

# On Eagle's Wings



St. John's Monthly Newsletter – October 2021

## Growth

### Pastor's Paragraphs

I was recently looking at some reports from Lutheran World Relief and I was struck by just how much difference a small amount of money can make. A few dollars used to buy an African farmer a piece of livestock, or a microloan given to an Asian woman to help her get a business started, or a disaster relief kit sent to a school in Haiti can be a life changing gift for that person. When I see news reports about our national budget or about how much some building or program is going to cost it is easy to think that it requires a tremendous amount of money to make an impact – more money than most of us would be able to earn in a lifetime.

While indeed it does take tremendous amounts of resources to build a large infrastructure project, or to eradicate a disease from a poor nation, we should not lose sight of how big an impact small things make.

We are blessed to live in a basically stable country and have the ability to build a stable life. We are blessed to be able to make and invest resources (money). Many people in the world do not enjoy such security. And though many a greedy person wouldn't agree with this, we are also blessed to be able to share. There are many national and international relief agencies that can direct our resources to build the lives of people throughout the world. There are also local agencies that can do the same for people near us. Though I wish we lived in a land where there is no poverty or problems at all, I am glad that through organizations like Family Promise and the Victor Farmington Food Cupboard we can address needs close at hand.

We are beginning our annual stewardship drive at the end of October. While that is focused on gathering the volunteer effort and the finances necessary to operate our church, it is also a time to be aware of all that is around us. Don't ever feel you don't have enough to make a life-changing gift for someone. Lutheran World Relief shows how even the smallest of gifts can permanently change a person's life for the better. Blessings,  
Pastor Jon

### Adult Sunday School

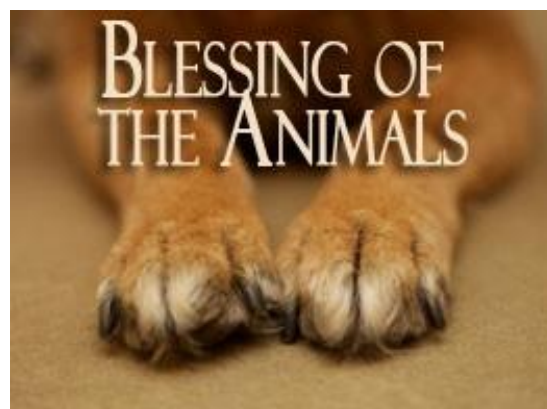
The adult Sunday school class is using the video series *Down and Out, Where Grace Takes Us*. You may join in the class at any time. It meets in the middle Sunday school room. If you would like to have it be shared over Zoom please let Pastor Jon know and something can be set up.

### Women of the ELCA

#### Leadership and Planning Meeting

The Genesee Finger Lakes Conference Women of the ELCA are holding a planning meeting on Wednesday October 13<sup>th</sup> at the Lutheran Church of Our Saviour in Chili. (2415 Chili Ave, 14624) It starts at noon. Bring your own lunch. Dessert and beverage will be provided.

## Worship



**October 3 – 2:00**

Our annual blessing of the animals service is inspired by the ministry of the 13<sup>th</sup> century saint, Francis of Assisi, who is recorded to have died on this day. Bring your pets, large or small. We'll meet in the Outdoor Chapel if weather permits.

## Worship (Cont.)



### Upcoming Bible Readings for Worship

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

October 3 – Jeremiah 27-28 (battle of the prophets)

October 10 – Jeremiah 43 (Jeremiah ignored)

October 17 – Ezekiel 1-3:11 (chariot vision)

October 24 – Ezekiel 33:10-20 (justice)

October 31 – Ezekiel 34:11-16 (Reformation Day)

### 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

### Worship Assistants

#### Altar Care, Ushering, Coffee Hour

We are resuming many activities that we stopped when the pandemic began. Please consider ways you can help make worship the vibrant time that it is! Sign up sheets are posted for those who are willing to do:

- altar care (especially at 10:30)
- ushers or communion assistants at 10:30
- coffee hour (items may be baked at home but individually wrapped)

## 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.)

### God's Work Our Hands Sunday Potato Harvest



Thank you to everyone who helped harvest potatoes from the church garden for our God's Work Our Hands Sunday project. We dug out 2924lbs. of potatoes! Great work everyone! (Unfortunately there are no pumpkins this year.) We also sowed rye seed in the garden as a cover crop.



- Thank you to everyone who helped mow the lawn in September. The lawn has looked great all year!
- Thank you to Bruce Stevenson for splitting some of the wood from the ash and black walnut trees. And a future thank you for the wood yet to split!
- Thank you to Bruce Stevenson and John CiPollina for cleaning the gutters and downspouts on the building.
- Thank you to everyone who helped harvest potatoes on September 12.
- Thank you to the Sunday school teachers for helping get the 2021-22 Sunday school year started.

### 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.

## Service (Cont.)

### Victor Holiday Giving Tree

The idea of giving gift cards instead of gifts was very well received by the parents last year. So we are again asked to provide gift cards in the amount of \$25.00. The card can be to a store of your choice (Target, Walmart, Amazon, Kohls, etc.)

On Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup> a sign up sheet will be posted in the gathering area. You are asked to sign your name, remove the slip attached to the line and leave your phone number. IF you wish to give more than one \$25 gift card you can sign your name on another line. Please tape the slip(s) to the purchased card(s) before they are returned to church.

The cards need to be at the church by Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. There will be a box on the usher's stand to put the cards in or you can give them to Burdie Gillern.

The Outreach Committee members thank you for your generous support as we try to do what works best for helping to provide our area families in need with a joyful Christmas.

### Victor Farmington Food Cupboard Volunteers Needed

The food cupboard is looking for additional volunteers. The specific help that is needed is:

- Greeting/assisting clients
- Stocking shelves, about a hour per week
- Delivery Drivers, taking food to shut-in clients
- Truck Unloading, usually one hour per week
- Cleaning Crew, a short-term commitment, or occasionally
- Food Deliveries, taking food to areas in the community recognized as "food deserts".

Please be in touch with the food cupboard at guidarellik@gmail.com or call 585 924-2720



- 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.
- The family and friends Eleanor Spawton as they mourn her death.

- 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 Jerome and Katie (Spawton) Malahieude as they mourn the death of their fetus daughter Caroline.

## Nuts and Bolts

### September Council Highlights

Church council held its regular monthly meeting on September 20. Major items on the agenda were:

- reviewing pandemic operating procedures
- approving the purchase of two 32" TV's to replace old ones in the Sunday school wing
- approved a cub scout pack for using the building on Thursday evenings



### 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 \$700 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.



# 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!



### September Bible Trivia Answers

1. What does Jeremiah hide in the cleft of a rock?  
Answer: a linen loincloth/underwear (Jeremiah 13:1-4)
2. What prophet has a vision of an almond branch and a boiling pot? Answer: Jeremiah (Jeremiah 1:11-13)
3. What nation does Jeremiah say the people should submit to? Answer: Babylon (Jeremiah 27:6)
4. In Isaiah God says there is no peace for who?  
Answer: the wicked (Isaiah 57:21)

### October Bible Trivia Questions

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

1. Jeremiah opposed what prophet's message about what would happen with Babylon?
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?
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)
4. In one of Ezekiel's visions he is given a scroll. What is he instructed to do with the scroll?

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>3</b> <u>19th Sunday After Pentecost</u> 8:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion 11:45 Worship & Music Committee 2:00 Blessing Animals	<b>4</b> Francis of Assisi, 1226, Theodor Fliedner, renewer of society 1884  2-6:30 Music Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>5</b>  3-6 Music Lessons 6-8 Pipe Band	<b>6</b> William Tyndale, translator, martyr 1536 8:30 Men's Breakfast  4-7 Music Lessons 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>7</b> Henry Muhlenberg, pastor in North America 1787 10:00-2:30 Monarch Homeschool	<b>1</b> 3-8 Cello Lessons  <b>8</b> 3-8 Cello Lessons	<b>2</b>  <b>9</b> 9:00-11:00 Fall Conference Assembly (at St. Martin's, Webster)
<b>10</b> <u>20th Sunday After Pentecost</u> 8:30 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  3-6 Music Lessons 6-8 Pipe Band	<b>13</b> 8:30 Men's Breakfast  4-7 Music Lessons 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>14</b> 10:00-2:30 Monarch Homeschool	<b>15</b> Teresa of Avila, teacher, renewer of the church, 1582  3-8 Cello Lessons	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> <u>21st Sunday after Pentecost</u> Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, martyr, 115 8:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion	<b>18</b> <u>Luke, Evangelist</u>  2-6:30 Music Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>19</b> <u>Holy Cross Day</u>  3-6 Music Lessons 6-8 Pipe Band	<b>20</b> 8:30 Men's Breakfast  4-7 Music Lessons 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>21</b> 10:00-2:30 Monarch Homeschool	<b>22</b>  3-8 Cello Lessons	<b>23</b> James of Jerusalem, martyr, c. 62  4-8 Spaghetti Supper Benefit
<b>24</b> <u>22nd Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8:30 Outdoor Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion	<b>25</b>  2-6:30 Music Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>26</b> Philipp Nicolai, 1608, Johann Heermann, 1647, Paul Gerhardt, 1676, hymnwriters  3-6 Music Lessons 6-8 Pipe Band 7:00 Property Committee	<b>27</b> 8:30 Men's Breakfast  4-7 Music Lessons 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>28</b> <u>Simon and Jude, Apostles</u> 10:00-2:30 Monarch Homeschool	<b>29</b>  3-8 Cello Lessons	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> <u>Reformation Day</u> 8:30 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion						



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### **October Newsletter**

October 3 – Blessing of the Animals

October 31 – Pie Sunday