



The Eagle November 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!!*



“Christian Health and Wellness”

We live in such a fast-paced world today to the point that I would say most of us do not know whether we are coming or going. This can have some devastating implications on our lives. It can affect our spiritual wellbeing as well as our physical wellbeing. I attended a pastors conference and the topic of the conference was “Ministry Wellness in Today’s World”. While this was geared to pastors, I believe that all Christians are called to be in ministry in the world today to proclaim the saving love of Jesus. This means that all of us need to be in the best shape that we can be in, both spiritually and physically, to carry out the ministry God has called us into.

John, in his third letter, writes, “Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul.” John is writing to Gaius. This could have been a leader in John’s congregation or a layman. The point is that Christians in general need to be healthy, both spiritually and physically. This is what we would refer to as a wholeness approach. We as human beings are made up of both body and soul and in order for us to function to the capacity that God intends for us to function, our body and soul needs to be in good shape.

First and foremost we need to be spiritually fit. I am not saying that we need to be able to quote every book, chapter and verse in the Bible. I am not saying that we need to have the answers to every question that we might be asked about the Bible. What I am saying is this, we as Christians need to exercise the spiritual part of our body daily. We need to be seeking a relationship with our Savior daily. This is done in two ways; privately and communally. There is nothing that can take the place of the individual time that we spend with our Savior. We need to make time daily to be in God’s Word and pray. In our fast-paced lives, this can be a challenge, but we need to slow down and take the time.

With that said, there is also nothing that can take the place of strengthening our relationship with our Savior in a community of believers – the church. We need to make time to gather as believers together in Bible study and worship to encourage each other in our faith life. We are not called to walk the Christian walk alone. God has always called His people into a community so that we have the encouragement and support of others.

In our baptism, we are new creations in Christ and new creations in the body of Christ – the church. The health of our spiritual wellbeing is crucial as we live our lives in the world. I encourage all of you to set aside time daily with your Savior and weekly with the body of Christ in Bible study and worship so that we can be fit spiritually to be a witness of the forgiveness and life that we have in Jesus.

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!



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Let's Celebrate



YOU!



Upcoming November Events

- 3rd- Mite Box Sunday
1:30pm Nursing home devo-
tions
- 4th - 6:30pm Preschool Board
- 5th - 8:30am Circuit Pastors'
- 10th -11:15am Board of Ed & Youth
Board of Trustees
- 11th- 6:30 Board of Elders
- 12th- 1:00pm Glory Gamesters
5:30pm Finance Board

Anniversaries

| | | |
|------|--------------------------|--------|
| 7th | Paul & Kathy Christensen | 38 Yrs |
| 15th | Albert & Artie Peters | 72 Yrs |
| 22nd | Chris & Jennifer Niemann | 22 Yrs |
| 24th | Forrest & CeCe Jenson | 55 Yrs |

Birthdays

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| 2nd | Dawn Johnson, Ima Roberts |
| 3rd | Carlos A. Olalde |
| 4th | Judy Whitt |
| 7th | Jennifer Finstad, Daniel Olalde, Kim Tyson |
| 9th | Jack Bussey, Emma Johnson, Carlos Olalde, Harold Reich |
| 10th | Allison Bussey, Mason Bussey |
| 11th | Addyson Clowdus, Ben Helmcamp |
| 12th | Ted Jahns, Martin Wenzel, Addley Yates |
| 13th | Rick Housden, Layton Stork |
| 14th | Sandy Olsen |
| 15th | Darryl Beach |
| 19th | Shirley DeLoach |
| 20th | Marlee Clark, Timothy Newby, Don Tyson |
| 21st | Faye Senger |
| 22nd | Michele Cathey, Danna Hurst |
| 23rd | Jimmie Horton, Geraldine Kautzsch |
| 24th | Connie Nolte, Emily Wagner, Steve Young |
| 27th | Linda Moore, Dayle Squyres |
| 28th | Joseph Polster |
| 29th | Myron Kautzsch, Sharolyn Lawson |
| 30th | Lawson Yates. |

Baptisms

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|------|---|
| 1st | Reagan Reich |
| 2nd | Denis Geter |
| 7th | Daniel Olalde |
| 9th | Klayton Kensing |
| 10th | Jim Schrank |
| 11th | Jaydon Watson |
| 13th | Graham Bussey, Erik Christensen, Anna Gaydos |
| 14th | Doug Wagner |
| 16th | Brayden Armstrong, Jill Muxworthy, John Polster |
| 18th | Albert Peters, Connie White, Kyle Zschiesche |
| 19th | Taylor Clark, Kyler Kensing |
| 20th | Wilma Gaydos, Delores Stanford |
| 21st | Bob Miller |
| 22nd | Jonathan Hurst, Emery McElroy, Colt Weiser, Maggie Wenzel |
| 23rd | Ricky Brown |
| 24th | Roger Bushee, Keaton Muxworthy |
| 26th | Sydney English |
| 27th | LeeRoy Tyson |
| 28th | Tracy Wenzel |
| 30th | Calvin Friedrich, Darrell Wagner |



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

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

**Sunday School
Sundays 9:00am**

**Church Worship
Sundays 10:00am**

**Quilting
Tuesdays 9:00am**

Wednesdays

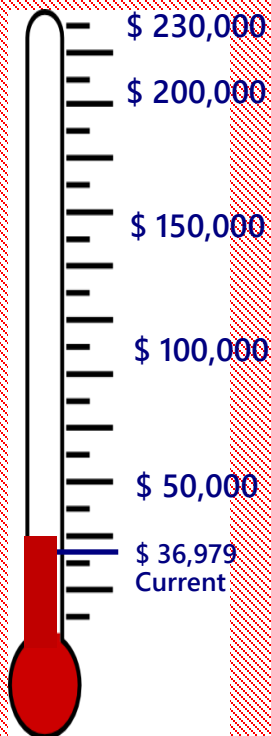
Confirmation 4:00 PM

**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

✘ **Ted Jahns** - recovering at home after a fall

✘ **Susie Odom** - recovering from surgery

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

✘ **Rick Payne** - undergoing cancer treatments

✘ **Brenda Schrank** – awaiting test results

✘ **Gary Voges** - 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

✘ **Curtis Gunn** - Cancer treatments

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

✘ **AnnaBella Heckman** - (3yr old granddaughter of Rev. John Heckman) awaiting test results

✘ **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:** Finus Crossover

✘ **For those who grieve:** The family of Joel Sellers

✘ **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
September of Fiscal Year 2019

| | Current Month | | Year-to-date | |
|----------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual |
| Income | | | | |
| 00-Group 00 | 42,618.67 | 40,244.91 | 366,617.03 | 352,177.81 |
| Total Income | 42,618.67 | 40,244.91 | 366,617.03 | 352,177.81 |
| Expense | | | | |
| 04-Board of Outreach | 945.00 | 1,077.50 | 6,655.00 | 5,745.28 |
| 10-Board of Elders | 15,805.00 | 12,692.12 | 139,290.00 | 120,032.03 |
| 12-Board of Education | 1,036.00 | 116.25 | 14,985.00 | 11,702.72 |
| 13-Board of Trustees | 8,240.00 | 6,078.83 | 72,432.00 | 56,623.08 |
| 14-Board of Finance | 4,387.00 | 3,838.03 | 34,547.00 | 29,932.08 |
| 16-Preschool Board | 10,264.00 | 12,374.00 | 80,156.00 | 105,696.90 |
| 20-Memorial Expenditures | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 240.00 |
| 21-Non-Budget Expense | 0.00 | 10,125.00 | 0.00 | 11,387.76 |
| Total Expense | 40,677.00 | 46,301.73 | 348,065.00 | 341,359.85 |
| Income Less Expense | 1,941.67 | -6,056.82 | 18,552.03 | 10,817.96 |

Given in Memory of :

Leona Fulton:

St. John Building Fund: Kay & Jerry Zschiesche

Joel Sellers:

St. John General Fund: Lloyd & Janice Melde

St. John Preschool: The Squyers Family





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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!

Sunday morning services can be heard on

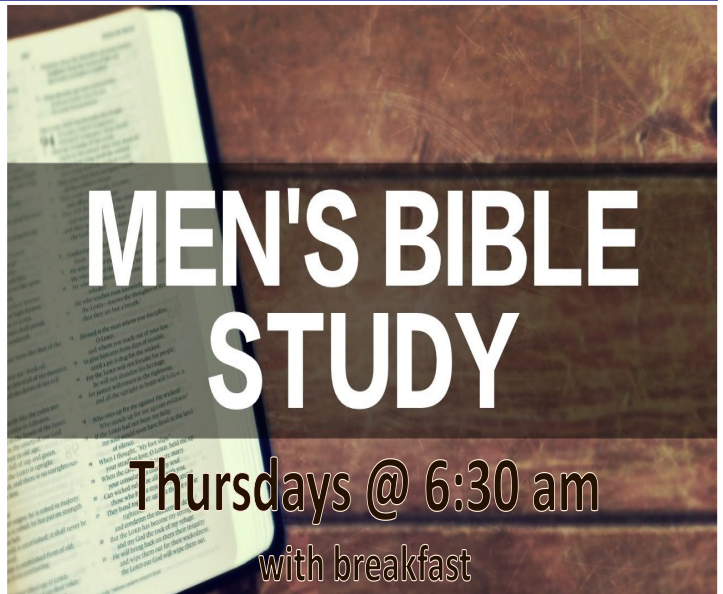


Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm
Sunday mornings at 7:30 am



MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club meets on the 1st Sunday of the month. Join us **Sunday, November 3, at 7:15 am** for the Men's Club meeting and to help make sausage and pancakes for breakfast.



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!



MISSION OUTREACH FOR AT-RISK YOUNG WOMEN IN AFRICA Lutheran Hour Ministries — \$100,000

*And the King will answer them,
'Truly, I say to you, as you
did it to one of the least of these
my brothers, you did it to me'
(Matthew 25:40).*

Young women in Kenya and Cameroon live in extreme poverty and violence; hunger and limited education force many to sell themselves for mere dollars. Nairobi has one of the highest HIV rates in Africa. With few public resources for treatment, dying from HIV/AIDS is a very real possibility.

In Cameroon, sexual exploitation, prostitution, and trafficking is so common that about 30 percent of girls ages 12 to 25 have given birth at least once. Many young pregnant women are forced from their homes, often after rape or domestic abuse. These women are outcasts with nowhere to go — not even to their church.

Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) is committed to spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ in these countries. Through ministry centers, LHM reaches out by sharing hope and faith in Jesus, changing the lives of these women both physically and spiritually.

Through our mite offerings, “Reaching Rahab,” a Christ-centered program in Kenya, is making a difference in the lives of women and their young children who often live on the streets or in prisons. The program offers counseling and teaches life skills to help break the cycle of poverty and prostitution. Income-producing trades help these women become independent and successful. Sharing Jesus and God’s forgiveness, they become reconnected to the church.

A network of prison chaplains and volunteers helps these young women through counseling and Bible studies. Groups with mature female volunteers from a partner Lutheran congregation are formed to help them transition into productive lives outside prison. The Prison Mums project provides help through HIV counseling and testing services.

In Cameroon, unwed teenage mothers and victims of sexual abuse are offered a holistic outreach program to empower and promote integration into society through education and spiritual growth. This provides the tools to prepare them for a better life.

**November meeting
Sunday Nov. 24**

www.lwml.org/missions



**MITE BOX SUNDAY
November 3**



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Music Notes

By Gary Gromatzky

Life Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Life up your heads, ye mighty gates:

Behold, the King of glory waits!

The King of kings is drawing near,

The Savior of the world is here.

O blest the land, the city blest,

Where Christ the ruler is confessed!

O happy hearts and happy homes

To whom this King of triumph comes!

Fling wide the portals of your heart:

Make it a temple, set apart

From earthly use for heav'n's employ,

Adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer, come! I open wide

My heart to Thee: here, Lord, abide!

Let me Thy inner presence feel:

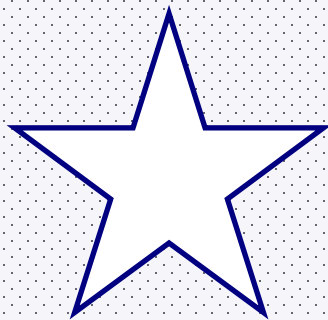
Thy grace and love in us reveal.

So come, my sov'reign, enter in!

Let new and nobler life begin!

Thy Holy Spirit guide us on,

Until the glorious crown be won.



Life Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Georg Weissel (1590-1635)

Translated by Catherine Winkworth (1827-18178)

The words King David used in Psalm 24 to celebrate the arrival of God's presence in Jerusalem inspired this beautiful Christmas hymn. Georg Weissel recognized that Jesus' birth in Bethlehem was the ultimate fulfillment of the ancient psalmist's praise. On that first Christmas, God came to be with us in a new way. He was Immanuel — "God with us."

Weissel was a German scholar, teacher, and pastor who died at the height of the Thirty Years' War — a period of unspeakable horror in Germany. Due to the war, repeated plagues, and other disasters, the population of sixteen million dwindled to only six million in thirty short years. Despite the horrors that surrounded him, Weissel found a reason for rejoicing because of God's arrival in our world in the person of Jesus Christ. It was the birth of Jesus in Christmas that made it possible for God to enter each of our hearts, beginning the transformation of our lives and our world from the inside out.

*Lift up your heads, O gates!
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
That the King of glory may come in.*

*Who is this King of glory?
The Lord, strong and mighty,
The Lord, mighty in battle!
Lift up your heads, O gates!
And lift them up, O ancient doors,
That the King of glory may come in.*

*Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of Hosts,
He is the King of glory! Psalm 24: 7-10*



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Thank you

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

Thanksgiving Eve Service
Wednesday
November 27, 6:30 PM



First Sunday in Advent:
December 1



Advent

Fall
Back



**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
ENDS SUNDAY NOVEMBER
3! DON'T FORGET TO
TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK
ONE HOUR BEFORE YOU GO
TO BED SATURDAY NIGHT!**

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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DONATIONS NEEDED:

Honey Nut Cheerios, Lucky Charms
Apple Jacks

PreSchool News

NO SCHOOL
November 25-29



Kindergarten mystery cups

Kindergarten children will be cooking and serving a Thanksgiving Feast on Friday, November 22nd for their families.



Pep Rally Fun

Mighty Lions in their learning centers





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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



Count Your Blessings

St. John Lutheran Church

NOVEMBER JR/SR YOUTH NEWSLETTER



Pie Fundraiser

Orders Due November 17

Friday, November 22

Saturday, November 23

ALL JR. HIGH YOUTH
MUST SELL TO AT
LEAST **11** DIFFERENT
PEOPLE

This fundraiser pays for
HALF of the Youthquake.

Parents, please sign up in
FLC for a shift to work for

Nov 23rd weekend: Fri night,

Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon or
Sunday after church sales



VS



In Belton if our church football player Trevor
Sellers is playing, or

November 9



ATV SAFETY and WILDLIFE TRAINING

At the Texas Game Warden Center

Saturday, November 16 sponsored by 4-H,
Lawson Implement and Hoffpauir Polaris

Talk to John Polster, Jack Bussey or Sheila
Ondrusek to sign up. Only 16 spots availa-
ble for ages 12/13 and older. Cost \$15

Turn in Youth Quake Forms to Pastor this
month! Event is February 21-23. **YOUTHQUAKE**

Confirmation and Senior Youth Meet Each Wednesday!



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