

# ST. JOHN EPISTLE

August, 2015

St. John Lutheran Church- LCMC

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## Happy Birthday

8/01 - Doris Schwettman

8/04 - Lisa Putnam

8/08 - Riley Richter

8/12 - Carolyn Kerlin

8/14 - Chris Posey

8/16 - Devin Wuthrich

8/17 - Clair Meyer

8/19 - Kasey Farr

8/21 - Nancy Hall Leshikar

8/24 - Maegan Bennight

8/24 - Justin Agee

8/27 - Kay Bulgerin

8/28 - Jennifer Mikulencak

8/28 - Steve Ging

8/28 - Nicole Walla

8/30 - Timothy Abernathy

8/31 - Howard Meyer

## ANNIVERSARY

8/01 - Herman & Doris Kaase

8/02 - Daryl & Laurie Young

8/11 - Wayne & Cara Ging

8/15 - Darren & Cheryl Hall

8/17 - Howard & Nancy Leshikar

8/24 - Brett & Stephanie Bachmeyer

8/24 - Gary & Romadene Mohel

# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

July 12, 2015

## Old Business:

1. Discussed bids on pavement

## New Business:

1. Discussed need of CPR defibrillator
2. Decided to receive bank statements on line.
3. Discussed roof repair
4. Approved use of Education Center on Aug. 29
5. Discussed prayer list maintenance

## Financial Report for June, 2015

Balance/Forward \$	<b>54,303.64</b>	Expenses/General –	8776.39
Income	7807.40	Expenses/Bldg	-0-
Total Income	62,111.04	Total Expenses	8776.39

**Balance in Bank as of June 30 , 2015**      **\$53,334.65**

**Balance in Savings Acct.**                      **\$35,186.37**

Total in Checking & Savings                **\$88,521.02**

\*\*The following amount is needed every Sunday to meet our budget: **\$2175.48**

Offering per Sunday in June , 2015 were as following:

June 7 – 2173.00; June 14 – 2269.75; June 21 – 1900.00; June 28 – 1140.00.

Misc. Incom 19.65; Bldg/Mem – 205.00; Ed Rent – 100.00

Grand total income for June \$7,807.40.

## 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 **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.

Thanks to **Michele Hander** for making baptismal handkerchiefs.

Thanks to all who helped with the work day on Sat., July 25!

## MEMORIALS

### **In Memory of Robert “Bob” Vitek**

Daniel & Glenda Jansky  
Gladys Ottmers  
Darvin & Linda Widmer  
Kenneth Schuessler Family  
Greg & Karen Hendricksen

### **In Memory of Lester Kiesling**

Herman & Doris Kaase

### **In Memory of Larry Rohlack**

Howard & Nancy Leshikar

## DEATHS

**Mrs. Clarence (Joyce) Koslan passed away on Thursday, July 23. Graveside service were held on Saturday, July 25 at 9 am.**

**Joyce was a faithful member of St. John Lutheran and the Ruth Circle.**

**She is survived by her husband, Clarence.**

**We pray that the Lord will be with this family during their sorrow.**

## SPECIAL CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

In preparation in part for our hundredth anniversary in 2017 the council has been looking at our facility for things that will need some attention before that time.

**So to begin with the Church council has called a congregational meeting for August 16, 2015.**

The council has received bids to fix the parking area in front of the church and would need to have your okay to proceed with the project. Cost is approximately 20 thousand dollars for the proposal they will bring to you and of course what we may have to do to fund this and other projects.

The second is repairs that are needed to repair some roof leaks in the annex and bids are being asked for for those repairs.

The third is on the outside of all our buildings with the trim that needs repair or replacing and freshening the paint.

Some of the sprucing up began this last weekend as soil was brought in and spread in areas that were beginning to be unsafe.

We believe all of these projects are doable in the 2 year time frame we have but we need to start as soon as possible.

# AMBASSADORS FOR GOD

	Aug. 2	Aug 9	Aug. 16	Aug. 23	Aug. 30
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	K. Putnam	S. Koehne	K. Klotz	D. Qualls	Youth
<b>READER</b>	L. Richter	K. Meyer	Joyce Beran	R. Mohel	Youth
<b>FLOWERS</b>	B. Putnam	R&T Richter	H & J Meyer	G&R Mohel	L. Richter
<b>GREETER</b>	B. Putnam	R. Mohel	J. Meyer	K. Stolle	T. Richter
<b>NURSERY</b>	Open				
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	H & J Meyer		H & J Meyer		
<b>USHER</b>	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
<b>OFFERING HELPERS</b>	Youth	Youth	Youth	Youth	Youth
<b>COUNCIL SERVERS</b>	Stephanie Bachmeyer, Cara Ging, Fran Jirasek, and Kevin Klotz				

**THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO SERVES! IF YOU CAN'T SERVE WHEN SCHEDULED, PLEASE FIND SOMEONE TO TAKE YOUR PLACE!!!! Please notify the church office by Tuesday if you are placing flowers on the altar & for what occasion.**

# AUGUST, 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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9 am Sunday School  
10:15 am Worship/Holy  
Communion

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8am Church Council  
9 am Sunday School  
10:15 am Worship

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9 am Sunday School  
10:15 am Worship/Holy  
Communion/Congregational  
Meeting

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9 am Sunday School  
10:15 am Worship

Ed Center  
Reserved

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9 am Sunday School/  
Rally Sunday  
10:15 am Worship  
2-4 pm-Ed Center Reserved

# YOUTH NEWS

**Camp Eagle was a blast!** We took ten of our youth – Kaleb, Mac, Kayla, Cade, Emily, Sierra, Cheyenne, Dalton, Katie, Blake, & Brandt – along with six non-members to Headwaters. Nine of our High School youth – Chandee, Cody, Dylan, Sean, Jacob, Catlynn, Kirsty, Dustin, & Riley – along with twelve non-members to River's Edge.

This year's theme was **The Throne**. It was the third leg of Camp Eagle's seven-part journey through the Bible that took us from The Book of Judges to Second Chronicles. We had the opportunity to dive into the lives of interesting people such as Samuel, King David and Solomon.

We continued our journey through the Bible, discovering how God is good, man falls short, and God provided a way. We picked up the story right after the Israelites entered the Promised Land, and began to learn how to live in the land God provided for them as God's chosen people. We examined how it didn't take long for the Israelites to go astray. With each generation, they stepped further and further away from their Father and King. We talked, thought, learned, experienced, and prayed about the throne that God sits on. We examined our own hearts to see if we are choosing God as our king, choosing a king of our own from this world, or even trying to place ourselves on the throne. This summer we were called to place God on the throne of our hearts; to understand Jesus' sacrifice as He now sits at God's right hand, and to recognize the Holy Spirit's leading of our lives. Our experiences allowed us to be humbled, leaving Camp Eagle's gates in reverence of our God and King, the one who sits on The Throne.

## ***Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars***

**Rally Sunday! Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>** – Bring your favorite breakfast dish! Milk and juice will be provided.

**Camp Eagle Presentation, Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>** – The youth will present their experiences at camp to the congregation during the church service on August 30<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

**Please remember that the St. John Youth are on facebook. Go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and search for St. John Lutheran Youth, Thrall, Texas.**

### **Thoughts for the month:**

- ❖ Not what we have, but what we enjoy, constitutes our abundance.
- ❖ You are as old as your doubts and fears, and as young as your hopes and dreams.
- ❖ If you can laugh at it, then you can live with it.
- ❖ The greatest of all faults is to imagine you have none.