

ST. JOHN EPISTLE

March, 2015

St. John Lutheran Church- LCMC

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Doris Kaase - Office Secretary

Happy Birthday

3/04 - David Kattner

3/04 - Albert Herrera V

3/04 - Cara Ging

3/06 - Richard Jansky

3/07 - Eric Kennedy

3/08 - Garla Jansky

3/10 - Riley Luton

3/14 - Jimmy Phillips

3/14 - Jimmy Richter

3/16 - Richard Randig

3/17 - Michael Richter

3/22 - Neal Hoffman

3/24 - Abigail Alderete

3/30 - Clarence Koslan

3/30 - Mason Krueger

ANNIVERSARY

3/11 - Scott & Lisa Gilmore

3/17 - Michael & Linda Richter

3/18 - Alan & Kasey Farr

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

February 8, 2015

Old Business:

1. **Changed council meeting date and time – 2nd Sunday at 8 a.m.**
2. **Set Work/Clean Up Day – March 21 – 9 a.m.**

New Business:

1. **Lenten Offering to go to three different organizations: Shepherd’s Heart, LCMC-Mission Development in Texas, Canyon Lake Abuse Center.**
2. **Approve having a silent auction the day of the Polka Worship Service. Debbie Ging, Millie Hamann, and Stephanie Bachmeyer will be on the silent auction committee.**
3. **Free will for desserts at Polka Worship**
4. **Have sign up sheet for Work Day – March 21**
5. **Need committee to present proposal for Endowment Fund**

Financial Report for Jan. 15, 2015

Balance/Forward	\$ 45,152.90	Expenses/General -	10,407.03
Income	12,990.12	Expenses/Bldg	123.14
Total Income	58,143.02	Total Expenses	10,530.16

Balance in Bank as of Jan. 31, 2015	\$47,612.86
Balance in Savings Acct.	<u>\$35,177.91</u>
Total in Checking & Savings	\$82,790.77

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

Offering per Sunday in Jan., 2015 were as following:

Jan. 04 – 2587.47; Jan. 11 – 1217.00; Jan. 18 – 1825.00; Jan. 25 – 2269.00 (7889.47 total for month)
Mem/Donations – 105.00 ; Misc. Income 16.65

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.

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**
Sirloin Stockade receipts (must submit the cash register receipt.)

SHEPHERD'S HEART

Just a reminder that food is needed at Shepherd's Heart. Also St. John Lutheran Church helped on Sat. Feb. 14 – Special thanks to all who helped.

Bring your food and put them in the container in the Narthex!

All donations are greatly appreciated.

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Erwin Teggeman

Howard & Nancy Leshikar
Peggy Ging
Doug & Joy Moehnke

Herman & Doris Kaase
Curtis & Carolyn Kerlin

In Memory of Josephine Krieg

Herman & Doris Kaase

Howard & Nancy Leshikar

In Memory of Milton Walther

Donald & Joyce Beran

In Memory of Larry Brinkmeyer

Howard & Janice Meyer

AMBASSADORS FOR GOD

	3/01	3/08	3/15	3/22	3/29
ACOLYTE	Katie Richter	Sean Kruse	Kirsty Putnam	Dustin Qualls	Sierra Koehne
READER	S. Bachmeyer	Joyce Beran	Steve Ging	Linda Richter	Christy Pick
FLOWERS	Meyers	Luton	P. Ging	G. Richter	Open
GREETER	M Johnson	R. Mohel	Jacquelyn Pick	Joyce Beran	Jack Stolle
NURSERY					Jacquelyn Pick
Communion Assistant	Open		Open		
USHER	Ismael Alderete				
OFFERING HELPERS	Youth	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!!!!

There are still opening on the flowers chart for 2015!

March 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 9 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship/Holy Comm.	2	3	4 6pm Soup Supper 7pm Lenten Service	5	6	7
8 8 am Council 9 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship	9	10	11 2pm Circle 6pm Soup Supper 7pm Lenten Service	12	13	14
15 9 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship/Holy Comm.	16	17	18 6pm Soup Supper 7pm Lenten Service	19	20	21 9am Work Day/Light lunch provided
22 9 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship	23	24	25 6pm Soup Supper 7pm Lenten Service	26	27	28
29 9 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship Palm Sunday	30	31				

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be a work day on **March 21** here at the church. There will be clean up inside and outside the church. If you see something that needs to be done – please let Linda Richter or any member of the church council know that it can put it on the to do list for that day. A light lunch will be provide!
If you are able – please come out and help!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS will be held the week of June 7 – 11th - beginning at 6pm. A light supper will be **PROVIDED! INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO COME WITH YOU!!!**

POLKA WORSHIP SERVICE

The Polka Worship Service will be held on Sunday, April 19, 2015. A chicken fried Steak lunch will be available – catered by Captain Red! Tickets will be \$10.00!! We will also have a silent auction. Silent auction committee are: Stephanie Bachmeyer, Debbie Ging, and Mille Hamann.

THANK YOU NOTE

Thank you all for the prayers, cards, food, visits, calls and a special thank you to Pastor Jon & Kathy for coming to the hospital and Pastor Jon for coming to our home and giving us communion. St. John's has truly been a blessing to us.

May God Bless You!

Katherine Stolle

TIME CHANGE

Please remember to set your clocks forward 1 hr before going to bed on Saturday, March 7. Spring forward!!!

Youth Activities

Souper Bowl of Caring Offering

Thank you to the congregation and guests who contributed to the Youth's offering during the Souper Bowl of Caring. With your generosity, we were able to raise \$810 for Shepherd's Heart.

Youth Pancake Supper

We had a great turnout! Thank you to everyone who came and enjoyed the pancakes made by our youth. We were able to profit \$740 which will be applied to our summer camp expenses.

Shepherd's Heart

On Saturday, February 14th, it was our church's turn to help Shepherd's Heart distribute food to those less fortunate. Ten individuals from our church – Pastor Jon & Kathy, Herman Kaase, Willie & Janet Herzer, Richard Jansky, Joy Moehnke, and Russel, Tammi, & Riley Richter – were able to be blessed by this service. On this date, we also presented to Shepherd's Heart food that had been collected and the Souper Bowl of Caring offering.

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars

Lenten Soup Suppers will begin on **Wednesday, February 25th at 6 p.m.** This is a free-will donation fundraiser and those youth who help set up, serve, and clean up will earn funds toward the cost of camp. If you are able to assist in the preparation for the suppers, please be at the education building by 5 p.m. We also have several spots open if you are interested in providing soup, sandwiches, or desserts for these meals.

Softball Concession Stand Fundraiser, April 11th & 12th and May 2nd & 3rd

A sign-up sheet will be emailed out at the beginning of March for the April fundraiser and one for the May fundraiser will be sent out at the beginning of April. These will be our last major fundraisers for this summer's camp. Be sure to sign up!

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:

- ❖ A cloudy day is no match for a sunny disposition.
- ❖ Learn to listen; opportunity sometimes knocks very softly.
- ❖ Correction does much, but encouragement does more.
- ❖ Life is not a problem to be solved, but a gift to be enjoyed.
- ❖ Optimists are wrong just as often as pessimists, but they have more fun.

*Have a blessed month,
Russel & Tammi*

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Russel
Tammi
home

Kolache Bake Sale

Saturday, March 7, 2015

**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
3101 CR 417 at Wuthrich Hill**

**Kolaches or Cinnamon Rolls
\$12 per Dozen**

**Kolache Flavors—Peach, Cherry, Pineapple,
and Cream Cheese**

(1 doz. same filling or 1 doz. 2 mixed fillings)

Call one of the following to place your order:

Suzanne Lenz—512-862-3540

Juanette Meiske—512-365-8381

Linda Limmer—512-922-9646

Maxine Schroeder—512-269-8405

Church Office—512-365-6155

Leave message and call back number if no answer.

**Orders will be taken through Wednesday, March 4.
You will be contacted to pick up your order as baked.
Cut-off time for picking up orders will be
5:00 p.m. day of sale.**