



The Eagle May 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!!*



Let Us Make Man in Our Image!

As we reflect on the past days, months and years and especially this past Easter, we might ask, "Where does our life fit into the grand scheme of things?" Certainly, we sometimes question what our purpose is in life or why we are even here. If we look back at the very beginning where God created man, He said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." He goes on to say that man will have dominion over all that He created. The image of God is more than just a physical thing. Mankind is God's representative in the world and caretakers of all that He has created.

We also see a picture of the Trinity where God says "Let us." The Father, Son and Holy Spirit, from the very beginning had a unique relationship, they are one. God wants us to share in that relationship. This is one of the biggest differences in man and every other living creature that God created; we were created to have a relationship with God. This is part of bearing God's image. We know that Adam and Eve initially enjoyed a perfect relationship with God. However, when they ate the fruit they were commanded not to eat, that perfect relationship was destroyed. We celebrated Easter on April 21st which was a reminder for us that God sent His Son Jesus to die and rise again to restore that perfect relationship. All who believe and trust that Jesus died and rose again for them has forgiveness and eternal life; thus a restored relationship with God.

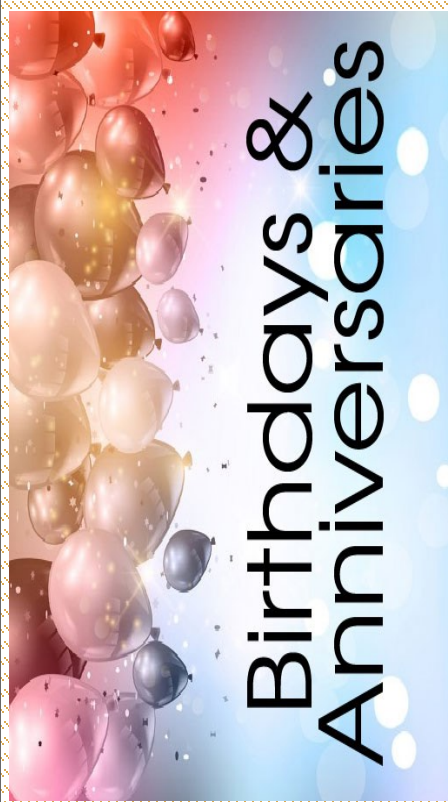
So now what? In my mind we see three things in Genesis 1 that tells us why we are here and what we are to do. First, to have a personal relationship with God. This is the most important thing that God wants to share with us. Second, to multiply and fill the earth. I know we have our reasons for smaller families these days, but I have always said, "We as Christians are the ones who need to be having larger families so there is a better chance of filling the earth with Christians." Third, we are to care for everything that God has created. This includes the earth and all of its resources, all of the wildlife and animals and mankind. I know I fail in caring for all of these things. I know I could do better and want to do better. I am certainly thankful that God forgives my failures and gives me a new day each day to give it another shot.

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 May Events

5th—7:15a—Men's Club

1:30p—Nursing Home
Devotions

6th—6:30p—Preschool Board

12th—11:15a Bd of Ed & Youth
Bd of Trustees

13th—6:30p— Bd of Elders

14th—1:00p - Glory Gamester
5:30p—Bd of Finance



Anniversaries

2nd	Don & Alanda Tyson	21 Yrs
3rd	Kyle & Ruth Zschiesche	6 Yrs
6th	Kasey & April Kunkel	12 Yrs
17th	Paul & Susie Odom	39 Yrs
18th	Maranda & Cody Weiser	6 Yrs
21st	Reagan & Alexandria Reich	3 yrs

Birthdays

1st	Barry Finstad, Jerome Pietzsch
3rd	Kathy Kensing
4th	Donna Abdou, Micah Stork
5th	Tommy Deutsch
7th	Daniel Bottlinger, Emilie Reeves
8th	Forrest Jenson, Tom White
9th	Bobby Moore
11th	Scott Walters
14th	Caleb Wagner
17th	Pierce Parks
19th	Nicolas Bottlinger, Louis Donahoo
20th	Chris Niemann, Luther Smith
21st	Lucas Robinson
24th	Marvin Witte
25th	Kain Kunkel
26th	Sherri Tomlinson
28th	Clayton De La Garza
29th	Mattie Ondrusek
30th	Dennis Schoen

Baptisms

5th	Bob Jarvis
6th	Rita Oldham
8th	Forrest Jenson
12th	Gary Schoen
13th	Frances Schrank, Gayla Squyres, Bonnie Williams
15th	Kris Zschiesche
17th	Lennon Clark
22nd	Dixie Gromatzky, Sabrina Sellers
24th	Sandy Hall
25th	John Zaruba
29th	Laverne Brown
31st	Katherine Renken



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

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

**Sunday School
Sundays 9:00am**

**Church Worship
Sundays 10:00am**

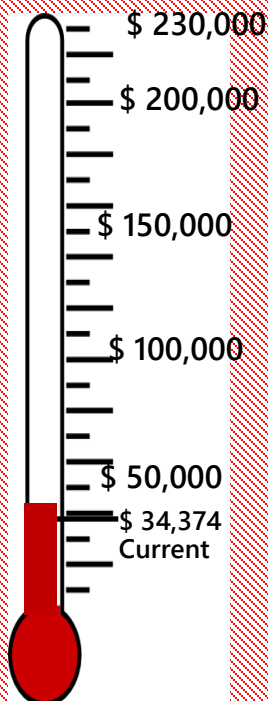
**Quilting
Tuesdays 9:00am**

**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, Matthew Medina, Ernie Mendez, Payden Nolen, Richard Sepolio, 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, 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

✘ **Sydnee Crouch** - (daughter of Danny and Elissa Crouch) moved to Texas Rehabilitation Hospital in Ft. Worth

✘ **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

✘ **Norma Marwitz** - dealing with cancer

✘ **Rick Payne** - undergoing cancer treatments

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

✘ **Katherine Renken** - recovering at home from foot surgery

✘ **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 & 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

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

✘ **Layla Evetts** - 6yr old diagnosed with an DIPG tumor. Resuming radiation

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

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

✘ **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 completed, Improving, awaiting tests.

✘ **Jean Schwartz**—(Chrissy Kensing's grandmother) - placed on hospice

✘ **Clay Young**—issues with Crohn's

✘ **Praise and Thanksgiving:** Brenda Schrank

✘ **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.



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Finance Update

Statement of Income and Expense by Major Group March of Fiscal Year 2019

	Current Month		Year-to-date	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income				
00-Group 00	42,668.67	45,176.82	127,482.01	127,637.42
Total Income	42,668.67	45,176.82	127,482.01	127,637.42
Expense				
04-Board of Outreach	945.00	851.59	2,485.00	2,158.66
10-Board of Elders	16,184.00	14,655.56	44,716.00	39,434.49
12-Board of Education	516.00	161.70	2,288.00	1,509.63
13-Board of Trustees	8,240.00	5,747.92	23,970.00	17,860.60
14-Board of Finance	4,387.00	1,254.91	11,649.00	7,007.04
16-Preschool Board	9,764.00	9,397.17	30,142.00	31,046.52
20-Memorial Expenditures	0.00	0.00	0.00	240.00
21-Non-Budget Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	287.28
Total Expense	40,036.00	32,068.85	115,250.00	99,544.22
Income Less Expense	2,632.67	13,107.97	12,232.01	28,093.20

Sydnee Crouch, oldest daughter of Danny and Elissa Crouch, had a serious accident in March. She is now in Texas Rehabilitation Hospital where she will be undergoing physical therapy for 3-6 months. If you would like to send her a card or note of encouragement her address is:

**Texas Rehabilitation Hospital
425 Alabama Ave.
Ft. Worth, TX 76104**



**In Memory of J. W. Sellers
Building Fund:
Bert Schrank**



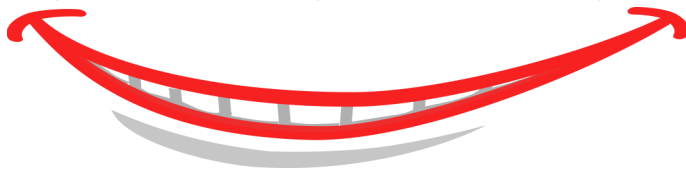
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Sunday morning services can be heard on



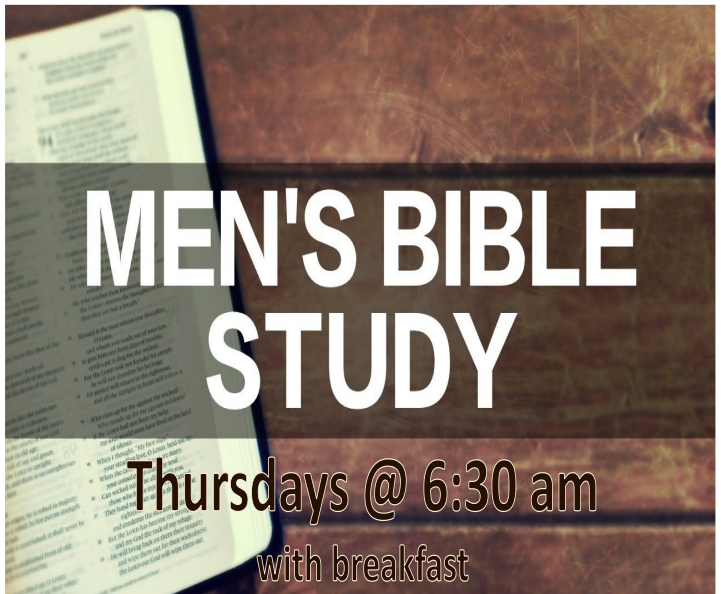
Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm
Sunday mornings at 7:30 am

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 \$50.00 from purchases made. It's a simple and easy way to give to your church. Try it! It will make you



MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club meets on the 1st Sunday of the month. Join us *Sunday, May 5th at 7:15 am* for the Men's Club meeting and to help make sausage and pancakes for breakfast.



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

Prison and Jail Ministry Synod-wide Conference in 2018 - \$36,500

*Continue to remember those in prison as if you
were together with them in prison...*
(Hebrews 13:3a)

The United States has the highest incarceration rate in the world, creating an ever growing and uniquely needed ministry.

The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod (LCMS), in an effort to better meet the spiritual needs of the increasing incarcerated population, has a jail ministry coordinator in each of their districts.

One of the largest needs in Prison and Jail Ministry is not only the offering of Word and Sacrament Ministry through the Jail Ministry Chaplains, but there is also the need to assist the incarcerated person when they return to their community. The very difficult mission environment of this ministry creates the need for Jail Ministry Chaplains and volunteers to have specialized training, on-going support, and networking.

Also needed is training for the changes, expansions, and new developments in the Federal and State Criminal Justice Systems.

Mission Grant #20, Prison and Jail Ministry Synod-wide Conference in 2018 will assist with funding of this Conference, which will provide networking, resources, and training for 150 seasoned and new volunteers at the two-day conference. Training topics at the conference will include the basics of prison ministry (getting to know the facility, inmates, and staff, as well as the do's and don'ts of the ministry), models of prison ministry, working with other groups in the facility, as well as the topics of assisting families of inmates, and the associated concerns (mental health issues, women's issues, juvenile issues, etc.). Mission Grant 20 will assist our LCMS Jail Ministry Chaplains in spreading the love and saving grace of Jesus throughout the United States prison systems.





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Thank you

TO everyone who helped with Wednesday afternoon activities, providing flowers for our service, helped with Lenten meals, provided Easter Lilies for our Resurrection celebration and so much more.

HOLY LAND TOUR – Visiting the Biblical sites in Israel & Jordan (November 12-23, 2019)

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



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

Ruth Guild is in need of Denim to Upholstery weight fabric in 2 yard lengths. The material will be used for school bags for World Relief children. No camouflage or military type fabric please. You can leave your fabric in the box in the narthex. Thank You.

Next meeting will be May 26 following our worship service at 11:15am.

All are Welcome!



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Music Notes by:
Gary Gromatzky

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood!
This is my story,
This is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight!
Visions of rapture now burst at my sight!
Angels descending bring from above
This is my story,
This is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my savior all the day long.
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest.
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.
This is my story,
This is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my savior all the day long.

Blessed Assurance *1873*

...nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day. 2 Timothy 1:12

Frances Ridley Havergal and Frances (Fanny) Crosby never met, but they became dear pen pals—the two most famous women hymnists of their age, the former in England and the latter in America. Havergal once wrote a poem about her American counterpart.

*Sweet, blind singer over the sea, / Tuneful and jubilant! How can it be, /
That the songs of gladness, which float so far; / As if they fell from the
evening star /*

*Are the notes of one who may never see / 'Visible music' of flower and
tree. . . /*

*Oh, her heart can see, her heart can see! / And its sight is strong and swift
and free . . .*

Another of Fanny's dearest friends was Phoebe Knapp. While Fanny lived in the Manhattan slums and worked in rescue missions, Phoebe lived in the Knapp Mansion, a palatial residence in Brooklyn, where she entertained lavishly. She was an extravagant dresser with a wardrobe full of elaborate gowns and diamond tiaras. Her music room contained one of the finest collections of instruments in the country, and Fanny was a frequent houseguest.

One day in 1873, while Fanny was staying at the Knapp Mansion, Phoebe said she had a tune she wanted to play. Going to the music room, she sat at the piano and played a new composition of her own while the blind hymnist listened. Fanny immediately clapped her hands and exclaimed, "Why, that says, 'Blessed Assurance!'" She quickly composed the words, and a great hymn was born.

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Join the Choir!
lift your voice to the Lord!



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Many years later, D. L. Moody was preaching in New York at the 23rd Street Dutch Reformed Church. The Moody/Sankey meetings had popularized Fanny Crosby's hymns around the world and had made the blind poetess a household name. But whenever she attended a Moody/Sankey meeting, she refused to be recognized, disavowing acclaim.

This day the church was so crowded she could find nowhere to sit. Moody's son, Will, seeing her, offered to find her a seat. To her bewilderment, he led her onto the platform just as the crowd was singing "Blessed Assurance." Moody, Sr., jumped to his feet, raised his hand, and interrupted the singing. "Praise the Lord! He shouted. "Here comes the authoress!"

Fanny took her seat amid thunderous ovation, humbly thanking God for making her a blessing to so many.

A BIG THANK YOU TO:

Wednesday after school youth helpers:

Van Drivers: Tom White & Lee Roy Tyson

Serving Snacks: Lindsey Hanson

Teachers: Donna Abdou, Andrea Newby & Tootie Schoen

Subbing and helping where needed: Landry Yates, Kim Ward & Fabiola Olalde

Easter Sunday helpers:

The men who helped set up for the Sunrise Service.

Those who brought breakfast items and helped serve.

Those who brought eggs and candy and helped with the Easter Egg Hunt.

Thank You!



Men's Club Annual Chicken and Sausage Barbeque will be May 9,10, & 11

Youth will be selling potato salad and beans.

Watch the W.R.A.P for more information.



**SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY
MAY 12, 2019**



May

St. John Youth Activities

READY, SET... DANCE

Friday
May 3
5th-8th
7:30-9:30

Update on the National Youth Gathering Trip

Lumberjack Contest and T-shirts bought	\$460
Airplane Ticket's bought	\$7,057.05
Paying Hotel Deposit	\$676
Full Registration Paid Now	\$1,615

JULY 10 Flight 2349 Dallas 11:15 to Chicago MDW 13:30

Flight 5950 Chicago MDW 14:50 to Minnesota MSP 16:20

JULY 15 Flight 0663 MSP 18:05 to MDW 19:35

Flight 2463 MDW 21:15 to DAL 23:20

Mark calendars for for NYG.

July 10-15

**Plant Sale Made \$800
Men's BBQ coming up this
month, Please be ready to
help on Friday or Saturday**

Jr. Youth Bake Sale

All Jr. Youth are asked to bring 2-3 items to sell at the Men's BBQ. Bring it Thursday after school or Friday during the day.

No refrigerator items please.

Potato Salad and Beans

with Board of Youth

JR YOUTH: Bring 2 pound bag of beans on Tues May 7

SR Youth: Bring 1 10 pound sack of potatoes already cooked and diced on Tues, May 7

Wednesday at 6:00 Come to make salad and



FUNDRAISER

**Total NYG
Earned \$18,776**

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

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LCMS YOUTH GATHERING | Minneapolis · July 9-15, 2019

Men's Club FUNDRAISER on the Square



We will be asking Junior and Senior Youth to help with this fundraiser.

Sign Up in the FLC on the Youth Board for a time to Help or Text Misti 248-2350

Thursday 4:00-6:00, 6:00-8:00

Friday 4:00-6:00, 6:00-8:00 If any parent can work day shift that would help

Saturday 8:00-10:00, 10:00-2:00, 2:00-4:00

May 9, 10, 11

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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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