



The Eagle January 2022



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*May we continue to be used by
God and share the Gospel with
A Heart for Hamilton County*



Dear St. John's Family,

As we stand at the threshold of a new year, Pam and I want to say thank you for the innumerable kindnesses, support, and the way so many of you serve our church. Because of both our Lord's faithfulness and yours, what could have been a devastating couple of years has instead been a year of abundant blessings. This is truly a remarkable church for which we are grateful to serve.

But standing at the center of our church life is our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We have just celebrated the Word becoming flesh and as we look ahead to 2022, I hold up also the written Word that discloses to us the breadth and substance of our faith in the Living Word. It is the foundation upon which everything is built.

Indeed, despite the many blessings, there has also been much change at St. John, too, over the last year—probably in ways that I can even begin to understand, since I've been a big part of the change, myself. But change is a constant. No part of our lives will endure unchanged for more than a few years, a few decades at most.

Maybe your life has changed dramatically, too, over the past year or two. You've had some of those turns, too. The death of someone very close to you. Divorce. Loss of a job. Failure of a business. An illness or injury. Change happens and, suddenly, life is not the same and never will be again. Everything's different. We try to cope -- sometimes in healthy ways, sometimes in self-destructive ways.

But the Lord our God is unchangeable. He is forever. You can put down your roots into him, knowing that in Him you will never be utterly uprooted again. Therefore, what we need most is God's Word. Amidst all the changes of life, I encourage you to take up God's Word each day. Come to Church and Bible Study. These are things that will never change. They are good for you!

Happy New Year!

Joyfully,

Pastor Aaron



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Finance Update

St. John Lutheran
Statement of Income and Expense by Major Group
November of Fiscal Year 2021
Responsibility: All
Fund: 01 - General

	Current Month		Year-to-date	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income				
00-Group 00	43,843.00	39,975.23	421,548.00	421,508.28
Total Income	43,843.00	39,975.23	421,548.00	421,508.28
Expense				
04-Board of Outreach	581.00	420.00	9,016.00	3,602.00
10-Board of Elders	16,596.00	18,740.57	155,335.00	123,463.26
12-Board of Education	426.00	1,487.61	15,857.00	10,763.13
13-Board of Trustees	8,115.00	8,015.44	90,912.00	72,822.72
14-Board of Finance	3,769.00	3,869.19	42,709.00	36,813.85
16-Preschool Board	9,101.67	13,237.37	98,532.37	84,102.84
20-Memorial Expenditures	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
21-Non-Budget Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,087.47
Total Expense	38,588.67	45,770.18	412,361.37	342,655.27
Income Less Expense	\$5,254.33	-\$5,794.95	\$9,186.63	\$78,853.01

Steve Young

St. John Building Fund: Leon & Judy Vernon

Lee & Nora Bottlinger

St. John Building Fund: Luther & Mona Smith

Alvis Eilers

St John Building Fund: Alice & Jerome Pietzsch

In loving memory of



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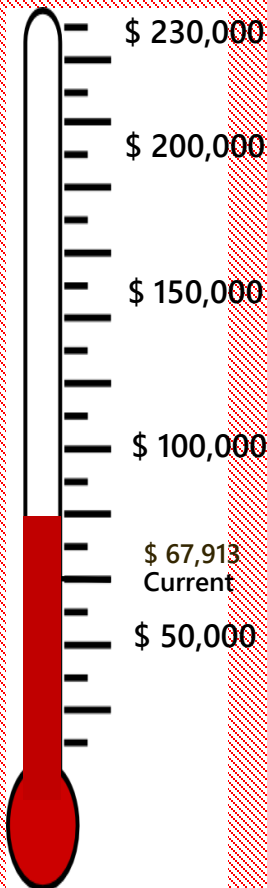
**Breakfast and
Sunday School
Sundays 9:00am**

**Church Worship
Sundays 10:00am
(Live streamed on
Facebook)**

**Youth Choir
Sunday 11:15am**

**Quilting
Tuesday 9:00am**

BUILDING FUND



T Our Military & Families:

Ross Bates, Travis Beach, Josh Chorenziak, Isaac Jerrell, Krista Jerrell, Matthew Medina, Ernie Mendez, Payden Nolen, Cade Roenne, John Slough, Warren Stanley, Micah Stork, Brennan Stroud, Keith Garrett White.

T Our Homebound & Nursing Facility Residents

Focused Care: Kendra Code, Lillye Sanders, Jewell Zimmerman, Geraldine Kautzsch **Hamilton Health Care:** Corene Streger, Katherine Hopper **Belton:** Maxine Wenzel **Homebound:** Frances Donahoo, Ricky Brown, Artie Peters, Mae Pietzsch, Frances Schrank, Nell Helmcamp, Barbara Jahns, Irene Zaruba, John Schoedel

T Our Members:

Mae Pietzsch - recovering at home from a stroke

Bonnie Williams - diagnosed with cancer

Jewell Zimmerman -stable

T Our Friends:

Oralia Alverado - (Angie Tawater's mother) various health issues

Noland Arbaugh - (Friend of Darryl & Michelle Beach) praying for complete healing of his paralysis

Molly Beach - (Niece of Darryl & Michelle Beach) suffering from an auto-immune disease

Doyle Billingsly - (Melanie Housden's father) cancer treatments

Bobby Cathey - (Tammy Wagner & Joe Cathey's father) various health issues

Gene DeLoach - cancer treatments continue, declining

Ronda Hall - (Betty Hardin's daughter) dealing with heart issues

Ossie Scott - (Doyle Robert's Sister) cancer has returned

T Praise and Thanks - Shelley Boyd

T For those who grieve -

T Special Prayers - Covid-19; Teachers & students; President & Government Officials; Medical Professionals; First Responders & Rescue crews; Fires and firefighters; Rain

Please contact the church office at 254-386-3158 with updates on prayer requests for friends and loved ones. Thank you.



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Anniversaries

15th	Andy & Jennifer Ivey	17 Yrs.
20th	Jim & Brenda Schrank	32 Yrs.
23rd	James & Betty Tischler	68 Yrs.
25th	Jimmy & Judy Whitt	55 Yrs.

Birthdays

3rd	Amalia Knutson
4th	H. C. Wenzel
7th	Kolten Kunkel
9th	Erica Bussey
10th	Stephanie Batla
11th	Charles Jahns
12th	Cooper DeLaGarza
14th	Kristen Robinson, John Zaruba
15th	Tracy Cox
16th	Claire DeLaGarza
17th	Jason Bussey
18th	Lonnie Kalbas
20th	Parker Clowdus
24th	Johann Jeschke, Doug Payne
25th	Dorothy Schoedel, Cody Tawater
26th	Kyler Kensing, Jason Seider
28th	Frances Donahoo
29th	Kathy Payne
30th	Glenn Jones
31st	Rockie Heers, Brooke Tomlinson

Baptisms

1st	Heath Hopper, Chrissy Hopper
4th	H. C. Wenzel
7th	Don Tyson, Jerry Zschiesche
9th	Joyce Polster
14th	David Tyson
17th	Roberta Craig
18th	Irene Zaruba
19th	Bonnye Wenzel
21st	Ellie Kalbas
22nd	Vicki Marwitz, Connie Nolte
29th	Tracy Cox, Melissa DeLaGarza



Upcoming January Events

2nd -	MITE BOX SUNDAY 1:30pm Nursing Home Devotions
9th	11:30am Bd. Of Elders 11:15am Bd. Of Trustees
11th -	1:00pm Glory Gamesters 5:30pm Bd. Of Finance



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Music Notes

By Gary Gromatzsky

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling;
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion;
Pure, unbounded love Thou art.
Visit us with Thy salvation;
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breath, O breath, Thy loving Spirit
Into ev'ry troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit;
Let us find Thy promised rest.
Take away our bent to sinning;
Alpha and Omega be.
End of faith, as its Beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver;
Let us all Thy life receive.
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see Thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in Thee:
Changed from glory into glory,
'Til in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1747

His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue.

2 Peter 1:3 (NKJV)

After their marriage, Charles and Sally Wesley set up house-keeping in Bristol, England, heading up the Methodist activities there. Later they moved to London so Charles could work more closely with his brother, John. All the while, however, he was writing hymns. There are few stories behind specific hymns because Charles was just always writing them. He didn't need events to inspire him or quiet stretches of meditative time in which to develop his thoughts. He was just always writing hymns, and afterward he had few if any dramatic stories to tell about the occasions for writing them.

Biographer Arnold Dallimore says about his poetry: "He had inherited this gift from his father and although it had undoubtedly been resident in him since childhood, his conversion unlocked it and set it free. During [his] early ministry he says little in his journal about his composing hymns and, indeed, this is true throughout his life. But he had within him virtually a treasury of poetry. He constantly experienced the emotions of the true poet, his mind instinctively invested words with harmony, and hymn after hymn flowed from his pen."

Henry Moore, one of his friends, later described Charles like this: "When he was nearly eighty he rode a little horse, gray with age....Even in the height of summer he was dressed in winter clothes. As he jogged leisurely along, he jotted down any thought that struck him. He kept a card in his pocket for this purpose, on which he wrote his hymn in shorthand. Not infrequently he had come to our house in City Road, and, having left the pony in the garden in front, he would enter, crying out, 'Pen and ink! Pen and ink!' These being supplied he wrote the hymn he had been composing."

How many hymns did Wesley compose? No one has been able to count them. In all, Charles wrote over nine thousand literary texts of one kind or another, but not all of them should be classified as hymns. Experts put the number somewhere between three thousand and six thousand. Among all of them, "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" is the favorite of many.

Charles's last hymn was dictated to his beloved Sally as he was on his deathbed, in March, 1788. It was short, simple, and picturesque. Predictably, it, too, became a popular one-verse song among the Methodists:

*In age and feebleness extreme, / who shall a helpless worm redeem?
Jesus, my only hope Thou art, / Strength of my failing flesh and heart,
Oh, could I catch a smile from Thee / And drop into eternity!*

In case you missed our Christmas Services...



Shepherds and wise men get ready for dress rehearsal



Last minute instructions from Pastor Aaron



Mary and Joseph make Their way to Bethlehem



Our Little Bethlehem



Angels and Shepherds sing of His birth!



Discussing the Miracle of Christmas.



Our Christmas miracle



Christmas Prayers



Leading Each Deaf Person Into a Relationship with Jesus

Helping Hands for Lutheran Deaf Outreach Lutheran Deaf Outreach — \$50,000

2021–2023 Biennium
Mission Goal:
\$2,150,000
Mission Grant #5
\$50,000

Lutheran Deaf Outreach has one primary goal: to help deaf people have a saving relationship with Christ. They train both deaf and hearing people to share Jesus with deaf people and their families by working through congregations in their area. Lutheran Deaf Outreach provides resources and training specifically designed for deaf people to learn about the love of Jesus and to share it with others.

One of the biggest challenges for deaf people is the English language. American Sign Language (ASL) has its own structure and placement. Many of the words we use in speaking are not directly able to be signed. All Lutheran Deaf Outreach materials are developed by, with, and for deaf people in a way they can understand and share with others.

*At that time those
who can't hear
will hear what is read
from the scroll.
Those who are blind
will come out of gloom
and darkness.
They will be able to see
(Isaiah 29:18 NIV).*

Christ told His disciples in Matthew 28:19–20 (NIV): So you must go and make disciples of all nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And you can be sure that I am always with you, to the very end."

This grant will assist Lutheran Deaf Outreach to expand training by sharing resources, including deaf curriculum, deaf catechisms, theological books, New International Reader's Version (NIV) Bibles, equipment, and office supplies. Monies will also help pastors and trained individuals lead and coordinate training workshops to reach out to deaf people across America, as well as to families with deaf children.

Further information about Lutheran Deaf Outreach can be found at lutherandeafoutreach.org.

*Bible references in this resource come from New International Reader's Version (NIV) Bibles.
This is the version used by the deaf community.*

Learn more about this mission grant at lwml.org/mission-grants



January 2 is MITE BOX SUNDAY
Watch the W.R.A.P. for meeting times and projects

PRESCHOOL NEWS

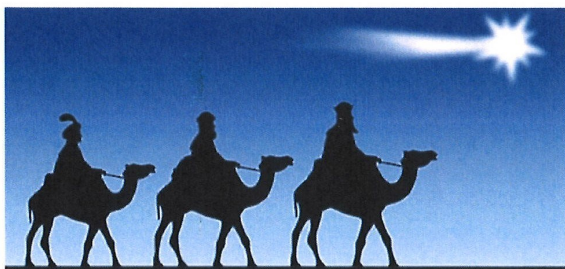


The Preschool Christmas Program was a huge success. Thank you to our teachers for making this event possible.



St. John Youth Activities

January 2022



Wise Men Still Seek Him
Epiphany
January 6

Confirmation Meets

January 9: In addition to our meal and study time, we will complete our annual Service Activity of putting away the Christmas Décor. We could use a few parents to please stay and help supervise.

January 16: Meal, Games Study time. Parent help needed with meal set up, clean up and study time.

Youth Game Night Jan 22

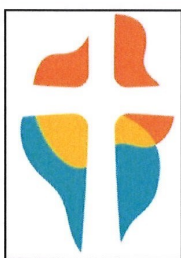
High School Bible Study

January 12

January 26

with Pastor Kalbas

Continuing our study of 10 Commandments



National Youth Gathering Night

All kids and sponsors attending the gathering please make plans to attend this meeting. Dinner, Updates on our trip, Team Building, Bible Study **JAN 19th**

**JUNIOR
YOUTH GROUP**

Junior Youth stay tuned for plans regarding your Retreat this Semester.

St. John Youth Activities





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Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the
snow: The year is going, let him
go; Ring out the false, ring in
the true.

Alfred Lord Tennyson

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