

On Eagle's Wings



St. John's Monthly Newsletter – June 2022

Growth

Pastor's Paragraphs

St. Paul wrote to the Galatians, "There is no longer Jew nor Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." (3:28) This has been quoted many times before, especially by those advocating for racial and gender equality. I believe it can indeed be appropriately used for that. However, I do not believe it is appropriate to use it as a theological pile driver, nor as a weapon to serve one's political agenda.

Paul writes similar things elsewhere. In Colossians 3:11 we find, "There is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!" Then in 1 Corinthians 12:14 we find, "For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit."

The key to applying all of these statements is to understand the thinking behind them. That we discover in Romans 3:9 and following:

"What then, Are we any better off? No, not at all; for we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under the power of sin, as it is written: 'There is no one who is righteous, not even one; there is no one who has understanding, there is no one who seeks God. All have turned aside, together they have become worthless; there is no one who shows kindness, there is not even one.' This sets up Paul's argument that all are in need of the grace of God.

We should be shocked and offended by the racial attacks and killings that are becoming all too common in our nation. We should work so that social and legal structures that oppress people be lifted, and that all have the opportunity to work to their fullest potential. But we do not do so from the perspective of pride and superiority. We always do so from the point of humility. Ultimately what *unites* us to all other human beings is our common failing before God, and our need of God's unmerited favor. It follows that what *makes us equal* to all other humans is also this need for God's unmerited favor.

St. Paul's writings even undermine us when we think that by our own nature we are somehow good. No, Paul would say that even our desires for goodness are an inspiration by God's grace. Remember the beginning of that Romans quote, "There is no one who is righteous, not even one."

I believe the best way for our society to move forward with our highly divided understandings of race and gender is to start not with a claim of righteousness over and above someone else. No, but to start with a common understanding of brokenness. There is no room for arrogance or superiority when everyone realizes their mutual neediness.

Do I expect there to be some great wave of kindness that will come upon our nation and smooth things over? No. That would be wishful thinking to the point of absurd. But I do hope that all of us can approach such things with a common recognition of our need for grace. By recognizing that common need we will be ready to journey forward together into the future. For that community is what God's desires have been all along. Blessings,
Pastor Jon

DR. MICHAEL BERG TEACHES VOCATION

1517

Academy



Adult Sunday School

The adult Sunday school will begin a course from 1517 academy on the Lutheran understanding of vocation. It will begin on June 5 during the Sunday school hour. The class meets in the middle room of the Sunday school wing.

Worship

June Worship Assistants

	June 5	June 12	June 19	June 26
Greeters & Ushers	John and Linda Thompson	Helen Crown	Linda Flood	Tom and Carol Urbanic
Lector (8:30)				
Acolyte	Jonathan Buch	Owen Young	Brody Ireland	Creed White
Altar Care (10:30)	Helen Crown		Helen Crown	
Communion Assistants	Adele Garvey		Rob Stroup	
Nursery Care				
Counters	Bill and Katy Stimmel	Nancy and Ivan Shuler	Bruce Bonke and Art Fields	Babette Huber & Burdie Gillern
Coffee Hour		Confirmation Reception		



Upcoming Bible Readings for Worship

In June we begin the Pentecost season. Our gospel readings will be from the central third of Luke's gospel. We're journeying with Jesus as he is on the road to Jerusalem.

6/5 Luke 10:25-42 (Pentecost)
 6/12 Luke 11:1-13
 6/19 Luke 11:14-36
 6/26 Luke 11:37-54

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

Service



- Thank you to everyone who helped to mow the lawn in May.
- Thank you to everyone who helped with the spring property cleanup day on May 7.
- Thank you to Connie and Bruce Stevenson for their work on the church landscaping.
- Thank you to the worship band and other congregational musicians for filling in while Wil is on a leave of absence.
- Thank you to Julie Stuart and Dianne Millard for doing the set up and clean up work for the fondue dinner.
- Thank you to Jim and Karen Spawton for creating the menu and cooking for the fondue dinner.
- Thank you to everyone who made a contribution to Family Promise during our hosting week.



- The Rev. Matthew Nickoloff and the South Wedge Mission in Rochester.
- Rev. Karen Anderson for her missionary work in Chile.
- The family and friends of Gary Boisseau Sr., father of our own Gary Boisseau, as they mourn his death.
- David Storch as he shows increasing signs of dementia and moved into a memory care facility.

Service (Cont.)

Community Outreach Committee



MAGGIE'S KIDS SUMMER DAY CAMP at St. John's – Monday, July 11

We are hosting Maggie's Kids Community Lutheran summer day camp on Monday July 11th. We are asking for donations of:

- juice boxes
- assorted small bag of chips
- 9oz Dixie cups
- 40oz SMALL yogurts
- granola bars or fruit roll ups
- mini muffins
- desserts (cookies or brownies), no peanuts

Financial donations would also be appreciated for other items we supply. We'd like to borrow two coolers.

We need some volunteers on Sunday July 10 for setting up tables.

We need additional volunteers on Monday July 11 to serve food and clean up. The sign up sheets will be in the Gathering Area or contact Burdie Gillern.

Bed Race 2022



*July 30, 2022
More to follow...*



Garden Project 2022

It's soon time to get this year's garden started! We'll again be planting potatoes, sweet corn, and pumpkins. Thrivent is funding the planting costs through their action team grants. We may be expanding the garden somewhat. The food cupboard has said they would gladly take more potatoes if we can raise them.

The planting date is tentatively set for Tuesday May 24th. We'll begin around 4:30. Feel free to arrive late as there will be plenty of work to do. If the weather doesn't cooperate for that date stay tuned for the rain date. Also, if you have plants or seeds from your own garden that you do not need, please consider donating them. As in years past we'll either donate the produce to the food cupboard or sell it to raise funds for World Hunger. Talk to Pastor Jon for more information.

Nuts and Bolts



Church Playground Can & Bottle Collection Continues

We continue collecting deposit cans and bottles for replacing the playground. We have collected \$1900 so far and would like to collect \$1100 more by 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.

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.)

May Council Highlights

Church council held its regular monthly meeting on May 16th. Major items on the agenda were:

- Reviewing committee reports.
- Approve Brody Ireland and Jonathan Buch for confirmation.

2022 Directory Updates/Corrections

Please make these updates and corrections to your phone directory:

- Pastor Jon's phone number on the first page is incorrect. It should be 585 281-3595. It is correct later on in the directory.
- For Paul and Babette Huber, please delete their home phone. New numbers are:
Babette – 585 905-4049
Paul – 585 905-4221

Financial Update

YTD Income \$63,724.59
YTD Expenses \$72,865.67
Difference (\$9,141.08)

Fun



May Bible Trivia Answers

1. How many coins did the poor widow put in the temple offering? Answer: 2 (Luke 21:2)
2. What coin does Jesus ask the Pharisees to show when they challenge him about paying taxes? Answer: a denarius (Luke 20:24)
3. In the Parable of the Wicked Tenants what do the tenants do to the owner's son? Answer: Kill him (Luke 20:15)

4. In the days between Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday where does Jesus go to spend the night?
Answer: The Mount of Olives (Luke 21:37)

June Bible Trivia Questions

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

1. In the Parable of the Good Samaritan what two people pass by the injured man before he is helped?
2. In the story of Mary and Martha which of these sisters was busy with housework?
3. Who asks Jesus about how to pray which in turn Jesus replies with the Lord's Prayer?
4. Jesus cites the actions of Jonah. To what city was Jonah sent?



Have you considered a
Facebook Birthday
Fundraiser?

Family Promise of Ontario
County can be your
charitable organization!



Jennifer, it's almost your
birthday!

Create a fundraiser to support a cause you care
about, and we'll take care of the donation
processing with no fees.



Leigh Brown, Igor Zimelsky and 55
other friends have donated to a fundraiser.

Select Nonprofit

June 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 8:30 Men's Breakfast 1:00 Women's Bible Study 3-7 Music Lessons 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	2 10:00-2:30 Monarch Homeschool	3 3-8 Cello Lessons	4
5 <u>Pentecost</u> 8:30 Outdoor Service of the Word 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion Synod Assembly	6 Red Cross Blood Drive 2-6:30 Music Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts Synod Assembly	7 3-6 Music Lessons	8 8:30 Men's Breakfast 1:00 Women's Bible Study 3-7 Music Lessons 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	9 10:00-2:30 Monarch Homeschool	10 3-8 Cello Lessons	11 <u>Barnabus, Apostle</u>
12 <u>The Holy Trinity</u> 8:30 Outdoor Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion (Confirmation)	13 2-6:30 Music Lessons 2-6:30 Music Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts	14 3-6 Music Lessons 3-5 Music Lessons	15 1:00 Women's Bible Study 4-7 Music Lessons 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	16 10:00-2:30 Monarch Homeschool	17 3-8 Cello Lessons	18 3:00 Piano Recital
19 <u>2nd Sunday After Pentecost</u> <u>Father's Day</u> 8:30 Outdoor Service of the Word 10:30 Holy Communion	20 2-6:30 Music Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Church Council	21 3-6 Music Lessons	22 1:00 Women's Bible Study 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	23	24 3-8 Cello Lessons	25
26 <u>3rd Sunday After Pentecost</u> 8:30 Outdoor Service of the Word 10:30 Service of the Word	27	28 Election Day – Church used for polling 7:00 Property Committee	29 1:00 Women's Bible Study 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	30		



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Confirmation – June 12