



The Eagle January 2020



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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!!*



“In Those Days”

These are the words that start out the account of Jesus’ birth in Luke 2. Our Advent and Christmas services were based on this account. We really went on a journey with Mary, Joseph and the shepherds as they witnessed the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. Mary and Joseph journeyed from Nazareth to Bethlehem because of the decree that Caesar Augustus issued. When they arrived in Bethlehem it came time for Mary to give birth to her firstborn son, but there was no place for them to stay except for a stable. So at Jesus’s birth, he was laid in a manger.

This news of Jesus’ birth was shared first with, out of all the people that it could have been shared with, some shepherds who were keeping their flocks by night. An angel announced to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.” The shepherds went to see what the angel had told them and found the sign, a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.

This was not just good news for the shepherds. It was and still is good news for all the people. After the shepherds saw Jesus, we are told that they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. We to have witnessed the sign. As believers in Jesus Christ, we have seen the sign through God’s Word, through the waters of Holy Baptism and through Jesus’ body and blood in the Lord’s Supper. The forgiveness and life that Jesus won for us on the cross is ours.

As we move into a new year, we are to be like the shepherds. We are to go and tell this good news of great joy. We are to point people to this sign, Jesus, who lived a perfect life for us, died the death we deserve and was raised on the third day to promise us that we will one day rise to live for eternity with Jesus. What incredible news we have to share in this new year.

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 January Events

5th- Mite Box Sunday
1:30pm Nursing home devo-
tions

6th - 6:30pm Preschool Board

7th - 8:30am Circuit Pastors'

12th -11:15am Board of Ed & Youth
Board of Trustees

13th- 6:30 Board of Elders

14th- 1:00pm Glory Gamesters
5:30pm Finance Board

Anniversaries

1st	Billy & Rhonda Geter	9 Yrs
20th	Blake & Miranda Reich	2 Yrs
	Jim & Brenda Schrank	30 Yrs
23rd	James & Betty Tischler	66 Yrs



Birthdays

4th	H. C. Wenzel
8th	Christina Rudolph
9th	Erica Bussey, Alex English
10th	Stephanie Batla, Davin Crouch
11th	Charles Jahns
14th	Kristen Robinson, Jaydon Watson, John Zaruba
15th	Tracy Cox
16th	Clarie DeLaGarza
17th	Jason Bussey
20th	Parker Clowdus, Jean Ranney
22nd	Paxton Haile
24th	Brenda Armstrong, Johann Jeschke, Doug Payne
25th	Dorothy Schoedel, Cody Tawater
26th	Kyler Kensing, Jason Seider
27th	Trey Geter
28th	Frances Donahoo
30th	Glenn Jones, Louise Landrum
31st	Bradley Batla, Brooke Tomlinson



Baptisms

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



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

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

**Sunday School
Sundays 9:00am**

**Church Worship
Sundays 10:00am**

**Quilting
Tuesdays 9:00am**

Wednesdays

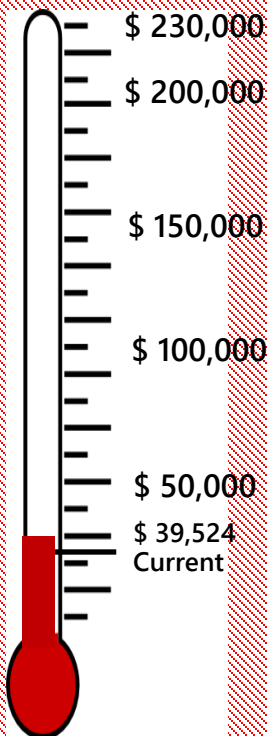
Confirmation 4:00 PM

**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, 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, 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

✦ **Rick Payne** - undergoing cancer treatments

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

✦ **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 & Michelle 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

✦ **Debbi Haile** - recovering from surgery

✦ **AnnaBella Heckman** - (3yr old granddaughter of Rev. John Heckman) tumor fragments are stable at this time.

✦ **Melba Ruth King** - battling cancer

✦ **Charles Krempin** - bed ridden

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

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

✦ **Cliff Partin**—suffering with aggressive paralysis

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

✦ **Clay Young** - recovering from surgery for Crohn's

✦ **Praise and Thanksgiving:** Norma Marwitz, Rick Housden, Ted Jahns

✦ **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.



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Finance Update

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

	Current Month		Year-to-date	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income				
00-Group 00	42,356.67	43,755.77	451,330.37	430,983.33
Total Income	42,356.67	43,755.77	451,330.37	430,983.33
Expense				
04-Board of Outreach	570.00	320.00	7,795.00	6,685.28
10-Board of Elders	19,349.00	12,468.72	172,969.00	144,503.06
12-Board of Education	426.00	829.19	15,857.00	11,597.69
13-Board of Trustees	7,865.00	4,742.11	88,162.00	69,689.86
14-Board of Finance	3,406.00	3,299.75	41,359.00	35,566.90
16-Preschool Board	14,268.00	12,796.58	104,588.00	130,561.58
20-Memorial Expenditures	0.00	0.00	0.00	240.00
21-Non-Budget Expense	0.00	832.50	0.00	14,304.01
Total Expense	45,884.00	35,288.85	430,730.00	413,148.38
Income Less Expense	-3,527.33	8,466.92	20,600.37	17,834.95



Given in Memory of :

Sandy Olsen:

St. John Preschool: Milton Bottlinger

St. John General Fund: Julie & Ken Krueger, Joe & Linda Main, Florence Krueger, Bret & Stacy Young
 M-CO Construction

St. John Building Fund: Ben & Nell Helmcamp

Leona Fulton

St. John Building Fund John & Irene Zaruba



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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!

Sunday morning services can be heard on

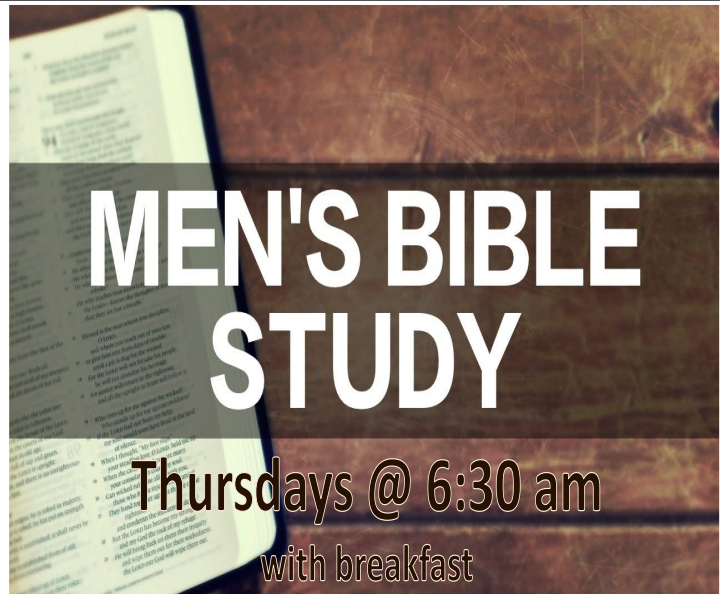


Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm
Sunday mornings at 7:30 am



MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club meets on the 1st Sunday of the month. Join us **Sunday, January 5, 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.

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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 WORD CHANGES EVERYTHING **Lutheran Bible Translators — \$95,000**

*Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path (Psalm
119:105).*

*So, faith comes from hearing,
and hearing through the word
of Christ (Romans 10:17).*

Does God only speak English?

It is estimated that 170 million people who speak over 1,500 unique languages have not been reached by the church with God's Word in their own language. Many of these people think they must speak English to pray to God. Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT) is equipping and training pastors and church leaders from churches in Ethiopia, Tanzania, and elsewhere to translate God's Word in the numerous local dialects. This will allow for the people to worship and praise the Lord in their own language.

*How sweet are your words to
my taste, sweeter than honey to
my mouth! (Psalm 119:103).*

*So I will bless you as long as
I live; in your name I will lift
up my hands (Psalm 63:4).*

This grant of \$95,000 will fund the cost of training pastors and church leaders in translation principles during one year of their four-year seminary training track. The estimated cost per trainee is \$9,500 a year.

Bible translation is absolutely foundational to the mission of the church. Martin Luther wrote, "I wish that this book alone, in all languages, would live in the hands, eyes, ears, and hearts of all people" (LW 48:356). When people have God's Word in their local dialect, it changes their lives in ways they couldn't imagine. Praise the Lord!

*Jesus said to him, "I am the
way, and the truth, and the life.
No one comes to the Father ex-
cept through me" (John 14:6).*

*How beautiful upon the moun-
tains are the feet of him who
brings good news (Isaiah 52:7).*

**January meeting
Sunday Jan. 26**

www.lwml.org/mission-grants



**MITE BOX SUNDAY
January 5**



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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.

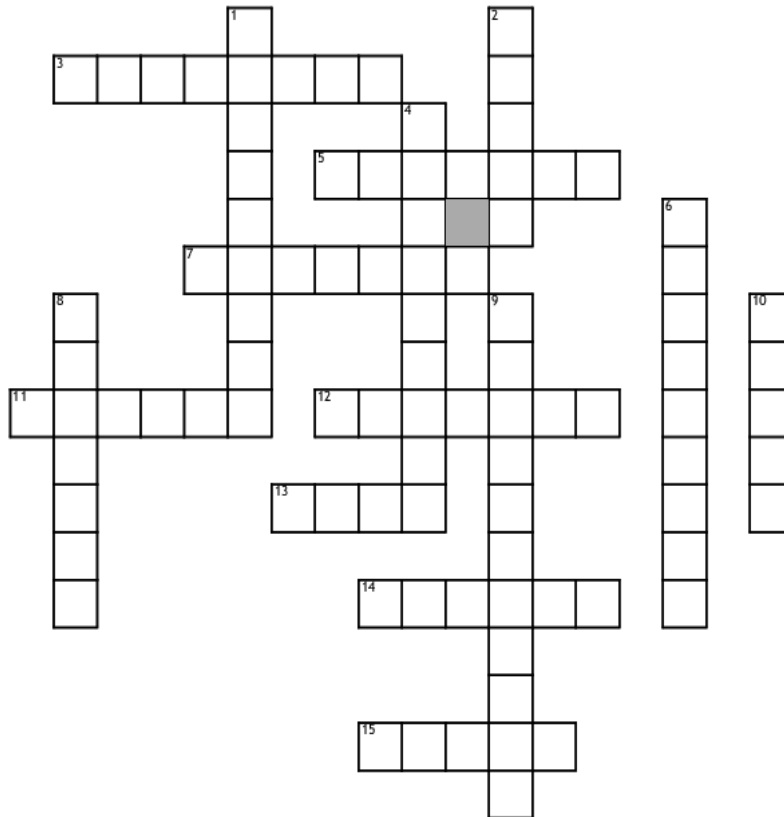
Charles's last hymn was dictated to his beloved Sally as he was on his deathbed, in March, 1788. It was short, simple, and picturesque. Predictably, it, too, became a popular one-verse song among the Methodists:

*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!*



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Joseph in Egypt



Across

3. After them, seven other heads of grain _____—thin and scorched by the east wind. (Genesis 41:6)
5. When two full years had passed, _____ had a dream (Genesis 41:1)
7. Pharaoh was once angry with his servants, and he imprisoned me and the chief baker in the house of the _____ of the guard. (Genesis 41:10)
11. "I cannot do it," Joseph replied to Pharaoh, "but God will give Pharaoh the _____ he desires." (Genesis 41:16)
12. He fell asleep again and had a second dream: Seven heads of grain, _____ and good, were growing on a single stalk. (Genesis 41:5)
13. And the cows that were ugly and gaunt ate up the seven sleek, fat us (Genesis 41:13) _____ . (Genesis 41:4) .
14. Now a young _____ was there with us, a servant (Genesis 41:3) of the captain of the guard. (Genesis 41:12)
15. when out of the river there came up seven cows, _____ and fat (Genesis 41:2)

Down

1. Then the chief _____ said to Pharaoh, "Today I am reminded of my shortcomings. (Genesis 41:9)
2. The thin heads of grain swallowed up the seven healthy, full heads. Then Pharaoh woke up; it had been a _____. (Genesis 41:7)
4. In the morning his mind was troubled, so he sent for all the _____ and wise men of Egypt. (Genesis 41:8)
6. Seven years of great _____ are coming throughout the land of Egypt, (Genesis 41:29)
8. So Pharaoh sent for Joseph, and he was quickly brought from the _____. (Genesis 41:14)
9. And things turned out exactly as he _____ them to _____
10. After them, seven other cows, ugly and _____

PreSchool News



Balloons for Jesus Birthday!



Our Christmas Program!



**School will resume
Monday, Jan. 13**





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Bible Word Search Puzzles

Joseph – Son of Jacob

The life of Joseph, found in Genesis Chapters 30 – 50, was fascinating! Find the 42 words listed below in this word search puzzle. They may appear in any direction, both backward and forward. Also, find one phrase that is NOT on the list, the name of his most famous garment.



ASHER
 AUTHORITY
 BAKER
 BENJAMIN
 BROTHERS
 CANAAN
 CISTERN
 CUPBEARER
 DAN
 DREAMS
 EGYPT
 EPHRAIM
 FAMINIE
 FATHER

FLOCKS
 GAD
 GOSHEN
 GRAIN
 HANDSOME
 INTERPRETER
 ISRAEL
 ISSACHAR
 JACOB
 JUDAH
 LEVI
 MANASSEH
 MASTER
 NAPHTALI

NILE
 PHARAOH
 POTIPHAR
 PRISON
 RACHEL
 REUBEN
 SEVEN YEARS
 SHEPHERD
 SIGNET RING
 SILVER CUP
 SIMEON
 WARDEN
 ZEBULUN



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Advent Meal & Readings, Painting & Coffee Fundraiser, Worship Music & Acolyting, Caroling, Christmas Program, Six Flags, Bags

St. John Youth Activities

Thank you to all our youth and families for making great Christmas memories at St. John. We will return to normal Bible Study and Confirmation classes when school starts.





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