

# ST. JOHN EPISTLE

July, 2015

*St. John Lutheran Church- LCMC*

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## **Happy Birthday**

**07/01 - Joseph Byrd**

**07/01 - Doug Moehnke**

**07/02 - Cindy Beckermann**

**07/04 - Marcella Johnson**

**07/04 - Lauren Mikulencak**

**07/04 - Donald Pick**

**07/06 - Heather Richter**

**07/08 - Jack Stolle**

**07/11 - Russell Putnam**

**07/15 - Howard Leshikar**

**7/16 - Elizabeth Alderete**

**7/16 - Jeremy Moehnke**

**7/20 - Kimberly O' Banan**

**7/22 - Archie Abrameit**

**7/23 - Kelli Meyer**

**7/25 - Keegan Gross**

**7/26 - Elaine Norman**

**7/27 - Ginger Richter**

**7/30 - Wendie Brees**

**7/31 - Brandon Beckermann**

## **ANNIVERSARY**

**July 12 - Bobby & Susan Pick**

**July 18 - Norman & Marcella Johnson**

**July 29 - John & Kerri Hillman**

**July 30 - Russel & Tammi Richter**

# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

## June 14, 2015

1. Council set outside work day for July 25
2. July 26 will be the date for new members reception.
3. Octoberfest, 2015 – Oct. 18, 2015
4. Annual fall congregational meeting – October 25

### Financial Report for May, 2015

Balance/Forward \$ <b>53,404.10</b>	Expenses/General – 7,218.67
Income 8,544.51	Expenses/Bldg 426.30
Total Income 61,948.10	Total Expenses 7,644.97

<b>Balance in Bank as of May 31 , 2015</b>	<b>\$54,644.97</b>
<b>Balance in Savings Acct.</b>	<b><u>\$35,185.48</u></b>
Total in Checking & Savings	<b>\$89,490.12</b>

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

Offering per Sunday in May , 2015 were as following:

May 3 - 2047.00; May 10 – 1546.00; May 17 – 1422.26;

May 24 – 1775.00; May 31 – 1206.00 Total for May – 7996.26

Other income for May: Misc Income – 18.25; Bldg/Mem – 80.00; Thrivent choice – 190.00; Bldg rental – 250.00; Auction/Polka service – 10.00 – Total misc income 548.25 Grand total income for May – 8544.51

### 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.

**Thanks to everyone** who helped with **VBS**. Especially our VBS director – Linda Richter and our Meal planner – Tammi Richter.

## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

We express our Christian sympathy to the family of Robert “Bob” Vitek. Bob passed away on June 10 and on Saturday, June 13 a memorial service was held here at St. John for Bob.

Bob was survived by his daughter Garla Jansky and her husband Richard and a son, Rev. Bobby Vitek and his wife Tammy from Fredericksburg. Also 4 grandchildren. Two of his grandchildren: Brian and Laurie Jansky are members of St. John. Please keep this family in your prayers.

## MEMORIALS

### IN MEMORY OF RUTHIE BRINKMEYER

Curtis & Carolyn Kerlin

### IN MEMORY OF ROBERT “BOB” VITEK

Clyde and Carmel Newman

Howard & Nancy Leshikar

Peggy Ging

Polly Zenner

Herman & Doris Kaase

Howard & Janice Meyer

Donald & Joyce Beran

Ola Mae Pehl

## BAPTISM

We were blessed to have two baptisms this past month.

**Addison Reese Bennight**, daughter of Daniel and Maegan Bennight, was baptized on Sunday, June 14. She is the granddaughter of Bobby and Susan Pick and the great granddaughter of A. W. and Jacquelyn Pick.

**Kensi Jae Hillman**, daughter of John and Kerri Hillman was baptized on Sunday, June 21. Kensi is the granddaughter of Mike and Linda Richter and the great-granddaughter of Vernell Dvorak.

We wish these two families God’s blessings as these two infants grow in God’s love and teachings.

# AMBASSADORS FOR GOD

	July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Kaleb Hamann	Cade Koehne	Katie Richter	Sean Kruse
<b>READER</b>	Open	Steve Ging	Christy Pick	Linda Richter
<b>FLOWERS</b>	Open	Barbara Putnam	Kerlin's	Kelli Meyer
<b>GREETER</b>	Open	Barbara Putnam	Carolyn Kerlin	Chris Koehne
<b>NURSERY</b>				open
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Herman & Doris Kaase		Herman & Doris Kaase	
<b>USHER</b>	Herman Kaase	H. Kaase	H. Kaase	H. Kaase
<b>OFFERING HELPERS</b>	Youth	Youth	Youth	Youth
<b>COUNCIL SERVERS</b>	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.**

# July, 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4 4 <sup>th</sup> of July
5 9 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship/Holy Communion	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 8am Church Council 9 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship	13	14	15 2pm Circle 7pm Men's Group	16	17	18
		Youth are at Camp July 13 thru July 18				
19 9 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship/Comm	20	21	22	23	24	25 Outside Clean Up Day
26 9 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship New Member Reception	27	28	29	30	31	

# YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Vacation Bible School was a success! Thank you to Linda Richter for planning this year's VBS, to Cindy Beckermann, Liberty Beckermann, and Beth O'Banan for teaching the lessons, to Millie Hamann and Romadene Mohel for instructing crafts, and to Kelli Meyer for leading the games. Thank you to Tammi Richter, Doris Kaase, Geraldine Richter, and Marcella Johnson for preparing and serving the meals. Thank you also to those who provided food throughout the week. The kids enjoyed everything! We had an average attendance of 40 youth per night.

On Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, St. John Lutheran was in charge of helping Shepherd's Heart distribute food bags to those in need. Thank you to Michele Hander, Herman & Doris Kaase, Stephanie Bachmeyer, Chris Meyer, Willie & Janet Herzer, Russel, Tammi, & Trent Richter, and Pastor Jon for helping out with this community service.

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

**Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> – CAMP EAGLE!!!** Packing lists will be emailed around July 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

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

**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.**

### **Thoughts for the month:**

- ❖ A hard thing about business is minding your own.
- ❖ Combine common sense and the Golden Rule, and you will have very little bad luck.
- ❖ Always put off 'til tomorrow what you shouldn't do at all.
- ❖ Advice is like medicine – you have to take it to see if it does any good.
- ❖ Thinking will not overcome fear, but action will.



