



The Eagle March 2019



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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!!*



Behold The Man!

I know that I say this all the time, but I cannot believe it is already March. The weather has been up and down with changes in temperature. There have been things that have caught us off guard and have really shaken us. There have been things that have surprised us and have caused us to be very grateful. This is simply to be expected in life. When things shake us though, we have a tendency to question things and even God. Ash Wednesday is March 6th which starts our Lenten journey as we follow Jesus to the cross once again.

This year our Lenten series is going to be *Behold The Man!* I know it is hard to wrap our minds around, but when I say, and I say quite often, that God became man in Jesus so that He would know what we experience in life, I mean it. This series is going to take a look at some of the things that are a reality in our lives that were realities in Jesus' life. Jesus hungered and thirst like we hunger and thirst. Jesus was beaten and exposed like we are when we experience belittling and trying times. Jesus had a mother like we have a mother. He went through all these experiences so that He could feel what we feel.

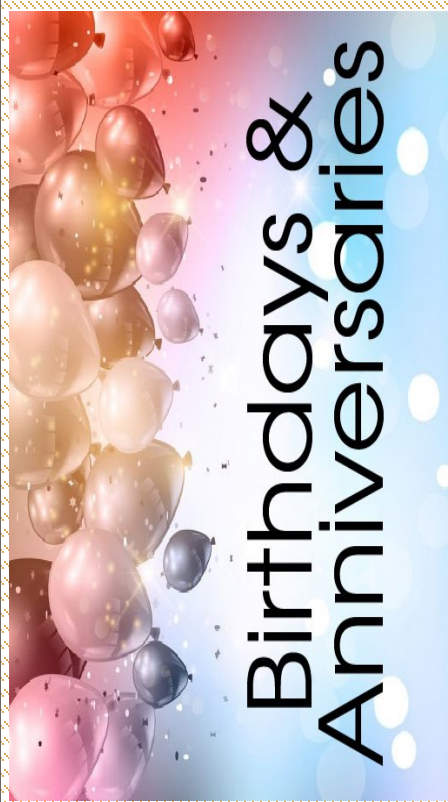
He also bled, died and was buried to know what we experience when faced with the death of a loved one or face death ourselves. Jesus came into the world to know what we go through, but more than that, He came to take the punishment that we deserve and die the death we deserve so that we could be forgiven of our sins. And now because He was raised to life on the third day we have been given eternal life and are promised that we will live forever with Him. So when we experience the ups and downs in life, it is true that Jesus knows first hand what we are experiencing and He wants us to allow Him to walk along side of us.

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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Upcoming March 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



Anniversaries

5th	Bob & Emily Neal Miller	20 yrs
10th	Martin & Bonnye Wenzel	29 yrs
22nd	Luther & Mona Smith	50 yrs
27th	Zac & Kelsi Clowdus	9 yrs

Birthdays

2nd	Nell Helmcamp, Elaine Polster
3rd	Reese Hungerford, Misti Polster
5th	Branson Armstrong, Elissa Crouch, Myles Marwitz
6th	Karah Niemann
7th	Mark DeLoach
8th	Ernst Peters, Katherine Renken, Tootie Schoen
9th	Nolan Zschiesche
11th	Ray Cassens, Dorothy Hoermann
12th	Gene DeLoach
13th	Michelle Cantara, Glenda Peace
14th	Quin Hanson
15th	August Gaydos, Aaron Hungerford
16th	Mildred Bottlinger, Missy Marwitz
17th	Emery McElroy
19th	Mason Hall, Alanda Tyson
20th	Mary Kiely
21st	Jason Clark
23rd	Neet Bushee, Caleb Niemann
24th	James Surley, Clayton Tyson
25th	Emma Polster
28th	Evelyn Batla, Stephen Horton, Scott Williams
29th	Britley Balzen
30th	Mildred Kautzsch, Gary Schoen
31st	Joe Cathey, Billy Lawson

Baptisms

1st	Jason Seider, Marshal Stork
2nd	Colter Johnson, Emma Johnson, Kolten Kensing
3rd	Kerry Kensing
4th	Alice Pietzsch, Owen Tyson
8th	Pat Bottlinger
10th	Rebecca Horton
11th	Hunter Mize
13th	Kim Tyson
14th	Savanna Johnson, Raymond Krueger, Jr., Mona Smith, Tammy Wagner
16th	Sam Hall
18th	Avery Hall
19th	Marliessa Clark, Frances Donahoo, Betty Hardin, Alex Odom
21st	Brenna Payne, Addley Yates
22nd	Eugene Jeschke
24th	Jennifer Niemann, Elaine Polster
25th	Landry Yates
26th	Neede Anders, Branson Armstrong
27th	Jonathon Reich
28th	Elissa Crouch, Kolten Kunkel
30th	Robert Dellaughter, Laurel Friedrich, Mildred Kautzsch, Dayle Squyres



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

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

**Sunday School
Sundays 9:00am**

**Church Worship
Sundays 10:00am**

**Quilting
Tuesdays 9:00am**

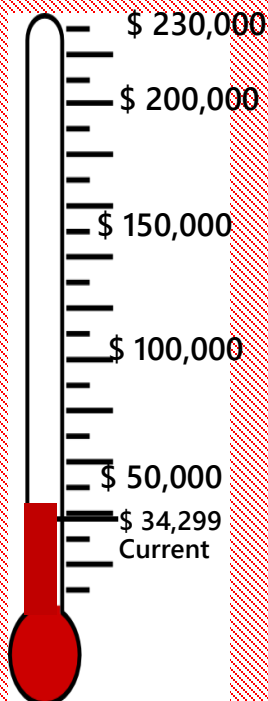
**Wednesdays
After School Youth
4:00pm**

**Lenten Meal 5:30
Service: 6:30**

**Men's Bible Study
Thursdays 6:30am**



BUILDING FUND



✘ 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 Garrett White, Scott Williams

✘ Our Homebound & Nursing Facilities:

Focused Care: Kendra Code, Jean Ranney, Lillye Sanders, Pat Bottlinger, 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.

✘ **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

✘ **Alice Jeschke** - Dealing with numerous health issues

✘ **Norma Marwitz** - dealing with cancer

✘ **Rick Payne** - undergoing cancer treatments

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

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

✘ **Brenda Schrank** - cancer treatments complete tests April 9th

✘ **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

✘ **Savanna Lynn Caylor**- (Sandy Olsen's 3yr old great granddaughter) Guillian Barre Syndrom; dealing with various health issues

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

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

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

✘ **AnnaBella Heckmann**—(3 yr old granddaughter of Rev. John Heckmann) brain tumor is benign, will monitor with quarterly MRI's

✘ **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 showing some improvement

✘ **Praise and Thanksgiving:** Brisen Fullbright, Bryce Hagan, Darren Price

✘ **For those who grieve:** The Families of Sammie Housden, Patricia Tubbs, Felicity Kidd, Blain Bankston

✘ **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
 January of Fiscal Year 2019

	Current Month		Year-to-date	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income				
00-Group 00	42,406.67	47,116.97	42,406.67	47,116.97
Total Income	42,406.67	47,116.97	42,406.67	47,116.97
Expense				
04-Board of Outreach	970.00	390.00	970.00	390.00
10-Board of Elders	14,203.00	12,230.33	14,203.00	12,230.33
12-Board of Education	826.00	484.01	826.00	484.01
13-Board of Trustees	7,865.00	6,262.63	7,865.00	6,262.63
14-Board of Finance	3,856.00	2,712.95	3,856.00	2,712.95
16-Preschool Board	10,464.00	10,672.74	10,464.00	10,672.74
20-Memorial Expenditures	0.00	190.00	0.00	190.00
21-Non-Budget Expense	0.00	145.26	0.00	145.26
Total Expense	38,184.00	33,087.92	38,184.00	33,087.92
Income Less Expense	4,222.67	14,029.05	4,222.67	14,029.05



Memorials Given in Memory of Carralee Sellers:

Preschool Fund: Joel & Shirley Sellers

Memorials Given in Memory of Ruth Young

Building/Kitchen Fund: Lynn & Neil Muxworthy

Youth Group: Sheila & Vernon Gromatzky

General Fund: Charlie & Mischelle Bottlinger

Memorials Given in Memory of John Hall

Building Fund Charlie & Mischelle Bottlinger





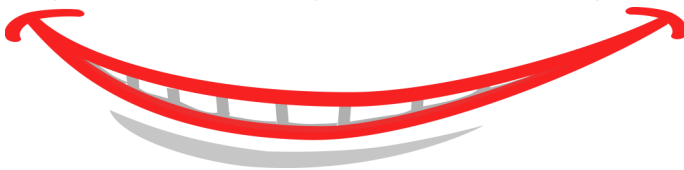
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Sunday morning services can be heard on



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

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MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club meets on the 1st Sunday of the month. Join us **Sunday, March 3 at 7:15 am** for the Men's Club

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!





LWML
Lutheran Women in Mission

March 2019

Mission Grant Story

**RECONNECT to the Body of Christ
- \$50,000**

Did you know that the United States is the third largest mission field in the world? Hard to believe but unfortunately all too true. But, think of the opportunity to share the Gospel right here in our own backyard!

There is no place more in need of missionaries than in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas on the Mexican border. This area of Brownsville is the lowest socio-economic area in the US as of 2015 with 35% of all households living in poverty, and the majority of these people is Hispanic and unchurched. A large part of the problem is that we, like most Americans, do not know our neighbors. We need to reconnect!

The harvest is plentiful, the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, send the workers into His harvest field ... (Luke 10:2).

In 2013 the Texas District Circuit 28 began to put together a plan to reach out to struggling churches and communities to bring the Word of Jesus to the lost. This will be accomplished

in several ways: putting a newly hired church worker to work in the circuit, not just in one church, with the circuit sharing the cost and the benefit; starting Christian mission ministry outreach programs to raise up leaders from the youth and young adults; building campus relationships on the four college campuses in the area through Bible classes and fellowship; and partnering with local ministries to target the poor and needy immigrants and refugees.

The goal is to bring the Good News of Jesus through these new relationships with students, congregations, and the community using the missional training programs provided through this grant. The beauty of this idea is in sharing resources – trained church workers for the circuit – and using existing ones in new ways such as ESL classes and literacy programs in local congregations. These ideas bring people together and establish new relationships, sharing the love of Jesus with them. The grant will provide for startup costs, training materials, scholarships,

transportation costs, and other expenses to train new leaders to go and make disciples. Praise God!

St John Ruth Guild

Mites for 2018 Total :

\$1,048.36



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Thank you

TO everyone who helped with Wednesday afternoon activities, providing flowers for our service, changing out EXIT signs in the FLC and so much more.



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



PRESCHOOL PARENTS!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

MARCH 19, 5:30 PM

**EARLY REGISTRATION AND
FAMILY NIGHT!**

If you have not paid for THE LUTHERAN WITNESS, now is the time to do so. If you don't know if you have paid or not, please contact the church office. 254-386-3158. Thank you



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Music Notes by:
Gary Gromatzky

The Lord's My Shepherd

The Lord's my shepherd,
I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green;
He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again
And me to walk doth make
With in the paths of righteousness,
E'en for His own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in deaths
dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill,
For Thou art with me,
And Thy rod and staff me
comfort still.

My table Thou has furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil
anoint,
And my cup overflows.

The Lord's My Shepherd 1650

Our oldest hymnal is the book of Psalms, and Christians throughout history have wanted to obey the biblical injunction to praise the Lord using “psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs” (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:10).

John Calvin, quoting Augustine, wrote, “We shall not find better songs nor more fitting for the purpose than the Psalms of David, which the Holy Spirit spoke...And moreover, when we sing them, we are certain that God puts in our mouths these, as if He Himself were singing in us to exalt His glory.”

But the Psalms were originally written in Hebrew, and, when translated, they don't typically have the rhyme or rhythm for easy singing.

In the early 1640s, Francis Rouse, an English Puritan, rendered all 150 Psalms from the Hebrew into metrical English. The General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, meeting in Edinburgh, took Rouse's translation and submitted it to revision committees. These committees spent six years comparing the metered Psalms with the original Hebrew, seeking to develop a singable translation that was accurate to the original Hebrew. They worked painstakingly as if creating a new translation of the Bible.

Finally, in 1650, the *Scottish Psalter* was released and approved for congregations of the Church of Scotland. Its full title was *The Psalms of David in Meeter; Newly translated, and diligently compared with the original Text, and former Translations: More plain, smooth, and agreeable to the Text, than any heretofore.*

Though the Scottish Psalter of 1650 is one of the great treasures of hymnody, the only portion widely sung beyond Scotland is its beautiful rendition of Psalm 23, set to the tune CRIMOND, which begins:

*The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.*

The melody, CRIMOND, was composed about 1870 by a woman named Jessie Seymour Irvine. She was the daughter of the parish minister in the little Scottish town of Crimond, which is also famous for its unusual clock in the church tower. The clockmaker accidentally put six marks into one of the five minute sections on the clock face. As a result, each hour in Crimond is sixty-one minutes, making a day there twenty-four minutes longer than anywhere else on earth.

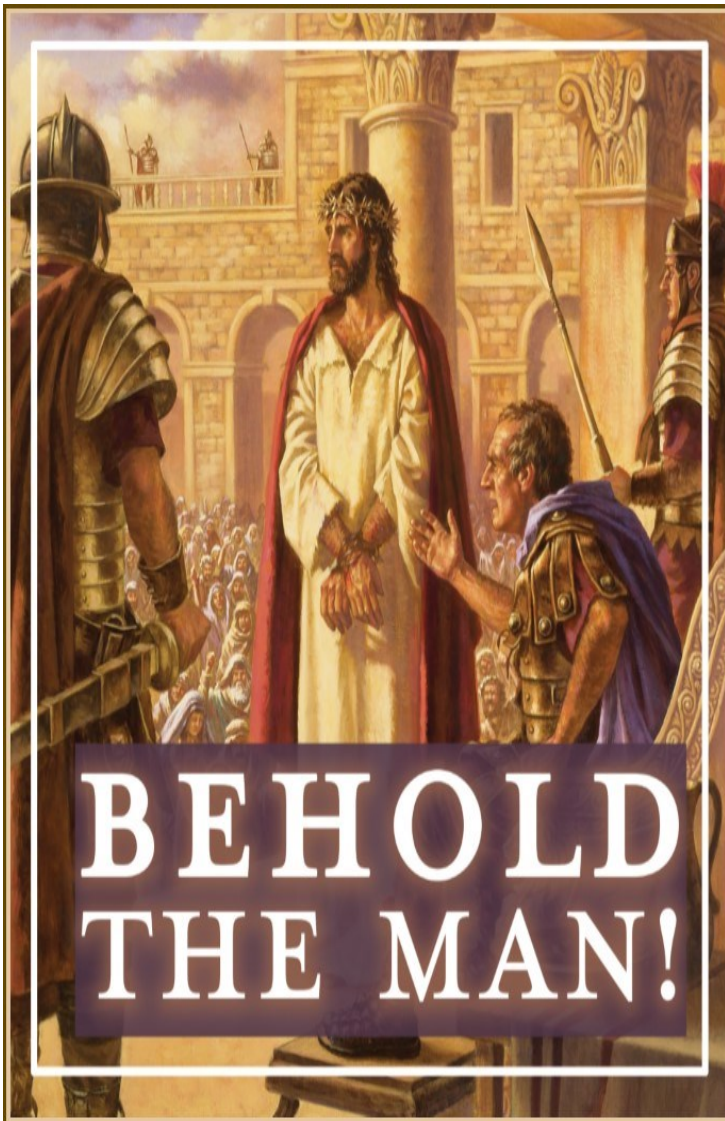
Well, it just gives a little extra time for singing “The Lord's my Shepherd.”



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



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Lent & Easter Service Schedule

Wednesdays — Meal @ 5:30 pm Service @ 6:30 pm

Wed. Mar. 6th - at St. John, Hamilton
A God Who Hungers!

Wed. Mar. 13th - at St. Paul's, Aleman
A God Who Prays!

Wed. Mar. 20th - at St. John, Hamilton
A God Beaten!

Wed. Mar. 27th - at St. Paul's, Aleman
A God Exposed!

Wed. Apr. 3rd - at St. John, Hamilton
A God With a Mother!

Wed. Apr. 10th - at St. Paul's, Aleman
A God Who Thirsts!

Thu. Apr. 18th - at St. John, Hamilton - 6:30 pm
A God Who Loves!

Fri. Apr. 19th - at St. John, Hamilton - 6:30 pm
A God Who Bleeds, Dies and is Buried!

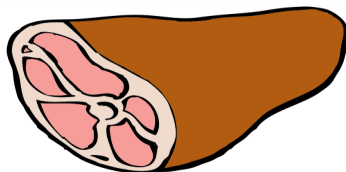
Sun. Apr. 21st - at St. John, Hamilton - Easter Sunday
A God Who Rises!

MID-WEEK LENTEN MEALS ST. JOHN

MARCH 6
MARCH 20
APRIL 3

MEN'S CLUB
RUTH GUILD
BOARD OF ED.
& YOUTH

FISH FRY
SPAGHETTI SUPPER
MEXICAN FIESTA



The Preschool is gearing up for their annual Easter Ham Fundraiser. Watch the W.R.A.P for more details, or contact a preschooler for more information

St. John Youth Activities

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



Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be ye 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

Confirmation

Snacks

March 6 **Joseph Polster**

March 13 **No class**

March 20 **Britley Balzen**

March 27 **Marlee Clark**

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

Lent begins in March

Ash Wed March 6 St. John

Mar 13 Aleman

March 20 St. John

March 27 Aleman

April 3 St. John (Youth Meal)

April 10 Aleman

April 14 Confirmation Sunday

April 21 Easter Sunday

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

Update on the National Youth Gathering Trip

We've spent some money this month signing up

TEXAS DISTRICT EVENT— **Lumberjack Contest and T-shirts bought** \$460

Airplane Ticket's bought \$7,057.05

JULY 10 Dallas 11:15 to Chicago MDW 13:30

Chicago MDW 14:50 to Minnesota MSP 16:20

JULY 15 MSP 18:05 to MDW 19:35

MDW 21:20 to DAL 23:25

Mark calendars for July 10-15 for NYG.



Senior Youth
Campfire Night
Saturday 3/23/19

Sunday March 31
Youth do Breakfast
Youth Led Service



Babysitting
Fundraiser **\$230**

God is our REFUGE and STRENGTH, a very present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

FUNDRAISER

Total NYG
Earned **\$17,976**

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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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Lent Begins
Ash Wednesday

March 6



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