

ST. JOHN EPISTLE

January, 2015

St. John Lutheran Church- LCMC

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Happy Birthday

1/03 - Jill Prather

1/04 - Melanie Rathke

1/06 - Vernell Dvorak

1/06 - Ronald Kattner

1/08 - Cheryl Hall

1/11 - Juanita Poldrack

1/11 - Madison Flores

1/13 - Gary Almquist

1/14 - Ismael Alderette

1/14 - Addison Bennight

1/14 - Landon Mikulencak

1/17 - Tephania Brees

1/17 - Aundrea Abernathy

1/17 - Michael Kattner

1/20 - Bradlee Pitts

1/20 - Michelle Byrd

1/22 - Curtis Kerlin

1/23 - Peggy Ging

1/24 - Stephanie Laurence

1/25 - Coty Chapman

1/25 - Braden Gross

1/25 - Laurie Jansky

1/25 - Susan Wuthrich

1/26 - Morris Krueger

1/26 - Catlynn Putnam

1/30 - Blake Whitlow

1/31 - Nancy Mikulencak

ANNIVERSARY

1/22 - Howard & Janice Meyer

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

December 8, 2014

Old Business:

1. Work on budget
2. Approved Red Oman to cater Polka worship
3. Process has started to contact City of Thrall concerning paving in front of Church
4. Pastor Jon is the Vice-President of the Texas District LCMC

New Business:

1. Work on Budget
2. Elected new officers for 2015
3. Appointed new property chairpeople – Howard Meyer &

Financial Report for Nov, 2014

Balance/Forward	\$ 41,000.74	Expenses/General	- 8,407.32
Income	8,280.36	Expenses/Bldg	503.25
Total Income	49,381.10	Total Expenses	8,910.57

Balance in Bank as of Nov. 30, 2014 - \$40,470.53

Balance in Savings Acct. \$35,171.93

Total in Checking & Savings **\$75,642.46**

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

Offering per Sunday in Nov. were as following:

Nov. 2 – 2270.00; Nov. 9 – 1522.00; Nov. 16 – 1545.00;

Nov. 23 – 1246.00; Nov. 30 – 886.00; Mem/Donations; Misc. Income 619.36

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 Russel Richter** for trimming the trees and shrub around the church and parsonage. It was appreciated!!

Thanks to **Howard Meyer** for putting silicone on the doors.

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.

A Special thanks to **all who help collecting food for Shepherd's Heart.**

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 – Goes to youth
Sirloin Stockade receipts (must submit the cash register receipt.)

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!

We mailed a check to Shepherd's Heart for **\$157.00** from the Thanksgiving Eve offering. (Women's thankoffering was **\$295.00**).

All donations are greatly appreciated.

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Emil & Olga Walther

Wandeen Sakewitz

In Memory of Alex Bielss

Herman & Doris Kaase

In Memory of Vern Blodgett

Jim & Geraldine Richter

In Memory of Carol Walther

Donald & Joyce Beran

Peggy Ging

Howard & Nancy Leshikar

In Memory of Louise Barber

Herman & Doris Kaase

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

We express our Christian sympathy to the the families of Joyce Beran, Norman Johnson, and Maybelline Kattner/ Joyce's sister-in-law and Norman's brother passed away this past month and Maybelline's sister passed away this past week.

We ask the Lord to be with these families in their time of need.

SPECIAL THANK YOU

A very special thank you to John Kaatz for providing the beautiful poinsettias to help decorate our church. John, your gift does not go unnoticed! We truly appreciate this gift.

To all, thank you for the prayers, cards, calls and especially for Pastor Jon's visits. I am on the road to recovery which is longer and slower than expected, but as they say, the older you are the slower it goes. Happy Healthy New Year. A. W. Pick

AMBASSADORS FOR GOD

	01/04	1/11	1/18	1/25
ACOLYTE	Kirsty Putnam	Dustin Qualls	Kayla Klotz	Sierra Koehne
READER	Kathy Bielfeldt	Debbie Ging	Susan Wuthrich	Joyce Beran
FLOWERS		Beth Almquist		Congregation
GREETER		Debbie Ging	Beth Almquist	Joyce Beran
NURSERY				Peggy Ging
Communion Assistant	Open			
USHER	Open			
OFFERING HELPERS	Youth	Youth	Youth	Youth
COUNCIL SERVERS	Gary Almquist, Jimmy Luton, Howard Meyer, and Linda Richter			

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO SERVES! IF YOU CAN'T SERVE WHEN SCHEDULED, PLEASE FIND SOMEONE TO TAKE YOUR PLACE!!!!

Work has begun on the 2015 Yearbook – if you have a new address, phone number, etc. Please let the church office know of the change.

Also if you would like to be on the prayer chain for 2015 – please inform the church office. Several have asked to be taken off of the prayer chain therefore we are hoping more would like to be willing to join the chain.

**SIGN UP SHEETS FOR VOLUNTEERING FOR 2015 IS AVAILABE IN NARTHEX!
The flower chart is also up! Pick your date!**

Youth Activities

Christmas Eve Program

Once again, our Sunday school and their teachers presented a touching re-enactment of our Savior's birth. A special thank you goes out to **Mrs. Ellen Hodon** for providing the music for the service.

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars

Chili Supper – Wednesday, January 21st The youth will once again be helping with the to-go line at the church's annual fundraiser along with any other jobs that need done. Youth who assist in the church's fundraiser can earn credit hours towards camp. Please be at the church by 4:30 p.m.

Pancake Supper – Sunday, February 8th from 5 – 7 p.m. To kick off the Lenten Season which begins Wednesday, February 18th, the youth will be having their annual Pancake Supper fundraiser. This fundraiser is a free-will donation. An email with more information will be sent out towards the end of January.

Lenten Soup Suppers will begin on **Wednesday, February 25th**. A sign-up sheet will be passed around during the church services on the first two Sundays in February. This is also a free-will donation fundraiser and those youth who help set up, serve, and clean up will earn funds toward the cost of camp.

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:

- ❖ Swallowing your pride seldom leads to indigestion.
- ❖ One thing you can give and still keep is your word.
- ❖ You can preach a better sermon with your life than with your lips.
- ❖ There is nothing stronger in the world than gentleness.
- ❖ If you don't have a sense of humor, you're like a wagon without springs, jolted by every pebble in the road.

*Have a blessed month,
Russel & Tammi*

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January 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 New Year's Day	2	3
4 9 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship/Communion	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 9 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship	12 7pm Church Council	13	14 2pm Circle 7pm Men's Group	15	16	17
18 9 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship/Communion /Annual Meeting	19	20	21 5pm—7pm Annual Chili Fundraiser	22	23	24
25 9 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship/Installation of Officers	26	27	28	29	30	31

Mark Your Calendars

On Sunday, January 18 we will have our annual congregational meeting to approve the budget for 2015. Please make every effort to be in attendance.

On Wed., January 21 we will have our annual chili fundraiser. It will be in the Education Center from 5pm – 7pm. Everyone's help is needed to make it a success. We will need chili cooks, bakers, servers, clean up etc. The youth will again work the to-go line. Each year they do an outstanding job.

Kenneth Beckerman and Nancy Hall-Leshikar are in charge of the Chili Fundraiser and they also do an outstanding job. Thank you for your dedication.

2015 Yearbook

The 2015 Yearbook will be out the first part of January. Still waiting on volunteers for readers, greeters, etc.

If you have a new address, new phone number, birth in the family, weddings, etc., please let the church office know immediately so these updates can be put in the yearbook.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Please plan to stay a short while after church on Sunday, January 4 to help take down the Christmas decorations. All help will be appreciated.

The church council has appointed Dianna Huff and Joy Moehnke to audit the 2014 church books.

Medical benefit
for
Sandy Sakewitz Trussell



January 17th - 4pm
SPJST Hall - Taylor

Sandy is battling breast cancer,
recently had two surgeries
and will begin treatment.
All proceeds from the benefit
will go directly to Sandy to
help pay medical expenses.

BBQ Chicken
Plates \$10
Live & Silent
Auction

Tickets & Info: (512) 569-3049

Tickets are available from Stephanie Bachmeyer or at Sears in Taylor.