



The Eagle December 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”

Last month I wrote about the importance of being spiritually fit as Christians as we live our lives in this world. I quoted John from his third letter and I do so again, “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.

Last month I focused on the spiritual side of things. While this is of most importance, we should also be concerned about our physical well-being. I was told in one of my seminary classes that if I were to go to the hospital to visit a dying member and the elevator is out of order, I better be able to climb seven flights of stairs and be able to minister to my dying member when I get to the room. Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 6:19, “Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God?” We are to take care of our bodies. This includes staying in shape, watching what we eat, being careful with what we do with our bodies, etc.

Why is this important? First and foremost, we are reminded in that same Corinthians passage that our body is not our own. It is God’s because we have been bought with a price. Second, we need to be physically in shape so that we can be ready in any circumstance to share the good news of Jesus with others. If we have to climb a mountain, a tree or a flight of stairs or rescue someone from a building or other dangerous situation, we need to also have enough energy and breath left to share the love of Jesus with them. It is vitally important that we take care of our bodies, both spiritually and physically.

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 December Events

- 1st- Mite Box Sunday
1:30pm Nursing home devo-
tions
- 2nd - 6:30pm Preschool Board
- 3rd - 8:30am Circuit Pastors'
- 8th -11:15am Board of Ed & Youth
Board of Trustees
- 9th- 6:30 Board of Elders
- 10th- 1:00pm Glory Gamesters
5:30pm Finance Board

Anniversaries

9th	Patrick & Deborah Roberts	45 Yrs
11th	Quin & Lindsey Hanson	15 Yrs
13th	Lucas & Kristen Robinson	6 Yrs
14th	Joe & Michele Cathey	34 Yrs
18th	Randy & Andrea Newby	20 Yrs
20th	John & Cat Parks	11 Yrs
23rd	Gary & Tootie Schoen	53 Yrs
26th	Marvin & Sandra Witte	49 Yrs
27th	Carlos & Fabiola Olalde	28 Yrs
28th	Louis & Frances Donahoo	34 Yrs
29th	Roy & Tracy Seider	1 Yr

Birthdays

1st	Jaley Reich
6th	Kade McKandless
8th	Cora Hurst, Grace Hurst, Tucker Ondrusek, Deborah Roberts, Doyle Roberts
9th	Laverne Brown, Danny Rud
11th	Chrissy Kensing
12th	Lexie Ward
13th	Kelsi Clowdus, Jerry Zschiesche
14th	Kasey Kunkel
15th	Roberta Craig, Claudia Skocpol, Grant Surley, Mitch Surley
17th	Avery Hall
19th	Doyle Cook, Amber Tyson
20th	Johnny Clark
23rd	Brad Surley
24th	Reagan Wagner
25th	Melissa DeLaGarza, Chelsi Hall, David Tyson
26th	Leah Newby, Henlee Wagner
27th	Bonnye Wenzel, Irene Zaruba
28th	Lindsey Hanson
30th	Jane Wagner, Jewell Zimmerman

Baptisms

2nd	Layton Stork
3rd	Alice Jeschke, Kade McKandless, Steve Young
7th	Jaley Reich
8th	Brenda Schrank
9th	Bert Schrank
10th	Ima Roberts
11th	Ted Jahns
12th	Martin Wenzel
15th	Lois Hungerford
16th	Casey Finstad, Sharolyn Lawson, Billie Looney
18th	Joseph Polster John Robinson
19th	Geraldine Kautzsch
21st	Mary Jeffers, Charles Rudolph, Gretchen Rudolph, Michael Rudolph
22nd	Phiona Clark, Danna Hurst
23rd	Myron Kautzsch, Kaitlyn Walton
24th	Emily Wagner
31st	Chelsi Hall, Reagan Wagner



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

**Sunday School
Sundays 9:00am**

**Church Worship
Sundays 10:00am**

**Quilting
Tuesdays 9:00am**

Wednesdays

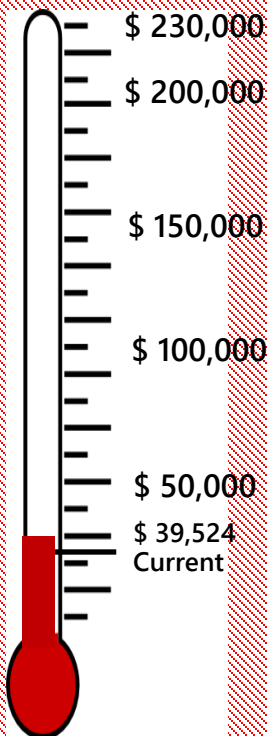
Confirmation 4:00 PM

**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, Isaac Jerrell, 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

✘ **Rick Housden** - recovering from hip replacement surgery

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

✘ **Ted Jahns** - therapy at home

✘ **Susie Odom** - recovering from surgery

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

✘ **Rick Payne** - undergoing cancer treatments

✘ **Alice Pietzsch** - recovering at home after a hospital stay

✘ **Ed Quarzensky** - hospitalized with lung issues

✘ **Kayla Tawater** - recovering from surgery on broken arm

✘ **Gary Voges** - cancer treatments

✘ **Lawson Yates** - recovering from surgery on broken ankle

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

✘ **Mary Alsop** - (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

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

✘ **Praise and Thanksgiving:** Brenda Schrank

✘ **For those who grieve:** The Family of Sandy Olsen

✘ **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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Finance Update

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

	Current Month		Year-to-date	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income				
00-Group 00	42,356.67	35,049.75	408,973.70	387,227.56
Total Income	42,356.67	35,049.75	408,973.70	387,227.56
Expense				
04-Board of Outreach	570.00	620.00 1	7,225.00	6,365.28
10-Board of Elders	14,330.00	12,002.31	153,620.00	132,034.34
12-Board of Education	446.00	-934.22 -2	15,431.00	10,768.50
13-Board of Trustees	7,865.00	8,324.67 1	80,297.00	64,947.75
14-Board of Finance	3,406.00	2,335.07	37,953.00	32,267.15
16-Preschool Board	10,164.00	12,068.10	90,320.00	117,765.00
20-Memorial Expenditures	0.00	0.00	0.00	240.00
21-Non-Budget Expense	0.00	2,083.75	0.00	13,471.51
Total Expense	36,781.00	36,499.68	384,846.00	377,859.53
Income Less Expense	5,575.67	-1,449.93	24,127.70	9,368.03



Given in Memory of :

Paul Zimmerman:

St. John Building Fund: Jewell Zimmerman

Leona Fulton:

St. John Building Fund: Bert Schrank & 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 \$60.00 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, December 1, 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



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!



GOD'S GRACE FOR THIS GENERATION LAMP Ministry Inc — \$100,000

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy (1 Peter 2: 9-10).

For nearly 50 years, LAMP Ministry Inc. has ministered in northern Canada, where many villages are reachable only by aircraft or seasonal roads. Currently, nearly one million indigenous people live in these isolated areas with about half under the age of 14. The most alarming statistic is that over 15 percent of these children and youth will take their own lives out of despair and hopelessness.

Faced with the worldly influences and challenges of the internet and social media, and with limited opportunities for education and employment, the children and youth often feel despondent and discouraged. Sunday school, Christian youth programs, and regular worship services are rarely available.

Parents and grandparents of this younger generation were raised in residential schools away from home and the traditional family structure is non-existent. The younger generation lacks a sound model for parenting and family life.

On the Indian reserves, employment is limited, housing is limited, violence and drug abuse is higher than in most of the world, and life expectancy is between 45-55 years. LAMP goes into these communities offering the love of Jesus through parenting workshops, bereavement care training, VBS, Bible studies, and their testimonies of the hope found through faith in Jesus. The goal is to provide these communities with Christian education and witness to the Gospel.

To fulfill their mission of sharing the Gospel in the next few years, LAMP will need to expand their staff of full-time missionaries to four or five and recruit and train 100 to 200 more volunteer missionaries committed to serve at least five years.

This grant will provide funds to help LAMP reach the goal of hiring more missionary pilots and training more volunteers so that more communities can be reached with the love of Jesus and can be visited more than once a year. As the Gospel, our true source of comfort and hope, is proclaimed, local leaders are encouraged and built up to serve their own people. With the help of the Holy Spirit, the youth, knowing they are loved and cared for by the missionaries, will choose hope in Christ over suicide.

www.lwml.org/mission-grants

**December meeting
Sunday Dec. 22**



**MITE BOX SUNDAY
December 1**



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Music Notes

By Gary Gromatzky

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o’re the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be,
Which inspire your heav’nly song?

Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in Excelsis Deo!

Angels We Have Head on High

1855

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men! Luke 2:13,14 (NKJV)

“*Les Anges dans nos Campagnes*” was a French carol dating from the 1700s, which appeared in several different versions. It was published in English in 1862, the words saying:

*Angels we have heard on high / sweetly singing o’er the plains,
And the mountains in reply / Echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

An older version had the title, “Harken All! What Holy Singing!” The words, translated into English, said:

*Hearken, all! What holy singing / Now is sounding from the sky!
‘Tis a hymn with grandeur ringing, / Sung by voices clear and high.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

Still another primitive version speaks from the shepherds’ vantage point, saying:

*Shepherds in the field abiding, / Tell us when the seraph bright
Greeted you with wondrous tiding, / What you saw and heard that night
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

Hymns are usually authored by human beings like us, but in this case obscure verses by unknown French poets were coupled with a refrain that was literally composed by angels in heaven: *Gloria, in excelsis Deo*. That’s the Latin wording for the angelic anthem, “Glory to God in the highest!” It comes from Luke 2:14 in the Vulgate, the Latin version of the Bible. The Latin word *Gloria* means *Glory*, and *in excelsis* is the phrase for *in the highest*. Our English words *excel* and *excellent* come from the same root, meaning *to rise* or *to ascend* or *to be on high*. The Latin word *Deo* means *God*.

This was the song proclaimed by the angels over Shepherds’ Field the night Christ was born. The musical score stretches out and emphasizes the words in a way that is uniquely fun to sing and deeply stirring, as we lift our voices to proclaim: Jesus has come! Hope has arrive on earth! A savior is born! Glory to God on High! *Gloria, in excelsis deo!*





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A BIG THANK YOU to those who filled pew cards, cleaned the altar area, drove the van on Wednesdays to pick up kids, filled busy bags, made minor repairs around the church and pre-school, helped with after school activities, and so much more!

**First Sunday in Advent:
December 1**



**Christmas Caroling
Sunday December 22
2:00 PM**

**Christmas Eve
Children's Program
6:00 PM**

**Christmas Day Worship
10:00 AM**

**Mid-Week Advent
Services
Meal at 5:30 PM
Worship at 6:30 PM**

**New Years Eve Service
With Holy Communion
6:30 PM**

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:
Clorox wipes and baby wipes

PreSchool News

NO SCHOOL
Dec. 23 - Jan. 12

Christmas Program is Sunday, December 15th at 3:00 PM

Early Release at noon Friday, December 20th. Return Jan. 13th.



Little Lambs working on Counting Cubes

Kinderoos having fun at the Museum

Mighty Lions in chapel





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In Those Days Advent & Christmas Series

Sunday Mornings Breakfast at 8:30am
Sunday School at 9:00am Service at 10:00am

Midweek (Wednesdays)
Meal at 5:30pm Service at 6:30pm

Sun. Dec. 1st — A Decree Went Out!
Wed. Dec. 4th — To The City of David!
Sun. Dec. 8th — No Place for Them!
Wed. Dec. 11th — Her First Born Son!
Sun. Dec. 15th — There Were Shepherds!
Wed. Dec. 18th — The Angel's Greeting
Sun. Dec. 22nd — This Will Be a Sign!

Christmas Eve 6:00pm
Dec. 24th — Children's Christmas Program

Christmas Day 10:00am
Dec. 25th — Go and See!

Sun. Dec. 29th — Make Known the Birth!

New Year's Eve 6:30pm
Dec. 31st — Treasure Up All These Things!

St. John Youth Activities



Decorate the sanctuary for Christmas then go caroling to our 2 local nursing homes. Dec. 1st



Paint with Emma Youth Fundraisers

Adults Thursday, December 20

at 6:00

Children Friday, December 21

at 1:30

Cost \$25



Jr/Sr Youth December Event

Holiday in the Park

Saturday, Dec. 21

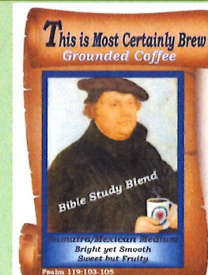
Cost \$50 includes Meal Ticket

Sign up in FLC Board by Dec. 15

If you have a season pass let us know when signing up.


Christmas Caroling
Sunday, Dec. 22
2:00

Christmas Eve Children's
Program Contact Lindsey
Hanson if participating



Jr. Youth Fundraiser— Get
some Lutheran coffee for
Christmas gifts.



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Jesus: The Reason for the Season



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