



# The Eagle February 2019



## God's Word is Our Foundation!

At the first of the year we started a journey through the Bible. I have been really encouraged by the response to this series. I continue to encourage each of you to make a conscious effort to make Sunday school, adult Bible class and worship on Sundays a priority in your lives.

There are really only two worldviews that people live by—a biblical worldview or a secular worldview. What this really boils down to is, “What is guiding our lives?” Are we listening to God’s Word or man’s word? If God’s Word is the ultimate guide for our lives then we are living with a biblical worldview. If man’s word is ultimate guiding our lives then we are living with a secular worldview. We as Christians want God’s Word to be our ultimate foundation—the source that guides every area of our lives and thinking. Unfortunately, we in the church are falling into the trap of taking man’s word as truth and disregard the truth of God’s Word.

As the Apostle Paul says in Romans 1:25 “they [the people] exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.” We are living in a time where we have to be extremely careful not to place science, medicine, and the like above God’s Word. I am not saying that science, medicine and the like are not important. They have their proper place and use, but God’s Word gives clarity to these things rather than them giving clarity to God’s Word. When we place the things of this world and man’s word above God’s Word, we are placing the creature or the created above the Creator. God’s Word is our foundation!

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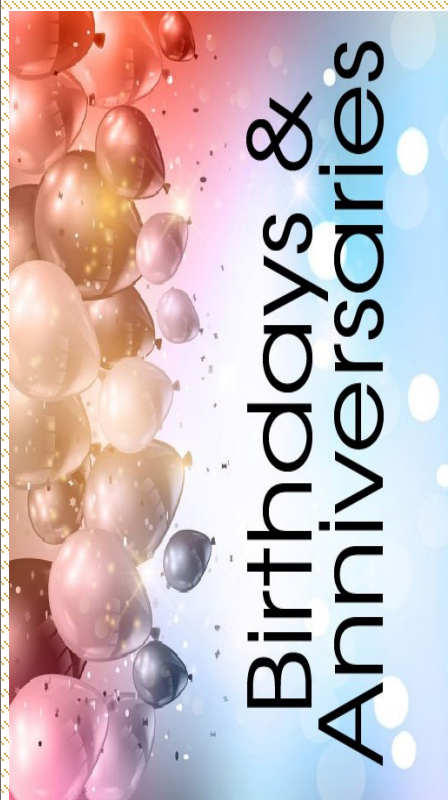
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*May we continue to be used by  
God and share the Gospel with  
A Heart for Hamilton County  
and the World!!*





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## Anniversaries

8th	Doug & Kathleen Payne	27yrs
	Shirley & Joel Sellers	55yrs
19th	Don & Brenda Arnett	47yrs
21st	Slim & Jenny Witzsche	43yrs
24th	Danny & Charla Rudd	42yrs

## Birthdays

5th	Josh Bauman
6th	Howard Cox
7th	John Schoedel
9th	Laurel Friedrich, Eugene Jeschke
10th	Betty Hardin, Fabiola Olalde
11th	Bret Bauman, Grant Bauman
12th	Miranda Weiser
13th	Hunter Mize
15th	Landry Yates
16th	Kerry Kensing, Raymond Krueger, Jr., Jennifer Niemann, Brenden Tomlinson
18th	Vernell Reich
19th	Neede Anders, Madee Crouch, Rebecca Horton, Derrel Hungerford, Jonathon Reich
21st	CeCe Jenson, Miranda Reich
23rd	Johanna Jeschke
27th	Pat Crouch, Ethan LeGrande, Kim Ward

## Upcoming

## February Events

3rd - 7:15a - Men's Club  
1:30p - Nursing Home  
Devotions

4th - 6:30p - Preschool Board

10th- 11:15a - Bd of Trustees  
Bd of Ed/Youth

11th- 6:30p - Bd of Elders

12th- 1:00p - Glory Gamester  
5:30 p- Board of Finance

24th - Ruth Guild



## Baptisms

1st	Bradley Batla
2nd	Jane Wagner
4th	Trey Geter, Charles Jahns
5th	Claire De La Garza
7th	Lindsey Hanson
8th	Alicia Hall
9th	Dayne Batla, Stephanie Batla, Casey Yates, Lawson Yates
17th	Henlee Wagner
22nd	Angie Tawater, Cody Tawater, Kayla Tawater
25th	Charlie Bottlinger, Johann Jeschke, Dorothy Schoedel



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

✘ **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 The Meadows, Gatesville: Faye Senger Homebound: Louis & Frances Donahoo, Albert & Artie Peters, Mae Pietzsch, Ruth Reneau, Frances Schrank

✘ **Harry Asquith**—health issues with his liver.

✘ **Pat Bottlinger**—recuperating at Focused Care after a fall

✘ **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 his back

✘ **Betty Hardin**— recuperating at her daughter's in Weatherford

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

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

✘ **Norma Marwitz** - dealing with cancer

✘ **Rick Payne** - awaiting test results

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

✘ **Melinda Rogers** -recovering from a broken hip

✘ **Brenda Schrank** - superficial bladder cancer, undergoing 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

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

✘ **Brisen Fullbright**—(Bryan and Beronica Fullbrights son) Cancer has returned

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

✘ **Fred Gromatzky**—(Gary Gromatzky's brother) undergoing cancer treatments

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

✘ **Justin Monk**—Tumors on spine, radiation started

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

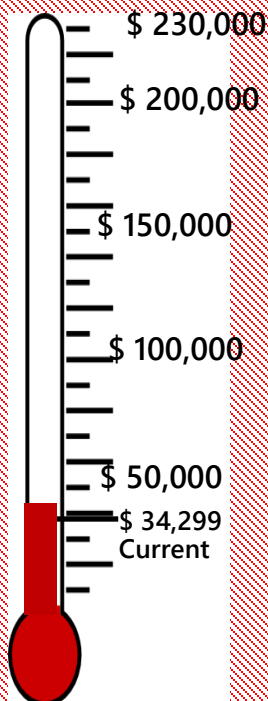
✘ **Darren Price** - cancer treatments completed

✘ **For those who grieve:** The Families of Ruth Young and John Hall

✘ **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.

## BUILDING FUND





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St. John Lutheran

## Statement of Income and Expense by Major Group December of Fiscal Year 2018

### Finance Update



#### Income

00-Group 00

	Current Month		Year-to-date	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
00-Group 00	50,218.00	84,253.02	480,464.00	510,471.59
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>50,218.00</b>	<b>84,253.02</b>	<b>480,464.00</b>	<b>510,471.59</b>

#### Expense

04-Board of Outreach

10-Board of Elders

12-Board of Education

13-Board of Trustees

14-Board of Finance

16-Preschool Board

20-Memorial Expenditures

21-Non-Budget Expense

04-Board of Outreach	955.00	1,254.79	8,750.00	6,720.48
10-Board of Elders	20,505.44	15,343.24	182,243.00	166,475.34
12-Board of Education	683.00	539.54	14,300.00	11,294.28
13-Board of Trustees	8,031.58	5,655.55	90,918.00	87,088.42
14-Board of Finance	4,390.00	5,471.80	44,700.00	40,178.55
16-Preschool Board	14,804.00	13,472.04	125,951.00	107,774.58
20-Memorial Expenditures	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
21-Non-Budget Expense	0.00	522.21	0.00	7,449.42
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>49,369.02</b>	<b>42,259.17</b>	<b>466,862.00</b>	<b>426,981.07</b>

<b>Income Less Expense</b>	<b>848.98</b>	<b>41,993.85</b>	<b>13,602.00</b>	<b>83,490.52</b>
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### Memorials Given in Memory of John David Hall:

**Preschool Fund:** Milton Bottlinger

**General Fund:** Mike & Brenda Armstrong, Brayden and Branson

**Building/Kitchen Fund:** Bert Schrank, Alanda & Danny Hatch, Ernst Peters, Maxine Wenzel  
Karen & Robert Grisham, Brenda & Tommy Faubion

### Memorials Given in Memory of Ruth Young

**General Fund:** Mary Jeffers, Darrell & Kristi Wagner

**Building/Kitchen Fund:** Bert Schrank, Paul & Kathy Christensen and family Mike & Billie Looney, Alanda & Danny Hatch, Ernst Peters, Dudley Kelm, Jerome & Alice Pietzsch, Hamilton Co. Electric Coop.

**Immanuel Cemetery Fund:** Cody & Amy Gilbreath, Rayburn Streger, Raymond Streger,  
Bill Streger





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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

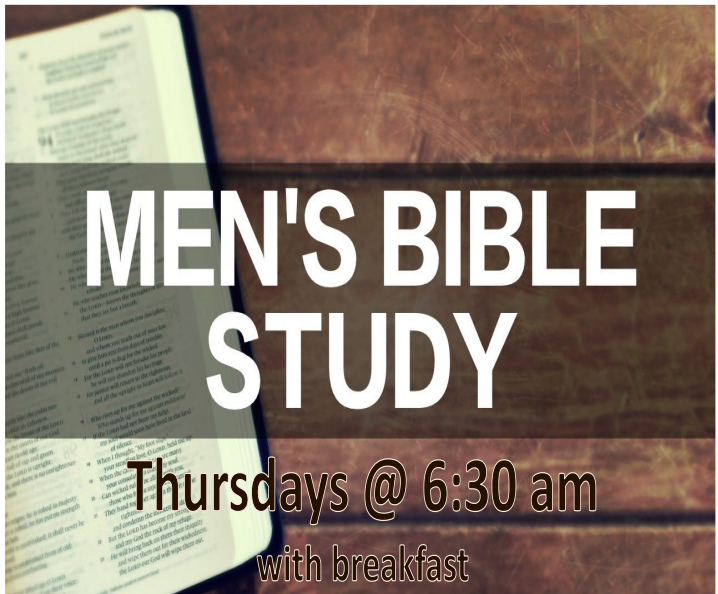
The Men's Club meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month. Join us *Sunday, Feb. 3 at 7:15 am* for the Men's Club meeting and to help make sausage and pancakes for breakfast.

## 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

### Programs of Restoration in Paradise Lost Lutheran Indian Ministries - \$75,000

*The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound ... (Isaiah 61:1).*

Hawaii to most Americans is a vacation paradise with beautiful beaches, warm sunshine and carefree days. But to the native Kanaka people life has been full of pain and suffering since the island was colonized. Many were victimized in ways similar to the Native Americans of the mainland during the expansion of the west. Now, many social issues face this proud people.

In recent years the homeless population has grown. Many of homeless are native Hawaiians who are hardworking people but can't afford the extremely high cost of living. So, even though they work two jobs, they struggle with poverty and the resulting problems of crime, violence and suicide.

Lutheran Indian Ministries (LIM) is at work in Hawaii with the Kanaka people but they have found that the ministry works best if it is done by Kanaka people so a Kanaka-to-Kanaka program was started. One of the Kanaka men, Clarence, has completed two years of theological training. He is working with LIM to be a witness of God's love to his people, to train new leaders in the faith and to address the spiritual, social and emotional needs of his people.

This grant will help pay for Clarence's theological training; set up a VBS/Teen Camp; provide materials for Bible studies and set up seminars about sexual abuse and leadership training. A former church building is available for these programs provided through this grant. Because of LIM and Clarence, a soon to be LCMS pastor, the Kanaka people will have someone they know and trust to bring the life-saving message of Jesus Christ to them and their families.

**St John Ruth Guild**

[Ruth Guild Meeting February 24](#)

[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, providing flowers for our services, our Wednesday afternoon program, funeral lunches, changing lightbulbs in the sanctuary 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.



**We will again be participating in the “Change for Life” fundraiser sponsored by Choices Clinic & Life Center. Simply pick up a baby bottle to take home, and drop in your loose change. Then return your bottle to the church on Sunday, March 3rd. Your contributions help meet the physical and spiritual needs of men and women who find themselves facing an unplanned pregnancy.**





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*Music Notes by:*

*Gary Gromatzky*

## *Come, Thou Almighty King*

Come, Thou Almighty King,  
Help us Thy name to sing,  
Help us to praise;  
Father, all glorious,  
O'er all victorious,  
Come, and reign over us,  
Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou Incarnate Word,  
Gird on Thy mighty sword,  
Our prayer attend;  
Come, and Thy people bless,  
And give Thy word success;  
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter,  
Thy sacred witness bear  
In this glad hour;  
Thou who almighty art,  
Now rule in every heart,  
And ne'er from us depart,  
Spirit of power.

To the great One in Three,  
Eternal praises be  
hence, evermore!  
His sovereign majesty,  
May we in glory see,  
And to eternity, Love and adore!

## *Come, Thou Almighty King*

“Come Thou Almighty King” is a hymn for which we have little or no background. Although it is one of the best known English hymns, we do not even know who wrote it. The text first appeared in a little pamphlet in 1757, together with a hymn by Charles Wesley. It too may be a Wesley hymn, but no hymnologist has ever claimed that it is.

The rhythm and meter of this hymn are most unusual; in fact, only one other hymn—“God Save our Gracious King,” the British national anthem—uses it, and that melody was first used for these words. “God Save the King” had appeared about fifteen years earlier and it seems as if “Come, Thou Almighty King” may have been conceived as a sequel to it. One hymn is a prayer for an earthly ruler; the other is a prayer to a heavenly King.

Some churchgoers who sing these words frequently may not have noticed that this is a Trinity hymn. Each of the first three stanzas is addressed to a different member of the God-head, and the last stanza to “the great One in Three.” The verse speaks to God the Father, our Almighty King, and is a prayer that He will help us to sing His praise. The last phrase mentions a name of God which is given in Daniel 7:22 “Ancient of Days” speaks of God’s eternity, his timelessness. He has always existed and He will always exist.

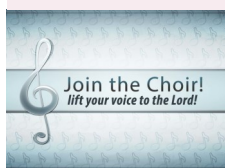
The second stanza, addressed to God the Son, reminds us of the opening words of John’s gospel; “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” Here is a prayer to Jesus Christ who is God incarnate, God in the Flesh. In Revelation 19, John’s vision of Christ, we read that “His name is called the Word of God” (verse 13) and that “out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations” (verse 15). Yes, Christ came the first time to be our Redeemer; He will come again to be our Judge.

If any song leader is tempted to omit the third stanza when singing this hymn, we would remind him not to slight the third person of the Trinity. For this is a prayer to God the Holy Spirit, the Holy Comforter.” The name here actually means “Paraclete” (Advocate or Lawyer) because the Holy Spirit represents Jesus Christ, now that the Son has returned to His Father in heaven. One of these lines reminds us that it is the Holy Spirit who “beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.” Another phrase declares that, although God’s Spirit is almighty, He can only rule our hearts when we allow Him to do so.

The truth of the Trinity, that God is One yet Three or “One in Three,” cannot fully be understood. Many scholars have tried to probe its mystery and to express it in words. One of them, a certain Joseph Dare, has said: “Steam is water, and ice is water, and water is water; these three are one.”

John Wesley once said: “Tell me how it is that in this room there are three candles and but one light, and I will explain to you the mode of the divine existence.”

Ref: “Crusader Hymns and Hymn Stories” The Billy Graham Evangelistic ass., Minneapolis, Minnesota.

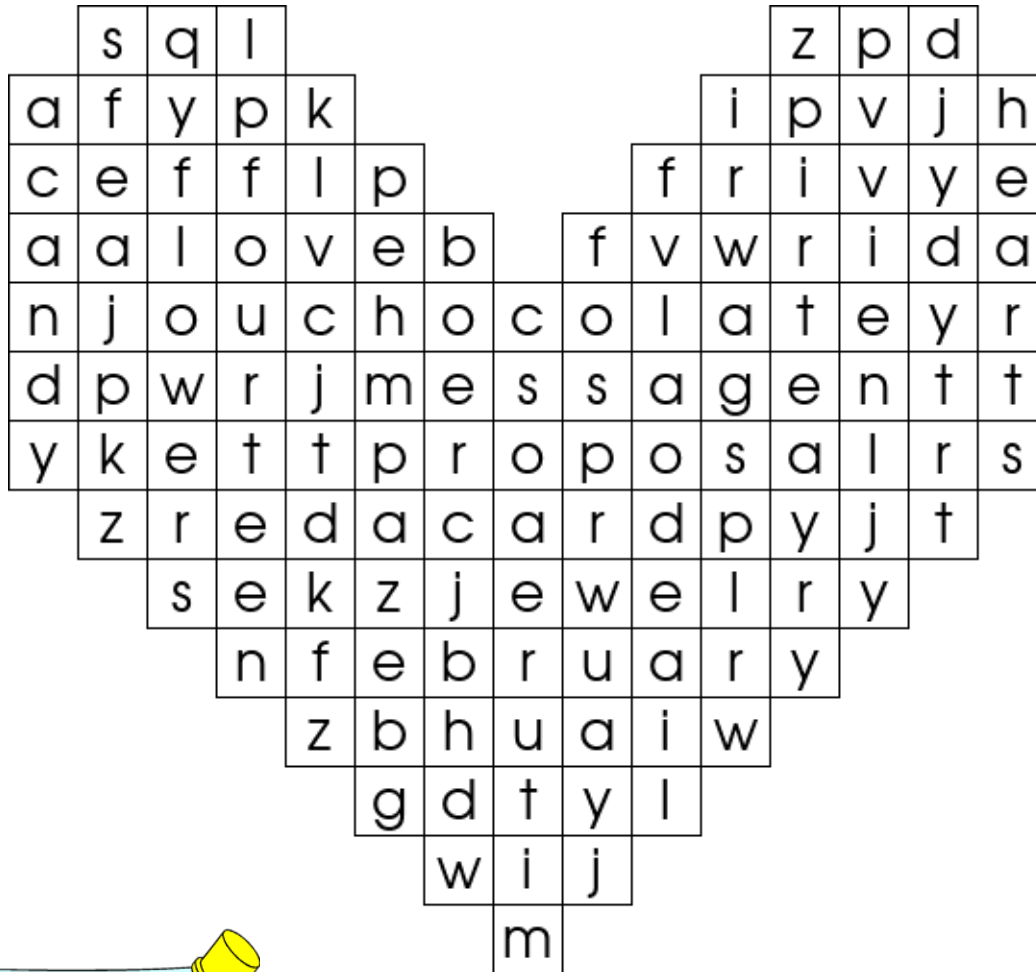


May the Good Lord bless and keep every one of you this coming month.





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## VBS Director Needed

If you would be interested in taking on this important role, please contact any member of the Board of Education, or Pastor Reich.

Thank You

February

# St. John Youth Activities

Talk to Shawna if you want to go to summer camp!



## Jr. High Dance

Friday, February 8

7:00-9:00

\$5.00

School Appropriate Attire

## Confirmation

Wednesday Nights FEB. 6,13,20,27

Snacks Feb 6 Cooper LeGrande

Feb 13 Hunter Mize

Feb 20 Karah Niemann

Feb 27 Fernanda Olalde

Remember regular attendance at confirmation, Sunday School and Worship are part of the Confirmation Plan so you can grow spiritually and closer to one another.

*"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will."  
Romans 12:2*

## DIVERGE

# YOUTH QUAKE

19  
EVENTS

GRADES  
6-12

## Jr. High

February 22-24. We will leave right after school on Friday.

Pre-Retreat Gathering at the Hoppers on Saturday, Feb 16

# SENIOR YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

JOURNEY THROUGH THE  
NEW TESTAMENT SR YOUTH

Wednesday Nights FEB. 6,13,20,27

Thanks for coming each week. If you haven't come yet, try it out. Lots of fun, fellowship, laughter and learning takes place Wed. nights.

Lent begins in March

## REAL.PRESENT.GOD.

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

We turned in \$2400 deposit for National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis. Kids signed up include: Elaine, Jaley, Amber, Mattie, Kolton, Jaydon, Ethan, John. Sponsors will be Pastor, Riley, and Emma. All 8 of our kids are consistently coming on Wed night dinner and Bible Study. It's been fun getting together so often. Join us! Remember Lent is around the corner, too.

Mark calendars for July 10-15 for NYG.

God is our REFUGE and STRENGTH,  
a very present help in trouble.

Psalm 46:1

## FUNDRAISER

Total NYG  
Earned  
So Far

# \$17,746

# Babysitting Fundraiser

Saturday, February 16

4:00pm-11:30pm by HS Youth

Senior Youth Kids will host children at the St. John Family Life Center for games, movies and light supper. Donations accepted.



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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  
Valentine's  
Day*



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