

# ST. JOHN EPISTLE

May, 2015

St. John Lutheran Church- LCMC

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## Happy Birthday

**5/02 - Holly Klotz**

**5/03 - Wayne Ging**

**5/03 - Beth O'Banan**

**5/06 - Anistyn Aleman**

**5/06 - Debbie Ging**

**5/09 - Alex Walla**

**5/11 - Debra Putnam**

**5/11 - Sheila Frase**

**5/11 - Marjorie Springer**

**5/16 - Jeannie Alderete**

**5/22 - Melanie Erskine**

**5/23 - Sarah Speer**

**5/24 - Mildred Zamorsky**

**5/25 - Mo Hamann**

**5/26 - Thomas Speer**

**5/26 - Betty Lou Krieg**

**5/27 - Joy Moehnke**

**5/27 - Melvin Schwettman**

## ANNIVERSARY

**May 14 - Samuel & Dana Johnson**

**May 19 - James & Susan Wuthrich**

**May 20 - Chris & Erin Koehne**

# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

April 12 , 2015

## OLD Business:

1. Discuss assigning duties for the Polka Worship Service Sunday – parking, Advertising, dessert cutting, tents, etc.
2. Pastor Jon has been asked to represent the Texas LCMC in St. Charles, Ill in July.
3. Pastor Jon will be on vacation from June 28 to July 11.

## NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussed bids on pavement in the front of the church.
2. Mo Hamann will type up bid specifications to let bids.
3. Approve use of Ed Center on June 14
4. Recognized graduates on May 17
5. Will plan a new member luncheon –possibly in June.

## Financial Report for March, 2015

Balance/Forward \$	49,207.67	Expenses/General -	7,864.36
Income	11,241.44	Expenses/Bldg	3.95
Total Income	60,449.11	Total Expenses	7,868.31

<b>Balance in Bank as of March 31, 2015</b>	<b>\$52,580.80</b>
<b>Balance in Savings Acct.</b>	<b><u>\$35,180.61</u></b>
Total in Checking & Savings	<b>\$ 87,761.41</b>

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

Offering per Sunday in March, 2015 were as following:

March 1- 2427.60; March 8 –1690.00; March 15 – 2185.00; March 22 – 1812.00; March 29 – 2239.00; Bldg/Mem – 140.00; Lenten Services - \$728.00; Misc. Income – 19.84;

## 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, Betty Cruz, and Katherine Stolle** for helping in the office to get the bulletin ready for the Polka Worship Service..

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 may the Polka Worship Service a success!!!

## 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! Our next work day at Shepherd's Heart is June 13!  
**All donations are greatly appreciated.**

## MEMORIALS

**In Memory of Ewald "Butch" Ging**  
Peggy Ging

**In Memory of David "Red" Oman**  
Norman & Marcella Johnson

### **In Memory of Virginia Prikryl**

Evelyn Rohlack

Howard & Nancy Leshikar     Ruth Circle

Curtis & Carolyn Kerlin

Howard & Janice Meyer     Herman & Doris Kaase

Kirk & Lisa Smith

Frances Jirasek

### **In Memory of Robert Fuchs**

Peggy Ging

## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of Virginia Prikryl and Ewald "Butch" Ging. Virginia was a long life member of St. John and had been very active in the women's circle. Graveside services were held for Virginia on Tuesday, April 7. Virginia passed away on Friday, April 3.

Butch Ging was the uncle of Wayne Ging Jr. and his services were held in Elgin on Friday, April 10. May the Lord continue to be with these families in their hours of sorrow.

# **SPRING BANQUET**

**The spring banquet will be held on Wed. May 6 at 6pm. The guest speaker will be Rev. Travis Summerlin. Pastor Summerlin will prostrate Martin Luther.**

**All members are invited, men, women and children.**

**We ask that you bring a salad dish and a dessert.**

**This program will be educational to all.**

## **VBS**

Vacation Bible School will start the evening of June 7 and end with a program and refreshments on the evening of June 11. If you would like to help with VBS please contact Linda Richter.

**ALL CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. A LIGHT SUPPER WILL BE PROVIDED.**

## **GRADUATES**

**Raeleigh Whitlow is graduating from Taylor High School in the top 10% of her class. She is a member of the National Honor Society. Raeleigh played volleyball all 4 years receiving Academic All-District every season and received Academic All State her senior season. She also played softball 3 years. Raeleigh has received the Superintendent Scholar Award since her Freshman year. Raeleigh will be attending Texas State University in San Marcos in the fall majoring in Exercise & Sports and hoping to be a Physical Therapist. Raeleigh is the daughter of Brian and Lesha Whitlow. Raeleigh's grandparents are Gary and Romadene Mohel.**

**Liberty Beckermann, daughter of Kenneth & Cindy Beckermann will graduate from Texas State University on May 16 from the College of Education, majoring in Interdisciplinary Studies with an infuses in 4-8<sup>th</sup> grade Mathematics.**

**Liberty is doing her student teaching in the Round Rock school district and plans to stay in the Round Rock school district for the next few years.**

**Michelle Byrd graduated from Texas State University in December with a degree in early Childhood Education. She is enrolling in the Montessori Institute in Dallas for a one year program starting in September. Michelle is the daughter of Gary & Vicki Bryd.**

**Joseph Byrd is graduating this May from TCU with a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and Finance. He is enrolling with UT Dallas to persue his masters in Accounting. Joseph is the son of Gary & Vicki Byrd.**

**Braden Daniel Gross will graduate from Texas A&M-Corpus Christi on May 16, 2015 with a Bachelor of Science in Biology with a tract in Marine Studies. Braden has been hired for a summer internship with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department over Ecosystem Resources Protection and Management in the upper Laguna Madre in Corpus Christi. He will be responding to fish kills related to oil spills or algae blooms and doing water quality analysis of local waterways and future project sites. Braden is the son of Brian and Ginger Gross and grandson of Peggy Ging and Lydia Dowling.**

**Trent Wayne Richter, son of Russel and Tammi Richter, graduates from Texas State University on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> with a bachelor degree in Criminal Justice. Trent plans to become a Game Warden. Trent's grandparents are Herman and Doris Kaase and Jim & Geraldine Richter.**

**Thomas Speer, son of Beth & Gary Almquist will be graduating from Texas A & M University on Friday, May 15. His major is Biochemistry with a minor in mathematics and a certificate in therapeutics manufacturing. Thomas will be seeking employment in College Station.**

**The congregation of St. John is extremely proud of these young people and we wish the best to them and also wish God's blessings on them. Congratulations!! We will recognize these young people during our worship service on May 17.**

## **POLKA WORSHIP**

**A very special thank you to the Praha Brothers Polka Band and Pastor Ardene Wuthrich for leading our worship service on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.**

**We made a profit of \$1100.00 after all expenses were paid. The congregaion of St. John did an outstanding job in selling tickets, baking, setting up and for all the little extras that went in to making the Sunday special. We sold 358 tickets and served 332 plates. Thanks for a job well done!**

# AMBASSADORS FOR GOD

	May 3	May 10	May 17	May 24	May 31
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Cade Koehne	Katie Richter	Sean Kruse	Kirsty Putnam	Dustin Qualls
<b>READER</b>	Ginger Gross	Linda Richter	Steve Ging	Christy Pick	Open
<b>FLOWERS</b>	Kevin Klotz	Vernell Dvorak	Open	Beth Almquist	Open
<b>GREETER</b>	Marcella Johnson	Linda Richter	Barbara Putnam	Christy Pick	Open
<b>NURSERY</b>					Open
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Donald & Christy Pick		Donald & Christy Pick		
<b>USHER</b>	Open				
<b>OFFERING HELPERS</b>	Youth	Youth	Youth	Youth	Youth
<b>COUNCIL SERVERS</b>	Debbie Ging, Richard Jansky, Chris Meyer & 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 n the altar &for what occasion.**

# May, 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3 9 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship/Holy Communion	4	5 2pm Decorate for Spring Banquet	6 6pm Spring Banquet	7	8	9 7am – 7pm voting in Ed. Center
10 8am Church Council 9 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship	11	12	13 2pm Circle 7pm Men's Group	14	15	16
17 9 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship/Comm 3pm Baccalaureate	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 9 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 9 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship						

# YOUTH ACTIVITIES

We ended up having a nice weekend on April 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> for our fundraiser. We had plenty of helpers and we appreciate those who stayed late on Saturday and Sunday evening to help clean up and organize the concession stand.

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

### **Soffball Concession Stand Fundraiser, May 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> -**

A sign-up sheet was emailed out at the beginning of March for the May fundraiser. There are plenty of empty slots available to work. These will be our last major fundraiser for this summer's camp. Be sure to sign up!

**Graduation Recognition, Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>** – the church will be recognizing members of the church who are graduating from either high school or college in May. Please join us in honoring these individuals.

Raeleigh Whitlow, Taylor High School  
Liberty Beckermann, Texas State University  
Joseph Byrd, Texas Christian University  
Michelle Byrd, Texas State University (graduated in December)  
Braden Gross, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi  
Thomas Speer, Texas A&M  
Trent Richter, Texas State University

**Vacation Bible School, Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**; Sign-up sheet for food items and monetary donations will be available during the May services. If you would like to help with teacher a class, please let Linda Richter know. If you would like to help in the kitchen providing meals, please let Tammi Richter know. If you are a confirmed youth and would like to earn some community service hours, please get in touch with Tammi Richter.

**Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> – CAMP EAGLE!!!** More information will be coming in July!

**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:**

- ❖ Treat obstacles as stepping stones rather than stumbling blocks.
- ❖ What really counts is what you learn after you know it all.
- ❖ The rungs of success are not meant to be rested on, but to support you until you are ready to climb higher.
- ❖ Don't talk so fast you say things you haven't even thought of yet.  
Striving for success without work is like trying to harvest where you haven't planted.



