



# The Eagle April 2020



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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!!*



## “Your Ways Are Not My Ways”

As we set here three months into 2020, I think it is safe to say that no one had on their radar what is going on. We always say at the beginning of a new year that there are going to be joys to experience as well as hardship and struggle, but I do not know if anyone was thinking along the lines of COVID-19. We usually think of things that might affect an individual or a family or possibly even a community, but this has rocked the whole world. And what are we doing? We are trying to make sense of all of this.

I am reminded of Isaiah 55:8-9, “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.” When we look at what is happening around us today, we simply have to turn to this verse and realize that God is God and we are not. There are many times where trying to figure out God’s plan and way is futile. During these times we walk by faith. We trust that the LORD knows exactly what is going on and will ultimately see us through this time in one way or another.

With Easter only a couple of weeks away, we are reminded of something else that we certainly cannot understand. Why would God send His Son Jesus into the world and allow Him to die on the cross? Even though this would not have been the way we think things should have happened, we are thankful that they did because Jesus’ death on the cross is what brings us forgiveness. We see God’s plan fulfilled in Jesus’ resurrection on that first day of the week that promises us eternal life. In the midst of our struggles here in this life, we hold on to the forgiveness and life that we have in Jesus.

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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Let's Celebrate



YOU!



## Anniversaries

12th	Shirley & Bubba Gerald	45 Yrs
20th	Brad & Sherri Tomlinson	24 Yrs
22nd	Gene & Shirley DeLoach	56 Yrs

## Birthdays

1st	Barbara Cook
2nd	Pat Keekley, April Kunkel
3rd	Brenda Schrank
4th	Mark Sellers
5th	Paul Odom
6th	Barbara Weidebusch
8th	Norma Marwitz, Rita Oldham, Maxine Wenzel
9th	ColeBauman
10th	Robert Dellaughter, Clayton Hurst, Shirley Sellers, Grace Zschiesche, Kris Zschiesche
11th	Gayla Squyres
12th	Alice Pietzsch
14th	Kolten Kensing, Cathy LeGrande, Bobbie Young
16th	Abbie Housden
17th	Sonny DeLagarza, Piersyn Marwitz, Bonnie Williams
21st	Mary Jeffers, KaseKunkel, Frances Schrank
22nd	Sabrina Sellers
23rd	Kym Jeschke
24th	Tracy Seider
25th	Kimber Clark, Jasmine Seider
30th	Paul Christensen, Cat Parks

## Upcoming April Events

5th- Mite Box Sunday  
1:30pm Nursing Home  
Devotions

6th - 5:30pm Preschool Board

7th - 8:30am Circuit Pastors'

12th -11:15am Board of Ed & Youth  
Board of Trustees

13th- 6:30 Board of Elders

14th- 1:00pm Glory Gamesters  
5:30pm Finance Board

20th—Church Council

## Baptisms

1st	Marlee Clark, Mary Kiely, Glenda Peace
2nd	Emily Neal Miller, Ernst Peters
5th	Michelle Cantara, Kameron McKandless
9th	Juanita Seider
10th	Jack Bussey, Ricky Payne
11th	Tommy Deutsch, Sandra Witte
13th	Pat Keekley
14th	Tootie Schoen
15th	Nolan Zschiesche
16th	Allen Dodson
17th	Liz Graves
18th	Mischelle Bottlinger, Emma Polster
19th	Elisha Squyres
21st	Stephen Horton
22nd	Johanna Jeschke
23rd	Karah Niemann
24th	Anna Beber
26th	Aaron Hungerford
27th	Sonny DeLaGarza
30th	Mason Hall



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

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

**Sunday School  
Sundays 9:00am**

**Church Worship  
Sundays 10:00am**

**Quilting  
Tuesdays 9:00am**

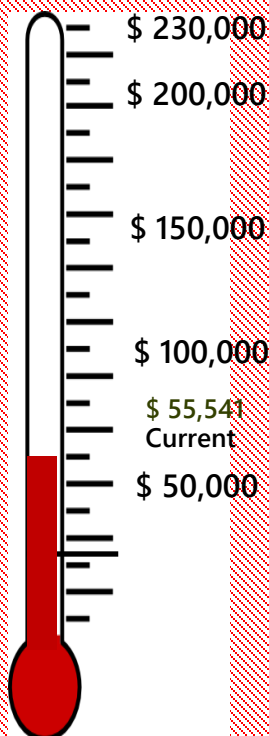
**Wednesdays**

**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

### ✘ 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, Ricky Brown, Albert & Artie Peters, Mae Pietzsch, Frances Schrank, LaVerne Bubert

✘ **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

✘ **Rick Payne** - undergoing cancer treatments

✘ **Glenda Schoen**—recovering at home from a fractured let

✘ **Gary Voges**—Starting radiation treatments

✘ **Danny Alsup**— (St. Paul, The Grove) - Cancer treatments

✘ **Mary Alsup**—(St. Paul, The Grove) - cancer 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

✘ **Raymond Blansit**—Health issues

✘ **Bobby Cathey**—(Tammy Wagner & Joe Cathey's father) various health issues

✘ **Fred Gromatzky**—cancer treatments

✘ **Curtis Gunn** - Cancer treatments

✘ **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

✘ **Larry Kopp**—starting cancer treatments

✘ **Charles Krempin** - bed ridden

✘ **Carolyn May** - friend of Pat Crouch recovering from massive stroke

✘ **Henrietta Medina** - liver count went up. Changing medication

✘ **Kai Monroe** - doing well after surgery

✘ **Cliff Partin**—at home, improving

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

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

✘ **Pam Wolff**—(Elisha Squyres; mother) complications with MS

### ✘Praise and Thanksgiving:

✘ **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**  
 February of Fiscal Year 2020

### Income

	Current Month		Year-to-date	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
00-Group 00	41,207.00	40,551.81	82,414.00	97,247.57
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>41,207.00</b>	<b>40,551.81</b>	<b>82,414.00</b>	<b>97,247.57</b>

### Expense

04-Board of Outreach	707.00	1,211.34	1,414.00	1,875.34
10-Board of Elders	14,329.00	12,348.36	28,532.00	24,475.70
12-Board of Education	946.00	258.43	1,772.00	1,214.42
13-Board of Trustees	7,866.00	4,098.15	15,732.00	11,615.64
14-Board of Finance	3,291.67	2,857.17	7,033.34	6,683.82
16-Preschool Board	11,934.93	13,114.72	25,306.86	23,432.35
20-Memorial Expenditures	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
21-Non-Budget Expense	0.00	14,633.00	0.00	14,758.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>39,074.60</b>	<b>48,521.17</b>	<b>79,790.20</b>	<b>84,055.27</b>
<b>Income Less Expense</b>	<b>2,132.40</b>	<b>-7,969.36</b>	<b>2,623.80</b>	<b>13,192.30</b>

*Alice Jeschke*

St John Building Fund:

Harold & Vernell Reich, Charlie & Mischelle Bottlinger

*R. D. Hurst*

St. John Building Fund:

Sandy & Roseanne Hall

*In loving memory of*



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Are you interested in giving online to St John? Just go to our web site

[www.stjohnhamilton.org](http://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!



Next time you shop at Amazon, try [smile.amazon.com](https://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 \$100.00 from purchases made. It's a simple and easy way to give to your church. Try it! It will make you smile!

Sunday morning services can be heard on

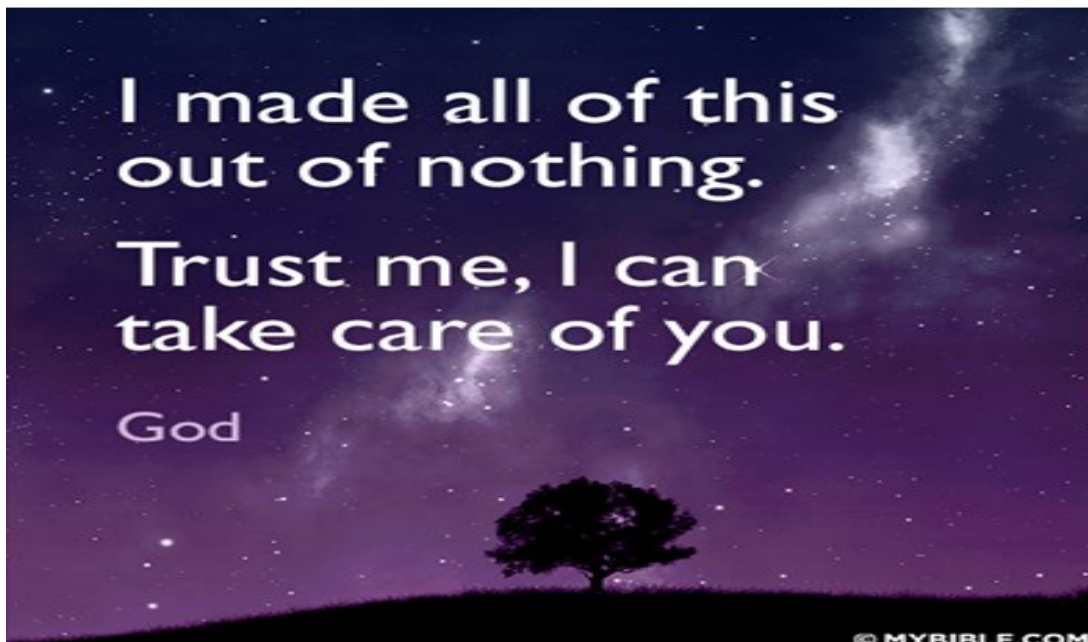
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Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm  
Sunday mornings at 7:30 am

I made all of this  
out of nothing.

Trust me, I can  
take care of you.

God



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## LIGHTS FOR CHRIST SCHOLARSHIPS

### Divine Savior Lutheran Church, Zacapa, Guatemala — \$95,000

*but Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 19:14).*

When members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Wichita, Kansas, served on a mission trip to Guatemala in 2014, they observed the devastating poverty of people living in the Zacapa landfill. They also saw how Divine Savior, the local Lutheran Church, was reaching out with Christ’s love to the families. Working cooperatively, a scholarship program, Lights for Christ (Luces de Cristo), was developed to enable the children in the garbage dump to attend Divine Savior Lutheran School. The two churches are enthusiastic about this program and are eager to expand in order to provide more children with the opportunity to receive a Christian education and to share Christ’s love with their families.

The Lights for Christ Program offers Christian education to children whose parents have been economically dependent on collecting garbage in the municipal landfill. The children come

to this program with many needs. They are provided with spiritual and physical support, as well as receiving a Christian education.

LWML Mission Grant funds will enable Lights for Christ to expand the children’s education beyond grade six by providing them an academic education in grades seven through twelve at the Lutheran School. It will cover a portion of their tuition fee and a school supply bag, books, task materials, and a tutor. It will also cover the cost of a Christian education teacher, transportation, food, clothing, medicine, and other personal care items.

The Lights for Christ Program is bringing the life-saving Gospel of Christ to children and families in the Zacapa landfill. It has provided essential theological, financial, medical, and people resources, as well as being a valuable mission opportunity for Holy Cross members as they support Divine Savior Lutheran School’s Gospel outreach in Zacapa.

*For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light (Psalm 36:9).*

**MITE BOX SUNDAY**  
April 5

[www.lwml.org/mission-grants](http://www.lwml.org/mission-grants)



**April meeting**  
Sunday April 26



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## Music Notes

By Gary Gromatzsky

### Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!

Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high,

Alleluia!

Sin, ye heavens, and earth, reply:

Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now thy sting?

Alleluia!

Dying once He all doth save, Alleluia!

Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!

Christ hath opened paradise, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led,

Alleluia!

Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!

Made like Him, like Him we rise,

Alleluia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies,

Alleluia!

Charles Wesley



## Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

1739

*And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty. 1 Corinthians 15:14*

John and Charles Wesley found themselves out of favor with many fellow Anglican ministers who spurned their fiery evangelistic preaching. Many pulpits were closed to them.

A friend from his Oxford days, George Whitefield, twenty-two, who was having the same trouble, began preaching in the open air. In London, he asked Charles to stand with him as he preached to thousands in the open air at Blackheath, and Charles, too, got a vision for reaching the multitudes.

He made his first attempt in the outskirts of London. "Franklyn, a farmer, invited me to preach in his field," he wrote. "I did so to about 500. I returned to the house rejoicing." Soon he was preaching to thousands. "My load was gone, and all my doubts and scruples. God shone upon my path; and I knew this was his will concerning me."

A man named Joseph Williams heard Charles in Bristol: "I found him standing on a table-board, in an erect posture...surrounded by I guess, more than a thousand people, some of them fashionable persons, but most of the lower rank of mankind. He prayed with uncommon fervency...He then preached about half an hour in such a manner as I have scarce ever heard any man preach...I think I never heard any man labor so earnestly to convince his hearers they were all by nature in a sinful, lost, undone, damnable state; that notwithstanding, there was a possibility of their salvation, through faith in Christ...All this he backed up with many texts of Scripture, which he explained and illustrated, and then by a variety of the most forcible motives, arguments, and exhortation, did he invite, allure, quicken, and labor, if it were possible, to compel all, and every of his hearers, to believe in Christ for salvation."

Charles Wesley still preaches today in much the same way, through his ageless hymns that are sung around the world each week. Perhaps his most exuberant anthem is the one he simply called "Hymn for Easter Day," published in 1739. It originally consisted of eleven stanzas. The "Alleluia's" were added later, but appropriately, for this is a hymn one never gets tired of singing:

*Christ, the Lord, is risen today, Alleluia!*

*Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!*

*Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!*

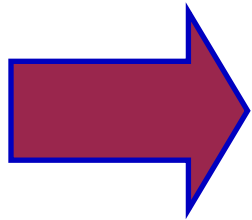
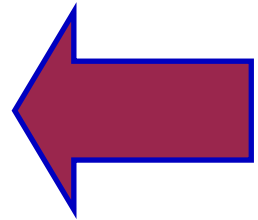
*Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply, Alleluia!*



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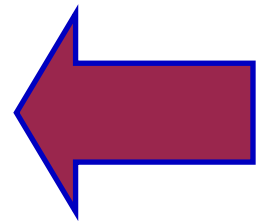
## HELP WANTED:

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.

Preschool is in need of a new/used loveseat for their Mighty Lions classroom. If you have one you would like to donate, please contact the Preschool Office at 254-386-3332, or let the church office know.



**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](mailto:imhis38@gmail.com)





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Dear Fellow Members of St. John,

During this time of Social Distancing, and shelter in place, there may be some of you in our congregation who are in need of some extra help. I am partnering with our Preschool staff to make additional help available to those in need.

If you need someone to pick up groceries or prescriptions, we would be happy to do that for you. If you would like to connect to Facebook to live-stream our services, we can help you with that, too. If you would like a copy of the weekly bulletin and devotion sheet, just call the church office and I would be happy to mail it to you. Portals of Prayer are also available for April – June. If you would like a copy, let me know and one of us would be happy to deliver it to you.

In the words of Martin Luther: “I shall ask God mercifully to protect us. Then I shall fumigate, help purify the air, administer medicine and take it. I shall avoid places and persons where my presence is not needed in order not to become contaminated and this perchance inflict and pollute others and so cause their death as a result of my negligence. If God should wish to take me, he will surely find me and I have done what he has expected of me and so I am not responsible for either my own death or the death of others. If my neighbor needs me however I shall not avoid place or person but will go freely as stated above. See this is such a God-fearing faith because it is neither brash nor foolhardy...” --Martin Luther, Works v.43, p. 132. Letter “Whether one may flee from a Deadly Plague” written to Rev. Dr. John Hess

In Christ,  
Lois Hungerford,  
Administrative Assistant



# The Eagle April 2020

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. 26<sup>th</sup> at St. John, Hamilton  
First Things First!

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

Wed. Mar. 11<sup>th</sup> at St. John, Hamilton  
Silencing Satan!

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

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

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

## Palm Sunday 10:00 am

Apr. 5<sup>th</sup> — Expectations Meet Reality!

## Maundy Thursday 6:30 pm

Apr. 9<sup>th</sup> — Covenant Blood!

## Good Friday 6:30 pm

Apr. 10<sup>th</sup> — God is Dead!

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

Apr. 12<sup>th</sup> — All Things New!

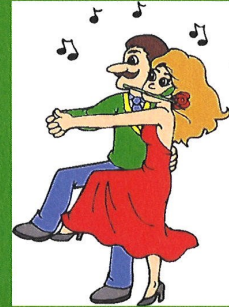
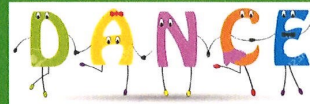
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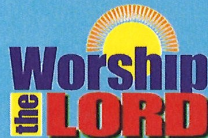
Disc Golf coming to

Hamilton May 21 hopefully!

JR. HIGH DANCE END OF YEAR DANCE MAY 1ST IF SOCIAL DISTANCING STOPS



Worship using Facebook Live 10:00 Sundays



6:30 Wednesdays

YouthGroup by Zoom App.

Text your email to Erica Bussey so she can invite you to our weekly Bible Studies/Get Togethers

Saturday, April 18

Jr/Sr Youth

Outdoor Event

More to Come

Depending on COVID 19

Confirmation April 5th

First Communion Maundy

Thursday April 9

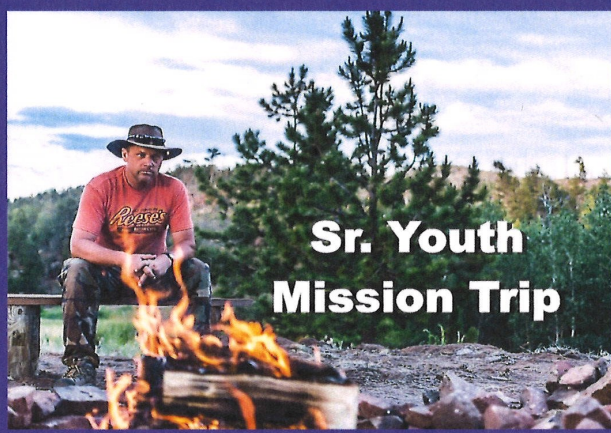
March Classes for Communion

VBS July 15-19

Mark your Calendars

## MISSION TRIP and CAMP FORMS Temporarily Postponed

Contact Erica Bussey (979)324-0922/Chrissy Hopper (254)784-0519



Sr. Youth Mission Trip



8th Grade and Up for Lutheran Valley Retreat in Colorado June 27-July 3

Camp Lone Star 3rd grade and up July 5-10 or July 10-12



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