



The Eagle September 2020



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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!!*



“Who Do You Say I Am?”

“Who do you say I am?” This was the question that Jesus asked the disciples after He first asked them, “Who do the people say that the Son of Man is?” We are living in a time, in my mind, like no other. With that said, the answer to these questions have not changed. There have always been doubt and questions as to who God and Jesus are. Just like when Jesus asked the disciples the question, “Who do the people say that the Son of Man is?”, we can get similar answers. Some say he was a good man. Some say he was a prophet. Others dismiss him as having no relevance for today. While our culture views Jesus in so many different ways, the question comes to you and me.

“Who do you say I am?” Hopefully, we are in agreement with Peter’s response, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God!” While we give Peter a hard time, he got this right. We know that later on he will deny knowing “the Christ, the Son of the living God”, but in the end there is forgiveness for Peter and Peter’s heart will be set on fire for the Lord.

The same is true for us. We can certainly say that Jesus is the Christ the Son of the living God. We can profess our faith in Jesus. However, there are times when we fail to be a witness of our life in Christ and deny who Jesus is. But He came to save us. His death on the cross restores us and brings us the forgiveness that we need to live a new life each day.

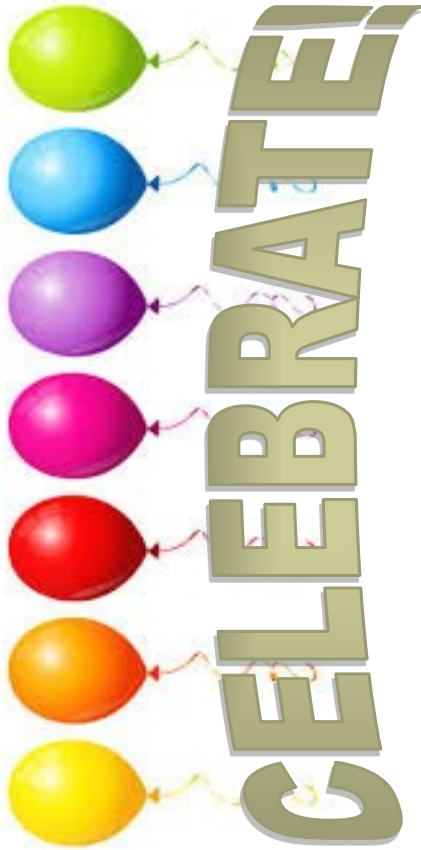
This is the good news that our world needs to hear. Our country and communities are in so much turmoil because of the political climate and social justice issues that are being raised that it is hard for us as Christians to really know what to do. We have really one thing to do - to proclaim that “Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.” This is the message that saves people for eternity. It is an honor and a privilege to be a Christian because we have the greatest news ever to share.

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

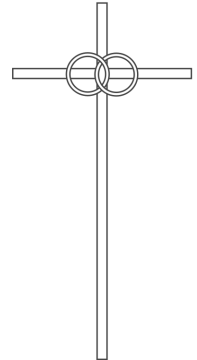


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Anniversaries

1st	Roger & Neet Bushee	58 Yrs.
2nd	Johann & Kim Jeschke	20 Yrs.
15th	Jason and Erica Bussey	19 Yrs.
17th	Mike & Billie Looney	55 Yrs.
18th	Ten & Barbara Jahns	66 Yrs.



Birthdays

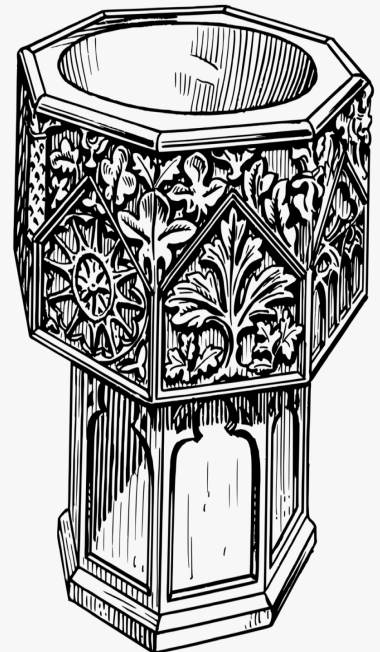
3rd	Elizabeth Newby, Ryder Zschiesche
6th	Neil Muxworthy
9th	Lois Hungerford, Kirsten Niemann, Keith Reich, Robert Reich, Timothy Rudolph
10th	Dixie Gromatzky, Kameron McKandless
12th	Mae Pietzsch, Kyle Zschiesche
13th	Mischelle Bottlinger, Joshua Cantara, John Robinson
14th	Charles Johnson
15th	Dayne Batla
19th	Owen Tyson, Kaitlyn Walton
20th	Lennon Clark, Wilma Gaydos
21st	Albert Peters
22nd	Daniel Newby, Hannah Ward
23rd	Carolina DeLaGarza,
25th	Kathy Christensen, Mike Looney
26th	Abby LeGrande, Kinlee Mize, Brayden Payne
27th	Melanie Housden
28th	Bob Miller
20th	Marliessa Clark, Maggie Wenzel

Upcoming September Events

6th -	MITE BOX SUNDAY
8:00am	Men's Club
8th -	5:30pm Preschool Board
8th -	1:00pm Glory Gamesters
13th -	11:15am Bd of Trustees
	Bd of Ed & Youth
14th -	6:30pm Bd of Elders
15th -	5:30pm Bd of Finance

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
24th	Kristen Payne
27th	Evelyn Batla
28th	Kayla Edwards
30th	Sawyer Hanson





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Sunday School
Sundays 9:00am

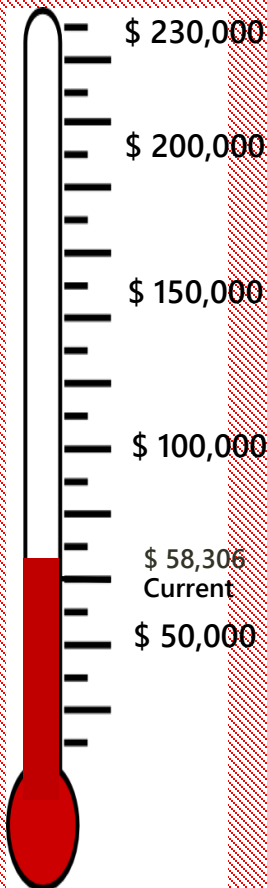
Church Worship
Sundays 10:00am
(Live streamed on
Facebook and YouTube

Quilting
Tuesday 9:00am

Confirmation
Sr Youth
Wednesdays 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, 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, Bert Schrank, Corene Streger **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

✘ **Billy Lawson** - recovering from a hand injury

✘ **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

✘ **Danny 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

✘ **Debbi Haile** - recovering from surgery

✘ **Melba Ruth King** - battling cancer

✘ **Charles Krempin** - bed ridden

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

✘ **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:** Louise Landrum

✘ **For those who grieve:**

✘ **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.



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Finance Update

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

	Current Month		Year-to-date	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income				
00-Group 00	29,407.00	23,935.55	285,990.00	313,097.73
Total Income	29,407.00	23,935.55	285,990.00	313,097.73
Expense				
04-Board of Outreach	707.00	0.00	6,699.00	4,790.87
10-Board of Elders	14,330.00	13,019.47	109,155.00	94,637.17
12-Board of Education	2,113.00	811.11	13,556.00	4,130.27
13-Board of Trustees	7,866.00	7,380.12	56,334.00	56,191.73
14-Board of Finance	3,291.67	1,652.08	24,991.69	21,467.08
16-Preschool Board	5,555.93	4,399.97	72,223.51	71,133.25
20-Memorial Expenditures	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
21-Non-Budget Expense	0.00	200.00	0.00	16,007.95
Total Expense	33,863.60	27,462.75	282,959.20	268,358.32
Income Less Expense	-4,456.60	-3,527.20	3,030.80	44,739.41

Will resume September 10

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays @ 6:30 am
with breakfast

QUILTING
TUESDAYS AT 9:00

Are you interested in giving online to St John? Just go to our web site 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.

Men's Club
Sunday September 6, 8:00AM

GLORY GAMESTERS
WILL RESUME SEPTEMBER 8



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These six young adults confirmed their faith in Christ on August 23rd. Fernanda Olalde, Cole Bauman, Joseph Polster, (Pastor Reich) Cooper LeGrande, Hunter Mize and Karah Niemann.

In loving memory of

Ben Helmcamp

St. John Building Fund: Joe & Michele Cathey, Gene & Shirley DeLoach, Paul & Kathy Christensen, Forrest & Cecelia Jenson, Darman & Jane Wagner, Rodney & Sharon Bartels, Bobby Bartels, Beverly Bretzke, Dorothy Kroesche, The Family of Ben Helmcamp, Agnes Voges, The Family of Bert Schrank, Charles Jahns, Richard & Jo Ann Jeske, Cynthia Floyd

St. John Ruth Guild:

Alice & Jerome Pietzsch

Leamon Wagner

St John Building Fund: James & Rosanne Hall, Karen & Robert Grisham, Maxine Wenzel, Brenda & Tommy Faubion

Lydia Wagner

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Faye Senger

St. John Building Fund: Linda Lovelace, Jerry Tischler, Darman & Jane Wagner, Mike & Billie Looney

PROCLAIMING GOD'S PRESENCE AND POWER Digital Media Development — Lutherans for Life — \$30,000

The mission of Lutherans for Life (LFL) is to equip Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices for life. Life issues, such as abortion, embryo experimentation, and physician-assisted suicide, are not political or personal choices but matters of the heart that affect people, neighbors, loved ones, and family. They offer opportunities for us to demonstrate how God's loving grace gives immeasurable importance to every human being, no matter their age, appearance, or ability. One way to equip those making life decisions is through the development of digital media materials.

Almost 89 percent of the people in the United States use the internet, and 77 percent have a social media profile. Digital avenues like the internet, smartphones, and social media offer an open mission field to connect to people, particularly the younger generations before they face such life issues. Current online conversations surrounding life issues regularly become volatile, most of all for Christian advocates of life's sanctity since our values and perspectives run counter both to fallen human nature and prevailing public opinion.

LFL believes our Savior is calling them into this arena to share the truth in love. They need to translate their life-giving message into this 21st century language. The Digital Media Development grant funds will assist in creating a collection of infographics, memes, shareable video clips, webinars, and podcasts. These tools have the unique ability not only to proclaim, but also to portray and put into motion, how God's power and presence makes human lives worthy — especially to the least and the weakest among us.

LFL envisions that this digital media initiative will serve as a visual witness, while virtual conversation will enable Lutheran individuals and congregations to engage people using social networks such as YouTube, Facebook, iTunes, and Instagram. LWML's support and partnership through this \$30,000 grant will make it possible for LFL to help people treat life issues — and the souls facing them — with courage and compassion.

For more information on the work of LFL, check out the Lutherans for Life website: lutheransforlife.org.

MITE BOX SUNDAY
September 6

www.lwml.org/mission-grants

RUTH GUILD MEETING
Sunday Sept. 27





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The following article is taken from the Lutheran World Relief website:

“Your love is well-known in Lebanon, reaching poor Lebanese families and large populations of Syrian and Palestinian refugees as they struggle to overcome the country’s ongoing economic crisis. Thank you for taking action to care for them in their time of need.

Unfortunately, this disaster (the explosion on the docks in Beirut on August 4) created a setback for our programs. The blast destroyed three of our 40-foot shipping containers, which were stored in the port and held more than 22,000 LWR Mission Quilts, 100 cartons of School Kits, 300 cartons of Personal Care Kits and 125 cartons of Baby Care Kits that were being prepared for distribution. Now an estimated 24,550 men, women and children who were already in great need will not receive these essential supplies.

The total monetary value of this loss is more than \$623,000. Yet the value of the time and love our quilters and kit-makers put into sewing, assembling and praying over these items is impossible to calculate. Though this loss is small compared to any loss of life, we are devastated that our neighbors who were already struggling—and who need these items now more than ever—will suffer even more without them.

“This loss could mean a more bitter winter for thousands of refugees,” said Melanie Gibbons, LWR’s deputy director for outreach and engagement. “Our quilts are made with love by those who painstakingly craft them, and they’re deeply appreciated by the people in distress who receive them, both for the warmth and the message of care they provide.”

Our QUILTERS need YOUR help! Any one who is able to help pin quilts together, piece quilts, or sew please come to our group sessions on Tuesdays at 9:00 AM. Any and all help would be appreciated.

The RUTH GUILD is gathering supplies for Personal Care Kits. Items needed are:

- 1- light-weight bath towel, dark color recommended
- 2-3 bath-size bars of soap in original wrapping
- 1- adult-size toothbrush in original packaging
- 1- sturdy comb
- 1- metal nail clippers with or without file.



THERE IS A TOTE ON THE TABLE IN THE NARTHEX FOR THESE ITEMS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!



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Albert Hay Malotte had made a mess of his life, and now, like the Prodigal, he was returning home. Albert had been a choir boy and had studied music in Philadelphia, but he had left home and spent his money. Now he had to wire his father for money for train fare home. On the way home he thought about his father, the Prodigal Son, and the Lord's Prayer, which begins, "Our Father."

That was the beginning of the song that is now a classic. For several years he kept thinking about it. In those years, Walt Disney had hired him for the ballet *Little Red Riding Hood*, and Albert composed the scores for fifteen animated films. He had become a success. But he still had some unfinished business.

The next time he went home, he finished the song that had been on his mind for years, and he called for his parents to listen and be his first audience. When he finished singing it for them, there was silence, then sobbing. They threw their arms around him but could not speak. Their beloved prodigal had sung for them "The Lord's Prayer."

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

The Lord's Prayer

After this manner therefore pray ye:

Our Father which art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done in earth,

as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts,

as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but

deliver us from evil:

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever.

Amen.

Matt 6:9-13

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This 'N That



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.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL will restart Sunday, Sept. 6 at 9:00AM. There will be NO formal opening, and NO breakfast. Children will go directly to their rooms and teachers will have an opening and offering collection for any who bring one. FLC adult class and Pastor's class will also meet as usual.

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.

Church Boards need to be looking at budget considerations for 2021! Work sheets are available in the office.

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.

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 or call 254-386-3158.

PRESCHOOL NEWS



Ms. Sharon and Mrs. Tiffani greeting students.



Little Lambs learning at the sensory bin.



Kinder-Bridge first day of school.

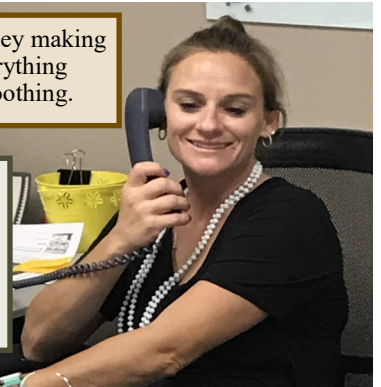


A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR: We have 28 students enrolled this year! We are so excited and blessed to be teaching in person and sharing the love of Jesus to our families. Thank you for your continued support and prayers as we navigate our back to school with Covid-19.



Mrs. Haley making sure everything runs smoothly.

Making hand prints



Mighty Lions Chapel Covid-19 edition.



Word Search

W	U	U	O	H	N	S	Y	A	D	I	L	O	H	Z
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See how many of these newspaper related words you can find in the puzzle.
The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.

Created by Sue Lindlauf
Grand Forks Herald 2012

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|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1. LABOR | 5. WORK | 9. SUMMER | 13. AMERICAN |
| 2. DAY | 6. LONG | 10. NATIONAL | 14. MONDAY |
| 3. HOLIDAY | 7. WEEKEND | 11. USA | 15. DAY |
| 4. SEPTEMBER | 8. ENDING | 12. TRAVEL | 16. OFF |



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