



# The Eagle January 2019



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



## Renewed Commitment!

Quite often when something new comes into our lives we have renewed commitment or desire to make a change. One might buy a new car and it has been decided that there will be no eating of food in the new car. One also might make a commitment to clean the interior and exterior more frequently. Someone might change jobs and have a renewed commitment to be a better employee. With the new year here, many people have renewed commitments. They are going to eat healthier. They are going to exercise more regularly.

As believers in Jesus Christ, many have a renewed commitment to daily Bible/devotion reading and attending worship more regularly. At St. John we are going to begin a walk through the Bible in more depth than we have done before. We are living in a time where the main Bible accounts that a majority of people used to know, do not know anymore. We are living in a time where there are more and more people who do not have a basic understanding of the Bible, God's plan and will for their lives, Jesus and the work that He accomplished for us on the cross, or even the need of Jesus in their lives.

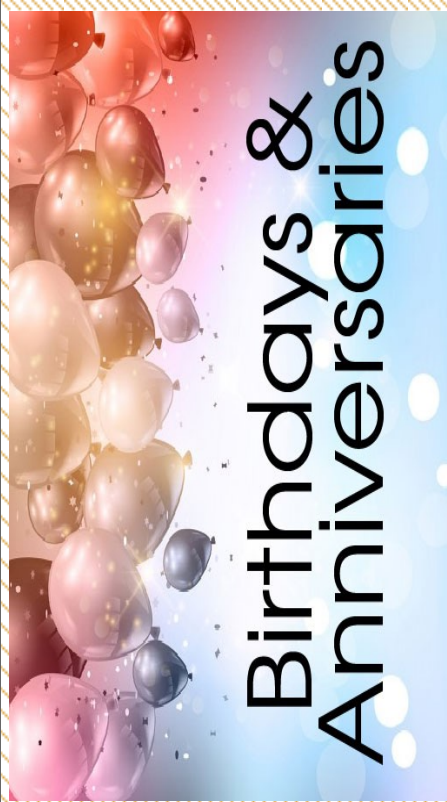
One of the ways that we can strengthen our understanding so that we are equipped to be a witness in the world is to regularly attend Sunday school, adult Bible class and worship. I am encouraging St. John members to have a renewed commitment to set aside Sunday to spend together in Sunday school and worship. For others who may be reading this article, I encourage you to renew your commitment to attending Sunday school and worship at your church home or if you do not have one, join us or find a church family that you can be a part of. Our time together is crucial. This is where we gain a deeper understanding of God's Word for our lives and can encourage one another and be the support that we need as we live in a world that is filled with challenges and struggles.

May God give us the desire and passion to seek Him daily as we continue to share the message of our risen Savior with A Heart for Hamilton County and the World!

*Pastor Reich*



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## Anniversaries

1st	Billy & Rhonda Geter	8yrs
20th	Jim & Brenda Schrank	29yrs
23rd	James & Betty Tischler	65yrs
25th	Jimmy & Judy Whitt	52yrs



## Birthdays

4th	H. C. Wenzel
5th	Jayson Whitt
7th	Kolten Kunkel
8th	Christina Rudolph
9th	Alex English
10th	Stephanie Batla, Davin Crouch
11th	Charles Jahns
14th	Kristen Robinson, Jaydon Watson, John Zaruba
15th	Tracy Cox
16th	Claire De La Garza
20th	Parker Clowdus, Jean Ranney
22nd	Paxton Haile
24th	Brenda Armstrong, Johann Jeschke, Doug Payne
25th	Dorothy Schoedel, Cody Tawater
26th	Jason Seider
27th	Cara Finstad, Trey Geter
28th	Frances Donahoo, Kyler Kensing
30th	Louise Landrum, Jalyn Martin
31st	Brad Batla, Brooke Tomlinson



## Upcoming January Events

- 6th - 7:15a - Men's Club  
1:30p - Nursing Home Devotions
- 7th - 6:30p - Preschool Board
- 8th- 1:00p - Glory Gamester  
5:30 p- Board of Finance
- 13th- 11:15a - Bd of Trustees  
Bd of Ed/Youth
- 14th- 6:30p - Bd of Elders
- 21st - 6:30 Council Meeting

## Baptisms

1st	Chrissy Hopper, Heath Hopper, Brayden Payne, Deborah Roberts, Patrick Roberts, Jack Watson
4th	H. C. Wenzel
7th	Don Tyson, Jerry Zschiesche
14th	David Tyson
17th	Roberta Craig
18th	Irene Zaruba
19th	Karen Johnson, Bonnye Wenzel
22nd	Vicki Marwitz, Connie Nolte
29th	Tracy Cox, Melissa De La Garza, Paxton Haile



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Devote yourselves to  
**PRAYER**  
being watchful and thankful.  
Col. 4:2  
MintTools.com

**Opening/Breakfast  
Sundays 8:30am**

**Sunday School  
Sundays 9:00am**

**Church Worship  
Sundays 10:00am**

**Quilting  
Tuesdays 9:00am**

**Wednesdays  
After School Youth  
4:00pm**

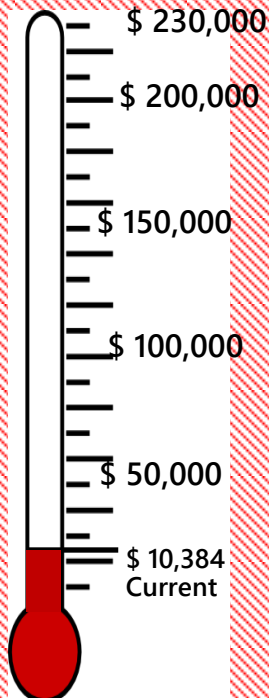
**Senior Youth  
6:00pm**

**Mom's in Prayer  
6:00pm**

**Men's Bible Study  
Thursdays 6:30am**

**Women's Bible Study  
Thursdays 8:00am**

## BUILDING FUND



### ✘ Our Military & Families:

Travis Beach, Nick Cantara, Josh Chorenziak, Lauren Jeffers, Matthew Medina, Ernie Mendez, Payden Nolen, Richard Sepolio, John Slough, Warren Stanley, Micah Stork, Keith Voges, Garrett White, Scott Williams

### ✘ Our Homebound & Nursing Facilities:

Dove Hill: Kendra Code, Jean Ranney, Lillye Sanders, Larry Stamberger, Maxine Wenzel Hamilton Health Care: Mildred Kautzsch, Melinda Rogers, Leamon & Lydia Wagner, Leona Fulton Sr. Care Center, Stephenville: Ruth Young The Meadows, Gatesville: Faye Senger Homebound: Louis & Frances Donahoo, Albert & Artie Peters, Mae Pietzsch, Ruth Reneau, Frances Schrank

✘ **Ricky Brown** - dealing with neck, breathing & other health issues

✘ **Frances Donahoo** - dealing with heart & other health issues

✘ **Louis Donahoo** - dealing with heart & other health issues

✘ **Gary Gromatzky** - dealing with nerve damage in back

✘ **Kolton Kensing** - dealing with severe migraines and dizziness

✘ **Shirley Meissner** - recovering from shoulder replacement surgery

✘ **Norma Marwitz** - dealing with cancer

✘ **Emilie Reeves** - recovering at home from a stroke

✘ **Brenda Schrank** - superficial bladder cancer

✘ **Ruth Young** - recuperating from a fall and broken leg

✘ **Noland Arbaugh** - family friend of Darryl & Mischelle Beach, returned home due to finance issues. Pray for courage and provision to finish his degree and live independently.

✘ **Molly Beach** - niece of Darryl & Michelle Beach suffering from an auto-immune disease & other health issues

✘ **Layla Evetts** - 6yr old diagnosed with an DIPG tumor. Still undergoing treatments Stable at this time

✘ **Paul & Edith Gates** - (Clark Pumphries' Grandparents) dealing with various health issues

✘ **Bryce Hagan** - (friend of Reich family) suffered severe head injury accident

✘ **Danny Horton** - (Jimmie Horton's brother) at home going to rehab

✘ **Carolyn May** - friend of Pat Crouch recovering from massive stroke

✘ **Henrietta Medina** - liver count went up. Changing medication

✘ **Renee Pietzsch** - (Jerome & Alice's daughter-in-law) stage 4 colon cancer, treatments continue

✘ **Darren Price** - undergoing cancer treatments

✘ **Theresa Schoen** - (Gary & Dennis Schoen's sister-in-law) kidney function improving

✘ **Paul Zimmerman** - (Connie White's father) at St. Catherine's Waco with a severe back injury

✘ **For those who grieve:** Families of Truman Marwitz (Ryan Marwitz' grandfather) and Danna Featherston (Trevor Seller's friend's mother)

✘ **Special Prayers:** Rain; Teachers & Students; President & Government Officials (local, state & federal)

Please contact the church office with updates on prayer requests for friends and loved ones.



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St. John Lutheran  
**Statement of Income and Expense by Major Group**  
 November of Fiscal Year 2018

	Current Month		Year-to-date	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
<b>Income</b>				
00-Group 00	42,663.00	33,532.62	430,246.00	426,218.57
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>42,663.00</b>	<b>33,532.62</b>	<b>430,246.00</b>	<b>426,218.57</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
04-Board of Outreach	570.00	455.69	7,795.00	5,465.69
10-Board of Elders	13,805.44	11,980.90	161,737.56	151,132.10
12-Board of Education	647.00	219.99	13,617.00	10,754.74
13-Board of Trustees	7,490.08	5,039.11	82,886.42	81,432.87
14-Board of Finance	3,334.00	2,328.66	40,310.00	34,706.75
16-Preschool Board	11,707.00	9,352.48	111,147.00	94,302.54
20-Memorial Expenditures	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
21-Non-Budget Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,927.21
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>37,553.52</b>	<b>29,376.83</b>	<b>417,492.98</b>	<b>384,721.90</b>
<b>Income Less Expense</b>	<b>5,109.48</b>	<b>4,155.79</b>	<b>12,753.02</b>	<b>41,496.67</b>



Memorials Given in Memory of  
**Raymond Wenzel**



**General Fund:** Marilyn Peters



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Sunday morning services can be heard on



Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm  
Sunday mornings at 7:30 am



## MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month. Join us *Sunday, Jan. 6 at 7:15 am* for the Men's Club meeting and to help make sausage and pancakes for breakfast.

## Praying for Children & Schools

Wednesday @ 6 PM  
Senior Youth Room  
Contact: Michelle Beach  
cell: 512-660-2325 email: mbeach1962@me.com

**MOMS in PRAYER**  
INTERNATIONAL  
Same Vision — New Name  
Formerly Moms In Touch

[www.MomsInPrayer.org](http://www.MomsInPrayer.org)

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays @ 6:30 am  
with breakfast

Women's  
Bible Study  
Thursdays  
@  
8:00 AM



A new non-profit organization that has been formed with the goal of providing safe, comfortable and reliable transportation for Cancer patients and their caregivers

to and from Houston. Tentative schedule is 10:30 am Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday outbound to Houston from Hamilton and Monday, Wednesday and Friday inbound from Houston arriving at 4:50 pm. Pick-up and drop-off location has not been determined at this point. If anyone in our congregation would like to volunteer on these days and times, we could possibly be the pick-up and drop-off location. If you are interested in St. John being a part of this and possibly overseeing this, please contact the church office and let us know. For further information you can go to [www.drivinghopetexas.org](http://www.drivinghopetexas.org).



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## Mission Grant Story

### Nursing Students Serving with Mercy Medical Team - \$80,000

*Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful ... (Luke 6:36).*

Lights are flashing, siren blaring, ambulance racing. Do you wonder who is hurting, what family fears the worst? Crisis's happen in our world. Most of them we know nothing about. Ever since 2006, The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) has sent out medical teams to areas of the world where medical care is needed and often unavailable.

Mercy Medical Teams (MMT) give opportunities for Christians with special skills and abilities ways to share with those who are in underserved countries and have limited means of medical support. These short-term volunteers gain experience using their gifts to help others while also learning how their vocation can serve our Lord both here in the United States and throughout the world. At times, they may be able to speak with patients about Jesus or just pray with them.

This grant will provide funds for student nurses wishing to volunteer for a MMT trip. Working with the Nursing Departments with

of the Concordia University System (CUI) and LCMS Health Ministry, the Director of Nursing for Concordia University Campus will send ten student nurses overseas for ten days to partner with the Lutheran Hospital in Antsirabe, Madagascar to work with patients along with the Malgasy staff.

They will learn about cross-cultural expectations and nursing care prior to their trip. While in Madagascar, they will work the health care providers; learn what mobile clinics provide; and help educate communities about women's health issues and hygiene. Most importantly they will learn about the global body of Christ. After returning to their classes, they will be debriefed and share their stories with others. Nursing students often find they have received far more than they have given.

LCMS mission trips are remembered long after returning home. One participant of a MMT commented, "You begin to realize that God knows each and every one....and suddenly you no longer consider [them] patients, but children of God, just like yourself."



**St John Ruth Guild**  
[Ruth Guild Meeting January 27](#)  
[Quilters](#)– can still use any scraps of material, old sheets etc.



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*Thank you*

**TO everyone who helped with the filling of pew cards, sharpened pencils, filled busy bags, in the office, our Wednesday afternoon program, Advent Meals, Children's Christmas program and so much more.**

The 2019 Flower Calendar is posted in the narthex.

Your floral offerings are  
Always greatly  
appreciated



## BOARD OF EDUCATION

We are still in need of one board member as well as a Sunday School Superintendent for the upcoming year. Please speak with Pastor Reich if you have any questions or would like to serve in one of these rolls.

**The Ruth Guild will meet Sunday January 27th for our regular meeting. All women of the church are encouraged to attend. Claudia Skocpol will be leading us in some Yoga exercises.**

**The Guild now has a collection tub for coats and sweaters for the homeless. As you notice you or your children have unwanted or unneeded coats or sweaters, please bring them to the church. They will be collected and delivered to the homeless at the beginning of January**

**Remember, everyone is invited to be a part of this missionary league. Hope to see you there!**



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*Music Notes by:*

*Gary Gromatzky*

## *What Child is This?*

What child is this, who laid to rest,  
on Mary's lap is sleeping?

Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
while shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing:

Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
the Babe, the Son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate,  
where ox and ass are feeding?

Good Christian fear; for sinners here  
the silent Word is pleading.

Nails, spear, shall pierce Him thro,  
the cross be borne for me, for you.

Hail, hail the Word made flesh,  
the Babe, the Son of Mary

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
come peasant, king to own Him.

The King of kings, salvation brings,  
let loving hearts enthrone him.

Raise, raise the song on high,  
the virgin sings her lullaby.

Joy, joy for Christ is born, the Babe,  
the Son of Mary.

## *What Child is This?*

1865

*So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem..."*  
Luke 2:15

Feelings of sadness come over me whenever I hear this deeply moving carol. It is, after all, set in the key of E minor, the "Saddest of all keys." Yet triumphant joy dispels the sadness as we exclaim, "This, this is Christ the King, who shepherds guard and angels sing."

The melancholic melody is a famous old British tune called "Greensleeves," originally a ballad about a man pining for his lost love, the fair Lady Greensleeves. Tradition says it was composed by King Henry VIII for Anne Boleyn. That's unlikely, but we do know that Henry's daughter, Queen Elizabeth I, danced to the tune.

Shakespeare referred to it twice in his play *The Merry Wives of Windsor*. In Act V, for example, Falstaff says, "Let the sky rain potatoes; let it thunder to the tune of 'Green Sleeves.'"

It was licensed to two different printers in 1580, and soon thereafter was being used with religious texts. Its first association with Christmas came in 1642, in a book titled *New Christmas Carols*, in which it was used with the poem "The Old Year Now Away Has Fled." The last verse says, "Come, give's more liquor when I doe call, / I'll drink to each one in this hall . . . And God send us a happy new year!"

For nearly 150 years, however, "Greensleeves" has been most identified with "What Child Is This?" The words of this carol are taken from a longer poem written by an insurance agent named William Chatterton Dix, born in Bristol, England, in 1837. His father was a surgeon who wanted his son to follow his footsteps. But having no interest in medicine, William left Bristol Grammar School, moved to Glasgow, and sold insurance.

His greatest love was his prose and poetry for Christ. He wrote two devotional books, a book for children, and scores of hymns, two of which remain popular Christmas carols: "What Child Is This?" and "As with Gladness Men of Old."

All of Dix's hymns should be more widely sung today, for they are masterpieces of poetry, filled with rich scriptural truth. His exultant hymn "Alleluia!" begins:

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, His the throne.*

*Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.*



May the Good Lord bless and keep every one of you this coming month.





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Level I

## Divine Encounters and Wondrous Events

ATTENTION

VISUAL SEARCH

All the words and phrases listed below are associated with accounts of miraculous events in the Old and New Testaments. The words can be found in a straight line horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. They may read backward or forward. When you have found all the words, the leftover letters will spell out another Bible miracle.

T H H S E D A K T A K C O R E  
 N E V A E H M O R F E R I F G  
 O S P E L O F J O H N V R E C  
 O N R O C F O S R A E R D S T  
 D R O P S Y R S E R P E N T H  
 E A M I R A E O J C U L O U S  
 S R E P E L F O G N I L A E H  
 C A T R I C R H O S F F I Q S  
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 I D E R U C S S E N D N I L B  
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AHAB  
 BLINDNESS CURED  
 BREAD  
 CANA  
 CAPERNAUM  
 DROPSY  
 EARS OF CORN

ELIJAH  
 FIG TREE  
 FIRE FROM HEAVEN  
 FROGS  
 HEALING OF LEPERS  
 JOHN (backward)  
 LAZARUS

LOAVES OF BARLEY  
 MOSES  
 QUAIL  
 RIVER JORDAN  
 ROCK AT KADESH  
 SERPENT  
 SYRIAN SOLDIERS

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## St. John Youth Groups

Saturday Sr. Youth pre-gathering NYG Bible Study  
January 5 6:30 FLC



Tuesday Last day to pay for Youth Quake for Junior High  
January 15



Saturday Senior Youth Pizza and a Movie Night  
January 19



**DON'T FORGET!** Confirmation and Bible studies resume each Wednesday beginning January 9!!!

Our Paint with Emma fundraiser brought in \$560. There will be no fundraisers in January

While I hope everyone is going the NYG, if your plans have changed and you won't be able to attend, please tell Misti by January 5 before she orders plane tickets. She doesn't want to waste fundraiser money!

# REAL.PRESENT.GOD.

LCMS YOUTH GATHERING | Minneapolis · July 11-15, 2019



- Fun week with Friends
- Great Music
- Grow Closer to God
- Mission Event
- Worship with 30,000
- Mega Games

Don't miss out on this fabulous experience! Registration forms are **due October 7**. We must plan for airfare, hotel, food, transportation, t-shirts as soon as possible. Pay \$100 with registration in October and \$100 in the spring. We hope to fundraise the rest of the trip. We will be having a youth Bible Study/Team Building each month to lead up to the event. This is the biggest and best youth event you can be a part of. Invite a friend to join us with the fundraising and trip. You will be so glad you made God a priority for this week!

Sept 16
Brief Informational Meeting Sept 9 after church
Sept 9

## Approved Fundraisers

Month	Fundraiser	Parent Coordinator
August	Garage Sale/Snowcones	Polsters/Hoppers
September 16	Freezer Pleaser Sale	Ondrusek/_____
October/November	Basket Raffle	_____/_____
May	Chicken BBQ (FRI/Sat)	_____/_____
April	Plant Sale	_____/_____

We have to raise over \$1,000 per child for the National Youth Gathering. Your significant participation in at least 3 fundraisers is really important to our success.



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*Happy*  
NEW  
YEAR



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