

On Eagle's Wings

St. John's Monthly Newsletter – July/August 2023

Fill in the Cracks Capital Campaign June 18-July 30th

We are raising money to repair and reseal the church parking lot. Our goal is \$8000. Please make checks payable to 'St. John's Lutheran Church' and include a memo that it is designated to the capital campaign. Please talk to council president Chritine Campbell for more information.

Pastor's Paragraphs

Summertime is a good time to recognize an easily overlooked dynamic of our congregation. That is all the work that is quietly done by a great number of people. The lawn is mowed, the weed-whacking is done, the flower beds are cared for, worship bulletins are created, rooms are cleaned, music is performed, coffee hour is set out, altar flowers are arranged, offerings are counted, and the list goes on and on. Much of it happens with little fanfare or awareness.

When I do new member classes I tell people that the time and talent sheets are as important, if not more important, than their financial giving. Our church simply cannot afford to hire people to do all the tasks that have to happen in order to make the place flourish. (And yes, as I write this I know full well we are having a special summer financial appeal to pay to have the parking lot resealed!)

I believe that most of the way we express our faith is in small quiet ways that go unnoticed. Perhaps that is the most authentic faith of all – the things we do that we may not even be conscious that we are doing. But all of it adds up significantly.

Major donations, and commemorative plaques, and awards ceremonies can be great. It is good to recognize people. But they generally overlook the majority of what it takes to make something truly good. Real value comes from countless small things.

Thank you for the many ways your work makes our congregation flourish. And remember that probably the bulk of the good that your faith does will never be recognized, (perhaps not even by you!) but God's work is getting done in very big ways!

Blessings, Pastor Jon



Family Promise Bed Race 2023

Family Promise's Bed Race is back in action this year, and it'll be happening on a real race track!

Tuesday July 25 the beds will line up on the race track at the Ontario County Fair for this year's event. We're entering our Speed Demons bed pictured above. Be ready to come to the fair that Tuesday night to cheer the team on, and be generous with donations to Family Promise on the team's behalf. Speed is only one of the race categories! Talk to Mary Zuege for more information.



Summer Worship Series Continues -John's Gospel-

In July and August we'll look at these scenes as we continue in John's gospel:

July 2 – John 4:1-42

July 9 – John 4:43-54

July 16 – John 5

July 23 – John 6

July 30 – John 7

August 6 – John 8:1-11

August 13 – John 8:12-59

August 20 – John 9

August 27 – John 10:1-21

July Worship Assistants

	July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23	July 30
Greeters & Ushers	Gary Wood	Bruce & Connie Stevenson	Mary and Greg Zuege	John and Linda Thompson	Helen Crown
Acolyte			Thomas Bullwinkle		
Altar Care (10:30)			Helen Crown		
Communion Assistants			Mary Zuege		
Counters	Bruce & Connie Stevenson	Michele Myers and Helen Crown	Mary and Greg Zuege	John and Linda Thompson	Bill and Katy Stimmel
Coffee Hour					

August Worship Assistants

	August 7	August 14	August 21	August 28
Greeters & Ushers	Linda Flood	Tom and Carol Urbanic	Gary Wood	Bruce & Connie Stevenson
Acolyte	Thomas Bullwinkle		Thomas Bullwinkle	
Altar Care (10:30)	Linda Thompson		Linda Thompson	
Communion Assistants	Greg Zuege		Gary Boisseau	
Counters	Bill and Katy Stimmel	Nancy Shuler	Mary and Greg Zuege	Babette Huber and Burdie Gillern
Coffee Hour				

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.

+1 929 436 2866 US (New York)
Meeting ID: 872 6672 5691
Passcode: 551860



8:30 Worship Outdoors

The 8:30 worship service is using the Outdoor Chapel for the summer. Sometimes it is very sunny and hot on the benches. You are welcome to bring a lawn chair and sit in the shade. Also, please remember that the grass is often wet. If you are unable to walk to the chapel you are welcome to drive your car there, and even sit in your car during the service.



- The Rev. Matthew Nickoloff and the South Wedge Mission in Rochester.
- Rev. Karen Anderson for her missionary work in Chile.
- David Storch as he lives in a memory care facility.
- Rev. Jennifer Phelps, former member of St. John's, as she slowly recovers from neck and back injuries.
- Sterling Smith, relative of Becky Nohe, who has bladder cancer.
- Kelly Carlson, friend of the CiPollinas, whose liver function is failing.
- Pete Gregory who is recovering from foot surgery.
- The family and friends of Kory Wade, friend of Corrie Murphy, as they mourn his death.



- Thank you to everyone who helped with building and installing the new playground.
- Thank you to Julie Stuart for getting the cake for coffee hour on confirmation Sunday.
- Thank you to everyone who helped mow the church lawn in June.
- Thank you to everyone who helped with planting the church garden.
- Thank you to everyone who has been helping to maintain the gardens and flower beds at the church.
- Thank you to Steve Campbell for doing a lot of the weed whacking.
- Thank you to everyone who built a rocket for the Ascension Day worship service.
- Thank you to everyone who helped a the Property Committee's spring clean-up day.
- Thank you to all the Sunday school teachers for their work in the 2022-23 school year.

Lawn Mowing Volunteers

We are looking for people to help mow the church lawn. There is a commercial mower that is easy to use and a small lawn tractor. It usually takes a couple hours for a team of two. Training is available. Talk to Tom Urbanic if you're willing to help.

Community Outreach Committee



MAGGIE'S KIDS – Monday, July 10th.

There will be a list of items needed on the bulletin board and a box for them starting around June 18th. Monetary donations would be appreciated. You can give those to Burdie Gillern or Mary Zuege. We need several volunteers to help serve the food on that day. Thanks so much!

Family Promise

From our coordinator, Mary Zuege:

Our support week for Family Promise is coming up in July. Please make a donation and leave it in Pastor Jon's mailbox. Also be ready to be recruited to push the bed in the Great Family Promise Bed Race at the racetrack at the Ontario County Fair.

Do you feel the need to march down a country road (or ride the float)? Family Promise will also have a float in the Pumpkin Hook Parade on August 4th, and we welcome participants. It's a fun time with a carnival at the end! Let me know if you're so inclined...dushenkom@yahoo.com

From the county office:

Dear Friend of Family Promise,

We still need volunteers to help with two exciting July events:

Sunday, July 9 - Family Fun Day at Lincoln Hill Farms! We need volunteers to staff an information table and sell raffle tickets. Music, good food, and a lot of fun guaranteed! Shifts are available from noon to 8:00 p.m. Please give Jay a call at 585-905-3988 or reply to this email if you'd like to lend a hand!

Tuesday, July 25 - The Family Promise Amazing Bed Race will take place at the Ontario County Fairgrounds race track on opening night, Tuesday, July 25, at 7:00 pm! This will be our first live Bed Race since the pandemic shut us down, and we want to make it a rousing success! If you, your house of worship, your business, or your civic organization would like to join the fun and help us help homeless families get back on their feet, you can register to participate or sponsor an existing team **here**. To request a registration packet, volunteer to help at the event, or volunteer to staff a Family Promise of Ontario County information table at the fair, email us at bedrace@fpocny.org.

June Council Highlights

Church council held its regular monthly meeting on June 12th. Major items on the agenda were:

- Exploring using QR codes to facilitate electronic giving.
- Plans for new materials for the 2023-24 Sunday school
- Summer fellowship events
- Developed the “Fill the Cracks” capital campaign to pay for parking lot resealing.



Garden Project 2023

Thank you to everyone who helped with planting the garden. Everything is in! Due to the dry weeks immediately after planting the plants are behind schedule and seed germination was poor. Time will tell as to how productive the garden is this year. If you are able to help with driving the tractor for cultivating, running a rototiller, helping remove potato beetles, or even hand weeding (there isn't much of that though!) please let Pastor Jon know.



Church Camp Out – August 19-20

Please join us for a fun family event on Saturday August 19 for a camp out at the church. We will have s'mores, games, and of course a campfire. Festivities start at 7:00 and commence with 8:30 Sunday worship in the outside chapel.



June Bible Trivia Answers.

1. What Pharisee came to see Jesus in the night?
Answer: Nicodemus (John 3:1)
2. What was Jesus' first "sign"? Answer: Turning water into wine. (John 2:1-11)
3. What other book of the Bible shares the same starting words as John's gospel? Answer: Genesis
4. What holiday was it that Jesus went to the temple and overturned the tables of the money changers. Answer: Passover (John 2:13)

July/August Bible Trivia Questions

Hint: All the answers may be found in the Bible readings we use in worship during July and August.

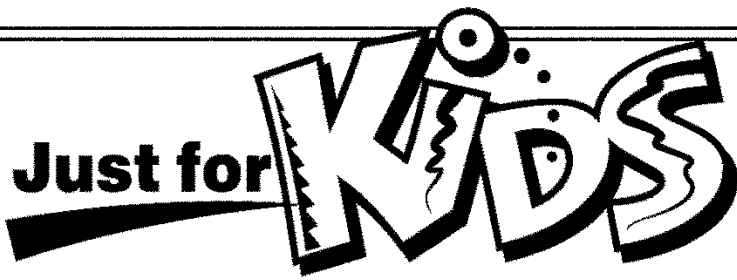
1. What is the nationality of the woman Jesus meets by the well at noon?
2. How many were in the crowd that Jesus fed with five loaves and two fish?
3. What does Jesus say when the scribes and Pharisees bring a woman caught in adultery to him and ask what should be done?
4. What town were the disciples trying to reach by boat when Jesus came to them walking on the water?

July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 <u>5th Sunday After Pentecost</u> 8:30 Outdoor Service of the Word 10:30 Service of the Word	3	4 <u>Independence Day</u>	5 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	6	7	8
9 <u>6th Sunday After Pentecost</u> 8:30 Outdoor Holy Communion 10:30 Service of the Word Confirmation Camp	10 Maggie's Kids Day at church Confirmation Camp	11 Confirmation Camp	12 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous Confirmation Camp	13 Confirmation Camp	14 Confirmation Camp	15
16 <u>7th Sunday After Pentecost</u> 8:30 Outdoor Service of the Word 10:30 Holy Communion	17	18	19 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	20	21	22
23 <u>8th Sunday After Pentecost</u> 8:30 Outdoor Holy Communion 10:30 Service of the Word	24	25 <u>James, Apostle</u> Family Promise Bed Race 7pm Property Committee	26 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	27	28	29
30 <u>9th Sunday After Pentecost</u> 8:30 Outdoor Service of the Word 10:30 Service of the Word	31					

August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	3	4	5
6 <u>10th Sunday After Pentecost</u> 8:30 Outdoor Service of the Word 10:30 Holy Communion	7	8	9 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	10	11	12
13 <u>11th Sunday After Pentecost</u> 8:30 Outdoor Holy Communion 10:30 Service of the Word	14 7:00 Church Council	15 <u>Mary, Mother of Our Lord</u>	16 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	17	18	19 Church Camp Out Begins
20 <u>12th Sunday After Pentecost</u> Church Camp Out Concludes 8:30 Outdoor Service of the Word 10:30 Holy Communion	21	22	23 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	24	25	26
27 <u>13th Sunday After Pentecost</u> 8:30 Outdoor Holy Communion 10:30 Service of the Word	28	29 7:00 Property Committee	30 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	31		



A black and white line drawing of a young boy sitting on the ground under a large, leafy tree. He is wearing a short-sleeved shirt and shorts, and is holding an open book, looking down at it. In the background, there are several stylized evergreen trees. In the foreground, a portion of a rectangular object, possibly a picnic basket or a bag, is visible.

1.
A baby is born
in a stable.
Jesus feeds 5000
with 2 fish and
5 loaves.
A man dies and
comes back to
life.

3.
The Queen
of Persia
saves her
people from
evil Haman.

6.
Advice
to live by.

7.
The creation.
A beautiful
garden.
A great flood.

H m x n t q A h a k d



St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Grace for Everyone
-Always-

*We are a community of faith
committed to living and sharing the love of God.*

St. John's Lutheran Church

888 County Rd. 9

Victor, NY 14564

The Reverend Jonathan Deibler, Pastor

(585) 924-5192

www.stjohnsvictor.com

Address Service Requested

July/August Newsletter

July 25 Family Promise Bed Race

August 19-20 Church Camp Out