## On Eagle's Wings

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

#### Pastor's Paragraphs

The second Sunday of September is usually a busy one for our church. It is Sunday school rally day. And it's God's Work Our Hands Sunday. We usually harvest the potatoes and pumpkins from the garden as our project. But this year has even more.

Bishop Lee Miller Jr. will be with us that Sunday. This will be the first official Sunday morning visit a bishop has made to our congregation since I've been the pastor, and that's over 20 years! Bishop Miller has been to our building several times before. There have been special events we have hosted for the larger church. Sometimes he uses a room for a meeting or office work. Previous bishops have been to our church many times too. But they have not been an official Sunday morning visit.

Bishop Miller is hoping to worship with every congregation in the synod at some point or another. He is particularly looking forward to being with us because of our garden work for God's Work Our Hands Sunday. Quite often when he travels his family does not come with him. Or if they do, there's very little for them to do at the churches they visit. So the idea of something where the whole family can work together on a project at a church sounds great to them!

If the weather works out, the 8:30 service will take place in the outdoor chapel. The bishop will preach. That will be a communion service as regularly scheduled. At 9:30 the bishop will be with the adult Sunday school class. Feel free to join in that day even if you haven't usually been a part of that class. Bishop Miller we give an update of how things are going in the larger church, his own hopes and plans, and share some of what he's experienced in his travels. 10:30 worship will be Service of the Word, and the bishop will again preach the sermon. After the worship services we have a lunch planned. Then everyone who is interested will head to the garden to harvest the potatoes, and possibly pumpkins. It'll be a big day! I hope you can be a part of it in some way!

Blessings,

Pastor Jon



#### Sept. 10 Sunday School Rally Day

The 2023-24 Sunday school year begins on September 11. We are resuming classes for all ages:

-3yr old – 6<sup>th</sup> grade, weekly Bible lesson classes

 $-7^{th} - 8^{th}$  grade, this is usually confirmation class but we do not have anyone in this age range this year.

-9<sup>th</sup> grade and above - 1517 Academy video course on the Lutheran understanding of vocation. Vocation is more than a career. It is about understanding who God created you to be and how you apply it in the world in which we live.

#### Fill in the Cracks Campaign Parking Lot Resealing

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Fill in the Cracks Campaign. We came very close to our \$8000 goal and some money is still coming in. We've been able to go ahead with the parking lot resealing and restriping. Accomplishing this project puts us in a good place for building maintenance for the next few years. That bridges the gap until the mortgage is paid off.

#### **September Worship Assistants**

	September 3	September 10	September 17	September 24	
Greeters &	Linda Flood	Tom and Carol	Bruce & Connie	Mary and Greg	
Ushers		Urbanic	Stevenson	Zuege	
Acolyte	Thomas	Alyssa Young	Thomas	Alyssa Young	
	Bullwinkle		Bullwinkle		
Altar Care	Gary Boisseau		Gary Boisseau		
(10:30)					
Communion	Rob Stroup		Mary Zuege		
Assistants					
Counters	Bruce and Connie	Linda Flood &	John and Linda	Michele Myers	
	Stevenson	Sue Kaufmann	Thompson	& Helen Crown	
Coffee Hour		Lunch Provided			



## Summer Worship Series Continues -John's Gospel-

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

September 3 – John 10:22-42 September 10 – John 11:1-44 September 17 – John 11:45-12:11 September 24 – John 12:12-19

#### **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=c05FSkV Ed0hVZUhPTjVjblorNGs3QT09

Meeting ID: 880 0530 6322

Passcode: 333853

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#### **Family Promise Bed Race Winners!**

Congratulations to our racing team the Speed Demons! They won their division at the Family Promise Bed Race and they also won as fastest team overall. They did great and the crowd loved them! Thank you to our racers and to everyone who turned out to support them.



- -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.
- -Don Frederes, brother of Ann King, who is in the hospital to drain fluid in his chest.

- -The family and friends of Marilynn Cubitt, sister of Marcia Zavacki, in your prayers as they mourn her death.
- -The family and friends of General Wallace Nutting, friend of Scott Flood, as they mourn his death.



- -Thank you to Bruce and Connie Stevenson for their work making carpet and floor repairs in the fellowship hall.
- -Thank you to everyone who helped mow the church lawn in July and August.
- -Thank you to everyone who has helped keep the flower beds on the church property looking good all summer.
- -Thank you to everyone who gave to the Fill in the Crack Campaign!

#### **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**

THE SPOT is an organization that provides free school supplies, clothing, food and shoes to UPK-12 students in need within the Canandaigua & Victor school districts. Thanks so much for the many school supplies/money donated to help them in their mission ....as Pastor says on Sundays " God's Work our hands!"

#### **August Council Highlights**

Church council held its regular monthly meeting on August 14<sup>th</sup>. Major items on the agenda were:

- -Planning for God's Work Our Hands Sunday, which includes Sunday school rally day.
- -Deciding that substitute pianists will be paid regularly rather than it sometimes being a volunteer roll and sometimes paid.
- -Hearing updates on the Fill the Cracks Campaign and approving going ahead with the parking lot resealing.



#### **Garden Project 2023**

We have been taking sweet corn to the Victor-Farmington Food Cupboard throughout August. It is greatly appreciated by the clients!

The potatoes should be ready to harvest on September 10, God's Work Our Hands Sunday. The pumpkins may be ready to harvest then too. We'll also plant a cover crop over the garden for as much as is ready.

The apple trees on the church property aren't giving a lot this year but there will be some apples.



#### July/August Bible Trivia Answers

- 1. What is the nationality of the woman Jesus meets by the well at noon? Answer: Samaritan (John 4:7)
- 2. How many were in the crowd that Jesus fed with five loaves and two fish? Answer: 5000 (John 6:10)
- 3. What does Jesus say when the scribes and Pharisees bring a woman caught in adultery to him and ask what should be done? Answer: "Let anyone among you who is without sin cast the first stone." (John 8:7)
- 4. What town were the disciples trying to reach by boat when Jesus came to them walking on the water? Answer: Capernaum (John 6:17)

#### **September Bible Trivia Questions**

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

- 1. What is the name of the man Jesus restored to life?
- 2. How long had this man been in the tomb?
- 3. Who anoints Jesus with a pound of pure nard?
- 4. What is the village in which Mary and Marth live?

### **GOLF TO END** FAMILY HOMELESSNESS

SATURDAY <u>September 30, 2023</u>

WINGED PHEASANT GOLF LINKS

1475 Sand Hill Road Shortsville, NY 14548



Come join Family Promise of Ontario County for a fun day of golf, games, food, raffles, and prizes to help us end family homelessness.

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11:00 AM 12:00 PM ON THE TURN 5:30PM









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September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 3-8 Cello Lessons	2
3 14th Sunday After Pentecost 8:30 Outdoor Worship 10:30 Holy Communion 11:30 Worship and Music Committee	4 <u>Labor Day</u>	5 3-7 Violin Lessons	6 8:00 Life Line Screening 8:30 Men's Breakfast 3-7 Violin Lessons	7 10:00-2:30 Monarch Homeschool 1:15 Women's Bible Study	8 3-8 Cello Lessons	9
10  15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 Outdoor Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:30 Picnic 1:30 God's Work Our Hands Potato Harvest	3-7 Violin Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Church Council	12 3-7 Violin Lessons	13 8:30 Men's Breakfast 3-7 Violin Lessons	14 Holy Cross Day 10:00-2:30 Monarch Homeschool  1:15 Women's Bible Study	15 3-8 Cello Lessons	16
17 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 Service of the Word 9:30 Special Coffee Hour 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion	18 3-7 Violin Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts	19 3-7 Violin Lessons	20 8:30 Men's Breakfast 3-7 Violin Lessons	21 Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist  10:00-2:30 Monarch Homeschool  1:15 Women's Bible Study	22 3-8 Cello Lessons	23
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September 10 God's Work Our Hands Sunday