

# On Eagle's Wings

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

### Pastor's Paragraphs

Do you ever feel overwhelmed by what's on the news – whether that news be social media, TV, newspaper, or radio? It seems like there's no end of earthquakes, hurricanes, or fires. Political tensions are high, and there seems to be no end to national and state issues. Racial tensions are high, and they seem to be going nowhere on a path to resolution. Economic news includes labor strikes, interest rates, inflation, and an ever-possible recession. There are numerous wars, immigration crises on multiple continents, and some nations coming to a point of collapse. It's hard to have enough intellectual energy to take it all in and make sense of it; let alone know how to live in it faithfully!

It would be great if there was some national or global goal that we were all working towards. Some would say that ending climate change is such a goal. Sadly there is no real progress on a global level and (at least from what I can discern) there is no reason to believe there ever will be.

In Philippians 1:6 St. Paul writes to the people of that city, "I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ." In that verse "the one who began a good work among you" does not mean a person who is up to some good deed. It is God, and the good work that God has begun among us.

It is a statement to our love and empathy that we worry about all the horrible things happening in the world and in our communities. It can be so overwhelming that we want to quit. However, God is at work in us individually and collectively. God's work will be brought to completion. We can be confident of that. So yes, be concerned about the world, but be even more confident in the work that God is doing, and know that God is doing it through you; even if you don't feel it.

There are various versions of this quote and it is attributed to many cultures: I tried to change the world but found that I could not. So, instead I tried to change myself, and in doing so, behold, I did change the world! Blessings,  
Pastor Jon

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



Our God's Work Our Hands Sunday potato harvest was delayed a week because the ground was too wet. This year the yield was 3300 lbs. That's not a record for us but it is still a lot of potatoes for the food cupboard. They are very grateful. Thanks to everyone who helped!

At this year's Parish Thanksgiving Dinner look for these things on the menu from the church garden: Pumpkin pie, apple pie, corn, mashed potatoes and applesauce.

## October Worship Assistants

	October 1	October 8	October 15	October 22	October 29
Greeters & Ushers	John and Linda Thompson	Sue Kaufmann	Helen Crown	Linda Flood	Tom and Carol Urbanic
Lector (8:30)					
Acolyte	Alyssa Young	Thomas Bullwinkle	Alyssa Young	Thomas Bullwinkle	Alyssa Young
Altar Care (10:30)	Mary Zuege		Mary Zuege		Mary Zuege
Communion Assistants	Greg Zuege		Sue Kaufmann		Gary Boisseau
Counters	Bill and Katy Stimmel	Nancy Shuler	Mary and Greg Zuege	Babette Huber & Burdie Gillern	Michele Myers & Helen Crown
Coffee Hour			Chicken Barbeque		Pie Sunday



### John's Gospel Worship Series Continues

In October we'll look at these scenes as we continue in John's gospel:

October 1 – John 12:20-50

October 8 – John 13:1-38

October 15 – John 14:1-31

October 22 – John 15:1-17

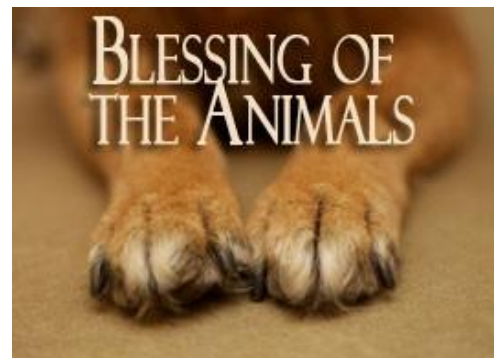
October 29 – John 15:18-16:4a

### 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.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88005306322?pwd=c05FSkVEd0hVZUhPTjVjbG9rNGs3QT09>  
Meeting ID: 880 0530 6322  
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### October 1 – 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.

### Pie Sunday



Reformation Sunday is October 29 this year. So, as is our tradition we will have pie for coffee hour! There will be pie after both worship services. In order to not go overboard with pies please sign up in the Gathering Area if you will provide a pie. That way we won't have far too many!



- 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.

## 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

**From Burdie Gillern** – Thanks so much to everyone that brought in school supplies. I took four loads of them to the collection center.



### Thanksgiving Food Baskets

The Victor Farmington Food Cupboard is again giving Thanksgiving baskets to needy families in our area. The items needed are gravy (packets or cans, no glass) and canned cranberry gel. There will be a box in the Gathering Area from October 1<sup>st</sup> -29<sup>th</sup>. If you prefer not to shop, monetary donations would be appreciated. Checks should be written to V/F Food Cupboard, NOT to St. John's. If you have questions contact Burdie Gillern.



### Victor Holiday Giving Tree

The idea of giving gift cards instead of gifts has been well received by parents in previous years. 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 22<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. If you don't want to get the gift card yourself you can give \$25 to Burdie Gillern or push cash in and envelope in the offering and label is for Holiday Giving Tree.

The cards need to be at the church by Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be a box on the usher's stand to put the cards in or you can give them to Burdie.

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.

## September Council Highlights

Church council held its regular monthly meeting on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Major items on the agenda were:

- Review of activities for the fall season, including fellowship events and the 2024 stewardship drive.
- Receiving updates on the parking lot resealing.
- Rescheduling the potato harvest.
- Reviewing Pastor Jon's health insurance coverage for 2024.



*Thank  
you*

- Thank you to everyone who helped with the two “harvest lunches” we had after worship on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of September.
- Thank you to everyone who helped mow the church lawn in September.
- Thank you to Mike and Cassie Ross for giving us the use of their field for the church garden this year.
- Thank you to Tom Urbanic for doing additional work to the playground.
- Thank you to John Cipollina and John Thompson for working to get rid of the yellow jackets in the corner of the Sunday school wing.
- Thank you to John Cipollina for making drywall repairs in the narthex.
- Thank you to the band members for filling in during Will's absence.

### September Bible Trivia Answers

1. What is the name of the man Jesus restored to life?  
Answer: Lazarus (John 11:43)
2. How long had this man been in the tomb? Answer:  
Four days (John 11:39)
3. Who anoints Jesus with a pound of pure nard?  
Answer: Mary, the sister of Martha and Lazarus (John 12:3)
4. What is the village in which Mary and Marth live?  
Answer: Bethany (John 12:1)

### October Bible Trivia Questions

Hint: All the answers may be found in the Bible readings we use in worship during October.

1. Which disciple objected to having his feet washed by Jesus?
2. Which disciple betrayed Jesus for money?
3. Which disciple said to Jesus, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?”
4. Which disciple said to Jesus, “Lord, show us the Father and we will be satisfied?”

# October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <u>18th Sunday After Pentecost</u> 8:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion 11:30 Worship and Music Committee 2:00 Blessing of the Animals	<b>2</b> 3-7 Violin Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>3</b> 1:00 Women's Bible Study 3-7 Violin Lessons 7:00 Community Chorus	<b>4</b> 8:30 Men's Breakfast 3-7 Violin Lessons	<b>5</b> 10:00-2:30 Monarch Homeschool 10:00 Bible Study in Lyons	<b>6</b> 3-8 Cello Lessons	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <u>19th Sunday After Pentecost</u> 8:30 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Service of the Word	<b>9</b> 7:00 Church Council	<b>10</b> 1:00 Women's Bible Study 3-7 Violin Lessons 7:00 Community Chorus	<b>11</b> 8:30 Men's Breakfast 3-7 Violin Lessons	<b>12</b> 10:00-2:30 Monarch Homeschool 10:00 Bible Study in Lyons	<b>13</b> 3-8 Cello Lessons	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <u>20th Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8:30 Service of the Word 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion 11:45 Chicken Barbeque	<b>16</b> 3-7 Violin Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>17</b> 1:00 Women's Bible Study 3-7 Violin Lessons 7:00 Community Chorus	<b>18</b> <u>St. Luke, Evangelist</u> 8:30 Men's Breakfast 3-7 Violin Lessons	<b>19</b> 10:00-2:30 Monarch Homeschool 10:00 Bible Study in Lyons	<b>20</b> 3-8 Cello Lessons	<b>21</b> 9-12 Fall Conference Assembly (in Webster)
<b>22</b> <u>21st Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8:30 Service of the Word 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Service of the Word	<b>23</b> 3-7 Violin Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>24</b> 1:00 Women's Bible Study 3-7 Violin Lessons 7:00 Community Chorus 7:00 Property Committee	<b>25</b> 8:30 Men's Breakfast 3-7 Violin Lessons	<b>26</b> 10:00-2:30 Monarch Homeschool 10:00 Bible Study in Lyons	<b>27</b> 3-8 Cello Lessons	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <u>Reformation Sunday</u> 8:30 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion	<b>30</b> 3-7 Violin Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>31</b> <u>Reformation Day All Hallows' Eve</u> 1:00 Women's Bible Study 3-7 Violin Lessons 7:00 Community Chorus				



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