

On Eagle's Wings



St. John's Monthly Newsletter – April 2018

Growth

Pastor's Paragraphs

Christianity is sometimes called a religion of the dawn. The resurrection on Easter takes place at the beginning of the day. Resurrection gives us new hope and new life.

Church architecture follows this understanding. Regardless of which direction a compass needle points, the front wall of a sanctuary is always considered east, or perhaps "liturgical east." In our case the front wall of the sanctuary is actually east. The morning sun shines through the stained glass window and brightens the whole room.

If the front wall is east that means the back wall is west. The sun sets in the west. West is a symbol of ending and death.

This east/west, morning/evening, life/death symbolism gets carried out in our worship services in subtle ways. Perhaps the easiest example is baptism. It's no accident that the baptismal font is at the west end of the room. Think of what happens in baptism. We start at the font. The water portion, or perhaps we could call it the "drowning" or "dying" portion of baptism happens there, in the west. Then we move to the altar at the east to light a baptismal candle anoint the baptized with oil, give them gifts, and welcome them into the congregation. The east symbolizes dawn and new life.

During Holy Week you'll discover that the seating in the sanctuary is rearranged several times. All of it fits with the east/west symbolism. On Palm Sunday the seats will be in the normal order – facing east. For Maundy Thursday the seats are pushed aside and tables are brought in for a meal. The altar is brought westward from its raised platform onto the floor. We sit neither east nor west but facing each other as we eat, read scripture, and have communion. For Good Friday the seats will be replaced, but backwards facing west. The entire U2charist service will face west, drawing our attention to our brokenness, the brokenness of the world, and God's work in death to save us. Easter will see the

altar back on its platform. It'll be decked out with our finest linens, freshly blooming flowers, and for communion we will again use a chilled sparkling white wine. The seating will be arranged in a U shape. Even the baptismal font will be drawn eastward to the center of the room; symbolizing the power of the resurrection over death.

When you come to worship certainly pay attention to the Bible readings, the preaching, and the singing. But also notice the furniture. It's sending a message too! Blessings,
Pastor Jon



Adult Sunday School

The adult Sunday school class will conclude the *Earthbound* series in mid-April. From there they'll pick up the science and faith video series. This is a four session curriculum that was originally designed for confirmation, but it works for adults too. You may remember that we showed one of these videos during worship in January.

The group meets in the middle room on the left hand side of the Sunday school wing. Ask Pastor Jon if you have any questions.



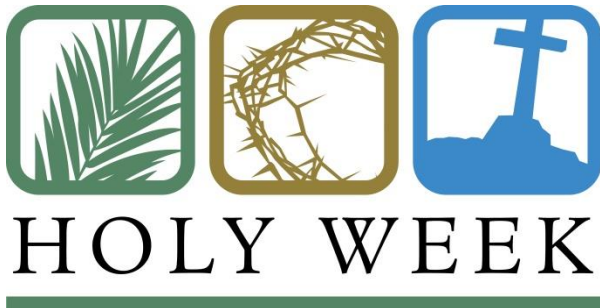
High School Sunday School

High school age youth will continue to watch the Netflix series *Stranger Things* during the Sunday School hour. They meet in the Pastor's office.

Worship

April Worship Assistants

	April 1	April 8	April 15	April 22	April 29
Greeters & Ushers	Kim & Gary Boisseau	Sally Mansfield & Helen Crown	Liz & Tim Brown	Laura & Rob Stroup	Sue Kaufman & Linda Flood
Lector	Judy VandDeVelde (8:30)	Susie Maynard (8:30)	Kevin Maynard (8:30)	Ellen Storch (8:30)	JudyVanDeVelde (8:30)
Acolyte	Ally Buch	Sarah Brownlee	Mary Erhlinger	Ben Deibler	Scott Wilmot
Altar Care	Linda Thompson		Liz Brown		Liz Brown
Communion Assistants	Bruce & Connie Stevenson		Dick & Phyllis Henderson		Bruce & Diane Boncke
Nursery Care	Laura Stroup	Judy VandeVelde	Kalena Boisseau	Beth Perdan	Katy Stimmel
Counters	Tim Brown & Bill Hagarman	Nancy & Ivan Shuler	Bruce Boncke & Art Fields	Babette Huber & Burdie Gillern	Bruce & Connie Stevenson
Coffee Hour	No Coffee Hour	Urbanics & Wilmots			Beth Perdan



March 25 – Palm Sunday, procession with palms at both services, children's Easter egg hunt
 March 29 – Maundy Thursday, 6:00 covered dish dinner in the sanctuary with communion
 March 30 – Good Friday, 7:00 U2charist service
 April 1 – Easter, 6:00 Sunrise service of Holy Communion, 9:00 Pancake Breakfast, 10:30 Holy Communion



April Worship Texts

We'll conclude Mark's gospel in April and begin looking at the Seven Signs in John's gospel.
 April 1 – Mark 16:1-8
 April 8 – Mark 16:9-20
 April 15 – John 2:1-12
 April 22 – John 4:46-54
 April 29 – John 5:1-15

Worship (Cont.)



Give Up Lint for Lent

If you've been saving lint and candles and crayons for our Lenten collection please be sure to put them in the collection bin in the Gathering Area soon. Maundy Thursday is the last day of the collection and we will melt it all together on Good Friday. Come to the sunrise service on Easter when we burn it all at the beginning of the service.

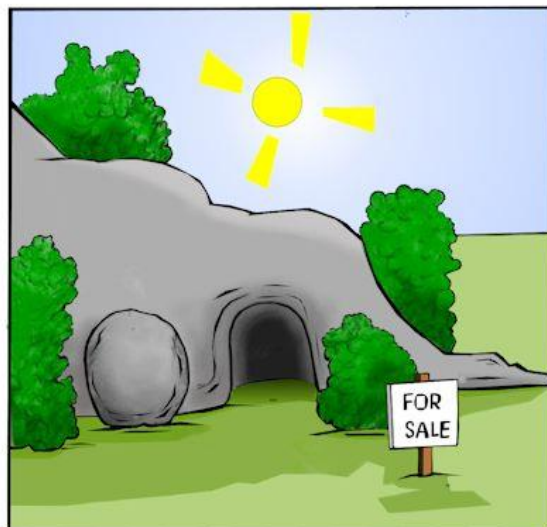
Nuts and Bolts

March Council Highlights

- Reviewed the Treasurer's report which shows some seasonal cash flow stress
- Provided guidelines to the Property Committee regarding the recreational purpose of the Fellowship Hall
- Heard report indicating that Family Promise has raised \$134,000 - closer to their \$150,000 goal
- Allowed the Boy Scouts to park their storage trailer in our parking lot for a trail period
- Continued to identify candidates to take over committee leadership positions
- Approved the Audit Committee of Helen Crown, Lisa Kurilovitch, and Scott Wilmot
- Decided to move records from secretary's office to the shed and to review retention policies
- Identified goals and areas of focus to consider for the upcoming year
- Planned to activate the Mutual Ministry Committee and the Nominating Committee in Q2

Financial Update

2018 YTD	Income	Expenses	Difference
February	37,467.61	36,217.17	1,251.44



FOR SALE - Single owner tomb. Only used three days, and still has that new tomb smell. Reason for sale.. resident was resurrected.

Service

Community Outreach Committee

The following is an excerpt from a thank you letter received from the Victim Resource Center of the Finger Lakes, Inc. This is the group that we gave our gifts from the Mitten Tree to at Christmas time. For more information contact the Outreach Committee.

"We are so grateful for your donations from the "Mitten Tree" and additional gifts from Christmas, toiletries, etc. As you can imagine there are many families who leave domestic/intimate partner violence who have nothing.

1. mother with 7 children left her abusive husband who was threatening to blow the house up with propane fuel with all the children inside the house. Two of the children were severely handicapped. Because of the substantial costs of these disabilities and the number of children, the mother felt trapped to stay in an abusive relationship.
3. A pregnant woman was in a very abusive relationship and was beaten several times. Her husband was so abusive and very aggressive to our staff that we had to request an order of protection for our staff also.

The VRC continues to focus on these victims of sexual assault and domestic violence in our community, striving to do our very best at representing these women, children and families."

Service (Cont.)



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.

Amy Plouffe, who returned home from the hospital and is recuperating at home. Cancer treatments may resume as her health improves.

Gary Myers who was recently diagnosed with multiple myeloma and is in the midst of treatments.

Linda Ellis whose health is declining as cancer continues to spread.

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

Linda Roy, sister of Helen Crown, who has metastatic breast cancer.

The family and friends of Jan Swigart, Scott Swigart's mother, as they mourn her death.

The family and friends of Jim Lethbridge as they mourn his death.

Ethan Minkel as he recovers from liver transplant surgery.



-Thank you to everyone who helped with snowplowing and shoveling in March.

-Thank you to Jim Spawton, Gary Boisseau, and Gary Wood for cooking the Lenten breakfasts every Sunday.

-Thank you to everyone who made soup or bread for the Lenten Suppers.

-Thank you to everyone who provided food and everyone who helped out at Ruth Edmunds' funeral.

-Thank you to everyone who provided coffee hour in the last several months.

-Thank you to all the worship assistants!



Annual Blood Drive

The annual Red Cross blood drive will be happening on April 3. The drive runs from 2pm to 7 pm. You may walk-in to donate, but appointments are preferred. Please use the link in the email sent with this newsletter to schedule an appointment. If you receive a paper copy of the newsletter please call 1-800 Red Cross or go online to redcrossblood.org and use the keyword SaintJohnsLutheranChurchVictor.

We also need volunteers to help with sign-in and the canteen table. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area if you are able to help.

Fun



Easter Flower Orders

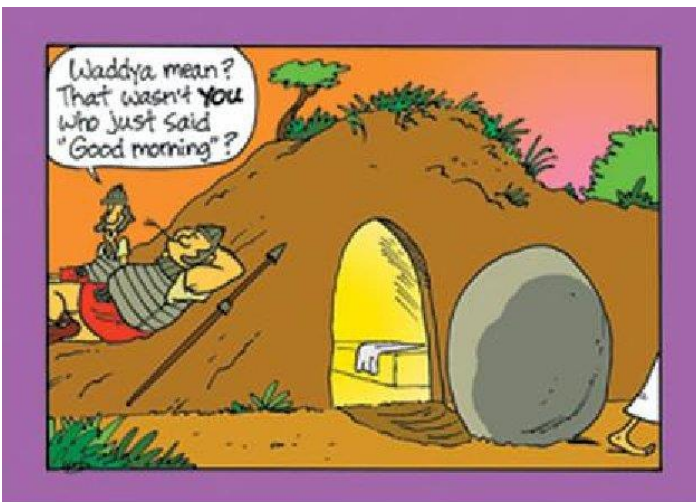
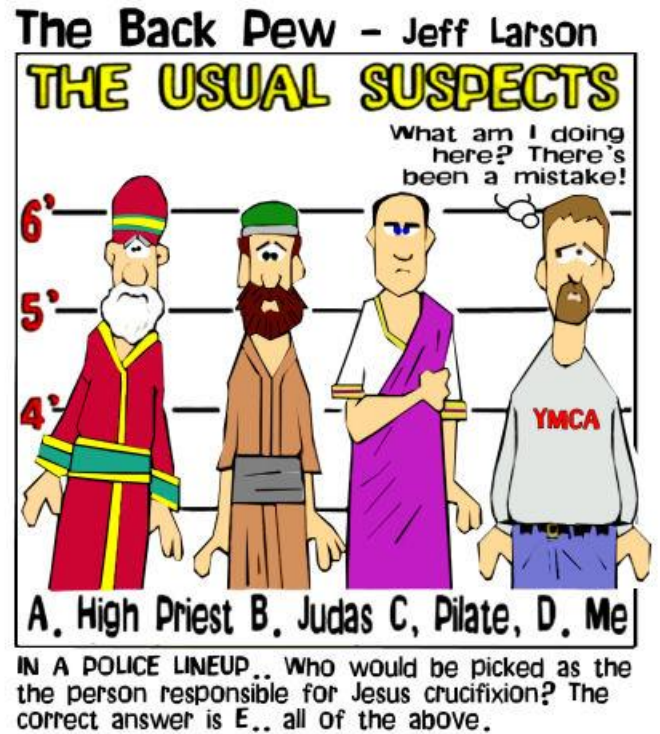
Help beautify the sanctuary for Easter Sunday by ordering a potted flower. After worship take it home to beautify your home. The flower types available are: tulips, daffodils, hyacinths and lilies. Cost is \$7.50 per plant. Please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area. The deadline to order is Palm Sunday. If you pay by check please make it out to St. John's.

Fun (Cont.)



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.



March Trivia Answers – Still from Mark

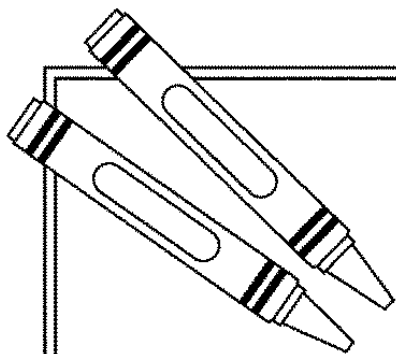
1. Jesus cures many people but in Mark's gospel only one of these people is named. What was his name?
Answer: Bartimaeus (Mark 10:45)
2. What does Jesus tell the rich man he must do for eternal life? Answer: Sell what you own, give the money to the poor, and follow him. (Mark 10:22)
3. What village does Jesus retreat to every night during Holy Week? Answer: Bethany (Mark 11:12)
4. What does a woman do to Jesus in the house of Simon the leper? Answer: Anoints his head with perfume (Mark 14:2-9)

April Trivia Questions – The end of Mark

1. What Roman governor (prefect) questioned Jesus?
2. Who carried the cross for Jesus?
3. What does the centurion at the foot of the cross say when Jesus dies?
4. Where does the young man in the empty tomb tell the women to go to see the resurrected Jesus?

APRIL 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <u>Easter</u> 6:00 Sunrise Holy Communion 9:00 Pancake Breakfast 10:30 Holy Communion 12:00 Worship and Music Committee	2 7:00-6:00 YMCA Fun Clubs 9:00 Holy Yoga 9:00-3:00 Music Lessons	3 7:00-6:00 YMCA Fun Clubs 9:00-3:00 Music Lessons 1:00-8:00 Blood Drive 5:30 Weight Watchers	4 7:00-6:00 YMCA Fun Clubs 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	5 7:00-6:00 YMCA Fun Clubs 1:00 Women's Bible Study	6 7:00-6:00 YMCA Fun Clubs 3-8 Cello Lessons 3:30-6:30 Amadeus Chorale	7
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15 <u>3rd Sunday of Easter</u> 8:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School, 10:30 Holy Communion 2:30-4:00 Boy Scouts	16 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 9:00 Holy Yoga 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons	17 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Community Chorus	18 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:30 Men's Breakfast 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 6:00 Soup Supper 6:30 Worship 7:00 Band Practice 7:30 Alcoholics	19 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 1:00 Women's Bible Study	20 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 3-8 Cello Lessons 3:30-6:00 Amadeus Chorale	21
22 <u>4th Sunday of Easter</u> 8:30 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School, 10:30 Worship 1:00 Kolczynski Eagle Scout 2:30-4:00 Boy Scouts	23 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 9:00 Holy Yoga 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons	24 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Community Chorus 7:00 Property Committee	25 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:30 Men's Breakfast 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 6:00 Soup Supper 6:30 Worship 7:00 Band Practice 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	26 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 1:00 Women's Bible Study	27 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 3-8 Cello Lessons 3:30-6:00 Amadeus Chorale	28 8:00 Property Clean-Up Day 9:00-12:00 Vipassina Meditation 3:30-8:30 Retrouvaille
29 <u>5th Sunday of Easter</u> 8:30 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion 2:30-4:00 Boy Scouts	30 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 9:00 Holy Yoga 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons					



Just for KIDS

Find the words of these beautiful verses. First, write the word that fits the meaning given. Second, move the letters to the numbered lines below. Then, unscramble the letters that are circled to answer the question!

Song of Solomon 2:11 - 12

Animal with long ears and cotton tail:
1 2 3 4 5 6

Plants in the yard that we mow:
7 8 9 10 11

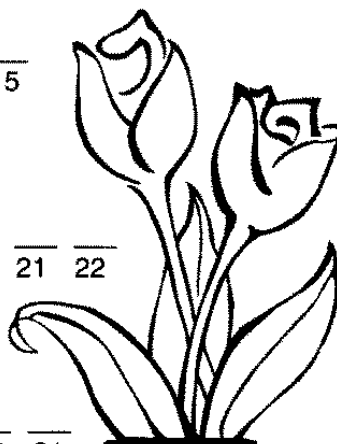
Place where birds lay eggs:
12 13 14 15

Baby cow:
16 17 18 19

How frogs move from place to place:
20 21 22

Make a basket:
23 24 25 26 27

Round object in the night sky:
28 29 30 31



"For the is ,"
12 21 23 23 5 12 15 13 8 22 2 14 6

the is and .
8 2 5 12 21 26 24 8 7 21 31 13

The on the earth;
19 18 21 23 13 8 10 2 22 22 13 2 1

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15 5 28 27 10 5 12 7 5 31 7 16 21 28 24

What special time of year does the verse describe?



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