

# On Eagle's Wings



## St. John's Monthly Newsletter – May 2022

### Growth

#### Pastor's Paragraphs

I recently had a conversation with a music teacher at the Canandaigua Primary School. I asked her if she ever got frustrated working with only musical beginners when she herself has so much talent, and spent so many hours developing her musical skills. She said that she actually prefers working with little kids because they hold nothing back when they make music. They don't know they're playing the wrong notes, or that their voice sounds terrible, or that they're out of rhythm. They just make sounds with full hearted abandon. She said that as children age they become more self-conscious. Their music begins to reflect that too.

While kindergarteners making music will always set my teeth on edge, I do understand her point. At what point do we start to sacrifice our truest, most authentic, raw selves in order to fit in? Childhood development experts would say it is all part of the maturing process. I won't argue with them. But I will say that adults have lost a fundamental part of themselves. Adults have forgotten how to have fun in a truly abandoned way. It is a very sad thing when adults have to resort to drinking too much or using drugs just to have any fun at all. What happened to the child they used to be for whom fun came naturally?

Perhaps even more sad is the way church and faith have become the most serious things of all. My mind goes to this prayer called "I Am in Need of... What? by Ted Loder:

"Are you really as humorless,  
as grimly serious,  
as I have made you out to be?  
Or do aardvarks and monkeys,  
bullfrogs and platypuses,  
puppies and porpoises,  
and people, perhaps,  
reveal the comic side of your grace,  
the playful side of your love?"

He goes on:

"Tickle me into giggling down  
the wailing walls  
of my endless grievances.  
and trip up my waddling pomposities."

(*Guerillas of Grace*, 1981 Augsburg Fortress)

As we are in the Easter season let's not overlook the playfulness, silliness even, of the Bible's stories of the resurrection. All the gospels describe the events of Good Friday in a deeply somber way. And all of the gospels depict the resurrection with tricks, surprises, and unpredictability. Why shouldn't God have fun? And why shouldn't God enjoy delighting people with surprises?

Don't forget to have fun in faith. Be a kindergartener making music. God knows you better than you know yourself. God knows where your true self ends and your manufactured "socially acceptable" self begins. This Easter spend some silly time dwelling in the authentic self God made you to be.

Ted Loder continues in that prayer,  
"Lord of laughter, as of tears,  
shake me awake  
and teach me to laugh at myself

...

all the way down  
to the inescapable bottom,  
to the awareness that I must get on  
with being who I am  
as fully as I can,  
as unflinchingly as I can,  
as accurately as I can,  
which is to say,  
as gracefully,  
as powerfully,  
as faithfully  
as you created me to be.  
Blessings,  
Pastor Jon



### 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

## May Worship Assistants

	May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29
Greeters & Ushers	Linda Flood	Tom and Carol Urbanic	Gary Wood	Bruce & Connie Stevenson	Mary and Greg Zuege
Lector (8:30)					
Acolyte	Creed White	Jonathan Buch	Owen Young	Brody Ireland	Creed White
Altar Care (10:30)	Mary Zuege		Mary Zuege		
Communion Assistants	Linda Flood		Nancy Shuler		
Nursery Care					
Counters	Bruce and Connie Stevenson	Beth and Molly Perdan	Linda Flood and Sue Kaufmann	Tom Kurilovitch & Helen Crown	John and Linda Thompson
Coffee Hour					



### Upcoming Bible Readings for Worship

The Easter season takes us all the way through the end of May. We'll read a resurrection appearance at the beginning of May. Then we'll spend two weeks looking at the events of Holy Week that we didn't get to before Easter. We'll wrap up the month, and begin the summer months by entering into the middle third of Luke's gospel. That is Jesus' journey to Jerusalem.

5/1 Luke 24:36-53  
 5/8 Luke 20:1-21:4  
 5/15 Luke 21:5-38  
 5/22 Luke 9:51-62 (Confirmation)  
 5/29 Luke 10:1-24

### 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 bought flowers to beautify the sanctuary on Easter.
- Thank you to everyone who 'gave up lint for lent' and gave candles and crayons for the sunrise service fire.
- Thank you to the Sunday school for creating the paper lilies we put on the cross on Easter.
- Thank you to Gary Boisseau and Jim Spawton for organizing the pancake breakfast on Easter.
- Thank you to everyone who helped with the two Easter egg hunts this year: Wendy Sackett and Trudy Wyman for the little kids hunt, and Emma Deibler for the middle school/high school hunt.



- The Rev. Matthew Nickoloff and the South Wedge Mission in Rochester.
- Rev. Karen Anderson for her missionary work in Chile.
- Paul Huber as he recovers from surgery.
- Gary Boisseau Sr., father of our own Gary Boisseau as he has need for special home care.

## Service (Cont.)

### Community Outreach Committee



#### SAVE THE DATE FOR MAGGIE'S KIDS –

Monday, July 11 is this date we will be hosting this year. You will be getting information as the date gets closer. This is part of our Outreach when we participate in the week long day camp event for the kids from the Joseph Street area of the inner city coming to Victor visiting a different church each day.



Our Family Promise support week is coming right up on May 1. As our families are being housed in their own apartments, please consider making a monetary donation to help cover their living expenses. Please make any checks payable to St. John's. Checks and cash donations can be submitted to Pastor Jon. Thank you. Please be in touch with Mary Zuege. (315) 986-2015, [dushenkom@yahoo.com](mailto:dushenkom@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

#### 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 ideal time to plant all of these things is the last week of May. Since weather conditions are unpredictable we can't set an exact date. Look to the weekly bulletin insert for specifics as we reach the end of May. 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.



#### Spring Clean-Up at Church

The annual spring clean-up day at church is planned for Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> starting around 8:00am. There are several projects to do and many hands make light work. Projects include:

##### OUTSIDE

- Pick up branches from the grass areas to facilitate mowing.
- Clean up gardens- general cleanup of the bed & mulch where needed
- Memorial Garden - General cleanup of debris, edge the bed
- Apple trees - Weed around base, fertilize, mulch

##### INSIDE PROJECTS

- Wash all the windows inside and out
- Shampoo the sanctuary carpet



## 🌊 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.)

#### April Council Highlights

Church council held its regular monthly meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Major items on the agenda were:

- Reviewing committee reports. (There's a lot going on! Look around at the newsletter articles.)
- Review of COVID operating practices.
- Put into motion the plans to replace the playground.
- Moving toward hiring a youth director.

#### 2022 Directory

The 2022 membership directory has been printed and is in your church mailbox. Please check that your information is correct. If there are errors please give Pastor Jon the corrections.

#### Financial Update

YTD Income	\$48,117.79
YTD Expenses	\$59,365.51
Difference	(\$11,247.72)

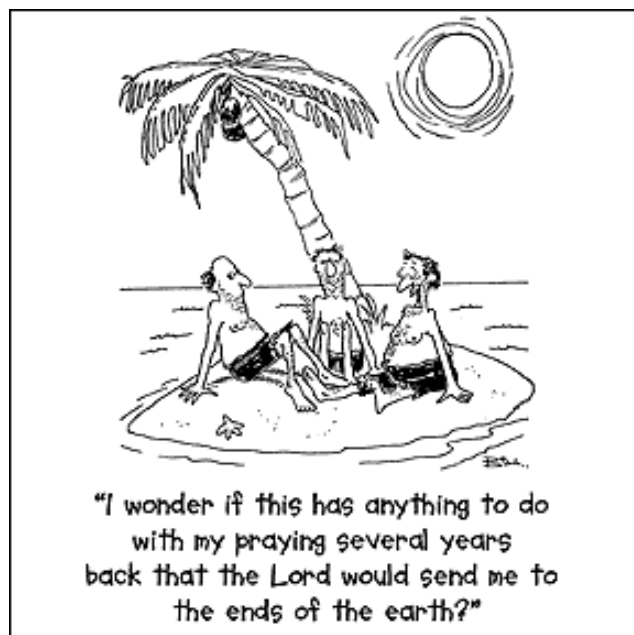


Life Line Screening will be holding a screening event at St. John's on Monday May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Screenings begin at 9:00.

Screenings include:

- Carotid artery (plaque)
- Heart Rhythm (atrial fibrillation)
- Abdominal Aortic aneurysm
- Peripheral arterial disease
- Osteoporosis risk assessment.

To register for an appointment or to learn more please call 1-800-324-1851 or visit [lisa.social.hs](https://lisa.social.hs)



# Fun



## The Great Fondue Returns

Our fourth “Great Fondue” four-course fondue experience is planned for April 30<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. It is an event to raise money for the Victor-Farmington Food Cupboard. You’ll start off with the cheese course, dipping bread and vegetables into a rich warm cheese sauce. Then cleanse your palate with a fresh salad. The main course will be a variety of meats and vegetables cut into bite-size portions that you’ll cook to your preference in hot broth. Finish your meal with the s’mores bar. Our “chef,” Jim Spawton, will be using his skills to delight your taste buds. Cost is \$25 per adult and \$10 per child.



### April Bible Trivia Answers

1. What holiday season was it that caused Jesus to go to Jerusalem with his disciples? Answer: Passover (Luke 22:1)
2. On what hill/mount did Jesus go to pray after his last supper with the disciples? Answer: The Mount of Olives (Luke 22:39)
3. What disciple handed Jesus over to the authorities? Answer: Judas (Luke 22:47)
4. Two of the women who went to the tomb on Easter had the same first name. What was it? Answer: Mary (Luke 24:10)

### May Bible Trivia Questions

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

1. How many coins did the poor widow put in the temple offering?
2. What coin does Jesus ask the Pharisees to show when they challenge him about paying taxes?
3. In the Parable of the Wicked Tenants what do the tenants do to the owner’s son?
4. In the days between Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday where does Jesus go to spend the night?



**STORAGE SPACE FOR FURNITURE**

DOES YOUR CONGREGATION HAVE  
SOME EXTRA SPACE? IF SO,  
PLEASE LET US KNOW

**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.

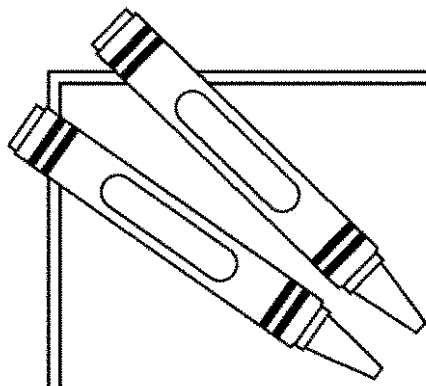


Leigh Brown, Igor Ziminsky and 55  
other friends have donated to a fundraiser.

Select Nonprofit

# May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <u>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</u> 8:30 Service of the Word 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion 11:45 Worship and Music Committee	<b>2</b> <u>Philip and James, Apostles</u> 9:00 – 6:00 Life Line Screening 2-6:30 Music Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>3</b> 3-6 Music Lessons 7 Community Chorus	<b>4</b> 8:30 Men's Breakfast 1:00 Women's Bible Study 3-7 Music Lessons 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>5</b> 10:00-2:30 Monarch Homeschool	<b>6</b> 3-8 Cello Lessons	<b>7</b> 8:00 Spring Clean-up Day
<b>8</b> <u>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</u> 8:30 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Service of the Word	<b>9</b> 2-6:30 Music Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>10</b> 3-6 Music Lessons 7 Community Chorus	<b>11</b> 8:30 Men's Breakfast 1:00 Women's Bible Study 3-7 Music Lessons 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>12</b> 10:00-2:30 Monarch Homeschool 6:30-7:30 Cub Scout Pack 67	<b>13</b> 3-8 Cello Lessons	<b>14</b> <u>Matthias, Apostle</u>
<b>15</b> <u>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</u> 8:30 Service of the Word 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion	<b>16</b> 2-6:30 Music Lessons 2-6:30 Music Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Church Council	<b>17</b> 3-6 Music Lessons 3-5 Music Lessons 7:00 Community Chorus	<b>18</b> 8:30 Men's Breakfast 1:00 Women's Bible Study 4-7 Music Lessons 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>19</b> 10:00-2:30 Monarch Homeschool	<b>20</b> 3-8 Cello Lessons	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <u>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</u> 8:30 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion (Confirmation)	<b>23</b> 2-6:30 Music Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>24</b> 3-6 Music Lessons 7:00 Community Chorus 7:00 Property Committee	<b>25</b> 8:30 Men's Breakfast 1:00 Women's Bible Study 4-7 Music Lessons 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>26</b> 10:00-2:30 Monarch Homeschool	<b>27</b> 3-8 Cello Lessons	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <u>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</u> 8:30 Service of the Word 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Service of the Word	<b>30</b> <u>Memorial Day</u>	<b>31</b> <u>Visit of Mary to Elizabeth</u> 3-6 Music Lessons 7:00 Community Chorus				

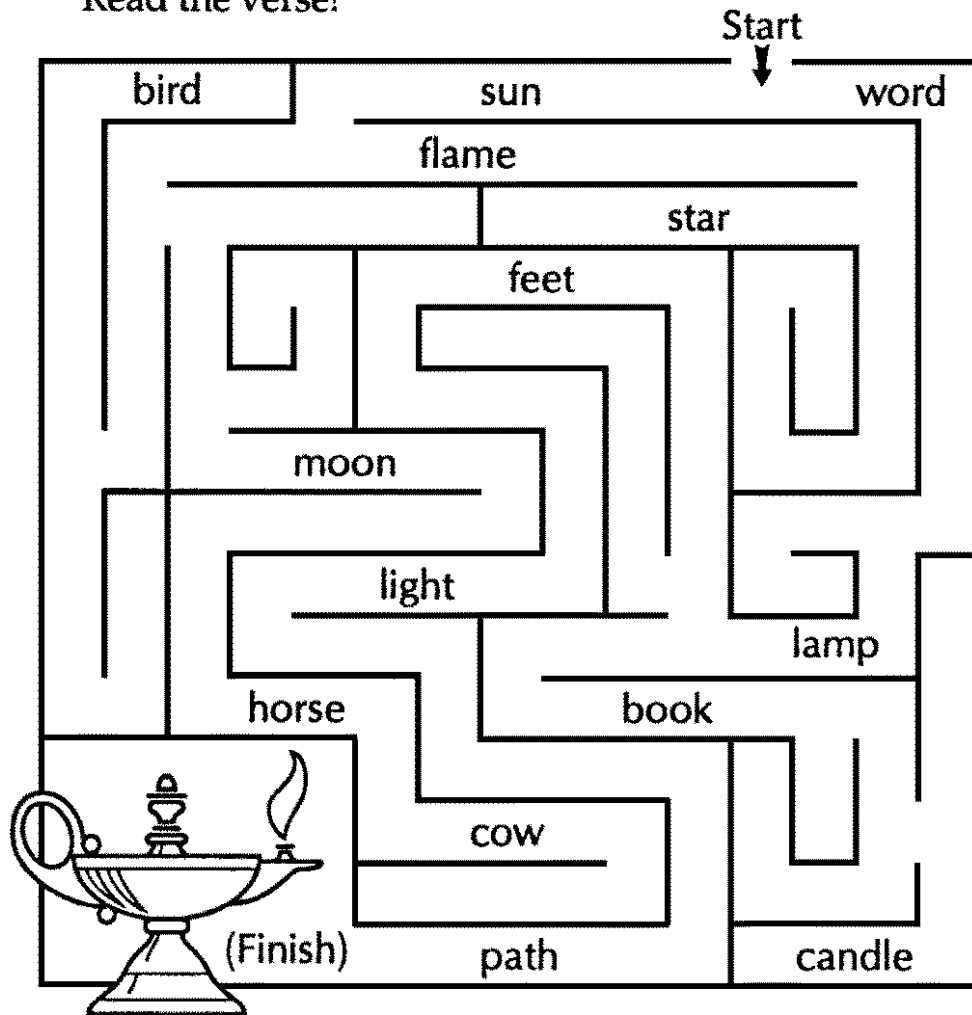


# Just for KIDS

Do you ever feel all alone? Do you ever feel as if you need a map to get through the day?

Find your way through the maze below. Write the words from the *correct* path, in order, on the lines below.

Read the verse!



Your \_\_\_\_\_ is a \_\_\_\_\_ to my \_\_\_\_\_

and a \_\_\_\_\_ to my \_\_\_\_\_.

—Psalm 119:105



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### **May Newsletter**

Spring Clean Up Day – May 7