

ST. JOHN EPISTLE

December, 2012

St. John Lutheran Church- LCMC

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Happy Birthday December

12/01 - Norman Johnson
12/02 - Virginia Abrameit
12/02 - Cole Kennedy
12/03 - Christy Pick
12/04 - Nora Johnson
12/04 - Cali Johnson
12/04 - Dakota Johnson
12/07 - Johanna Agee
12/10 - Bradley Abrameit

12/14 - Betty Cruz
12/15 - Darrell Mikulencak
12/17 - Cole Chapman
12/19 - Ashley Rutter
12/22 - Sean Kruse
12/25 - Laverne Frase
12/25 - Ruby Krieg
12/26 - Beth Almquist
12/28 - Tammi Richter

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY- DECEMBER

12/04 - Brian & Ginger Gross
12/05 - Chris & Lauren Herrera
12/10 - Terry & Ginger Richter
12/12 - Darrell & Jennifer Mikulencak
12/16 - Jim & Geraldine Richter
12/22 - Willie & Janet Herzer
12/23 - Gary & Beth Almquist
12/27 - Morris & Mary Ellen Krueger

ANNUAL CHILI FUNDRAISER

The annual chili fundraiser will be on Wednesday, January 16, 2013, here at St. John from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Co-chair people will be Kenneth Beckermann and Nancy Hall. Joyce Beran will be in charge of the tickets. Tickets will be \$8.00.

If you would like to contribute toward the purchase of the meat or supplies, please Contact Kenneth or Nancy.

Every ones help will be needed to make this a successful fundraiser.

The price of the tickets will included chili, drink and dessert.

All help will be greatly appreciated! Also remember to bake your cakes or pies for the fundraiser.

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New Flower Chart

The new flower chart is up in the narthex . Please sign up early to get the date you want and the information can be available to be put in the 2013 Yearbook. Your help will be appreciated.

SIGN UP SHEETS

The sign up sheets are being passed around during the worship service for you to volunteer for reader, greeter, usher, communion helpers (preparing the communion trays), etc. your help will be appreciated. The sooner the sign up sheets get completed the sooner, the yearbook can be printed.

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INSTALLATION OF NEW COUNCIL PEOPLE

The newly elected church council people will be installed on Sunday, January 20, 2013, A very special thanks to the outgoing council: Peggy Ging and Diana Stolle. Kenneth Beckerman, Howard Meyer and Barbara Putnam have also completed their two year term, but have agreed to serve another two year term. Thank you for your services to St. John.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship/ Holy Communion	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 9am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship/ Lunch for New Mem-	10 7pm Church Council	11	12	13	14	15 8:30 am—Help needed at Shephard's Heart
16 9am Sunday School 10:15 am Cantata/ Holy Communion	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 9am Sunday School/ Christmas Breakfast 10:15 am Worship	24 6pm Christmas Eve Program	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26	27	28	29
30 9am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship	31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On Dec. 9 at 5pm Snoop Party/Bring a \$5 gift/covered dish 				

Youth Activities

Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to all who contributed to the 3rd-5th grade Sunday school class's project. They were able to fill approximately 30 boxes this year! A very special thank you is sent to Mrs. Vicki for spearheading this project. "Awesome job!" to Kirsty Putnam, Kaleb Hamann, Mac Hamann, Kayla Klotz, Dustin Qualls, Wendie Brees, and Wyatt Brees.

Decorating of Church for Advent Season

Thank you to those who came up to the church on Sunday, November 25th and helped prepare the church for the Advent season. We were very blessed to have the Russell Putnam family (Russell, Lisa, Catlynn, and Kirsty), Barbara Putnam, Jim & Geraldine Richter, the Terry Richter family (Terry, Ginger, Tyler, and Katie), Courtney & Dylan Ging, the Mo Hamann family (Mo, Kaleb, and Mac), and the Russel Richter family (Russel, Tammi, and Riley) give a couple of hours of their Sunday afternoon to decorate the inside and outside of the church.

St. John's Youth's Email

The youth of St. John's have an email account. In order to be able to contact parents and youth more efficiently, we have opened an email account. If you wish to contact the sponsors for any reason, you may use the following email address: stjohnyouth@hotmail.com

Christmas Eve Program

Mrs. Kim Luton is once again coordinating the Sunday school's annual Christmas Eve program. Dates of practices are listed below in the Upcoming Events. If you are interested in helping Kim out with props, etc., please get in touch with her. We would appreciate your assistance in making this program one of our best!

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars

Saturday, December 1st and Sunday, December 2nd – Softball Tournament Fundraiser; We are scheduled to run one of the concession stands at the softball field in Taylor. This is a major fundraiser for the youth. Proceeds will be used to help pay for next summer's camp trip to Camp Eagle in June and August.

Sunday, December 9th – Christmas Program Rehearsal; We will have our first practice for the Christmas Eve Program during the Sunday school hour. We need everyone to try to do their best to be there on this day and on the 16th.

Sunday, December 16th – Christmas Program Rehearsal and Caroling; The youth will remain at the church following the worship service. Lunch will be provided. After the rehearsal, we will then go Christmas caroling and enjoy supper together. We should return to Thrall by 8 pm. If there are any church members who wish to join us in caroling, you are more than

welcome. If your youth will be participating in the caroling, please let us know. Depending on how many youth participate in the caroling, we may need parent volunteers to help provide transportation. Specific details regarding the caroling will be provided at a later date.

Sunday, December 23rd – Sunday School Christmas Breakfast; We will be enjoying a potluck breakfast during the Sunday school hour. Please feel free to join us. There is always plenty!

Sunday, December 30th – Youth led Church service; Our 6th graders through 12th graders will be leading the Fifth Sunday church service. If your family will be in town and at church on this day, please let us know. This information will help us plan the service.

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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

- ❖ Beware of a half-truth – you may have hold of the wrong half.
- ❖ The best way to win is to forget to keep score.
- ❖ Gentle words fall lightly, but carry great weight.
- ❖ ***Don't be a cynic, and bewail and bemoan. Omit negative propositions. Don't waste yourself in rejection, nor bark against the bad, but chant the beauty of the good.*** – Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1881)

Thank you for your support and God bless you.

Russel & Tammi

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