

On Eagle's Wings



St. John's Monthly Newsletter – April 2017

Growth

Pastor's Paragraphs

The resurrection of Jesus is the core event around which our faith stands or falls. Without the resurrection Jesus is just a great guy who was killed for being good. With the resurrection Jesus becomes the core person in history. We want to... No, we *need* to learn everything we can from him.

Have you ever noticed that none of the four gospels in the Bible actually talks about the event of the resurrection itself? They all talk about the tomb being empty but that is it. This year we're reading from Matthew's gospel. He describes an interesting scene where the stone is still in front of the tomb when the women arrive on Easter morning. Then there is an earthquake and the stone rolls back. Interestingly the resurrected Jesus does not come striding out of the tomb. The women go to the tomb and find it already empty! How can that be? How did Jesus get out?!?

Other early Christian writings, particularly the *Gospel of Peter*, do give details about how the resurrection happened. Of course the *Gospel of Peter* was not written by Peter at all. It comes from around the year 150. Early Christians did not consider it authentic and so it didn't make it into the Bible. Still though, its creation and other writings like it show that the early Christians also wanted to know more about the resurrection. What really happened? How did Jesus get out of that tomb?

For centuries Christians have cried out for more details and verifiable proof, but they simply didn't get it. At the end of the day Jesus' resurrection defies all logic and all experience. Perhaps it is not described in scripture because it cannot be described. Our brains just can't comprehend it. What we can comprehend is that the tomb was empty.

The resurrected life that we look forward to, and that God promises us, will be beyond anything we can imagine now. St. Paul wrote to the Romans, "I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing to the glory about to be revealed to us." (Romans 8:18) In the midst of questions and doubts may we always be drawn to serve the God who promises immeasurable joy and glory with him. That is our ultimate and eternal state of being. Perhaps then we will look back on the limitations we have today and laugh at our ignorance!

Blessings,
Pastor Jon

Worship



Holy Week is the last week of Lent. This year it runs from April 9 to April 16. Here are the special worship services planned for that week:

April 9 – Palm Sunday, procession with palms at both services, children's Easter egg hunt

April 13 – Maundy Thursday, 6:00 covered dish dinner in the sanctuary with communion

April 14 – Good Friday, 7:00 worship

April 16 – Easter, 6:00 Sunrise service of Holy Communion, 9:00 Pancake Breakfast, 10:30 Holy Communion

Worship

April Worship Assistants

	April 2	April 9	April 16	April 23
Greeters & Ushers	Sue Kaufmann & Linda Flood	Bruce and Diane Boncke	Phyllis & Dick Henderson	Rob & Laura Stroup
Lector	Kevin Maynard (8:30)	Judy VanDeVelde (8:30)	Ellen Storch (8:30)	Susie Maynard (8:30)
Acolyte	Sarah Brownlee	Sam Erhlinger	Ben Deibler	Scott Wilmot
Altar Care	Joy Lethbridge & Beth Perdan	Joy Lethbridge & Beth Perdan	Joy Lethbridge & Beth Perdan	
Communion Assistants	Nancy & Ivan Shuler	Cindy Swigart & Joy Lethbridge	Paul & Babette Huber	
Nursery Care	Laura Stroup	Kristi Bullwinkle	Lynne Minkel	Beth Perdan
Counters	Tom Kurilovitch & Helen Crown	Linda Flood & Sue Kaufmann	Bruce & Connie Stevenson	Ethan & Alysa Minkel
Coffee Hour	1 st Communion		No Coffee Hour Easter Sunday	Shuler Family

do the interactive online question and answer portion of the course.



Service

Worship Bible Readings

Here are the gospel readings for April:

April 2 – Matthew 23-25

April 9 – (Palm Sunday) Matthew 26:1-16

April 13 - (Maundy Thursday) Matthew 26:17-75

April 14 – (Good Friday) Matthew 27

April 16 – (Easter) Matthew 28:1-10

April 23 – Matthew 28:11-15

April 30 - Matthew 28:16-20

Lenten Worship

For Lent we are adding mid-week worship services on Wednesdays. They start at 6:00 with a soup and bread supper, then a half-hour worship service starts at 6:30. This year we will participate in the online course, *What Would Luther Do?* Each week we will watch a lesson from Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton addressing current issues in the church and the world. We will also

NIMS Needs Drivers

The Neighbors in Ministry to Seniors (NIMS) program needs drivers! NIMS is a combined effort of the Ontario County Office for the Aging and the Victor churches to provide transportation and simple household tasks on a non-regular basis. Right now the service has an increase in the number of clients and a decrease in the number of drivers, especially with some drivers going south for the winter. If you have a few hours to spare once in a while during the day, please consider volunteering your time to drive senior citizens to appointments, on various errands, or grocery shopping. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Liz Brown



Service (Cont.)

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Victor Rotary has a poster on the bulletin board in the old Narthex with contact information for families that might be interested in hosting a Rotary Exchange Student for 3 months during the 2017-2018 school year. If you have an interest or questions, contact Kim Yourch 585-704- 5991 or take one of the tear offs from the poster.



500 Pounds of Soap Update

Thank you to everyone whose put soap in our collection bathtub. We currently have 144 pounds! Each week during worship a Sunday school student will announce how many pounds we have. Please keep up the donations so we can reach 500 pounds by October 31.



- Thank you to everyone who helped with snow plowing and shoveling in March. We've had a lot!
- Thank you to everyone who helped out at Sam Stepanovich's memorial service and everyone who provided baked goods.
- Thank you to the Spawtons, Boisseaus, and Kurilovitches for being cooks at the Sunday morning Lenten breakfasts.
- Thank you to Julie Stuart for organizing the Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper. Thanks to the Spawtons, Boisseaus and Kurilovitches for being the cooks too!
- Thank you to Jim Spawton for being the head cook at The Great Fondue and thank you to everyone who attended.
- Thank you to the Sunday school children and their teachers for their weekly faith traits presentation during worship.
- Thank you to Don Mansfield for agreeing to serve as the financial secretary.

Rummage Sale

Craft Sale

Vendor Show

Mark your calendars for our rummage sale/craft sale scheduled for May 20th. It will run from 9am until 2pm. The cost per eight-foot table is \$30. \$15 is the cost if you provide your own table. If you would like to participate please sign up by April 9th – after that date, we'll consider opening up table space to vendors. You may set up the morning of the 20th or arrange to set up the day before. The truck from Habitat for Humanity will come to church after the event to take any unsold items you would like to donate to the Resale store in Canandaigua. Please talk to Sara DeMuzio for more information or if you have any questions.

As a part of the event, we will look to sell much of the equipment from Wee Wonders. Monies raised from that will go to the Youth Scholarship Fund. People able to help set up the Wee Wonders section on Friday and/or staff the sale of the items on Saturday should contact Sara DeMuzio.

We'll also have a bake sale at the event with the proceeds from the bake sale being donated to the Victor-Farmington Food Cupboard. Wendy Sackett is the focal point for the Bake Sale.

There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex for both table space as well as the bake sale.



Prayer Concerns

The Rev. Matthew Nickoloff and the South Wedge Mission in Rochester. Also the Rev. Eric and the Rev. Wendolyn Trozzo as they work in Malaysia.

Gail Holbig as she has health problems and is often confused.

The family and friends of Gordon Holbig as they mourn his death.

Annette Nohe who was recently placed on hospice care.

Lori Carlson as she recovers from brain surgery.

Fred Trost as he lives with Parkinsons

Linda Ellis who has metastases on her spine and hip.

Amy Plouffe who has been receiving treatments for cancer in a couple areas of her body.

Bob Stroup, Rob Stroup's dad, who has been suffering from dementia and other health problems.

Linda and Gabe Roy, sister and brother-in-law of Helen Crown. Linda has metastatic breast cancer and Gabe has brain cancer.

Service (Cont.)



Give Up Lint for Lent

Don't forget that this bizarre collection is again part of our Lenten journey! There is a collection box in the Gathering Area for you to put your **dryer lint, used dryer sheets, old crayons and stubs of candles**. This worthless stuff (and somewhat gross) will be melted together and burnt on the fire at the sunrise service on Easter. This Lent give up your most worthless stuff so that God can turn it into heat and light!

Nuts and Bolts

Bell Tower

The Bell Tower project is moving along as expected. We are in the process of getting Town approvals and permits which should be completed within the next 45 days, barring any unforeseen issues. Once permit is received, Ramar Steel will begin fabricating the Tower. When weather allows, the mason contractor will begin construction of the foundation and we will have electric installed and inspected. Once foundation is completed, we are ready to erect the Tower. Council has discussed the options regarding the used bell purchases. The cost of the Tower and first Bell are already covered using Memorial Fund dollars and private individual donations. The other two Bells total \$8,500 and Todd Lower from Lower Bells, is "holding" these Bells for us. Council feels it is prudent to purchase all three Bells together, if possible. This will save transportation costs, as well as installation costs. The weight of each Bell will require equipment to lift them into place. When the Tower is erected, the equipment will already be on site. Council is not looking to a fund raiser for the purchase of the additional bells. As you recall, a year or so ago, we put out a sign-up sheet, to measure the interest in this project and offer people a way to contribute to the Bells. Due to some possible issues with noise ordinances, we are not going to pursue this fundraiser. Instead, we are asking anyone that is interested in contributing, to contact Pastor Jon, Tim Brown or Cassie Ross. Our ultimate goal is to have the Tower and Bells in place by October 2017, so that they can be dedicated and rung for the first time on the 500th anniversary of Reformation.

March Council Highlights

1. Approved Don Mansfield as Financial Secretary
2. Reviewed Treasurer's report that indicated operational financial shortfalls already this year
3. Discussed back-up plans for financial roles in the congregation
4. Reviewed portfolio of congregation projects planned for 2017 and owner of each project
 - 500th Anniversary of the Reformation
 - Fellowship Hall Renovations
 - Bell Tower Construction
 - Rummage Sale
 - Family Promise Start-up
 - Endowment Fund Establishment
5. Brainstormed options to increase income
6. Developed objectives and agenda for Council Workshop on 4/9 1:00-4:00 PM
7. Approved building use requests from a Girl Scout troop

Fun

April Birthdays

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| 1 | Nolan Fields |
| 2 | Bettina Kalish |
| 4 | Marilyn Mann |
| 5 | Luke Ashton Phillips |
| 6 | Michelle Wetter |
| 7 | Courtney Huber Maltman |
| 8 | Kelly Underwood Case |
| 9 | Dalton Krug, Joe Pow III |
| 10 | Russell Stark, Ellen Curtis, Viala Marie Wagner, Kevin Christman |
| 11 | Sandy Kase, Sean Kolczynski |
| 12 | Trudy Wyman |
| 13 | Molly Perdan |
| 15 | Helen Thiel |
| 17 | Laura Thompson, Christopher Townsend, Mike Backus |
| 18 | Fred Kaufmann |
| 20 | Lori Ferguson |
| 21 | Lillian Sun Brown |
| 22 | Duane Edmunds, Jim Lethbridge |
| 23 | Cecil Mathews |
| 24 | Steve Huber, Dana Bell |
| 25 | Nancy Pape |
| 26 | Mark Friga |
| 27 | Sally Mansfield |
| 28 | Scott Bair, Sarah Kalish |
| 29 | Beth Schroeder |
| 30 | Pastor Jon |

Fun (Cont.)

Lenten Breakfasts on Sundays

During Lent we'll have a breakfast of eggs and a pastry right after the 8:30 service. Enjoy a Sunday meal with your brothers and sisters in Christ! There's no need to sign up.



Pancake Breakfast

End Lent the same way it began – with pancakes! Indulging in the annual Easter pancake breakfast! Just like on Fat Tuesday we'll have pancakes, sausage, and all sorts of rich toppings including whipped cream, pie fillings and syrup. We'll start serving at 9:00 and go until about 10:00.



Easter Flower Orders

Help beautify the sanctuary for Easter Sunday by ordering a potted flower. After worship take it home to beautify your home. The flower types available are: tulips, daffodils, hyacinths and lilies. Cost is \$10 per plant. Please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area. If you pay by check please make it out to St. John's.



March Bible Trivia Answers

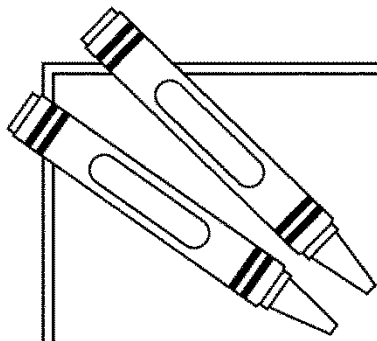
1. Was Peter married? Answer: Yes (Mark 1:30, 1 Corinthians 9:3)
2. What did Jesus tell the rich young ruler to do? Answer: Sell his possessions, give the money to the poor, then come and follow (Matthew 19:16-22)
3. How much food did Jesus have in the Feeding of the 4000? Answer: 7 loaves of bread (Mark 8:6)
4. Where was John when he had the vision in Revelation? Answer: The island of Patmos (Revelation 1:9)

April Bible Trivia Questions

1. What sea did God part for the people of Israel?
2. What did God provide Abraham so he wouldn't sacrifice Isaac?
3. Who was the first king of Israel?
4. Who was the short tax collector Jesus had dinner with?

APRIL 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 <u>5th Sunday in Lent</u> 8:30 Worship 9:15-10:00 Lenten Breakfast 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion	3 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 10:00 Holy Yoga 3:30-8:00 Violin Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts	4 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 1:00 Women's Bible Study 4-8:30 Violin Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Community Chorus	5 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Men's Breakfast 4-8 Piano Lessons 6:00 Soup and Bread Supper and Worship 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	6 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 9:00-1:00 Homeschoolers 7:00 Worship & Music Committee 7:00 Girl Scouts	7 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 3-8 Cello Lessons 3:30-6:00 Amadeus Chorale	1 <hr/> 8
9 <u>Palm Sunday</u> 8:30 Holy Communion 9:15-10:00 Lenten Breakfast 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion 11:30 Easter Egg Hunt	10 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 10:00 Holy Yoga 3:30-8:00 Violin Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Church Council	11 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 1:00 Women's Bible Study 4-8:30 Violin Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Community Chorus	12 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Men's Breakfast 4-8 Piano Lessons 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	13 <u>Maundy Thursday</u> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 9:00-1:00 Homeschoolers 7:00 Girl Scouts 6:00 Maundy Thursday Supper	14 <u>Good Friday</u> 7:00-6:00 YMCA Fun Clubs 3-8 Cello Lessons 3:30-6:00 Amadeus Chorale 7:00 Good Friday Service	15 <u>Vigil of Easter</u>
16 <u>The Resurrection of Our Lord</u> 6:00 Sunrise Holy Communion 10:30 Holy Communion	17 7:00-6:00 YMCA Fun Clubs 10:00 Holy Yoga 3:30-8:00 Violin Lessons	18 7:00-6:00 YMCA Fun Clubs 1:00 Women's Bible Study 4-8:30 Violin Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Community Chorus	19 7:00-6:00 YMCA Fun Clubs 4-8 Piano Lessons 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	20 7:00-6:00 YMCA Fun Clubs 9:00-1:00 Homeschoolers	21 7:00-6:00 YMCA Fun Clubs 3-8 Cello Lessons 3:30-6:00 Amadeus Chorale	22
23 <u>2nd Sunday in Easter</u> 8:30 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	24 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 10:00 Holy Yoga 3:30-8:00 Violin Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts	25 <u>St Mark, Evangelist</u> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 1:00 Women's Bible Study 4-8:30 Violin Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Comm. Chorus 7:00 Property Comm.	26 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Men's Breakfast 4-8 Piano Lessons 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	27 30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 9:00-1:00 Homeschoolers 7:00 Girl Scouts	28 7:00-6:00 YMCA Fun Club 3-8 Cello Lessons 3:30-6:00 Amadeus Chorale 6:15-8:00 Girl Scouts	29 8:30 Property Clean Up Day
30 <u>3rd Sunday in Easter</u> 8:30 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion						



Just for KIDS

There are many special things that we think of in the spring. In the spaces, write a word to fit each definition. The arrows show that the letters are the same. Unscramble the letters in the circles to find a very important part of spring.

1. a caterpillar becomes one

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2. a baby bird is born in an

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3. they grow from seeds

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4. the beginning of morning

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5. a small furry animal with long ears

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6. Jesus died on this

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9 – Palm Sunday – Easter Egg Hunt

13 – 6pm Maundy Thursday Worship

14 – 7pm Good Friday Worship

16 – 6am Sunrise Worship