



St. John Lutheran Church and Preschool
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THE EAGLE

Easter Was Just The Beginning... !

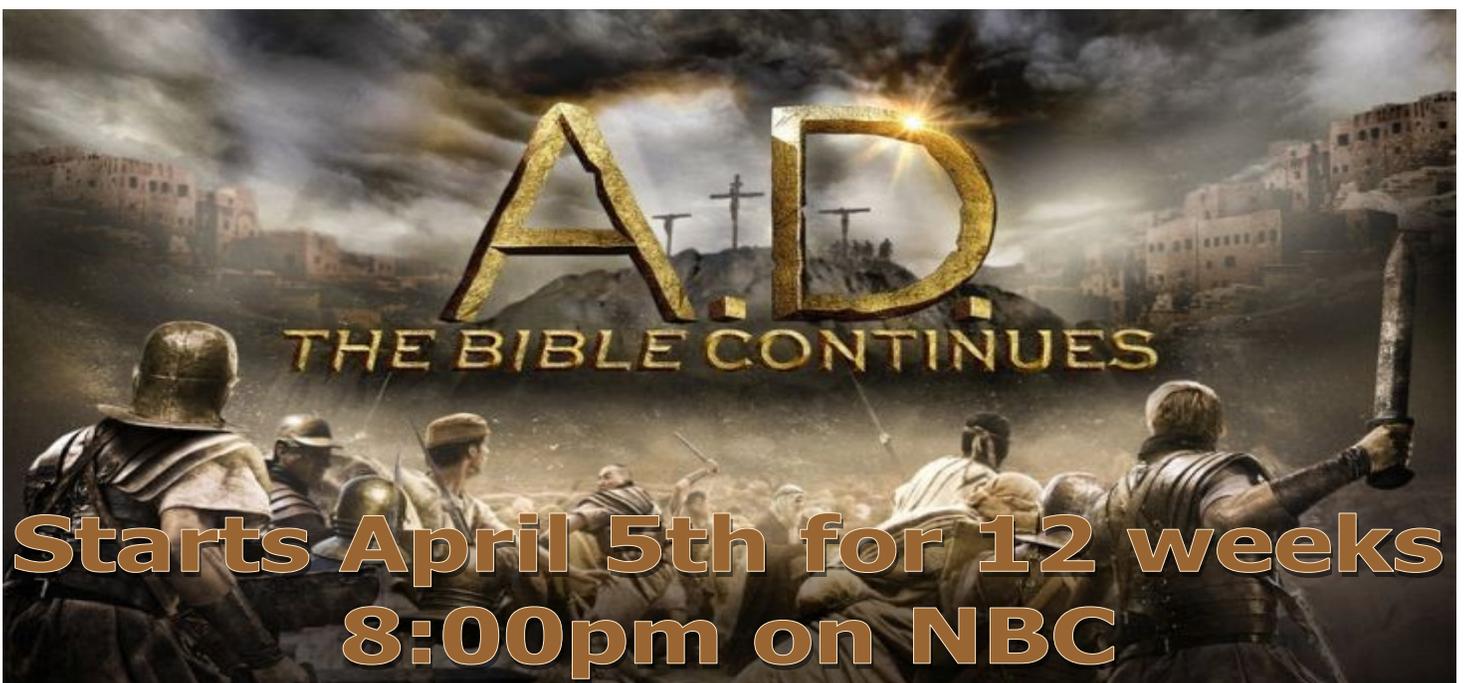
It is real easy to get all excited about Easter, which it is definitely a great thing to get excited about, but when it is over to lose that excitement. However, after the first Easter, it was certainly not a let down. In the book of Acts, which describes the events after Jesus' resurrection, the church begins to spread like wildfire. Yes, there was persecution, but the church grew and thrived.

A.D. is a new TV series that will begin airing on Easter Sunday, April 5, 2015. It will be a 12 week series that picks up where **The Bible** miniseries, that was aired in 2013, left off. The **A.D** series picks up with the resurrection of Jesus and goes into the action-packed journey of the first followers of Christ as described in the first ten chapters of the Book of Acts. What a great opportunity this is for the church and its members to strike up conversations about the Bible and Christianity from a show aired on national television.

St. John will begin Easter Sunday with this series. The Sunday morning Bible class and sermons will focus on the weekly episodes. You can view the weekly episodes in your own home on Sunday evenings or in a small group setting at various other times (more information will be announced in bulletins and worship). This is also a great opportunity to invite a friend to share in this experience. I encourage everyone to participate in this series. It is a great way for us to go that next step in our faith walk with the Lord and revitalize the excitement and impact that Easter should have on our lives.

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

Pastor Peil





APRIL

Sunday Morning

- 8:30 Breakfast/Opening
- 9:00 Sunday School
- 10:00 Worship

See Calendar
for more
information!!!

Tuesday

- 9:00 Quilting

Friday

Closed

EVERY MONTH

- 1st Sunday— Nursing Home Devotions 1:30pm
- 2nd Wednesday— Preschool Board 5:30pm
- 2nd Tuesday—Board of Ed 6:00pm
- 2nd Week— Board Meetings
- 3rd Saturday—Men's Club 7:15m



Men's Club met Saturday, March 21st with 8 men present. We enjoyed a hearty breakfast and hot coffee. Our discussion centered primarily around our annual Mother's Day Chicken BBQ. Plans were put into place and preparations will begin soon.. We would like to encourage the men of our congregation to make plans to assist us if possible even if only for a short time on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of Mother's Day Weekend. We feel like this effort helps St. John greatly through the coming year as the proceeds are used for preschool, youth groups, Lenten & Advent Meals. Support of the Lutheran Hour and Men's Network as well as other contribution to people in distress and some community projects such as Goodfellows each Christmas. We also approved a \$100.00 donation to assist in the purchase of a Nativity Scene for the courthouse lawn if that project proceeds as we are told. We concluded our meeting with a brief devotion about King David and how in the midst of his indiscretions and mistakes God looked with favor upon him and blessed his life greatly. We closed our meeting with the Lord's Prayer. We want to invite and encourage all the men of our congregation to join the Men's Club for devotion and fellowship. There is no age requirements. Matter of fact we could use more fellows that still have some hair!

Jerry Zschesche



Lutheran Women in Mission Ministry

Ruth Guild Meeting
Sunday, April 12th
3:00

We want to invite and encourage all the women of our congregation to join the Ruth Guild for devotion and fellowship.



Mite Box Sundays
First Sunday of the Month!



Lutheran Women in Mission Ministry



MOTHER'S DAY

CHICKEN B-B-Q

May 7-9, 2015

Chicken & Sausage will be sold at St. John and at the Hamilton Courthouse



A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

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What a great month we had welcoming SPRING! We had a great time watching our butterflies change from caterpillars into beautiful butterflies. We are praising God each day for the rain and the sunshine! The kids have blessed us with some precious prayers with the snow and ice and different experiences they have witnessed this month. We have loved hearing them retell the Easter story. Jesus is ALIVE! They love telling us that God is not dead and that HE is Alive and Loves us SO much! The children will sing about the Easter story in school on March 31 and April 1.



Our Spring registration has begun! We look forward to an amazing school year next year. God is so good!

PRESCHOOL ACTIVITIES



We began the month of March with a trip to visit Dr. Zschiesche to finish our unit on dental health. We also had a great two week study on Dr. Seuss. We enjoyed studying rhyming words, patterns in books, talking about feet from the "Foot Book" and



having green eggs and ham for our snack. The children loved making their Dr. Seuss hats! This month we are finishing up the study of the alphabet with the letters V, W, X, and Y. We had a special visitor come play the violin for us for the letter V. We examined many X-rays during our study of the letter X. We watched a butterfly grow in change through its complete life-cycle. It's been a busy, fun month!



ZOO CREW

Our Afternoon Zoo Crew continues to grow each month! The kids have a great time extending their learning from the mornings. They play in educational centers and do more extensive crafts that are more easily done in smaller groups. This month these kids have explored more technology and made

some really cute whales during our W week! Afternoon drop-ins are available daily. Please let us know one day ahead of time if you would like your child to be dropped-in.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Registration for 2015-2016 School Year Begins March 23-27
- Easter Party: Little Lambs, March 31 at 10:00 am
- Easter Party: Mighty Lion, April 1 at 10:00 am, Kindergarten at 11:00 am
- School Holiday for Easter: April 2 and April 3
- Spring School Pictures: Mighty Lions and Kindergarten April 8, Little Lambs April 9

KINDERGARTEN ACTIVITIES

Our Kindergarten kids also enjoyed a trip to Dr. Zschiesche's office. During their Dr. Seuss unit they worked on word families and began to really read! The kindergarteners also enjoyed a trip to the library this month. They had learned how to write a letter and address and envelop and had a great time in the mail center in their classroom. We are so proud of all the Kindergarteners are learning. They are showing all they know everyday. They are writing more and more everyday and can read so much!



BIBLE TIME/CHAPEL

This month in our Bible time we have been talking about Jesus's journey to the cross. We talked about Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey and then praying with his disciples in the garden. Then how the soldiers arrested him and brought Jesus into Jerusalem. The children are beginning to realize Jesus did all this for us because of His love for us. It's a very special time of year. God's not dead! He is alive!



THANK YOU'S

We would like to THANK Dr. Jerry Zschiesche for letting us come to his office and talking to us about dental health. Also, thank you for the goodie bags with new toothbrushes! Also, thank you to Tammy Culpepper for coming to our school and playing her violin! It was a very special time. We are also very grateful for the Hamilton Post Office for their great tour of the post office, and we are also thankful each month for our public library! The last two months we had our giving tree set out and are so thankful for all those that gave Kleenex, wipes and new play-doh! We are so thankful for all of our children and amazing families!





April

Birthdays

1st	Barbara Cook	10th	Robert Dellaughter	18th	Stacey Czrek
2nd	Brodg Brown		Clay Hurst		Cody Whitt
	Pat Keekley		Shirley Sellers	21st	Mary Jeffers
3rd	Brenda Schrank		Nicole Wenzel		Ernest Moyers Jr
4th	Kathy Coleman	11th	Gayla Squyres	22nd	Taylor Clark
	Bryson Marwittz	12th	Devyn Gilmore		Sabrina Sellers
	Mark Sellers		Alice Pietzsch	23rd	Rym Jeschke
5th	Paul Odom		Julie Stanley	25th	Kimberly Clark
7th	Kristen Payne	14th	Kolten Kensing	30th	Paul Christensen
8th	Amn Abdou		Bobbie Young		Kadie Tyson
	Norma Marwitz	16th	Abbie Housden		
	Rita Oldman	17th	Sonny DeLaGarza		
	Maxine Wenzel		Jason Roberts		
9th	Cole Bauman		Bonnie Williams		

Anniversaries

22nd	Gene & Shirley DeLoach	51yrs
23rd	Clayton & Kadie Tyson	4yrs

Baptism's

1st	Glenda Pzaacz	11th	Diekie Coleman	22nd	Johanna Jeschke
	Emma Tyson	13th	Pat Keekley		Sandy Olsen
	Kathryn Williams		Skylar Schofield	23rd	Alex English
5th	Michele Cantara	14th	Tootie Schoen		Caitlyn English
	Kameron McRandless	15th	Nolan Zschizsch		Karah Niemann
8th	Lee Kirkland	17th	Liz Beber	24th	Anna Beber
9th	Juanita Seider	18th	Michele Bottlinger	26th	Kathy Coleman
10th	Riek Payne		Emma Polster		Aaron Hungerford
	Breanne Payne	19th	Andrew Chorenziak	27th	Sonny DeLaGarza
			Josh Chorenziak		
			Elisha Squyres		



Jr. Youth Dance

April 17th, 2015

7pm-10pm

Bring a Friend and
Enjoy the fun!

DANCE
BEFORE THE LORD
PSALMS 30:11

YOUTH NEWS

Senior Youth

The Senior Youth will begin meeting on Wednesdays to watch the A.D. series that will be airing on national television. The first gathering will be the Wednesday after Easter, April 8th. We will be rotating around to the homes of different youth. The watching of the episodes will be followed up with study guide questions either after the viewing or on Sunday mornings in Sunday school. All Senior Youth are encouraged to participate in this study series.



Sr. Youth

Calling all Plotholders
Family Friends, Neighbours

Plant Sale

Fri 24th April

8am-5pm

Sat 25th April

8am-1pm



Proceeds will help fund Missions



St. John Lutheran Family Life Center All Welcome!



Music Notes by: Gary Gromatzky

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."

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.

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

Matt 6:9-13

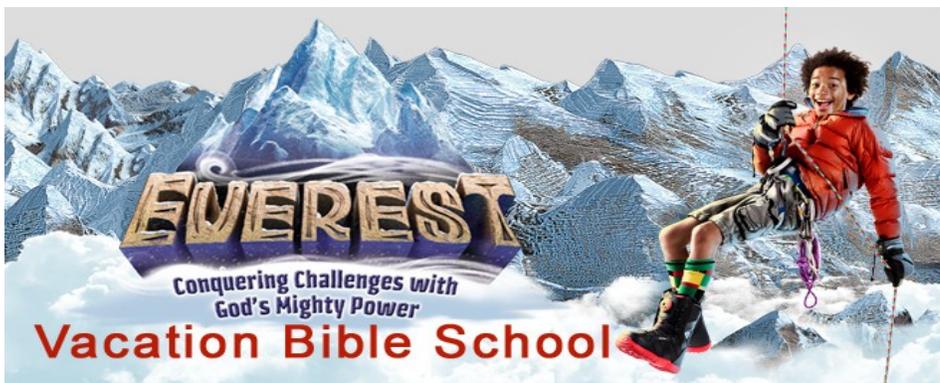
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St. John Family Camp Out- On Friday, May 1 all families from St. John are invited to come enjoy fun fellowship on the Jerry and Kay Zschiesche Riverside. We will meet on Friday night for hot dog supper and smores with a devotion and campfire songs. Those who wish to bring their tents and stay the night are welcome. We will wake up with breakfast burritos then sandwiches for lunch. The weekend will have a casual relaxed feel to it, rather than countless number of group games. So get your BIBLES, fishing poles, washers, redneck golf, cards, horseshoes, etc. and come enjoy a night of God's nature together. Please sign up by Sunday, April 26 in the Family Life Center or call Mary Ellen in the church office.



Children's choir & Pre-confirmation met for it's last time this semester on Wednesday, March 25. We thank all of the parents who helped with snacks and volunteering. We look forward to meeting again in the fall. Meanwhile, bring your kids to Sunday School and invite a friend to come along.



June 15-19

Speaking of camping our VBS will take us camping and hiking up Mt. Everest. What a fun trip to meet God on the mountaintop. We encourage you to go ahead and sign up for your area of giftedness as soon as possible. Students entering high school and other adults are encouraged to take the roles of guides. People who wish to have a little more responsibility in planning activities can sign up for Bible Story Tellers, Craft Assistants, Recreation, Music, Snacks, Imagination Station. We look forward to a great week and ask all the congregation to begin praying for VBS.

CARE NET

**Donor Appreciation
Open House
Monday, April 6, 2015
5-7pm**

Because of your generous donations, prayers and support, CareNet is now ministering to Hamiltonians every week in our new facility.

Now, the CN Board of Directors and I invite you to a special Donor Appreciation Open House. Our hope is to say a personal "thank you" for your kindness and to celebrate with you in our new facility.



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