

On Eagle's Wings



St. John's Monthly Newsletter – March 2022

Growth

Pastor's Paragraphs

I recently tried to listen to a podcast while on an early morning walk in Canandaigua. I had left my headphones at church so I decided to just turn on the phone's speaker and hold it close to my ear. Listening was hard unless I wanted to turn the volume way up (which would have quickly depleted the battery). I never realized how much noise there was early in the morning, even in the sleepy little city of Canandaigua.

How much noise is there in your life? I suspect our ears are constantly bombarded by the hustle and bustle of life. Normally we aren't consciously aware of it, but it is still there, still influencing us.

Jesus regularly took time to go away by himself into a desolate place and pray. We find that especially true in Luke's gospel. I believe Luke has some dozen or more scenes where Jesus is praying. They can be all summed up in Luke 5:16 though, "But he would withdraw to deserted places and pray."

Life is returning to its normal hustle and bustle as the pandemic appears to be winding down. That means life's normal noise is coming back to its full force too. With the season of Lent right around the corner I encourage you to add some quiet prayer time into your day if you don't do so already.

Prayers don't have to be big formal things. They don't even need to take a lot of time. Even if you're at work it can be good to take a fifteen second prayer break from time to time. And if you don't know what to pray, there is always Luther's Small Catechism. You may remember he has very brief prayers to say at the beginning and at the end of the day, and at mealtimes.

Judaism and Islam both have practices of prayer multiple times a day. Christianity does too, although it slipped out of prominence in the Protestant Reformation. But it's worth returning to it. Our world is so loud it's no wonder we can't hear God's voice. This Lent either add to your prayer time or make it a priority. We all need time for quiet reflection with our God.

Blessings,
Pastor Jon



Thrice Daily Call to Prayer

The biggest bell in our tower strikes the hour of the day from 7am until 9pm. That is a very practical use of the bell. It is also a very linear (and structured) way to tell time. But that's not all that church bells used to do. They also used to call people into a regular time for spiritual contemplation.

Beginning on Ash Wednesday the smallest bell in the tower will begin ringing The Angelus. That's a three-times-a-day call to prayer. The practice began sometime in the Middle Ages. The little bell will ring at: 6am, noon, and 6pm. It will have three strikes, then pause, three more strikes, then pause, then three final strikes. It is a call to prayer and thanksgiving to God.

Though almost all of us live beyond the hearing of the bell you are encouraged to take time regularly in your day to pause a few seconds and reconnect with God.

The Angelus is easy enough to set up for us. The computer that controls the bells came preprogrammed to do it. We've just never turned it on!

Adult Sunday School

The adult Sunday school resumes with a look at the gospel of Luke from 1517 Academy. It's a combination video course and discussion. Stop in the middle classroom in the Sunday school wing during the Sunday school hour.

Worship

March Worship Assistants

	March 6	March 13	March 20	March 27
Greeters & Ushers	Linda Flood	Tom and Carol Urbanic	Gary Wood	Bruce & Connie Stevenson
Lector (8:30)				
Acolyte	Creed White	Jonathan Buch	Owen Young	Brody Ireland
Altar Care (10:30)	Linda Thompson		Linda Thompson	
Communion Assistants	Linda Flood		Mary Zuege	
Nursery Care				
Counters	Nancy and Ivan Shuler	Tom Kurilovitch & Helen Crown	Beth and Molly Perdan	John and Linda Thompson
Coffee Hour				



Upcoming Bible Readings for Worship

During Lent we continue our read through of Luke's gospel. The first Sunday we'll hear Jesus' great "Sermon on the Plain" where he lays out what life is like for those who follow him. Then the remainder of the weeks we'll continue to follow Jesus in his ministry in Galilee.

3/6 Luke 6:17-49
 3/13 Luke 7
 3/20 Luke 8:1-21
 3/27 Luke 8:22-56



Ash Wednesday Worship

March 2 – 7:00pm
 Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes



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

Mid-Week Lenten Meals & Worship

This year's mid-week Lenten meals and worship will focus on the Apostles Creed and the Lord's Prayer. Using a video course from the Lutheran House of Study we will look again at these words we often use in worship. Do we really know what we mean when we say them? Do we know what they were intended to mean? Each week starts with a soup and bread dinner at 6:00 and worship at 7:00

Worship (Cont.)



Give Up Lint for Lent

This bizarre collection is becoming an annual tradition in our congregation's Lenten journey. If you have trouble giving something up for Lent, this will be your easiest discipline ever! There is a collection box in the Gathering Area for you to put your **dryer lint, used dryer sheets, old crayons and stubs of candles**. This worthless stuff (and somewhat gross) will be melted together and burnt on the fire at the sunrise service on Easter. This Lent give up your most worthless stuff so that God can turn it into heat and light!



8:30 Breakfast Church during Lent

Our 8:30 worship service will explore a "breakfast church" model during the season of Lent. Tables will be set up in the back of the sanctuary. Worship will begin with a hymn and a prayer. Then worshippers will serve themselves whatever delicious breakfast foods have been prepared for that morning. As they eat the scriptures will be read. There won't be so much of a sermon as an interactive reflection on the gospel reading. The service will wrap up with prayers and song. When there is communion it will be incorporated right into the meal.



Prayers at 10:30 Worship During Lent

We'll be changing the way we do the "Prayer of the Church" at the 10:30 service during Lent. Instead of having a few petitions read by members of the congregation we'll invite everyone to write a petition or

two on a slip of paper. We'll set our portable fire pit just outside the side door of the sanctuary. During the prayer time you'll be invited to take your prayer to the fire and throw it in. This is rooted in Psalm 141 which reads, "Let my prayer rise up like incense before you."

Service



Good Gifts Results

St. John's participated in ELCA Good Gifts this past Christmas season. Members generously gave enough to purchase 2 piglets, 1 goat, 30 chicks and 1 set of honeybees. Many thanks to all who made contributions!



-From the Community Outreach Committee -We had enough items to make 39 Lutheran World Relief personal care kits. Thanks to everyone that brought in items.

-Thank you to our new church council members:

Christine Campbell, Dianne Millard, and Joe Pow II.

-Thank you to everyone who helped with snow plowing and shoveling in February.

-Thank you to Mary Zuege for providing homemade treats for coffee hour many weeks.

-Thank you to Wendy Sackett for organizing the Sunday school children when they led worship on February 6.

-Thankyou to Jae Ireland for organizing a tour of the Memorial Art Gallery for the confirmation class.



"Souper" Bowl Collection Results

Thanks for your donations to this year's Souper Bowl Sunday collection. We received \$376.00 for World Hunger. That's our greatest amount ever!

Service (Cont.)



Feb. 2 Blood Drive Results

The Red Cross collected 35 units of blood at our Ground Hog Day blood drive.

This has the potential to positively impact 105 patients!!!

Kudos to the Victor community for turning out and donating, and to St. John's for hosting once again.



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

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

-Marcia Zavacki as she recovers from what appears to have been a minor stroke.

-The family and friends of Marie Kesel as they mourn her death.

-The family and friends of Pat Hortop as they mourn her death.

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

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.

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 \$1800 so far and would like to collect at least \$1200 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.

February Council Highlights

Church council held its regular monthly meeting on February 21st. Major items on the agenda were:

-Election of Officers:

President - Gary Wood

Vice-president - Pete Gregory

Secretary - Wendy Sackett

Treasurer - Rob Stroup

Financial Secretary – Dave Bullwinkle

-Council Liaisons to committees:

Stewardship & Finance – Bill Stimmel

Property – Mary Zuege

Worship & Music – Julie Stuart

Education – Wendy Sackett

Fellowship – Dianne Millard

Outreach – Christine Campbell

Family Promise – Mary Zuege

-review of COVID operating practices, decided to end contact tracing forms

Fun



Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper

Fat Tuesday is March 1st this year. On this day Christians traditionally celebrated by consuming all the fat in their pantries in preparation for the somber and penitential season of Lent.

Our annual pancake supper starts at 6:00 with all the pancakes, sausage and fancy toppings you can eat! We'll also show the hilarious "Easter" episode from the British comedy *The Vicar of Dibley*. For kids we'll show a Veggie Tales video in a separate room.



February Bible Trivia Answers

1. Name two of the four disciples Jesus called when they were fishing along the Sea of Galilee (also called the Lake of Gennesaret) Answer: Simon (Peter), Andrew, James, John (Luke 5:1-11)
2. What tax collector made a great feast for Jesus after Jesus called him to be a disciple? Answer: Levi (Luke 5:27)
3. In Jesus parable of the two houses what happens to the house built on sand? Answer: it falls (Luke 6:49)
4. Before you take the speck out of your brother's eye Jesus says you should take what out of your own eye? Answer: the log (Luke 6:41)

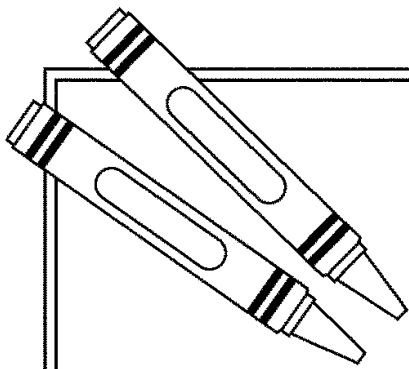
March Bible Trivia Questions

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

1. What miracle does Jesus perform in the town of Nain?
2. In every gospel there is a story of a woman anointing Jesus. What part of him does she anoint in Luke's gospel?
3. In the parable of the sower what happens to the seed that falls on the path?
4. Where does Jesus say people put a lamp that is lit?

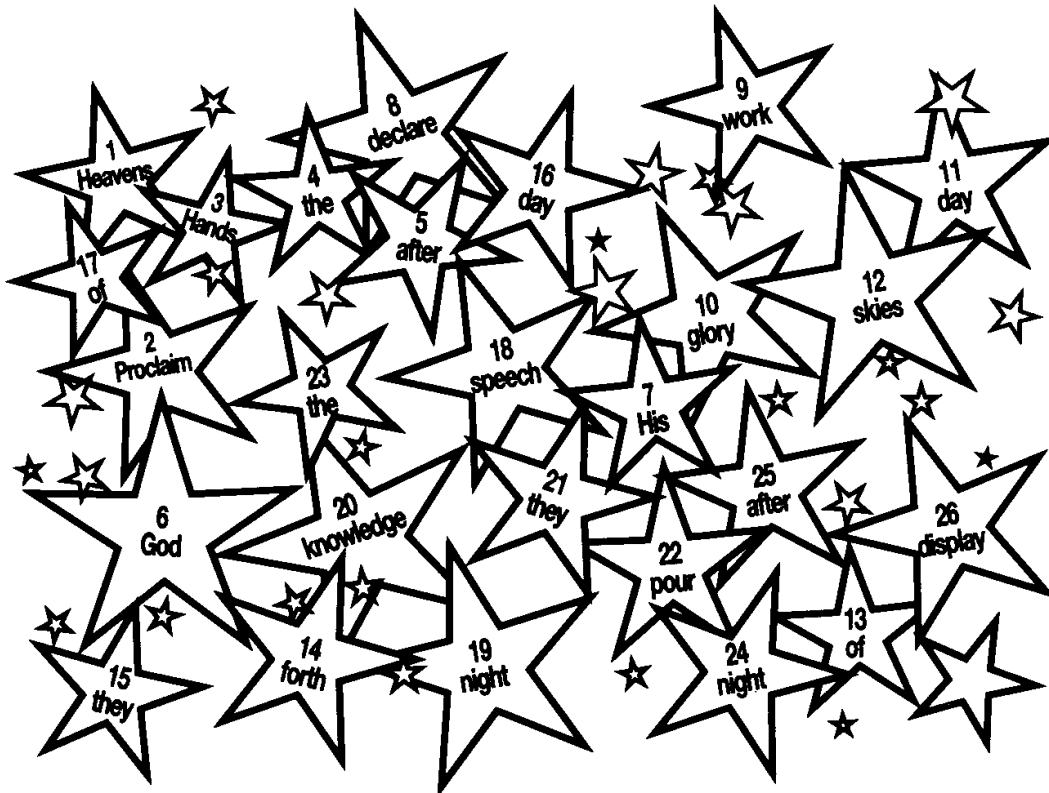
MARCH 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 3-6 Music Lessons 6:00 Pancake Supper 6-8 Pipe Band 7 Community Chorus	2 <u>Ash Wednesday</u> 8:30 Men's Breakfast 1:00 Women's Bible Study 4-7 Music Lessons 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00 Holy Communion	3 10:00-2:30 Monarch Homeschool	4 3-8 Cello Lessons	5
6 <u>1st Sunday in Lent</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 6:00 Lenten Supper and Worship 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>2nd Sunday in Lent</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 6:00 Lenten Supper and Worship 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	17 10:00-2:30 Monarch Homeschool	18 3-8 Cello Lessons	19 <u>Joseph, Guardian of Jesus</u>
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Just for KIDS

Have you ever sat outside and looked at the sky at night? What do you see? Imagine what you might hear! Write the words from the stars on the lines. Read the verse.



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Psalm 19:1-2



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Pancake Supper – Mar 1

Ash Wednesday – Mar 2