

ST. JOHN EPISTLE

October, 2014

St. John Lutheran Church- LCMC

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Doris Kaase - Office Secretary

Happy Birthday

10/01 - Vickie Agee

10/01 - Jillian Frase

10/04 - Brian Gross

10/10 - Vicki Byrd

10/11 - Donald Beran

10/12 - Janis Gangl

10/12 - Janice Meyer

10/14 - Chris Koehne

10/16 - Katherine Stolle

10/19 - Trent Richter

10/19 - Clint Chapman

10/21 - Dianna Huff

10/21 - Macy Whitlow

10/23 - Chandee Bachmeyer

10/24 - Chad Chapman

10/25 - Cade Koehne

10/30 - Stephanie Kennedy

ANNIVERSARY

10/08 - Chris & Kelli Meyer

10/14 - Mo & Millie Hamann

10/15 - Brian & Lesha Whitlow

10/18 - Eric & Stephanie Kennedy

10/21 - Donald & Joyce Beran

10/24 - Donald & Christy Pick

10/28 - Clarence & Joyce Koslan

10/29 - Ron & Sheila Frase

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

September 8, 2014

Old Business:

1. Set Oct. 26 for annual congregational meeting to elect new council members.
2. Set. Oct 26 for annual Octoberfest!

Nominating committee for new church council are the following: Howard Meyer, Barbara Putnam, Cindy Beckermann, Joyce Beran, Steve Ging, and Herman Kaase.

3. Set September 28 for Potluck Lunch. Meat will be provided (chicken and beef fajitas). Free will donation will be taking to offset the cost of the new sidewalk. Bring side dish and dessert to share.
4. Two (2) have signed up for Confirmation – Kirsty Putnam and Dustin Qualls.

New Business:

1. Approve use of church ground for 5th Quarter after football games.
2. Discuss work day to bring in field dirt to fill in holes.
3. Look into cause of water coming in under narthex doors when it rains.
4. Discuss 100th celebration of St. John in 2017.

Financial Report for August, 2014

Balance/Forward	\$ 38,533.49	Expenses/General -	\$ 7,139.29
Income	9,564.07	Expenses/Bldg	2,570.00
Total Income	\$48,097.56	Total Expenses	\$9709.29

Balance in Bank as of Aug. 31, 2014 - \$38,388.27

Balance in Savings Acct. \$35,160.17

Total in Checking & Savings **\$73,548.44**

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

Offering per Sunday in Aug. were as following: **Aug. 3 – 2584.81;**

Aug. 10 – 1586.00; Aug. 17 – 2051.00; Aug. 24 – 1282.00; Aug. 31 – 1545.00. (Average per Sunday in August was 1809.76).

Bldg/Memorials/Donations for Aug. was **\$350.00. Misc. Income – 165.26.**

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 donate supplies to the church kitchen – your help is appreciated!**



Transformation - Christ Church - LCMC
Pastor Terry Rebert

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8/31/14

Dear LCMC Pastor

I write on behalf of the mandate of our Lord in Matthew 28. The most important thing a church can do is make disciples. Transformation Christ Church of the LCMC has endeavored to do this since our start of date of November 11th 2012.

Since that date our mission congregation has had up to 45 people in worship (Christmas Eve) but usually get 10-20 each week. We have Rev. Joe Love of the LCMS to join the as an assistant Pastor, Lois Clark to enter the Beyond the River Seminary, and another mission congregation, Firmly Rooted Ministries of Oxford to join the LCMC. We have done prayers before city board meetings, Bible studies, field trips to the Detroit Institute of Arts to view sacred paintings as well as other church functions.

As their mission plant Pastor, I have written weekly community devotions called Words of Faith; given out Transformation Christ Certificates to community leaders from veterans who volunteer to give back to community leaders and others based on Matthew 25:35-36. Last Sunday we gave it to Auday Arabo who recently spoke to the United Nations and the White House on behalf of the plight of Christians in Iraq. He stated our church was the first Protestant Church to reach out to support Christians in the midst of genocide. (Please take a look at our new web page for more information about this and other mission endeavors at WWW.tcc-oakland.com.)

Now I write you because the Lord has blessed us with the opportunity to use a church on Sunday morning and one Bible Study/Choir rehearsal for \$100 a week. Not much by worldly standards but huge for us – double our present rent! Since our start up and a few appeal letters we are thankful to have received under \$2,000 from LCMC churches.

As we prepare on faith to move into our new church location on October 5 can we prayerfully ask of you for 30 days of prayer for our mission. As we prepare for this huge financial leap as we enter our 3rd year as a LCMC mission plant for a NEW LOCATION LAUNCH of \$3, or \$30 or \$300 or \$3,000 or _____?

Some of our hope and prayers for the future include being on our local Cable Channel, starting an additional worship service for drug and alcohol addicted individuals and increasing our outreach to Oakland University students. All this needs NEW LAUNCH support. Please keep us in your prayers! Hope to see you at the LCMC Gathering in Iowa!

Sincerely in Christ



Pastor Terry Rebert

We will have a basket in the narthex – if you would like to donate to this mission LCMC church during the month of October!

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.)**

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. **Also your help is needed on Saturday, Oct. 4, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. to help sack food bags, etc.**

Our youth will be involved with another fundraiser on that day.

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Dorothy Aderhold

Jerry & Ellen Hodon

In Memory of Eddie Kollman

Jerry & Ellen Hodon

In Memory of Leroy Wuensche

Howard & Janice Meyer

Melvin & Doris Schwettman

In Memory of Louise Schneider

Herman & Doris Kaase

THANK YOU

A very big thank you to Geraldine Richter for decorating our window sills for each season of the year! Your talent does not go unnoticed! Thank you!

A very special thank you to Russel Richter for building the GAGA Ball Pit for the youth. We are sure the youth will have many hours of fun!!

It is located behind the church – go take a look at it.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Come join us for Sunday School! This year all classes, Preschool through Adults are meeting at 9 a.m. for opening worship before joining their teachers for lessons. All are welcome!

The Gaga Ball Pit is coming! Russel has the walls made and hopes to get it assembled shortly. Update – it is behind the church!!!

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars

Fifth Quarter at First Baptist Church, Thrall – October 24, November 7.

Shepherd's Heart 2014 Service dates – Saturday, October 4th; Service time is from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

2015 Camp Eagle Fundraiser – Saturday, October 4th and Sunday, October 5th

2015 Camp Eagle Fundraiser – Saturday, December 6th and Sunday, December 7th; information regarding this fundraiser will be sent out towards the end of October or the first part of November.

Christmas Eve program will be held Wednesday, December 24th; please let Tammi know as soon as possible if you/your child will be participating in the program. A practice schedule is in the works!

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:

- ❖ The only difference between stumbling blocks and stepping-stones is the way you use them.
- ❖ Life may be tough, but I have a God who is tougher.
- ❖ To worry about tomorrow steals the joy from today.
- ❖ The Bible is meant to be **bread** for daily use, not **cake** for special occasions.
- ❖ I do not get to know GOD, and then do his will; I get to know him more deeply by doing his will. *Philip Yancy*

*Have a blessed month,
Russel & Tammi*

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Tammi
home
Russel

October 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4 8:30 AM SHEPHERD'S HEART YOUTH FUNDRAISER
5 9AM Sunday School 10:15 am Worship/Holy Communion Pastor	6 at	7 LCMC	8 Convention	9	10	11
12 9AM Sunday School 10:15 am Worship/	13 7:30 pm— Church Council	14	15 2 pm—Circle 7pm Men's Group	16	17	18
19 9AM Sunday School 10:15 am Worship/Holy Communion	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 9AM Sunday School 10:15 am Worship/Voting 3pm— Octoberfest	27	28	29	30	31	

AMBASSADORS FOR GOD

	Oct. 5, 2014	Oct. 12, 2014	Oct.19, 2014	Oct. 26, 2014
ACOLYTE	Sean Kruse	Kirsty Putnam	Dustin Qualls	Kayla Klotz
READER	Vicki Byrd	Kathy Bielfeldt	Linda Richter	Sheila Frase
FLOWERS	Kelli Meyer	Fran Jirasek	Donald Pick	Open
GREETER	Cara Ging	Kathy Bielfeldt	Barbara Putnam	Open
NURSERY				Doris Schwettman
Communion Assistant	Open		Open	
USHER	Kevin Klotz	Kevin Klotz	Kevin Klotz	Kevin Klotz
OFFERING HELPERS	Youth	Youth	Youth	Youth
COUNCIL SERVERS	Kenneth Beckermann, Cara Ging, Kevin Klotz, and 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.

HOLY BAPTISM

Albert Preston Herrera V, son of Chris and Lauren Herrera was baptized here at St. John on Sept. 14, 2014. Grandparents from St. John are: Jimmy & Susan Wuthrich and Laurie Graybill. Sponsors are Josh & Callie Wuthrich. May God continue to bless and be with this family!

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

We express our Christian sympathy to the family of **R. E. (Sixty) Unnasch**. Mr. Unnasch funeral was held on Monday, Sept. 22, 2014 at St. Paul Lutheran in Thorndale. Mr. Unnasch was the uncle of Geraldine Richter.

We express our Christian sympathy to the family of **Larry Cramer**. Larry was the husband of Elizabeth Lieberum Cramer and the son-in-law of Elroy Lieberum. Larry's funeral was held on Sept. 25 at Providence in Taylor.

We pray that God be with these families in their grief and continue to comfort them!

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 4 – 8:30 a.m. – Work at Shepherd's Heart

October 26 – Vote on new council people

October 26 – 3pm – Oktoberfest (all are invited – bring your friends and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship and food)