

# On Eagle's Wings

## St. John's Monthly Newsletter – June 2023

### Pastor's Paragraphs

As I'm writing this we are still in the midst of the debate in the federal government about raising the nation's debt ceiling. Who knows how this will turn out, and if the government will actually default on some of its bills.

It is certainly a serious situation. If you actually are on the receiving end of money from the government then if they stop meeting all their financial obligations you may be in a tight spot for a while! And if not, a government default would impact interest rates, confidence in the economy, and have all sorts of ripple effects. Many people could be hurt. Daily life could become harder.

I don't want to minimize the seriousness of our nation's policies. I also highly value the leadership our federal government provides us. (There are a lot of great people there who work hard and regularly make tough decisions!) And yet, in the grand scheme of things, how important is the debt ceiling? Is it going to impact your faith? Is it going to get you into eternal life, or keep you from it?!? No.

You may remember from our recent worship series on the Sermon on the Mount that Jesus said, "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?'" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." (Matthew 6:31-33)

While we need to be good citizens and always engage our right to influence our government, we do need to keep it in perspective. God is in control. In that we can truly trust. That does not mean that the government can be counted on to do God's will. That's another issue entirely! Rather, the government can do nothing that can actually undermine God's purposes. God's will is going to be done. Period.

It is with that truth that we live in confidence, and even boldness. Nothing can undermine God's plans. We can rejoice that we are part of them!

Blessings,  
Pastor Jon



### Summer Worship Series -John's Gospel-

This summer we'll be using John's gospel in worship. John's gospel takes a different approach than Matthew, Mark, and Luke when telling us about Jesus. Instead of an ongoing story, John's gospel is more like a series of well-developed scenes. We'll start with these four in June:

June 4 – John 1

June 11 – John 2

June 18 – John 3:1-17

June 25 – John 3:18-36



### Adult Sunday School in Summer

The adult Sunday school will begin a course from 1517 academy on the Lutheran understanding of vocation. It will begin on June 4 during the Sunday school hour. The class meets in the middle room of the Sunday school wing.

## June Worship Assistants 10:30

	June 4	June 11	June 18	June 25
Greeters & Ushers	John and Linda Thompson	Helen Crown	Linda Flood	Tom and Carol Urbanic
Acolyte			Thomas Bullwinkle	
Altar Care (10:30)	Mary Zuege		Mary Zuege	
Communion Assistants	Gary Boisseau		Rob Stroup	
Counters		Mary and Greg Zuege	Babette Huber & Burdie Gillern	Michele Myers & Helen Crown
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.

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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. You will want to wear appropriate shoes. 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.

-Lane Boughton, friend of Babette Huber, who is recovering from quadruple bypass surgery.



-Thank you to everyone who helped with the spring property cleanup day. A lot of work was done and the place looks great!

-Thank you to everyone who helped mow the lawn in April and May.

-Thank you to John Cipollina for various property repairs.

-Thank you to everyone who has provided goodies for coffee hour.

-Thank you to Bill Hagerman, Michelle Myers, and Helen Crown for auditing the 2022 finances.

### 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 10<sup>th</sup>.

There will be a list of items needed on the bulletin board and a box for them starting around June 18<sup>th</sup>. 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!

### May Council Highlights

Church council held its regular monthly meeting on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Major items on the agenda were:

- Update on the new playground.
- Beginning a five year strategic plan.
- Capital campaign introduction.
- Approving Creed White and Owen Young for confirmation.



### Garden Project 2023

Thank you to everyone who helped with planting the garden. Everything is in! But the work has just begun. 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.



### May Bible Trivia Answers

1. Jesus taught that when you give alms to not let your left hand do what? Answer: Know what your right hand is doing. (Matthew 6:3)
2. Complete this sentence: "Where your treasure is..." Answer: there your heart will be also. (Matthew 6:21)
3. What happened to the man who built his house upon the rock? Answer: It withstood the wind and rain. (Matthew 7:25)
4. The eye is the lamp of the what? Answer: The body (Matthew 6:22)

### June Bible Trivia Questions

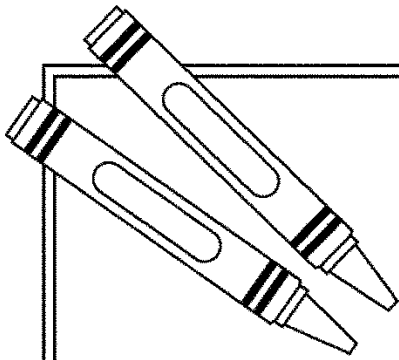
Hint: All the answers may be found in the Bible reading we use in worship during June.

1. What Pharisee came to see Jesus in the night?
2. What was Jesus' first "sign"?
3. What other book of the Bible shares the same starting words as John's gospel?
4. What holiday was it that Jesus went to the temple and overturned the tables of the money changers?



# June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> 10:00-2:30 Monarch Homeschool  1:15 Women's Bible Study	<b>2</b>  3-8 Cello Lessons  Synod Assembly	<b>3</b>  11:00-2:00 Cello Recital  Synod Assembly
<b>4</b> <u>The Holy Trinity</u> 8:30 Outdoor 9:30 Adult Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion 11:45 Worship and Music Committee	<b>5</b>  3-7 Violin Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>6</b>  3-7 Violin Lessons 7	<b>7</b>  3-7 Violin Lessons  7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>8</b> 10:00-2:30 Monarch Homeschool  1:15 Women's Bible Study	<b>9</b>  3-8 Cello Lessons	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> <u>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost (Barnabus, Apostle)</u> 8:30 Outdoor Holy Communion 9:30 Adult Sunday School 10:30 Service of the Word	<b>12</b>  3-7 Violin Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Church Council	<b>13</b>  3-7 Violin Lessons	<b>14</b>  3-7 Violin Lessons  7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>15</b> 10:00-2:30 Monarch Homeschool  1:15 Women's Bible Study	<b>16</b>  3-8 Cello Lessons	<b>17</b>  3:00 Piano Recital
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# Just for KIDS

"And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds' .... And God saw it was good."

-Genesis 1:24-25

Unscramble these words to find names of animals that are found in the Bible.

ntalepoe \_\_\_\_\_ Deuteronomy 14:5

cooircdle \_\_\_\_\_ Leviticus 11:30

prdleoa \_\_\_\_\_ Revelation 13:2

hpsee \_\_\_\_\_ Deuteronomy 14:5

zilrda \_\_\_\_\_ Leviticus 11:29

ttcael \_\_\_\_\_ Genesis 1:25

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mealc \_\_\_\_\_ Genesis 12:16

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rhsoe \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Kings 10:25

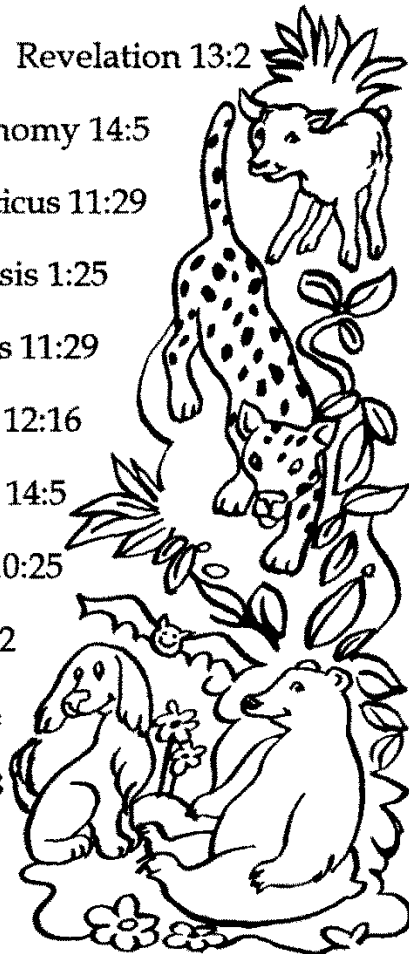
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niol \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Samuel 17:34

abt \_\_\_\_\_ Deuteronomy 14:18

eap \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Kings 10:22

odg \_\_\_\_\_ Exodus 22:31







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June 24 Bike Rodeo