



The Eagle

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



Peace and Joy!

If there is something that just about everyone wants, it's peace and joy. As we look around the world and as we take a look at our own lives, it sometimes very difficult to have peace and joy. From all of the violence and evil in the world to the political scene, our world is a mess. If we strictly look at how things are going in the world it can seem pretty hopeless at times.

As I write this article, we are in the middle of Vacation Bible School. The first two days' themes dealt with hope and courage. The children discovered how Jesus gives hope and courage. Two of the Believe Series themes recently were peace and joy. There are times in our lives and in the world that peace and joy are the farthest things from our minds. However, we were reminded in scripture that even in the midst of the worst circumstances, it is possible to have inner joy and be at peace.

Part of this requires us to take our immediate focus off of the circumstances and focus on what is to come. We have forgiveness and life in Jesus' death and resurrection. We have so much to look forward to. We have eternity with Jesus waiting for us. There is nothing that compares to this. Scripture reminds us that we shouldn't be surprised at the trials we are faced with are something strange, but we are to rejoice in our suffering because we are participating in the sufferings of Christ.

We will always have trials and struggles, but remember that God is always with us and He can give us peace and joy even in the midst of these trials. Also remember that you may be walking through a specific trial so that you can walk along someone who has the same struggle that you dealt with.

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



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Birthdays, Baptisms & Anniversaries



Birthdays

- 2nd Justin Squyres
Brad Tomlinson
- 4th Rachel Bottlinger
Jenny Witzsche
- 5th Glenda Schoen
Robert Witzsche
- 7th Colter Johnson
- 9th Nick Cantara
Colton Robertson
- 10th Shirley Gromatzky
- 11th Karen Tyson
- 12th Caitlyn English
- 14th Jacob Ellis
- 15th Graham Bussey
Jill Muxworthy
- 17th Travis Moore
Greg Niemann
- 19th Jean Bottlinger
- 22nd Rhonda Geter
Stacey Reich
- 23rd Shirley Gerald
- 25th Dan Chorenziak
- 29th Kayla Edwards
Robert Hoermann

Baptisms

- 1st Ben Chorenziak
Mae Pietzsch
- 4th Ryan Polster
- 5th Louis Donahoo
- 6th Martin Seider
- 8th Doyle Roberts
Kristi Wagner

- 11th Nic Bottlinger
Kay Reed
Monica Reed
Justin Stanford
- 12th John Tyson
- 13th Kate McNeeley
- 14th Jean Ranney
- 15th Bret Bauman
Cole Bauman
Grant Bauman
Jason Clark
Jane Dodson
Artie Peters
Glenda Schoen
Luther Smith
Maxine Wenzel
Jenny Witzsche
- 17th Travis Moore
- 18th Kym Jeschke
- 19th Chris Niemann
Isaac Wenzel
- 21st Mark DeLoach
Shirley DeLoach
- 23rd Gary Gromatzky
Caleb Wagner
- 25th Cody Whitt
Julia Whitt
- 27th Mildred Bottlinger
Colton DeLaGarza
Greg Niemann
- 28th Cora Hurst
Grace Hurst
- 29th Paul Christensen
Annie Deleon

Anniversaries

- 2nd Howard & Tracy Cox 5yrs
- 5th Martin & Juanita Seider 47yrs
- 6th Tim & Christina Rudolph 14yrs
- 8th David & Mary Ellen Burton 21yrs
- 11th James & Donna Smith 25yrs
- 14th Bill & Judy Knoll 44yrs
- 15th Raymond & Maxine Wenzel 66yrs
- 17th Darrell & Kristi Wagner 23yrs
Allen & Julie Watson 12yrs
- 18th Steve & Bobbie Young 45yrs
- 20th Calvin & Laurel Friedrich 53yrs
- 21st Charlie & Mischelle Bottlinger 32yrs
- 27th Dennis & Glenda Schoen 14yrs
- 29th Mike & Brenda Armstrong 21yrs
- 30th Bob & Suzanne Jarvis 39yrs



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My Country 'Tis of Thee *Samuel F. Smith 1808 – 1895*



Music Notes by:
Gary Gromatzky

Twenty-four year-old Samuel Smith, who had just graduated from Harvard, had a reputation for being able to speak fifteen languages. That's why composer Lowell Mason handed him a collection of some German songs for children. Mason didn't know German, and he didn't know if any of the songs would be worth translating, but he wanted Smith to check them out for him.

Here's the way Smith tells it: "One dismal day in February 1832, about half an hour before sunset, I was turning over the leaves of one of the music books, when my eye rested on the tune which is now known as 'America.' I liked the spirited movement of it...I glanced at the German words and saw that they were patriotic and instantly felt the impulse to write a patriotic hymn of my own, adapted to that tune. Picking up a scrap of waste paper which lay near me, I wrote at once, probably within half an hour, the hymn 'America.' " The following Fourth of July it was sung publicly for the first time.

What Smith didn't realize was that the British had been using the same tune for a hundred years to sing "God Save the King."

*My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing: land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrim's pride,
From ev'ry mountain side let freedom ring!*

*My native country, thee, land of the noble, free,
Thy name I love: I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills like that above.*

*Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees
Sweet freedom's song: let mortal tongues awake:
Let all that breathe partake:
Let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.*

*Our fathers' God, to Thee, Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing: long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might, great God, our King!*

Ref: The Complete Book of Hymns, Tyndale House Publishers, Inc. , Carol Stream, Illinois



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Cave Quest VBS 2016

We had a superb week at St. John Lutheran Cave Quest VBS. Whether hearing the Bible Story in Cave Bible Quest, seeing mission movies in KidVid Cinema, connecting experiments to our Bible stories in Imagination Station, chowing down at Cavern Café, or playing at Spelunking Games or making our Bible Buddies at Cave Crafts, the kids this past week got to connect with one another and our helpers as we learned more about God's word in our life. Through our stories we learned that Jesus gives us hope, courage, direction, love and power. Through his power we can SHINE THE LIGHT of Jesus to the dark world.

We thank everyone who helped. Every singing person was important to the success of the week. It is to see the teamwork as together we coordinate, decorate, donate, feed, lead, teach, encourage, help, guide, sing, dance, play and learn together. Our church is awesome!!!

In addition to our wonderful week we have people who pitch in for the Hot Dog supper, swim party and then for our VBS Retreat Campout when we go to Mineral Wells State Park this year. Thank you for your prayers and support of this great outreach ministry. We had over 170 kids registered for the week with around 150 attending daily. Of course our —staff members keep everything moving through the day. That is almost 300 people at St. John every day for the week of VBS.

We encourage you to support our local Dairy Queen who provided ice cream for everyone one of these people on Friday.

Praise God for the lives touched and the kids who learned about Jesus. To God be the Glory!!!





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Cave Quest Retreat 2016

Vbs retreat 2016 mineral wells state park! Blessed to have 50 people who cold bond together through 5 devotions as we learned how Jesus gives us hope, courage, love and power. We spent our time swimming in the lake, fishing, playing games and of course a few pranks, too. God gave glimpses of His promise to us when we saw a rainbow end right over swim area and in our night devotion and singing with guitar. Pastor Reich and Stacey led the singing and we could have sung all night as the spirit moved. Thank you again to the church for supporting this ministry. Helping kids know and grow closer to Christ is always a blessed experience for us all.





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St. John Lutheran Preschool

"Responding to Christ's call to live, learn, and share His love"

A Note from the Director

St. John Lutheran Preschool is currently hiring a teacher/teacher aide. Part Time. Please submit application and resume to the front office. We are looking for someone who is energetic, enjoys working in early childhood education, and most important wants to share the love of Jesus with the children.

We are still enrolling for the 2016-2017 school year. Please submit registration packets as soon as possible. Registration packets can be dropped off at the front office of the church with Mary Ellen or feel free to schedule a time to meet with me.

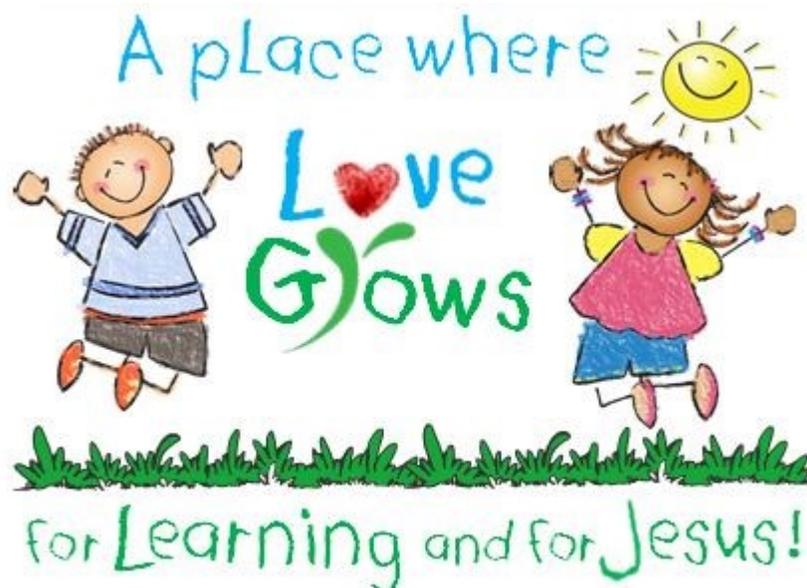
To enroll, the following must be turned into the Preschool Office:

- \$75 Registration Fee
- Registration Forms complete with Parent and Health Care Professional Signatures.
- Shot Record - Please ask for an IMMTRAC version of your child's shot record.
- Acknowledgement of Parent Handbook.
- School Supplies can be brought to Open House

An important piece of planning for the new school year is knowing our class sizes. Thank you for taking the time to register early and helping us meet our goals. Our highest priority is the children!

Blessings,
Tiffani Logan

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Daddy/daddy Daughter Dance

Pretty In Pink

The 2nd Annual Pretty in Pink Daddy/Daughter Dance was held June 9th. Once again the dance was open to all girls ages 3 to current 5th graders. We estimate 40 girls were in attendance with their Dads and/or significant father figure. They all enjoyed an evening of dancing and snacking on cupcakes and sandwiches. They also took part in the photo booth for their formal picture. It was another great year and hope to more in attendance each year.

I'd like to thank a few people for all their help in making things possible. First, thank you St. John Board of Outreach for supporting this yearly event and St. John Lutheran Church for allowing us to use the Life Center and facilities. Thank you Michael Schrank for providing all the wonderful music. I need to thank anyone that brought cupcakes and/or sandwiches, they were all delicious! A special thanks goes to Lindsey Hanson for helping me organize and plan the dance. I couldn't do it without all her help. Thank everyone again and look forward to next year.





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