

# On Eagle's Wings

## St. John's Monthly Newsletter – October 2024

### Pastor's Paragraphs

You've probably seen a movie where a king sends a letter, and to send the letter he rolls up the paper, puts a big drop of candle wax over the seam, and then presses a ring or seal into the soft wax. That ring or seal created a pattern in the wax. The letter was thus "sealed". The seal guaranteed a few things. Assuming the recipient of the letter was familiar with the royal seal, the recipient knew who it came from. Plus, when receiving the letter the recipient would check to be sure the wax had not been cracked, and thus the seal broken. That would insure that no one, especially not a nosy courier or enemy, had read the contents of the letter.

We're reading through Ephesians during worship in September and October. We can't cover everything in the letter. It is too complex and too detailed to do that. One thing we passed over in September was 1:13. There it said we, "...were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit." That is both a literal and figurative statement. When we baptize someone we take oil and make the sign of the cross on the person's forehead. We say, "Child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever."

While the oil will be washed away and no visible mark is left on the person's skin, the seal is still there. It is God's mark of authenticity. It is God marking this person as a bearer of the gospel; just like a sealed letter from centuries ago would convey a message. Being sealed by the Holy Spirit is both an honor and a responsibility.

As we head towards election day on November 5, it is sure that the already divisive rhetoric of politicians will increase. Tensions will run higher. Tempers will be shorter across the nation. It would be great if on November 6 we'd all be able to breathe a sigh of relief and it will all be over. But that is unlikely to be the case. The tensions and divisive rhetoric will almost certainly continue. There will be no return to a calm and relaxed state of things.

The good news is that today, and tomorrow, and election day, and on the day after that, we are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit. That is our past, present, and future. It is secure. Though it may not always (or even often) feel like it, the Holy Spirit is with us in this troubled and problem-filled world. We shouldn't expect life to be simple or easy. It never will

be. But we do have God's guarantee of guidance and security, no matter what happens. May you always feel peace and energy from the Holy Spirit in your life.  
Blessings,  
Pastor Jon

### Church Garden Harvest

We harvested 1330 pound of potatoes from the church garden this year. That's on the low side for us. We had 3300 lbs. last year. Deer damage and weed problems hurt us. The pumpkins were similarly weak with year. Powdery Mildew and deer damage took their toll. Still, the potatoes were well receive by the food cupboard. The pumpkins we did get are being sold and the money donated to the food cupboard. It should be a couple hundred dollars.



On September 15 we picked the apples on the church property. It's too soon to expect anything from the trees we planted this year, but the thirteen established trees gave a decent harvest.



Like the potatoes, the apples were sent to the food cupboard. We saved both some apples, potatoes, and pumpkins for the Parish Thanksgiving Dinner in November.

## October Worship Assistants

	October 6	October 13	October 20	October 27
Greeters & Ushers	Bruce and Connie Stevenson	Mary and Greg Zuege	John and Linda Thompson	Sue Kaufmann
Acolyte	Thomas Bullwinkle	Alyssa Young	Thomas Bullwinkle	Alyssa Young
Altar Care (10:30)	Emma Deibler		Emma Deibler	Emma Deibler
Communion Assistants	Gary Boisseau		Rob Stroup	Linda Flood
Counters	Bill and Katy Stimmel	Bruce & Connie Stevenson	Linda Flood and Sue Kaufmann	John and Linda Thompson
Coffee Hour				Pie Sunday



### October Worship Readings

We'll look at these readings during worship in October:

October 6	Ephesians 4:1-16
October 13	Ephesians 4:17 – 5:5
October 20	Ephesians 5:6-20
October 27	Ephesians 6:10-23



### 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.

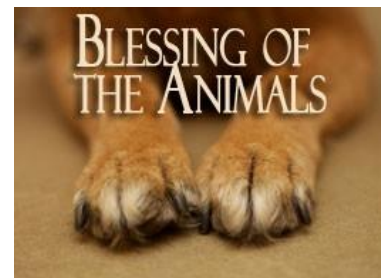
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### October 6 – 2:00

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.

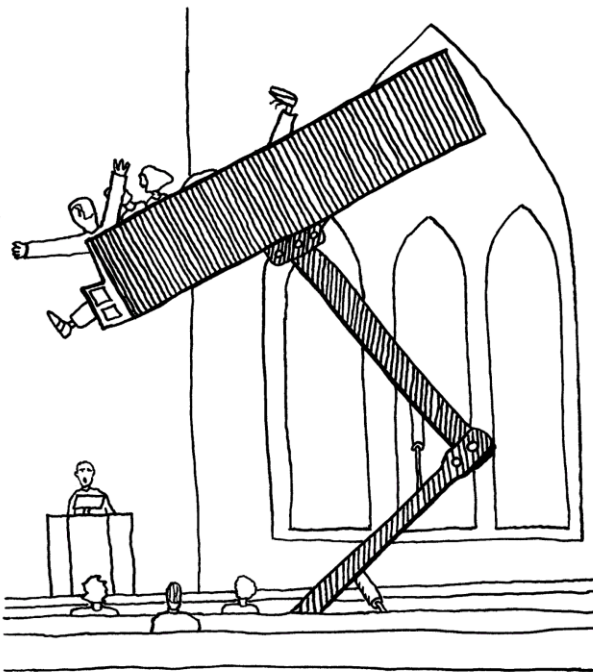


SOME SAY THAT A POSTER PUT UP BY MARTIN LUTHER HIMSELF IS HIDDEN SOMEWHERE TOWARDS THE BACK

## Pie Sunday



Reformation Sunday is October 27 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!



SOME OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE WANTED CHURCH TO BE MORE EXCITING



Please make the following corrections and updates to your 2024 congregational directory:  
Correct Ellen Storch's email to – [elstorch2@gmail.com](mailto:elstorch2@gmail.com)  
Update Janice Lockwood's phone to 585 789-5166



- David Storch as he lives in a memory care facility.
- Becca (Boisseau) DeCann as she is again having heart rhythm issues.
- Jacob Sussan, friend of the Boisseaus, who is 24 years old and is receiving treatments for Stage 3 colon cancer.
- Amy Farr, friend of the Boisseaus, who lives in North Carolina and is awaiting a lung transplant.
- Gary Wood as his medications are adjusted to improve his energy levels.
- Marilyn Bair whose health is declining.



## September Council Highlights

- Church council held its regular monthly meeting on Monday September 9. Major items on the agenda were:
- Review of fall fellowship activities.
  - Adding online giving to our website and a QR code to the worship bulletin for online giving.
  - Approved additional spending to replace the deteriorated siding at the handicapped bathroom and pastor's office.





# THANK YOU

- Thank you to Wayne Young for helping to straighten out some banking and account issues.
- Thank you the everyone who helped to harvest potatoes, pumpkins, and apples.
- Thank you to Mike and Cassie Ross for letting us use their land for the church garden.
- Thank you to everyone who helped to mow the lawn in September.
- Thank you to Wendy Sackett for getting the Sunday school year organized and started.
- Thank you to Pete Gregory for serving as the financial secretary.
- Thank you to Karen Spawton, Dongwon Shin, and Matthew Ciminelli who served as substitute pianists during the summer months.

From Dottie Augustine from Maggie's Kids:  
Thank you so much for supporting Maggie's Kids again this summer. We appreciate your donations of food, volunteers and the use of your building. It was a wonderful week again this year and you helped make is special. Thank you again.



## Prayers in Worship at 10:30 Expanded

On September 8 we experimented with having the congregation write prayer concerns on slips of paper that were then read by the pastor as the Prayers of Intercession. This was well received and we expanded it to both communion and non-communion Sundays. We'll continue to develop this idea in the months ahead.



### September Bible Trivia Answers

1. For by grace you have been... (complete the sentence) Answer: saved through faith (Ephesians 2:8)
2. Who does Ephesians say it was written by? Answer: Paul (Ephesians 1:1)
3. According to Ephesians what should fathers do for their children? Answer: bring them up in the Lord (Ephesians 6:4)
4. According to Ephesians what has God made us, or made us for? Answer: Good works (Ephesians 2:10)

### October Bible Trivia Questions

(Hint: All the answers may be found in the Bible readings for worship in October. These are particular difficult.)

1. We are to live a life worthy of what?
2. We are to live as children of what?
3. Who is the other person other than Paul named in Ephesians?
4. Why should we speak the truth to our neighbors?

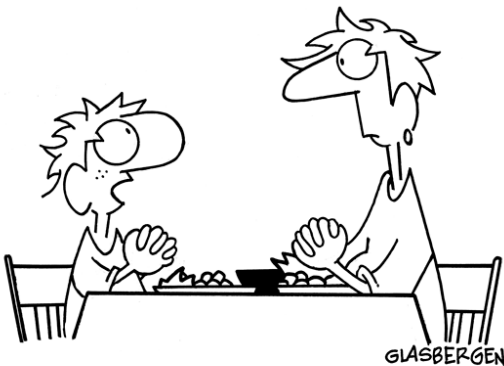
## Community Outreach Committee



### Thanksgiving Food Baskets

The Victor Farmington Food Cupboard is again giving Thanksgiving baskets to needy families in our area. Please see their letter on the next page. Please consider giving a financial donation directly to the food cupboard. However, if you would like to purchase items for this years baskets, we are collecting boxes of stuffing. There will be a box in the Gathering Area during the first half of October. If you have questions contact Burdie Gillern.

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**"If God wants me to be thankful for vegetables,  
why did He make them taste like vegetables?"**



### 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.)

In October 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 10<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.



## Victor-Farmington Food Cupboard

September 2024

Last year, the Victor-Farmington Food Cupboard was proud to provide over 600 Thanksgiving Baskets through the support of the local Victor, Farmington, and Canandaigua Community. We did this through the generosity you have shown with past donations, as we did not engage in a Thanksgiving Fundraising Event last year. We used the money we had in reserves to cover the 2023 cost of the program. Sadly, this year we are concerned that the dramatic increase in food prices has affected the most vulnerable of our neighbors, the hardest. For those in need, the challenges of providing for their family have been especially difficult. Each month the Food Cupboard serves over 650 families. The need is greater than ever, and we are asking for your support for this year's program.

Given the purchasing power that we enjoy through Foodlink and other mass distribution channels, please consider a monetary donation, all of which will go towards purchasing holiday food. For \$50, we will be able to provide a Thanksgiving Basket that will include as many of the items we all enjoy at our own holiday tables. We are not able to use any daily operating funds from the Food Cupboard to help with this project, so we are again relying on the support of the local business and family community.

Our Thanksgiving distribution will take place on Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. To plan appropriately and ensure that we will be able to provide for every family, we would appreciate your consideration and response no later than **November 4<sup>th</sup>**.

**Checks may be mailed to: Victor-Farmington Food Cupboard Thanksgiving/Holiday Basket Program PO Box 154 Victor, NY 14564**

Or scan the QR code included in this letter to donate through PayPal and have your donation credited to the Thanksgiving Basket Program.

Once again, we thank you for your generosity!

Sincerely,

Mark and Marcie Hamilton

Victor-Farmington Food Cupboard  
Thanksgiving Basket Donation



# October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b>  1:00 Women's Bible Study  3-7 Violin Lessons	<b>2</b> 8:30 Men's Breakfast  3-7 Violin Lessons  7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>3</b> 10:00 Bible study at Lyons Church  10:00-2:30 Monarch Homeschool	<b>4</b>   3-8 Cello Lessons	<b>5</b>
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