



The Eagle March 2022



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



That which is worth doing is worth preparing for.

The season of Lent begins March 2. As usual, it snuck up on me this year.

Lent is time of preparation. Sometimes people think of it as a kind of spiritual "shape up and slim down." Like taking on a new exercise routine or diet, Lent is a time in the church year when people might take up some new devotional routine or fast in certain ways, giving up a favorite food, TV, or some other pleasure. The assumption is that we'll be better, more spiritual people by learning about and exercising our willpower over our typical enslavement to earthly, material appetites.

But does any of this work?

Sure, it may be healthy to give up certain kinds of junk food and any time we spend in the Word of God is always beneficial, but none of it can produce even the slightest change in our relationship with God. These are just human works. This view of Lent is based on a false assumption that you can overcome sin and failure by trying harder and being holier. But behavior modification doesn't bring salvation. All this is based on a belief that the opposite of sin is "being good" or "doing right."

But that is certainly not the biblical view.

Instead, in the Bible sin is seen as a matter of *distance* or *separation*. It is a state of being apart from God, living out of harmony or out of unity with the One who is the only truth and meaning there is to life. The bad behaviors we typically think of as sins are actually the symptoms of it. And there's only one cure and it's not being "good." The cure is receiving the reconciliation that only Jesus Christ can give to us as a free gift of grace.

Lent is a time to discover anew what this means. Bible study and worship will help with this, not as works we do to make up for our sin, but as time spent reflecting on the great truth of the Gospel and its reality for you. Indeed, this is how we prepare ourselves, for that which is worth doing is worth preparing for.

A blessed Lent to You!

Joyfully,
Pastor Aaron



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Finance Update

St. John Lutheran
Statement of Income and Expense by Major Group
January of Fiscal Year 2022
Responsibility: All
Fund: 01 - General

	Current Month		Year-to-date	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income				
00-Group 00	46,912.00	50,569.34	46,912.00	50,569.34
Total Income	46,912.00	50,569.34	46,912.00	50,569.34
Expense				
04-Board of Outreach	623.00	170.00	623.00	170.00
10-Board of Elders	13,413.00	13,393.65	13,413.00	13,393.65
12-Board of Education	938.00	453.65	938.00	453.65
13-Board of Trustees	8,763.00	12,523.74	8,763.00	12,523.74
14-Board of Finance	4,019.00	4,919.27	4,019.00	4,919.27
16-Preschool Board	10,593.67	7,610.86	10,593.67	7,610.86
20-Memorial Expenditures	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
21-Non-Budget Expense	0.00	100,000.00	0.00	100,000.00
Total Expense	38,349.67	139,071.17	38,349.67	139,071.17
Income Less Expense	\$8,562.33	-\$88,501.83	\$8,562.33	-\$88,501.83



Pastor Aaron has started a new bible study that doesn't just skip over the surface of God's word, but digs deep. Written by Pastor Aaron, this fascinating exploration into the Gospel—the very life and words of our Lord—will uplift you and give you insight to what it means to be Jesus disciple in a world gone crazy with sin. Besides, we all know we need to be in the Word a little more, anyway... take this opportunity and resolve to make it happen. The Pastor's Bible Study is held every Sunday morning at 9:00 in the gym. There will be coffee, donuts and other refreshments, so join some friends – or make some new ones – and come to Bible Study at St. John.



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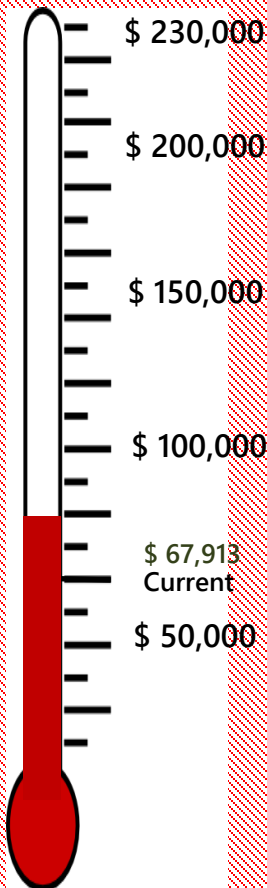
**Breakfast and
Sunday School
Sundays 9:00am**

**Church Worship
Sundays 10:00am
(Live streamed on
Facebook)**

**Youth Choir
Sunday 11:15am**

**Quilting
Tuesday 9:00am**

BUILDING FUND



T Our Military & Families:

Ross Bates, Travis Beach, Josh Chorenziak, Isaac Jerrell, Krista Jerrell, Matthew Medina, Ernie Mendez, Payden Nolen, Cade Roenne, John Slough, Warren Stanley, Micah Stork, Brennan Stroud, Keith Garrett White.

T Our Homebound & Nursing Facility Residents

Focused Care: Kendra Code, Lillye Sanders, Jewell Zimmerman, Geraldine Kautzsch **Hamilton Health Care:** Corene Streger, Katherine Hopper **Belton:** Maxine Wenzel **Homebound:** Frances Donahoo, Ricky Brown, Artie Peters, Mae Pietzsch, Frances Schrank, Nell Helmcamp, Barbara Jahns, Irene Zaruba, John Schoedel

T Our Members:

Mae Pietzsch - hospitalized

Bonnie Williams - recovering from surgery

Jewell Zimmerman -stable

T Our Friends:

Oralia Alverado - (Angie Tawater's mother) various health issues

Noland Arbaugh - (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

Doyle Billingsly - (Melanie Housden's father) declining

Bobby Cathey - (Tammy Wagner & Joe Cathey's father) various health issues

Gene DeLoach - cancer treatments continue, declining

Ronda Hall - (Betty Hardin's daughter) dealing with heart issues

Ossie Scott - (Doyle Robert's Sister) cancer has returned

T Praise and Thanks -

T For those who grieve -

T Special Prayers - Covid-19; Teachers & students; President & Government Officials; Medical Professionals; First Responders & Rescue crews; Fires and firefighters; Rain

Please contact the church office at 254-386-3158 with updates on prayer requests for friends and loved ones. Thank you.



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Anniversaries

10th	Martin & Bonnye Wenzel	32 Yrs.
22nd	Luther & Mona Smith	53 Yrs.
27th	Zac & Kelsi Clowdus	12 Yrs.

Birthdays

2nd	Nell Helmcamp
3rd	Reese Hungerford, Wade Knutson, Misti Polster
5th	Myles Marwitz
8th	Ernst Peters, Tootie Schoen
9th	Liz Graves, Tucker Stork
11th	Ray Cassens
13th	Michelle Cantara, Glenda Peace
14th	Quin Hanson
16th	Mildred Bottlinger, Missy Marwitz
17th	Anna Beber, Emery McElroy
19th	Mason Hall, Alanda Tyson
20th	Mary Kiely
23rd	Neet Bushee, Lynda Lund,
28th	Evie Batla
30th	Gary Schoen
31st	Billy Lawson, Lenox Yates

Baptisms

1st	Jason Seider
2nd	Colter Johnson, Emma Johnson, Kolten Kensing
3rd	Kerry Kensing
4th	Alice Pietzsch, Owen Tyson
11th	Hunter Mize
13th	Kim Tyson
14th	Raymond Krueger, Mona Smith, Tammy Wagner
16th	Sam Hall
18th	Avery Hall
19th	Marliessa Clark, Frances Donahoo, Betty Hardin
21st	Addley Yates
22nd	Eugene Jeschke
25th	Landry Yates
26th	Neede Anders
30th	Robert Dellaughter, Laurel Friedrich



Upcoming **March** **Events**

6th -	MITE BOX SUNDAY 11:15am Bd of Elders 1:30pm Nursing Home Devotions
8th -	1:00pm Glory Gamesters 5:30pm Bd. Of Finance
13th	11:15am Bd. Of Trustees 11:15am Bd. Of Outreach
20th	11:15am Preschool Bd.



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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.

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

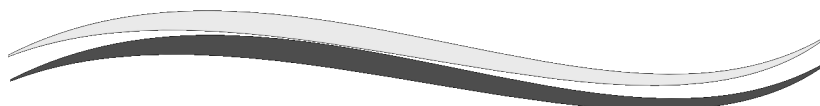
God Will Take Care of You 1904

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.

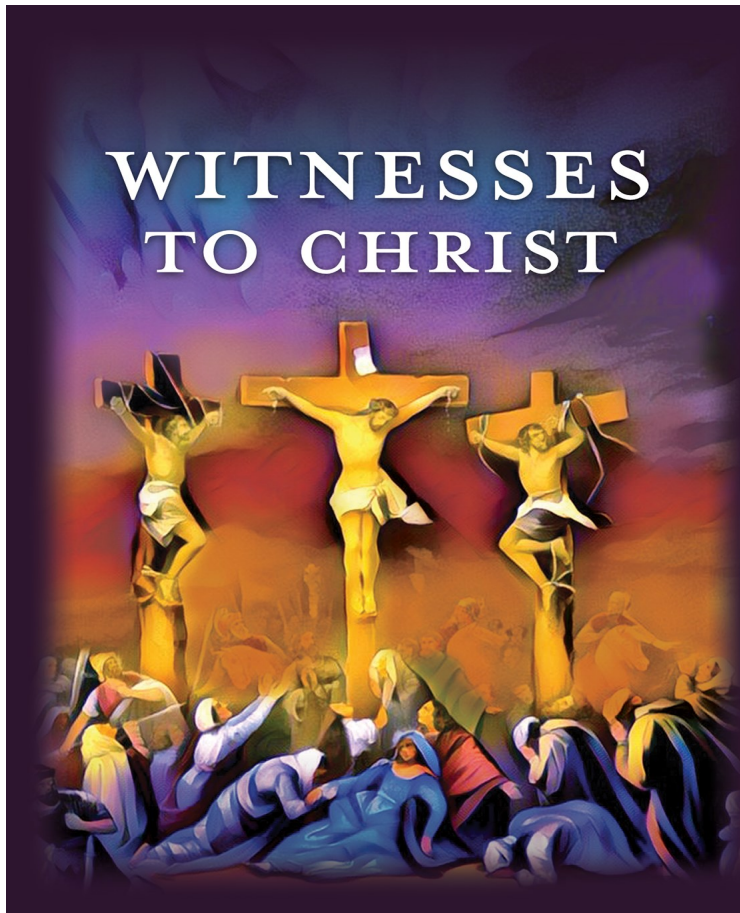


On a Sunday in 1904, Civilla Martin was in Lestershire, New York, where her husband, Walter, was compiling a collection of hymns for the Practical Bible Training School. They were planning to travel to another town that day, for Martin had a preaching assignment. Civilla woke up sick, and Martin was 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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WITNESSES TO CHRIST: PEOPLE FROM HIS PASSION

John tells us why he wrote his Gospel: “Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name” (John 20:30–31). Life! When we believe that Jesus is the Christ, God gives us life—abundant life, forgiven life, and eternal life.

Historically, the Fourth Gospel is likened to an eagle—an image that suggests John soars to heights of glory and grandeur. That’s because the evangelist paints a stunning portrait of Jesus, who is the bread of life, the resurrection and the life, and the way, the truth, and the life. Life in Jesus. That’s God’s gift to you!

This Lent, our life in Christ will be strengthened as we hear the witness of those in John’s Gospel who journeyed to the cross. Along the way, we’ll meet villains, such as Barabbas and Pontius Pilate, as well as sinners, such as Peter (who denied Jesus *three* times), Mary Magdalene (who was possessed by *seven* demons), and Judas Iscariot (who betrayed Jesus for *thirty* pieces of silver).



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We will again be sharing Lenten services with St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Aleman.

A meal will be served at 5:30 prior to the 6:30 service.

Please join us for worship as we hear the witness of these people in John's Gospel:

Ash Wednesday: March 2 St. John **Acolytes:** Cora Hurst
John the Baptist, John 1:29–34 Grace Hurst

Midweek of Lent 1: March 9 St. Paul's
Mary, the Sister of Lazarus and Martha, John 12:1–11

Midweek of Lent 2: March 16 St. John **Acolytes:** Avery Hall
Malchus, John 18:1–11 Johanna Jeschke

Midweek of Lent 3: March 23 St. Paul's
Peter, John 18:12–27

Midweek of Lent 4: March 30 St. John **Acolytes:** Graham Bussey
Barabbas, John 18:33–40 Sawyer Hanson

Midweek of Lent 5: April 6 St. Paul's
Pontius Pilate, John 19:1–16

Maundy (Holy) Thursday: April 14 St. John **Acolytes:** Carolina DeLa-
Judas Iscariot, John 13:21–30 Garza &
Johanna Jeschke

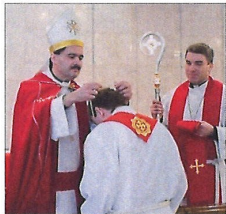
Good Friday: April 15 **St. John Acolytes:** Avery Hall
John, the Gospel Writer, John 19:25–37 Reese Haile

The Resurrection of Our Lord: April 17 St. John
Mary Magdalene, John 20:1–18



Spreading the Word of God to Russian People

2021–2023 Biennium
Mission Goal:
\$2,150,000
Mission Grant #7
\$100,000



Training Pastors to Serve the Church in Russia Lutheran Theological Seminary, Novosibirsk, Siberia — \$100,000

*"and what you
have heard from
me in the presence
of many witnesses
entrust to faithful
men, who will
be able to teach
others also"*
(Timothy 2:2).

Through the efforts of the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church, which is in full altar and pulpit fellowship with the LCMS, and through the pastoral training provided by the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Novosibirsk, Siberia, the Word and Sacraments are again making their way to the long-repressed Russian people.

The Novosibirsk seminary's goal is to prepare workers to spread the true Word of God to the Russian people. To do so, pastors must be well educated and prepared to provide intelligent, compassionate pastoral care to everyone. Because of changing financial circumstances within the seminary's largest supporting organization, the U.S. foundation has reduced its contribution to the seminary's operations.

This grant will help keep the seminary in operation for the next two years, as the Siberian Lutheran Mission, an LCMS Recognized Service Organization (RSO), continues its "Save the Seminary Campaign" to raise funds to endow the seminary's operations long-term.

We Pray Together:

Heavenly Father, You are our hope and salvation. You have called workers to serve in Your harvest fields. The seminary in Novosibirsk is preparing these workers to take the true Word to the people of Russia. Grant that these mite offerings may enable the seminary to continue its operations as additional long-term funding is sought. In Jesus' precious name, Amen.

Learn more about this mission grant at lwml.org/mission-grants





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NURSERY CARE AT ST. JOHN

Our staffed nursery will be up and running the first Sunday in March. Jennifer Kidd is our new nursery worker. She has worked with children of all ages and is well qualified to fill the role. There is a Voter's meeting scheduled for that same Sunday to approve an amendment to the budget for the \$3,500-\$4,500 it will take to run the nursery for a year. She will be here during the Bible Study and Worship hours. If you have any questions please contact our congregational president, Calvin Friedrich.

We are still in need of volunteers to provide the Lenten meal on March 16. If your group or board can do this, please let the church office know. Thank you.

GLORY GAMESTERS meet the second Tuesday of the month at 1:00 PM.

Come join them for fun and fellowship!

If you are looking for devotional material to share with your family at home, you might want to check out:

pastoraaronkalbas.com

He also has interesting articles to read and other information posted on our Facebook page and website.



Children's Choir

OUR YOUTH CHOIR IS CURRENTLY MEETING SUNDAY'S IMMEDIATELY AFTER WORSHIP. ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME. WE HAVE SOME GREAT THINGS PLANNED FOR THEM. BRING YOUR KIDS TO BE A PART OF THIS WONDERFUL MINISTRY!

Pastor Aaron is starting a new blog, "Blogging Through the Gospels" He will be posting on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Check it out on our webpage.

VBS is right around the corner! If you are interested in helping out, please contact Chrissy Hopper or Landry Yates, or the church office!

*Come join our Quilters!
They meet every Tuesday
at 9:00am. You don't
even have to know how
to sew to help these la-
dies with this very im-
portant mission project*



March 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	
		1	2 ASH Wednesday St. John	3
6 Jr. Youth Confirmation 5:00-7:30	7	8	9 Lent at Aleman	1
13 BREAKFAST Youth bring breakfast. Putters and Gutters after church	14	15	16 Lent at Hamilton	1
20	21	22	23 Lent at Aleman	2
27 NYG Pizza and a MOVIE DAY— Watch 10 commandments after church today	28	29	30 Lent at Hamilton Youth Provide Meal	3

Spring Break Week Spring

Youth Help with Services during Lent

March 2

Reader 1 **Ben Ivey** Reader 2 **Henry Ivey** Ushers **Grant Bauman, Bret Bauman Hanna Ward Lexie Ward** Video **Haley Hopper** and **Piper Hanson** Screen **Trint Jeschke** Sound **Emory McElroy**

March 9 (Aleman)

Reader 1 **Kayla Tawater** Reader 2 **Ellie Kalbas**

March 16

Reader 1 **Colter Johnson** Reader 2 **Lawson Yates** Ushers **Addley Yates, Eli Marlar, Nathan Hall, Jonathon Hurst** Video: **Reagan Wagner, Kayla Tawater** Screen **Ellie Kalbas**: Sound **Austin Kleiner**

March 23 (Aleman)

Reader 1 **Lawson Yates** Reader 2 **Piper Hanson**

March 30

Reader 1 **Riley Haile** Reader 2 **Haley Hopper** Ushers: **Kaitlyn Walton, Destiny Ranaghan, Trint Jeschke, Ethan Kalbas** Video: **Kayla Tawater**, Sound **Emory McElroy**, Screen **Trint Jeschke**

April 6 (Aleman)

Reader 1: **Addyson Clowdus, Ethan Kalbas**

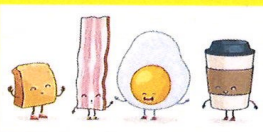


St. John Lutheran Youth Activities

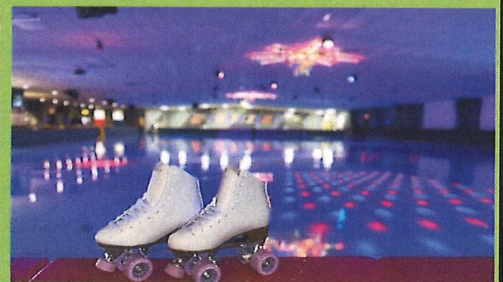


**Junior High
Confirmation
5:00-7:30
Sunday, March 6**

Lenten Meal
Wednesday, March 30
All youth will be asked to bring
something. See ways your kids
serve in Lent on final page.



**Youth Bring Breakfast for Sunday, March 13
High School Bring Fruits or Finger breakfast items.
Junior High bring Breads or Casseroles.**



**Putters and Gutters
Family Event
Sunday, March 13
Leave directly following church.
Bring money to pay individually.
Choose from golf, bowling, skating
Sign up in FLC Board**



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