



# The Eagle August 2020



## “Things Look Different”

If you have ever gone back to your hometown or the school or college that you attended after being away for a long time, you might say these words, “Things look different”. As you go about your daily routine, grocery shopping, doctors’ appointments, going to work, etc., you can probably say, “Things look different”. People are wearing masks, there are all kinds of signs on the doors of businesses, there is tape on the floor six feet apart in the checkout lines, hand sanitizer and wipes greet you at every door and more. Things certainly look different.

I am sure this is what many were thinking when Jesus began His ministry. Jesus’ disciples were not washing their hands before eating, Jesus was healing on the Sabbath, Jesus was associating with tax collectors and sinners, Jesus was saying all kinds of strange things like, “I have not come to bring peace, but a sword”, and many other things. All these things that Jesus was doing was to point the people to Himself. Jesus is the Messiah that came into the world to rescue them from their sins and to promise them eternal life with Him. However, many were so focused on how different things looked that they failed to see Jesus for who He was.

I know that things look different in our world, country, state, and communities today because of COVID-19. I know that it is a serious issue that we are dealing with. However, I wonder how many people are so focused on how different things look that they are failing to keep Jesus at the center of their lives. Let’s face it, Sunday morning Sunday school and church in many cases has been replaced with all kinds of other activities. People may have started out with good intentions of watching church services online but have slowly stopped. I pray for each of you daily and that COVID-19 does not make things look so different in our lives that our faith and trust in our Savior Jesus Christ is set and taken over by other things and concerns. Satan can definitely use this time to his advantage because if there is something that keeps Christians strong, it is our coming together to encourage and support each other in our faith and this life. The longer we stay apart, the bigger the danger.

God is still in control. He has saved you from your sins by the blood of His Son Jesus. He has eternal life waiting for all who believe in Jesus as their Savior. I also pray that you continue find ways to intentionally strengthen your Christian faith until you feel safe in joining us again in worship. I really do miss seeing all of you and I cannot wait until we are all back together again.

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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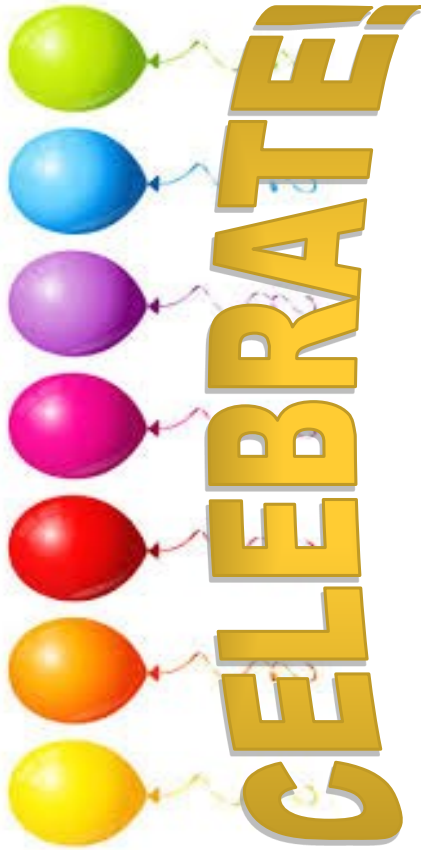
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*May we continue to be used by  
God and share the Gospel with  
A Heart for Hamilton County  
and the World!!*



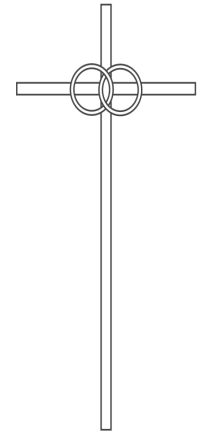


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## Anniversaries

1st	Ricky & Kathy Payne	33 Yrs
	Darman & Jane Wagner	61 Yrs
6th	Derrel & Lois Hungerford	44 Yrs
	Ryan & Misti Polster	26 Yrs
	Stanley & Delores Stanford	39 Yrs
7th	LeeRoy & Karen Tyson	44 Yrs
8th	Sandy & Roseanne Hall	39 Yrs
15th	Keith & Stacy Reich	33 Yrs
16th	Jimmie & Nancy Horton	34 Yrs
	Billy & Sharolyn Lawson	45 Yrs
18th	Doyle & Barbara Cook	64 Yrs
19th	Raymond & Patsy Krueger	31 Yrs
22nd	Scott & Cassie Walters	50 Yrs
23rd	Tom & Connie White	46 Yrs
25th	Jerry & Kay Zschiesche	47 Yrs
26th	Neil & Lynn Muxworthy	42 Yrs
27th	Grant & Kim Ward	15 Yrs
30th	August & Wilma Gaydos	51 Yrs
31st	John & Irene Zaruba	63 Yrs



## Birthdays

1st	Ricky Payne, Colt Weiser
4th	Barbara Jahns
5th	Allen Dodson
10th	Shirley Meissner
12th	Darman Wagner
15th	Sydney English, Sawyer Hanson, Trint Jeschke Patsy Krueger
16th	Nancy Horton, Riley Reich
17th	Phiona Clark
19th	Pat Bottlinger
20th	Anna Gaydos
23rd	Sarah Bauman, Buckie Pate
25th	Lucas Geter, Sam Hall
29th	Brenda Arnett
31st	Casey Yates



### Upcoming August Events

- 2nd- MITE BOX SUNDAY
- 3rd - 5:30pm Preschool Board
- 9th - 11:15am Bd of Trustees  
Bd of Ed & Youth
- 10th - 6:30pm Bd of Elders
- 11th - 5:30pm Bd of Finance

## Baptisms

1st	Rhonda Geter
7th	Emma Cantara, Sarah Zschiesche
9th	Kathy Kensing
11th	Holt Childress
12th	Barbara Jahns
14th	Kay Zschiesche
16th	Cara Finstad, Piper Hanson
25th	Riley Reich
26th	James Tischler
27th	Shirley Gerald



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

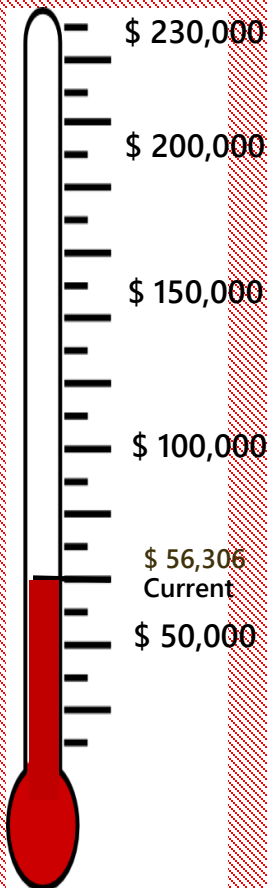
**Church Worship  
Sundays 10:00am  
(Live streamed on  
Facebook and YouTube)**

**Quilting  
Tuesday 9:00am**

**Jr/Sr Youth  
Wednesdays 6:30 PM  
(Watch the W.R.A.P for  
updates)**



## BUILDING FUND



### ✘ Our Military & Families:

Ross Bates, Travis Beach, Nick Cantara, Josh Chorenziak, Lauren Jeffers, Isaac Jerrell, Krista Jerrell, Matthew Jerrell, Matthew Medina, Ernie Mendez, Payden Nolen, Cade Roenne, 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:** 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
- ✘ **Gary Deutsch** - recovering from call bladder surgery
- ✘ **Neil Muxworthy** - battling cancer, to start radiation treatments
- ✘ **Ed Quarzensky** - struggling with pneumonia
- ✘ **Ernst Peters** - therapy at home
- ✘ **Rick Payne** - undergoing cancer treatments again
- ✘ **Glenda Schoen** - recovering at home from a fractured let
- ✘ **Louise Landrum** - recovering from knee surgery
- ✘ **Danny & 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
- ✘ **Doyle Billingsly** - (Melanie Housden's father) cancer has returned
- ✘ **John Bowie** - (Buckie Pate's brother) battling cancer
- ✘ **Bobby Cathey** - (Tammy Wagner & Joe Cathey's father) various health issues
- ✘ **Bubba Gerald** - recovering from surgery
- ✘ **Fred Gromatzky** - cancer treatments
- ✘ **Curtis Gunn** - Cancer treatments
- ✘ **Debbi Haile** - recovering from surgery
- ✘ **Melba Ruth King** - battling cancer
- ✘ **Charles Krempin** - bed ridden
- ✘ **Carolyn May** - friend of Pat Crouch recovering from massive stroke
- ✘ **Vance & Amy McAnally** - both have Coronavirus
- ✘ **Henrietta Medina** - liver count went up. Changing medication
- ✘ **Kai Monroe** - (Friend of the Yates) determining next steps for kidney issue
- ✘ **Cliff Partin** - at home, improving
- ✘ **Clifford Reinert** - recovering from a kidney transplant
- ✘ **Ossie Scott** - (Doyle Robert's sister) cancer treatments
- ✘ **Pam Wolff** - (Elisha Squyres' mother) complications with MS
- ✘ **Praise and Thanksgiving:** Chrissy Kensing, Gary Voges
- ✘ **For those who grieve:** The Family of Ben Helmcamp
- ✘ **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. 3



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## Finance Update

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

	Current Month		Year-to-date	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
<b>Income</b>				
00-Group 00	29,670.00	30,783.28	256,583.00	288,803.78
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>29,670.00</b>	<b>30,783.28</b>	<b>256,583.00</b>	<b>288,803.78</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
04-Board of Outreach	1,582.00	1,125.00	5,992.00	4,790.87
10-Board of Elders	20,692.00	17,189.07	94,825.00	81,617.70
12-Board of Education	4,083.00	1,822.68	11,443.00	3,319.16
13-Board of Trustees	8,763.00	22,512.89	48,468.00	48,811.61
14-Board of Finance	3,541.67	6,857.96	21,700.02	19,815.00
16-Preschool Board	5,555.93	11,053.47	66,667.58	66,733.28
20-Memorial Expenditures	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
21-Non-Budget Expense	0.00	411.75	0.00	15,737.34
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>44,217.60</b>	<b>60,972.82</b>	<b>249,095.60</b>	<b>240,824.96</b>
<b>Income Less Expense</b>	<b>-14,547.60</b>	<b>-30,189.54</b>	<b>7,487.40</b>	<b>47,978.82</b>



*Paul Zimmerman*

St. John General Fund: Karen Hogan

*Dorothy Jarvis*

St John Building Fund: Bert Schrank



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**QUILTING**  
**TUESDAYS AT 9:00**



Ruth Guild will resume in  
September

**FOR  
YOUR SAFETY  
AND OURS**



**Wear a mask**

**Men's Club will  
Resume in  
September**

**GLORY GAMESTERS  
WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER**

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 \$200.00 from purchases made. It's a simple and easy way to give to your church. Try it! It will make you smile!

Will resume in September

**MEN'S BIBLE  
STUDY**

**Thursdays @ 6:30 am**  
with breakfast

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.

## **WOMEN'S WITNESS AND MERCY ASIA**

### **Mission Central — \$100,000**

Asia is a harvest field ripe for the Gospel. Lutheran Women in Mission realize that our grants to missionaries in the field bring God's Word to a dying world. Asia is predominantly secular, with Buddhist, Muslim, Hindu, and other false religions. Throughout Taiwan, Thailand, Hong Kong, Macau, and Southeast Asia, 10 women conduct various mission activities such as teaching, performing acts of mercy, and witnessing the Gospel. Some have husbands and families working alongside them, whereas others work with a team or work alone.

One woman missionary teaches 242 students, while another coordinates mercy projects with local partners addressing the physical and social needs in both rural and urban communities. One works with deaf ministry, and others teach English as a Second Language (ESL). All are building relationships with people they serve, which opens opportunities to share the Gospel message in both Word and deed.

Mission Central supports missionaries by providing flights to and from the mission location, transportation within the country, a vehicle, insurance, payments for housing and utilities, computers, supplies, and materials. They also pay the cost for education of the missionaries' children, language training, salary for the family, and the expense of orientation and training prior to leaving for the mission field.

This grant will provide funds to Mission Central to support these women missionaries in the work they are doing in Asia. They are ready and willing to give a reason for the hope they have, to the hungry souls they serve.

For more information about Mission Central and its work, go to the Mission Central website, <https://missioncentral.us/>.

**MITE BOX SUNDAY**  
**August 2**

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





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## The Carver and the Composer

### *Music Notes*

By Gary Gromatzky

#### Sweet Hour of Prayer

Sweet hour of prayer,  
Sweet hour of prayer,  
That calls me from a world of care  
And bids me at my Father's throne  
Make all my wants and wishes known!  
In seasons of distress and grief,  
My soul has often found relief,  
And oft escaped the tempter's snare  
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer.

Sweet hour of prayer,  
Sweet hour of prayer,  
Thy wings shall my petition bear  
To him whose truth and faithfulness  
Engage the waiting soul to bless:  
And since he bids me seek his face,  
Believe his word and trust his grace,  
I'll cast on him my ev'ry care,  
And wait for thee sweet hour of prayer.

Sweet hour of prayer,  
Sweet hour of prayer,  
May I thy consolation share,  
Till, from Mount Pisgah's lofty height,  
I view my home and take my flight:  
This robe of flesh I'll drop and rise  
To seize the everlasting prize;  
And shout, while passing thro' the air,  
"Farewell, farewell,  
sweet hour of prayer!"

The information we have about the author of this favorite gospel hymn has come not from the author himself, but from a friend to whom the poem was dictated. In 1842, in the town of Coleshill, Warwickshire, England, the Rev. Thomas Salmon stopped by a small trinket shop to visit with his friend, William Walford. Walford was seventy years old at the time and his eyesight was almost gone. Nevertheless, he ran the tiny shop where he sold small carvings and engraved items.

On this particular day, Walford asked his friend to copy down the verses to a prayer-poem he had been composing in his head. Salmon took pen and paper and wrote the words to the gospel hymn we now call "Sweet Hour of Prayer." Thomas Salmon was so impressed with Walford's poem that he made a second copy of it for himself and tucked this away in his notes and papers.

Three years later, Salmon traveled to the United States; while in New York City, he sent Walford's poem to the editor of the *New York Observer*. The editor was so impressed with the prayer-poem that he published it in the September 13, 1845, issue of his paper. In addition to the text of the poem, the paper carried Salmon's tale of having received it by dictation from his blind friend, a carver of trinkets back home in England.

The possibility of the poem becoming a hymn was appreciated by the compilers of a Baptist Hymnal in 1859, and they included it in a book entitled *Church Melodies* published that same year.

Still, it wasn't until William Bradbury, noted American composer of gospel music, set the words to music in 1861 and then published the words and music together in his collection of hymns, *The Golden Chain*, that the general public began to appreciate and enjoy the comforting message of this hymn.

William Bradbury was well-known in the mid-1800s for taking a simple religious poem and giving it wings with his music. Although he was a gifted musician and composer and could have gained fame and prosperity in the field of secular music, Bradbury's heart was drawn to writing quality melodies for songs to be sung in Sunday schools. He disagreed with the trend in those days of using popular secular tunes as accompaniments for religious hymns. In his efforts to change this trend, he became known as the "pioneer of Sunday school songs." In all, he published sixty songbooks containing the melodies for the following favorites, as well as many others: "Jesus Loves Me," "Just As I Am," "My Hope is Built on Nothing Else," "He Leadeth Me," and "Saviour Like a Shepherd Lead Us."

"Sweet Hour of Prayer" was the result of international co-operation: a blind poet and his pastor friend in England who shared their work with a newspaper editor and a composer in New York. The result was a hymn that has strengthened and encouraged faith on both sides of the Atlantic for over 140 years, proving once more that the power of prayer is not limited by political or geographical boundaries.

# Workday July 11





# This 'N That

## Preschool news

School is set to start August 24th. We are looking forward to a great year. There will be some changes to our policies that you can find online and in your packets. Virtual open-house will be Wed, August 19th. Hope to see your smiling faces then!

Many of you have not had the Lord's Supper in a while. If you or your family would like to receive the Lord's Supper, please let Pastor Reich know and you can set up a time for you to come by the church or he can bring it to your home.

We are on the lookout for Sunday School teachers. Hopefully we will be able to meet again in the near future and we need teachers for our 2nd-3rd grade class and our 4th-5th grade class. If you are willing to take on this challenge, please contact Pastor Reich or the church office. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

## IN-HOME BIBLE STUDY

### Are You Interested?

Have friends or family that would like to get together to study God's Word?

Have a topic you would like to discuss with emphasis on Jesus' teachings?

Pastor Reich would be more than happy to help you get started. Just give him a call.

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them"

Matthew 18:20

If you would like to receive a weekly W.R.A.P and bulletin via email or postal service, please drop a line to [stjohnlutheranoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnlutheranoffice@gmail.com) or call 254-386-3158.

**As many of you know, Ruth Guild, LWML, collects used stamps. Everyone is invited to save all their used postage stamps. Just remove the corner of your envelope making sure that more than a quarter of an inch is cut or torn from the envelope. Bring your stamps and place them in the Ruth Guild's box in the Narthex. Ruth Guild trims them and gets them to our District so that these stamps can be sold. All proceeds go to mission goals. It is such an easy way to help!**



There are still a few available Sundays in October, November and December if you would be interested in providing a floral offering for a church service.

**BACK PACK  
BLESSING!  
SUNDAY  
AUGUST 2**



*Thank you*

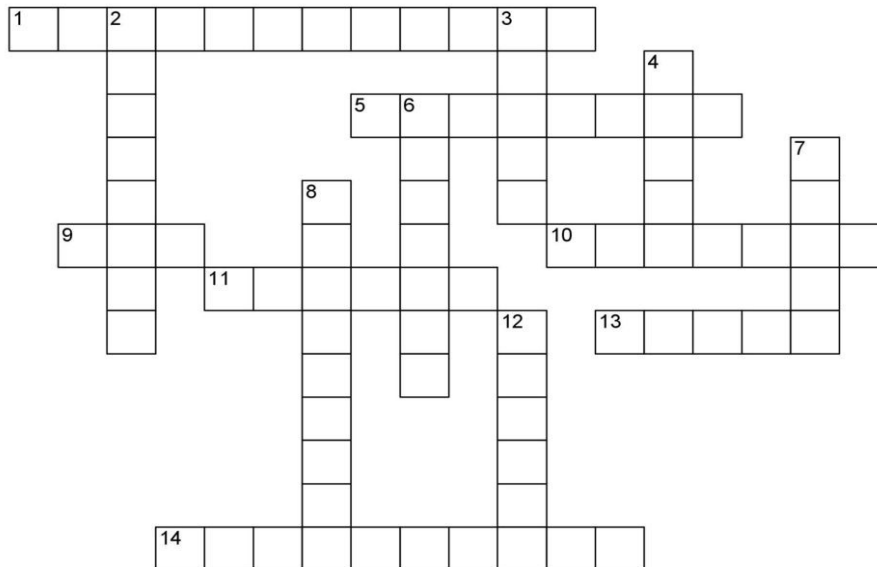
To ALL who helped clean up flower beds around the church, trimmed shrubs, did minor repairs on our building and at the preschool, placed attendance cards in the pews, helped sanitize the sanctuary, and provided masks for our service.



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## The Gospel According to John Puzzles

### Chapter 14



www.CrosswordWeaver.com

#### Across

- 1 If you love Jesus, you are to keep His what?
- 5 Let not your heart be \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9 You believe in \_\_\_\_\_, believe also in Me.
- 10 I go to prepare a \_\_\_\_\_ for you.
- 11 No one comes to the \_\_\_\_\_ (God) except by Jesus. (v 6)
- 13 If you believe in Jesus the Christ, the \_\_\_\_\_ that He did you will do also; and greater \_\_\_\_\_ will you do.
- 14 This person will teach us all things, and bring to our remembrance all things that Jesus said to us. (Two words, no space)

#### Down

- 2 In my Father's house are many \_\_\_\_\_ (or rooms).
- 3 Jesus is the way, the \_\_\_\_\_, and the life.
- 4 Jesus said He leaves this with us, not as the world gives does He give us.
- 6 Jesus said that after He were to go He would come again and \_\_\_\_\_ us to Himself; that where He is, there we may be also.
- 7 Jesus said (in frustration it seems) that if they did not believe He was in the Father and the Father in Him than at least believe the \_\_\_\_\_ themselves.
- 8 Jesus said the words that He spoke He did not speak on His own \_\_\_\_\_.
- 12 Jesus told Philip, He who has seen Him has seen the \_\_\_\_\_ (God).

# Back to School

## Word Search



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