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April Newsletter

Happy Birthday

04/01 – Brian Jansky	4/16 – Katie Richter
04/02 – Sierra Koehne	4/21 – Liberty Beckermann
04/03 – Daryl Young	4/21 – Samuel David Johnson
04/04 – Ginger Gross	4/21 – Cindy Shaw
04/08 – Dalton Richter	4/22 - Megan Krueger
04/10 – Katsumi Randig	4/30 – Jon Bielfeldt
04/12 – Willard Thaler	

ANNIVERSARY

4/12 – JIMMY & JUDY PHILLIPS
4/16 – JACK & KATHERINE STOLLE
4/ 21 – JIMMY & KIMBERLEY LUTON
4/24 – DAVID & MEGAN BENNIGHT

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

March 10, 2014

Old Business:

- 1. Discussed Polka Worship on April 27**
- 2. Getting Bids on roof repair and door repair in Ed. Cent**
- 3. Discussed setting up tables on March 22 for lunch on March 23 for new members.**

New 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 Nation Day of Prayer – May 1**
- 6. VBS to be June 8 – June 12**



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Financial Report for February , 2014

Balance/Forward \$	\$35,017.42	Expenses/General -	\$ 8,678.35
Income	6,503.14	Expenses/Bldg	287.13
Total Income	\$ 41,520.56	Total Expenses	\$ 8,965.48

Balance in Bank as of February 28, 2014 - \$32,555.08

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

Offering per Sunday in February were as following: **Feb. 2 - \$1807.00; Feb. 9 - \$1749.00
Feb. 16 – \$1407.00; Feb. 23 – \$ 1384.00;** Bldg/Memorials for February was \$140.00

THANK YOU

Special thanks to the following for cooking the delicious barbecue for the new member reception:
Mo Hamann, Gary Almquist, Howard Meyer, and Russel Richter.

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.

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

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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Baptism

Dalton Allen Farr was baptized on Sunday, February 23. His parents are Alan and Kasey Farr. Grandparents are Steve and Debbie Ging and great-grandmother is Doris Carlson. May the Lord bless this child and his family.

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.

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Irene Hoppe

Norman & Marcella Johnson
Jimmy, Kim, Colton, & Riley Luton
A. W. & Jacquelyn Pick
Diana Stolle

In Memory of Dr. James Werchan

A. W. & Jacquelyn Pick
Diana Stolle

In Memory of Vince Marek

Howard & Nancy Leshikar

In Memory of Edwin Krieg

Howard & Nancy Leshikar

In Memory of Anna Herzer

Rita Chapman

In Memory of Olga Walther

Wandeen Sakewitz

In Memory of V. G. Carlson

Doris Carlson & family



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
			6pm Soup Supper 7pm Lenten Serv			7am Breakfast & Clean Up day
6	7	8	9	10	1 1	1 2
9 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship/Holy Comm			2pm Circle 6pm Soup Supper 7pm Lenten Serv.	7pm Men's Group		
1 3	1 4	1 5	1 6	1 7	1 8	1 9
9 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship	7pm Church Council			7pm Maundy Thurs. Service/Holy Comm	10 am—Good Friday Service/Holy Comm	
2 0	2 1	2 2	2 3	2 4	2 5	2 6
9 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship/Holy Comm						
2 7	2 8	2 9	3 0			
9 am Sunday School 10:15 am Polka Worship/Comm						

	April 6, 2014	April 13, 2014	April 20, 2014	April 27, 2014
READER	Kathy Bielfeldt	Vicki Byrd	Russel Richter	Steve Ging
GREETER	Kathy Bielfeldt	Janice Meyer	Betty Cruz	Laverne Frase
USHER	open	open	open	Open
ACOLYTE	Dylan Ging	Riley Richter	Sean Kruse	Kirsty Putnam
COUNCIL SERVERS	Kenneth Beckermann, Cara Ging, Kevin Klotz, & Barbara Putnam	Kenneth Beckermann, Cara Ging, Kevin Klotz, & Barbara Putnam	Kenneth Beckermann, Cara Ging, Kevin Klotz, & Barbara Putnam	Kenneth Beckermann, Cara Ging, Kevin Klotz & Barbara Putnam
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	open		open	
ALTAR FLOWERS	Merjean Andrews	Howard & Janice Meyer	Ruth Circle	Norman & Marcella Johnson
COMMUNION WARE				
CHILDREN'S SERMON		Children's Sermon		Children's Sermon
NURSERY CARE				Virginia Abrameit
OFFERING HELPERS	Youth	Youth	Youth	Youth

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

Thank you to all who came out on Sunday, March 2nd and supported the youth at their annual pancake supper. The weather caused all of us to question whether to hold it or not. Mailmen are not the only ones who have to face rain, sleet, and snow. The members of our church and community came out in freezing rain and cold temperatures to show their support for our youth. We cannot thank you enough!

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars

Wednesday, April 2nd, and 9th – 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. A free-will offering collected at these meals will go towards the cost of the youths' summer retreat.

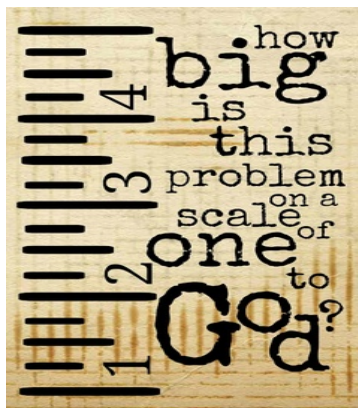
Sunday, March 30th – Youth led service; our confirmed youth will be leading the service on this Sunday.

Saturday, April 12th and Sunday, April 13th and Saturday, May 3rd and Sunday, May 4th – 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 24th and Saturday, October 4th
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 and search for St. John Lutheran Youth, Thrall, Texas.



*Have a blessed month,
Russel & Tammi*

(512) 461 – 7277 Russel
(512) 461 – 1776 Tammi
(512) 352 – 8848 home

NEW MEMBERS

Happy Moments,
Praise God.
Difficult Moments,
Seek God.

Quiet Moments,
Worship God.

Painful Moments,
Trust God.

*Every Moment,
Thank God.*



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The following families were received into the St. John church family on Sunday, March 23 during the Worship Service. Following the worship service a wonderful lunch was enjoyed by all who attended.

**Gary & Romadene Mohel - 1300 CR 454 – Taylor, TX 76574
Home Phone # 512-856-2511**

**Jack & Katherine Stolle – 22255 State Hwy 79 – Taylor, TX 76574
Home Phone # 512-365-8022**

**Brian & Lesha, Macy, Raeleigh, Blake, & Brandt Whitlow – 2105 Jason – Taylor, TX 76574
Brian Cell: 512-921-1267 Lesha Cell: 512-921-1268**

We wish God's blessing on them and hope we are a blessing to them as we know they are to us. Welcome to the St. John Family!

RELAY FOR LIFE

The Relay for Life will be held in Taylor, TX, April 12, 2014 at Murphy Park. If you would like to donate to light a luminaria in honor or in memory of a loved one and help end cancer forever you can contact one of the following people: Peggy Ging – 512-898-2651; Romadene Mohel – 512-856-2511; or Beth Almquist – 512-587-7446.

EASTER SONRISE SERVICE

The Community Easter Sonrise Service will be held at the Thrall United Methodist Church on Easter Sunday, April 20 at 7am. Following the worship service a breakfast will be held in their Fellowship Hall. Please bring a breakfast dish to share. All are invited!