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## **March 2014 Newsletter**

### **Happy Birthday March**

3/04 – Cara Ging	3/14 – Jimmy Richter
3/04 – David Kattner	3/14 – Jimmy Phillips
3/06 – Richard Jansky	3/16 – Richard Randig
3/07 – Eric Kennedy	3/17 – Mike Richter
3/08 – Garla Jansky	3/22 – Neal Hoffman
3/09 – Tammy Sandifer	3/24 – Abby Alderete
3/09 – Brian Drummond Jr.	3/30 – Clarence Koslan
3/10 – Riley Luton	3/30 – Mason Krueger

### **ANNIVERSARY- MARCH**

3/11 – Scott & Lisa Gilmore  
3/17 – Mike & Linda Richter  
3/18 – Alan & Kasey Farr

### **COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS January 6, 2014**

#### **Old Business:**

- 1. Finalized 2014 Proposed Budget**
- 2. Decided  $\frac{3}{4}$  of Chili Fundraiser to go to general fund;  $\frac{1}{4}$  to youth fund.**

#### **New Business:**

- 1. Set date for outgoing council lunch.**

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 2013**

Balance/Forward	\$ 24,838.27	Disbursements/General	8,603.91
Income	15,002.40	Bldg. Exp	45.00
Total Income	39,840.67	Total Disbursements	\$8,648.91

Balance in General Fund: Dec. 31, 2013 - **\$ 31,191.76**



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## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Feb. 10, 2014

### Old Business:

1. Discussed Polka Worship on April 27

### New Business:

1. Discussed Lenten offering distribution
2. Bldg Maintenance
3. Lunch/New members

### Financial Report for January, 2014

Balance/Forward	\$31,191.76	Expenses/General -	\$ 9,788.03
Income	13,688.24	Expenses/Bldg	74.55
Total Income	\$44,880.00	Total Expenses	\$ 9,862.58

Balance in Bank as of January 31, 2014 \$35,017.42

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

Offering per Sunday in January was as following: **Jan. 5- \$2246; Jan. 12 - \$1586.00;**

**Jan. 19 - \$1065.00; Jan. 26 – 2441.00;** Bldg/Memorials for January was \$1170.00

Chili Fundraiser - \$5117.00 (Profit was \$3374.31; ¾ to General Fund – 22530.73; 1/4 to Youth Fund – 843.58)

## 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 and Alice Finn** for helping in the office.

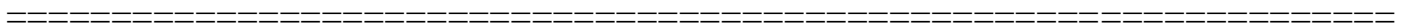
Thanks to **Chad Richter and Dalton** for taking care of the flower beds.

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.

Special thanks to **Mo and Millie Hamann** for providing the delicious pork loin for the outgoing church council lunch.

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





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## SAVE THE FOLLOWING FOR OUR CHURCH

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

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### NEW BIRTHS

**Meagan and Daniel Bennight announce the birth of a daughter, Addison Reese born on January 14, 2014 in Waco, Tx. Grandparents are Bobby and Susan Pick, Great-grandparents are A. W. and Jacquelyn Pick. Congratulations to the Bennight Family.**

**Brian & Ginger Gross announce the birth of a grandson, Ethan James, son of Scott & Brianna Martindale was born on Fe. 11, 2014. Proud great-grandmother is Peggy Ging. Congratulations to Scott, Brianna and Eli.**

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### WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

All women of St. John are members. The project for 2014 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.

### CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

We express our Christian sympathy to the family of **Anna Beth Herzer** and to the family of **Irene Wasinka Hoppe**.

Both were long time members of St. John. May the Lord grant comfort to all those who mourn their passing.



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## MEMORIALS

### **In Memory of Deane Pfennig**

Peggy Ging

### **In Memory of David Wuthrich**

The Kattner Family

Louis & Dianna Huff

Betty Cruz

Ardene & Burdine Wuthrich

### **In Memory of Verdis Unnasch**

Jim & Geraldine Richter

### **In Memory of Arthur Bunge**

Howard & Nancy Hall Leshikar

Herman & Doris Kaase

### **In Memory of Edmond Kaase Jr.**

Herman & Doris Kaase

### **In Memory of Anna Herzer**

John C. Herzer & Anne Davis

Jerry & Ellen Hodon

Herman & Doris Kaase

### **In Memory of Harold Montgomery**

Jim & Geraldine Richter

### **In Memory of Evelyn Stephens**

Donald & Joyce Beran

### **In Memory of Irene Hoppe**

Howard & Nancy Hall Leshikar

Peggy Ging

Howard & Janice Meyer

Melvin & Doris Schwettman

Mike & Linda Richter

Virginia Prikryl

The Kattners

Harold & Rosalie Biar

Herman & Doris Kaase

Evelyn Rohlack

Doug & Joy Moehnke

Jimmy & Judy Phillips

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## SPECIAL NOTICE

**At the annual meeting in January, 2014, a suggestion was made to email the monthly newsletter to all members who had emails. (This suggestion was made due to the rise in postage and paper cost.) The church office is in the process of obtaining emails from all members. If you do not want to receive an email – paper copies will be available for pickup in the narthex of the church. If you would like to have your copy mailed to you – please contact the church office and let Doris or Pastor Jon know. Your help in getting this information out to all members will be appreciated. If you have not given your email to the church office – please do so! Thanks**



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## MARCH CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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<b>2</b> 9am Sunday School 10:15 am— Worship/Communion 5-7pm—Pancake Supper	3	4	5 7pm—Ash Wed. Service	6	7	8
<b>9</b> 9am Sunday School 10:15 am—Worship	<b>10</b> 7pm –Council Meeting	1 1	1 2 2pm Circle 6pm—Soup Supper 7pm—Lenten Service	1 3 7pm Men’s Group	1 4	1 5
<b>16</b> 9am Sunday School 10:15 am— Worship/Communion	1 7	1 8	1 9 6pm—Soup Supper 7pm—Lenten Service	2 0	2 1	2 2
<b>23</b> 9am Sunday School 10:15 am— Worship/ Lunch to welcome new members	2 4	2 5	26 6pm—Soup Supper 7pm—Lenten Service	2 7	2 8	2 9
<b>30</b> 9am Sunday School 10:15 am— Worship	3 1					



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## MARCH AMBASSADORS FOR GOD

	<b>Mar. 2, 2014</b>	<b>Mar. 9,2014</b>	<b>Mar. 16, 2014</b>	<b>Mar. 23,2013</b>	<b>Mar. 30,2014</b>
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Sierra Koehne	Mac Hamann	Kaleb Hamann	Chandee Bachmeyer	Youth Service
<b>ALTAR FLOWERS</b>		Doug & Joy Moehnke	Kim & Jimmy Luton		
<b>CHILDREN'S SERMON</b>		Children Sermon		Children Sermon	Children Sermon
<b>COMMUNION ASSISTANT</b>	Howard & Janice Meyer		Howard & Janice Meyer		
<b>COUNCIL SERVERS</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	Gary Almquist, Jimmy Luton, Howard Meyer, Linda Richter
<b>GREETER</b>	Christy Pick	Joy Moehnke	Betty Cruz	Cara Ging	Doris Kaase
<b>Reader</b>	Christy Pick	Linda Richter	Joyce Beran	Susan Wuthrich	Youth
<b>NURSERY CARE</b>					Virginia Abrameit
<b>OFFERING HELPERS</b>	Youth	Youth	Youth	Youth	Youth
<b>USHER</b>	Donald Pick	Donald Pick	Donald Pick	Donald Pick	Donald Pick

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

## ANNUAL CHILI FUNDRAISER REPORT

Gross income was \$5117.00; Expenses were \$1742.69 = Profit of \$3374.31  
 $\frac{3}{4}$  of profit (\$2530.73) was put in General Fund;  $\frac{1}{4}$  of profit (\$843.58) went in the Youth Fund.  
Very special thank you to all who helped with the fundraiser – chili cooks, bakers, workers serving the chili and a very special thanks to the youth for working the to go line.



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## Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars

**Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Annual Youth Pancake Supper;** All-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, and bacon will be served from 5 – 7 p.m. in the educational building. This is a free-will donation fundraiser for the youth where the funds will go towards helping pay for their 2014 Camp Eagle trip.

### **Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> – Lenten Soup Suppers**

During the Lenten session, the youth will be hosting the Wednesday night soup suppers at 6 p.m. prior to the 7 p.m. Lenten services. Starting Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, there will be a sign-up sheet for those who wish to donate to this meal. The free-will offering collected at these meals will go towards the cost of the youths' summer retreat.

**Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> – Youth led service;** our confirmed youth will be leading the service on this Sunday.

**Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> – Working Fundraiser** at the Williamson County Sports Complex in Taylor. Our youth will be running the concession stand for softball tournaments taking place there. Funds earned from this fundraiser will go towards helping pay for the youths' 2014 Camp Eagle trip.

### **Shepherd's Heart 2014 Service dates –**

Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup> and 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.**

## Famous Quotes

- Success is better measured not so much by the position attained, but by the obstacles that were overcome.
- Character is much easier to keep than recover.
- Opportunity may knock on your door only once, but temptation bangs on your front door forever.
- If you want to be rich, count the things you have that money can't buy.

*Have a blessed month,  
Russel & Tammi*

(512) 461 – 7277 Russel  
(512) 461 – 1776 Tammi  
(512) 352 – 8848 home  
stjohnyouth@hotmail.com



*Please join us for a*

**Baby Shower  
&  
Salad Supper**

*in honor of*

**Hope Pregnancy Center**

**Sunday, March 9, 2014**

**at 4:00 p.m.**

**Prince of Peace Fellowship Hall**

3101 CR 417

Taylor, Texas 76574

*Hosted by the WinGS Circle  
of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church*

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*A short program will be presented by a representative from  
Hope Pregnancy Center of Taylor.*

*You are invited to bring donations of any kind of  
essential baby items, unwrapped, please.  
(Diapers of all sizes, receiving blankets, etc.)*

*Also, all are invited to bring their favorite salad  
and/or dessert to share for the meal.*

*We look forward to seeing you.*