

ST. JOHN EPISTLE

September, 2015

St. John Lutheran Church- LCMC

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Doris Kaase - Office Secretary

Happy Birthday

9/01 - Tyler Richter

9/02 - Kerri Hillman

9/02 - Melissa Qualls

9/03 - Bryce Koehne

9/05 - Doris Wernecke

9/06 - Elroy Lieberum

9/09 - Jason Moehnke

9/11 - Chad Richter

9/13 - Courtney Ging

9/13 - Dylan Ging

9/13 - Raeleigh Whitlow

9/14 - A. W. Pick

9/14 - Jacquelyn Pick

9/15 - Emily Hall

9/17 - Laurie Young

9/19 - Joshua Pick

9/20 - Mary Ellen Krueger

9/20 - Billie Hoermann

9/22 - Romadene Mohel

9/22 - Travis Carlson

9/22 - Kirsty Putnam

9/23 - Judy Phillips

9/24 - Deanna Hall

9/25 - Linda Richter

9/27 - Bill Brees

9/27 - Robert Walla

9/28 - Lesha Whitlow

9/29 - Merjean Andrews

9/29 - Maybelline Kattner

ANNIVERSARY

9/06 - Curtis & Carolyn Kerlin

9/27 - Bill & Tephania Brees

9/29 - Brian & Amanda Drummond

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

August 9, 2015

Old Business:

1. Bids on the parking area improvements were discussed and will be presented to congregation on Sunday, August 16 for vote
2. Russel Richter is working on getting our congregation and AED (defibrillator) with the possibility of getting one donated.
3. Octoberfest is coming up on Sunday, Oct. 18- need to get the word out to the community.
4. Congregational meeting to elect new council members is on Oct. 25.

New Business:

1. Approved use of Ed Center for Sunday afternoon – Aug. 30.
2. Discussed expenses for delegates to LCMC National Convention in Frisco

Financial Report for July, 2015

General Balance/Forward \$	53,334.65	Expenses/General –	8,305.15
Income	7335.29	Expenses/Bldg	549.40
Total Income	\$ 60,669.94	Total Expenses	8,854.55

Gen Acct – **45,405.93**

Bldg. Acct **6,409.46**

Balance in Bank as of July 31, 2015 **\$51,815.39**

Balance in Savings Acct. **\$35,195.36**

Total in Checking & Savings **\$87,010.75**

The following amount is needed every Sunday to meet our budget: **\$2175.48

Offering per Sunday in July, 2015 were as following:

July 5 - \$1431.00; July 12 – 2452.25; July 19 – 1860.00; July 26 – 1344.00

Misc. Income\$ 23.04; Bldg/Mem –\$ 60.00; Flood Donations - \$122.00; Reimb/labels - \$35.00:

Reimbursed for paper statements - \$8.00

Grand total income for July - \$7,335.29.

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 **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.

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Joyce Koslan

Howard & Nancy Leshikar
Ruth Circle
Herman & Doris Kaase

In Memory of Carolyn Cornell

Howard & Nancy Leshikdar

In Memory of Robert Vitek

Norman & Virginia Weiss

TRANSFERS

Archie and Virginia Abrameit have recently transferred to St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church in Meyersville, Texas.

We wish them God's blessing in their new church home.

Women and Men of St. John

The circle meeting (Bible study) will resume on Wed., Sept. 9th at 2 pm.

The men's Bible study will resume on Wed., Sept. 9th at 7 pm.

Hope to see you there – all are invited!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The congregational meeting to elect new council members will be on Sunday, October 25. At this meeting we will need to elect 4 new council members. If you are asked to serve on the council – please give much thought and prayer and say “yes”!

Outgoing council members are: Cara Ging, Mo Hamann, Kevin Klotz and Linda Richter.

AMBASSADORS FOR GOD

	Sept. 6	Sept. 13	Sept. 20	Sept. 27
ACOLYTE	Blake Whitlow	Mac Hamann	Kaleb Hamann	Cade Koehne
READER	Kelli Meyer	S. Bachmeyer	Ginger Gross	Linda Richter
FLOWERS	Kerlin's	W & C Ging	B Putnam	M & D Schwettman
GREETER	C. Kerlin	Linda Richter	Barbara Putnam	Open
NURSERY	Open			
Communion Assistant	C & C Kerlin		C & C Kerlin	
USHER	Brian Gross	Brian Gross	Brian Gross	Brian Gross
OFFERING HELPERS	Youth	Youth	Youth	Youth
COUNCIL SERVERS	Debbie Ging, Richard Jansky, Chris Meyer and Linda Richter			

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO SERVES! IF YOU CAN'T SERVE WHEN SCHEDULED, PLEASE FIND SOMEONE TO TAKE YOUR PLACE!!!! Please notify the church office by Tuesday if you are placing flowers on the altar & for what occasion.

September, 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6 9 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship/Holy Communion	7 Labor Day	8	9 2pm Circle 7pm Men's Group	10	11	12
13 8am Church Council 9 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 9 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship/Comm	21	22	23 First Day of Autumn	24	25	26
27 9 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship	28	29	30			

RETREAT FOR MEN

Longshot V October 16-18

The best weekend of your year is fast approaching

Gentlemen, It is that time again. We, haven't sent anything out in quite some time to let you know what is going on with Longshot Ministries and the Longshot retreat. Because of this, we have just a handful of you registered for the retreat. Well here's the deal: the earlier you register, the more and better the give aways and amenities are at the retreat. We have started to shop for your prizes, and though we are excited at what we have, we need many more of you to register soon to get us geared up for the retreat, the way you like for us to be. To help with this, we have created a **10 DAY ONLY** deal where you get **\$25 off** the registration fee for the retreat. It is already a bargain for a whole weekend of food and lodging and gun range, disc golf and golf for only \$150, but for the next 10 days, till August 17,2015 you can have all that and more for just \$125. Register now at longshot5.eventbrite.com , and click [HERE](#) to watch this video to see some of the preparation (guns) already happening. If any of you would like to promote your business or the business of someone you know, by donating items or services for the raffle or door prizes, please contact me at mayberryfanatic@yahoo.com. We look forward to hearing from you and can't wait to see you in October.

Have a fun end to your summer and register soon.

The Longshot team

If you are interested in attending this retreat and want more information – please contact:

Jon Bielfeldt, Howard Meyer, Chris Meyer, or Jack Stolle.

Called in Christ

ladies day conference

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

411 County Road 401 • Taylor, TX

Tickets \$15 if registered by September 6th
or \$20 at the door



Saturday
September
12th
9AM-3PM

Price Includes
Breakfast & Lunch

Speaker, Jamie Ivey, from Austin Stone Church
Praise and Worship by Damaris & Cherish Taylor
Entertainment by The Steele Magnolia Singers
Sessions about Serving our Community Well

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CONTACT CHURCH OFFICE @ 512-365-9494 OR PHYLLIS JOHNSON @ 512-924-2328



Texas District

Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt
Director of Mission Growth

Introducing ... uhhh ... ummm ... well ... me, I guess.

Well this is awkward! (Just go for it already!) Ahem... My name is Bryce Formwalt and I have recently begun a new position with LCMC Texas District as the first Director of Mission Growth. (Now that wasn't so bad now was it?! But what's a Director of Mission Growth?) Well, you might be wondering what a Director Mission Growth is, and if so, you're not alone! We are all trying to learn about this as we go. (Way to instill confidence, buddy! Got anything better than that?)

As I understand it, the position is best summed up in the image of a "mission coach" for the Texas District, meaning that I am here to support, encourage, and lead mission efforts among our Texas District congregations. Specifically, I will be working with those congregations who are seeking revitalization and renewal. I am available as a resource to help coach pastors and leaders through this challenging process. I will also be working with the Mission Team and church planters to establish new congregations across Texas. And I will also be an ambassador for the mission efforts of the entire Texas District as I seek to raise support for and participation in this shared ministry. (There, now that's more like it!)

So I look forward to meeting you and working with you, hearing the stories of God's work in and through your congregation and sharing with you the joy of other stories so that you may be encouraged in your work, too. It is my goal to visit and preach in every one of our congregations in the Texas District over the next two years, so please give me a call and schedule a time to have me come and visit. (Now you're sounding desperate!)

In all seriousness, the District Council and Mission Team believe that our mission work is important enough to invest my full-time efforts in, so I am here and available to help serve the mission of Christ however I can. Feel free to contact me and I look forward to working with you. My email is bryce@lcmctexas.org and my phone number is 512-942-7776. And you can follow along with happenings across the District by liking us at [facebook.com/lcmctexas](https://www.facebook.com/lcmctexas).

(You idiot... you didn't tell them anything about who you are! What were you thinking?) Oh and I should probably share with you that I was born and raised in Waverly, Iowa, am a graduate of Wartburg College and Gettysburg Seminary, have been an ordained pastor for 13 years, married to wife Lisa for over 17 years, and father of sons Cole and Simeon, ages 12 and 11. After serving churches in Ohio, Illinois, and North Dakota, we now are living in Georgetown and are getting used to the Texas heat (not really - don't lie)... ok maybe not the heat! But we are happy to serve the Lord among you here in Texas. God bless!

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Camp Eagle was a blast! We took ten of our youth – Kaleb, Mac, Kayla, Cade, Emily, Sierra, Cheyenne, Dalton, Katie, Blake, & Brandt – along with six non-members to Headwaters. Nine of our High School youth – Chandee, Cody, Dylan, Sean, Jacob, Catlynn, Kirsty, Dustin, & Riley – along with twelve non-members to River's Edge.

This year's theme was **The Throne**. It was the third leg of Camp Eagle's seven-part journey through the Bible that took us from The Book of Judges to Second Chronicles. We had the opportunity to dive into the lives of interesting people such as Samuel, King David and Solomon.

We continued our journey through the Bible, discovering how God is good, man falls short, and God provided a way. We picked up the story right after the Israelites entered the Promised Land, and began to learn how to live in the land God provided for them as God's chosen people. We examined how it didn't take long for the Israelites to go astray. With each generation, they stepped further and further away from their Father and King. We talked, thought, learned, experienced, and prayed about the throne that God sits on. We examined our own hearts to see if we are choosing God as our king, choosing a king of our own from this world, or even trying to place ourselves on the throne. This summer we were called to place God on the throne of our hearts; to understand Jesus' sacrifice as He now sits at God's right hand, and to recognize the Holy Spirit's leading of our lives. Our experiences allowed us to be humbled, leaving Camp Eagle's gates in reverence of our God and King, the one who sits on The Throne.

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars

Rally Sunday! Sunday, August 30th – Bring your favorite breakfast dish! Milk and juice will be provided.

Camp Eagle Presentation, Sunday, August 30th – The youth will present their experiences at camp to the congregation during the church service on August 30th. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

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:

- ❖ Not what we have, but what we enjoy, constitutes our abundance.
- ❖ You are as old as your doubts and fears, and as young as your hopes and dreams.
- ❖ If you can laugh at it, then you can live with it.
- ❖ The greatest of all faults is to imagine you have none.



August 17, 2015

Office of the Mayor
City of Taylor
400 Porter St.
Taylor, TX 76574

On behalf of the City Council and members of our community we thank you for your tireless and unselfish efforts to help your fellow neighbors who were affected by the Memorial Day storm earlier this year. The Council held a reception to express their appreciation for your efforts on Tuesday, August 11th at City Hall. For those of you who could not attend we extend our deepest gratitude and hope you know that we recognize your willingness to help others when and wherever you are needed.

Thank you again for caring. Your kindness will not be soon forgotten.

Sincerely,



Jesse Ancira, Jr.
Mayor

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CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Presented August 11, 2015 to

St. John Lutheran - Thrall

In recognition of your dedicated and tireless efforts in supporting the victims of the Memorial Day floods and the ongoing recovery efforts. Your actions reflect great credit upon yourself and the City of Taylor. We sincerely appreciate all that you do to support this community.



Jesse Ancira, Jr., Mayor



Isaac D. Turner, City Manager