

ST. JOHN EPISTLE

September, 2012

St. John Lutheran Church- LCMC

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Doris Kaase - Office Secretary

Happy Birthday September

09/01 - Tyler Richter	09/17 - Christine Shaw
09/02 - Kerri Hillman	09/17 - Laurie Young
09/02 - Melissa Qualls	09/19 - Joshua Pick
09/05 - Doris Wernecke	09/20 - Billie Hoermann
09/06 - Elroy Lieberum	09/20 - Mary Ellen Krueger
09/07 - Joseph Sandifer	09/22 - Travis Carlson
09/09 - Jason Moehnke	09/22 - Kirsty Putnam
09/11 - Chad Richter	09/23 - Judy Phillips
09/12 - Brianna Martindale	09/23 - Lisa Gilmore
09/13 - Courtney Ging	09/24 - Deanna Hall
09/13 - Dylan Ging	09/25 - Linda Richter
09/13 - Doris Johnson	09/27 - Bill Brees
09/14 - A. W. Pick	09/27 - Robert Walla
09/15 - Jacquelyn Pick	09/29 - Merjean Andrews
09/16 - Emily Hall	09/29 - Maybelline Kattner

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY- SEPTEMBER

9/06 - CURTIS & CAROLYN KERLIN
9/07 - ARCHIE & VIRGINIA ABRAMEIT
9/07 - BRADLEY & MELINDA ABRAMEIT
9/27 - BILL & TEPHANIE BREES
9/29 - BRIAN & AMANDA DRUMMOND
9/30 - JEFF & AMY JAROSEK

THANK YOU

Thanks to **Janet Herzer** for taking the food items to Shepherd's Heart in Taylor. Canned goods may be brought on Communion Sundays (1st and 3rd Sunday)

Thanks to **Lucille Rosenthal and Michele Hander and Alice Finn** for helping in the office.

Thanks to **Doug & Joy Moehnke** for providing the treats for the children sermons and to **Doug** for mowing and keeping the lawn neat.

Thanks to **Chad Richter and Dalton** for watering the outdoor plants, keeping the flower beds clean and clipping the rose bushes.

Thanks to all who have donated items for school-your donations are appreciated.

Thanks to the ones who help set up tables & chairs for special events.

Thanks to the youth for a very inspiring service!

Thanks to **Josephine & Antonio Castro** who put out the garbage each week.

Important Information

Visitation of Shutins:

If you know of someone that should be visited but is not on the list, please contact Pastor Jon or Virginia Abrameit.

Listed below are known shut-ins at this time:

Doris Rohlack – SPJST Nursing Home
Billie Hoermann – Park Place, Georgetown
Nora Johnson – Granger Villa
Betty Lou Krieg – SPJST Nursing Home
Edna Mueller – home

Elroy Lieberum (home)
Doris Wernecke – Park Valley Inn – Round Ro
Nelson Granzin – home
Ruby Krieg – home

August Memorials

In Memory of Ruby Howerton

Melvin & Doris Schwettman
Nancy Hall
Scott & Lisa Gilmore

In Memory of Donna Schwarz

Jim & Geraldine Richter
Mildred Zamorsky

In Memory of Victor Waiser

Jim & Geraldine Richter

In Memory of Billy Evans

Howard & Janice Meyer

In Memory of Ronny Dlouhy

Howard & Janice Meyer

In Memory of Will Lucas

Camryn & Davis Ohe

In Memory of Jim Sadler

A. W. & Jacquelyn Pick

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

Project of the women of St. John for 2012 is the Hope Center in Taylor. They are making and donating these blankets for infants and children. Needed are flannel material 1 ¼ yd to 1 ½ yds.

Also needed are diapers for infants and small children. Any donations will be appreciated.

Dates to Remember

Sunday, Sept. 9 –9:00 am. Rally Sunday — Sunday School Potluck Breakfast

Sunday, Sept. 16 –Regular Sunday School Classes Begin

Sunday, Oct. 28 – Octoberfest Sunday – time to be announced later.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 9am Sunday School 10:15 Worship/Holy Communion						1
3 Labor Day	4		5	6	7	8
9 9am Sunday School/ Rally Sunday/ Breakfast 10:15 am Worship	10 7pm Church Council	11	12 2pm Circle 7pm Men's Group	13	14	15
16 9am Sunday School 10:15 Worship/Holy Communion Grandparents' Day	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 9am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship 30 9am Sunday Sch. 10:15 am Worship	24	25	26	27 2pm Senior Citizens Dominoes	28	29 First Day of Autumn

AMBASSADORS FOR GOD

	Sept. 2, 2012	Sept. 9, 2012	Sept. 16, 2012	Sept. 23, 2012	Sept. 30, 2012
ACOLYTE	Dylan Ging	Dylan Ging	Dylan Ging	Dylan Ging	Dylan Ging
ALTAR					
FLOWERS	Linda Richter	Curtis & Carolyn Kerlin	Betty & Frances Jirasek	Eiroy Lieberum	Peggy Ging
CHILDREN'S SERMON		Children Sermon		Children Sermon	Children Sermon
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Virginia Abrameit & Kathy Biefeldt		Virginia Abrameit & Kathy Biefeldt		
COMMUNION WARE					Joyce Beran
COUNCIL SERVERS	Peggy Ging, Howard Meyer, Terry Richter, & Diana Stolle	Peggy Ging, Howard Meyer, Terry Richter, & Diana Stolle	Peggy Ging, Howard Meyer, Terry Richter, & Diana Stolle	Peggy Ging, Howard Meyer, Terry Richter, & Diana Stolle	Peggy Ging, Howard Meyer, Terry Richter, & Diana Stolle
GREETER	Betty Cruz	Carolyn Kerlin	Betty & Frances Jirasek	Jacquelyn Pick	Youth
Reader	Debbie Ging	Christy Pick	Vicki Byrd	Vicki Byrd	Youth
NURSERY CARE					Doris Schwettman
OFFERING HELPERS	Youth	Youth	Youth	Youth	Youth
USHER	Jimmy Luton	Jimmy Luton	Jimmy Luton	Jimmy Luton	Jimmy Luton

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

Youth Activities

Camp Eagle Retreat

On Sunday, August 12th, the youth who attended Camp Eagle gave their thoughts on what they did and how they grew in their Christian beliefs. These kids did a wonderful job conducting the service and providing an insight on their interpretations of the lessons taught during that week. Thank you to all who provided spiritual support to these youth. We would like to express a special thank you to the parents of the youth for entrusting us with your child during this spiritually growing experience. We feel very blessed to be part of their lives as they mature into amazing Christian leaders.

Teacher Needed!

We have several children "graduating" from Mrs. Cindy's pre-school through 1st grade class. There is need of a teacher for the 1st grade – 3rd grade class. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Russel.

School Supplies Collection

We have many children in our local schools whose families have a difficult time providing them with the necessary school supplies to have a successful school year. You will find a list of these necessary items at the end of this section of the newsletter. We would appreciate your help in collecting supplies for these students. We will have a box at the back of the church to put your donations in. Thank you for your support.

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars

Sunday, September 9 – Rally Sunday; We will be gathering together to begin the new Sunday school year with a pot-luck breakfast at 9 a.m. Regular classes will begin the following Sunday, September 16th. Games and fellowship will be enjoyed.

Sunday, September 9 – 2013 Camp Eagle meeting; If you have a youth who will be in grades 2 – 12 this year and is interested in attending Camp Eagle next summer, we will be meeting after the service in the church to discuss the dates chosen, fundraising ideas, and more. It is very important that parents and youth who wish to attend, be present at this meeting.

Sunday, September 30th – Youth led worship service; Youth who will be participating need to attend the practice of the service on Sunday, September 23rd at 9 a.m.

Saturday, November 17th – Shepherd's Heart Community Service; We will meet at the Switzer's Community Center in Taylor at 8:30 a.m. Please call us or the church for directions. All members of St. John's are encouraged to help.

Please remember that the St. John Youth are on facebook. Go to www.facebook.com and search for St. John Lutheran Youth, Thrall, Texas.

Capsule Sermons

- ❖ It's not life that kills us, but rather it's our reaction to it.
- ❖ Worry is like a rocking chair; it gives you something to do, but doesn't get you anywhere.
- ❖ Being broke is a temporary setback. Being poor is a state of mind.
- ❖ Never give up hope, for there is a potential cure for every ailment.

School Supply Collection List

8 count Crayola crayons	Plastic folders with pockets and brads*
8 count Crayola classic markers	Wide-ruled spiral notebooks*
8 count watercolors	Standard/metric ruler
8 count map pencils	pencils (no mechanical)
Fiskars Blunt metal scissors	zipper bag with reinforced holes
Elmer's glue	200 sheet wide-ruled notebook paper (loose-leaf)
Glue sticks	Kleenex
large pink erasers	
Fiskars blunt metal scissors	

*In order to help teach the students to keep their work organized, most of the teachers at Thrall encourage students to color-code their subjects. The following colors are suggested when purchasing the folders and notebooks – red, yellow, orange, green, blue, purple, black. You do not have to donate all items listed. Any donations will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your support and God bless you.

Russel & Tammi

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LCMC (Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ) held the Fourth Annual Texas District Convention August 3rd & 4th at Living Word Lutheran Church in Grapevine, Texas. Theme: "Connected to the Vine, Being the Branches"

Barbara Putnam and Diana Stolle were delegates representing St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church – Thrall, TX.

The Convention started Friday at 4:00PM with *registration, fellowship, and vendor displays*. Information gathered from vendors present:

Cross Trails Ministry – Kerrville 25th Fall Festive benefit September 15th in Fredericksburg benefiting Lutheran Camp Chrysalis – Ebert Ranch Camp – Summer Camp – Retreats – Expeditions.

Sola Publishing: Confirmation Program

LSS (Lutheran Social Services) Looking Forward Strategic Plan for 2012 – 2015.

Faith Missions International Inc.: Child Sponsorship Program and Mission Trips.

Currently have trips planned for October 5-12, 2012, January 10-16, 2013 and January 17-25, 2013 to Gift of God Orphanage in Port au Prince, Haiti and plans for 70 Palms Homes. Church teams with a minimum of 12 team members or individuals may join another church team.

Crossways International: material and training resources.

Meeting began at 5:00PM with welcome by TX District President, Pastor Bobby Leggett of Trinity, Blanco. And worship by Pastor David Eibel of Living Word, Grapevine.

LCMC Update presented by Pastor Mark Vander Tuig, Service Coordinator for LCMC

Currently there are 815 LCMC member churches world wide, 700 are here in the US of that 56% have 0-99 members, 22% have 100-199, and 10% have 200-299 members. We are getting older and smaller.

LCMC exist for a reason: Vision is to provide direction and focus to energize and help us face difficult choices.

Every church needs a Prayer Team. January 8 – 10th is set as 3 Days of Prayer. We need to 1) Renew our mind, 2) Relationship with missionary group, 3) Plant new churches. Innovation and growth is about proclamation: The Word of God.

4,000 churches are closing, only 15% are growing. Estimate it takes 1000 Lutherans 1 year to bring 1 person to Christ. This is chasing away 1500 pastors.

Supper provided by host, Living Word Lutheran Church - Grapevine

Business Session 1:

Need to fill 6 positions for LCMC TX District Council: Pastor Scott Mann of St. John Ev. – Pflugerville, Council VP, Nominating Committee Chairman reported, two nominees have been submitted: 1) Pastor Jill Duncan of Agape Lutheran Church – Frisco; 2) Pastor Percy Smerek of Trinity Lutheran Church – Stonewall. Additional nominees from the floor: Pastor David Mayer of St. Paul – Hondo; Pastor C. B. Suggs of St. Andrews – Weesatche; Pastor Alsen Wenzel of St. John's – Winters; Pastor Bobby Leggett of Trinity – Blanco; Barbara Geistfeld of Trinity - Blanco.

Report on State of the District and New Starts by Pastor Bobby Leggett of Trinity – Blanco:

Who are we?

Why are we here?

LCMC website: LCMCTexas.com

More Accountability to one another:

3 Day Classes:

Need Mission Congregations:

Leadership, Willow Creek Association:

Communications – electronic:

Facebook page:

Mission Trips: October 17th next mission team meeting.

Church Planting Coordinator has been budgeted in 2013.

Mission in Ethiopia: Presented by Pastor Wendy Berthelsen of Hope – Cedar Hill.

(NALC: North American Lutheran Church)

Trip to Ethiopia, Africa discovered a Lutheran Church that is 2000 years old and has six(6) million members. In October and November a group of missionaries from Ethiopia are coming to the US to bring revival to the American Church that is falling apart. Why are the people falling away from the church in America? Kenya believes in 20

Lunch provided by host Living Word Lutheran Church - Grapevine

Afternoon Session:

LCMC DNA by Pastor Mark Vander Tuig (LCMC Service Coordinator)

Why we started LCMC in 2001, Authority of Gods Word. Training us in righteousness.

ARMOR: The sword of the spirit. STAND: god is not done. The Great Commission: Go make disciples of all nations. Transformation: Holy Spirit. Are we ready and willing to make a greater commitment? Freedom comes with responsibility. The Local church is the front line of ministry. Innovation: Personal relationships. LCMC has (1) Streamlined Structure, (2) Developing networks, (3) Support one another.

Breakout Session 2:

Embracing the New Media (attended by Barbara) presented by pastor Lee Harder of St. Paul – Bulverde and Larry Bodoczy, webmaster/outreach program. Discussed stream live Sunday service, putting live bible studies, and live web seminar with two way communication. Free of charge due to allowing advertising. Larry is available for questions and possible additional consulting services for a small fee. What is New Media? Internet with unlimited access because you are able to communicate to 73% of US is on internet. Access by 1) Google – simple text; 2) NFL.com – Video, dropdowns, an audio, 3) Combo – Text and Animation. Why streaming services: 1) To reach more people, 2) People shopping for a church, 3) homebound, 4) out of the area, 5) Influence others, can reach anyone with a computer. Easy and least expensive. Streaming is setting up your own TV station network. Equipment needed: Laptop computer, High Definition web cameras, High definition internet connection, 4-5 dedicated operators. Suggested items: 1) Computer – Gateway lap top 2.4 gig @ \$434.00, 2) Web cam high definition Microsoft light cam @ \$65.00 - \$75.00, 3) USB cable (30 feet), 4) Dedicated operators to start, stop, manage volume (during organ). There are 37 free providers all supported by ads, if you do not want ads and are concerned about popups during service can suggest sponsorship at \$100.00 month for commercial free service.

Allows the members out of town (college), homebound (illness), nursing home residence, to attend the service and to refresh your memory you can re-watch as often as you like in the convenience of your home after service. Able to hold online meetings for free. Since March St Paul – Bulverde has had 900 viewing and did a special broadcast of a funeral service for family members out of the country (Germany). To check it out go to redroofchurch.org

We are Disciples, Too! (attended by Diana) presented by Margaret Reus, President of the LCMC Texas District Women of the Word, St. Paul – Hondo. Margaret stressed that as women of the church our roles have changed considerably from the days when women only cooked the meals and made the coffee. We now hold positions in the church and make decisions – helping the church to grow in the direction we would like to see it go. Women of the Word are a group of women of the LCMC Texas District who:

- P articipate and support the ministries of LCMC
- A ssemble in Bible Study together
- L ove one another in Action and in Prayer
- S upport other women that subscribe to the purpose

Afternoon Worship, Benediction, and dismissed: by Pastor David Eibel of Living Word (host) – Grapevine and TX LCMC President, Pastor Bobby Leggett of Trinity – Blanco.
4:00PM adjourned.

Barbara Putnam

Diana Stolle

Submitted by Barbara Putnam and Diana Stolle
Thank you for this opportunity.