



# The Eagle September 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!!*



## “STICKY FAITH”

We are at the start of a new school year which means we are at the start of confirmation classes, youth group, men’s Bible study and a lot of other activities around the church that do not take place during the summer, at least not with regularity. With the start up of youth and confirmation, St. John is in the process of restructuring the confirmation process. I attended a confirmation workshop at the end of May and have discussed with the elders what was presented and we have decided to make the move to this new structure for confirmation. One main reason for the workshop was to address an issue that every church struggles with and that is, “How do we keep our youth active in church once they have been confirmed?” I am going to say up front that this new confirmation process is going to take more intentional effort on everyone’s part – students, parents, pastor and members.

“Sticky Faith” is a book that I am reading and the idea of the book is how to get faith to stick particularly in the lives of our youth. One key factor in keeping our youth in the church throughout their high school and college years that is highlighted in the book, and was brought out at the workshop as well, is our youth need people in the church of all ages, other than the pastor, youth worker and parents, showing interest in them. This is where each of you as individual members of St. John are critically important.

We are in the process of putting into place something that will foster this idea. For lack of a better phrase, we will call it “Adopt A Youth”. Over the next couple of weeks, the adults in our congregation will have the opportunity to choose a youth that they will encourage along the way as they grow in their walk with the Lord. The main goal for the restructure of our confirmation and youth programs is to incorporate young Christians into the community of believers and to help them become healthy, adult Christians. I am asking everyone in our church to pray for our youth and ask yourself how you can become involved in this process.

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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LET'S CELEBRATE YOU!

## Upcoming September Events

- 1st-Mite Box Sunday  
7:15a-Men's Club  
1:30p-Nursing Home  
Devotions
- 8th-11:15-Bd of Ed & Youth  
Bd of Trustees
- 9th-6:30p-Bd of Elders  
Preschool Board
- 10th-1:00p-Glory Gamesters  
5:30p-Bd of Finance

## **Anniversaries**

1st	Roger & Neet Bushee	57 Yrs
2nd	Johann & Kym Jeschke	19 Yrs
15th	Jason & Erica Bussy	18 Yrs
17th	Mike & Billie Looney	54 Yrs
18th	Ted & Barbara Jahns	65 Yrs
28th	Ben & Nell Helmcamp	62 yrs

## **Birthdays**

1st	Kodee Crouch
3rd	Elizabeth Newby, Ryder Zschiesche
6th	Neil Muxworthy
9th	Lois Hungerford, Kirsten Niemann, Keith Reich, Robert Reich, Tim Rudolph
10th	Dixie Gromatzky, Kameron McKandless
12th	Mae Pietzsch, Kyle Zschiesche
13th	Mischelle Bottlinger, Joshua Cantara, John Robinson
14th	Charles Johnson
15th	Dane Batla, Susie Odom
17th	Haley Hopper, Charles Rudolph, Gretchen Rudolph, Michael Rudolph, Marshal Stork
19th	Owen Tyson, Kaitlyn Walton
20th	Lennon Clark, Wilma Gaydos
21st	Albert Peters
22nd	Daniel Newby, Hannah Ward
23rd	Erik Christensen, Carolina DeLaGarza, Denis Geter
25th	Kathy Christensen, Mike Looney
26th	Abby LeGrande, Emily Neal Miller, Kinlee Mize, Brayden Payne
27th	Melanie Housden
28th	Bob Miller
30th	Marliessa Clark, Maggie Wenzel

## **Baptisms**

2nd	Trint Jeschke
3rd	August Gaydos, Lucas Geter
4th	Harry Asquith
8th	Roseanne Hall
9th	Kase Kunkel, Misti Polster
10th	Davin Crouch, Kodee Crouch, Madee Crouch
11th	Neil Muxworthy
15th	Shirley Meissner
17th	Robert Hoermann
18th	Keith Reich
19th	Darman Wagner
24th	Dorothy Hoermann, Kristen Payne
27th	Evelyn Batla
28th	Kayla Edwards, Cynthia McElroy
30th	Sawyer Hanson



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

**Sunday School  
Sundays 9:00am**

**Church Worship  
Sundays 10:00am**

**Quilting  
Tuesdays 9:00am**

**Wednesdays**

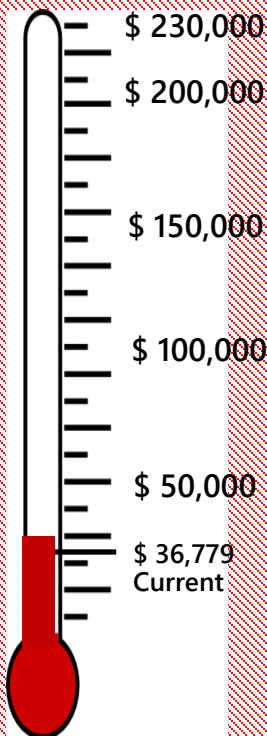
**Confirmation 4:00 PM**

**Senior Youth  
6:00 PM**

**Men's Bible Study  
Thursdays 6:30AM**



## 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** - leg circulation issues.

✘ **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

✘ **Ben Helmcamp**— dealing with throat issues

✘ **Norma Marwitz** - completed radiation, awaiting test results

✘ **Rick Payne** - undergoing cancer treatments

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

✘ **Bert Schrank** - therapy at Hamilton Healthcare

✘ **Brenda Schrank** - cancer treatments resume

✘ **Gary Voges**—started cancer treatments

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

✘ **Mary Alsup**—(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

✘ **Finus Crownover**—(McKinley Crownover's grandfather) diagnosed with cancer

✘ **Curtis Gunn** - Cancer treatments

✘ **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, awaiting tests

✘ **Melba Ruth King** - battling cancer

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

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

✘ **Robert Meissner** - (Shirley Meissner's brother) recovering from a severely broken leg

✘ **Ossie Scott** - (Doyle Robert's sister) cancer treatments

✘ **Joel Sellers** - undergoing cancer treatments

✘ **Praise and Thanksgiving:** Emilie Reeves

✘ **For those who grieve:** The family of Danny Horton (Jimmie Horton's brother)

✘ **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**  
 July of Fiscal Year 2019

	Current Month		Year-to-date	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
<b>Income</b>				
00-Group 00	32,016.67	30,608.23	281,591.69	277,939.55
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>32,016.67</b>	<b>30,608.23</b>	<b>281,591.69</b>	<b>277,939.55</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
04-Board of Outreach	570.00	256.00	5,140.00	4,127.78
10-Board of Elders	14,330.00	16,315.01	109,155.00	94,479.64
12-Board of Education	2,113.00	1,831.86	13,556.00	9,359.40
13-Board of Trustees	7,865.00	8,433.79	56,327.00	43,642.02
14-Board of Finance	3,406.00	5,694.20	26,754.00	23,340.54
16-Preschool Board	5,184.00	10,539.71	60,425.00	82,345.02
20-Memorial Expenditures	0.00	0.00	0.00	240.00
21-Non-Budget Expense	0.00	200.00	0.00	812.28
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>33,468.00</b>	<b>43,270.57</b>	<b>271,357.00</b>	<b>258,346.68</b>
<b>Income Less Expense</b>	<b>-1,451.33</b>	<b>-12,662.34</b>	<b>10,234.69</b>	<b>19,592.87</b>



Given in Memory of :

**Mildred Kautzsch:**

**St. John General Fund:**

Kearney & Vivian Edmiston, Robert & Sharon Edmiston Seago,  
 Dorothy Edmiston Allen, Margaret Edmiston

**St. John Building Fund:**

Alice & Jerome Pietzsch, John & Irene Zaruba

**Bobby Moore:**

**St. John Building Fund:**

Alice & Jerome Pietzsch, John & Irene Zaruba

**Paul Zimmerman:**

**St. John Building Fund:**

John & Irene Zaruba

**Mildred Wagner**

**St. John Building Fund:**

John & Irene Zaruba





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## MEN'S CLUB

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

Sunday morning services can be heard on



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

# 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).

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. Give in the privacy of your own home, or when circumstances prevent you from worshipping with us! Giving from the heart is so easy!





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2019–2021 LWML MISSION GRANT #1

*Mission Grant Story • August 2019*

## WATER AND THE WORD FOR RURAL SCHOOLS IN KENYA

Evangelical Lutheran Church, Kenya — \$80,000

*I was thirsty and you gave me drink (Matthew 25:35).*

*And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward (Matthew 10:42).*

The children in Kenya struggle to have water in their schools and often walk miles each day to gather water that is not necessarily clean water. Very often, the children must leave school and walk to the local water source. These water sources can be miles away from the school. Children are not only drinking dirty water and getting sick, but falling behind in school because they spend so much of their day hauling water.

In 2008, a man from Nebraska traveling in East Africa saw the need for clean water and sought a way to help. Through contact with a social worker and educator in Nakuru, Kenya, he devised a system of water harvesting equipment (rain gutters

and tanks), filters, hand wash stations and clean water storage to be installed in schools in Kenya.

In 2016, LCMS members from Nebraska took over the management of the project. They visit Kenya every year traveling to schools assessing their water needs. Then teams from the US go to install rain gutters and tanks for storage. Hand wash stations and clean water “buckets” are placed in all classrooms. The members teach personal hygiene, hand-washing and the importance of drinking only clean water. Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) clubs, made up of students and staff, are formed to be responsible for the clean water program.

This grant will help the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya (ELCK) extend their ministry by expanding the clean water project to their schools and orphanages thereby building a relationship with ELCK as they provide sound biblical teachings in their sponsored schools. Every dollar goes to help bring clean water and the Word to the children in Kenya!

[www.lwml.org/missions](http://www.lwml.org/missions)

**Next Ruth Guild Meeting  
Will be Sunday,  
September 22**



**MITE BOX SUNDAY  
September 1**



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## Music Notes

By Gary Gromatzky

### Because He Lives

God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus;  
He came to love, heal and forgive.  
He lived and died, to buy my pardon,  
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow.  
Because He lives, all fear is gone,  
Because I know he holds the future.  
And life is worth the living,  
Just because He lives!

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,  
And feel the pride, and joy he gives,  
But greater still the calm assurance,  
This child can face uncertain days  
Because He lives.

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow.  
Because He lives, all fear is gone,  
Because I know he holds the future.  
And life is worth the living,  
Just because He lives!

And then one day I'll cross that river.  
I'll fight life's final war with pain.  
And then as death gives way to victory,  
I'll see the lights of glory  
And I'll know He reigns.  
Because He lives, I can face tomorrow.  
Because He lives, all fear is gone,  
Because I know he holds the future.  
And life is worth the living,  
Just because He lives!

### Because He Lives

1971

Gloria and Bill Gaither

*There is hope in your future, says the Lord, Jeremiah 31:17*

(As told by Gloria and Bill Gaither)

When Bill and I started our family in the sixties, racial tensions were tearing the country apart. Civil rights activists had suffered and some had been killed. The Vietnam conflict was claiming thousands of lives, and tensions boiled over on university campuses. Many young people were growing disillusioned and “dropping out.”

In this climate, Bill and I sought to write songs with lasting answers to the turmoil of the human spirit. But in the fall of 1969, several things happened to test the reality of our own convictions. We realized we were expecting another baby. Though we had always intended to have another child, we weren't planning on a baby so soon. My body hadn't quite recovered from the last pregnancy. Making matters worse, Bill contracted mononucleosis, which left him exhausted and depressed.

This combination of national turmoil and personal trouble discouraged us, and we occasionally asked each other, “If the world is like this now, what will it be in fifteen or sixteen years for our baby? What will this child face?”

Discouraged and disheartened, they looked for signs of hope. One day in the spring, Bill walked out of his office to inspect a newly paved parking area. Construction workers had covered it with several coats of asphalt. Bill was satisfied with the job that was done, but as he turned, he noticed a tiny blade of grass poking through the layers of rock and tar to reach into the sunlight. Remembering the blade of grass that prospered and while pondering and praying about these things, we came to realize anew that our courage doesn't come from a stable world, for the world has never been stable. Jesus Himself was born in the cruelest of times. No, we have babies, raise families, and risk living because the Resurrection is true!

Our baby arrived safe and sound, and we named him Benjamin, which means “most beloved son.” A few weeks later “*Because He Lives*” was born in our hearts and poured from our souls.

Over the years this song has reassured us that our Lord's Resurrection is the central truth of life. Because He lives, we can face tomorrow. Many times since, as our children grew, our business-life changed, our fortunes shifted, or our direction clouded, our family has found assurance in this very personal song.

It's “our song,” but we're grateful others have loved it, too.





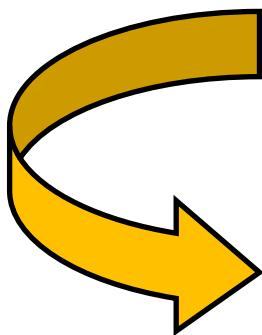
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*Thank you*

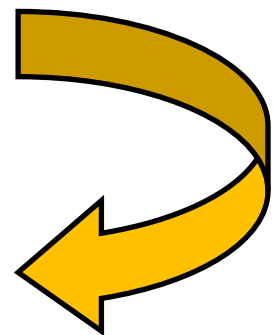
**A BIG THANK YOU** to those who filled pew cards, cleaned the altar area, filled busy bags, made minor repairs around the church and preschool, helped with after school activities, and so much more!

## **POTBLESSING MEAL SUNDAY, SEPT. 29**

**Bring your favorite dish!  
M-R set up and clean up**



**Elections are just around the corner for new church officers and board members. It's time to start thinking about nominations for the various positions to be filled. Please give prayerful consideration to serving your church and your God in one of these positions. Talk to any board member or the church office if you are interested in serving.**



**The Ruth Guild would like to thank everyone for bringing school supplies for their mission outreach. You have provided enough to fill 40 backpacks for children all around the world. There will also be school supplies for the Hamilton elementary school. Thank you for blessing these children.**

**Ruth Guild needs a president and treasurer for the new year. Please pray and search your heart and let Cecelia Jenson (254-784-0595) know if you could fill a position.**

**Come join Ruth Guild in its fall meeting September 22, immediately following church in the FLC. The backpacks will be filled and packed for shipping at this meeting.**

**Everyone is invited to come and be a part of this mission group of women.**

**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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## Abraham Is Tested

Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." Genesis 22:8a (NIV)

Based on Genesis 22:1-14 (NIV)

God himself  
will provide  
the  
Lamb.



B R V I H I T G E O I A U E C  
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ISAAC	OFFERING	KNIFE	LOVE	SON
HORNS	HAND	WOOD	FEAR	LAMB
SACRIFICE	ABRAHAM	WORSHIP	FIRE	DONKEY

# September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30 Breakfast 9:00 Sun. School 10:00 Worship	2 Labor Day Holiday	3	4 JH CC Waco Midway Confirmation 3:45 Sr. Youth 6:00	5 HS CC Midway JH FB Hico H JH VB in Bangs	6 FB Th Hico VB in McGregor	7 Jr/SR Youth Laser Tag 
8 8:30 Breakfast 9:00 Sun. School 10:00 Worship	9 JHVB vs Comanche Here	10 VB in Valley Mills	11 JH/HS girls CC Hico Confirmation 3:45 6:00 Sr. Youth DEAD-LINE FOR 21ST ACTIVITIES	12 JH FB H Moody	13 FB Th Moody	14 HS CC Boys Gatesville
15 8:30 Breakfast 9:00 Sun. School 10:00 Worship	16 JH VB in Dublin	17	18 Confirmation 3:45 Sr. Youth 6:00	19 JHFB H Early	20 FB Here Early VB Here vs Early	21 HS CC Lubbock FREEZER 
22 8:30 Breakfast 9:00 Sun. School 10:00 Worship	23 JH VB vs Eastland Here	24 VB There Bangs	25 Confirmation 3:45 Sr. Youth 6:00	26 JHFB H Goldthwaite	27 FB Th Goldthwaite	28 Youth Night McNeil CC VB vs Comanche Here JH VB Tourney
29 8:30 Breakfast 9:00 Sun. School 10:00 Worship	30 JH VB in Early	<div style="background-color: #336699; color: white; padding: 10px;"> <p align="center"><u>DON'T MISS OUT ON SEPTEMBER EVENTS</u></p> <p align="center">Bible Studies/Confirmation Each Wednesday Night</p> <p align="center">Laser Tag– Sept 7 Bring \$20 for game &amp; food. Extra if arcading</p> <p align="center">Freezer Pleaser– Sept 21 (Orders due Wed. Sept 11 )</p> <p align="center">The Promise –Sept 21 Tickets \$15 for Youth</p> </div>				



Sept 2019

# St. John Youth Activities

SEE YOU IN  
2022

# HOUSTON

## NYG Freezer Pleaser

**Saturday, September 21**

**9:00 at the FLC**

**Kids in grades 8 and up**

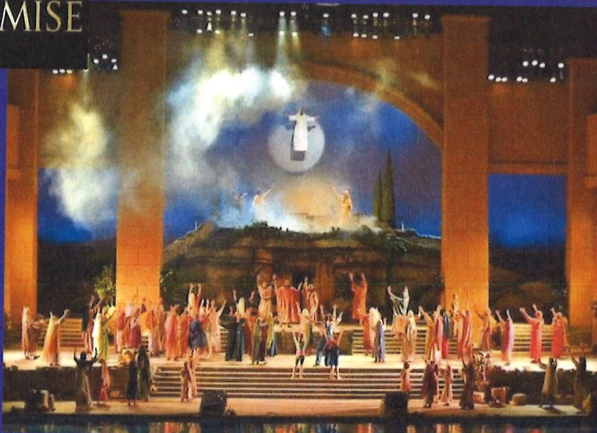
**Order sheets need to be turned in on  
Wednesday, Sept 11.**

**(Free ticket to The Promise for top salesman.)**

**This is our first fundraiser for NYG 2022**

**Pizza Pasta Casserole, Burritos, Taco Soup**

THE  
PROMISE



Youth Night at The Promise in Glen Rose

Cost \$20/person

Must Order and Pay by Sept 11



## Confirmation Retreat

**Camp Lone Star**

**October 11-12**

Please sign up on the Youth Board in the FLC by the Boys Bathroom by September 11. Pastor will have a form for those of you wishing to go. The cost is \$50 per youth.



## LASER TAG

Saturday, Sept 7

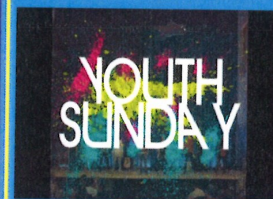
Spare Time in Temple

\$8.00 for Laser Tag plus money for Taco Bell and if you

want to



Youth-Led Breakfast and



Worship

Service

Sunday,

Sept. 29





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