

ST. JOHN EPISTLE

August, 2014

St. John Lutheran Church- LCMC

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Doris Kaase - Office Secretary

Happy Birthday

08/01 - Doris Schwettman

08/04 - Lisa Putnam

08/08 - Riley Richter

08/12 - Carolyn Kerlin

08/14 - Chris Posey

08/17 - Clair Meyer

08/19 - Kasey Farr

08/21 - Nancy Hall Leshikar

08/24 - Maegan Pick Bennight

08/24 - Justin Agee

08/27 - Kay Bulgerin

08/28 - Jennifer Mikulencak

08/28 - Steve Ging

08/28 - Nicole Walla

08/30 - Timothy Abernathy

08/31 - Howard Meyer

ANNIVERSARY

08/01 - Herman & Doris Kaase

08/02 - Daryl & Laurie Young

08/11- Wayne & Cara Ging

08/15 - Darren & Cheryl Hall

08/24 - Brett & Stephanie Bachmeyer

08/24 - Gary & Romadene Mohel

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

July 14, 2014

Old Business:

1. Working on P. A. System
2. Approved to sent \$100.00 to National LCMC and \$100.00 to Texas District of LCMC.
3. Set August 3 for congregational meeting to talk about replacing the sidewalk from Education Center to street.

New Business:

1. Set Oct. 26 for annual congregational meeting to elect new council members.
2. Set. Oct 26 for annual Octoberfest!
3. Will name nominating committee at August council meeting.

Financial Report for June, 2014

Balance/Forward	\$ 36,136.08	Expenses/General -	\$ 9540.50
Income	9,414.18	Expenses/Bldg	118.00
Total Income	\$ 4,5550.26	Total Expenses	\$9658.50

Balance in Bank as of June 30, 2014 - \$35,891.76

Balance in Savings Acct. \$35,157.18

Total in Checking & Savings \$71,048.94

The following amount is needed every Sunday to meet our budget: **\$2227.67.

Offering per Sunday in June were as following: **June 1 -2727.00; June 8 - 1152.00; June 15 - 1605.00; June 22 - 1717.00; June 29 - 1488.00**

Bldg/Memorials for June was **\$404.00. Misc. Income - 321.18.**

THANK YOU

Thanks to **Janet Herzer** for taking the food items to Shepherd's Heart in Taylor. Canned good may be brought to church on any Sunday. Please put them in the container in the narthex.

Thanks to **Lucille Rosenthal** for helping in the office.

Thanks to **Chad Richter and Dalton** for taking care of the flower beds.

Thanks to **Doug and Joy Moehnke** for providing the treats for children sermons and to Doug for keeping the lawn neat.

Thanks to Josephine & Antonio Castro for keeping our church clean & neat!

SAVE THE FOLLOWING FOR CHURCH

- 1. Canceled postage stamps**
- 2. Box tops for Education from General Mills**
- 3. Campbell soup labels**
- 4. Used Computer ink cartridges**
- 5. Aluminum Cans**
- 6. Sirloin Stockade receipts (must submit the cash register receipt.)**

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

The project for our St. John women this year is Shepherd's Heart in Taylor. Food items of any kind will be appreciated. Please remember to buy an extra can or two when you are purchasing your groceries and bring them along with you to church and put them in the container in the narthex. All the women are invited to attend the circle meetings held the second Wednesday of each month at 2pm in the Education Center. The women are beginning to study the women of the Bible.

SHEPHERD'S HEART

Just a reminder that food is needed at Shepherd's Heart.

Bring your food and put them in the container in the Narthex!

All donations are greatly appreciated.

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Louis Edward Huff

Frankie & Judy Limmer
Louis Menk
John & Ronnie Huff
Vernette Wuthrich

Sandra & Sherry Carpenter
Evelyn, Murdrano & Stacey Stork
Gary & Romadene Mohel
Edward & Martha Jasek

In Memory of Gabrielle Reik

Melvin & Doris Schwettman

In Memory of Herbert Newman

Jim & Geraldine Richter

In Memory of T. W. Holmstrom

Howard & Janice Meyer

In Memory of Irene Hoppe

Marjorie Springer

In Memory of Nora Johnson

Marjorie Springer

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – AUGUST 3, 2014

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, August 3 to vote on replacing the sidewalk from the Education Center to the street. Your input is important.

Annual Gathering Meal Packaging Project

October 7, 2014

One of the things that we are hoping to do at our [Annual Gathering](#) in Des Moines, IA is a service project!

[Meals from the Heartland](#) is an agency that organizes people to package meals to send all around the world, as well as to areas here in the U.S. You have maybe seen this happen, or even helped to do so in your area. These efforts are also known as **Kids Against Hunger, Feed My Starving Children**, and others.

Our hope is to get 1,000 people to package meals on Tuesday night during our gathering. If we can do this, we could package 400,000 meals together in two hours.

To purchase the supplies, the packaging, and to pay for shipping will require about \$80,000 to be raised, so we are asking each congregation to begin now to set aside funds in order to bring an offering to make all of this happen. With 706 congregations in the US, this comes only to about \$115 from each church. Again, some of us can do more, some not as much, but we can all do something to help feed the world's hungry. **To Date St. John has collected - \$227.03!**

CONGRATULATIONS

We wish God's blessings and offer our best wishes to Courtney Ging and Jesse Edwards. They were united in marriage here at St. John on July 5, 2014. They will be residing in the state of Washington where Jesse is stationed with the United States Marine Corp. We wish them the best of luck as they start there married life!

Keegan Ging and Ashley James were united in marriage in New Braunfels on Friday, July 11, 2014. Ashley will be teaching in San Antonio and Keegan is at IEC in San Antonio. They will be residing in San Antonio.

We ask God to bless this marriage and we also offer them our congratulations and best wishes!

We also wish God's blessings to Joseph Byrd and Alexandra Garcia who were married recently.

Youth Activities

Camp Eagle was **GREAT!** The youth really enjoyed the outdoor activities and learning more about the journey of the Israelites out of Egypt. Each day had a theme based on the book of Exodus. The first night, the "Israelites" were welcomed and treated as equals by the Egyptians, but then a new Pharaoh came into power and enslaved them. They learned how to make bricks for the Pharaoh and his people. Find out more about their trip on **Sunday, August 17th** when the youth lead the church service and give their report on camp.

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars

St. John Youth Swim Party! – mark your calendar for Sunday, August 17th at 3 p.m. All St. John Youth and parents are invited to attend. Special guests are our graduating Seniors. Chad and Heather Richter have offered the use of their backyard and pool. Food and drinks will be provided. We hope everyone can attend. Please RSVP to Tammi by Wednesday, August 12th.

Rally Sunday, September 7th – We will start off the Fall Semester with a covered dish breakfast starting at 9 a.m. Regular classes will begin the following Sunday, September 14th.

Shepherd's Heart 2014 Service dates – Saturday, October 4th; Service time is from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

2015 Camp Eagle Fundraiser – Saturday, October 4th and Sunday, October 5th; more information to come!

Please remember that the St. John Youth are on facebook. Go to www.facebook.com and search for St. John Lutheran Youth, Thrall, Texas.

Thoughts for the month:

- Imitate the clock; it passes time by keeping its hands busy.
- More truth is found by digging for facts than jumping to conclusions.
- Faith doesn't get you around trouble, it gets you through it.
- The secret of change is to focus all your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new. *Socrates*
- When you are going through something hard and wonder where God is, remember the teacher is always quiet during the test.

*Have a blessed month,
Russel & Tammi*

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Tammi
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AUGUST AMBASSADORS FOR GOD

	Aug. 3, 2014	Aug. 10, 2014	Aug. 17	Aug 24	Aug. 31
ACOLYTE	Kayla Klotz	Sierra Koehne	Blake Whitlow	Mac Hamann	Youth
ALTAR FLOWERS	Melvin & Doris Schwettman	Curtis & Carolyn Kerlin	Howard & Janice Meyer		Linda Richter
CHILDREN'S SERMON		Children Sermon		Children Sermon	Children Sermon
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	open		Open		
Council Members	Kenneth Beckermann, Cara Ging, Kevin Klotz & Barbara Putnam	Kenneth Beckermann, Cara Ging, Kevin Klotz & Barbara Putnam	Kenneth Beckermann, Cara Ging, Kevin Klotz & Barbara Putnam	Kenneth Beckermann, Cara Ging, Kevin Klotz & Barbara Putnam	
GREETER	Open	Chris Koehne	Janice Meyer	Open	Janice Meyer
Reader	Kelli Meyer	Erin Koehne	Youth	Vicki Byrd	Steve Ging
NURSERY CARE				Michele Hander	
OFFERING HELPERS	Youth	Youth	Youth	Youth	Youth
USHER	Open	open	open	open	Open

If you are unable to serve when you are listed, please find someone to take your place. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

August 2014

1
LCMC
Meeting in
Seguin

2
LCMC
Meeting in
Seguin

3
9am Sunday School
10:15
Worship/Communion
Cong. Meeting

4

5

6

7

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10
9am Sunday School
10:15—Worship

11
7pm Council
Meeting

12

13
2pm Circle
7pm Men's
Group

14

15

16

17
9am Sunday School
10:15
Worship/Communion
3pm Swim party for
youth
Youth have service

18

19

20

21

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24
9am Sunday School
10:15—Worship

25
School Starts

26

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31
9am Sunday School
10:15—Worship

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Return Service Requested

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**“Chosen by God, Led by the Spirit in Worship,
Prayer, and Praise, in Hope for Today and
Tomorrow for all People.”**

