

On Eagle's Wings



St. John's Monthly Newsletter – January 2020

Growth

Pastor's Paragraphs

As I've thought about the service on January 19, when we'll rededicate the pipe organ we received from Trinity in East Rochester, I've thought about how unique worship services are in our lives. Where else in life do so many generations gather together? Where else is there live music and communal singing? Where else do rich and poor, those successful and those struggling, those who are proud and those who are ashamed, all come together equally? Where else is there oration? (I don't mean political speeches or debates. I mean actual oration.) Where else in life is everything real and absolutely nothing is artificial? And how many events do you go to that are live and in person; not edited, seen or TV, or altered?

Notice that I have listed only those things which are secular. I've said nothing about faith, grace or God; all of which are additionally unique!

For many people today gathering for worship sounds boring. More and more I'm finding that when I do weddings many guests skip the ceremony and come only for the reception. For many worship lacks pizzazz, it lacks drama, it lacks the suspense and entertainment value available elsewhere. I certainly enjoy a movie that has a good plot line, good acting and good editing. But a movie is at best an inspiring escape. Worship is about being real. Good worship is not about the quality of the music or the preaching. Good worship is about God meeting you where you are, in whatever state you are, and then building a relationship with you and the people around you.

Worship is God's gift to us. It nourishes us in so many ways. Unfortunately many people choose not to accept that nourishment. That is their loss. I hope we will always strive to create worship services that inspire us and help us grow. May we always feel nurtured by God when we worship.

Blessings,
Pastor Jon



Organ Rededication – 1/19 @ 10:30

Caroline Robinson, Organist



Originally from Greenville, SC, Caroline Robinson is a doctoral candidate at the Eastman School of Music, where she completed her Masters in Organ Performance and Literature in 2016. Caroline attended the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia for her undergraduate studies, after which she traveled to France on a Fulbright scholarship to study for a year at the Conservatoire à Rayonnement Régional de Toulouse.

As a young performer, Caroline has performed in many venues across the US and in Europe. Her playing has been broadcast on American Public Media's "Pipedreams", "Pipedreams LIVE!", and Philadelphia-based public radio station 90.1 WRTI's Wanamaker Organ Hour. She has performed concerts at the Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta and St. Patrick's Cathedral, NYC, and recitals for the 2018 Organ Historical Society's Convention in Rochester, NY

Learn more at her website:
<https://carolinerobinson.net/>

Worship

January Worship Assistants

	January 5	January 12	January 19	January 26
Greeters & Ushers	Lisa and Tom Kurilovitch	Mike and Bettina Kalish	Kim and Gary Boisseau	Mike and Cassie Ross
Lector	Janice Lockwood (8:30)	Suzie Maynard (8:30)	Kevin Maynard (8:30)	Ellen Storch (8:30)
Acolyte	Olivia DeLeon	Joe Wyman	Tierney White	Morgan Sackett
Altar Care	Liz Brown		Liz Brown	
Communion Assistants	Kim and Gary Boisseau		Ivan and Nancy Shuler	
Nursery Care	Kristi Bullwinkle	Laura Stroup	Judy VanDeVelde	Beth Perdan
Counters	Bruce and Connie Stevenson	Beth Perdan and Bettina Kalish	Linda Flood and Sue Kaufmann	Tom Kurilovitch and Helen Crown
Coffee Hour	Burdie Gillern	The Hubers	The Bonckes	Annual Mtg-Sub Sale



Welcome to Pianist Nathan Cheung!

Welcome to pianist Nathan Cheung who began serving us in November!

Hailing from the San Francisco Bay Area, Nathan Cheung is known for his versatility as a soloist, collaborator, composer, and improviser. These roles are fueled by a life-long passion to discover artistry and accessibility — to understand the power of great music and tap into its potential to resonate with people from all walks of life. His education has aided him significantly in strengthening these endeavors, culminating in degrees from [Stanford University](#) (B.A. Music, concentrations in Piano Performance and Composition) and the [Eastman School of Music](#) (MM, Piano Performance and Literature; MM, Accompanying and Chamber Music).

Nathan has claimed the 1st prize in the 2019 [Los Angeles International Piano Competition](#) and has won top prizes in other international competitions including the [Wideman International Piano Competition](#), Lewisville Lake Symphony International Competition, and Thousand Islands International Piano Competition. He is also a winner of the Aspen Concerto Competition, the American Prize concerto division, the Music Teacher's Association of California Solo Competition, and the concerto competitions at both the Eastman School and Stanford

University. His [performances](#) have taken him to established venues such as Bing Concert Hall, the Mondavi Center, and the Schoenberg Center in Vienna. In the realm of the solo recital, Nathan enjoys producing themed concerts as a means to draw musical comparisons; prior concerts featured *Water and Fire*, transcriptions, and an all-Ravel program.

January Gospel Readings

January 5 - Matthew 3:1 – 4:25

January 12 – Matthew 8-9:35

January 19 (Organ Dedication) Matthew 9:35-11:1

January 26 – Matthew 11:2 – 12:50

Nuts and Bolts

Annual Reports

All committee reports for the Annual Report are due to the church office by December 31st. Email or electronic versions are preferred. You can email your report to: sjlvictor@gmail.com



2020 Annual Meeting

The 2020 annual congregational meeting will be held on Sunday January 26th 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. If you have any questions please talk to Pastor Jon before the meeting.

Church Council Positions

We will have four open Council positions to elect at our upcoming annual meeting. Council meets once a month (except no meeting in July) from 7:00-9:00 PM traditionally on the second Monday of the month, but that date can be changed to suit the schedules of the council members. If you are interested in serving on this team, please see Tim Brown or Pastor Jon.

Annual Meeting Agenda

All items of business or theology for the annual meeting must be turned in to the church office by December 31st.

Financial Update

As of November 30

YTD Income	\$193,887.01
YTD Expenses	\$195,653.29
Difference	(\$1,766.28)

Financial Pledge Reminder

A big thanks to all of you who make financial commitments to St. John's! We greatly appreciate your generosity. As we near the end of the calendar year, I would kindly ask you to make every effort to fulfill your financial pledges. We have done well this year, so let's finish 2019 strong!

Rob Stroup, Treasurer

2020 Membership Directory

We will print a new membership directory in February of 2020. The current contact information we have for you will be put out on tables in the Gathering Area. Please review the information we have for you and make any updates or corrections.

New Members!

Please welcome these new members to St. John's! Look for their contact information in the new membership directory which will come out in February.

Steve and Christine Campbell
Steven and Jae Ireland and their children
Wayne and Elizabeth Young and their children
Anne King
Janice Lockwood
Gregory Welch
Curt and Anne Stromstad

Service



- The Rev. Matthew Nickoloff and the South Wedge Mission in Rochester.
- Amy Plouffe, whose health has declined and she's been off treatments for several months. Depending on how she does in the next weeks the cancer treatments may resume.
- 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.
- The family and friends of Linda Roy, sister of Helen Crown, as they mourn her death after a long decline.
- Linda Flood, who is in an assisted living facility recovering from complications from surgery.
- Knute Halvorson, who is living in Aria Nursing Home in Penfield.
- Alice Ross, mother of Mike Ross as she recovers from sepsis and pneumonia.
- Howard Wilson, brother of Judy VanDeVelde who has an intestinal blockage and will probably have surgery in January.

Service (Cont.)

Community Outreach Committee

Thanks to everyone who bought Christmas gifts for the families in the Victor school district that we supported this year. Thank you also to everyone who gave hats and mittens for the mitten tree. They were donated to the Victim Resource Center in Newark.



- Thank you to Aidan Kolczynski for building the salt and equipment storage shed for his Eagle scout project.
- Thank you to Jim Spawton for organizing the Celtic Christmas concert. Thank you also to everyone who donated cookies.
- Thank you to everyone who made food for the Parish Thanksgiving Dinner. Thank you to Joy Lethbridge for providing decorations. And thank you to everyone who helped with set up and tear down.
- Thank you to everyone who plowed snow in the church lot in November.
- Thank you to Bruce and Connie Stevenson for organizing the decoration of the building for Christmas.

From Aidan Kolczynski for the can drive:
To the members of St. John's Lutheran Church,
Thank you for your monetary and can donations to help me raise money for my eagle scout project. It helped me to reach my fundraising goal and make my project possible. We finished the shed a few weeks ago, and it turned out great. It will be a big help to the church and your donations helped make it possible. The project was one of the last steps I have until getting my eagle and I will hopefully be getting it soon.

Fun

Gingerbread House Competition Winner!

Congratulations to Amalia Ireland and Morgan Sackett on their winning design and construction! They received the most votes from the congregation. This is second year in a row that Morgan has won. She is the person to have on your team for gingerbread houses! Unfortunately Morgan and Amalia took a couple bites out of their winning house before we could get a picture!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the competition and everyone who voted.



Youth Group Sub Sale

The Youth Group will be making subs for the annual meeting on January 26th, 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.



Hint: All the answers can be found in this month's gospel readings on Sundays.

December Bible Trivia Answers

1. Matthew gives Jesus' ancestry. To which man does Matthew trace Jesus back to? Answer: Abraham (Matthew 1:1)
2. Joseph decides to break his engagement to Mary. What changes his mind? Answer: An angel appeared in a dream (Matthew 1:20)
3. In what village was Jesus born? Answer: Bethlehem (Matthew 2:1)
4. To where do Joseph, Mary, and Jesus flee after his birth? Answer: Egypt (Matthew 2:14)

January Bible Trivia Questions

1. In what wilderness does John the Baptist work?
2. What river is Jesus' baptized in?
3. Who is the brother of the apostle Andrew?
4. How many apostles does Jesus choose?

JANUARY 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <u>Name of Jesus</u> <u>New Year's Day</u>	2 7:00-6:00 YMCA Fun Clubs 1:00 Women's Bible Study	3 7:00-6:00 YMCA Fun Clubs 8:00 Holy Yoga 3-8 Cello Lessons	4
5 <u>2nd Sunday of Christmas</u> 8:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion	6 <u>Epiphany</u> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Holy Yoga 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts	7 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Community Chorus	8 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:30 Men's Breakfast 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	9 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 10-2:30 Monarch Homeschool 1:00 Women's Bible Study	10 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Holy Yoga 3-8 Cello Lessons	11
12 <u>1st Sunday After Epiphany</u> 8:30 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	13 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Holy Yoga 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Church Council	14 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Community Chorus	15 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:30 Men's Breakfast 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	16 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 10-2:30 Monarch Homeschool 1:00 Women's Bible Study	17 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Holy Yoga 3-8 Cello Lessons	18
19 <u>2nd Sunday After Epiphany</u> 8:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion & Organ Rededication	20 <u>King Jr.</u> 7:00-6:00 YMCA Fun Clubs	21 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Community Chorus	22 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:30 Men's Breakfast 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	23 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 10-2:30 Monarch Homeschool 1:00 Women's Bible Study 7:00 Church of Christ	24 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Holy Yoga 3-8 Cello Lessons	25 <u>Conversion of St. Paul</u>
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January 26 Annual Meeting