



The Eagle May 2022



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*May we continue to be used by
God and share the Gospel with*



How much money does it take to save lives?

Is \$35,000 enough? What about \$70,000?

Why such specific dollar amounts? Well, because that how much potential funding St. John has to save lives, and we are making big plans to use these funds for that purpose.

What am I talking about?

Let me explain:

Years ago, St. John was given about \$100,000 worth of stock for the purpose of supporting pro-life causes in and around Hamilton. Over the years the value has grown to almost \$200,000. Every year our church gets dividends which we've been saving up in a checking account. Those dividends currently equal about \$35,000. But this year the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (the national church body we belong to) has a grant available that matches dollar for dollar any monies a local congregation spends for pro-life purposes. This grant gives us the possibility to double our money and turn the \$35,000 into as much as \$70,000! What an incredible blessing and opportunity.

The deadline for us to apply is in July. We are making big plans for how we can use this money and how we can involve the congregation. Abortion is a great moral evil that plagues our culture. Our nation needs more churches and Christians to stand up, speak out, and offer real solutions. Currently, St. John is considering supporting the pregnancy crisis center that operates in Waco, right across from the Planned Parenthood.

Every Tuesday and Thursday, the Planned Parenthood in Waco performs abortions (about 100 each day!) But the pregnancy crisis center offers 24-hour options for women who might reconsider. In January, it was estimated that the center prevented more than 100 abortions, because Christian counselors standing outside the Planned Parenthood were able to direct women to the Crisis Center where these expectant mothers were given life-affirming and life-preserving options for their baby.

Death should never be an option for a baby!

Please pray about this and our efforts as a church to support life in our area. And keep an eye out for more announcements. I am hoping to do some field trips and other activities to engage the congregation in this cause. And if you'd like to contribute to increase our funds, let me know. We can apply for up to \$50,000 in matching grants through the synod.

Joyfully,

Pastor Aaron



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Staffed Nursery

Every Sunday Morning

Here at St. John, we have a wonderful nursery for toddlers up to 3 years old. Ms. Jennifer Kidd, our nursery director, will always provide a clean, secure and Jesus-centered environment for your little one. Nursery is available during both the Sunday School & Bible Study hour and during the worship service.

If you are looking for devotional material to share with your family at home, you might want to check out:

pastoraaronkalbas.com

He also has interesting articles to read and other information posted on our Facebook page and website.

Pastor Aaron has a blog, “Blogging Through the Gospels” He will be posting on Tuesdays and Thursdays . Check it out on our webpage.



Pastor Aaron has started a bible study that doesn't just skip over the surface of God's word, but digs deep. Written by Pastor Aaron, this fascinating exploration into the Gospel—the very life and words of our Lord—will uplift you and give you insight to what it means to be Jesus disciple in a world gone crazy with sin. Besides, we all know we need to be in the Word a little more, anyway... take this opportunity and resolve to make it happen. The Pastor's Bible Study is held every Sunday morning at 9:00 in the gym. There will be coffee, donuts and other refreshments, so join some friends – or make some new ones – and come to Bible Study at St. John.



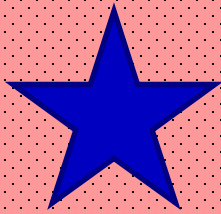
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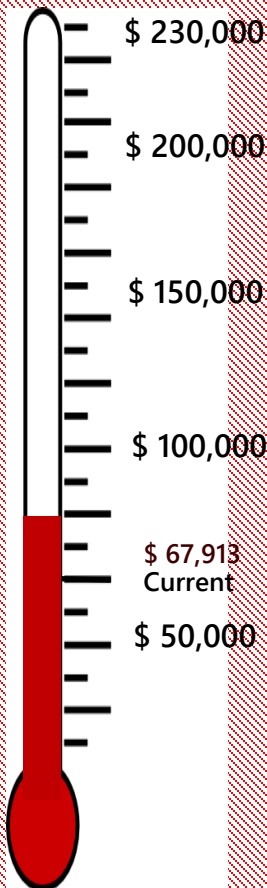
**Breakfast and
Sunday School
Sundays 9:00am**

**Church Worship
Sundays 10:00am
(Live streamed on
Facebook)**

**Quilting
Tuesday 9:00am**



BUILDING FUND



T Our Military & Families:

Ross Bates, Travis Beach, Josh Chorenziak, Isaac Jerrell, Krista Jerrell, Matthew Medina, Ernie Mendez, Payden Nolen, Cade Roenne, John Slough, Warren Stanley, Micah Stork, Brennan Stroud, Keith Garrett White.

T Our Homebound & Nursing Facility Residents

Focused Care: Kendra Code, Lillye Sanders, Jewell Zimmerman, Geraldine Kautzsch John Schoedel **Hamilton Health Care:** Corene Streger, Katherine Hopper **Belton:** Maxine Wenzel **Homebound:** Frances Donahoo, Ricky Brown, Artie Peters, Mae Pietzsch, Frances Schrank, Nell Helmcamp, Barbara Jahns, Irene Zaruba,

T Our Members:

Mae Pietzsch - recovering at home

Bonnie Williams - undergoing cancer treatments

Jewell Zimmerman -stable

T Our Friends:

Oralia Alverado - (Angie Tawater's mother) various health issues

Noland Arbaugh - (Friend of Darryl & Michelle Beach) praying for complete healing of his paralysis

Molly Beach - (Niece of Darryl & Michelle Beach) suffering from an auto-immune disease

Bobby Cathey - (Tammy Wagner & Joe Cathey's father) various health issues

Gene DeLoach - cancer treatments continue, declining

Todd Lange - (Gary & Tootie Schoen's son-in-law) suffering with a brain tumor, declining

Ossie Scott - (Doyle Robert's Sister) cancer has returned

T Praise and Thanks -

T For those who grieve -

T Special Prayers - Covid-19; Teachers & students; President & Government Officials; Medical Professionals; First Responders & Rescue crews; Fires and firefighters; Rain

Please contact the church office at 254-386-3158 with updates on prayer requests for friends and loved ones. Thank you.



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Anniversaries

2nd	Don & Alanda Tyson	24 Yrs.
3rd	Kyle & Ruth Zschiesche	9 Yrs.
6th	Kasey & April Kunkel	15 Yrs.
17th	Klayton & Chrissy Kensing	19 Yrs.
	Paul & Susie Odom	42 Yrs.
18th	Maranda & Cody Weiser	9 Yrs.
21st	Reagan & Alex Reich	6 Yrs.

Birthdays

1st	Jerome Pietzsch
3rd	Kathy Kensing
4th	Donna Abdou, Micah Stork
5th	Tommy Deutsch
7th	Emilie Reeves
8th	Forrest Jenson, Tom White
10th	Stephen Heers
14th	Caleb Wagner
19th	Nic Bottlinger
20th	Chris Niemann, Luther Smith
21st	Lucas Robinson
24th	Marvin Witte
25th	Jaxon Edwards, Kain Kunkel
26th	Sherri Tomlinson
27th	John Lund, Ross McElroy
28th	Clayton DeLaGarza
30th	Dennis Schoen

Baptisms

8th	Forrest Jenson
12th	Gary Schoen
13th	Frances Schrank, Gayla Squyres, Bonnie Williams
15th	Kris Zschiesche
22nd	Dixie Gromatzky, Sabrina Sellers
24th	Sandy Hall
25th	John Zaruba
29th	Laverne Brown



Upcoming May Events

1st -	MITE BOX SUNDAY 11:15am Bd of Elders 1:30pm Nursing Home Devotions
8th	11:15am Bd. Of Trustees 11:15am Bd. Of Outreach
10th -	1:00pm Glory Gamesters 5:30pm Bd. Of Finance
15th	11:15am Preschool Bd.



Supporting Missionaries in Germany and the Czech Republic

Light of Christ in Eastern Europe Mission Central — \$56,000

2021–2023 Biennium
Mission Goal:
\$2,150,000
Mission Grant #8
\$56,000

*And he said to them,
“The harvest is
plentiful, but the
laborers are few.
Therefore pray
earnestly to the
Lord of the harvest
to send out laborers
into his harvest.
Go your way;
behold, I am
sending you out
as lambs in the
midst of wolves”
(Luke 10:2-3).*

Eastern European countries continue to emerge from the darkness of oppressive regimes and into the light of our Lord. For decades, Christians in the Czech Republic and Germany had to hide their faith.

In Martin Luther’s homeland and the nearby Czech Republic, most German and Czech people do not know Christ as their Savior. The Czech Republic is considered one of the most atheistic countries in the world. LCMS Mission Development Counselor Gary Thies stated, “Under communist domination of the Soviet Union, Bibles were restricted and now the people are eager to hear about Jesus. The challenge is great, but God has sent wonderful pastors, teachers and missionaries to reach out to the people of this country that are in darkness.” Scripture tells us,

***Your word is a lamp
unto my feet
and a light
to my path
(Psalm 119:105).***

The Lutheran Church is striving to meet the urgent need to bring the love and light of Christ to people who have been living in spiritual darkness.

Recently, many immigrants and refugees from the Middle East have settled in Germany. Our missionaries are meeting the added challenge of reaching out to those of the Muslim faith with the message of our Triune God. German and Czech citizens of all ages need to hear the Gospel and may come to faith through the ministry of our missionaries.

God, in His perfect timing, has allowed many of the repressive governments of Eastern Europe to crumble. Now the people of the Czech Republic and Germany are able to worship freely in the Christian faith. Several generations were deprived of the knowledge of our Savior. This is the time to support the returning of the light of Christ to Eastern Europe. This grant will assist in the support of eight missionaries in Germany and the Czech Republic.

Learn more about this mission grant at lwml.org/mission-grants





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Finance Update

St. John Lutheran
Statement of Income and Expense by Major Group
March of Fiscal Year 2022
Responsibility: All
Fund: 01 - General

	Current Month		Year-to-date	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income				
00-Group 00	43,832.00	37,553.10	130,264.00	137,215.29
Total Income	43,832.00	37,553.10	130,264.00	137,215.29
Expense				
04-Board of Outreach	1,498.00	515.00	2,744.00	805.00
10-Board of Elders	18,893.33	17,727.03	46,261.99	44,242.02
12-Board of Education	738.00	-880.23	2,734.00	101.09
13-Board of Trustees	9,138.00	6,996.09	26,664.00	30,032.20
14-Board of Finance	4,269.00	3,300.41	12,308.00	8,256.91
16-Preschool Board	12,101.67	11,740.71	31,797.01	30,338.85
20-Memorial Expenditures	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
21-Non-Budget Expense	0.00	1,440.00	0.00	101,440.00
Total Expense	46,638.00	40,839.01	122,509.00	215,216.07
Income Less Expense	-\$2,806.00	-\$3,285.91	\$7,755.00	-\$78,000.78

In loving memory of

Harold Reich

St. John Lutheran Preschool: Janet MacKay, Howard & Nancy Horton, Mary Jeffers
Martin & Juanita Seider, Mike & Billie Looney, Sonny & Melissa DeLaGarza
Alice & Jerome Pietzsch, Jennifer Walraven, St. Paul Lutheran Church & School,
Paul & Kathy Christensen, Darman & Jane Wagner,

St. John Ruth Guild: Ola Fay Howard, Milton Bottlinger

St. John Building Fund: Janet MacKay, Jerry & Kay Zschiesche,
Charlie & Mischelle Bottlinger

Doyle Billingsly

St. John Building Fund: Forest & Cecelia Jenson, Charlie & Mischelle Bottlinger



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Music Notes

By Gary Gromatzky

Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning
Our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy!
Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons,
Blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy!
All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden
crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim
Falling down before Thee,
Which wert, and art,
And evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy!
Though the darkness hide
Thee.
Though the eye of sinful man
Thy glory may not see.
Only thou art holy;
There is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power,
In love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy
name
In earth, and sky, and sea.
Holy, holy, holy!
Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons,
Blessed Trinity!

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Reginald Heber

Holy, Holy, Holy! is a Christian hymn written in the early 1800s by Anglican Bishop Reginald Heber (1783-1826). Heber was serving as vicar in Hodnet, Shropshire, England, (1807-1823) a period in which the author was prolific, writing more than 100 hymns, many having survived to modern times. It was first published posthumously in *A Selection of Psalms and Hymns for the Parish Church of Banbury* (Third Edition, 1826). And thereafter by the writer's widow in *Hymns Written and Adapted to the Weekly church Service of the Year* (1827), one of the first hymnals to group their hymns by the liturgical occasion within the church year.

It was published when Anglican authorities disapproved of the singing of hymns in churches, other than metrical psalms, although there was considerable informal hymn-singing in parishes. Heber originally intended to win support for their inclusion. It is considered Heber's best known and most widely used hymn and remains popular in many denominations.

The text speaks specifically of the Holy Trinity, having been written for use on Trinity Sunday. It is an example of Heber's dutiful attempt to avoid excessive emotionalism. A defining characteristic is that the text does not "initiate praise", but is rather an invitation to join in an endless song. Additionally, every single line rhymes with the initial "holy".

It has a wide scope, successively referencing humans, saints, angels and all living creatures, and its main theme is the "basic belief in the Trinity", which is shared by most denominations of the Christian church despite other differences. The first stanza opens with an invitation to worship God in the morning. The second stanza magnifies the opening idea, with saints joining in "adoring the Majesty in heaven". The third stanza describes some attributes of the Christian deity, while the final stanza is a climax of the preceding with "earth and sky and sea" joining in praising the divine. Variants to the original text in modern hymnals are relatively minor, mostly found in usage by non-Trinitarian groups such as the Mormons.

Daddy-Daughter Dance







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PALM SUNDAY Pastor Kalbas confirmed a record 15 eighth graders here at St. John. They are back row: Bret Bauman, Colter Johnson, Pastor Kalbas, Trint Jeschke, Grant Bauman. Middle row: Halston Haile, Henlee Wagner, Amalia Knutson, Kaytlyn Schrank (St Paul's, Aleman) Front row: Lawson Yates, Austin Kleiner, Lexie Ward, Destini Ranaghan, Kaitlyn Walton, Kayla Tawater and Ellie Kalbas.



The Men's Club will again be selling smoked chickens and sausage Mother's Day weekend. Watch your W.R.A.P. for more information.

GLORY GAMESTERS meet the second Tuesday of the month at 1:00 PM.

Come join them for fun and fellowship!



VBS is right around the corner! If you are interested in helping out, please contact Chrissy Hopper or Landry Yates, or the church office!

St. John Youth Activities

Men's BBQ Fundraiser

Tuesday, May 4

Bring 10 lbs cooked potatoes.

Making potato salad at 7:00

Sign up Fri, Sat to work

Youth Bible Study and Games

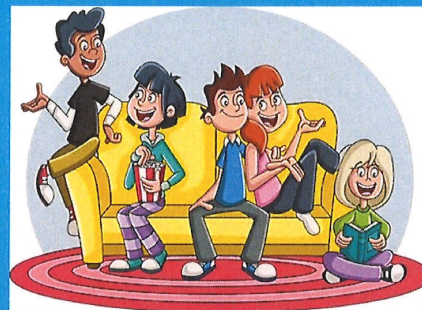
End of School Year

Jr. High at the Johnson's House

High School at Polster's House

Wednesday, May 11

6:00-8:00



Midnight Madness

Friday, May 20th

3rd-5th Grades

Talk with Pastor Kalbas if you
can help with this event
please.



NYG BIBLE STUDY AND MEAL

Wednesday, May 18 at 6:00

Blast from the Past National Youth Gathering in Minnesota. We look forward to this year's group making some memories together as they worship.

Promotion Sunday

May 29

Youth bring breakfast

JH: finger foods, fruit
HS casseroles, breads
Meet your new class and teachers. Start attending Youth Group Activities

Congratulations Seniors!

Kolton Kensing
Dawson Melde
John Polster
Mattie Ondrusek
Grant Surley
Mitch Surley
Amber Tyson
Jaydon Watson
Jaley Reich

May 15th Senior Sunday



End of School Dance

Friday, May 13

5th, 6th, 7th, 8th Grade

7:30-9:30

Parent Chaperones Needed





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