

On Eagle's Wings



St. John's Monthly Newsletter – April 2019

Growth

Pastor's Paragraphs

If you ask Christians what is the most important church holiday of the year you'd get a variety of answers. Some would say Christmas since Christmas is the celebration of God being born into human form and living with us. Some would say Easter since Easter celebrates God's triumph over death. But Lutherans are likely to argue that Good Friday is actually the most important holiday.

Sad, dark, and gruesome as Good Friday is, the events of that day are what save us. Christmas doesn't save us. Easter doesn't save us. On Good Friday God brings about salvation. It is good for us to remember that saving us was not pretty work. Your salvation was not accomplished in a peaceful way. It was horrific. Crucifixions were gory events and the Romans made a spectacle of them. They usually took place along major roads or in public areas. Prisoners were usually tortured, stripped, and then nailed up to die. It was Rome's way of showing what happens to those who threaten it. The crowds watching could become rowdy. There was yelling, screaming, and fighting. Spectators would pass out or vomit or get drunk. Crucifixion sites were foul and disgusting.

Luke's gospel reports that when Jesus died the Roman soldier in charge said, "Truly this man was righteous." Maybe he knew the profound truth that he had just uttered, and maybe he did not. Whatever the case, when we humans killed Jesus we killed our hope. God came to us to show how to live by love. We set about to destroy it. Too late did we recognize what we had done.

Somehow, somehow, in God's overwhelming love and goodness, God forgives us for what we have done. Hope is restored when Jesus forgives his disciples on Easter for all their failings.

We're in the season of Lent right now. Lent is a spiritual journey. But don't see it as a journey towards Easter. See it as a journey towards Good Friday. In the biggest irony in history God made his all-time-greatest display of power on the cross. Celebrating Good Friday

above all other days is not about making us feel depressed, or guilty, or ashamed. It is about filling our hearts with awe. When you can recognize that the crucifixion is God at his greatest then you will know what love beyond all bounds looks like. That is the love that is holding you now even as you read this. That is the love that will continue to hold you the rest of today and into tomorrow and in every day until you die. And when you die that love will not lessen its grip in the least, for even death cannot overpower it. That is the love that will hold you into eternity.

Blessings,
Pastor Jon

Adult Sunday School

The adult Sunday school is beginning the Bible curriculum we used in confirmation class last fall, but this is not your typical confirmation curriculum! It is a twelve-week critical Bible study looking at sources, literary styles, textual corruptions, and the world of the time. Talk to Pastor Jon if you have any questions.

Annual Women's Retreat

A flyer for the annual retreat for women to be held May 17-19 at LCLC on beautiful Lake Chautauqua is posted on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area. This year's theme is "Stop the World---I Want to Get Off." Check out the flyer and if you have questions contact Beth Schroeder. The deadline for reserving your spot has passed, but talk to Beth if you'd still like to go.

Worship

April Worship Assistants

	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28
Greeters & Ushers	Burdie Gillern & Linda Flood	Jim & Karen Spawton	Lisa & Tom Kurilovitch	Helen Crown & Sally Mansfield
Lector	Mary Zuege (8:30)	Ann King (8:30)	Ellen Storch (8:30)	Judy VanDeVelde (8:30)
Acolyte	Viala Wagner	Hanna Stroup	Abbie Bullwinkle	Olivia DeLeon
Altar Care	Sally Mansfield	Sally Manfield	Sally Mansfield	
Communion Assistants	Nancy & Ivan Shuler	Tricia Kolczynski & Sara DeMuzio	Bruce & Diane Boncke	
Nursery Care	Laura Stroup	Bill & Katy Stimmel	Beth Perdan	Judy VanDeVelde
Counters	Bruce Boncke & Art Fields	Nancy & Ivan Shuler	Bettina Kalish & Beth Perdan	Bruce & Connie Stevenson
Coffee Hour	1 st Communion Coffee Hour		Easter – No Coffee Hour	Kim Boisseau & Phyllis Henderson



April Worship Texts

April 7 – Luke 18:31-19:10
 April 14 – Luke 19:28-47 (Palm Sunday)
 April 18 – Luke 22:1-46 (Maundy Thursday)
 April 19 – Luke 22:47-23:55 (Good Friday)
 April 21 – Luke 24:1-12 (Easter)
 April 28 – Luke 24:13-55



Give Up Lint for Lent

Remember to save your dryer lint! 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.

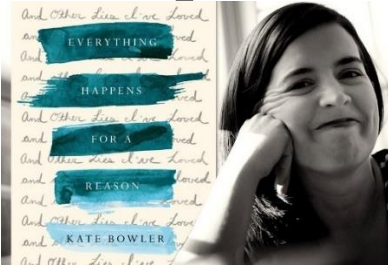
This worthless stuff (and somewhat gross) will be melted together and burnt on the fire at the sunrise service on Easter. This Lent give up your most worthless stuff so that God can turn it into heat and light!



HOLY WEEK

April 14 – Palm Sunday, procession with palms at both services, children's Easter egg hunt
 April 18 – Maundy Thursday, 6:00 covered dish dinner in the sanctuary with communion
 April 19 – Good Friday, 7:00 U2charist service
 April 21 – Easter, 6:00 Sunrise service of Holy Communion, 9:00 Pancake Breakfast, 10:30 Holy Communion

Worship (Cont.)



Everything Happens for a Reason

-and other lies I've loved-

Mid-Week Lenten Series

Wednesdays starting at 6:00

This year our mid-week Lenten series is based on the book *Everything Happens for a Reason, and Other Lies I've Loved* by Kate Bowler. As a young woman dying from cancer Kate explores the "Prosperity Gospel" and it's false claims. Each week we'll explore aspects of the Prosperity Gospel as we look at this book. Copies are easily available through Amazon.

We're using a dinner church model for these services. Cooking and set-up, plus clean-up and tear down are all part of the service. We'll start cooking around 6:00, then pray and eat a meal, read scripture and have conversation about the theme, then have dessert and clean up. Talk to Pastor Jon if you have any questions.

Nuts and Bolts

Council Notes from 3/18

-Reviewed Treasurer's report showing further decline in income causing more borrowing from the Capital Fund - we are \$4800 behind in pledges already through Feb, so please do all you can to help us catch up

-Discussed Pastor's "anchor church" training in Texas and how it can be applied to our potential work with other local Lutheran churches

-Property reported that carpet installation in Fellowship Hall has been scheduled for after Easter

-Learned that two families will be joining us for our Family Promise week starting 8/24

-Took action to investigate Thrivent for a church brokerage account

-Approved audit team of Helen Crown, Michele Myers, and Bill Hagerman

-Finalizing paperwork for Sexual Harassment policy and training required by Pastor and Heidi

-Reviewed requirements for updating the church by-laws - majority vote of the congregation - planning to update this year

-Initiated planning for the "mortgage pay-down program" that is part of this year's budget seeking \$5000 to nick a chunk off our total loan balance and reducing our interest

-Identified opportunities for increased internet presence by creating a video for our web site and investigating the NextDoor App/website

-Reviewed 15-20 initiatives that are either in progress or are being considered for the church in the categories of Governance, Facilities, Finances, and Growth - Council will continue further strategic planning and portfolio review at upcoming meetings

Submitted by Tim Brown, Council President

Financial Update

As of the end of January

Income \$ 36,302.13

Expenses 30,533.96

Difference \$ (5768.17)

Service



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

-Amy Plouffe, who is home and stable but continuing cancer treatments.

-Gary Myers who is being treated for multiple myeloma. He is doing well and is responding to the treatments

-Linda Ellis who continues to monitor her cancer issues.

-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.

-Knute Halvorson, who is at home and continues rehab work.

Service (Cont.)



Lenten Coin Boxes

This year we're aiming to collect \$400 from our Lenten coin boxes. That's enough to buy gardening tools for two communities in one of our mission countries. Set aside your coins and small bills and help communities across the world become self-sufficient! Please return your boxes on or before Easter.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

We will be hosting our annual Red Cross blood drive on Tuesday, April 2 from 2:00 – 7:00.

The volunteer sign-up sheet is up on the bulletin board.

We will need people to supervise **registration** and the **canteen**,

as well as to **bake** delicious goodies to rejuvenate our blood donors.

If you wish to donate blood, please go to the Red Cross website where you will be able to make an appointment that is convenient for you.

This will be our tenth drive.

Over the years, we have collected 271 units of blood, providing support to a possible 813 patients!

When blood is needed, there is nothing else that can take its place!

Any questions? Ask Mary Zuege.

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Community Outreach Committee

Thank you to everyone who helped with setting up, bringing in goodies or cleaning up for Denise Krug's service.

SAVE THE DATE FOR MAGGIE'S KIDS –

Monday, July 8 is this year's event. You will be getting information as the date gets closer.



-Thank you to Gary Boisseau, Jim Spawton, and Gary Wood for the weekly egg breakfasts during Lent.

-Thank you to Karen and Jim Spawton and the Fellowship Committee for organizing the Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper

-Thank you to the Property Committee for their continued work renovating the Fellowship Hall.

-Thank you to everyone who provided food and helped at Denise Krug's funeral.

-Thank you to John Thompson and Bruce Stevenson for making various small repairs around the building.

-Thank you to Jim Spawton for continuing the wiring work on the organ.

RIT CAMPUS MINISTRY SAYS THANKS – Thank you to everyone who donated food, supplies and time for the supper at RIT on March 24.. We served 24-25 students and staff and received many thank yous.



April 5th, 6th and 7th
at Red Jacket High School
Manchester-Shortsville

BUNKO SQUAD

A fundraiser featuring a hilarious
Stage Radio Drama Performance
by "Schnackablanka"
author, Don Cicchino

Presented by and for



\$20 suggested donation

at www.FamilyPromiseOntarioCounty.org on the DONATE page
or donate at the door

Service (Cont.)

VOLUNTEER AT CAMP JOY THIS SUMMER! Camp Joy is a week-long overnight summer camp for developmentally disabled adults that serves approximately 100 campers every year. Since its founding in 1982, it has thrived as an ENTIRELY volunteer based organization and to maintain our Christ-centered, inspirational, fun-filled experience for these individuals, we need volunteers like you! Camp is held at the Rotary Sunshine Campus in Rush, NY, where campers' favorite activities include the pool, a state-of-the-art climbing wall and zip line, the pool, fishing and boating, arts and crafts, and did we mention the pool?! In the evenings, campers enjoy programs such as a concert with the Dady Brothers, a camp-wide dance, and a talent night. Campers and staff alike share of themselves and grow in their faith, while learning about the love of God from each other – it is a toss-up as to who learns more from whom, campers or staff!

Our need for volunteers has become dire as we often keep a waiting list of campers wishing to attend but are unable to accommodate due to an insufficient number of volunteers. Please consider being a part of this outstanding organization and share the experience of a lifetime to continue to make this camp possible for so many individuals who desire this fulfilling experience.

Camp Joy will be held this year from June 16th-21st (Sun-Fri), both full- and part-time staff are needed, full room and board are provided for full-time staff, and there is absolutely no monetary requirement for volunteers and no previous experience with this population is needed! Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult, but we are a very family-friendly volunteer experience. For more information or to register as a volunteer, visit our website: www.campjoyny.org, or call (585) 371-8851 with any additional questions.

We're sure you'll find volunteering with Camp Joy to be a highlight of your summer and many more to come!
THANK YOU!

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 \$8.00 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.



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.



Lenten Breakfasts on Sundays

During Lent we'll have a breakfast of eggs toast 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.



March Bible Trivia Questions

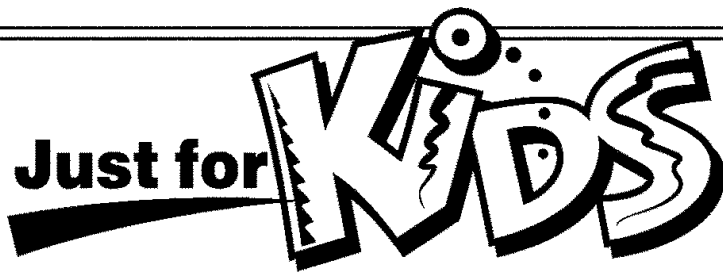
1. What three disciples saw the Transfiguration?
Answer: Peter, James, and John (Luke 9:28)
2. What did James and John offer to do to the Samaritan villages who did not accept Jesus? Answer: Command fire to come from heaven and consume them. (Luke 9:54)
3. How many people did Jesus appoint to go out in pairs to the towns and villages he himself intended to go?
Answer: Seventy, or seventy-two (Luke 10:1)
4. Why did Zacchaeus have to climb a tree to see Jesus?
Answer: He was short (Luke 19:3)

April Bible Trivia Questions

1. In what town did Jesus meet Zacchaeus?
2. How many disciples did Jesus send to get the colt he rode on Palm Sunday?
3. When Pilate finds out Jesus is from Galilee who does he send Jesus to?
4. In Luke, what are Jesus' last words before he dies?

APRIL 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 9:00 Holy Yoga 7:00 Boy Scouts 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons	2 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care BLOOD DRIVE 2-7 pm 4-8:30 Violin Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Community Chorus	3 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 12 Victor Ministerium 4-8:30 Violin Lessons 6:00 Midweek Lenten Supper and Worship 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	4 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care Monarch Homeschool Group 10-2:30 1:00 Women's Bible Study	5 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Holy Yoga 3-8 Cello Lessons	6
7 <u>5th Sunday of Lent</u> 8:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion	8 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 9:00 Holy Yoga 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts	9 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 4-8:30 Violin Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Community Chorus	10 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:30 Men's Breakfast 4-8 Piano Lessons 6:00 Midweek Lenten Supper and Worship 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	11 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care Monarch Homeschool Group 10-2:30 1:00 Women's Bible Study	12 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Holy Yoga 3-8 Cello Lessons	13
14 <u>Palm Sunday</u> 8:30 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion Easter Egg Hunt	15 7:00-6:00 YMCA Fun Clubs 9:00 Holy Yoga 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 7:00 Church Council	16 7:00-6:00 YMCA Fun Clubs 4-8:30 Violin Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Community Chorus	17 7:00-6:00 YMCA Fun Clubs 8:30 Men's Breakfast 4-8 Piano Lessons 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	18 <u>Mundy Thursday</u> 7:00-6:00 YMCA Fun Clubs Monarch Homeschool Group 10-2:30 1:00 Women's Bible Study 6:00 Mundy Thursday Supper	19 <u>Good Friday</u> 7:00-6:00 YMCA Fun Clubs 8:00 Holy Yoga 3-8 Cello Lessons 7:00 Worship	20
21 <u>Easter Sunday</u> 6:00 Sunrise Service of Holy Communion 9:00 Pancake Breakfast 10:30 Holy Communion	22 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 9:00 Holy Yoga 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts	23 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 4-8:30 Violin Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Community Chorus	24 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:30 Men's Breakfast 4-8 Piano Lessons 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	25 <u>St. Mark, Evangelist</u> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care Monarch Homeschool Group 10-2:30 1:00 Women's Bible Study	26 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Holy Yoga 3-8 Cello Lessons	27 8:00 Spring Clean-up 9:00 Partnered Congregations
28 <u>2nd Sunday of Easter</u> 8:30 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	29 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 9:00 Holy Yoga 7:00 Boy Scouts 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons	30 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 4-8:30 Violin Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Community Chorus 7:00 Property Committee				



All of these different people worship and serve God in different ways! Find words in the puzzle that tell some of these ways. Circle them. Write them on the lines below.

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*We are a community of faith
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14 – Easter Egg Hunt

18 – Maundy Thursday Worship

19 – Good Friday Worship

21 – Sunrise Worship, Pancake Breakfast