



The Eagle October 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!!*



“Treasures in Heaven”

Matthew tells us in 6:19-21 that we are to be laying up treasures in heaven rather than on earth where rust and moth destroy. When we read this passage we obviously think of the possessions that we are accumulating here on earth. There is no doubt that we spend a lot of time trying to accumulate wealth and possessions, but I believe that there is something else that poses a bigger threat that draws us away from storing up treasures in heaven and it is all of the extra activities in the fast-paced lives that we live.

More and more today, organized activities are taking place on Wednesday evenings and all day on Sundays, which was unheard of years ago. This is causing people to have to make choices, church or activities, and unfortunately church is usually not the option chosen. Another reason that people are not choosing church is because they are so exhausted from all of their activities during the week, they simply want to sleep in on Sundays. So what do we do?

We have to understand that by simply going to church it does not always mean that we are storing up treasures in heaven. However, the church does exist so that people have a connection point with Jesus and fellow believers and therefore serves as a way to keep us focused on storing up treasures in heaven. Storing up treasures in heaven simply means to make sure that Jesus Christ is the number one priority in our lives. If there are things in our lives that are pushing Jesus aside and have become the number one priority in our lives, then we are storing up treasures here on earth that are here today and gone tomorrow.

As I have mentioned several times about how to keep our youth connected to the church, the same applies to all of us. We are all guilty of finding every excuse imaginable for not being able to attend. I would like to encourage everyone to make our Sunday school and worship a priority in your lives. It might be good to find someone that you can team up with as accountability partners so that you can encourage one another.

We have so much to be thankful for as forgiven children of God. Jesus died to forgive us and give us eternal life. I know that it is most of our desires to make Jesus our number one priority in life. While we have so many things fighting for that number one spot, let's encourage one another in response to what God has done for us in Jesus to be faithful and regular in our Sunday school and worship attendance.

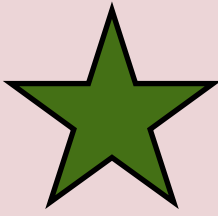
May God give us the desire and passion to seek Him daily as we continue to share the message of our risen Savior with A Heart for Hamilton County and the World!

Pastor Reich



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Let's Celebrate



YOU!



Upcoming October Events

1st-8:30am Circuit pastors meeting

6th- Mite Box Sunday

1:30pm Nursing home devo-
tions

7th- 6:30pm Preschool Board

8th- 1:00pm Glory Gamesters

5:30pm Finance Board

13th- 11:15am Board of Ed & Youth
Board of Trustees

14th- 6:30 Board of Elders

Anniversaries

1st	Johnny & Marliessa Clark	48 Yrs
	Allen & Jane Dodson	53 Yrs
6th	Darryl & Michelle Beach	29 Yrs
9th	Doug & Tammy Wagner	26 Yrs
13th	Jason & Kimber Clark	12 Yrs
16th	Mark & Sabrina Sellers	20 Yrs
17th	Robert & Dorothy Hoermann	60 Yrs
	John & Dorothy Schoedel	27 Yrs
24th	Eugene & Alice Jeschke	55 Yrs
27th	Ricky & Laverne Brown	35 Yrs
	Jason & Jasmine Seider	1 Yr
30th	Clayton & Danna Hurst	15 Yrs

Birthdays

1st	Milton Bottlinger, Kathleen Payne
2nd	Delores Stanford
3rd	Stanley Stanford
5th	Roger Bushee, Annie DeLeon, Roy Seider
6th	Charlie Bottlinger
9th	Danny Crouch, Darrell Wagner
10th	Jim Schrank
11th	Alicia Hall, Juanita Seider
12th	Klayton Kensing, Vicki Marwitz
14th	Don Arnett, Ricky Brown, Tammy Wagner, Kay Zschiesche
15th	Calvin Friedrich, Gunner McElroy, Reagan Reich, Kayla Tawater, Connie White
16th	Alice Jeschke
17th	Zac Clowdus
18th	Cooper LaGrande, Ryan Marwitz, Angie Tawater
19th	Maycon Stork
20th	John Parks
21st	Jonathan Hurst,
22nd	Sandy Hall, Gatlin Mize, Joel Sellers, Jody Tyson
23rd	Blake Cathey, Doug Wagner
25th	Jaxon Edwards, John Polster, LeeRoy Tyson, Cassie Walters
26th	Harry Asquith, Blake Reich
28th	Bert Schrank
29th	Patrick Roberts
31st	Billie Looney

Baptisms

3rd	Micah Stork
6th	Joshua Cantara
8th	Norma Marwitz
14th	Sophia Robinson
16th	Carolina DeLaGarza
20th	Roy Seider
24th	Kirsten Niemann
25th	Ryder Zschiesche
27th	Susie Odom
28th	Kathy Christensen, Danny Crouch
29th	Blake Cathey, Ethan Cathey, Sara Cathey
31st	Milton Bottlinger, Nathan Hall



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

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

**Sunday School
Sundays 9:00am**

**Church Worship
Sundays 10:00am**

**Quilting
Tuesdays 9:00am**

Wednesdays

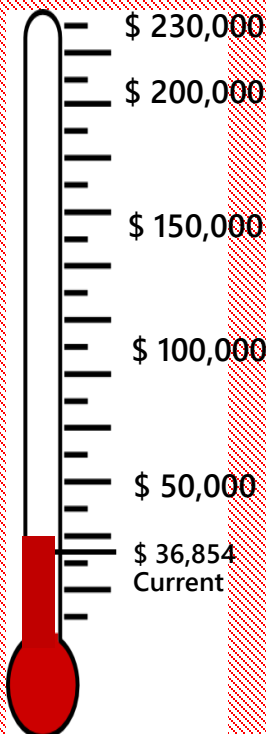
Confirmation 4:00 PM

**Senior Youth
6:00 PM**

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



BUILDING FUND



✘ Our Military & Families:

Ross Bates, Travis Beach, Nick Cantara, Josh Chorenziak, Lauren Jeffers, Matthew Medina, Ernie Mendez, Payden Nolen, John Slough, Warren Stanley, Micah Stork, Brennan Stroud, Keith Garrett White, Scott Williams

✘ Our Homebound & Nursing Facilities:

Focused Care: Kendra Code, Jean Ranney, Lillye Sanders, Jewell Zimmerman, Pat Bottlinger, Larry Stamberger, Maxine Wenzel **Hamilton Health Care:** Melinda Rogers, Leamon & Lydia Wagner, Bert Schrank, Corene Streger **The Meadows, Gatesville:** Faye Senger **Homebound:** Louis & Frances Donahoo, Albert & Artie Peters, Mae Pietzsch, Ruth Reneau, Frances Schrank, LaVerne Bubert

✘ **Harry Asquith** - leg circulation issues.

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

✘ **Sydnee Crouch** - (daughter of Danny and Elissa Crouch) at home doing rehab

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

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

✘ **Ben Helmcamp**— dealing with throat issues

✘ **Norma Marwitz** - completed radiation, awaiting test results

✘ **Rick Payne** - undergoing cancer treatments

✘ **Brenda Schrank** - cancer treatments resume

✘ **Gary Voges**—started cancer treatments

✘ **Amanda**—(33 year old daughter of Richard Witt, Farm Bureau auditor) Stage 4 Cancer

✘ **Mary Alsup**—(St. Paul's, The Grove) - cancer treatments

✘ **Oralia Alverado**—(Angie Tawater's mother)—Various health issues

✘ **Noland Arbaugh** - family friend of Darryl & Mischelle Beach, praying for complete healing of his paralysis

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

✘ **Bobby Cathey**—(Tammy Wagner & Joe Cathey's father) various health issues

✘ **Finus Crownover**—(McKinley Crownover's grandfather) diagnosed with cancer

✘ **Brenda Edins** - diagnosed with lung cancer

✘ **Curtis Gunn** - Cancer treatments

✘ **Layla Evetts** - 6yr old diagnosed with an DIPG tumor. Treatments continue

✘ **AnnaBella Heckman** - (3yr old granddaughter of Rev. John Heckman) recuperating at home after additional brain surgery, awaiting tests

✘ **Melba Ruth King** - battling cancer

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

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

✘ **Robert Meissner** - (Shirley Meissner's brother-in-law) recovering from a severely broken leg

✘ **Ossie Scott** - (Doyle Robert's sister) cancer treatments

✘Praise and Thanksgiving:

✘ **For those who grieve:**

✘ **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. 3



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Finance Update

St. John Lutheran Statement of Income and Expense by Major Group August of Fiscal Year 2019

	Current Month		Year-to-date	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income				
00-Group 00	42,406.67	33,993.35	323,998.36	311,932.90
Total Income	42,406.67	33,993.35	323,998.36	311,932.90
Expense				
04-Board of Outreach	570.00	540.00	5,710.00	4,667.78
10-Board of Elders	14,330.00	12,860.27	123,485.00	107,339.91
12-Board of Education	393.00	2,227.07	13,949.00	11,586.47
13-Board of Trustees	7,865.00	6,902.23	64,192.00	50,544.25
14-Board of Finance	3,406.00	2,753.51	30,160.00	26,094.05
16-Preschool Board	9,467.00	10,977.88	69,892.00	93,322.90
20-Memorial Expenditures	0.00	0.00	0.00	240.00
21-Non-Budget Expense	0.00	450.48	0.00	1,262.76
Total Expense	36,031.00	36,711.44	307,388.00	295,058.12
Income Less Expense	6,375.67	-2,718.09	16,610.36	16,874.78

Given in Memory of :

Leona Fulton:

St. John Building Fund:

Doug & Tammy Wagner

Jerome & Alice Pietzsch

St. John Preschool:

Paul & Kathy Christensen

In loving memory of

Elections for new church officers and board members is October 28. Please be thinking about nominations for the various positions to be filled. Please give prayerful consideration to serving your church and your God in one of these positions. Talk to any board member or the church office if you are interested in serving.



Church Boards need to have their annual budgets in to the church office by Sunday, October 6. Nominations for officers need to be in to the church office by October 6 also. Thank you.



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Next time you shop at Amazon, try smile.amazon.com. You'll get the same great benefits you get with Amazon, with an added twist. When you go to check out, just pick St. John Lutheran Church as your charity and Amazon will make a small contribution to our church at no added cost to you. St John has already received over \$50.00 from purchases made. It's a simple and easy way to give to your church. Try it! It will make you smile!



MEN'S CLUB

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

Sunday morning services can be heard on

KCLW_{900AM}
CLASSIC COUNTRY

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

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays @ 6:30 am
with breakfast



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.

Are you interested in giving online to St John? Just go to our web site www.stjohnhamilton.org and click on the little heart on the top, or the big heart at the bottom. Then just follow the prompts. Give in the privacy of your own home, or when circumstances prevent you from worshipping with us! Giving from the heart is so easy!



TEACH ME TOO — PRESCHOOLERS WITH LEARNING NEEDS

Lutheran Special Education Ministries

Lutheran Special Education Ministries (LSEM) has seen a growing desire for early intervention support of children with learning needs. In 2017, LSEM successfully launched entry into preschool education for exceptional children with learning needs by establishing the Let It Shine Academy. This academy was designed to administer intervention strategies and address the unique needs of children with autism spectrum disorder in an early learning environment. By reaching out and serving these children early in their learning years, they provide tools, strategies, and support to help these learners succeed now and as their education continues. They help them to be successful learners. This preschool creates a place where God's Word can be shared with these children. LSEM is currently directly serving children at 59 schools and churches in 11 states.

LSEM has received special requests by schools to present preschool specific training for their staff. They have completed school visits to perform observations and assessments numerous times. With statistics stating that one in five children have a learning need, and many more areas across the United States

where LSEM sees the need to serve preschool and early childhood children with learning needs, there is great need for growth and expansion of their services.

Organizations professing their faith within the context of academic instruction are not eligible to receive financial support from the government through the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. LSEM, unable to receive public funding, relies on partnership fees and donations. Mission Grant #2 would provide funding to:

- *Support educational and spiritual growth among preschool aged children by growing the Let it Shine Academy to include more students, being a witness of God's love for ALL his children.*
- *Provide scholarship funding for children in need whose families cannot afford the cost of the Let It Shine program.*
- *Support children and families who need assistance and education but are not part of an LSEM partnership program.*
- *Educate preschool teachers in methods of early intervention for children who have a learning need.*

www.lwml.org/missions

**No October meeting
due to Fall Festival**



**MITE BOX SUNDAY
October 6**



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Music Notes

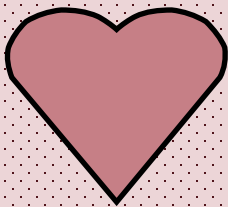
By Gary Gromatzsky

Day by Day

Day by day and with each passing moment,
 Strength I find to meet my trials here;
 Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment,
 I've no cause for worry or for fear.
 He whose heart is kind beyond all measure,
 Bive unto each day what He deems best;
 Lovingly, its part of pain and pleasure,
 Mingling toil with peace and rest.

Every day the Lord Himself is near me
 With a special mercy for each hour;
 All my cares He fain would bear and cheer
 me,
 He whose name is Counselor and Pow'r.
 The protection of His child and treasure,
 Is a charge that on Himself He laid;
 "As your days, your strength shall be in
 measure,"
 This the pledge to me He made.

Help me then in every tribulation,
 So to trust Your promises, O Lord;
 That I lose not faith's sweet consolation,
 Offered me within Your holy Word.
 Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meet-
 ing,
 E'er to take, as from a Father's hand,
 One by one, the days, the moments fleeting,
 Till I reach the promised land.



Day by Day

1865

Karolina Sandell-Berg

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? Psalm 27:1

This is a Scandinavian hymn, written by the "Fanny Crosby of Sweden," Karolina W. Sandell-Berg.

Lina was born in Frvderyd on October 3, 1832, the daughter of Jonas Sandell, pastor of the village's Lutheran church. Though frail in body, she had a strong spirit, feasting on the artistic, literary, and religious influences of her home life.

But tragedy struck when she was twenty-six. Lina and her father were enjoying a boat trip on the east coast of Sweden near Gothenburg when the ship suddenly lurched. Before her eyes, Rev. Sandell pitched overboard and drowned. Returning home alone, Lina began processing her grief through the Scripture and expressing her faith in poetry. Fourteen poems were published that year, 1858, one of which is sung to this day:

*Children of the heavenly Father / Safely in His bosom gather;
 Nestling bird nor star in heaven / Such a refuge e'er was given.*

Seven years later, her best known hymn, "Day by Day," was published. In it, Lina spoke from personal experience about the daily strength the Lord provides for His struggling children.

*Day by day, and with each passing moment,
 Strength I find, to meet my trials here;
 Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment,
 I've no cause for worry of for fear.*

If you need strength for a particular trial, take this grand old hymn into the day with you, and claim some of the wonderful promises God has given:

- > "The Lord is my strength and song, and He has become my salvation" - Exodus 15:2
- > "As your days, so shall our strength be." - Deuteronomy 33:25
- > "Do not sorrow, for the joy of the Lord is your strength." - Nehemiah 8:10
- > "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." - Psalm 46:1
- > Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength." - Isaiah 40:31
- > "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." - Philippians 4:13



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Thank you

A BIG THANK YOU to those who filled pew cards, cleaned the altar area, filled busy bags, made minor repairs around the church and preschool, helped with after school activities, and so much more!

Annual Voters Meeting!

MONDAY OCTOBER 28 6:30PM

We will be electing church officers and board members and approving the budget for 2020. Your input is important so please mark your calendars for this important meeting!

National Night Out is Tuesday, October 1. St John will have a booth set up at Fair Park. Come join us from 6-8:00!

FALL BLAST NOVEMBER 1-3

This retreat is designed for students grade 3-5. It will be held at Camp Lone Star. You'll enjoy skits, songs, Camp activities, and your Bible study/break out session with your church group. The Camp Lone Star staff will provide materials and leadership for Bible studies/devotions, games, activities, and will foster great fellowship. We will also need one adult leader for the girls and one for the boys, up to 11 students per adult. This is a great chance for adult leaders to connect with your students and deepen your relationships with them in a unique environment. Cabins are climate-controlled, and attendees are expected to bring their own bedding. Campers from different youth groups may be housed together. There is a \$75 deposit that needs to be paid by each student. We need to have your deposit as soon as possible to reserve our spots. A packing list and liability waiver will be handed out as we get closer to the retreat. Sign up now for this fun event!

HOLY LAND TOUR – Visiting the Biblical sites in Israel & Jordan (November 12-23, 2019)

GERMANY TOUR – Visiting the Oberammergau Passion Play & Luther sites (June 28 – July 8, 2020)

Contact Rev Darold Reiner -- retired LCMS Pastor & LWML Int'l Counselor: 406-890-1149 or imhis38@gmail.com



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FALL FESTIVAL SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

Immediately after church

Men's Club will be serving soup. Members please bring sandwiches or a desert.

Fall Festival Activities Include:

Face Painting

Basketball

Pumpkin Decorating

Pumpkin Checkers

Ga-ga Ball

Dominoes

Pumpkin Tic-Tac-Toe

Popcorn Station

Fall Family Picture
Station

Join us for Fun, Food



Forty-one backpacks were filled, packed and sent to World Relief by the Ruth Guild. Extra school supplies were delivered to Ann Whitney Elementary School to help teachers and classes here. A big THANK YOU to all who donated and the Ruth Guild for getting this project organized to help so many children here and around the world!

The 2020 Flower Chart is available in the Narthex. Your floral contributions to our worship services is greatly appreciated.

***THE LUTHERAN WITNESS* is up for renewal. The cost is \$14.25. The sign up sheet is located outside the church office. Deadline is October 13. Please make your checks payable to St. John Lutheran Church.**





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Fall
IN LOVE
JOIN US FOR A
COUPLES SHOWER
HONORING
RILEY REICH
& *Mattea Luckstead*

SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 10TH 2019
Two-Thirty In The Afternoon
110 NORTH BELL
HAMILTON, TX

THE COUPLE IS REGISTERED
AT BED, BATH & BEYOND,
AMAZON & DILLARD'S



St. John Youth Activities

Youth-Led Service & Breakfast

Sunday, September 29

Church Potluck Dinner

Confirmation Plan Meeting

This is your chance to discuss the future of confirmation plan.

Confirmation Snacks

Sept 25 Wenzel/Mize

Oct 9 Kensing

Oct 16 Olalde

Oct 23 Wagner

Oct 30 Marwitz



Fall Festival

Sunday, October 27

Come ready for a fun day with new exciting games.

SENIOR YOUTH BIBLE STUDIES

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 6:00



Confirmation Retreat

Camp Lone Star

October 11-12

We leave immediately after school.
We will stop for supper on our way down to camp.
We will return on Saturday night.

JH Costume Dance

Friday, Oct. 25



7:00-9:00

\$5.00

Snacks provided

School appropriate costumes

Sr. Youth

Hayride

Sat. Oct. 26 at

2022: **HOUSTON**

Freezer Pleaser Fundraiser made

\$1500. Thanks for help and orders.



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