

# On Eagle's Wings



St. John's Monthly Newsletter – November 2021

## Growth

### Pastor's Paragraphs

Climate change is in many people's minds these days. It appears to be a dynamic that is influencing the globe more than anything else in human history. While it is certainly a major problem, I consider it to be a symptom of an even bigger problem. Ultimately we have to address that bigger problem.

The bigger problem is human overpopulation. The world simply cannot support the current human population. To make matters worse, our numbers are even growing at an increasing rate. ...and perhaps there is an even bigger problem underneath that one!

We humans consume resources at an alarming rate. While we label it "progress" (and I am certainly a fan of it!) we shape the world to our liking. I've shared these ideas before. How many of us live in natural habitats? (That is, how many of us live in caves?) When was the last time you made a long journey by walking a rutted muddy path? How much physical effort do you exert growing and preparing the food you eat? (Ever tilled a field by hand?) How often do you have to do things like carry water or provide heat for your home by chopping firewood with an axe?

As we head towards the Thanksgiving holiday let us be aware of how we consume the world's resources and shape it in order to make our lives easier. I'm not trying to make anyone feel guilty. It's more about appreciating what we have. One of the problems of humanity is that as soon as we make something "better" we try to make it better still. Ultimately we aren't ever satisfied. We end up on a course of endless consumption.

I can't make any promises about what will lead to a fulfilled life, but being aware of just how blessed we are will go a long way! Humanity would go a long way if we could take these words from St. Paul to heart, "I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:11-13)

Blessings,  
Pastor Jon

## Adult Sunday School

The adult Sunday school class is using the video series *Down and Out, Where Grace Takes Us*. You may join in the class at any time. It meets in the middle Sunday school room. If you would like to have it be shared over Zoom please let Pastor Jon know and something can be set up.

## Worship

### All Saints Remembrance

All Saints Sunday is November 7<sup>th</sup>. As a part of worship services that day the names of all congregational members and friends of the congregation who have died during the past year will be read. If you have a friend or family member you'd like to have included in the prayers please give the name to Pastor Jon.



### Upcoming Bible Readings for Worship

Our worship series on the Old Testament prophets takes us to these passages in September.

November 7 – Daniel 12 (All Saints Sunday)

November 14 – Daniel 3 (fiery furnace)

November 21 – Daniel 6 (lion's den)

November 28 – Luke 1:1-38

### 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

### 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.)



- Thank you to everyone who helped mow the lawn in October.
- Thank you to Mike Ross for arranging repairs to the snow plow truck.
- Thank you to the confirmation class for picking the apples from the church's trees.
- Thank you to Julie Stuart, Mary Zuege, and Gary Wood for providing items for coffee hour in October.
- Thank you to Nancy Shuler for organizing the first communion class.

### Veteran's Day Blood Drive

#### Come out and Honor our Veterans

The Victor-Farmington area wide Veterans Day blood drive will be held at

**St. John's Lutheran Church**

**888 County Rd. #9**

**Victor, NY 14564**

**November 11 1:00 – 6:00**

Go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to register for a convenient appointment.

We are also planning to display photos or copies of photos of our Veterans at the drive. Please submit your photo in uniform or civies to St. John's at the above address. Please include their name, branch of service, and dates of service.

This is the 17<sup>th</sup> drive held to honor our Veterans first started at St. John's in the Hook relocated due to Covid19.

**Let's keep it going!!**

## Food Cupboard Thanksgiving Baskets

The Victor Farmington Food Cupboard will be doing Thanksgiving baskets again this year. We have been asked to provide boxes of stuffing or instant mashed potatoes. There will be a box in the gathering area from October 17<sup>th</sup> to November 7<sup>th</sup> for these items. If you don't care to shop monetary donations would be appreciated. Checks should be written to the Victor Farmington Food Cupboard, NOT to St. John's! If you have any questions you can contact Burdie Gillern.

### Victor Holiday Giving Tree

Thank you for everyone who is providing gift cards for this year's collection for families in the Victor school district. There is a collection box on the usher's stand. Please bring them to church by Sunday, October 31.



- The Rev. Matthew Nickoloff and the South Wedge Mission in Rochester.
- Rev. Karen Anderson for her missionary work in Chile.
- Gary Myers who is being treated for multiple myeloma.
- Zack Anderson, fiancé of Marcia Zavacki's granddaughter who is in need of a liver transplant after his kidneys and liver began to fail.
- Judy VanDeVelde as she continues recovery from back injuries sustained from a fall.
- Marcia Zavacki who is recovering from a broken hip/leg.
- Sandra Smith, sister of Nancy Pape and Adele Garvey, as she is having a tough time with cancer treatment.
- The family and friends of Emmy Gelb as they mourn her death.
- Laura Wixom, sister of Babette Huber, who continues receiving treatment for a brain infection and numerous complications.
- Eleanor Bullwinkle, who had a foot amputated because of poor blood circulation.

## **Service (Cont.)**

### **Community Dinners at 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Ministering with Music**

Hello,

I'm Karen Hansen and I coordinate playing of background music during the Free Community Dinners at the Presbyterian Church 70 E Main St Victor on 2nd, 3rd, 4th Saturdays every month. The dinners run 5:30pm - 7pm. If you, an adult or teen, would be willing to share your musical talents and bring joy to the dining guests for approximately 35-45 minutes please call, text or email me :

585.703.7421 / [Karenhansen7@hotmail.com](mailto:Karenhansen7@hotmail.com)

Kind regards and God Bless as you consider ministering to others.

### **Victor Farmington Food Cupboard News – from Lori Kay**

Hello everyone!

Lots of news coming from the Food Cupboard this month! In September we fed: 633 adults, 353 children, and 172 seniors.

Our Thanksgiving distribution will be November 18<sup>th</sup> and our Christmas distribution will be December 18<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who would like this assistance should call the Food Cupboard by Halloween at 585-924-2720. For the Christmas distribution, we would like to give pouches of cookie mixes, any flavor or brand. We'll need at least 300, so if folks could pick those up when they are on sale the next 6 weeks that would be wonderful!

The Target registry has been updated to include the cookie pouches and some other items we need. Below is the direct link or donors can go to Target.com, click on registry and enter Victor Farmington Food Cupboard.  
<https://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift-giver?registryId=4ff0f962-88e8-11eb-812d-78f21837ceb0&type=CHARITY&fbclid=IwAR1luJnDmTIWkTM2xECbljEiEYNYIxx49QzRAElKuj31ya4l6tcHxWgO4-k>

From October 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> we are part of the Target Circle charity program. If anyone belongs to Target Circle (this is not the debit or credit card), you get votes each time you shop. You can use your votes to help us raise money this quarter and it doesn't cost the shopper anything!

November 4<sup>th</sup> is the Cobblestone Creek Charity Guild Holiday Boutique, 5:30 to 9:00 pm to benefit the Food Cupboard. Tickets are \$5.00 in advance or \$10.00 at the door. Please contact a Guild member or [joieutter@gmail.com](mailto:joieutter@gmail.com) for tickets.

November 30<sup>th</sup> is #GivingTuesday. Most nonprofits participate in this and the Food Cupboard will be participating from November 16<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>. More information will be coming out soon! Please save the date now!

Anyone who would like to help with deliveries this winter can contact Karen Guidarelli at the Food Cupboard. We are looking for two teams of two for Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Some days we have no deliveries; some days we have 8, so we're looking to split those with volunteers if we can.

We're also looking for church cleaning teams for 2022.

You would only need to sign up for two times per year since we have teams in once a month. You can choose a Tuesday (afternoon or night) or a weekend morning to come. Please contact me (924-5642) to pick a month for the first half of 2022.

One last note: We are currently allowing only fully vaccinated volunteers at the Food Cupboard until April 1<sup>st</sup>. If anyone is fully vaccinated and interested in volunteering, you can stop by the Food Cupboard MWF mornings or give us a call at the office number.

### **Family Promise**

Our "host" week begins on November 7. At the present time FPOC is serving 4 families that are housed in apartments. Please take a look at the suggestions below for ideas of how we are able to participate.

#### **Our Hosting Week with Family Promise of Ontario County Is coming up!**

Soon we will be able to engage face to face with our guests. For now, there are still ways to support families in need. Can you:

- ★ Volunteer in a Covid safe way: reset an apartment, help manage donations, grocery shop for our families or office help all are needed!
- ★ Donate gift cards for our families to buy groceries.
- ★ Friday Night Out: Make a meal for a family in our program offering a "night off" for the parents
- ★ Read to a preschooler over Zoom or other electronic means

**So many ways to help!  
Get creative and reach out!**

Watch for communication from your FPOC Coordinator or email David Simmons at [fpocCEM@fpocny.org](mailto:fpocCEM@fpocny.org) to learn more.



## Nuts and Bolts

### October Council Highlights

Church council held its regular monthly meeting on October 18. Major items on the agenda were:

- 2022 stewardship drive
- reviewing pandemic operating procedures
- policies around the prayer chain and member communication



### Church Playground

### Can & Bottle Collection Continues

We continue collecting deposit cans and bottles for replacing the playground. We have collected \$1300 so far and would like to collect at least \$1700 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.

### Finances (up through 9/30/21)

YTD Income \$167,939.31

YTD Expenses \$144,674.71

Difference \$23,264.60

## Fun

### Pie Sunday



Our annual Reformation Sunday (October 31) tradition will continue with pie for coffee hour. You are invited to bake or buy a pie to contribute. All the pies will be cut in the kitchen and slices individually wrapped. 8:30 service, you'll get pie too! This isn't just for the 10:30 folks!

## Parish Thanksgiving Dinner



The annual Parish Thanksgiving Dinner will be held On Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup> after the 10:30 worship service. Please look for sign up sheets on the bulletin board in the gathering area to see what food items you can bring. Also be sure to bring a empty stomach ready to be filled!



### October Bible Trivia Answers

1. Jeremiah opposed what prophet's message about what would happen with Babylon? Answer: Hananiah (Jeremiah 28:1)
2. The Babylonians hauled off many of the Jews to Babylon in 587 B.C.E. To what nation did many of those left behind go? Answer: Egypt (Jeremiah 43:7)
3. In Ezekiel's bizarre vision of the chariot he sees four living creatures in human form. What were their four heads? (Hint – these are the symbols used for the gospels) Answer: human, lion, eagle, and ox (Ezekiel 1:10)
4. In one of Ezekiel's visions he is given a scroll. What is he instructed to do with the scroll? Answer: eat it (Ezekiel 2:8)

### November Bible Trivia Answers

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

1. Daniel was thrown into a den of what for disobeying the king?
2. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were thrown into a furnace because they would not do what?
3. Toward what city did Daniel always pray?
4. In Daniel what angel is called the great prince and protector of the people?

# NOVEMBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> <u>All Saints Day</u>  2-6:30 Music Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>2</b> <u>Election Day</u> Polling place all day  3-6 Music Lessons 6-8 Pipe Band 7 Community Chorus	<b>3</b> Martin de Pores, renewer of society, 1639 8:30 Men's Breakfast  1:00 Women's Bible Study 4-7 Music Lessons 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>4</b>  10:00-2:30 Monarch Homeschool	<b>5</b>  3-8 Cello Lessons	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> <u>All Saints Sunday</u> 8:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion 11:45 Worship and Music Committee	<b>8</b> 2-6:30 Music Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>9</b> 9:30-12:00 Conference Ministerium  3-6 Music Lessons 6-8 Pipe Band 7 Community Chorus	<b>10</b> 8:30 Men's Breakfast  1:00 Women's Bible Study 4-7 Music Lessons 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>11</b> <u>Veteran's Day</u> Martin, Bishop of Tours, 397, Soren Kierkegaard, teacher 1855 10:00-2:30 Monarch Homeschool  6:30-7:30 Cub Scout Pack 67	<b>12</b>  3-8 Cello Lessons	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> <u>25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8:30 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	<b>15</b> 2-6:30 Music Lessons 7:00 Church Council 7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>16</b> 3-6 Music Lessons  6-8 Pipe Band 7:00 Community Chorus 7:00 Property Committee	<b>17</b> Elizabeth of Hungary, renewer of society 1231 8:30 Men's Breakfast  1:00 Women's Bible Study 4-7 Music Lessons 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>18</b>  10:00-2:30 Monarch Homeschool	<b>19</b>  3-8 Cello Lessons	<b>20</b>  10:00-12:30 Pipe Band
<b>21</b> <u>Christ the King Sunday</u> 8:30 Outdoor Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion 12:00 Parish Thanksgiving Dinner	<b>22</b>  2-6:30 Music Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>23</b> Clement, Bishop of Rome 100, Miguel Agustin Pro, martyr 1927  7:00 Community Chorus 3-6 Music Lessons 6-8 Pipe Band	<b>24</b> Justus Falckner, 1723; Jehu Jones, 1852; William Passavant, 1894, pastors in North America 8:30 Men's Breakfast  1:00 Women's Bible Study 4-7 Music Lessons 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>25</b> <u>Thanksgiving Day</u>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Monarch Homeschool Vendor Show
<b>28</b> <u>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</u> 8:30 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	<b>29</b>  2-6:30 Music Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>30</b> <u>Andrew, Apostle</u>  7:00 Community Chorus 3-6 Music Lessons 6-8 Pipe Band				



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### **November Newsletter**

November 21 – Parish Thanksgiving Dinner