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**October, 2012**

## **The Month of October**

**“Orchards Smiling through departed leaves,  
Like diamond sapphires in evening sun  
Hang ripening fruit and from the eaves  
Grey sparrows make unending run,  
Oh happy land, Bless the fertile soil,  
Oh happy people born to work and prayer,  
With God to guide and strength to toil,  
With heart and help goes will and power.”**

*Alex Doherty, Autumn Leaves*

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, October 21, 2012 following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to elect five new council people and to discuss repair work at the church and parsonage.

The following council people will be going out of office at the end of January: Kenneth Beckermann, Peggy Ging, Howard Meyer, Barbara Putnam and Diana Stolle.

Members of the nominating committee are: Peggy Ging and Diana Stolle.

## WOW-LCMC

The women of the church are reminded to bring their thank offerings to the worship service on Sunday, November 18.

## Octoberfest – Sunday, October 28

The Fall Fest Picnic will begin at 3pm here at St. John. Bring snacks and a covered dish to go with sausage wraps (provided by the church).

Desserts will also be a welcomed addition for the evening meal.

Heather Richter is in charge of the Octoberfest this year, so if you have any questions, please contact her or the church office. Bring lawn chairs, games, etc.

## THANK YOU NOTE

Many, many thanks for everything- cards, all visits by Pastor, relatives, neighbors, friends, and for the food. Special thanks for the prayers for my recovery, by all. May God Bless all of you. Prayers heal.

Love,  
Marjorie Springer

# ST. JOHN EPISTLE

October, 2012

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 October**

10/01 - Vickie Agee

10/04 - Brian Gross

10/07 - Brian Drummond

10/10 - Vicki Byrd

10/11 - Donald Beran

10/12 - Janis Gangl

10/12 - Janice Meyer

10/19 - Trent Richter

10/19 - Clint Chapman

10/21 - Dianna Huff

10/24 - Chad Chapman

10/30 - Stephanie Kennedy

## **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY- OCTOBER**

October 08 - Chris & Kelli Meyer

October 18 - Eric & Stephanie Kennedy

October 21 - Donald & Joyce Beran

October 24 - Donald & Christy Pick

October 25 - Chad & Coty Chapman

October 28 - Clarence & Joyce Koslan

October 29 - Ron & Sheila Frase

# OCTOBER, 2012

## St. John Lutheran Church, LCMC

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 9am Sunday School 10:15 Worship/Holy Communion	8 7pm Church Council	9	10 2pm Circle 7pm Men's Group	11	12	13
2012—LCMC—	NATIONAL —	GATHERING —	DENVER, COLO.			
14 9am Sunday School 10:15 am	15	16	17	18	19	20 1
21 9am Sunday School 10:15 Worship/Holy Communion	22	23	24	25 2pm Senior Citizens Dominoes	26	27
28 9am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship 3pm Octoberfest	29	30	31			

## AMBASSADORS FOR GOD

	October 7, 2012	October 14, 2012	October 21, 2012	October 28, 2012
READER	Joyce Beran	Linda Richter	Christy Pick	Kathy Bielfeldt
GREETER	Kim Luton	Joy Moehnke	Janice Meyer	Janet Herzer
USHER	Nancy Hall	Nancy Hall	Nancy Hall	Nancy Hall
ACOLYTE	Joseph Sandifer	Joseph Sandifer	Joseph Sandifer	Joseph Sandifer
COUNCIL SERVERS	Kenneth Beckermann, Ron Frase, Norman Johnson, Barbara Putnam	Kenneth Beckermann, Ron Frase, Norman Johnson, Barbara Putnam	Kenneth Beckermann, Ron Frase, Norman Johnson, Barbara Putnam	Kenneth Beckermann, Ron Frase, Norman Johnson, Barbara Putnam
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Council		Council	
ALTAR FLOWERS	Howard & Janice Meyer	Doug & Joy Moehnke	Donald & Christy Pick	Doris Carlson
COMMUNION WARE				Merjean Andrews & Laverne Frase
CHILDREN'S SERMON		Children's Sermon		Children's Sermon
NURSERY CARE				Doris Schwetman
OFFERING HELPERS	Youth	Youth	Youth	Youth

Thanks to everyone who serves! If you can't serve, when scheduled please find someone to take your place!

## September Memorials

### In Memory of Evelyn Meyer

Peggy Ging  
Herman & Doris Kaase  
Nancy Hall  
Curtis & Carolyn Meyer  
Linda & Mike Richter  
Diana Stolle

### In Memory of Billy Ray Posey

Peggy Ging  
Herman & Doris Kaase  
Nancy Hall  
Mike & Linda Richter  
Mildred Zamorsky  
Diana Stolle  
Jim & Geraldine Richter  
Betty & Frances Jirasek

### In Memory of Monroe Czimskey

Marjorie Springer

### In Memory of Ike Korenek

Jim & Geraldine Richter

### In Memory of Mildred Riethmeyer

Doris & Melvin Schwettman

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## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

We extend our Christian sympathy to the families of Billy Ray Posey and Evelyn Meyer. St. John family of **Billy Ray Posey** is his mother, Margie Posey, sons, Chris & Joe Posey, his sister, Teresa Laurence and nieces.

St. John family of **Evelyn Meyer** is her son and daughter-in-law, Howard & Janice Meyer, Grandchildren, Chris Meyer, Aundrea Abernathy, Amanda Meyer, and several great grandchildren.

May the Lord give these families comfort in their sorrow.

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## 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.

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### New Address

Travis & Danette Carlson  
102 Collie Drive  
Thorndale, TX 76577

### Transfers

Bill & Debi Posey – St. Paul/Thorndale  
Dustin Posey – Prince of Peace/Taylor

## 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 all who have donated items for Shepherd's Heart.

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

Thanks to the **youth** for your worship services on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month.

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

Thanks to **Heather Richter** for agreeing to be the coordinator for the Octoberfest. And thanks to **Virginia Abrameit** for her being the coordinator the past few years.

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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 or Virginia Abrameit.

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>	

**Special prayers for Emily Drake, our 5 yr old Leukemia patient at Dell Children's Hospital who attends Sunday school here at St. John.**

# Youth Activities

## Operation Christmas Child

Mrs. Vicki's Sunday school class is collecting items for *Operation Christmas Child*. If you are interested in helping them, a list of suggested items are included at the end of this section of the newsletter. Items should be brought to the church by Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.

## St. John's Youth's Email

The youth of St. John's has 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@stjohns.org](mailto:stjohnyouth@stjohns.org)

## Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars

**Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> – Youth led worship service**

**Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> – Daylight Savings Time ends;** don't forget to turn your clocks back an hour when you go to bed on Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> – Fall Fest Picnic, 3 p.m.;** Some of the youth from St. Paul's, Taylor, will be joining us. They also will be attending Camp Eagle when our youth attend. This will be a great way for the two groups to get to know one another prior to attending camp.

**Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> – 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.

**Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> and Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> – Softball Tournament Fundraiser;** We are scheduled to run one of the concession stands at the softball field in Taylor. A sign-up sheet for coverage will be available towards the end of October and early November.

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## Gift Ideas for Operation Christmas Child:

### TOYS

small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc.



## **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

## **HYGIENE ITEMS**

toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

## **OTHER**

Hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

## **A PERSONAL NOTE**

In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)

## **EMPTY SHOE BOX (standard size) or small plastic container**

### **Do Not Include:**

Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snowglobes or glass containers; aerosol cans

**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.**

## **Capsule Sermons**

- ❖ When things go wrong, don't go with them.
- ❖ Imitate the clock; it passes time by keeping its hands busy.
- ❖ The eyes see only what the mind is able to comprehend.
- ❖ Charm is the ability to make someone else think that both of you are pretty wonderful.
- ❖ More truth is found in digging for facts than jumping to conclusions.
- ❖ You begin to cut your wisdom teeth the first time you bite off more than you can chew.

Thank you for your support and God bless you.

*Russel & Tammi*

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