

ST. JOHN EPISTLE

December, 2014

St. John Lutheran Church- LCMC

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Doris Kaase - Office Secretary

Happy Birthday

12/01 - Norman Johnson

12/01 - Dalton Farr

12/02 - Virginia Abrameit

12/02 - Eric Cole Kennedy

12/03 - Christy Pick

12/04 - Cali Johnson

12/04 - Dakota Johnson

12/07 - Johanna Agee

12/10 - Bradley Abrameit

12/11 - Stephanie Bachmeyer

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

ANNIVERSARY

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

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

November 12, 2014

Old Business:

1. Set November 23 – decorate for Christmas after the worship service – light lunch (pizza)
2. Willie's Chili – Thanksgiving eve at 6pm (Free will donation)
Worship service in Education Center at 7pm.
3. Set Snoop Party for Dec 7 at 5pm
4. Set Annual Chili Fundraiser – January 21, 2015 – tickets 9.00

New Business:

1. Work on budget
2. Approved Red Oman to cater Polka worship
3. Process has started to contact City of Thrall concerning paving in front of Church
4. Pastor Jon is the Vice-President of the Texas District LCMC

Financial Report for Oct, 2014

Balance/Forward	\$ 41,338.10	Expenses/General	- 8379.91	
Income	8,042.55	Expenses/Bldg	0.00	
Total Income	49,380.65	Total Expenses	8379.91	\$

Balance in Bank as of Oct. 31, 2014 - \$41,000.74

Balance in Savings Acct. \$35,166.05

Total in Checking & Savings **\$76,166.79**

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

Offering per Sunday in October were as following:

Oct. 5 – 2365.00; Oct. 12 – 1621.00; Oct. 19 – 1402.00; Oct. 26 – 2327.00

Bldg. Fund/Memorial - \$40.00. Misc. Income – 287.55

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 **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.

Thanks to Josephine & Antonio Castro for keeping our church clean & neat.

A Special thanks to **all who help collecting food for Shepherd's Heart.**

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.) We received
A check from Sirloin Stockade for \$156.00 in November.**

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 Walter Stephens

**Howard & Nancy Leshikar
Karen Rutter
Ashley Rutter**

**Richard & Katsumi Randig
Dana Johnson & Family**

YEARBOOK

It is that time of year again! The church office needs updates on, addresses; phone numbers, emails, etc.

Also if there has been a wedding, birth or any other updates in your family – please let the church office know.

Hoping to get the yearbook out the first part of January if possible. Need all corrections for yearbook by Dec. 15! Thanks for all your cooperation.

AMBASSADORS FOR GOD

	12/07	12/14	12/21	12/28
ACOLYTE	Chandee Bachmeyer	Dylan Ging	Riley Richter	Sean Kruse
READER	Kelly Meyer	Linda Richter	Kathy Bielfeldt	Joyce Beran
FLOWERS	Marcella Johnson	Russel & Tammi Richter	Willie & Janet Herzer	Open
GREETER	Kathy Bielfeldt	Tammi Richter	Open	Open
NURSERY				Joyce Beran
Communion Assistant	Open			
USHER	Open			
OFFERING HELPERS	Youth	Youth	Youth	Youth
COUNCIL SERVERS	Kenneth Beckermann, Cara Ging, Kevin Klotz, & Barbara Putnam			

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

Work has begun on the 2015 Yearbook – if you have a new address, phone number, etc. Please let the church office know of the change.

Also if you would like to be on the prayer chain for 2015 – please inform the church office. Several have asked to be taken off of the prayer chain therefore we are hoping more would like to be willing to join the chain.

**SIGN UP SHEETS FOR VOLUNTEERING FOR 2015 IS AVAILABE IN NARTHEX!
The flower chart is also up! Pick your date!**

December 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Camp Eagle Fundraiser Dec. 6 & 7
7 9 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship/Communion 5pm—Snoop Party	8 7pm Church Council	9	10	11	12	13
14 9 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship/SS Christmas Program Practice	15	16	17	18	19	20 9am Christmas Eve Program Practice
21 9 am Christmas Potluck Breakfast 10:15 am Worship/Comm. 2pm Christmas Eve Practice	22	23	24 7pm Christmas Eve Program	25	26	27
28 9 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship	29	30	31			

YOUTH NEWS

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars

2015 Camp Eagle Fundraiser – Saturday, December 6th and Sunday, December 7th

Christmas Eve Program Practices have been scheduled for the following dates and times –
Sunday, December 14th following church service (a meal will be provided prior to practice);

Saturday, December 20th at 9 a.m.

Sunday, December 21st at 2 p.m.

Please let Tammi know as soon as possible if your child will be participating in the program.

Christmas Potluck Breakfast will be held Sunday, December 21st at 9 a.m. Bring your favorite breakfast dish!

Christmas Eve program will be held Wednesday, December 24th at 7 p.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.

Thoughts for the month:

- ❖ No one will ever, ever, ever love you more than Jesus.
- ❖ Faith does not make things easy, it makes them possible.
- ❖ Why do bad things happen to good people? That only happened once, and HE volunteered.
- ❖ The three C's of life: *Choices, Chances, Changes*. You must make a *Choice* to take a *Chance* or your life will never *Change*.
- ❖ Don't feel bad if people remember you only when they need you. Feel privileged that you are like a candle that comes to their mind when there is darkness.

*Have a blessed month,
Russel & Tammi*

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