

# ST. JOHN EPISTLE

May, 2014

St. John Lutheran Church- LCMC

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## **Happy Birthday May**

5/02 - Holly Klotz

5/03 - Wayne Ging

5/06 - Debbie Ging

5/08 - Doris Rohlack

5/09 - Alex Walla

5/23 - Sarah Speer

5/26 - Thomas Speer

## **ANNIVERSARY- MAY**

5/14 - SAMUEL & DANA JOHNSON

5/19 - JAMES & SUSAN WUTHRICH

5/20 - CHRIS & ERIN KOEHNE

5/21 - MICHAEL & AMANDA CAGE

# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

April 14, 2014

## Old Business:

1. Discussed using Ed Center for Polling Site
2. Approved May 18 for Baccalaureate Service here at St. John Church
3. Ok Boy Scout to use back lot
4. Set Clean Up Date for April 5
5. Discussed National Day of Prayer – May 1
6. VBS to be June 8 – June 12

## New Business:

1. Discussed Polka Worship Service
2. Set Sat. April 26 at 8:30 am for Work Day to set up for Polka Worship
3. Decided to set up a interest bearing Savings Acct for money given to the St. John by the Hoppe estate.

## Financial Report for March, 2014

Balance/Forward	\$ \$32,555.08	Expenses/General	- \$ 9,456.03
Income	10918.46	Expenses/Bldg	
Inc./Hoppe Ins.	10151.11		
Total Income	\$ 53,624.65	Total Expenses	\$ 9,456.03

**Balance in Bank as of March 31, 2014 - \$44,168.62**

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

Offering per Sunday in March were as following: **March 2 –2122.00; March 9 - \$1892.00**  
**March 16 – \$1583.00; March 23 – \$ 1690.00; March 30 – 1857.00**

Bldg/Memorials for March was \$260.00

## 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, Romadene Mohel, and Betty Cruz** 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.

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

Special thanks to **Geraldine Richter** for decorating the windows sills in the church for Easter.

## **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**

**Congratulations to Kathy Bielfeldt – Kathy was recently elected to serve as President of the WOW (Women of the Word) organization at the State meeting in Hondo.**

**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.**

## **SHEPHERD'S HEART**

**St. John of Thrall is responsible the 24<sup>th</sup> of May to help at Shepherd's Heart to help in the food pantry. We need at least 6 helpers to be at the pantry by 8:30 a.m. as well as Pastor Jon to give a short devotional and prayer around 8:50 a.m. Come and help with this project. You will be reward many times!**

## **CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY**

**We offer our Christian Sympathy to the family of Doris Johnson and the family of Edmond Tate.**

**Doris was a faithful member of St. John and an active member as long as her health permitted.**

**Edmond Tate was the father of Susan Pick.**

**We ask the Lord to continue to be with these families.**

## **SPECIAL THANK YOU**

**A very special thank you to all who helped with the Polka Worship Service. We Cleared \$655.44! It was a lot of work but I think the service and meal were enjoyed by all who attended. Thanks again!**

## MEMORIALS

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

Gaylon & Alice Finn  
Frank & Barbara Kotrla

### **In Memory of Walter Randig**

Gaylon & Alice Finn

### **In Memory of Doris Johnson**

Keith & Billie Adams & Family  
Curtis & Carolyn Kerlin  
Howard & Nancy Leshikar  
Richard & Katsumi Randig  
David & Christy Hortenstine  
Diana Stolle  
John & Vicki Hanacik  
Harvey Hughes  
Dorothy Hughes  
Gladys, Darrell & Peggy Mott  
Dennis & Kay Hamann  
Nora Johnson  
Larry & Katy Safarik  
Sue Seggern  
Jack & Katherine Stolle  
Leo & Alice Lowery  
Kattner Family  
Timothy & Jennifer Rhea  
Gary & Patricia Laxson  
Edsal & Karan Pagnozzi

Doug & Joy Moehnke  
Herman & Doris Kaase  
Clyde & Carmel Newman  
Kay Hortenstine  
Kris & Holly Givens  
Howard & Janice Meyer  
Terry & Colleen Hughes  
Danny & Kathy Hughes & family  
L & N Heffington  
Nelda & Alvan De Hoyos  
Matthew & Wendy Adams  
Harvey & Carolyn Johnson  
Doris Carlson  
James & Georgeann Arnett  
Kay Bulgerin  
Milton & Libby Lightsey  
Edna Mueller  
Steve & Ann Cavender  
Bob & Glenda Laxson  
Jimmy & Judy Phillips

### **In Memory of Evelyn Leschber**

Howard & Janice Meyr

### **In Memory of Raymond Ezzell**

Howard & Nancy Leshikar

### **In Memory of Edmond Tate**

Howard & Nancy Leshikar  
Howard & Janice Meyer

### **In Memory of Carolyn Mohel**

Peggy Ging

# YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Thank you to our junior high and high school youth who led a very inspirational service on Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.

On Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, our youth served our local community and raised some funds for their summer camp trip by running the concession stand for a softball tournament that was held at the Williamson county Sports Complex in Taylor. The youth and their parents did an outstanding job serving hundreds of hungry and thirsty customers!

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

**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 a softball tournament taking place there. Funds earned from this fundraiser will go towards helping pay for the youths' 2014 Camp Eagle trip.

**2014 Thrall High School Baccalaureate Service** – On Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m., St. John will be hosting the Baccalaureate service for our Thrall graduates. We have several seniors in our youth group and we would like to take this time to thank them for their dedication to God and their academic careers. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours. Please keep Elizabeth Alderete, Courtney Ging, Colton Luton, Lyndsey Miksch, Chris Posey, Christina Shaw, and Sarah Speer in your thoughts and prayers as they begin this new chapter in their lives. Please come attend the service to show your support to these young people.

**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.

**2014 Camp Eagle dates** – River's Edge (6<sup>th</sup> grade – Seniors), 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>

**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:**

- More truths are found digging for facts than jumping to conclusions.
- Imitate the clock; it passes time by keeping its hands busy.
- When you feel like you are drowning in life, don't worry. Your *Lifeguard* walks on water.
- Let your **FAITH** be bigger than your **fear**.

*Have a blessed month,  
Russel & Tammi*

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<b>READER</b>	Ginger Gross	Linda Richter	Christy Pick	Kelli Meyer
<b>GREETER</b>	open	Linda Richter	Betty Cruz	Open
<b>USHER</b>	Brian Gross	Brian Gross	Brian Gross	Brian Gross
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Dustin Qualls	Kayla Klotz	Sierra Koehne	Blake Whitlow
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<b>ALTAR FLOWERS</b>	Kevin Klotz	Vernell Dvorak	Lutons	Beth Almquist
<b>COMMUNION WARE</b>				Joyce Beran
<b>CHILDREN'S SERMON</b>		Children's Sermon		Children's Sermon
<b>NURSERY CARE</b>				Jacquelyn Pick
<b>OFFERING HELPERS</b>	Youth	Youth	Youth	Youth

**Thanks to everyone who serves! If you can't serve, when scheduled, please find someone to take your place!**

# MAY 2014

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Youth Working Fund raiser in Taylor
<b>4</b> 9:00 a.m.Sunday School 10:15 Worship/ Communion	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 6pm Spring Banquet	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> City Election in Education Center
<b>11</b> 9:00 a.m.Sunday School 10:15 Worship	<b>12</b> 7pm Church Council	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 2pm Circle 7pm Men's Group	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 9:00 a.m.Sunday School 10:15 Worship/ Communion 3pm Baccalaureate	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 8:30 am Shepherd's Heart
<b>25</b> 9:00 a.m.Sunday School 10:15 Worship	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Run off election in Education Center	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Memorial Day	<b>31</b>

## MAY AMBASSADORS FOR GOD

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**IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO SERVE WHEN YOU ARE LISTED, PLEASE  
ASK SOMEONE TO TAKE YOUR PLACE.  
YOUR COOPERATION WILL BE APPRECIATED.**