

# ST. JOHN EPISTLE

September, 2013

St. John Lutheran Church- LCMC

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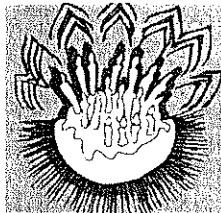
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Doris Kaase - Office Secretary

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### SEPTEMBER



09/01 - Tyler Richter	09/17 - Christine Shaw
09/02 - Melissa Qualls	09/17 - Laurie Young
09/05 - Doris Wernecke	09/19 - Joshua Pick
09/06 - Elroy Lieberum	09/20 - Mary Ellen Krueger
09/07 - Joseph Sandifer	09/20 - Billie Hoermann
09/09 - Jason Moehnke	09/22 - Travis Carlson
09/11 - Chad Richter	09/22 - Kristy Putnam
09/12 - Brianna Martindale	09/23 - Lisa Gilmore
09/13 - Courtney Ging	09/23 - Judy Phillips
09/13 - Dylan Ging	09/24 - Deanna Hall
09/13 - Doris Johnson	09/27 - Bill Brees
09/14 - A. W. Pick	09/27 - Robert Walla
09/15 - Jacquelyn Pick	09/29 - Merjean Andrews
09/16 - Emily Hall	09/29 - Maybelline Kattner

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY- SEPTEMBER

09/06 - Curtis & Carolyn Kerlin  
09/07 - Bradley & Melinda Abrameit  
09/07 - Archie & Virginia Abrameit  
09/27 - Bill & Tephania Brees  
09/29 - Brian & Amanda Drummond  
09/30 - Jeff & Amy Jarosek

# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

August 12, 2013

## Old Business:

1. Approved July 13, July 28 and Nov. 10 for Vacation Sundays for Pastor Jon.
2. Named Pastor Jon and Kathy and voting member to the National LCMC Convention in Michigan in Oct., 2013
3. Okayed use of Education Center for use in July, Aug, and Sept.
4. Closed out Thrivent Acct and put in checking acct.

## New Business:

1. Approved Ad in Newspaper for new church/school year.
2. James Preece, Thrivent Rep. offered suggestion to the council
3. Working on guidelines for Confirmation
4. Discuss audio system in Annex
5. Okayed Pastor Jon to receive payment for mileage to Texas District Meetings
6. Set Octoberfest for Oct. 27, 2013

## FINANCIAL REPORT FOR July, 2013

Balance/Forward	\$ 2,711.14	Disbursements:	\$ 7,420.64
Income	7,331.03	Bldg. Exp	
(Total Income) Gen Fund	\$10,042.17	Total Disb.	7,420.64
Thrivent/transfer <i>Balance</i>	24,040.52		
Total Adj. Income <i>Adj Gen Fund Bal</i>	\$ 34,082.69		

Balance in City National Checking Acct.: \$ 26,662.05

**SAVE THE FOLLOWING FOR OUR CHURCH:** Sirloin Stockade receipts (must submit the cash register receipts, they can not accept photo copies or credit card receipts); canceled postage stamps; box tops for Education from General Mills; Campbell soup labels; and ink cartridges. Also Aluminum cans!

## THANK YOU

Thanks to **Janet Herzer** for taking the food items to Shepherd's Heart in Taylor. Canned goods may be brought on Communion Sundays (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday)

Thanks to **Lucille Rosenthal, and Alice Finn**, for helping in the office.

Thanks to **Doug & Joy Moehnke** for providing the treats for the children sermons and to **Doug** for mowing and keeping the lawn neat.

Thanks to **Chad Richter and Dalton** for watering the outdoor plants, keeping the flower beds clean and clipping the rose bushes.

Thanks to the ones who help set up tables & chairs for special events.

Thanks to **Josephine & Antonio Castro** who put out the garbage each week.

Thanks to all who provide food for Shepherd's Heart!!!

# August Memorials

In Memory of Andrew Greinert

Mildred Zamorsky

In Memory of Pauline Smith

Howard & Arnell Klotz

In Memory of Earline Klotz

Doris Carlson

Nancy Hall

Herman & Doris Kaase

Howard & Janice Meyer

Peggy Ging

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## Christian Sympathy

We express our Christian sympathy to the Earline Klotz family. Earline's had a nephew, Howard Klotz and a great nephew, Kevin Klotz that are members of St. John. We ask God to comfort this family upon the loss of their loved one.

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## WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

Project of the women of St. John for 2013 is the Hope Center in Taylor. They are making and donating these blankets for infants and children. Needed are Fleece material 1 ¼ yd to 1 ½ yds. Also needed are diapers for infants and small children. Any donations will be appreciated.

All ladies of the church are invited to the Circle meeting on the second Wednesday of each month at 2pm in the Education Center. You are encouraged to come and study God's word.

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## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Nancy Hall and Howard Leshikar. They were united in marriage here at St. John on Saturday, August 17. We wish God's blessing on this marriage!

## LCMC Annual Gathering

Each year, Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ hosts its Annual Gathering, an event designed to gather together pastors, leaders, church members and organizations we partner with from all over the world for a time of inspiration, fellowship, worship, networking and spiritual growth.

### **Don't miss our 13th Annual Gathering in Dearborn, MI!**

**Date:** October 6-9, 2013

**Location:** Adoba Hotel -- 600 Town Center Drive, Dearborn, MI 48126-2793

#### **More Info:**

What would happen in your congregation if every household could give freely with generosity and joy? It seems we in the American church have a priority problem, and the challenge is to release generosity among our people. If we can recapture our commitment to making disciples, generosity will come. This year's annual gathering will give us a chance to think about how we can become more generous in our financial stewardship and more clear about our discipleship. If we can recapture our commitment to making disciples, generosity will come.



From October 6-9, 2013, come together with other pastors, leaders and church members from all over the world as Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ celebrates its 13th Annual Gathering in historic Dearborn, MI.

The focus of this years gathering will be on II Corinthians 8:1-7.

Keynote speakers include:

- **Pr. Kyle Idleman**, author of the book, "Not a Fan"
- **Mr. Chuck Bentley**, CEO of Crown Financial Ministries
- **Pr. Enrique Estrada**, Executive Director of Mission Mexico International and member of the LCMC Board of Trustees.

The event will also feature two worship services, over 75 vendors, more than 30 special breakout sessions, local music, Bible study and opportunities for fellowship and networking.

But what trip to the motor city would be complete without--er--motors? As a special treat, we have reserved the Henry Ford Museum on Tuesday night. Tickets are an additional \$40.00 per person and cover dinner, plus evening admission to the entire museum (a \$17 value). Tickets will sell out fast, so register early!

# AMBASSADORS FOR GOD

*Rally Day*

	Sept. 1, 2013	Sept. 08, 2013	Sept. 15, 2013	Sept. 22, 2013	Sept. 28, 2013
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Kirsty Putnam	Kayla Klotz	Catlynn Putnam	Dylan Ging	Riley Richter
<b>ALTAR</b>	Linda Richter	Curtis & Carolyn Kerlin		Peggy Ging	
<b>FLOWERS</b>		Children Sermon		Children Sermon	Children Sermon
<b>CHILDREN'S SERMON</b>	Nancy Leshikar & Doris Kaase		Nancy Leshikar & Doris Kaase		
<b>COMMUNION ASSISTANT</b>	Gary Almquist, Jimmy Luton, Howard Meyer & Terry Richter	Gary Almquist, Jimmy Luton, Howard Meyer & Terry Richter	Gary Almquist, Jimmy Luton, Howard Meyer & Terry Richter	Gary Almquist, Jimmy Luton, Howard Meyer & Terry Richter	Gary Almquist, Jimmy Luton, Howard Meyer & Terry Richter
<b>COUNCIL SERVERS</b>	Nancy Leshikar	Carolyn Kerlin	Geraldine Richter	Peggy Ging	Jacquelyn Pick
<b>GREETER</b>	Nancy Leshikar	Linda Richter	Vicki Byrd	Debbie Ging	Youth
<b>Reader</b>					
<b>NURSERY</b>					
<b>CARE</b>					Jacquelyn Pick
<b>OFFERING</b>	Youth	Youth	Youth	Youth	Youth
<b>HELPERS</b>	Nancy Leshikar	Nancy Leshikar	Nancy Leshikar	Nancy Leshikar	Nancy Leshikar
<b>USHER</b>					

If you are unable to serve when you are listed, please find someone to take your place. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

# SEPTEMBER, 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship/Holy Communion/	2	3	4	5	6	7
08 9am Sunday School— Rally Day/Breakfast 10:15 am Worship/	09 7pm—Church Council	10	11 2pm Circle 7pm Men's Group	12	13	14
15 9am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship/ Holy Communion	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 9 am Sunday School/ 10:15 am Worship Ed Center Reser. -PM	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 9am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship / Led by Youth	30					

# Youth Activities

The youth who attending Headwaters at the beginning of August would like to send their sincere thank you to everyone for their prayers and support while at camp. If you go online to the church's website, you can watch both the Headwaters video and the River's Edge video.

## Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars

**Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> – Rally Sunday!** There will be a potluck breakfast at 9 a.m. followed by games/activities. Children will then meet shortly with their teachers for the year.

**Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> – Normal Sunday School classes begin.**

**Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> – Youth led service;** the confirmed Junior High and Senior High youth will be leading the church service.

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. Check out the site for 100+ pictures!

### Capsule Sermons

- Conviction is worthless unless it is converted into conduct.
- Itching for what you want isn't enough, you have to scratch for it.
- Truth is often eclipsed but never extinguished.

### *Russel & Tammi*

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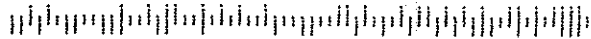
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## **So Much To Be Thankful For**

Just when you think that things are right  
You get blinded and lose your sight  
Just when your world starts to crumble  
God gives you much to live thank for  
Many surprises waiting at your door  
Blessings He gives us be humble

Just when you think that things are right  
You get blinded and lose your sight  
So when you think nothing is right  
Keep hope focus on His light  
Just when you think that things are right  
You get blinded and lose your sight  
Just when your world starts to crumble  
Blessings He gives us be humble

**Sonnetina Rispetto**