



# The Eagle May 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!!*



## “I Have Seen the Lord”

These are the words that Mary Magdalene shared with the disciples after her personal encounter with Jesus on the day He was raised to life. We are not told what their response was to this news. What we do know is that the disciples were together the evening of that first day of the week in a room with the doors locked in fear of the Jews. Did the disciples fully comprehend what had taken place? I would venture to say that they had not. As Mary Magdalene had an encounter with Jesus outside the tomb, the disciples had a personal encounter with Jesus in that room when He appeared before them even though the doors were locked. Jesus' words to them was, “Peace be with you.”

We deal with some of the same uncertainties that Mary and the disciples experienced. They did not know what had happened to Jesus, which caused even more uncertainty and anxiety. But you can sense the relief when Jesus speaks Mary's name to her and when He stretches out His hands and tells the disciples, “Peace be with you.” Those personal encounters made all the difference in the world for Mary and the disciples.

I think it is safe to say that we have not physically had a personal encounter with Jesus in the way that Mary and the disciples did. However, we do have personal encounters with Jesus that brings us relief in the challenging times that we live in. Jesus personally comes to us through His Word. He comes to us in a real physical way with His body and blood in the Lord's Supper. We have a personal encounter with Jesus every time we speak to Him in prayer. And He does for us the same thing He did for Mary Magdalene and the disciples; He brings us relief of stress and anxiety and brings us peace in as we live our everyday lives. These personal encounters with Jesus can and do make all the difference in the world for 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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Let's Celebrate



YOU!



## Upcoming May Events

3th- Mite Box Sunday  
1:30pm Nursing Home  
Devotions

4th - 5:30pm Preschool Board

5th - 8:30am Circuit Pastors'

10th -11:15am Board of Ed & Youth  
Board of Trustees

11th- 6:30 Board of Elders

12th- 1:00pm Glory Gamesters  
5:30pm Finance Board

## Anniversaries

2nd	Don & Alanda Tyson	22 Yrs
3rd	Kyle & Ruth Zschiesche	7 Yrs
17th	Klayton & Chrissy Kensing	17 Yrs
	Paul & Susie Odom	40 Yrs
18th	Maranda & Cody Weiser	7 Yrs
21st	Reagan & Alex Reich	4 Yrs

## Birthdays

1st	Barry Finstad, Jerome Pietzsch
3rd	Kathy Kensing
4th	Donna Abdou, Micah Stork
5th	Tommy Deutsch
7th	Emilie Reeves
8th	Forrest Jenson, Tom White
11th	Scott alters
14th	Caleb Wagner
17th	Pierce Parks
19th	Nic Bottlinger, Louis Donahoo
20th	Chris Niemann, Luther Smith
21st	Lucas Robinson
24th	Marvin Witte
26th	Sherri Tomlinson
28th	Clayton DeLaGarza
29th	Mattie Ondrusek

## Baptisms

6th	Rita Oldahm
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
26th	Clayton Tyson
29th	LaVerne Brown
31st	Katherine Renken



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

**Sunday School  
Sundays 9:00am**

**Church Worship  
Sundays 10:00am**

**Quilting  
Tuesdays 9:00am**

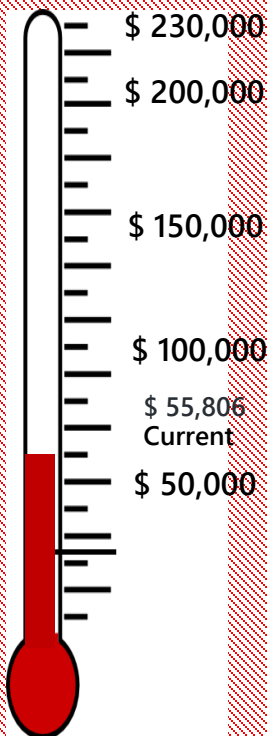
**Wednesdays**

**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

✘ **Louise Landrum**—recovering from knee surgery

✘ **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:** COVID-19; 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

St. John Lutheran  
**Statement of Income and Expense by Major Group**  
 March of Fiscal Year 2020

	Current Month		Year-to-date	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
<b>Income</b>				
00-Group 00	48,777.00	34,888.46	131,191.00	132,183.03
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>48,777.00</b>	<b>34,888.46</b>	<b>131,191.00</b>	<b>132,183.03</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
04-Board of Outreach	1,582.00	525.00	2,996.00	2,400.34
10-Board of Elders	16,184.00	13,606.48	44,716.00	38,082.18
12-Board of Education	516.00	282.06	2,288.00	1,496.48
13-Board of Trustees	8,241.00	4,167.78	23,973.00	15,783.42
14-Board of Finance	3,541.67	3,717.39	10,575.01	10,401.21
16-Preschool Board	11,934.93	12,792.98	37,241.79	36,225.33
20-Memorial Expenditures	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
21-Non-Budget Expense	0.00	250.00	0.00	15,008.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>41,999.60</b>	<b>35,341.69</b>	<b>121,789.80</b>	<b>119,396.96</b>
<b>Income Less Expense</b>	<b>6,777.40</b>	<b>-453.23</b>	<b>9,401.20</b>	<b>12,786.07</b>



*R. D. Hurst*

St. John General Fund:

Diane & Steven Schneider



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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. You can also text an amount to [833-706-7586](tel:833-706-7586). There is a fee attached to all credit card offerings which you may want to consider when giving. No fee is applied if funds are drafted from your bank account.

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

**KCLW**<sub>900AM</sub>  
CLASSIC COUNTRY

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

**DEAR LORD,**  
TEACH ME TO TRUST IN YOU SO THAT WHEN THE  
UNEXPECTED STORMS OF LIFE COME,  
I WILL EXPECT **PEACE** IN THE MIDST OF THOSE STORMS,  
KNOWING THAT YOU ARE NEAR,  
YOU HEAR MY CRIES,  
AND YOU ARE **WITH ME AND FOR ME.**

## WIND RIVER INDIAN RESERVATION TRANSPORTATION Fort Washakie, Wyoming — \$40,000

With the purchase of a church building near Fort Washakie in the spring of 1978 by the LCMS Wyoming District, the mission work with the Shoshone and Arapaho Native American tribes began. A large part of this ministry is focused on outreach to the children of the Wind River Indian Reservation. Due to the distance from their homes and with transportation options being limited, very few children are able to attend the Bible classes in Fort Washakie and Crowheart. A suitable vehicle will enable the children to continue the 88-mile round trip to Fort Washakie to Sunday school and the 60-mile round trip to Crowheart for the “Monday” school. These classes are the mission’s best, and in most instances, the only opportunity to share the Gospel of Christ with the children living on the Reservation.

The children of this high-poverty ethnic area receive few or no opportunities for Christian education. Often, there is little involvement from the parents in their children’s education,

and they make no effort to attend church. However, the parents grant the Wind River Lutheran Mission (WRLM) staff permission to pick up their children and take them to Sunday school or VBS. There they learn about Jesus, and the children become Christ-bearers, shining their light and pointing their families to the Savior.

In order to accomplish this work, funds are needed to purchase a reliable passenger van for the children’s transportation. A van, rather than a school bus, is preferred, as van drivers are not required to obtain a special license. Your support of Mission Grant #9, the Wind River Indian Reservation Transportation at Fort Washakie, Wyoming, is greatly appreciated.

***Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God (Philippians 4:6).***

**MITE BOX SUNDAY**  
**May 3rd**

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



**May meeting**  
**Sunday May 24th**



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## Music Notes

By Gary Gromatzsky

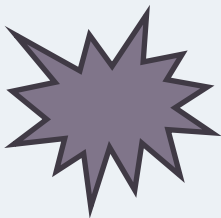
### Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness,  
 O God my Father,  
 There is no shadow  
 Of turning with Thee;  
 Thou changest not,  
 Thy compassions they fail not;  
 As Thou has been  
 Thou forever wilt be.

Summer and winter  
 And springtime and harvest,  
 Sun, moon and stars  
 In their courses above;  
 Join with all nature  
 In manifold witness,  
 To Thy great faithfulness,  
 Mercy and love.

Pardon for sin  
 And a peace that endureth,  
 Thine own dear presence  
 To cheer and to guide;  
 Strength for today  
 And bright hope for tomorrow,  
 Blessings all mine,  
 With ten thousand beside.

Thomas O. Chisholm



## Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1923

*Your mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.  
Psalm 36:5*

The author of this hymn, Thomas Obediah Chisholm, was born in a log cabin in Kentucky. At age 16, he began teaching school, despite the paucity of his own education. He came to Christ at age 27 under the ministry of evangelist H. C. Morrison. But Chisholm's health was unstable, and he alternated between bouts of illness and gainful employment in which he did everything from journalism to insurance to evangelistic work. Through all the ups and downs, he discovered new blessings from God every morning. The third chapter of Lamentations became precious to him: *His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your Faithfulness* (Lamentations 3:22-23)

Thomas later admitted there was no dramatic story behind the writing of "Great is Thy Faithfulness." While serving the Lord in Vineland, New Jersey, Thomas sent several poems to his friend, musician William Runyan, who was so moved by this one that he prayed earnestly for special guidance in composing the music. Runyan was in Baldwin, Kansas, at the time, and the hymn published in 1923 in Runyan's private song pamphlets.

"It went rather slowly for several years," Thomas recalled. Then Dr. Will Houghton of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago discovered it, and would say in chapel, "Well, I think we shall have to sing "Great is Thy Faithfulness." It became an unofficial theme song for the Institute; and when Houghton died, it was sung at his funeral.

Still, it remained relatively unknown until popularized around the world by George Beverly Shea and the choirs at the Billy Graham Crusades.

Thomas spent his retirement years in a Methodist Home for the Aged in Ocean Park, New Jersey, where he was frequently seen walking by the ocean and along town streets. Tom Rich, a resident of Ocean Park, recalls his pleasant demeanor as he dropped by the diner, sat on park benches, and fellowshipped with friends at Ocean Park's summer Bible conferences.

Thomas died in Ocean Park in 1960. During his lifetime he wrote 1200 poems and hymns. In addition to "Great is Thy Faithfulness," he is the author of the well-known "O To Be Like Thee," and the hymn "Living for Jesus."

*Living for Jesus, a life that is true,  
 Striving to please Him in all that I do;  
 Yielding allegiance, glad hearted and free,  
 This is the pathway of blessing for me.*





# PRESCHOOL NEWS



During this time of “stay at Home” and “social distancing”, our Preschool teachers have been very busy. They are making weekly packets of learning supplies and making videos to still connect with our students.

Ms. Kayla and Ms. Logan delivering packets to Little Lambs while practicing social distancing.



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We are accepting registration packets for the 2020-2021 school year. Packets can be found online on our church website. They can be mailed to 122 Cheyenne Mesa or dropped off at the office.



Mighty Lions and Little Lambs working from home.



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## Memorial Day

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P G V U V Y F G J Z A L Z Q O B P C Z S J P W O  
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| air force | America     | army     | blue    |
| cemetery  | coast guard | flag     | flowers |
| hero      | honor       | marines  | May     |
| medals    | memorial    | military | navy    |
| parade    | patriotic   | pilot    | red     |
| sacrifice | service     | shrine   | soldier |
| statue    | tribute     | valor    | veteran |
| wars      | white       |          |         |



# St. John Youth Activities

Join us in some of our fun activities to stay connected this month!

*May 1st Family Dance Night*

*May 4-8 Chalk Walk Week*

*May 11-15 Paint & Hide a Rock Week*

*May 18-22 Graduation/School Ends Week, Scavenger Hunt (watch for list on FB)*

*May 25-29 Memorial Day Week- Cemetery Walk- Card to a Soldier/Veteran*



## God's Blessings to Seniors 2020

**Mark Deloach**

**Savannah Johnson**

**Erica Massingill**

**Caleb Niemann**

**Maggie Wenzel**

**Matt Zschiesche**

Sunday School Education-

Each week watch a 30 minute VeggieTales episode and discuss over Sunday Lunch.

Or

Make a Bible craft and share it on facebook- St. John Lutheran Church-Jr. & Sr. Youth Page

**VBS July 15-19**

**Stay tuned ...**

## LOOK FOR MISSION OPPORTUNITIES AROUND YOU

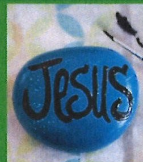
Mow a yard. Send a Card. Pick up groceries. Weed a Flowerbed. Wash a car. Donate Food. Drive By Waving.



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*May 18-22 Graduation Cards*



*May 25-29 Memorial Day Walk*



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