs. Nov. 14, 5:30 PM
Council Mtg. Nov. 14, 7:00 PM
Church wide Retreat, Nov. 18-20 at Mo
Ranch

Thanksgiving Service, Nov. 22 at 7
PM, followed by Pie Social
Exec. Comm. Mtg. Nov. 28, 6:00 PM
Day School Breakfast with Santa,
Wed. Nov. 30, 8:00 AM

Women of the ELCA

The Women of the ELCA will meet Thursday, November
10th at 10:00AM in the Pioneer Room.

Program: Thanksgiving Luncheon at 11:00 at La Focaccia
Italian Restaurant at 800 S. Alamo
Meeting: Discuss – Cookie Walk, Silent Auction, Sale Items
and the Christmas Activities
Kitchen Clean-up/3rd Sunday Refreshments: Hannah Group
Looking forward to seeing you there!

PLEASE DONATE ANY NUMBER OF ITEMS TO THE LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF HEALTH KITS ARE NOW CALLED PERSONAL CARE KITS AND THE CONTENTS HAVE CHANGED (Collecting Oct, Nov, & Dec)

1. One light-or medium-weight bath-size towel
(approx. 52' X 27'), dark color recommended
2. Two bath-size bars of soap, any brand
3. One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
OR Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing a
toothbrush in a business-size envelope; no plastic
4. One sturdy comb
5. One metal nail clipper

Wrap items in the towel and tie securely with a ribbon
or yarn. Single items are acceptable, place in the WELCA
basket in Memorial Hall.

We will be collecting extra bars of soap all year long.
We would like to send an extra box of soap with our
Personal Care Kits.

Thank You, WELCA

THANK YOU

Thank you St. John's for your contributions to the ELCA at
the Thank Offering service. The money will be used for
congregational and global ministries. WELCA would also
like to thank all who helped with the service. A big thank
you to Pastor Sandi Wilcox, Jenny Swanson, Ken Turner,
the choir and all the ladies who helped make this service so
special.

Blessings to all,
WELCA

**Daylight Savings Time
Ends November 6, 2011, at 2:00 AM
Be sure to turn your clock back one hour.**

Christmas Love Begins in 100 Degree Weather with Elf Louise

Thrivent helps by purchasing bicycles for Elf Louise with help from the West Bexar County Chapter Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. "Trained Elves" Ralph Detwiler and Larry Foster have purchased 34 bicycles for THE ELF LOUIS CHRISTMAS PROJECT. They are currently stored at Elf Louise's Warehouse. Larry began working on this project in the 1990's when they delivered 8 bicycles. As the Christmas Season gets closer, Elf Louise workers will establish a gift area and they are going to need help assembling the bicycles for delivery. What an incredible story and a great way to bring a huge smile to a child's face. Elf Trainer Sylvia Foster or Larry Foster can be reached at 210-342-7508.

Mark Your Calendars for the Reformation Sunday Sausage Dinner

**October 30th
In Memorial Hall
Immediately following the service**

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

Grilled Sausage
Sauerkraut
Green Beans
Potatoes
Applesauce
Dessert

Suggested Donation – Adults - \$7
Children 10 and Under - Free Will Offering

CHRISTIAN SENIOR SERVICES FUND RAISER

PARTY IN THE PASTURE

**NOVEMBER 6, 2011
1 PM - 6 PM
RAIN OR SHINE**

ADULTS \$20 CHILDREN 13 & UNDER \$10

**PLEASE SEE MARY IN CHURCH
OFFICE TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKET(S)
PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CSS**

St. John's Guatemalan Mission

A Journey in "Accompaniment"

The ELCA calls its model of mission "accompaniment". Did you ever think of mission that way? It is an interesting concept that, like most, needs some history.

As a professional language specialist, I like to take words apart and think about the meanings of the different parts. Dictionaries tell us that "ac" means "in addition to", "com" means with, "pan" means bread, and "ment" as a suffix makes the whole word a noun. So, accompaniment would mean the act of adding to with bread. Hmmm, that makes me think about the song, "Let Us Break Bread Together". Maybe that is what mission work is really all about. It's about being together. It's about building a relationship. It's about being "in company" with others.

That puts a shift in perspective about mission as a whole and our Guatemalan trip in particular. It's not just about us doing for them; it's about us being together, in the company of each other and building a relationship. It is about accompaniment and making a difference. Should we do mission work here at home? Definitely, but where is home in these days of global economic systems and the world-wide web? Where is God's home? The Lord God created the heavens and the earth and so home has no boundaries here on this planet.

Jesus told the disciples to follow him and Jesus went to many places that surprised (dismayed) others. The disciples followed Jesus. They accompanied him. Later, through their own mission trips the disciples gave their company to others, even those outside of their comfort zone. God accompanies us every day. As He accompanies me in this journey I grow more excited everyday about leading and accompanying my faith community from here to Guatemala!

**Make Plans Now: Thanksgiving Service
Tuesday, 22 November, 2011
7 PM**

**Followed by a "Pie Social"
Bring your favorite pie to share in thanksgiving
with your friends!**

**First Friday Concert
November 4, 2011 at 12:05 PM
San Antonio College Early Music Makers
Music from the Medieval and Renaissance periods
Performed on replicas of historical instruments
A delightful meal follows each concert.
(Five dollar donation)**

Wreaths Across America St. John's Fund Raiser

ST JOHN'S GROUP CODE--- TXSJLCO1
FT SAM NATIONAL CODE--- TXFSHS

Wreaths Across America is an amazing program that honors our fallen heroes and veterans in state and National cemeteries for the holidays. This year's theme is: *The Christmas they never had*. Sherry Taraskiewicz, with the blessing of Pastor Skip Courter, has enrolled St. John's in the fundraiser "Wreaths Across America." This is a great fund raiser and will help support the church in a big way. The wreaths are \$15 each. For every wreath that the church gets someone to sponsor, WAA will give the church back \$5. All the members have to do is get people to sponsor a wreath and turn in the form and check made payable to Wreaths Across America to Sherry. The forms and more information may be picked up at the reception desk outside Memorial Hall. Please come and join us for the **ceremony 10 DEC 2011 @ 11 AM**. The wreaths will be laid immediately following the ceremony. **SPONSOR A WREATH...HONOR A HERO**
Thank you

MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND JOIN IN THE FUN OF AN OLD FASHIONED ST. JOHN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

WHEN: DECEMBER 11, 2011

9:30 WORSHIP SERVICE – Within the liturgy our Sunday School children will present "**THE CHRISTMAS STORY ACCORDING TO THE 2ND CHAPTER OF LUKE**" featuring scripture and singing many favorite Christmas hymns

LUNCH AT 11:30 AM – Ham, Turkey and Dressing, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans, Dessert and Drinks will be furnished.
Please bring a salad or vegetable dish

After Lunch entertainment:

"Season's Beatings: (Presented by the Church Council)

If you wish please bring a new stuffed animal or colorful twin sheet sets to donate to the Lutheran Social Service New Life Children's Center at Canyon Lake, Texas. New Life Children's Center is a home for abused, neglected and troubled girls.

"Amigos de Cristo"

The annual "Amigos de Cristo" Christmas toy campaign for the Mision Luterana en Laredo which provides help to children and parents has begun. This year, instead of the Angel Tree, St John's Church is encouraging everybody to make a monetary contribution directly to the project individually. Please note on the gift that you are a member of or received this notification from St John's Church, San Antonio. Contributions may be sent to:

Mision Luterana en Laredo
1320 Laredo Street
Laredo, Texas 78045

DEADLINES FOR THE FOLLOWING

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

CONTRIBUTIONS

Members of the congregation who desire to **receive credit for 2011** are requested to have their contribution **in the church by DECEMBER 31, 2011 or if mailed, the envelope must reflect a postmark no later than DECEMBER 31, 2011 and received by Monday, January 9, 2012 from the United States Postal Service.** (The church office will be closed from December 30, 2011 to January 2, 2012 – reopen on January 3, 2012)

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 2011 **must be in Irene's office no later than Monday, January 9, 2012 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 27, 2011 the reception desk, in the narthex and by the entrance from the Chapel.

ANNUAL REPORTS

All annual reports are due on **MONDAY January 16, 2012 no exceptions.** (From Pastors, President, all Committees and Organizations Chair, and School Board)

Faith Milestones

Throughout our faith lives, there are important events that occur. At St. John's Lutheran Church we honor these events in the lives of our children and youth with our Faith Milestones ministry. This ministry recognizes and educates both parents and children as they journey through the first 18 years of their Faith Life. Some of these Milestones are quietly recognized through family tradition and some are celebrated with the entire church family

1st Stone - Baptism

Recognizing that this sacrament can occur at any time in a person's life, it is considered to be our first stepping stone. Baptism is a beginning to our faith life, and traditionally occurs within the first year of life.

2nd Stone - Beginning Sunday School (3 year old)

From conception, St. John's offers Christian Education for its Members. The Beginning is a class for children 0-3 and their parents, as well as expectant parents. This Christ centered play environment is a child's first introduction to Christian education in the church. The parents enjoy an open discussion each Sunday on topics that are relevant to parents of young children. In the fall of their third year, children graduate from The Beginning to start traditional Sunday School. This transition is celebrated with a graduation party and recognition in the Sunday Worship service. The children also receive a small gift from the church in honor of this Stone.

3rd Stone - Learning Bible Stories – 4 year olds

Bible stories are the corner stones of Christian Education, and this Stone celebrates their importance with a class for parents and their 4 year olds. The class is based on a children's picture bible and highlights several classic bible stories and their lessons. The Sunday of the class, children and their parents are invited forward during the worship service to receive their first bible, and be recognized for this Stone.

4th Stone - Learning to Pray –5 year olds

As Christians we pray, but that concept can be confusing to a child. This Stone is a class for children and their parents to help teach the art of praying. The teacher uses a child illustrated book to teach a simple prayer to children. The prayer is taught by using each finger of the hand to remember a line of the prayer, and gives children a simple starting place for their lifelong conversation with God. The Sunday of this class, children and their parents are invited forward during the worship service to share their new prayer, and be recognized for this Stone.

5th Stone -Books of Faith – Bible & Hymnal Class – 3rd grade

As adults, we have generally gathered some knowledge of how the Bible is organized, and what to do with a hymnal during the service. This knowledge usually came to us in bits and pieces over the course of our life. This stone is an introduction to the books of our faith and worship for older children. The class is offered to the children independent of their parents, and will help them understand the ways that

we use these books during worship services and throughout our life. Upon completion of this class, the youth will be gifted a personalized hymnal for their use

6th Stone - First Communion & Beginning Confirmation – 6th Grade – In the fall semester of your child's 6th grade year, their Christian Education hour will begin to be taught by Pastor Skip Courter. The first semester of two years spent with him will be preparation for First Communion. Nearing the end of this first semester, the parents and youth will be invited to a first communion retreat on a Saturday morning. This will be a time of gentle reflection spent creating the Challis and Paten that will be used during the youth's first communion. These items will be gifted to the family after the first communion as a reminder of this special stone.

7th Stone – Affirmation of Baptism – 8th grade

Affirmation of Baptism is the rite we observe at the completion of confirmation instruction. It is the opportunity for youth to profess their personal faith, and become a full member of the church.

8th Stone - Serving in Worship – 9th grade

As a member of the church, newly confirmed youth are encouraged to participate in worship as a book bearer, crucifer or acolyte. They learn the skills needed to serve in this capacity during this Stone. In honor of their new membership capacity, the youth are recognized in the worship service.

9th Stone - Disciple Making – 16-17 year olds

Having completed their affirmation of baptism, and becoming members of the church, youth are encouraged to attend this workshop. Coming into the adult years of their life, this workshop is a four part series that covers everything from dealing with the pressures facing Christian youth, to mission work and the direction their faith life is taking. Led by college age teachers, this workshop is a safe place for our older youth to explore the possibilities of their adult faith life. Attendees will create a personalized wall cross to remind them of their lessons in the future.

10th Stone - Graduation

This major milestone in a young person's life is celebrated with the entire congregation. Recognized in the service with a blessing and small gift, then celebrate in Memorial Hall afterwards with a reception. The youth are each encouraged to display mementos from their first 18 years on their own reserved table during the post worship reception. This stone is about celebrating all that has been accomplished and all that is to come.

While we would love to be blessed by eighteen years with every child, we know that some families come to us at different times in their faith lives. No matter when you and your children choose to join us, you are invited to experience the Faith Mile Stones program to the fullest. The Mile Stone program can begin with the stone your children are currently scheduled for, or from the beginning, based on your desires.

Katie Rode, Director Family Ministry

**QUARTERLY
MEMBERS BENEVOLENCE OTHER**

Donation by members for special benevolence from Jan. 1, 2011 -September 30, 2011

ELCA World Hunger	2000.00
ELCA - Malaria Campaign	301.00
CAM - Easter Sunrise Offering	1279.07
ELCA Disaster-U.S.Hurricane	20.00
ELCA Disaster - most needed	245.00
 Total	 3845.07

Average Weekly Attendance & Commitment Offering
for the Year

3rd Quarter - 2010	149.69	attendance	6305.07	commitment offering
3rd Quarter - 2011	166	attendance	5133.88	commitment offering
9 months - 2010	158.9	attendance	5999.10	commitment offering
9 months - 2011	170.67	attendance	5423.81	commitment offering

**RESTORATION PROJECT
SEPTEMBER 30, 2011**

Total Restoration Cost	1425153.89
Funds Received to Date	1351349.37
Funds on Hand	1577.48
Balance Due to Endowment Fund	75382.00

Original Loan from Endowment Fund	538616.99
Amount Paid Back	463234.99
Balance Due	75382.00

Amount paid Back (Does not include Interest)

First Quarter 2011	1900.00
Second Quarter - 2011	2200.00
Third Quarter - 2011	3500.00
Fourth Quarter - 2011	7600.00
Total amount paid in 2011	7600.00
Balance of Restoration Pledges	15451.50

**OFFERINGS
AS OF SEPTEMBER, 2011**

General Fund	Current Month	Year to Date
Income		
Weekly Commitment	19374.00	211528.75
Parking Lots	18138.15	194140.06
Cemetery Operating	350.00	1405.00
Other Income	5452.31	51139.57
Income Transfer from Endowment Fund		
(designated for General & Cemetery Operations)	852.79	7317.46
Transfer- Others- Designated Purposes		20684.52
 Total General Fund Income	 44167.25	 486215.36
Expenses		
Salaries, Benevolence, General & Committee Expenses	56827.06	536799.36
 General Fund - Net Gain or (loss (-))	 -12659.81	 -50584.00
Restricted Funds		
Restricted Income	4996.95	93036.03
Restricted Expenses	5077.11	53019.56
 Restricted Fund - Net Gain or (loss (-))	 -80.16	 40016.47

Notes:

	Budget	Amount Paid	Balance
Benevolence			
SW Texas Synod	20000	15000.00	5000.00
TLU-Congregational Aid	650	650	0
TLU -General	1350	1350	0
CAM	1500	1500	0
SAMM	1000	1000	0
CSS	1000	1000	0
Synod Assembly Special Offering	1500	1500	0
SA Conference	500	500	0
Cross Trails Ministries	300	300	0
Lutheran Campus Ministries	1000	1000	0
LSS	250	250	0
SA Community - Churches	250	250	0
Pastoral Discretionary	250	189.22	60.78
Council Discretionary	4700		4700
Total Benevolence	34250	24489.22	9760.78
 Capital Reserve	 25200	 18900	 6300

TIDINGS
502 East Nueva Street
San Antonio, Texas 78205

Postage paid in San Antonio, Texas
Periodical

**ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
AND DAY SCHOOL**

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