

# On Eagle's Wings



St. John's Monthly Newsletter – July/August 2017

## Growth

### Pastor's Paragraphs

Most people don't like to talk about death. Death is the great unknown, and many people's greatest fear. Though unavoidable, many people somehow think that death is something other people experience, but they themselves won't. People avoid creating wills and setting up end-of-life care plans. Then there is chaos and uncertainty when they die.

Dying without any sort of plan in place can create more than legal headaches. It can also cause emotional problems for the family and friends who remain. I've seen people at a total loss to know what to do, because he or she never talked about it. Did the deceased wish to be buried in a casket or cremated? If cremated are the ashes to be buried, scattered, or something else? Did the deceased want a viewing, a funeral, or neither? Is there a cemetery plot? Have pre-arrangements been made with an undertaker?

You are probably aware that undertakers often offer to prearrange a person's funeral. This often includes paying for the funeral up front. I encourage all people who are elderly to make such a plan. It makes it much easier for the person's family and friends. And there is something else I encourage for all people, not just the elderly: make funeral plans with the church.

In my desk is a file of people's wishes for their funerals. That file was there before I came to St. John's, and it will pass on to any future pastors of the church. Some people make full elaborate plans, describing in detail how they want they want things to go. Others are just vague notes. People will often say what hymns they want sung and what Bible verses they want read. They may say whether or not they want communion as part of the service. None of these things are legally binding. But I've been able to bring calm to any number of anxious families because we could proceed with

confidence knowing we are carrying out their loved ones wishes.

Sometimes people will sit down with me and we'll talk about their funeral desires. Others just hand me a piece of paper. There is a form that can be filled out to make it simple. Almost all of the information is sealed in envelopes; to only be opened upon a person's death. I know what some contain because people have shared. Others I don't know.

Whether you are young or old, I encourage you to think about how you want things to be handled when you die. Write it down and I'll put it in the file. You can always change your mind. Since it's not legally binding it's very simple to change. Even so, it's a great gift to your family when your pilgrimage of life as reached its end.

Blessings,  
Pastor Jon



### Congratulations High School Class of 2017!

Mark Bassett, Carolyn Bremer, Lily Brown, and Justin Myers Stark are all graduating from high school this year. Congratulations and God's blessings to them!

# Worship

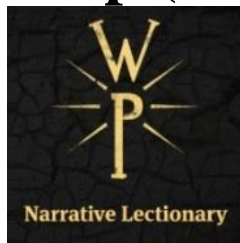
## July Worship Assistants

	July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23	July 30
Greeters & Ushers	Don & Sally Mansfield	Tom & Lisa Kurilovitch	Karen & Jim Spawton	Diane & Bruce Boncke	Sue Kaufmann & Linda Flood
Lector	Kevin Maynard (8:30)	Susie Maynard (8:30)	Ellen Storch (8:30)	Kevin Maynard (8:30)	Judy VandeVelde (8:30)
Acolyte	Joe Wyman	Abbie Bullwinkle	Olivia DeLeon	Tierney White	Kelsey Sackett
Altar Care	Helen Crown		Helen Crown		Helen Crown
Communion Assistants	Nancy & Ivan Shuler		Gary Boisseau & Rob Stroup		Cindy Swigart & Beth Bright
Nursery Care	Lynne Minkel	Kristi Bullwinkle	Katy Stimmel	Beth Perdan	Laura Stroup
Counters	Ethan and Alyssa Minkel	Ivan and Nancy Shuler	Bruce Boncke and Art Fields	Beth Perdan and Bettina Kalish	John and Linda Thompson
Coffee Hour					

## August Worship Assistants

	August 6	August 13	August 20	August 27
Greeters & Ushers	Bruce & Connie Stevenson	Rob & Laura Stroup	Nancy & Ivan Shuler	Phyllis & Dick Henderson
Lector	Susie Maynard (8:30)	Ellen Storch (8:30)	Judy VandeVelde (8:30)	Kevin Maynard (8:30)
Acolyte	Julia Bullwinkle	Jaden Whiter	Sebastian Plouffe	Scott Wilmot
Altar Care	Sally Mansfield		Sally Mansfield	
Communion Assistants	Connie & Bruce Stevenson		Linda Flood & Sue Kaufmann	
Nursery Care	Kristi Bullwinkle	Katy Stimmel	Laura Stroup	Beth Perdan
Counters	Don Mansfield and Tim Brown	Babette Huber and Burdie Gillern	Helen Crown and Tom Kurilovitch	Sue Kaufmann and Linda Flood
Coffee Hour				

## Worship (Cont.)



### Worship Bible Readings

Here are the primary Bible readings for worship in July and August. In July we look at Abraham:

July 2 – Genesis 15

July 9 – Genesis 16

July 16 – Genesis 18

July 23 – Genesis 21

July 30 – Genesis 22

In August we'll look at Abraham's son Isaac and Abraham's grandson Jacob:

August 6 – Genesis 24

August 13 – Genesis 25

August 20 – Genesis 27:1-40

August 27 – Genesis 27:41-28:22

## Nuts and Bolts

### Bell Tower

The bell tower's foundation has been poured and the hole will be backfilled soon. The tower itself is currently being fabricated by Ramar Steel. The bells and ringing mechanism have also been ordered. It should all come together to be erected later this summer. Remember, we plan to dedicate the tower on Tuesday October 31<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 am. Thank you to everyone who has given to this project!

### July 16 Special Congregational Meeting

We will hold a special congregational meeting after the 10:30 worship service on July 16<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of this meeting is to approve funding for the Fellowship Hall renovations. Those renovations will include replacing the windows and siding (Please see the display board in the Gathering Area for a picture of what it will look like), improving the lighting, and replacing the carpet. The overall project will be paid for by the Pay It Forward campaign and does not impact our operating budget.

## Finance Update

	Income	Expenses	Difference
Year to Date (5/30)	\$ 83,126.35	\$ 82,789.49	\$336.86

## Service

### Community Outreach Committee

**Miss Maggie's Kids Day Camp – Please sign up to help!**

St. John's will be hosting on July 10th this year. Extra volunteers will be needed to help with set up and clean up. A great opportunity to interact with some of our young neighbors from the city of Rochester. There are sign up sheets in the Gathering Area for volunteers, food donations and paper products; cash is always a welcome donation. If you have questions, talk with Bettina Kalish or Burdie Gillern.

Please see the full page of information about the camp later in this newsletter.

### School Kits

We will be collecting items for school kits for Lutheran World Relief from July 2 to August 27. The items needed for kits are:

- 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 ½"; no loose leaf paper
- 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other ONE pencil sharpener
- blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink);
- box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 2 ½" eraser



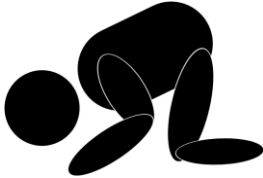
### 500 lbs. of Soap Update

So far we have 359 lbs. toward our 500 lb. goal. At this rate we'll reach the goal by our deadline - October 31<sup>st</sup>. Thanks for your donations thus far and keep it up!

## Service (Cont.)

### Rummage Sale Results

Thank you to everyone who helped to set up the rummage sale and to those who shopped! We raised close to \$800 for our Youth Scholarship Fund and for the food cupboard!



### 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 Fred Trost as they mourn his death.

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.

Helen Huntington, mother of Linda Morley, as she has entered hospice care.

### Family Promise of Ontario County

This group which aims to help homeless children and their families become sustainably independent is asking for a monetary commitment of less than \$1 per day through a new program called "Club 252". Watch and listen for more information and check out the info posted on the bulletin board.



-Thank you to everyone who mowed the church lawn in June.

-Thank you to Mike Ross for digging the hole for the bell tower foundation. Thanks also to Tom Urbanic and John CiPollina for helping.

-Thank you to everyone who has donated soap for our 500 pounds of soap collection for Lutheran World Relief.

-Thank you to Nancy Bassett and Lynne Minkel for their years leading the Sunday school program.

-Thank you to all the Sunday school teachers for their work in the 2016-2017 school year.

-Thank you to Sara DeMuzio for running the rummage sale.

-Thank you to Mark Bair for mowing the Outdoor Chapel and the drainage ditches.

-Thank you to everyone who has donated food to the Victor-Farmington Food Cupboard.

-Thank you to our confirmation teachers: Dave Bullwinkle, Linda Flood, Lisa Kurilovitch, Ethan Minkel, and Pastor Jon.

### Garden Project "Engineers" Wanted



We're looking for a couple more volunteers to drive the tractor and operate the cultivator in the garden project. Jim Spawton and Mark Wyman are doing that in the photo above. We cultivate once every couple weeks. It takes a little over an hour to do all the potatoes and corn. The work isn't hard and NO HAND WEEDING is needed! Talk to Pastor Jon if you can help.

# Fun

## July Birthdays

- 3 Jeff Deichman
- 4 Kent Underwood, Sarah Preston
- 5 Floyd Yahn
- 6 Emi Perdan
- 7 Dick Larson, Scott Wilmot, Robert Stroup
- 9 Marilyn Bair
- 10 Sheri Landahl
- 11 Ellen Storch, Gail Holbig
- 13 Rob Chambers, Suellen Bremer
- 15 Dan Albert
- 16 Jill Flood, Brian Hall
- 18 Alice Storch
- 20 Kim Boisseau
- 21 Tom Pike, Sam C. DeMuzio
- 23 Scott Bair, Jr., Carl Phelps
- 24 Paul Huber
- 25 Kayla Ratka, Anne Stromstad
- 26 Meghan Reissig, Joe Pow II
- 28 Patricia Conklin
- 29 Kathy Nohe
- 30 Ken Ratka

## August Birthdays

- 1 Mark Preston
- 2 Melody Keefe, Nancy Pratt, Scott Ehrlinger
- 3 Laura Stroup
- 6 Amy Ellis Fields, Jason Wagner
- 10 Laura Boncke Downey
- 11 Sarah Lasky
- 12 Adele Garvey
- 13 Kelsey Sackett
- 14 Patty Patrick, Walter "Bud" Menz
- 15 Barb Kerr, Steven Bassett, Tom Kurilovitch
- 17 Andy Matthews, Jeremy Brown
- 18 Sue Kaufmann
- 20 Marlys Braunlich

- 22 Robert Henderson
- 27 Denise Krug, Mark Bassett
- 28 Paul Green
- 29 Shari Ratka
- 31 Sue Howland, David Wetter



### June Bible Trivia Questions – Genesis 5-9

1. How many of each animal does Noah put in the ark?  
Answer: Two answers are possible:  
-14 of each clean animal and 2 of each unclean (Genesis 7:2)  
-2 of each (Genesis 6:19)
2. What were the builders of the Tower of Babel trying to reach? Answer: Heaven (Genesis 11:4)
3. How long was the ark Noah built? Answer: 300 cubits (About 450 feet) (Genesis 6:15)
4. How long did it rain at Noah's flood? Answer: 40 days and 40 nights (Genesis 7:12)

### July/August Bible Trivia Questions – Abraham

1. From what city does God call Abraham to move?
2. Who was Abraham's wife?
3. Where does Abraham go when a famine strikes the land?
4. How old was Abraham when his first son to his wife is born?



Join the fun and spread God's love!

## Maggie's Kids Camp July 10-14



Volunteers of all ages are needed for half or full days, one or all days of the week:

- Food preparation and kitchen help. Donations of food and supplies are also welcomed.
- Crafts
- Music
- Bible Study
- Just to play, play, play!

*Maggie's Kids is an outreach of Community Lutheran Ministries in the city of Rochester, and the Victor/Farmington church community has proudly been sponsoring close to 100 campers ages 3 to 17 for the last eleven years. Campers are treated to healthy snacks and lunches, music, crafts, games, Bible Study, and fun-filled play in safe green spaces throughout the week. Sponsor churches include Farmington United Methodist, First Presbyterian, St. John's Lutheran, Victor United Methodist, and Willowbrook.*

*What is Maggie's Camp?*

*Maggie's Camp is a Christian day camp held every summer for Rochester inner city children ages 3-17. It is a part of Community Lutheran Ministries. Maggie Harris has been running this camp in addition to after-school programs for many years. An important part of this day camp is for suburban churches to host the children in a safe, green environment so the children are exposed to the love of Christ in different areas around Rochester. This is a unique opportunity to engage youth from different economic backgrounds, to create friendships, to foster understanding, and to initiate change that can eliminate inequity.*

For the 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, Maggie's Kid's Camp is coming to Victor! From July 10-14 , up to 150 children per day, ages 3 to 17, will be exposed to the Christian spirit in our community. Working together, we will be able to provide vacation bible study, crafts, games, music, and fun-filled green spaces for the children to play. And lots and lots of food! This important mission work has been successful in previous years due to the generous monetary donations, in-kind donations, and dedicated volunteer time from all of the Victor/Farmington area congregations. We need your help again this year.

The annual budget for the camp is \$2,200. **We are asking each congregation to consider a monetary donation today to cover expenses that cannot be donated.** These expenses include park rental fees and food expenses. If you have any questions, or would like to get involved today in a leadership capacity, please let me know. I look forward to hearing back from you. Thank you!

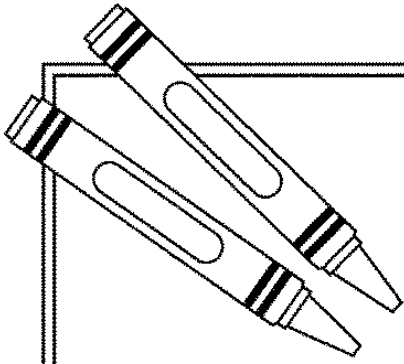
# JULY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>2</b> <u>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8:30 Outdoor Worship 10:30 Holy Communion	<b>3</b> 10:00 Holy Yoga	<b>4</b>  Independence Day	<b>5</b>  7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 3-8 Cello Lessons	<b>1</b> <hr/> <b>8</b>
<b>9</b> <u>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8:30 Holy Communion 10:30 Worship  Confirmation Camp	<b>10</b> 10:00 Holy Yoga  Maggies Kids Camp  Confirmation Camp	<b>11</b> 5:30 Weight Watchers  Confirmation Camp	<b>12</b>  7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous Confirmation Camp	<b>13</b>  Confirmation Camp	<b>14</b> 3-8 Cello Lessons  Confirmation Camp	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> <u>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8:30 Worship 10:30 Holy Communion	<b>17</b> 10:00 Holy Yoga	<b>18</b> 5:30 Weight Watchers	<b>19</b>  7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 3-8 Cello Lessons	<b>22</b> <u>St. Mary Magdalene</u>
<b>23</b> <u>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8:30 Holy Communion 10:30 Worship	<b>24</b> 10:00 Holy Yoga	<b>25</b> <u>St. James the Elder Apostle</u>  5:30 Weight Watchers	<b>26</b>  7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 3-8 Cello Lessons	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> <u>8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8:30 Holy Communion 10:30 Holy Communion	<b>31</b> 10:00 Holy Yoga					

# AUGUST 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1  5:30 Weight Watchers	2  7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	3	4  3-8 Cello Lessons	5
6 <u>9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8:30 Outdoor Worship 10:30 Worship	7  10:00 Holy Yoga	8  5:30 Weight Watchers	9  7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	10	11  3-8 Cello Lessons	12
13 <u>10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8:30 Holy Communion 10:30 Worship	14  10:00 Holy Yoga  7:00 Church Council	15 <u>St. Mary, Mother of Our Lord</u> 5:30 Weight Watchers	16  7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	17	18  3-8 Cello Lessons	19
20 <u>11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8:30 Worship 10:30 Holy Communion	21  10:00 Holy Yoga	22  5:30 Weight Watchers	23	24 <u>St. Bartholomew, Apostle</u>	25  3-8 Cello Lessons	26
27 <u>12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8:30 Holy Communion 10:30 Worship	28  10:00 Holy Yoga	29 <u>The Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist</u> 5:30 Weight Watchers	30  7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	31		





# Just for KIDS

Summer is a good time to sit under a tree with a good book. Find the names of the books below. On each line write the letter that comes after the one given below it.



1. M a \_\_\_\_\_  
L s s g d v

2. a \_\_\_\_\_  
C m h d k

3. \_\_\_\_\_  
D r s g d q

4. \_\_\_\_\_  
D w n c t r

5. \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_  
I n m g

6. \_\_\_\_\_  
O q n u d q a r

7. \_\_\_\_\_  
F d m d r h r

1.  
A baby is born  
in a stable.  
Jesus feeds 5000  
with 2 fish and  
5 loaves.  
A man dies and  
comes back to  
life.

2.  
A man  
interprets  
dreams and  
is also  
thrown into  
a lions' den.

3.  
The Queen  
of Persia  
saves her  
people from  
evil Haman.

4.  
A burning bush.  
Ten plagues.  
Ten special laws.

6.  
Advice  
to live by.

5.  
A man is  
swallowed  
by a fish.

7.  
The creation.  
A beautiful  
garden.  
A great flood.

Where can you find all of these books?

\_\_\_\_\_!  
H m x n t q A h a k d



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### **July/August Newsletter**

July 10 – Host Maggie's Kids Camp