

# ST. JOHN EPISTLE

April, 2015

St. John Lutheran Church- LCMC

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## **Happy Birthday**

4/01 - Brian Jansky

4/02 - Sierra Koehne

4/03 - Daryl Young

4/04 - Ginger Gross

4/08 - Dalton Richter

4/10 - Katsumi Randig

4/12 - Willard Thaler

4/16 - Katie Richter

4/21 - Liberty Beckermann

4/21 - Samuel David Johnson

4/21 - Cindy Shaw

4/22 - Megan Krueger

4/29 - William Kennedy

4/30 - Jon Bielfeldt

## **ANNIVERSARY**

4/12 - Jimmy & Judy Phillips

4/16 - Jack & Katherine Stolle

4/21 - Jimmy & Kim Luton

4/24 - David & Maegan Bennight

4/26 - Glen Ray & Beth O'Banan

# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

**March 8, 2015**

## Old Business:

1. **Lenten Offering to go to three different organizations: Shepherd's Heart, LCMC- Mission Development in Texas, Canyon Lake Abuse Center.**
2. **Approve having a silent auction the day of the Polka Worship Service. Debbie Ging, Millie Hamann, and Stephanie Bachmeyer will be on the silent auction committee.**
3. **Free will for desserts at Polka Worship**
4. **Have sign up sheet for Work Day – March 21**
5. **Need committee to present proposal for Endowment Fund**

## New Business:

1. **Discuss assigning duties for the Polka Worship Service Sunday – parking, Advertising, dessert cutting, tents, etc.**
2. **Pastor Jon has been asked to represent the Texas LCMC in St. Charles, Ill in July.**
3. **Pastor Jon will be on vacation from June 28 to July 11.**

## Financial Report for February, 2015

Balance/Forward \$	47,612.86	Expenses/General -	7,598.11
Income	9,312.92	Expenses/Bldg	120.00
Total Income	56,925.78	Total Expenses	7,718.11

<b>Balance in Bank as of Feb. 28, 2015</b>	<b>\$49,207.67</b>
<b>Balance in Savings Acct.</b>	<b><u>\$35,177.71</u></b>
<b>Total in Checking &amp; Savings</b>	<b>\$84,385.38</b>

\*\*The following amount is needed every Sunday to meet our budget: **\$2175.48**

Offering per Sunday in Feb., 2015 were as following:

**Feb. 1 – 3318.00; Feb. 8 – 2237.50; Feb. 15 – 1530.87; Feb. 22 – 1451.00**

**Lenten Service – 487.00; Chili Income – 70.00; Misc. Inc. – 153.55; Bldg/Mem – 65.00**

## 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 **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.

## **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**
- 6. 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!

**All donations are greatly appreciated.**

## **MEMORIALS**

### **In Memory of Travis Murray**

Howard & Nancy Leshikar

### **In Memory of Jerry Schmole**

Jim & Geraldine Richter

### **In Memory of Walter & Laverne Stephens**

Calvin & Nancy Mikulencak

### **In Memory of Olga Walther**

Wandeen Sakewitz & family

### **In Memory of Laverne Stephens**

Howard & Nancy Leshikar

Ashley Rutter

Dana & Sam Johnson & Family

Karen Rutter

Richard & Katsumi Randig

## **CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY**

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of Richard Randig and A. W. Pick. Richard's sister, Laverne Stephens, passed away recently And Adolph's brother, Olin Pick passed away on March 8 and his funeral was in Temple, TX on Thursday, March 12. We ask the Lord to be with these families.

# AMBASSADORS FOR GOD

	<b>4/05</b>	<b>4/12</b>	<b>4/19</b>	<b>4/26</b>
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Kayla Klotz	Blake Whitlow	Mac Hamann	Kaleb Hamann
<b>READER</b>	Nancy Leshikar	Romandene Mohel	Debbie Ging	Kathy Bielfeldt
<b>FLOWERS</b>	Ruth Circle	H & J Meyer	D & J Beran	
<b>GREETER</b>	Peggy Ging	Janice Meyer	Mo Hamann	Fran Jirasek
<b>NURSERY</b>				Jacquelyn Pick
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Open		Open	
<b>USHER</b>	Open			
<b>OFFERING HELPERS</b>	Youth	Youth	Youth	Youth

**COUNCIL SERVERS** Stephanie Bachmeyer, Cara Ging, Fran Jirasek and Kevin Klotz,

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

**There are still opening on the flowers chart for 2015!**

# April 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
				7pm Maundy Thursday Service/Holy Communion	10:00am Good Friday Service /Holy Communion	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
7am Easter Sunrise/First Baptist Church/Thrall 9 am Sunday School/Breakfast 10:15 am Worship/Holy Communion			2pm Circle 7pm Men's Group	2-4 pm Open House for Retirement for Archie Abrameit Fellowship Hall		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9 am Sunday School 10:15 am Polka Worship/Holy Communion						
26	27	28	29	30		
9 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship						

## **POLKA WORSHIP SERVICE**

The Polka Worship Service will be held on Sunday, April 19, 2015. A chicken fried steak lunch will be available – catered by Captain Red! Tickets will be \$10.00!! We will also have a silent auction. Silent auction committee are: Stephanie Bachmeyer, Debbie Ging, and Mille Hamann. Tickets are available at the church or from any church member. Remember we will also need volunteers to help cut the dessert. If you can help please be at the church around 8:30 a.m.

## **SPRING BANQUET**

**The spring banquet will be held on Wed. May 6 at 6pm. The guest speaker will be Rev. Travis Summerlin. Pastor Summerlin will portray Martin Luther. All members are invited, men, women and children. We ask that you bring a salad dish and a dessert. This program will be educational to all.**

## **RETIREMENT RECOGNITION**

**The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension service will host a retirement recognition function for retiring Stiles Farm Foundation manager, Archie Abrameit at the St. John Lutheran Church fellowship hall on Thursday April 9 from 2-4 pm. Members are welcome to attend the come and go affair.**

## **VBS**

Vacation Bible School will start the evening of June 7 and end with a program and refreshments on the evening of June 11. If you would like to help with VBS please contact Linda Richter.

**ALL CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. A LIGHT SUPPER WILL BE PROVIDED**

## An answer to 'Why go to church?'

**If you're spiritually alive, you're going to love this!**

**If you're spiritually dead, you won't want to read it!**

**If you're spiritually curious, there is still hope!**

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. 'I've gone for 30 years now,' he wrote, 'and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all.'

This started a real controversy in the 'Letters to the Editor' column. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

'I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!'

**When you are DOWN to nothing, God is UP to something!**

**Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible!**

**Thank God for our physical and our spiritual nourishment!**

*All right, now that you're done reading, send it on !  
I think everyone should read this !  
When Satan is knocking at your door, simply say, 'Jesus, could you get that for me, while I forward this message to your children?'*

**IF YOU CANNOT SEE GOD IN ALL, YOU CANNOT SEE GOD AT ALL !**

**B. I. B. L. E. simply means: Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth!**

**Did you know that.....?**

**When you carry "the Bible", Satan has a head ache.**

- **When you open it, he collapses;**
- **When he sees you reading it, he loses his strength, AND**
- **When you stand on the Word of God, Satan can't hurt you!**

**When you are about to forward this to others, the devil will discourage you.**

**So go on ! Forward this to people who are DEAR to you and TRUST GOD.**



**POLKA WORSHIP SERVICE  
SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2015  
10:15 a. m.  
ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH  
THRALL, TX**

**(After the worship service – lunch chicken fried steak and  
trimmings – catered by Captain Red)  
Tickets are \$10.00 – Also a Silent Auction  
Call the church office for tickets  
512-898-2136 or  
512-461-5165**





**Sunrise Service- 7am**

**Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Location: FBC Thrall 202 S. Bounds St. Thrall, Texas**

**Pot Luck Fellowship Breakfast following!**

**We invite you to join us as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior- Jesus Christ!  
Please join us as our churches come together to worship Our King!**

**Rev. Jon Bielfeldt – St. John’s Lutheran Church**

**Rev. Travis Summerlin – Thrall United Methodist Church**

**Pastor James Lott- Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church**

**Pastor Glenn Scruggs- FBC Thrall**

# Youth Activities

A very special **Thank you** to those who volunteered to bring soup, sandwiches, or dessert to the Lenten soup suppers. This was a free-will donation fundraiser by the youth and we thank you for your support. The last soup supper will be Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. Again, thank you to Kelli Meyer, Doris Schwettman, Millie Hamann, Beth Almquist, Michele Hander, Fran Jirasek, Stephanie Bachmeyer, Kathy Bielfeldt, Debbie Ging, Virginia Abrameit, Doris Kaase, Barbara Putnam, Erin Koehne, Kevin Klotz, Laverne Frase, Ellen Hodon, Romodene Mohel, Cindy Miksch, Garla Jansky, Lasha Whitlow, Peggy Ging, Ismael Alderete, Carolyn Kerlin, Geraldine Richter, and Janice Meyer.

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

**Easter Morning Breakfast, Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m.** – Bring your favorite breakfast dish and Easter basket! We will be sharing fellowship over a covered dish breakfast followed by an Easter egg hunt. Everyone is welcomed!

### **Softball Concession Stand Fundraiser, April 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> and May 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>**

A sign-up sheet was emailed out at the beginning of March for the April and May fundraisers. There are still empty slots available to work. These will be our last major fundraisers for this summer's camp. Be sure to sign up!

**Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> – CAMP EAGLE!!!** More information will be coming in July!

**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:**

- ❖ No one can help another without helping himself.
- ❖ Whether you think you can, or that you can't, you are usually right.
- ❖ It is of no profit to have learned well if you neglect to do well.
- ❖ Respect yourself, and others will respect you.
- ❖ If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude.

*Have a blessed month,  
Russel & Tammi*

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