



The Eagle August 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!!*



Our Senior Youth had an amazing experience at the National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, Minnesota. We joined some 22,000+ (I have seen numbers anywhere from 22,000 to 28,000 in attendance) youth, young adult volunteers and adult leaders for this gathering. It is so neat to see and hear all of the Bible study presenters, session speakers and Mass Event speakers and music and to watch the impact that these have on our youth. The theme for the 2019 National Youth Gathering was Real.Present.God.

It is amazing how relevant this theme is not only for our youth, but for all of us. I have said it over and over and it still has not changed – we live in a challenging world that is filled with struggles, temptations, hardships, tragedy, etc. No one escapes these. They are a part of every single person's life. But even in the midst of what the world throws at us, we have a Real.Present.God. who is not oblivious to everything that is going on in our lives. We have a God who is real and really cares about what we are dealing with. We have a God who is present in our lives walking along side of us. We have a God who is God. I know that we all have questions at times about why life is the way it is. There are times we have no answer or clear understanding. That is why God is God and we are not.

The theme verse was Psalm 46:1, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Our time together at Minneapolis was centered around all of Psalm 46. I would encourage you, if you are reading this, to read Psalm 46 and reflect on how God has been your refuge and strength in times of trouble. He will also continue to be our refuge and strength in the days ahead.

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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Anniversaries

1st	Ricky & Kathy Payne	32 Yrs
	Darman & Jane Wagner	60 Yrs
6th	Derrel & Lois Hungerford	43 Yrs
	Ryan & Misti Polster	25 Yrs
	Stanley & Delores Stanford	38 Yrs
7th	LeeRoy & Karen Tyson	43 Yrs
8th	Sandy & Roseanne Hall	38 Yrs
15th	Keith & Stacy Reich	32 Yrs
16th	Jimmie & Nancy Horton	33 Yrs
	Billy & Sharolyn Lawson	44 Yrs
18th	Doyle & Barbara Cook	63 Yrs
19th	Raymond & Patsy Krueger	30 Yrs
20th	John & Cat Parks	11 Yrs
22nd	Scott & Cassie Walters	49 Yrs
23rd	Tom & Connie White	45 Yrs
25th	Jerry & Kay Zschiesche	46 Yrs
26th	Neil & Lynn Muxworthy	41 Yrs
27th	Grant & Kim Ward	14 Yrs
30th	August & Wilma Gaydos	50 Yrs
31st	John & Irene Zaruba	62 Yrs

Birthdays

1st	Ricky Payne, Colt Weiser
4th	Barbara Jahns
5th	Allen Dodson
9th	Bob Jarvis
10th	Ethan Cathey, Sara Cathey, Shirley Meissner
12th	Darman Wagner
13th	George LeGrande
15th	Sydney English, Sawyer Hanson, Trint Jeschke, Patsy Krueger, Cynthia McElroy
	Keaton Muxworthy
16th	Nancy Horton, Riley Reich
17th	Phiona Clark
19th	Pat Bottlinger
20th	Wilma Gaydos
23rd	Sarah Bauman, Bucky Pate, Ruth Reneau
25th	Lucas Geter, Sam Hall
29th	Brenda Arnett, Clint Skocpol
31st	Casey Yates

Baptisms

1st	Rhonda Geter
7th	Emma Cantara, Sarah Zschiesche
9th	Kathy Kensing
12th	Barbara Jahns
14th	Kay Zschiesche
16th	Cara Finstad, Piper Hanson
19th	Rachel Bottlinger
20th	Kain Kunkel
25th	Riley Reich
26th	Ruth Reneau, James Tischler
27th	Shirley Gerald
31st	Suzanne Jarvis

Upcoming

August Events

- 4th-Mite Box Sunday
7:15a-Men's Club
1:30p-Nursing Home
Devotions
- 5th-6:30p-Preschool Board
- 11th-11:15-Bd of Ed & Youth
Bd of Trustees
- 12th-6:30p-Bd of Elders
- 13th-1:00p-Glory Gamesters
5:30p-Bd of Finance





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

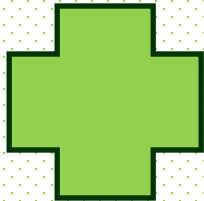
**Opening/Breakfast
Choir Practice
Sundays 8:30am**

**Sunday School
Sundays 9:00am**

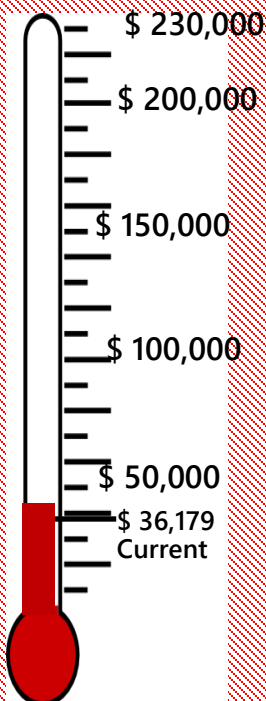
**Church Worship
Sundays 10:00am**

**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, Jewell Zimmerman, Pat Bottlinger, Larry Stamberger, Maxine Wenzel **Hamilton Health Care:** 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

✘ **Glenda Schoen** - recovering from a fall and pneumonia

✘ **Bert Schrank** - ongoing health issues

✘ **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

✘ **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:** Katherine Renken, Ed Quarzenski, Paul & Edith Gates

✘ **For those who grieve:** The family of Mildred Kautzsch

✘ **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
 June of Fiscal Year 2019

	Current Month		Year-to-date	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income				
00-Group 00	32,279.67	33,984.15	249,575.02	247,331.32
Total Income	32,279.67	33,984.15	249,575.02	247,331.32
Expense				
04-Board of Outreach	945.00	918.12	4,570.00	3,871.78
10-Board of Elders	18,385.00	13,759.52	94,825.00	78,164.63
12-Board of Education	4,083.00	631.88	11,443.00	7,527.54
13-Board of Trustees	8,762.00	3,595.01	48,462.00	35,208.23
14-Board of Finance	4,387.00	560.73	23,348.00	17,646.34
16-Preschool Board	6,613.00	9,545.31	55,241.00	71,805.31
20-Memorial Expenditures	0.00	0.00	0.00	240.00
21-Non-Budget Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	612.28
Total Expense	43,175.00	29,010.57	237,889.00	215,076.11
Income Less Expense	-10,895.33	4,973.58	11,686.02	32,255.21



Given in Memory of :

Bobby Moore

St. John Building Fund:

Tom & Connie White

St. John Preschool:

Paul & Kathy Christensen

Paul Zimmerman:

St John Preschool:

Paul & Kathy Christensen

Mildred Kautzsch:

St. John General Fund:

Robert Sugart, Mike Kautzsch,
 Allen & Brenda Avery

St. John Preschool:

Paul & Kathy Christensen



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Sunday morning services can be heard on



Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm
Sunday mornings at 7:30 am

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MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club meets on the 1st Sunday of the month. Join us *Sunday, August 4th at 7:15 am* for the Men's Club meeting and to help make sausage and pancakes for breakfast.

WILL RESUME AUGUST 22

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.

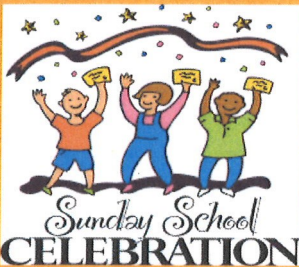
Remember this summer when you are having fun in the sun...the work of the Church still goes on. The heart on our website, www.stjohnhamilton.org allows you to set up recurring tithes and one time tithes for your convenience. Have a great and safe summer!



St. John Youth Activities

AUGUST 2019

Don't Miss Out on Sunday, August 11!



Promotion Sunday is August 11. Come for breakfast, meet your new classmates for the next Sunday School Year. Decorate your door! Be thinking Rainforest!

Bring your backpack to church. Kids bring them to the front during the service for prayer.



Blessing of the Backpacks



Parent Meeting with Jr. High Kids after church on Sunday, August 11. Pastor will talk about upcoming Confirmation year.



Notice anything about our proud Texas Flag boys?

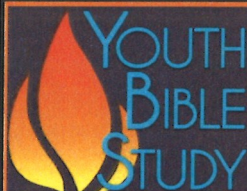


Confirmation starts Wednesday, August 21. The church vans will pick up behind school by green house.



SENIOR YOUTH we will travel to Waco on Saturday August 17 at 5:00 for a fun night on the town. Bring some money for food/fun.

Jr. High Dance
Friday
August 30



SR. Youth
Wed Nights
6:00 FLC



Mass Event Worship with 28,000



REAL PRESENT GOD. LCMS YOUTH GATHERING | Minneapolis - July 11-15, 2019

National Youth Gathering was AWESOME! Kids have been sharing their experiences in church each Sunday for 3 weeks. We will start our Fundraising for Houston National Youth Gathering in September with a freezer pleaser. If you want to go to Houston or have a friend you want to invite, start praying about it now. Thank the church for their support!!!



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St. John Youth Activities

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 8:30 Break- fast 9:00 Sun School 10:00 Wor- ship	5	6 Teachers Back to school	7	8 VB Clifton Tourney	9 VB Bremond	10 VB Clifton Tourney
11 Backpack Blessing & Promotion Sunday Parent Meeting 	12	13 VB in Blum	14 	15 First Day of School VB Hamilton Tourney	16 HS CC Temple FB Here Vs Santo	17 VB Hamilton Tourney Sr. Youth WACO TRIP
18 8:30 Breakfast 9:00 Sun School 10:00 Wor- ship	19	20 VB in Hico	21 Confirma- tion Sr Youth- Meets 	22 VB Gor- man Tour- ney	23 HSCC Moody FB Tolar VB in Evant	24 VB Gorman Tourney Pageant
25 8:30 Breakfast 9:00 Sun School 10:00 Wor- ship	26	27 VB HERE Rio Vista	28 Confirma- tion/Sr. Youth JH/HS girls	29 VB Bruceville Eddy Tour- ney JH VB Here vs	30 FB TH Millsap JH Back to School DANCE 	31 HS boys CC Valley Mills VB Bruce- ville Eddy



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The Ruth Guild is collecting school supplies for World Relief children. There is a box in the narthex for your donations. Supplies needed:

- 4 - 70-sheet notebooks, wide- or college-ruled
- 1 - 30- centimeter ruler or ruler with centimeters on one side
- 1 - pencil sharpener
- 1 - pair blunt scissors
- 5 - unsharpened #2 pencils
- 5 - black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 - box 16 or 24 crayons
- 1 - 2 1/2 inch eraser

Any additional supplies collected will be given to needy children in Hamilton County. Thank you for helping with this worthy cause.

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!

A BIG THANK YOU to our Lay Leaders for helping out with services when Pastor Reich is away, those who helped with funeral meals, filled pew cards, cleaned the altar area, and so much more!



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Field house named after 'Big John' Hall

Hamilton Independent School District board of trustees Monday evening voted to rename the fieldhouse at Kookon Field the "John Hall Fieldhouse."

"Big John spent more time in the fieldhouse than anyone else in the last 10 or 15 years," said Hamilton High School head coach Casey Jones. "I was talking to Coach Wilde this morning, and he said he thinks it's the perfect way to remember him and for everyone to remember him in the future."

"John meant a lot to the Bulldog football program. He did a lot that nobody realized he did. He was a special person, and this is a great way to honor him."

Hall, 33, passed away in January. He worked as a Bulldog coaches assistant and was a fixture in the fieldhouse and on the sidelines for many years.

"He left a big hole in the athletic program and in all of our hearts," said Superintendent Clay Tarpley. "Personally, I got to know John because my son was an eighth grader and manager for the football team. He would come home every day and tell me how he and John fought."

"He looked up to him, and Bryson said he made the best Gatorade ever."

Hall's family was at the school board meeting and thanked the board for the honor.

A rededication ceremony of the field house will be held at the first home scrimmage Aug. 16 at 5:00 PM.





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Music Notes by:

Gary Gromatzky

How Great Thou Art

Carl Boberg - 1885

O Lord my God! When I in awe-some wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r thro'-out the universe displayed.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
How great thou art, How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art!

When thro' the woods and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gently breeze;
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
How great thou art, How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art!

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin;
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
How great thou art, How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art!

When Christ shall come with shout of acclama-
tion,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee:
How great thou art, How great thou art!
The sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art!

For thus says the Lord, Who created the heavens, Who is God, Who formed the earth and made it, Who has established it, Who did not create it in vain, Who formed it to be inhabited: "I am the Lord, and there is no other." Isaiah 45:18

This well-loved hymn, made famous by the Billy Graham crusades and George Beverly Shea in particular, has one of the most fascinating histories of any modern hymn. It was written in different countries and diverse languages over the course of seventy years with the input of several translators who never met!



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The life of this majestic hymn of praise began in 1886 on a picturesque estate on the southern coast of Sweden. The Reverend Carl Boberg, who was also a member of the Swedish parliament and a successful editor, strolled across the well-kept grounds of the coastal estate and, as he did so, was caught in a sudden summer thunderstorm. Taking cover under some trees, he watched as the sky changed from angry blacks and grays streaked with flashes of lightning to clear, bright blue again. In the stillness after the storm, Boberg heard the birds begin to sing.

Boberg reported that witnessing this awesome demonstration of the variety and power of God caused him to fall to his knees in a spontaneous outburst of adoration and praise. After returning home, he put his thoughts on paper in a poem he titled “O Store Gud” (O great God). This poem was later published in several periodicals, including the one Boberg edited, paired with a Swedish folk melody.

In 1907, Manfred von Glehn, a German residing in Estonia, saw the hymn and translated it into his native tongue. Five years later, in 1912, a Russian pastor, Rev. Ivan S. Prokhanoff, well-known for his evangelical zeal and his efforts to bring fresh expressions of faith into the church, came across the German version and translated it into Russian for his congregations. Prokhanoff printed several small booklets of hymns compiled into one volume and published the Russian hymnal in New York. Copies were then shipped back to Russia for use in the various Christian churches there.

It was at this time that the hymn fell into the hands of Mr. & Mrs. Stuart K. Hine, an English couple serving as missionaries in the Ukraine. Initially, the Hines used the Russian version exclusively in their ministry, but as they traveled through the countryside, singing the hymn as a duet, they were impressed with the effect it had on those who had never heard the Gospel before. It was during this time that the idea of an English translation came to Stuart Hine. Although he used many of the same phrases written by Boberg decades earlier, Hine also included impressions of God’s grandeur gained from his excursions in the Carpathian mountains, where he had witnessed “all the works Thy hands have made.” In addition, he recalled the miracle of the Gospel and gift of salvation offered in Jesus Christ, and the effects of this on the unevangelized villages in Russia, Poland, Czechoslovakia, and Romania. With these recent memories in his thoughts, Hine wrote the English translation of the first three verses of “**How Great Thou Art.**”

When war broke out in 1919, the Hines were forced to leave their missionary posts in Eastern Europe and return to Great Britain. Among their personal belongings were the three stanzas of the hymn. Although they had been forced to leave their foreign field, the Hines continued to minister to the flood of refugees that streamed into Britain. Stuart Hine later reported that it was the repeated question of these displaced persons, “When will we be going home?” that caused him to write the fourth stanza of the hymn, recalling that final home-going of all believers.

In 1949, Stuart Hine published his hymn, “**How Great Thou Art,**” in a Russian gospel magazine and missionaries from all over the world requested reprints. It was one of these reprinted leaflets that was handed to a member of a Billy Graham crusade team in 1954. The hymn was included in the Toronto, Canada crusade in 1955 and has been a favorite of Graham’s crusade audiences ever since. Its great popularity can be attributed not only to the beautiful words and uplifting melody, but also to the continual exposure the hymn received on radio and television broadcasts in the last thirty years.

“**How Great Thou Art**” is a hymn that begins on earth, and ends in heaven, carrying the worshipper from the creation with all its beauty and splendor, to the Creator in all His majesty. It is this uplifting quality of both message and music that has made this hymn a favorite of congregations all around the world.

Ref: Hymns of Faith & Inspiration, Ideals Publications Inc., Nashville Ten



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Back Pack Blessing August 11



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