

On Eagle's Wings



St. John's Monthly Newsletter – January 2016

Growth

Pastor's Paragraphs

Each new year is supposed to bring with it a clean slate and new opportunities. However the news of wars and refugees, mass shootings, slow economic growth, climate concerns, and a whole host of other issues puts a real damper on the joy and excitement of a new year. Should we go into 2016 filled with fears and anxieties?

There is a question we should ask ourselves regularly. We ask this of our lives as individual Christians, and we ask it of ourselves as a community of faith. That question is, what does God want to get done because we're here?

In Philippians 1: 6 St. Paul writes, "I am confident of this, that he who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ." Who is the "he" Paul is referring to when he says, "... he who began a good work..."? It is God himself! God is

working in and through us each and every day.

Sometimes we may feel it. Many times we may not, but God is still at work, bringing to completion those things that God wants to get done. It is God's gift to us to accomplish God's eternal promises through our mortal lives.

When the future looks depressing, or a new year seems to still be dragging all the old year's problems with it, God is still hard at work; taking this world to the good future God has promised for it. We do well to remember that. Then we can always live in confidence and boldness.

Indeed some problems and struggles will drag on and on. It may seem like some obstacles never go away. But whether things look like they are improving or whether they look like they are growing worse, it is ultimately in God's hands. The good work that God began among us is sure to be accomplished.

Blessings,
Pastor Jon

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2016 Annual Meeting

The 2016 annual congregational meeting will be held on Sunday January 24th after the 10:30 worship service. There will be the usual items on the agenda: review of reports, elections for church council, and the church budget. There will also be a couple extra items: an update on the bell tower project, property care equipment purchases, and improvements to the fellowship hall. Please remember that all items for the agenda are due to the church office by December 31. Also annual reports are due from each committee by December 31.

Worship

January Worship Assistants

	January 3	January 10	January 17	January 24	January 31
Greeters & Ushers	Ivan & Nancy Shuler	Karen & Jim Spawton	Bruce & Connie Stevenson	John & Linda Thompson	Ethan & Lynne Minkel
Lector	Ellen Storch (8:30) Kelly Wilmot (10:30)	Judy VanDeVelde (8:30) Wilma Townsend (10:30)	Kevin Maynard (8:30) Rob Stroup (10:30)	Susie Maynard (8:30) Karen Spawton (10:30)	Ellen Storch (8:30) Jim Spawton (10:30)
Acolyte	Sebastian Ploutte	Jaden White	Julia Bullwinkle	Kelsey Sackett	Ally Buch
Altar Care	Joy Lethbridge		Joy Lethbridge		Joy Lethbridge
Communion Assistants	Diane & Bruce Boncke		Jill Ehrlinger & Sam Stepanovich		Phyllis Henderson & Cindy Swigart
Nursery Care	Kristi Bullwinkle	Beth Perdan	Lynne Minkel	Katy Stimmel	Laura Stroup
Counters	John & Linda Thompson	Babette Huber & Burdie Gillern	Helen Crown & Tom Kurilovitch	Bruce & Connie Stevenson	Don Mansfield & Tim Brown
Coffee Hour					

Service Community Outreach Committee

Thanks so much to everyone who brought in gifts for our families, about 110 gifts to two school (13 families) and for all the contributions on our mitten tree (70 items) These went to the Victim Resource Center that helps women and children who leave their homes.

The committee also gave gifts to five of our members who are considered shut-ins to let them now we're thinking of them.

Souper Bowl Sunday – We'll again have a Soup Pot Offering on Super Bowl Sunday that will go to World Hunger.

Thank You

- Thank you to Carole Fisher for creating the gift list displays.
- Thank you to everyone who gave gifts for the gift collection and also hats, mittens and scarves.
- Thank you to John CiPollina for making various building repairs including: installing an electrical outlet in the storage closet, installing outdoor lights on the shed, fixing various lights, and ceiling repairs.
- Thank you the Sunday school teachers for their work on the children's Christmas program. And thank you to Julie Stuart for organizing the costumes.
- Thank you to the Thompsons for their work tracking our inventory of things and ordering kitchen, office, and other church supplies.
- Thank you to everyone who ordered a poinsettia for Christmas.
- Thank you to Connie Stevenson for designing the Christmas decorations in the building and overseeing the decorating.

Service (Cont.)

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. Gordon and Gail Holbig as they both have health problems. Fred Trost as he lives with Parkinsons. Linda Ellis who has metastases on her spine and hip. Jim Lethbridge who lives in poor health. The family and friends of Janet Wesley, friend of the Boisseaus, as they mourn her death. The family and friends of Chet Culver, friend of the Lethbridges, as they mourn his death. Lisa Kurilovitch's cousin Pam who delivered her baby prematurely because of complications from high blood pressure. The baby and mother are doing okay.

Stewardship and Finance Committee

The summary statement from the program materials for 2015: "Our role as God's stewards is one of many dimensions - grateful, responsible, self-sacrificing, willing, sharing, proportionate, committed, regular, genuine, and challenged. By generously giving of ourselves, we discover joy in Christ. '... you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.' 2 Corinthians 9:7"

	Income	Expenses	Difference
Year to Date as of			
November 30	185,454.55	181,111.31	4,243.24

The surplus shown above will be used to pay towards funds owed to Synod and our own Capital Fund.



Youth Group Sub Sale

The Youth Group will be making subs for the annual meeting on January 24th, so you don't have to worry about lunch. Youth group members will be taking orders in the Gathering Area after worship in the first few Sundays of January.

Fun

January Birthdays

- 1 Pam Mansfield Phillips
- 2 Kyle Christie
- 3 Rebecca Boisseau, Joseph Centola
- 4 Jeffrey Clarkson, AJ Pow, Jonathan Castellani, Jeffrey Brownlee
- 5 Shana Henderson Wagner
- 7 George Perzel, Becky Morley, Dick Ellis
- 10 Liz Brown
- 11 Helen Crown
- 12 Erika Henderson Busby
- 13 Corrie Murphy, Karen Hoefen
- 15 Sherry Lasky
- 16 Allie DeLeon, Alan Morley
- 17 Eric Bair, Beth Perdan, Beth Kravetz
- 19 Beth Kaufmann Cross
- 22 Art Fields
- 25 David Howland, Jill Ehrlinger, Lissa Kurilovtich
- 28 Jeffrey Townsend
- 29 Kyle Kalish, Michele Meyers
- 31 Barbara Backus



December Bible Trivia Questions

1. According to Matthew, how many generations passed between Abraham and Jesus? Answer: 28 (Matthew 1:17)
2. Joseph had doubts about marrying Mary when he found out about her pregnancy. What made him go through with the marriage? Answer: A dream (Matthew 1:20)
3. What did the wise men carry their gold, frankincense and myrrh in? Answer: treasure chests (Matthew 2:11)
4. What led the wise men to find Jesus? Answer: A star (Matthew 2:2,9)

January Bible Trivia Questions

1. Who criticized the disciples for plucking grain on the Sabbath?
2. Why does Jesus give the disciples the Lord's Prayer?
3. What is James talking about when it makes comparisons between this body part and a forest fire, a ship's rudder, and the bit in a horse's mouth?
4. What is the shortest book of the Old Testament?

January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 <u>2nd Sunday of Christmas</u> 8:30 Worship 10:30 Holy Communion	4 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 3:30-8:30 Violin Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts	5 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 1:00 Women's Bible Study 4:00-8:30 Violin Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Community Chorus	6 <u>Epiphany of Our Lord</u> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Men's Breakfast 4:00-8:00 Piano Lessons 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	7 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 10:30-1:00 Homeschoolers 12:00 Bible Study 7:00 Worship and Music Committee 7:00 Girl Scouts	1 <u>Name of Jesus</u> <u>New Years Day</u> 8 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 3-8 Cello Lessons 3:30-6:00 Amadeus Chorale	2 9
10 <u>Baptism of Our Lord</u> 8:30 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	11 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 3:00-8:30 Violin Lessons 7:00 Church Council 7:00 Boy Scouts	12 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 1:00 Women's Bible Study 4:00-8:30 Violin Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Community Chorus	13 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Men's Breakfast 4:00-8:00 Piano Lessons 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	14 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 12:00 Bible Study	15 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 3:00-8:00 Cello Lessons 3:30-6:00 Amadeus Chorale	16
17 <u>2nd Sunday after Epiphany</u> 8:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion	18 <u>Confession of Peter</u> <u>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</u> 7:00-6:00 YMCA Fun Clubs	19 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 1:00 Women's Bible Study 4:00-8:30 Violin Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Community Chorus	20 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 4:00-8:00 Piano Lessons 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	21 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 10:30-1:00 Homeschoolers 12:00 Bible Study 7:00 Girl Scouts	22 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 3:00-8:00 Cello Lessons 3:30-6:00 Amadeus Chorale	23
24 <u>3rd Sunday after Epiphany</u> 8:30 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:45 Annual Congregational Meeting	25 <u>Conversion of Paul</u> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 7:00 Boy Scouts	26 <u>St. Timothy, St. Titus, Missionaries</u> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 1:00 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Community Chorus	27 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Men's Breakfast 4:00-8:00 Piano Lessons 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	28 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 12:00 Bible Study	29 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 3:00-8:00 Cello Lessons 3:30-6:00 Amadeus Chorale	30
31 <u>4th Sunday after Epiphany</u> 8:30 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion						