

On Eagle's Wings



St. John's Monthly Newsletter – February 2022

Growth

Pastor's Paragraphs

Winter skies are great for stargazing. The colder air tends to be less hazy than summer's warm air. The stars seem brighter. Even if you only have a few minutes make it a point to look up and see the stars. Realize the vast expanse of the universe around you. Though science fiction makes it seem like we could someday travel to the stars, the truth is we never will. The distances are just too great. The universe is infinite. In the grand scheme of the universe we are puny beyond puny. Even the greatest atomic explosion we humans could muster – while it would certainly do damage to earth's environment – is as nothing in the vast universe.

When we realize how small and weak we really are we are then in a position to realize how truly amazing it is that God came to live a lifetime in our limited form. Though the universe is infinite, God is even bigger; even though such a statement makes no sense. We need to remember that God is simply beyond anything our minds can conceive. It is absolutely, totally, completely impossible for us to grasp even the tiniest notion of God's nature. We truly are miniscule.

Psalm 8:4-6 reminds us of this:

"When I look to the heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars which thou has established; what are humans that you are mindful of them, and the son of man that thou dost care for him?"

It is only by God's gracious love that God created us in the first place, and that God even cares about us at all. But of course God does far more than just create us and care about us. When God came in the form of Jesus it really was an amazing statement of our value.

Philippians 2 reminds us:

"...though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of humans."

But of course through Jesus God does more than just give our limited form dignity by being born like us.

Philippians 2 goes on:

"And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross."

So look to the stars. Realize how small you are. And be in awe that God sees you, knows you, loves you enough to want to be like you, and is even willing to sacrifice for you. It is both awe inspiring and absolutely humbling to be made and loved by God!

Blessings,
Pastor Jon



Food for the Poor Representative to Visit

Food for the Poor is an organization that works to provide food for people in the Caribbean and Latin America. Currently they are doing a lot of work in Haiti. On Sunday, February 13 The Rev. Richard Hartmann Jr. will be with us to share details about the ministry they are doing. Learn more about Food for the Poor at:

<http://www.foodforthe poor.org/churchalliances>

NARRATIVE LECTIONARY

Upcoming Bible Readings for Worship

As we roll into February we continue reading through Luke's gospel. In December and January we covered Jesus' birth, childhood, and early ministry. In February we have arrived at the fullness of Jesus' teaching, preaching, and miracle working.

February 6 – Luke 5:1-11

February 13 – Luke 5:12-26

February 20 – Luke 5:27-6:16

February 27 – Luke 6:17-49

Worship

February Worship Assistants

	January 2	January 9	January 16	January 23
Greeters & Ushers	Mary and Greg Zuege	John and Linda Thompson	Sue Kaufmann	Helen Crown
Lector (8:30)				
Acolyte	Creed White	Jonathan Buch	Owen Young	Brody Ireland
Altar Care (10:30)	Helen Crown		Helen Crown	
Communion Assistants	Greg Zuege		Sue Kaufmann	
Nursery Care				
Counters				
Coffee Hour				

10:30 Worship In-person and Zoom

10:30 is in-person worship in the sanctuary and also by Zoom. The Zoom link for 10:30 is emailed weekly. If you cannot connect to the 10:30 service with a computer you can still hear and participate in the service with any phone.

Dial (929) 436 2866 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 834 9025 1842

Password: 778805

-Thank you to Dave Bullwinkle, Rob Stroup, and Bill Stimmel for their work on the 2022 budget proposal.

Community Outreach Committee

-Thank you to everyone who brought in items for the Lutheran World Relief personal care kits.

-The Super Bowl is Sunday February 6. We will again collect donations in a soup pot for "Souper Bowl" Sunday. All donations will go to World Hunger.

Service



-Thank you to John CiPollina for installing new soap dispensers in the bathrooms.

-Thank you to the Property Committee for removing the ruined insulation in the sanctuary ceiling from the racoons.

-Thank you to everyone who helped to plow and shovel snow in January.

-Thank you to everyone who helped read/lead worship online and all the musicians who are contributing to worship.

-Thank you to Wendy Sackett, Beth Schroeder, Judy VanDeVelde, and Lisa Kurilovitch for serving on church council.



-The Rev. Matthew Nickoloff and the South Wedge Mission in Rochester.

-Rev. Karen Anderson for her missionary work in Chile.

-Zack Anderson, fiancé of Marcia Zavacki's granddaughter who is in need of a liver transplant after his kidneys and liver began to fail.

-Judy Coyle as she transitions out of her home and into a nursing facility.

-Sandra Smith, sister of Nancy Pape and Adele Garvey, as she continues cancer treatment.

-Laura Wixom, sister of Babette Huber, who continues receiving treatment for a brain infection and numerous complications.

-Paul Huber as he recovers from broken bones in his leg.

-Chuck Matthews as he recovers from shoulder surgery.

Service (Cont.)

New Neighbor Program

In an effort to encourage new families to worship with us at St. John's, we developed the New Neighbor Program. So how does it work? If you have a new neighbor you'd like to welcome, contact Katy Stimmel at (585) 298-6515 (call or text), or sign up using the sign up sheet posted in the gathering area. She will arrange for a lovely inkwell flower vase to be at church on a Sunday of your choosing. Each flower vase comes with a welcome not ready for you to deliver to your new neighbor! (Flowers arranged by Hopper Hills floral shop in Victor.)

Nuts and Bolts



2022 Annual Meeting

The 2022 annual congregational meeting will be held on Sunday January 23rd after the 10:30 worship service. There will be the usual items on the agenda: review of reports, elections for church council, and the church budget. If you have any questions please talk to Pastor Jon before the meeting.

Weather Cancellations

If we need to cancel a worship service or event due to weather we will post it on the church's Facebook page and send it to the email list. Please contact Pastor Jon if you have any cancellation questions.

2021 Year End Financials

YTD Income	\$208,208.03
YTD Expenses	\$197,556.88
Difference	\$10,651.15

2022 Membership Directory

We will print a new membership directory in February of 2022. The current contact information we have for you will be put out on tables in the Gathering Area. Please review the information we have for you and make any updates or corrections.



Church Playground

Can & Bottle Collection Continues

We continue collecting deposit cans and bottles for replacing the playground. We have collected \$1300 so far and would like to collect at least \$1700 more by next summer. The rest of the funding for the playground will come from other sources. The collection bin is in the old entrance to the building.

January Council Highlights

Church council held its regular monthly meeting on January 17th. Major items on the agenda were:

- developing the 2022 budget
- reviewing COVID operating practices
- updates on the racoon remediation project
- pandemic operating procedures
- upcoming church council elections

Fun



January Bible Trivia Answers

1. How old was Jesus when his parents accidentally left him behind in the temple? Answer: 12 (Luke 3:42)
2. John the Baptist said he was unworthy to untie what of the coming Messiah? Answer: his sandals (Luke 3:16)
3. What high place did the devil take Jesus and tempt him to throw himself down? Answer: the temple (Luke 4:9)
4. What does the devil tempt Jesus to turn into a loaf of bread? Answer: a stone (Luke 4:3)

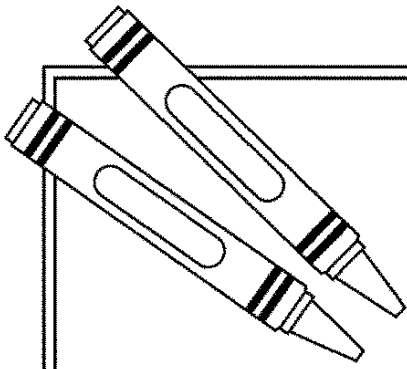
February Bible Trivia Questions

Hint: All the answers may be found in the gospel readings chosen for Sunday worship.

1. Name two of the four disciples Jesus called when they were fishing along the Sea of Galilee (also called the Lake of Gennesaret)
2. What tax collector made a great feast for Jesus after Jesus called him to be a disciple?
3. In Jesus parable of the two houses what happens to the house built on sand?
4. Before you take the speck out of your brother's eye Jesus says you should take what out of your own eye?

FEBRUARY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 3-6 Music Lessons 6-8 Pipe Band 7 Community Chorus	2 Blood Drive 1:00-7:00 8:30 Men's Breakfast 1:00 Women's Bible Study 4-7 Music Lessons 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	3 10:00-2:30 Monarch Homeschool	4 3-8 Cello Lessons	5
6 <u>5th Sunday after Epiphany</u> 8:30 Service of the Word 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion 11:45 Worship and Music Committee	7 2-6:30 Music Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts	8 3-6 Music Lessons 6-8 Pipe Band 7 Community Chorus	9 8:30 Men's Breakfast 1:00 Women's Bible Study 4-7 Music Lessons 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	10 10:00-2:30 Monarch Homeschool 6:30-7:30 Cub Scout Pack 67	11 3-8 Cello Lessons	12
13 <u>6th Sunday after Epiphany</u> 8:30 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Service of the Word	14 2-6:30 Music Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts	15 3-6 Music Lessons 6-8 Pipe Band 7:00 Community Chorus	16 8:30 Men's Breakfast 1:00 Women's Bible Study 4-7 Music Lessons 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	17 10:00-2:30 Monarch Homeschool	18 3-8 Cello Lessons	19
20 <u>7th Sunday after Epiphany</u> 8:30 Service of the Word 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion	21 <u>Presidents' Day</u> 2-6:30 Music Lessons 7:00 Church Council	22 3-6 Music Lessons 7:00 Community Chorus 6-8 Pipe Band 7:00 Property Committee	23 8:30 Men's Breakfast 1:00 Women's Bible Study 4-7 Music Lessons 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	24 10:00-2:30 Monarch Homeschool 6:30-7:30 Cub Scout Pack 67	25 3-8 Cello Lessons	26
27 <u>Transfiguration of Our Lord</u> 8:30 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Service of the Word	28 2-6:30 Music Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts					

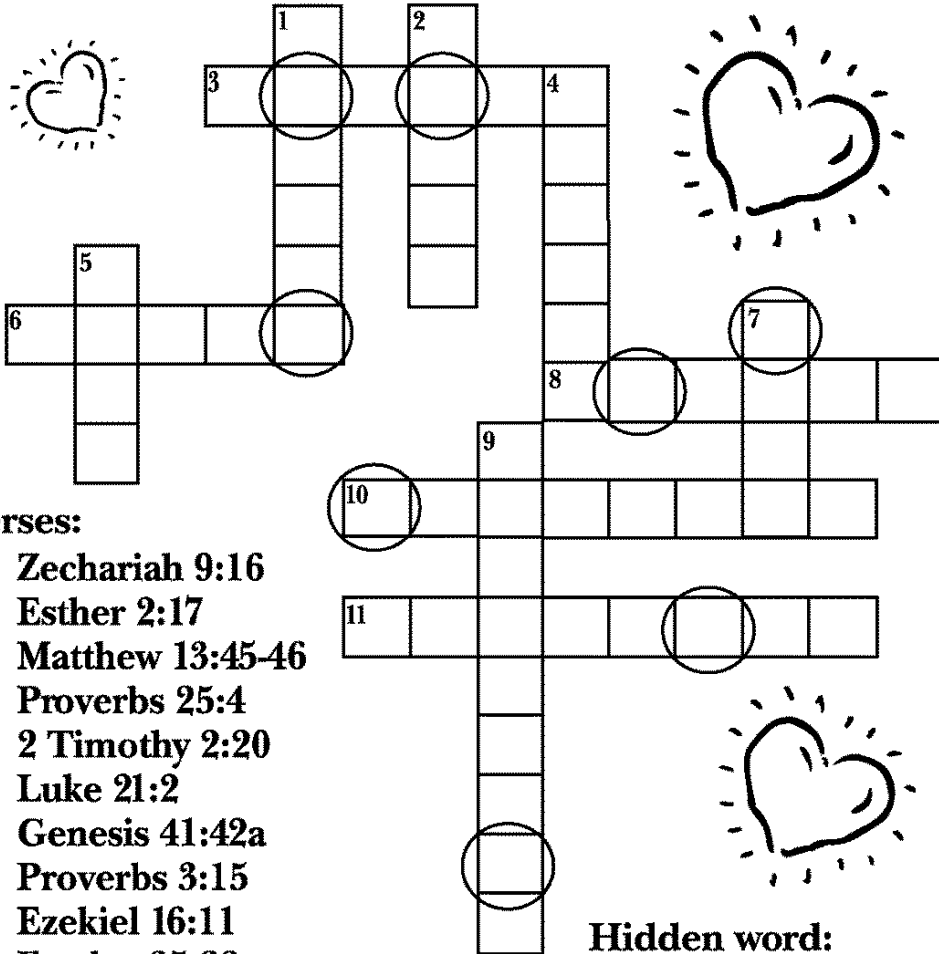


Just for KIDS

Matthew 6:21

“For where your _____ is,
there your heart will be also.”

There is a special or valuable item in each verse below.
Find the item and fit it into the boxes with the
corresponding number. Unscramble the letters
that are circled. Spell a word that fills the blank above.



Verses:

1. Zechariah 9:16
2. Esther 2:17
3. Matthew 13:45-46
4. Proverbs 25:4
5. 2 Timothy 2:20
6. Luke 21:2
7. Genesis 41:42a
8. Proverbs 3:15
9. Ezekiel 16:11
10. Exodus 35:22
11. Ezekiel 16:11

Hidden word:



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