

# On Eagle's Wings

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

### Pastor's Paragraphs

Since there are political ads everywhere you turn it's hard to avoid the anxiety around the upcoming election! It's also hard to know what to believe. While I am likely to believe our local officials, the higher up the political ladder you go the less I believe what they say. It appears as if their words are more calculated and strategic than honest.

As a contrast to this sea of tension and dishonesty we're going to focus on the book of Ephesians in worship during September and October. Ephesians gives us solid foundational truths about the nature of faith, the act of salvation by Jesus, and the purpose of the church. Ephesians is not a specific letter written to one church to deal with a particular problem. It is a general letter to several churches. It addresses general struggles of faith. It doesn't give lists of dos and don'ts. Rather, it gives principles to live by. The readers are told how to live in a society that is not in line with their faith. They are warned about some people's trickery and craftiness in deceitful scheming. They are told that to do good works is their purpose in life. All things are to be done with honesty and integrity. They are also told that God has a cosmic plan that is surely coming about; and that they can have a part in it.

Ephesians gets into complicated things. It is not always easy to understand. Yet with some study it can be made clear. Ultimately, Ephesians calls on us to trust God and that God is surely at work. In other words, Ephesians is a good book for us to read today! I hope you find it a calming and meaningful book for our worship services in the months ahead.

Blessings,  
Pastor Jon



### Family Promise Bed Race 2024

Congratulations to our Bed Race team! They won their division and were the fastest bed overall. They also won the award for best bed.



### 2024 Church Garden Progress

We harvested over 2100 pounds of sweet corn and delivered it to the food cupboard! Thank you to those who helped with the picking and hauling. There is still a bit more corn to harvest. The potatoes and pumpkins continue to grow. We'll harvest them on Sunday, September 8 as our God's Work, Our Hands Sunday project. The apples will be picked in October.



### Sept. 8 Rally Day

The 2024-25 Sunday school year begins on September 8. We are resuming classes for all ages:

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

-7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade, confirmation class.

-9<sup>th</sup> grade and above – The dramatic video series, *The Chosen*, about Jesus' disciples and the events in the world around Jesus' ministry.

## September Worship Assistants

	September 1	September 8	September 15	September 22	September 29
Greeters & Ushers	Phyllis Henderson	Linda Flood	Janice Lockwood	Rob Stroup	Tom and Carol Urbanic
Acolyte	Alyssa Young	Thomas Bullwinkle	Alyssa Young	Thomas Bullwinkle	Alyssa Young
Altar Care (10:30)	Linn Griffio		Linn Griffio		
Communion Assistants	Greg Zuege		Sally Mansfield		
Counters	Bruce and Connie Stevenson	Linda Flood and Sue Kaufmann	John and Linda Thompson	Michele Myers Anne Stromstad	Babette Huber & Burdie Gillern
Coffee Hour		God's Work Our Hands Lunch			



### September Worship Readings

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

September 1	Ephesians 1:1-14
September 8	Ephesians 1:15 - 2:10
September 15	Ephesians 2:11-21
September 22	Ephesians 3:1-13
September 29	Ephesians 3:14-21



### 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.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85898911838?pwd=Ho0hGtKqSJAAnRpugabpkQTuY73SbyK.1>

Meeting ID: 858 9891 1838

Passcode: 020293

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### Prayers in Worship at 10:30

Our Sunday worship services are designed to move along at a brisk pace. But for the next few months when we use the Service of the Word (no communion) we're going to slow the pace down for prayers.

Instead of having volunteers read various pre-written prayer petitions the congregation will be invited to write prayer concerns on slips of paper in the bulletins. These will be collected at the time of the offering. Then they will be read and prayed over during the prayers. This will take longer than our usual method. The pace will be slower and more contemplative. Don't worry, you'll be sitting through this time of prayer rather than standing! We hope to introduce a more contemplative mood to these services and see how it goes.



## Lawn Mowing Volunteers

The summer is almost over, but the church lawn is still growing. Thank you to everyone who has taken a turn mowing the church lawn. If you have not done so, or would be willing to take another turn this summer, please sign up in the Gathering Area. There is a commercial mower that is easy to use, an easy to use zero-turn mower, 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 need more information.



- Rev. Karen Anderson for her missionary work in Chile.
- 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.
- Helen Crown as she is recovering from breathing issues.

## August Council Highlights

Church council held its regular monthly meeting on Monday August 12. Major items on the agenda were:

- Making plans for fall events and activities.
- Adding online giving to our website.
- Sunday school and adult education plans for the fall.



- Thank you to everyone who helped mow the church lawn in July and August.
- Thank you to those who helped with the shed cleanout. And thank you to John DeLeon for organizing it.
- Thank you to John DeLeon for touching up the paint in various places around the church building.
- Thankyou to everyone who has helped with set up for the 8:30 outdoor worship services.
- Thank you to Gary Boisseau for responding to emergency issues with the church's fire alarm system.
- Thank you to Karen Spawton and Matthew Cimonelli for filling in on piano on various Sundays in the summer.

-Thank you to everyone who has provided items for coffee hour.

-Thank you to Mary Zuege, Greta Crowell, and others for weeding in the church garden this summer.

## Community Outreach Committee

July 8<sup>th</sup> was our day with Maggie's Kids. Thanks for much for your generous donations that provided breakfast, lunch, and snacks for the 40 campers and their counselors. Thanks also to church volunteers that helped that day!

Thanks so much to everyone that brought in school supplies that The Spot organization distributed to needy children in the Victor and Canandaigua school districts.



## God's Work, Our Hands Sunday September 8

### Potato and Pumpkin Harvest

The potatoes should be ready to harvest on September 8, 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 are giving a lot this year but they will be picked at a later date.



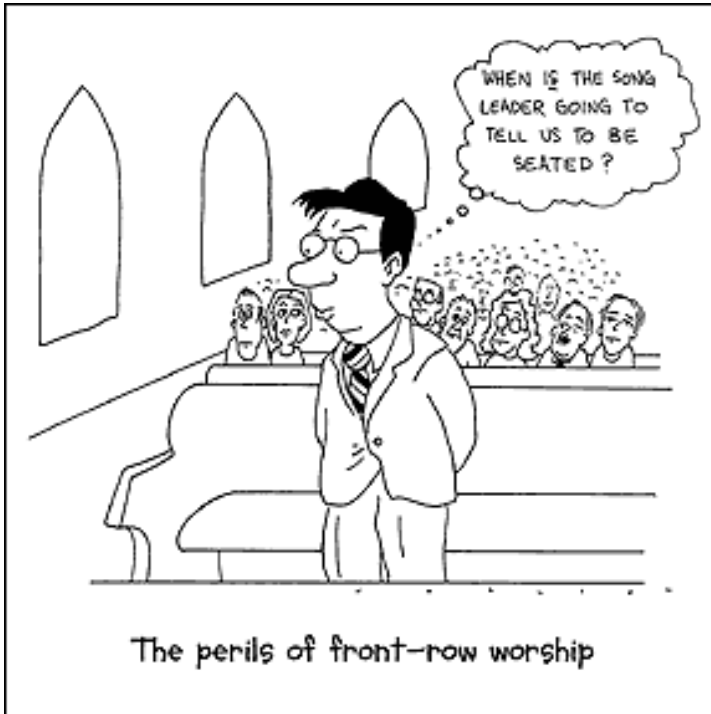




## Bible Studies Resuming

Our regular weekly Bible studies all resume in September:

- Women's Bible Study – Tuesdays at 1:00
- Men's Breakfast – Wednesday, September 4 at 8:30
- Lyons Church – Thursday, September 5 at 10:00. This study will be a read through of Revelation.



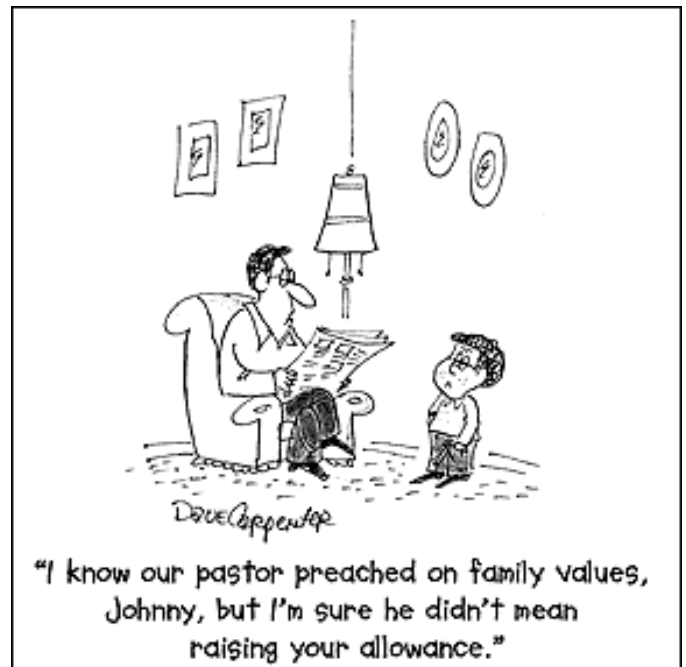
## July/August Bible Trivia Answers

1. Is it possible to escape God's presence? Answer: No. (Psalm 139:1-12)
2. What is an acceptable "sacrifice" to God? Answer: a broken and contrite heart (Psalm 51:17)
3. When was Wisdom created? Answer: At the beginning of time (Proverbs 8:22)
4. According to Ecclesiastes, what is the best thing humans can do? Answer: enjoy their work (Ecclesiastes 3:22)

## September Bible Trivia Questions

(Hint: All the answers may be found in the Bible readings for worship in September.)

1. For by grace you have been... (complete the sentence)
2. Who does Ephesians say it was written by?
3. According to Ephesians what should fathers do for their children?
4. According to Ephesians what has God made us, or made us for?



# September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <u>15th Sunday After Pentecost</u> 8:30 Outdoor Worship 10:30 Holy Communion 11:30 Worship and Music Committee	<b>2</b> <u>Labor Day</u>	<b>3</b>  1:00 Women's Bible Study  3-7 Violin Lessons	<b>4</b> 8:30 Men's Breakfast  3-7 Violin Lessons  7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>5</b> 10:00 Bible study at Lyons Church  10:00-2:30 Monarch Homeschool	<b>6</b>   3-8 Cello Lessons	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <u>16th Sunday After Pentecost</u> 8:30 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:30 Picnic 1:30 God's Work Our Hands Potato Harvest	<b>9</b>  3-7 Violin Lessons  6:00 Church Council 7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>10</b>  1:00 Women's Bible Study  3-7 Violin Lessons	<b>11</b> 8:30 Men's Breakfast  3-7 Violin Lessons  7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>12</b> 10:00 Bible study at Lyons Church  10:00-2:30 Monarch Homeschool	<b>13</b>   3-8 Cello Lessons	<b>14</b> <u>Holy Cross Day</u>
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