

# ST. JOHN EPISTLE

July, 2014

St. John Lutheran Church- LCMC

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Doris Kaase - Office Secretary

## Happy Birthday

07/01 - Doug Moehnke

07/01 - Joseph Byrd

07/02 - Cindy Beckermann

07/04 - Marcella Johnson

07/04 - Lauren Mikulencak

07/04 - Donald Pick

07/06 - Heather Richter

07/08 - Jack Stolle

07/11 - Russell Putnam

07/16 - Jeremy Moehnke

07/16 - Elizabeth Alderete

07/20 - Seth Cage

07/22 - Archie Abrameit

07/23 - Kelli Meyer

07/27 - Desiree Drummond

07/30 - Wendy Brees

07/31 - Brandon Beckermann

## ANNIVERSARY

**7/12 - BOBBY & SUSAN PICK**

**7/18 - NORMAN & MARCELLA JOHNSON**

**7/29 - JOHN & KERRI HILLMAN**

**7/30 - RUSSEL & TAMMI RICHTER**

# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

## June 18, 2014

### Old Business:

1. Set Polka Worship Service for April 19, 2015 with a silent auction
2. District LCMC Convention in Seguin on Aug 1 & 2 – delegates: Mo Hamann & Barbara Putnam.
3. National LCMC Convention in Des Moines in October – Jon & Kathy Bielfeldt are the delegates.
4. Approved used of Education center for Bridal showers for June 22 & June 28
5. Discuss endowment or investment of money received from Hoppe Estate

### New 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 to street.

### Financial Report for May, 2014

Balance/Forward	\$ \$36,071.66	Expenses/General -	\$ 7,712.19
Income	7,776.61		
Total Income	\$ 43,845.27	Total Expenses	\$ 7,712.19

**Balance in Bank as of May 31, 2014 - \$36,136.08**

**Balance in Savings Acct. \$35,151.11**  
**Total in all accts \$71,287.19**

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

Offering per Sunday in May were as following: **May 4 –1705.00; May 11 – 2427.00; May 18 – 1132.00; May 25 – 1788.00**

Bldg/Memorials for May was **\$305.00**; Ed Center Rent – **290.00**; Pastor' Phone bill – **17.61**;  
Thrivent Choice – **112.00.**

## 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.

Special thanks to **Josephine and Antonio Castro** for putting out the garbage each week for collection.

**A very special thank you to all the VBS Staff.**

Everyone's help is appreciated in keeping our church running smoothly.

## **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 at put them in the container in the Narthex!  
All donations are greatly appreciated.

## **CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY**

We offer our Christian Sympathy to the family of Louis Edward Huff.  
Louis's wife **Dianna** is a faithful member of St. John.  
We ask the Lord to continue to be with this family.

## **MEMORIALS**

**In Memory of Irene Hoppe**  
Suzanne Hrcir Koepke

**In Memory of Kenneth Randig**  
Howard & Janice Meyer

## **In Memory of Louis Edward Huff**

Peggy Ging	Herman & Doris Kaase	Virginia Prikryl
Howard & Janice Meyer	Howard & Nancy Leshikar	Alice Wuensche
Doug & Joy Moehnke	Curtis & Carolyn Kerlin	Tops #TX 1343
Ardene & Burdine Wuthrich	Melvin & Doris Schwettman	Mildred Zamorsky
Donald & Joyce Beran	Jerry & Ellen Hodon	Laverne Frase
Jack & Katherine Stolle	Maybelline Kattner & Michael	Bill & Deane Hodon

## **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 - \$225.03!**

## Thank you Notes

St. John's

Thank you so much for all of your love and support growing up. Each one of you have touched me in some way or another. Thank you for the graduation gift.

Love,

*Courtney Ging*

### THANK YOU NOTE FROM RELAY FOR LIFE



### THANK YOU NOTE FROM LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES OF THE SOUTH

Lutheran Social Services thanks St. John for the \$580.66 given to the New Life Children's Treatment Center. Thanks again – and God bless you for being a partner in the ministry of LSS. Thank you for being a blessing!

Dan Zieschang  
Vice President for Community/Church Relation

# Youth Activities

Our Vacation Bible School, **Gangway to Galilee!**, was a great success! Each night we touched the lives of about 34 children from the community. A big "THANK YOU" to Linda Richter for organizing the event, and to the teachers – Cindy Beckermann (Preschool – Kindergarten), Romadene Mohel (1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade), Millie Hamann (crafts), Kelli Meyer (crafts), Kim Luton (games), and Colton Luton (games). We also had four of our upper youth come and volunteer. They helped out wherever they saw a need. Thank you to Chandee Bachmeyer, Dylan Ging, Riley Richter, and Kirsty Putnam. Also thank you to Doris & Herman Kaase, Michele Hander, and Geraldine & Jim Richter for their service in getting the meals ready.

## Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars

**2014 Camp Eagle dates** – River's Edge (6<sup>th</sup> grade – 12<sup>th</sup> grade), Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup>; Headwaters (2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade), Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>

**St. John Youth Swim Party to!** – mark your calendar for Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. All St. John Youth and parents are invited to attend. Chad and Heather Richter have offered the use of their backyard and pool. Food and drinks will be provided.

**Rally Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>** – 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 14<sup>th</sup>.

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

**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:

- Don't *shine* so others see you. **Shine** so that *through* you, others see HIM.
- Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Philippians 1:27
- The BIBLE never once says "figure it out." But over and over again it says, "Trust GOD." He's already got it all figured out.
- When you believe GOD is who he says he is, when you hang onto him and HIS Word in faith, HIS Truth sets you free.

*Have a blessed month,*

*Russel & Tammi*

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Tammi  
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# JULY AMBASSADORS FOR GOD

	<b>July 6</b>	<b>July 13</b>	<b>July 20</b>	<b>July 27</b>
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Riley Richter	Sean Kruse	Kirsty Putnam	Dustin Qualls
<b>ALTAR FLOWERS</b>	Wayne & Cara Ging	Barbara Putnam	Jimmy & Kim Luton	Tammi & Russel Richter
<b>CHILDREN'S SERMON</b>		Children Sermon		Children Sermon
<b>COMMUNION ASSISTANT</b>	Herman & Doris Kaase & Michele Hander		Herman & Doris Kaase & Michele Hander	
<b>Council</b>	Gary Almquist, Jimmy Luton, Howard Meyer & Linda Richter	Gary Almquist, Jimmy Luton, Howard Meyer & Linda Richter	Gary Almquist, Jimmy Luton, Howard Meyer & Linda Richter	Gary Almquist, Jimmy Luton, Howard Meyer & Linda Richter
<b>GREETER</b>	Michele Hander	Open	Carolyn Kerlin	Tammi Richter
<b>Reader</b>	Kathy Bielfeldt	Christy Pick	Debbie Ging	Kathy Bielfeldt
<b>NURSERY CARE</b>				Michele Hander
<b>OFFERING HELPERS</b>	Youth	Youth	Youth	Youth
<b>USHER</b>	Herman Kaase	Herman Kaase	Herman Kaase	Herman Kaase

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

# JULY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4 4th of July	5 Edwards & Ging Wedding
6 9 am—Sunday School 10:15 am—Worship/Holy Communion	7	8	9 2 pm—Circle 7pm—Men's Group	10	11	12
13 9 am—Sunday School 10:15 am—Worship Youth	14 7pm Church Council  are	15  At	16  Camp	17  Eagle	18	19 Youth return From Camp Eagle
20 9 am—Sunday School 10:15 am—Worship/Holy Communion	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 9 am—Sunday School 10:15 am—Worship	28	29	30	31		



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Return Service Requested

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## July 4th Poem - The Real Maker of History

Our ancestors just didn't think about history. They were making it every day, just like we should!

But when they were living, it was very rugged. It was very challenging.

People had to make great effort just to make a living, besides fighting for their freedoms.

This helped make America great.

Because when the task seemed too great, when hardship and starvation, sickness and death took their toll,

Our ancestors turned to God in prayer.

And despite the odds, God is the one who makes America truly great.

God has worked many miracles for our country. As the song America the Beautiful says, "God shed his grace on thee." Thank your stars!



