



The Eagle February 2017



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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!!



The Well Is Deep!

Statistics show that we live in a time where there is a lot of spiritual hunger in the United States. The dilemma is that while there is this hunger, there is a trend that people are not drawn to the organized church like in years past. In fact, one statistic states that 81% of the people surveyed in the United States believe that you can be a practicing Christian without ever attending a local church. There is no doubt about it, there is a move from the local organized churches. However, the local church is one of God's instruments used to carry out His mission and He wants believers involved in His church. This means we have to meet people where they are and form relationships with them before they will ever be ready to join us in church.

This is what we see in Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman in John 4. When Jesus sat down at the well during the heat of the day as He and his disciples were passing through Samaria, a Samaritan woman came to the well to draw water. Even the Samaritan woman was surprised that Jesus, a Jewish male, would converse with a Samaritan woman. Jesus asked her for a drink of water and she said, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" Jesus responded by saying that if she really knew who it was that was asking for a drink, she would have asked him for a drink and he would have given her living water. Thinking rationally and realistically, she told him that he had nothing to draw with and that the well was deep.

The Samaritan woman didn't realize how true her words were about the well being deep. In this passage of scripture we see Jesus smashing all sorts of barriers to show compassion and mercy to the most unlikely person for Him to be communicating with. His willingness and patience to communicate with someone that no other Jew would have had the time of day for catches her attention. She gets more and more comfortable the more they converse. She even began to have her own questions. Jesus simply took time to talk with this Samaritan woman that led to the opportunity to share living water with her. Jesus' well is so deep with love, compassion, patience, mercy and concern for people.

I know when I look at my life I do not have near as deep of a well as Jesus has for people. In fact I get frustrated. I want things to happen fast so I don't have to spend so much time with people. I am not near as understanding. When I think about how the deepness of Jesus' well is for me, I have to rethink my way of life and ask God to help me have more love, compassion, patience, mercy and concern for people. We simply need to spend more time with those who are hurting and need a friend instead of always trying to find ways to take a short cut. May God help us, individually and as a church body, to share Jesus' living water with a Heart for Hamilton County and the World.

The Well Is Deep!

Pastor Reich



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Birthdays, Baptisms & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

- 4th Sharron Krueger
- 5th Josh Bauman
Steven Schneider
- 6th Howard Cox
Wyvonne Wenzel
- 7th John Schoedel
- 9th Laurel Friedrich
Eugene Jeschke
- 10th Diane Graham
Betty Hardin
Fabiola Olalde
Betty Senger
- 11th Bret Bauman
Grant Bauman
Alex Odom
- 12th Jared Massingill

- Elisha Squyres
- Maranda Weiser
- 24th Kyle Krueger
Brenna Payne
- 15th Simona Smith
- 27th Pat Crouch
- Landry Yates
- 16th Kerry Kensing
Raymond Krueger
Jennifer Niemann
Kimberly Robertson
Brenden Tomlinson
- 18th Cade Robertson
- 19th Juanita Anders
Madee Crouch
Rebecca Horton
Derrel Hungerford
Jonathon Reich
- 21st Cecelia Jenson
Morgan Nolan
- 23rd Johanna Jeschke



BAPTISMS

- 2nd Leora Wagner
- 4th Trey Geter
Charles Jahns
- 7th Lindsey Hanson
- 8th Alicia Hall
- 10th Bill Knoll
Casey Yates
Lawson Yates
- 12th Raymond Wenzel
- 14th Kansas Pierce
Phillip Pierce
- 17th Henlee Wagner
- 19th John Isensee
- 22nd Angie Tawater
Cody Tawater
Kayla Tawater
- 24th Lorin Lange
- 25th Charlie Bottlinger

Memorials Given

General Fund

In Memory of:

Eddie Krueger

Given by:

Bert Schrank

ANNIVERSARIES

- 8th Douglas & Kathleen Payne 25yrs
- Joel & Shirley Sellers 53yrs
- 19th Don & Brenda Arnett 45yrs
- 21st Robert & Jenny Witzsche 41yrs
- 24th Danny & Charla Rudd 40yrs

- 25th Dorothy Schoedel
- 28th Wyvonne Wenzel



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Opening/Breakfast

Sundays 8:30am

Sunday School

Sundays 9:00am

Church Worship

Sundays 10:00am

B.L.A.S.T.

Wednesday 3:30

Pre-K thru 2nd

Pre-Confirmation

Wednesday 3:30

3rd thru 5th

Jr. Confirmation

Wednesday 5:30

6th thru 8th

Men's & Ladies' Bible Studies

Wednesday 6:30



Many Thanks to my Lord for restoring my health and to Pastor Reich for his faithful ministry during my trying days at Scott & White Hospital, also to my family and friends for their prayers, help, visits, and messages during my recent illness.

The Lord has truly answered all our prayers for my health and recovery.

In Christ,
Darman Wagner

Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

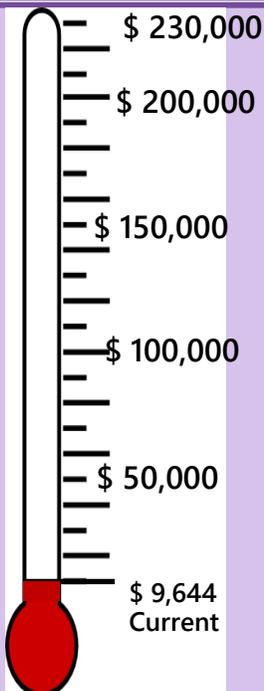
Thursdays @ 6:30 am



At the Voters' Meeting on October 25, 2016, Charles Jahns presented the building plans that the Planning Committee has been working on. We are still very early in the planning stages, but it was decided to start a Building Fund that members can start contributing toward as we go forward with the planning stages. The current plans can be seen in the narthex outside the church office. Additional input that anyone has is welcomed and encouraged.

The Building Fund currently has **\$9,644**. It was reported at the Voters' Meeting that the concrete work and insulated outer structure would cost approximately \$130,000. This does not include the plumbing, electrical, heating/cooling, interior walls and finishing. A goal at this point has been set at \$250,000.

The expansion project would give our youth a large room to meet in, another nice size meeting room and the preschool the space they need to have everything contained on one side of the building. Also included in the plans for expansion is the plan to remodel our current kitchen. If anyone has any questions or ideas do not hesitate to share your ideas.





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Youth Quake



"REJOICE WITH ME, I HAVE FOUND MY LOST SHEEP."

Luke 15:6b

Leave

Friday
February 24th
@ 4:15 pm

Return

Sunday
February 26th
@ 4:00 pm

Bible Journaling

Wednesdays 6:30



Jr/Sr Youth NEWS

JR. HIGH VALENTINES DANCE

Feb. 10 from 7-9pm

St. John Lutheran Family Life Center.

Ladies and Gentlemen you may dress up in your fancy attire or come casual.

\$5

Refreshments and snacks will be provided.

Come Have Fun with Dancing and Games.

All attire must meet school dress code requirements.



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THANK YOU!

The Youth of St. John Lutheran Church would like to thank everyone for supporting our Mexican Fiesta lunch fundraiser! These kids look forward to serving our congregation.





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Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum (The Word of the Lord Endures Forever) is the motto of the Lutheran Reformation, a confident expression of the enduring power and authority of God’s Word. The motto is based on 1 Peter 1:24–25. It first appeared in the court of Frederick the Wise in 1522. He had it sewn onto the right sleeve of the court’s official clothing, which was worn by prince and servant alike. It was used by Frederick’s successors, his brother John the Steadfast, and his nephew John Frederick the Magnanimous. It became the official motto of the Smalcaldic League and was used on flags, banners, swords, and uniforms as a symbol of the unity of the Lutheran laity who struggled to defend their beliefs, communities, families, and lives against those who were intent on destroying them. It was found inscribed inside churches, over doorways, on foundation stones, even on horse’s helmets! The VDMA logo and statement has appeared throughout Lutheran churches worldwide and remains an enduring motto of the Reformation to this day.

FACES OF THE REFORMATION

Swiss reformer who debated Luther on Christ’s real presence in the Sacrament of the Altar



ULRICH (HULDRYCH) ZWINGLI

Born: Jan. 1, 1484 | Wildhaus, Switzerland

Died: Oct. 11, 1531 | Kappel, Switzerland

ULRICH ZWINGLI IS A COMPLICATED CHARACTER IN THE STORY OF THE REFORMATION.

He begins his career as a happy political instrument in service to the pope and ends it dying at the hands of Catholic forces. He is a reformer — like Martin Luther — but unfortunately believes that Luther has not gone far enough in his reforms. Zwingli’s theology becomes shaped not only by the Bible but also by the rationalist philosophies of humanists such as Erasmus.

Zwingli begins to write in opposition to Luther and his teachings of the real presence. In 1529, both Luther and Zwingli attend a meeting in Marburg, Germany, and agree on 14 points of doctrine. However, even after heated discussions, they cannot agree on how to understand Christ’s Words of Institution. Luther will not budge in his belief that Jesus is bodily present in the Holy Supper, writing “This is my body” on the table where the two were holding their debate. Luther showed that it was up to Zwingli to prove that “is” must mean “signifies” or “merely represents.” This he could not do. Therefore, an alliance between the two reformers could not be realized.



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FROM THE BOARD OF FINANCE

The Board of Finance is considering a change in procedure for listing loose plate checks put in the offering plate. There are a number of envelopes waiting to pick up and there are members who pick up their envelopes but choose not to use them. On Sunday mornings, the counters have been listing each loose plate checks including member name and amount given. This is time consuming for the secretary who then has to look up the member envelope number and record it into the system.

The committee is considering depositing all loose checks without recording the member name and amount given. If a member wants the church to record their giving, then their numbered envelope must be used. IF anyone has any questions or comments regarding this consideration, please talk to a member of the Finance Committee or the treasurer.



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Dear St John Lutheran Church,

Many of your supporters are shopping for Valentine's Day gifts, and reminding them to shop at smile.amazon.com can increase donations for St John Lutheran Church. Amazon has a large variety of gifts that are perfect for Valentine's Day including electronics, jewelry, clothing, and more.

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PRESCHOOL NEWS

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Parent News

- Thank you for all of your generous donations to the organization, UP-BRING!
- Ask your child about their new classroom job!
- Upcoming in March: Spring Break, Early Registration, and Family Night!

Important Dates

- Kindergarten Valentine's Tea Party is **February 14th**
- Little Lambs Valentine's classroom party is **February 14th**
- Mighty Lions Valentine's classroom party is **February 15th**

A Note from the Director

Happy January! We have had a fabulous month back. We definitely missed everyone over the Christmas break and were excited to get back into routine. After 4 months the children are becoming more comfortable with their new environment. If you feel your child is ready, please stop by to discuss increasing the number of school days your child attends. Our program reinforces our Bible stories and provides enriching learning opportunities each and every day that we are open.

I would also like to update you on some upcoming staff changes. Ms. Kimberly will now be joining the Hamilton Family Rural Health Clinic and her last day at the preschool was January 23rd. We enjoyed her positive attitude and she will definitely be missed. We are happy to be welcoming Stefani Logan to the team as our new teacher aide. Give her a big welcome next time you see her!

In Christ Love-

Tiffani Logan **Chapel with Pastor Reich!**
We say the LORD'S PRAYER every week!





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CLASSROOM NEWS

Little Lambs • Mighty Lions • Kinderroos

What's
Happening
This
Month

Spotlight On...

Building a School Community

Research shows that building a sense of community in classrooms has a number of benefits for children. Listed below are just a few of the reasons why St. John Lutheran Preschool focuses on "community" in each of their classes.

- Children are more academically motivated
- Stronger relationships with teachers and warmth create an increased sense of security & safety
- Students feel belonging and ownership in their classrooms
- Children's social and psychological needs are met

St. John Lutheran Preschool is building a community environment by adding family photos to the classroom, creating classroom jobs for each student, inviting families to be present in the classroom, eating family style meals/snacks, and interacting with each child as an unique individual.

Little Lambs

Some of the fun and learning the Little Lambs had this month included:

- Reading a number of new books in the cozy library & retelling their Bible stories with the felt board
- Continuing to develop their fine motor skills and letter recognition in many of their learning centers
- Used a variety of recycled materials when building, sorting, and counting



Mighty Lions

Learning took place for the Mighty Lions this month when they...

- In the Science center, each child made their own rain cloud and also worked as a class to make recycled paper
- Learned about how Jesus called the Disciples to be Fishers of Men
- Practiced writing their uppercase letters in salt
- Used flashlights and sunlight to discuss and draw shadows



Kinderoo

The Kindergarten adventures included...

- Writing about winter, snow, penguins, and animals tracks in their journals
- Traveled to Hidden Valley for a field trip
- Continued to learn new sight words and practice sound recognition
- Focused on addition and subtractions using "part-part-whole" math skills





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Music Notes

by:

Gary

Gromatzky

*Yea, though I
walk through
the valley of
the shadow of
death, I will
fear no evil;*

*For You
are with
me; Your
rod and
Your staff,
they com-
fort me.*

Psalms 23:4

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

By Henry W. Baker

The King of love my Shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His, And He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow My ransomed soul He leadeth;
And where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed But yet in love He sought me.
And on His shoulder gently laid, And home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear Lord beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.

And so through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise, Within Thy house forever.

1868

This is among the most beautiful of all the renditions of the Twenty-third Psalm. It was written by Henry Williams Baker, born in London on May 27, 1821, the oldest son of a Vice Admiral in the British Navy. Henry attended Trinity College, Cambridge, and was ordained in 1844 at age 24. After serving as an assistant pastor for several years, he became the vicar of Monkland, Herefordshire, in 1851. That same year upon his father's death, he was knighted and became a baronet.

For years Henry worked on a book of hymns that would reflect the grandeur of majestic worship. The first edition was published in 1861, entitled *Hymns Ancient and Modern*.

On the British Isles, it was known by its initials: *H.A. and M.* Because Henry had labored so earnestly over every hymn, editing and changing and deleting words, some called it *Hymns Asked for and Mutilated*. But it became the leading hymnbook in the Anglican church, going through many revisions and selling over 150 million copies. "The King of Love" didn't appear until the 1868 revision, in the appendix.

When Henry passed away in 1877, his friend, John Ellerton, reported that his last words were from this great hymn:

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, / But yet in love He sought me, /
And on His shoulder gently laid, / And home, rejoicing, brought me.

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MAY THE LORD
BLESS AND KEEP
YOU THIS COMING
MONTH.

Henry wrote many other lesser-known hymns. One of the finest is his morning hymn, to be recommended for all upon arising:

*My Father, for another night of quiet sleep and rest,
For all the joy of morning light, Thy holy Name be blest.*

*Now with the newborn day I give myself anew to Thee,
That as Thou wilt I may live, and what Thou wilt be.*

*Whate'er I do, things great or small, whate'er I speak of fame,
Thy glory may I seek in all, do all in Jesus' Name.*

*My Father, for His sake, I pray thy child accept and bless;
And lead me by Thy grace today in paths of righteousness.*



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2016 CHOICE DOLLARS EXPIRE SOON!

All 2016 Choice Dollars have been made available for members to direct so there is no reason to wait. All members can view their available options on the [Thrivent Choice page](#) on [Thrivent.com](#) As a reminder, 2016 Choice Dollars expire on March 31.



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For God

so *l*oved the world,
that *h*e gave his
only
be*g*otten
S*o*n,
that *h*o who*s*oever
bel*i*eveth
*i*n him should not perish,
but have *e*verlasting life.



John 3:16



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