

# ST. JOHN EPISTLE

March, 2013

St. John Lutheran Church- LCMC

409 South Main, P. O. Box 265, Thrall, TX 76578

Pastor - Jon Bielfeldt - 898-2587

Church (512)898-2136

Doris Kaase - Office Secretary

## **Happy Birthday March**

3/02 - ROBERT VITEK

3/04 - CARA GING

3/04 - DAVID KATTNER

3/06 - RICHARD JANSKY

3/07 - ERIC KENNEDY

3/08 - GARLA JANSKY

3/09 - BRIAN DRUMMOND JR.

3/09 - TAMMY SANDIFER

3/10 - RILEY LUTON

3/14 - JIM RICHTER

3/14 - JIMMY PHILLIPS

3/16 - RICHARD RANDIG

3/17 - MIKE RICHTER

3/22 - NEAL HOFFMAN

3/24 - ABBY ALDERETE

3/30 - CLARENCE KOSLAN

3/30 - MASON KRUEGER

## **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY- MARCH**

3/09 - LAWRENCE & ELAINE BROWN

3/11 - SCOTT & LISA GILMORE

3/17 - MIKE & LINDA RICHTER

3/18 - ALAN & KASEY FARR, JR.

# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Feb. 11, 2013

## Old Business:

1. Heard report on repairs on church and parsonage.
2. Check to be sent from Germania for glass breakage.

## New Business:

1. Set March 23 for painting on kitchen cabinets etc. — Youth and any one else that would like to help

## FINANCIAL REPORT FOR January, 2013

Balance/Forward	17366.10	Disbursements:	\$9359.39
Income	14516.34	Bldg. Exp.	5326.25
Total Income	<b>\$31882.44</b>	Total Disb.	<b>\$ 14685.64</b>

Balance in City National Checking Acct.:	<b>\$ 17196.80</b>
Thrivent Investments	<b><u>24,286.70</u></b>
Total in all Accounts	<b>\$41483.50</b>

**SAVE THE FOLLOWING FOR OUR CHURCH:** Sirloin Stockade receipts (must submit the cash register receipts, they can not accept photo copies or credit card receipts); canceled postage stamps; box tops for Education from General Mills; Campbell soup labels; and ink cartridges. Also Aluminum cans!

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## ADDRESS CORRECTION

Doris Wernecke  
Park Valley Inn – 17751 Park Valley Drive  
Round Rock, TX 78681

Kasey & Alan Farr  
4555 CR 425  
Thorndale, TX 76577

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## REPAIRS ON THE BUILDING

The repair work on the building was completed by A & K Construction Co the week of Feb. 17. Hopefully the water leak have been stopped. If you made a pledge toward the repair work and have not made your payment, it would be appreciated if you could do so in the very near future. All donations were greatly appreciated.

The painting in the kitchen will be started on **Saturday, March 23 at 8 a.m.**- if you would like to help with this project, your help will be appreciated. Russel Richter will be in charge of this project.

## January & February Memorials

### In Memory of Selma Eiben

Peggy Ging

### In Memory of Johanna Fuessel

Herman & Doris Kaase

### In Memory of Rylie Brewer

Howard & Janice Meyer

Nancy Hall

Herman & Doris Kaase

### In Memory of Carolyn Krueger

Nancy Hall

Herman & Doris Kaase

Howard & Janice Meyer

### In Memory of Betty Jirasek

Nancy Hall

Virginia Prikryl

Alice Stried

Wayne & Betty Hubble

Shirley Volka

Richard James & Angela Fay Smith

Mr. & Mrs. Archie Crenwelge

Herman & Doris Kaase

Peggy Ging

Howard & Janice Meyer

Bennie & Bonnie Tomecek

Richard & Katsumi Randig

Merrill & Judith Rottmann

Evelyn Rohlack

Diana Stolle

Margie Posey

Curtis & Carolyn Kerlin

Ellen Ummel

### In Memory of Alfred Klotz

Herman & Doris Kaase

Nancy Hall

### In Memory of Ellie Mae Mott

Peggy Ging

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## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

We express our Christian sympathy to the family of Betty Jirasek. Betty was a faithful member and supporter of St. John. Betty is survived by her sister, Fran, also a member of St. John. Please remember this family in your prayers.

We express our Christian sympathy to the family of Billye Oliver Laxon. Her sister, Doris Johnson is a member of St. John. We ask the Lord, to be with this family during their sorrow.

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## CARD OF THANKS

I would like to thank everyone for the condolences I received and the memorials given in Betty's memory. Thank you to the ladies who prepared and served the food at the reception after the service. Thank you Pastor Jon for your comforting words at Betty's service.

*Fran Jirasek*

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## WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

Project of the women of St. John for 2013 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.

## 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 (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 **Geraldine Richter** for decorating the window sills.

Thanks to all who have donated items for Shepherd's Heart.

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

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

**THANKS TO THE Youth Group for a delicious Pancake Supper on Feb. 10. We will be looking forward to the Lenten Soup Suppers.**

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## Important Information

### Visitation of Shutins:

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

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Listed below are known shut-ins at this time:

<b>Doris Rohlack – SPJST Nursing Home</b>	<b>Elroy Lieberum (home)</b>
<b>Billie Hoermann – Park Place, Georgetown</b>	<b>Edna Mueller – Home</b>
<b>Nora Johnson – Granger Villa</b>	<b>Nelson Granzin – home</b>
<b>Betty Lou Krieg – SPJST Nursing Home</b>	<b>Ruby Krieg – SPJST Nursing Home</b>
<b>Doris Wernecke – Park Valley Inn – Round Rock</b>	
<b>Marjorie Springer – Granger Villa</b>	

Special prayers for Emily Drake, our 5 yr old Leukemia patient, who attends Sunday School here at St. John. Emily is at home but goes back for Cemo treatments. Hope it will not be long be Emily is back in Sunday School.

## DISHES

If you are missing some dishes or containers, please check the kitchen or the Pantry in the Education Center. They are several that are left from funerals, or other special events. Please stop by the Education Center and see if they are yours. Thanks!

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## PRAYER CHAIN

The prayer chain is working! Please remember to complete the prayer chain by the last person receiving the call to complete chain by calling Doris Kaase – (home-352-5165 or cell phone 512-461-5165 or church office 898-2136). Thank you.

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## POLKA WORSHIP SERVICE

**St. John Lutheran Church in Thrall** will be sponsoring a **Polka Worship Service** on **Sunday, April 21, 2013 at 10:15 a.m.** If you have never attended a Polka Worship Service – please make every effort to do so. You will come out of church with an uplifted spirit. Jim Schwobel and the Austin Polka Band will be providing the music for our worship and communion service.

Tickets for the meal will be \$9. The meal will be catered by Captain Red and consist of chicken fried steak. Desserts will cost extra.

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## KITCHEN PAINTING PROJECT

**On March 23** the youth and any other volunteers available will be undertaking the project of repainting the kitchen and kitchen cabinets. If you would like to help with this project, please contact **Russel Richter**. The more help the faster the project can be completed.

# Youth Activities

## **Annual Pancake Supper**

Thank you to all who came and supported the youth on Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. We had a good time mixing, flipping, and serving pancakes to all.

## **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:

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

### **Wednesday, February 20, February 27, March 6, March 13, March 20**

During the Lenten Season, the youth will be hosting the soup suppers prior to Lenten services. This will begin on Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> and last through Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. The meals will be a free-will donation. A special "Thank You!" to all who signed up to bring food items. Proceeds will go to help pay for this summer's camps.

### **Community Service Opportunity – Saturday, March 23 beginning at 8 a.m.**

If you are in need of community service hours, we will be sponsoring and monitoring the painting of the kitchen in the Educational wing. Ladies from the church have graciously offered to provide lunch to all volunteers.

### **Community Service Opportunity – Saturday, April 6**

St. John is scheduled to work at Shepherd's Heart at 8:30 until 10:30 a.m. If you are interested in helping and need a ride, please call us and we will be happy to make arrangements to pick you up. This opportunity is opened to all members of St. John.

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

**and**

## **Capsule Sermons**

- ❖ In the middle of every difficulty lies opportunity.
- ❖ A loving heart is the beginning of all knowledge.
- ❖ Remember, no man is a failure who has friends.
- ❖ Of all the things you wear, your expression is the most important.
- ❖ You may be disappointed if you fail, but you are doomed if you don't try.

## ***Russel & Tammi***

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

(512) 461 – 1776 Tammi  
stjohnyouth@hotmail.com

# March, 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship/ Holy Communion	4	5	6 6 pm Soup Supper 7pm Lenten Serv.	7	8	9
10 9am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship/	11 7pm Church Council	12	13 2pm Circle 6pm Soup Supper 7pm Lenten Serv.	14	15	16
17 9am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship/ Holy Communion	18	19	20 6 pm Soup Supper 7pm Lenten Serv.	21	22	23 8am—Painting In Ed. Center Kirchen
24 9 am Sunday School/ 10:15 am Worship/ Holy Communion *	25	26	27	28 7pm Maundy Thurs. Service/Holy Com- munion	29 10am Good Friday Service //Holy Com- munion	30
31 9am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship / Holy Communion	* Youth will assist with communion on Sunday/3/24					

# AMBASSADORS FOR GOD

	March 3, 2013	March 10, 2013	March 17, 2013	March 24, 2013	March 31, 2013
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Riley Richter	Sean Kruse	Kayla Klotz	Kayla Klotz	Catlynn Putnam
<b>ALTAR</b>		Doug & Joy Moehnke			
<b>FLOWERS</b>	Marcella Johnson		Donald & Joyce Beran	Abby Alderete	
<b>CHILDREN'S SERMON</b>		Children Sermon		Children Sermon	
<b>COMMUNION ASSISTANT</b>	Jim & Geraldine Richter		Jim & Geraldine Richter	Jim & Geraldine Richter	Jim & Geraldine Richter
<b>COUNCIL SERVERS</b>	Gary Almquist, Jimmy Luton, Howard Meyer & Terry Richter	Gary Almquist, Jimmy Luton, Howard Meyer & Terry Richter	Gary Almquist, Jimmy Luton, Howard Meyer & Terry Richter	Gary Almquist, Jimmy Luton, Howard Meyer & Terry Richter	Gary Almquist, Jimmy Luton, Howard Meyer & Terry Richter
<b>GREETER</b>	Joyce Beran	Joy Moehnke	Betty Cruz	Geraldine Richter	Doris Schwettman
<b>Reader</b>	Susan Wuthrich	Vicki Byrd	Joyce Beran	Youth	Christy Pick
<b>NURSERY CARE</b>					Michele Hander
<b>OFFERING HELPERS</b>	Youth	Youth	Youth	Youth	Youth
<b>USHER</b>	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open

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



## *If Easter Be Not True*

by Henry H. Barstow

If Easter be not true,  
Then all the lilies low must lie;  
The Flanders poppies fade and die;  
The spring must lose her fairest bloom  
For Christ were still within the tomb  
If Easter be not true.

If Easter be not true,  
The faith must mount on broken wing;  
Then hope no more immortal spring;  
Then love must lose her mighty urge;  
Life prove a phantom, death a dirge  
If Easter be not true.

If Easter be not true,  
'Twere foolishness the cross to bear;  
He died in vain Who suffered there;  
What matter though we laugh or cry,  
Be good or evil, live or die,  
If Easter be not true?

If Easter be not true  
But it is true, and Christ is risen!  
And mortal spirit from its prison  
Of sin and death with Him may rise!  
Worth while the struggle, sure the prize,  
Since Easter, aye, is true!