



The Eagle May 2016



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*May we continue to
be and share the
Gospel with A Heart
for and the World!!*



You Shall Have No Other “gods”!

The last few weeks of our *Believe* series has really focused on ways that we as Christians can intentionally live out our faith in the world. Some of these ways include worship, Bible study and prayer. These three practices tie in to the next two: single-mindedness and total surrender. If we really evaluate these ways in which we can intentionally live out our Christian lives, it all boils down to priorities. What are we making number one in our lives?

Unfortunately we have so many things begging for our time today. Whether it is work, school extracurricular activities, weekend outings, sports, you name it, they usually win and worship, Bible study, personal prayer time, youth group or any other church related activity takes the back seat. If we had to evaluate our lives, more than likely everything else in our lives takes priority over church. As long as we don't have anything else going on we will go to church or Bible study.

I personally have felt a strong conviction over the past few weeks regarding how I spend my time and my personal relationship with my Lord and Savior. I am sure all of us could say “we can do better.” I want to personally encourage each of you to spend time in prayer and personal devotion. I would also like to encourage each of you to pick one of the Bible study opportunities that we have at the

church to be a part of. These Bible studies are where we get to know each other better and can encourage and support each other in our daily walk with the Lord.

As a reminder, we are not doing these things so that God will love us more or to receive some sort of special blessing. Last Sunday I pointed out the fact that everybody sees the Ten Commandments as strictly Law. They were actually good news for the people. Before God gave the Ten Commandments He said, “I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt; out of the land of slavery.” What God was pointing out to the Israelites was the fact that He had already saved them. There was nothing in the world that they could do that would make Him love them more than He already did. Because of His incredible love for them, He laid out the Ten Commandments as a good way to live and as a way for them to respond to His love for them.

The same is true for us. We don't attend worship, Bible study and spend time in prayer to make God love us more. He has shown us His love by sending His Son to die for us. He already loves us unconditionally. Now we respond by having Him as the number one priority in our lives.

May we continue to be used by God to share His life saving message with A Heart for Hamilton County and the World!

Pastor Reich



Birthdays, Baptisms & Anniversaries



	Birthdays		27th	Ross McElroy
1st	Barry Finstad			Kate McNeeley
	Jerome Pietzsch		28th	Clayton DeLaGarza
3rd	Kathy Kensing		30th	Dennis Schoen
	Jacob Robertson			Baptism's
4th	Donna Abdou		2nd	Steven Schneider
	Micah Stork		5th	Bob Jarvis
7th	Daniel Bottlinger		6th	Rita Oldham
	Emilie Reeves		8th	Forrest Jenson
	Easton Turner		12th	Devyn Gilmore
8th	Forrest Jenson			Bette Odom
	Tom White			Jason Roberts
9th	Bobby Moore			Gary Schoen
11th	Josh Squyres			Julie Stanley
12th	Julia Whitt		13th	Frances Schrank
14th	Alyssa Bottlinger			Gayla Squyres
	Caleb Wagner			Bonnie Williams
	Brian Witzsche		15th	Amen Abdou
16th	Tyler Peace			Chris Zschesche
18th	Bill William		19th	Imogene Goins
19th	Nic Bottlinger			Erica Massingill
	Louis Donahoo		22nd	Dixie Gromatzky
20th	Chris Niemann			Sabrina Sellers
	Luther Smith		25th	John Zaruba
21st	Lucas Robinson		26th	Brody Brown
23rd	Hailey Holden			Clayton Tyson
	Hanna Holden		29th	Laverne Brown
25th	Kain Kunkel			Anniversaries
26th	Sherrie Tomlinson		17th	Paul & Susie Odom
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Men's Club Chicken & Sausage Annual Fundraiser

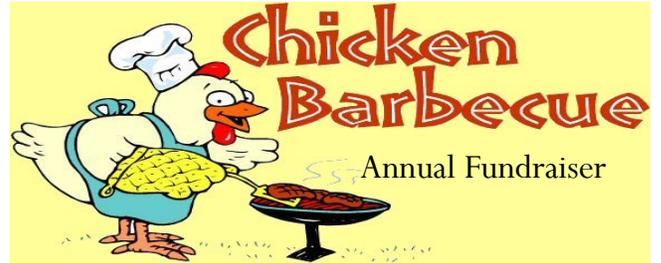


Senior Youth needs to bring 5 pound sack of pinto beans uncooked and a 10 pound bag of potatoes uncooked or \$10 for Shawna to buy the items. Have items to Shawna by May 1st.



Junior Youth needs to bring 2 or more baked items or \$30 . Baked items need to be packaged to be able to sale and at the church by May 5th and if you are opting out of the bake sale then have your money to Shawna by the April 27th.

St. John Lutheran Men's Club



Mother's Day Weekend

May 5-7, 2016

Hamilton County Courthouse

We will be selling:

Chicken	\$9	Sausage	\$9
Beans	\$3	Potato Salad	\$4
Chicken Plates	\$8	Sausage Plates	\$6

We will also be having a Bake Sale.

Chicken & Sausage can also be purchased at St. John Family Life Center.

Proceeds will go to: Men's Club—chicken & sausage proceeds, Jr. Youth—Bake Sale proceeds and Sr. Youth—Beans & Potato Salad proceeds.

If you are going to Summer Camp or the Youth Gathering you will need to participate on Mother's Day weekend selling beans, potato salad and bake items.



Sr. & Jr. Youth are looking for VOLUNTEERS for May 5-7th to help with the selling, fixing plates and delivering. Also if you want to donate baked items , we would greatly appreciate the help. Baked items need to dropped off at FLC on May 5th. Please contact Shawna McKandless if you are able to help in any way. Thank you in advance!!!



Music Notes

In the Garden

C. Austin Miles 1868 – 1945

By
Gary
Gromatsky

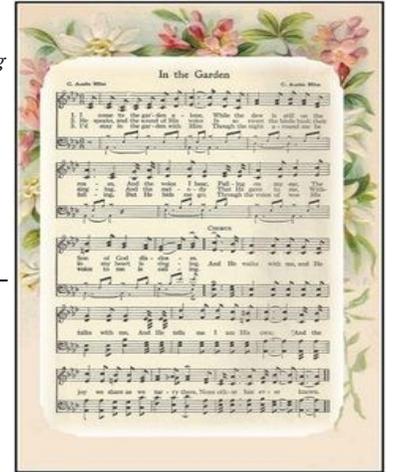


Austin Miles had a job as a pharmacist and a hobby as a photographer, but in his church he was known as the song leader and occasionally a songwriter. On his first songwriting effort, a publisher not only offered him a contract but also offered him a job as an editor.

It all went well for Miles in the music business, until one day his boss told him that he needed a special kind of song for their next hymnal. It had to be “sympathetic in tone, breathing tenderness in every line; one that would bring hope to the hopeless, rest for the weary, and downy pillows in dying beds.”

It was a tall order, but Austin Miles opened his Bible to his favorite chapter, John 20, and tried to re-create the scene with his photographer’s eye. He recalled it this way: “I seemed to be standing at the entrance of a garden, looking down a gently winding path, shaded by olive branches. A woman in white, with head bowed, walked slowly into the shadows, it was Mary.”

Then the words came to him, and he wrote as quickly as he could the words that we now have as the song “In the Garden.”



In the Garden

I come to the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses,
And the voice I hear,
falling on my ear,
The Son of God discloses.

And He walks with me,
and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own;
And the joy we share
as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.

He speaks,
and the sound of His voice,
Is so sweet the birds
hush their singing,
And the melody that He gave to me,
Within my heart is ringing.

And He walks with me,
and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own;
And the joy we share
as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.

I’d stay in the garden with Him,
Tho’ the night around me be falling,
But He bids me go; thro’ the voice of
woe

His voice to me in calling.

And He walks with me,
and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own;
And the joy we share
as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.

Ref. “The Complete Book of Hymns” Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.



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South News



When: Friday, May 13, 2016

Time: 7:00pm-9:30pm

Where: St. John Lutheran Family Life Center

Who: 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Grade Students

Cost: \$5.00 per youth

Theme: Beach

(must wear appropriate attire, no swimsuits)

Bring a Friend

Remember: Parents must sign you in & out!

SENIOR RECOGNITION



May 22, 2016

Senior Recognition Breakfast

8:30am

Brayden Armstrong

Alyssa Bottlinger

Mason Code

Brooke Tomlinson

Remember to fill out the questionnaire and bring pictures for the slide-show to Shawna ASAP.

CONFIRMATION



Confirmation Breakfast 8:30am

Confirmation Pot-luck 11:30am

Please bring your favorite main/side dish. Dessert is provided. Board of Ed/Youth will be in charge of setting/cleaning up.

Emily Brown

Savannah Johnson

Erica Massingill

Caleb Niemann

Maggie Wenzel

Remember to bring a 5x7 picture in frame to Shawna before the 15th.





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Preschool News



Important Dates

- **May 27th** – Last Day of School
- **May 30th** – Memorial Day, NO SCHOOL
- **June 3rd** – Last Day of Preschool
- **May 22nd** - Kinder Graduation and Mighty Lion send-off

A Note from the Director

In March, our curriculum unit focused on “Animals All Around”. Our weekly themes were Texas animals, farms, the ocean, and zoo animals. Kinderroos are reading and writing more each day. The Mighty Lions and Little Lambs are both working on developmentally appropriate reading and writing skills to get them ready for next year. Each class has been working very hard and continue to learn and grow. We will begin end of year assessments in May. You will find a letter and assessment sheet in your child’s folder before the end of school.

As the year comes to a close we have a busy schedule ahead of us. Some of our events will include Kinder traveling to Fossil Rim for a field trip, end of year celebrations for each class, graduation, and a zoo trip. Whoa! So much fun in the next month!

In Him,
Tiffani Logan, Director



Gavin and Emily releasing the ladybugs during the afternoon Zoo Crew



Kym Jeschke teaching and demonstrating the importance of handwashing at the wellness fair

Donuts & Muffins

We would like to invite family to “Muffins with Mom” and “Donuts with Dad” this month

- Each student will have the opportunity to have breakfast with their parent at school.
- Breakfast will begin at 7:30 and will be provided by the preschool
- Date - TBA

Last Day of School

- The last day of school will be Friday, May 27th.
- The preschool closes on Friday, June 3rd
- It is optional to pay a drop in rate if care is needed through June 3rd. Please notify the director by May 23rd if arrangements need to be made.

Graduation & Sendoff

Mark your Calendars!

- Graduation Program for Kinder/Bridge will be Sunday, May 22 at 1:00pm in the church sanctuary
- Mighty Lion send-off program will be Sunday, May 22 at 3:00pm in the FLC.
- Refreshments will be provided



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What's Happening in Preschool



Little Lambs

Some of the fun and learning the Little Lambs had this month included...

- Working on their scissor skills, letter recognition, number recognition, and patterns
- Stick horse races, bull roping, line dancing, singing cowboy songs during Texas week
- "Utter" painting, milking a pretend cow, and exploring the pig mud bath when learning about farm animals



Mighty Lions

Learning took place for the Mighty Lions this month when they...

- Made butter from heavy cream
- Sang cowboy songs with Pastor Reich
- Shucked corn and used them to create artwork
- Learned about Peter, Phillip, Paul, and Silas and how God worked amazing miracles in and through their lives
- Worked on upper case and lower case letter recognition



Kinderroos

The Kindergarten adventures included...

- Traveling to the Mayborn Museum where they learned about how life was lived long ago
- Learning how to rope cows and ate biscuits from the chuck wagon on Cowboys and Indian day
- They traveled to the post office and recycling center on Earth Day
- The children have been reading like crazy, working on time, money, and greater than or less than





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Let's Show Pride in our Church!!

\$7.00 each

Please place your order with
Mary Ellen. Orders are due
May 8th..

The shirts will be personalized with St. John
Lutheran Church & Preschool Logo.



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