



The Eagle February 2020



“2020 Vision”

A lot of people set goals with a vision into the future in mind. At our last elders meeting we talked about St. John’s 2020 vision. What are some of the goals we have as a church? Where do we see ourselves in the next year or 3 years or even five years down the road? What do we want to accomplish this year for the sake of Christ’s kingdom? In answering these questions, the elders and I talked about gaining a greater spiritual vision. In order for any of these goals to be accomplished, we first and foremost must be grounded in our faith (e.g. the Christian faith).

Paul says it this way in Ephesians 4:11-16, “And he [Christ] gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.”

The elders and I would like to highly encourage all of us to make an intentional effort to gain better spiritual vision in 2020. Whether it is making sure you have your personal/family devotions or bringing your family to Sunday school and Bible class on Sunday mornings or attending our men’s Bible study on Thursday mornings, we want to encourage you in your faith life. Then we will be equipped as a congregation to carry out the mission of the church – to reach out and spread the love of Christ in our community and to individuals who are hurting and desperately need to know the forgiveness and life that Jesus has for all who believe in Him.

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
February
Events**

- 2nd- Mite Box Sunday
1:30pm Nursing home devo-
tions
- 3rd - 6:30pm Preschool Board
- 4th - 8:30am Circuit Pastors'
- 9th -11:15am Board of Ed & Youth
Board of Trustees
- 10th- 6:30 Board of Elders
- 11th- 1:00pm Glory Gamesters
5:30pm Finance Board

Anniversaries

8th	Doug & Kathleen Payne	28 Yrs
19th	Don & Brenda Arnett	48 Yrs
21st	Robert & Jenny Witzsche	44 Yrs
24th	Danny & Charla Rudd	43 Yrs

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	Gary Voges, Maranda Weiser
13th	Hunter Mize
15th	Mona Smith, Landry Yates
16th	Kerry Kensing, Raymond Krueger, Jennifer Niemann, Brenden Tomlinson
18th	Vernell Reich
19th	Neede Anders, Madee Crouch, Derrel Hungerford, Jonathon Reich
21st	CeCe Jenson, Miranda Reich
23rd	Johanna Jeschke
24th	Brenna Payne
27th	Pat Crouch, Ethan Legrande, Mike Looney, Kim Ward

Baptisms

1st	Bradley Batla
2nd	Jane Wagner
4th	Trey Geter, Charles Jahns
5th	Claire DeLaGaza
7th	Lindsey Hanson
8th	Alicia Hall
10th	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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**Opening/Breakfast
Choir Practice
Sundays 8:30am**

**Sunday School
Sundays 9:00am**

**Church Worship
Sundays 10:00am**

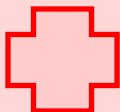
**Quilting
Tuesdays 9:00am**

Wednesdays

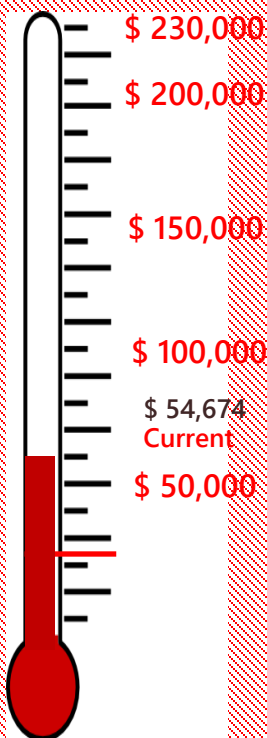
Confirmation 4:00 PM

**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, Ted Jahns **Hamilton Health Care:** Ben Helmcamp, Maxine Wenzel, 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

✘ Frances Schrank—hospitalized after a fall

✘ 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 stopped, tumor progressing

✘ Debbi Haile - recovering from surgery

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

✘ Catalina Hernandez - (Fabiola Olalde's mother) - recovering from kidney surgery

✘ 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—at home, improving

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

✘ Deanne Weaver—(Tracy Cox's aunt) had severe stroke & brain aneurism

✘ Clay Young - recovering from surgery for Crohn's

✘Praise and Thanksgiving: Gary Voges

✘ 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 December of Fiscal Year 2019

	Current Month		Year-to-date	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income				
00-Group 00	42,619.63	66,686.12	493,950.00	497,669.45
Total Income	42,619.63	66,686.12	493,950.00	497,669.45
Expense				
04-Board of Outreach	955.00	1,207.12	8,750.00	7,892.40
10-Board of Elders	16,713.00	18,291.76	189,682.00	162,794.82
12-Board of Education	943.00	514.94	16,800.00	12,112.63
13-Board of Trustees	8,902.00	6,816.33	97,064.00	76,506.19
14-Board of Finance	4,391.00	5,747.30	45,750.00	41,314.20
16-Preschool Board	12,541.00	18,143.68	117,129.00	148,705.26
20-Memorial Expenditures	0.00	0.00	0.00	240.00
21-Non-Budget Expense	0.00	100.00	0.00	14,404.01
Total Expense	44,445.00	50,821.13	475,175.00	463,969.51
Income Less Expense	-1,825.37	15,864.99	18,775.00	33,699.94



**February 13th
6:30 - 8:00 PM
Ages 3 to current 5th
grade daughters and
dads.**

**Theme: Shake Rattle and
Roll with popcorn and
root beer floats!**

Daddy Daughter Dance



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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 **February 2, 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

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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!



Mission Grant Story • January 2020

GOD'S HEALING POWER AND GRACE Lutheran Church of Guatemala and Child Beyond International — \$100,000

Guatemala is a beautiful country, called “The Land of Eternal Spring” because of the pleasant climate. However, many people suffer in extreme poverty. Over 50 percent of the children are malnourished and have no access to any form of medical or dental care. Over 65 percent live in poverty. Most children have no pre- or post-natal care and often die from preventable diseases.

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Hood River, Oregon, and the Lutheran Church of Guatemala have partnered to share God’s physical and spiritual healing with as many souls as possible in the decades to come. Rev. Abdiel Orozco, Bishop of the Lutheran Church of Guatemala, and his brother, Rev. Elry Orozco, are doctors. They have developed a network of LCMS partner churches that sends medical professionals and mission teams to Guatemala on short-term mission trips.

In order to reach isolated villages, they need the right tool, namely a Mobile Medical Mercy Mission Bus called the “4M Bus.” This grant will be used to purchase and retrofit a bus with medical equipment and provide the sanitary area needed for medical and dental procedures in remote and

inaccessible villages. Along with physical care, a group of non-medical missionaries will offer Bible school classes and worship services for both children and adults.

“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).

Subsequently, the local Lutheran churches will follow up with each person served through the medical clinic, enabling thousands of Guatemalans to experience God’s healing power and grace, both physically and spiritually.

The one-day bus clinics will be held monthly in three selected communities surrounding Lutheran churches beginning in 2020 and continuing indefinitely. Additionally, monthly one-day clinics for up to three additional communities will begin in 2021. When the grant funds are received, less than four months should be needed for the bus to be purchased, retrofitted, and stocked for use by the medical mission teams to share the love of Jesus with the people of Guatemala.

MITES GIVEN:
2018: \$1,048.36
2019: \$689.32

February meeting
Sunday Feb. 23

www.lwml.org/mission-grants



MITE BOX SUNDAY
February 2



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Music Notes

By Gary Gromatzsky

God Will Take Care of You

Be not dismayed whate'er betide,
God will take care of you;
Beneath His wings of love abide,
God will take care of you.

God will take care of you.
Thro' everyday, o're all the way,
He will take care of you;
God will take care of you.

Thro' days of toil, when heart doth fail,
God will take care of you;
When dangers fierce your path assail,
God will take care of you.

All you may need He will provide,
God will take care of you;
Nothing you ask will be denied,
God will take care of you.

No Matter what may be the test,
God will take care of you;
Lean, weary one, upon His breast,
God will take care of you.

God will take care of you.
Thro' everyday, o're all the way
He will take care of you;
God will take care of you.

God Will Take Care of You 1904

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases. Psalm 103:2-3

J. C. Penney, who descended from a long line of Baptist preachers, was well on his way to establishing a successful career when the 1929 Great Depression threw him into crisis. His business deals turned sour, and Penney became overwhelmed with anxiety and insomnia. He developed a painful case of shingles and was hospitalized, but tranquilizers and drugs only made things worse. His mental state deteriorated until, as he later said, "I was broken nervously and physically, filled with despair, unable to see even a ray of hope. I had nothing to live for. I felt I hadn't a friend left in the world, that even my family turned against me."

But one morning he heard singing coming from the little hospital chapel. The words of the song said, "Be not dismayed whate'er betide / God will take care of you."

Entering the chapel, he listened to the song, to the Scripture reading, and to the prayer. "Suddenly—something happened. I can't explain it. I can only call it a miracle. I felt as if I had been instantly lifted out of the darkness of a dungeon into warm brilliant sunlight." All worry left him as he realized more fully than he had ever imagined just how much the Lord Jesus Christ cared for him. From that day J. C. Penney was never plagued with worry, and he later called those moments in the chapel as, "the most dramatic and glorious twenty minutes of my life." He later became one of America's greatest retail merchants.

On a Sunday in 1904, Civilla Martin was in Lestershire, New York, where her husband, Walter, was compiling a collection of hymns for the Practical Bible Training School. They were planning to travel to another town that day, for Martin had a preaching assignment. Civilla woke up sick, and Martin was about to cancel his plans, when their young child piped up and said: "Oh, Daddy, you don't have to stay home because of mother—God will take care of us."

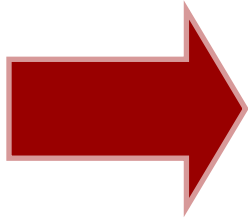
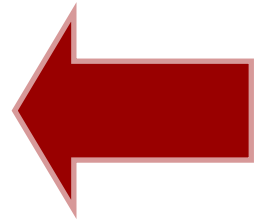
Martin proceeded to the train station and fulfilled his appointment, When he returned, Civilla handed him the words of "God Will Take Care of You," which she had written in his absence. Going to his little organ, Martin composed the music, and it was first published in the songbook he was compiling for the school.



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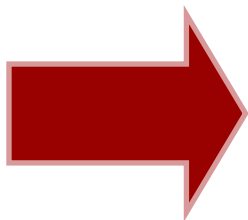
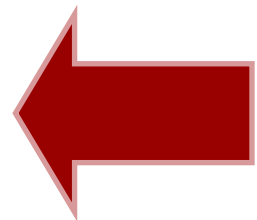
HELP WANTED:

WE ARE IN GREAT NEED OF A SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT. IF YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO SERVE IN THIS CAPACITY, OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO MIGHT BE WILLING TO SERVE, PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR REICH OR THE CHURCH OFFICE. THANK YOU!!



VBS is quickly approaching and once again we are in need of a director. VBS will be June 15-19. If you are interested in helping out, or know someone who might be willing to serve, please contact the church office. Thank you.

Volunteers are needed for our new Building Expansion Team. If you would like to become a member of the team, please let Pastor Reich or the church office know. Thank You!



We are once again participating in the "Change for Life" fundraiser sponsored by Choices Clinic & Life Center. Baby bottles should be returned to the church SUNDAY MARCH 1st.

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

PreSchool News



**Kinder-Bridge practicing
handwriting
With Ms. Doris!**



**Little Lambs working on number
recognition and fine motor skills!**



**No School Feb.
17th
President's Day**

**Mighty Lions
learning a new
letter recogni-
tion game -
ABC Go Fish.**

**Mark Your Calendars: March 17th
Family night and early registration!**



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Z E C H A R I A H
YOUR
KINGDOM
COME

Midweek (Wednesdays)

Meal at 5:30 pm Service at 6:30 pm

Wed. Feb. 26th at St. John, Hamilton
First Things First!

Wed. Mar. 4th at St. Paul's, Aleman
It's Tool Time!

Wed. Mar. 11th at St. John, Hamilton
Silencing Satan!

Wed. Mar. 18th at St. Paul's, Aleman
Who Will Take the Garbage Out!

Wed. Mar. 25th at St. John, Hamilton
First Secure Your Own Oxygen Mask!

Wed. Apr. 1st at St. Paul's, Aleman
The Redeemer's Refinery!

Palm Sunday 10:00 am

Apr. 5th — Expectations Meet Reality!

Maundy Thursday 6:30 pm

Apr. 9th — Covenant Blood!

Good Friday 6:30 pm

Apr. 10th — God is Dead!

Easter Sunrise 7:30am & Easter Service 10:00am

Apr. 12th — All Things New!

St. John Youth Activities



more+

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." Ephesians 3:20-21

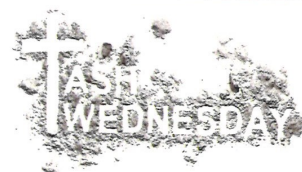
JOIN US IN 2020!

Youth Quake February 21-23

Jr. High students will meet directly after school to travel to San Antonio for a fun weekend of fellowship, worship and growing in Christ. Be watching for a letter from confirmation class.



Senior Youth will join other Lutheran church kids to spend the night at "The Grove Lutheran Church". Invite friends and sign up by Feb 14 if



Lent services begin on Ash Wednesday, February 26. Remember that confirmation age kids are helping with the services. We will be alternating worship at Aleman and Hamilton. Meal Mar. 25.

SIGN UP IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING

Senior Youth Mission Trip

We have narrowed our dates to July 11-18 or July 25-August 1. We will stay at a church in Angel Fire, New Mexico and help with cutting wood, local food bank, and around homes in area. Sign up by February 16 so we can apply.



See Chrissy Hopper or Erika Bussey by March 1st to sign up for a July camp date.



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HAPPY VALENTINES DAY



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«First Names» «Last Names»

«Address»

«City, State Zip (5-digit)»