



# The Eagle July 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!!*



## Noah Walked With God!

As we have been going through the Bible in our Sunday school and worship services, it has become very evident that the corruption that sin brought into the world was very extensive. In fact, at the time of Noah we are told, "The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the LORD was sorry that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart... But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD." Genesis 6:5-6, 8 Noah is described as a righteous man and blameless in his generation. Why was Noah described in this way and why, out of everyone else, did he find favor in the eyes of the LORD?

It certainly was not because he was perfect, as can be seen in Genesis 9. Noah was righteous because righteousness only comes from God. Noah did not win or earn favor with God, but God chose him because he walked with Him. In the messiness of life, in the midst of a world that was turning from God, Noah walked with God. Noah continued to worship God and have Him as a part of his life.

As we look around the world today, it is not much different from the time of Noah. Evil and violence are every where we turn. The intentions of people's hearts are evil continually. Even if I think about myself, I am no different. As much as I would like to think I am different and as much as I would like to think I am trying to be different, I find myself failing, having thoughts that are not building up the kingdom of God and are simply sinful. The good news is this, as a believer in Jesus Christ, I have found favor with God. I have not earned it or could never win it, but God chooses to love me because I know His Son and trust in the forgiveness and life that He won for me. I walk with God. Sure, I sin and mess up all of the time, but in Christ I am forgiven.

The same is true for everyone who believes in Jesus Christ. No one is perfect and all sin, but those who walk with God by placing their trust in Jesus as their Savior have the promises of God, forgiveness and eternal life. Our confidence is not found in ourselves and in our abilities to earn or win God's love, but our confidence is found in Jesus.

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 July Events

1st-6:30p-Preschool Board

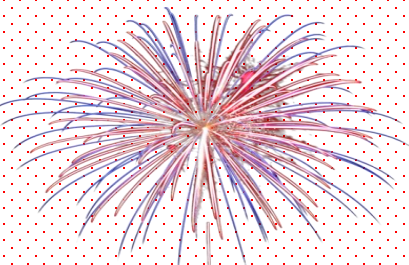
7th-7:15a-Men's Club  
1:30p-Nursing Home  
Devotions

8th-6:30p-Bd of Elders

9th-1:00p-Glory Gamesters  
5:30p-Bd of Finance

14th-11:15-Bd of Ed & Youth  
Bd of Trustees

15th-6:30p-Council Meeting



## **Anniversaries**

2nd	Howard & Tracy Cox	8 Yrs
5th	Martin & Juanita Seider	50 Yrs
9th	Harold & Vernell Reich	58 Yrs
10th	Charles & Dawn Johnson	15 Yrs
17th	Darrell & Kristi Wagner	26 Yrs
18th	Steve & Bobby Young	48 Yrs
20th	Calvin & Laurel Friedrich	56 Yrs
21st	Charlie & Michele Bottlinger	35 Yrs
22nd	Sam & Chelsie Hall	13 Yrs

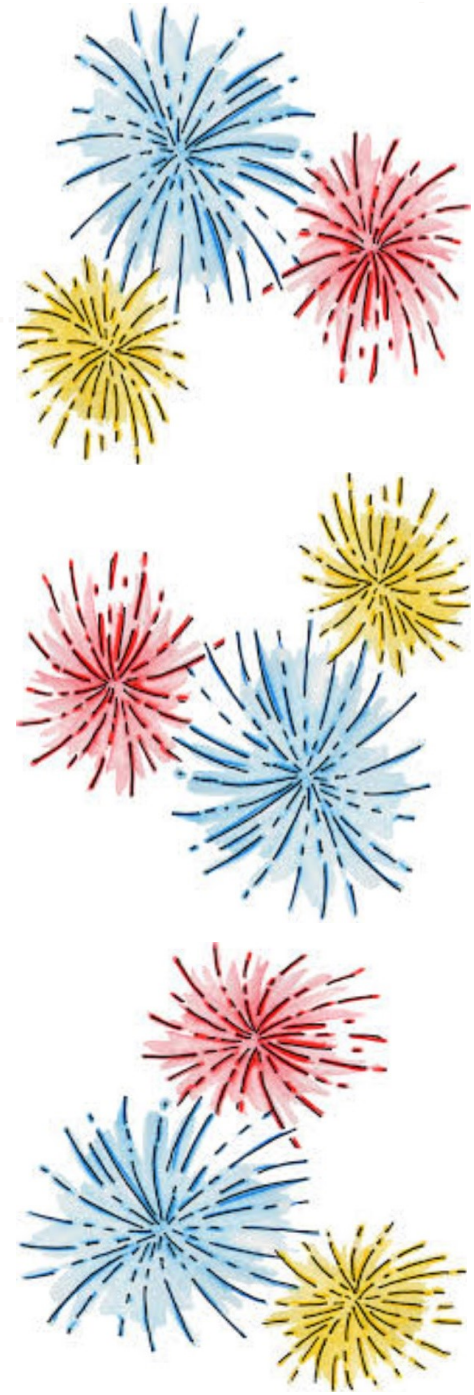
24th	Danny & Elissa Crouch	26 Yrs
26th	James & Brandi Surley	4 Yrs
27th	Dennis & Glenda Schoen	17 Yrs
29th	Mike & Brenda Armstrong	24 Yrs

## **Birthdays**

2nd	Brad Tomlinson
4th	Rachel Bottlinger
5th	Glenda Schoen, Sandra Witte, Slim Witzsche
6th	Michelle Beach
7th	Colter Johnson, Ruth Zschiesche
9th	Nic Cantara
11th	Karen Tyson
12th	Caitlyn English, Roseanne Hall
13th	Payson Clowdus
17th	Heath Hopper, Travis Moore
18th	Chrissy Hopper
20th	Nathan Hall
22nd	Rhonda Geter, Stacy Reich
23rd	Shirley Gerald
25th	Emma Cantara, Randy Newby, Sophia Robinson
27th	Chad Ondrusek
29th	Kayla Edwards, Robert Hoermann

## **Baptisms**

1st	Mae Pietzsch
4th	Ryan Polster
5th	Louis Donahoo
6th	Martin Seider
8th	Doyle Roberts, Kristi Wagner
9th	Piper McNeeley
11th	Nic Bottlinger
12th	John Tyson
13th	Kate McNeeley
14th	Jean Ranney
15th	Bret Bauman, Cole Bauman, Grant Bauman Jason Clark, Jane Dodson, Glenda Schoen Luther Smith, Maxine Wenzel
17th	Travis Moore
18th	Kym Jeschke
19th	Chris Niemann, Isaac Wenzel
21st	Mark DeLoach, Shirley DeLoach
23rd	Gary Gromatzky, Caleb Wagner
26th	Carlos Olalde
27th	Mildred Bottlinger, Colton De La Garza, Clark Pumphrey, Marvin Witte
28th	Cora Hurst, Grace Hurst
29th	Paul Christensen, Annie DeLeon





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

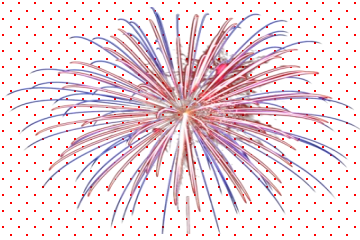
**Opening/Breakfast  
Choir Practice  
Sundays 8:30am**

**Sunday School  
Sundays 9:00am**

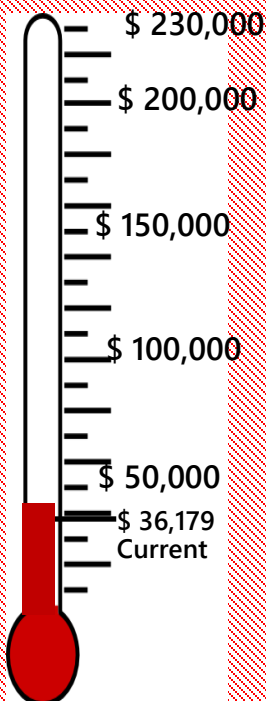
**Church Worship  
Sundays 10:00am**

**Quilting  
Tuesdays 9:00am**

**Wednesdays  
Senior Youth  
5:30 PM**



## BUILDING FUND



### ✦ Our Military & Families:

Ross Bates, Travis Beach, Nick Cantara, Josh Chorenziak, Lauren Jeffers, Matthew Medina, Ernie Mendez, Payden Nolen, 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, Corene Streger **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) at home doing rehab

✦ **Frances Donahoo** - dealing with heart & other health issues

✦ **Louis Donahoo** - dealing with heart & other health issues

✦ **Norma Marwitz** - dealing with cancer, awaiting test results

✦ **Rick Payne** - undergoing cancer treatments

✦ **Ed Quarzenski** - recovering from knee surgery

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

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

✦ **Lillye Sanders** - recovering from a fall

✦ **Bert Schrank** - recuperating at home

✦ **Brenda Schrank** - undergoing further testing

✦ **Amanda**—(33 year old daughter of Richard Witt, Farm Bureau auditor) Stage 4 Cancer

✦ **Mary Alsop**—(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. Treatments continue

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

✦ **AnnaBella Heckman** - (3yr old granddaughter of Rev. John Heckman) recuperating at home after additional brain surgery

✦ **Danny Horton** - (Jimmie Horton's brother) dealing with serious health issues

✦ **Melba Ruth King** - battling cancer

✦ **Carolyn May** - friend of Pat Crouch recovering from massive stroke

✦ **Henrietta Medina** - liver count went up. Changing medication

✦ **Joel Sellers** - undergoing cancer treatments

✦ **Kayla Schrank** - recovering at home from open heart surgery

✦ **Praise and Thanksgiving:** Savanna Lynn Caylor, Fred Gromatzky

✦ **For those who grieve:** Family of Bobby Moore, Family of Jean Schwartz (Chrissy Kensing's grandmother)

✦ **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

St. John Lutheran  
**Statement of Income and Expense by Major Group**  
 May of Fiscal Year 2019

	Current Month		Year-to-date	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
<b>Income</b>				
00-Group 00	43,406.67	40,891.75	217,295.35	213,347.17
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>43,406.67</b>	<b>40,891.75</b>	<b>217,295.35</b>	<b>213,347.17</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
04-Board of Outreach	570.00	270.00	3,625.00	2,953.66
10-Board of Elders	16,763.00	12,467.58	76,440.00	64,405.11
12-Board of Education	4,126.00	4,926.41	7,360.00	6,895.66
13-Board of Trustees	7,865.00	5,412.25	39,700.00	31,613.22
14-Board of Finance	3,906.00	2,699.79	18,961.00	17,085.61
16-Preschool Board	8,722.00	17,860.08	48,628.00	62,260.00
20-Memorial Expenditures	0.00	0.00	0.00	240.00
21-Non-Budget Expense	0.00	100.00	0.00	612.28
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>41,952.00</b>	<b>43,736.11</b>	<b>194,714.00</b>	<b>186,065.54</b>
<b>Income Less Expense</b>	<b>1,454.67</b>	<b>-2,844.36</b>	<b>22,581.35</b>	<b>27,281.63</b>



**Given in Memory of :**

**Paul Zimmerman**

**St. John Building Fund:**

Tom & Connie White, Lillye Sanders,  
 Jewell Zimmerman

**Bobby Moore**

**St. Jude's Children's Hospital:**

Scott & Jennifer Hodges

**The Lutheran Hour:**

Mavis Finch

**St. John Building Fund:**

Charlie & Mischelle Bottlinger, Bert Schrank  
 Lynn & Neil Muxworthy

**Kitchen Fund :**

Sandy & Roseann Hall, Mike & Billie Looney

**St. John General Fund**

Darrell & Kristi Wagner



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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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month. Join us *Sunday, July 7th at 7:15 am* for the Men's Club meeting and to help make sausage and pancakes for breakfast.

**WILL RESUME IN AUGUST**

## 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](http://www.drivinghopetexas.org).

Remember this summer when you are having fun in the sun...the work of the Church still goes on. The heart on our website, [www.stjohnhamilton.org](http://www.stjohnhamilton.org) allows you to set up recurring tithes and one time tithes for your convenience. Have a great and safe summer!



# Bible Crossword X

## Across

## Down

- 1** Donkey (3)
- 2** Jesus' Father (3)
- 4** One of the twelve (9)

- 1** One of God's messengers (5,2,3,4)
- 3** 1940s archaeological find (4,3,7)

4		5		6			7		8		9		10		11	
12							13					14				15
16							17					18				19
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- 8** Didn't believe in resurrection (9)
- 12** One of David's warriors (5)
- 13** First word of the Lord's Prayer (3)
- 14** New Testament name for Noah (3)
- 15** Wish harm upon (5)
- 16** Hole in the ground (3)
- 17** Adversary (5)
- 18** Savour (5)
- 19** First woman (3)
- 20** Mother of John the Baptist (9)
- 21** Family of priests (9)
- 22** Third son of Jacob (4)
- 23** Hates (8)
- 26** Assurances (8)
- 30** Endured pain (8)
- 31** Return from the dead (4)
- 32** Intercessor (8)
- 35** Decorating (8)
- 39** Old Testament book of the Bible (4)
- 40** The prince of Rosh, Mesech and Tubal (3)
- 42** A wise insect (3)
- 44** Dwelling place of kings (6)
- 45** Make bigger (8)

- 4** Tread down (7)
- 5** Father of Jonah (7)
- 6** Very salty water bordering Israel (4,3)
- 7** Defensive structures (11)
- 8** Refuges (11)
- 9** Dirty (7)
- 10** Devout (7)
- 11** Pieces of money (7)
- 24** Used to listen (3)
- 25** Used to see (3)
- 26** Positions (5)
- 27** Made available (7)
- 28** Snake (7)
- 29** Destroyed along with Gomorrah (5)
- 33** Finish (3)
- 34** Possess (3)
- 35** King of the Amalekites (4)
- 36** Last letter of the Greek alphabet (5)
- 37** Almost sacrificed by Abraham (5)
- 38** Present (4)
- 41** Unfasten (4)
- 43** Fish traps (4)

<http://biblepuzzles.org.uk>



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**A BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who helped with storm debris removal, decorating for Vacation Bible School, Helping with Vacation Bible school, feeding the helpers, and cleaning up; Cleaning up the playground; changing out light bulbs in the Preschool; Helping with funeral meals; and so much more.

**LIFETOUCH** will be retaking directory photos on Tuesday, August 20 from 2pm-9pm. Anyone wishing to retake their photo can do so at that time. Those that missed last time, new births, new members, and even those that submitted photos are welcome. You will again receive a free 8X10 picture. If your address or phone number have changed since the directory came out, please contact the church office so we can update that info. Online registration has begun at <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/yrebgqbs/>

If you need assistance you can call Kathy Christensen at 254-386-8787 and leave a message. She'll get back with you. Or call the church office for assistance. Thank You!

## **RUTH GUILD WILL NOT MEET IN July or August**

**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](mailto:imhis38@gmail.com)





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*Music Notes by:*  
*Gary Gromatzky*

## Children of the Heavenly Father

Children of the heavenly Father,  
Safely in His bosom gather;  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven  
Such a refuge e'er was given.

God His own doth tend and nourish,  
In his holy courts they flourish;  
From all evil things He spares them,  
In His mighty arms He bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever,  
From the Lord His children sever;  
Unto them His grace He showeth,  
And their sorrows all He knoweth.

Though He giveth or He taketh,  
God His children ne'er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely  
To preserve them pure and holy.



## Children of the Heavenly Father [1855]

This Scandinavian hymn was penned by Carolina (Lina) Sandell-Berg, the “Fanny Crosby of Sweden.” She was born in a parsonage in Froderyd, Sweden, on October 3, 1832, into a home full of music and literature. Lina was a “daddy’s girl” in childhood, for her frail health often kept her indoors, in his study, when other children were outside playing.

When she was twelve, she fell ill and was paralyzed. Eventually Lina regained her health, and out of the experience came her first book of poems, published when she was a teenager. But another tragedy awaited her.

When she was twenty-six, she and her dad were traveling by boat outside the harbor of Goteborg when he fell overboard and drowned. Out of this experience came a flood of poems and hymns, including her classic, “Day by Day,” and “With Each Passing Moment.”

Some hymn histories claim that “Children of the Heavenly Father” was one of the hymns written in response to her father’s death; but it was first published in 1855, three years before this tragedy. This has prompted other historians to claim it was one of the poems she wrote as a teenager. All we know is that “Children of the Heavenly Father” first appeared in Lina’s book, *Andeliga Dagg-Dropper* in 1855, when she was twenty-three.

The simple, lilting tune of “Children of Our Heavenly Father” is a Swedish folk melody called “*Tryggare Kan Ingen Vara*,” which translated, is: “No One Can Be Safer.” Its origins are unknown, but “Sweden’s Spiritual Troubadour,” Oskar Ahnfelt, a Lutheran Pietist who helped introduce evangelical hymns to the Swedish Church, set many of Lina’s poems to music. At the time, the state-sponsored church didn’t allow simple pietistic hymns like “Children of the Heavenly Father.” But Ahnfelt sang them anyway, traveling around with his ten-string guitar. When opposition arose he was ordered to sing before King Karl XV. To the chagrin of church officials, the king loved Ahnfelt’s simple melodies and tender hymns, saying, “You may sing them as much as you desire in both of my kingdoms.”

He did, and many of his texts were written by Lina Sandell-Berg, who wrote about six hundred fifty hymns and poems during her lifetime. “Ahnfelt has sung my songs into the hearts of the people,” she later said.

*Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! 1 John 3:1 (NKJV)*



Join the Choir!  
lift your voice to the Lord!





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## Thank you to all who helped or donated for our week of VBS!

Romans 12:6-8 says "We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

## When you give to your church - to VBS you are touching ETERNITY!

Pastor Reich	Roseann Hall	Chastiti Ranaghan	Lawson Yates
Elaine Polster	Kay Zschiesche	Skylar Carr	Sharolyn Lawson
McKinley Crownover	Kayla Edwards	Hayden Blackwell	Landry Yates
Emma Polster	Mary Ellen Keily	Kazdon Thedford	Lindsey Hanson
Ryan Polster	Fabiola Olalde	Allysta Thedford	Piper Hanson
John Polster	Ingri (her friend)	Catherine Diaz	Sawyer Hanson
Joseph Polster	Carlos Olalde	Jenna Hinton	Sarah Bauman
Misti Polster	Fernanda Olalde	Kennedy Craig	Josh Bauman
Will Beber	Daniel Olalde	Kaitlyn Walton	Cecelia Jenson
Anna Beber	Bret Bauman	Destiny Ranaghan	Nicolas Squyres
Marlee Clark	Grant Bauman	Presley Long	Charla Rudd
Caden Hopper	Cole Bauman	Taylor Long	Hunter Mize
Haley Hopper	Madi Hope	Jaydon Watson	Stacy Reich
Cody Tawater	Kinsey Mizell	Caleb French	Missy Marwitz
Amber Tyson	Braylee Wilson	Maranda Reich	Kate Lengefeld
Jaley Reich	Sawyer Wright	Blake Reich	Madison Bennet
Destyni Collett	Kelton Wright	Erin Padgett	Laney Lane
Kassi Collett	Ashlyn Cozby	Trevor Sellers	Dixie Gromatzky
Taylor Collett	Avery Cozby	Buckie Pate	Andrea Newby
Alice Pietzsch	Mattie Ondrusek	Presley Sliger	Randy Newby
Irene Zaruba	Haily Morris	Kayla Tawater	John English
Barbara Wiedebusch	Julie Henderson	Ethan LeGrande	Isaac Wenzel
Neet Bushee	Kase Kunkel	Cathy LeGrande	Tracy Cox
Rhonda Geter	Annie Hubbard	Abby LeGrande	Mary Hellen Battles
Pat Crouch	Cooper LeGrand	Averi Poe	Scarlett Morgan
Ima Roberts	Kade McKandless	Micala Crownover	Slim Witzsche
Mischelle Bottlinger	Taylor Hall	Carson Roberts	Liz Graves
Vernell Reich	Cortland Mehaffey	Shirley Gerald	Paul & Susie Odom
Mary Jeffers	Karah Niemann	Lynn Muxworthy	Bob & Dorothy Hoermann

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# St. John Youth Activities

## VBS HELPER'S RETREAT

Anyone who helped with VBS

Thursday July 25-Friday July 26

Meridian State Park

Text Misti your name, address and phone so she can get in touch with you. 254-248-2350

**REAL.PRESENT.GOD.**

LCMS YOUTH GATHERING | Minneapolis · July 11-15, 2019

Please pray for our youth attending the National Youth Gathering in Minnesota July 10-16.

Pastor Reich

Riley Reich

Emma Polster

Elaine Polster

Jaley Reich

Amber Tyson

Mattie Ondrusek

Kolton Kensing

Ethan LeGrande

Jaydon Watson

John Polster

### Welcome New Jr. High Youth Members

Bret Bauman, Grant Bauman, Lawson Yates, Kayla Tawater, Colter Johnson, Trent Jeschke, Lexi Ward, Abby LeGrande, Kaitlyn Walton, Henlee Wagner

If you have friends who wish to receive this youth letter, text Misti 248-2350

### SENIOR BIBLE STUDIES

No Bible Studies for month of July due to NYG and VBS Retreat and vacation. See you in August

### SENIOR YOUTH

**FINAL NYG PRE-EVENT SR YOUTH 7:00 at FLC ON MONDAY JULY 8TH MUST ATTEND**

**National Youth Gathering July 10-16 in Minnesota**



# REAL.PRESENT.GOD.

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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«First Names» «Last Names»

«Address»

«City, State Zip (5-digit)»