

On Eagle's Wings



St. John's Monthly Newsletter – July/August 2018

Growth

Pastor's Paragraphs



The immigration issue of separating children from their parents is all over the news right now. I'm usually reluctant to wade into such waters for two reasons. One, what the news decides is the pressing issue of the day may not really be the biggest thing to focus on. Other issues that are every bit or more important are then left on the sidelines. And two, issues are more complex than the news presents. I'm hesitant to share a pastoral opinion about something I don't fully understand. Again, the news decides the information we will or will not have, and that is often dependent upon the bias of the news organization. I certainly have my personal opinions, but I want to speak with more solidly grounded authority than that!

Still though, the separation of children from their parents is getting almost universal condemnation from all religious groups in our country, even those normally loyal to President Trump. The idea of treating people who are often fleeing for their lives as criminals and separating them from their children has crossed a line in the minds of many Americans. I'm glad to see that, because I seldom do.

If you were to study the social and political statements of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) you would discover that our nation's policies – whether the Republicans or the Democrats are in charge – violate almost everything the ELCA stands for. Our nation's economic policies, social policies, international policies, environmental policies, and just about everything else show they are driven by things like greed, fear, ignorance, short-sightedness, and laziness. Rarely do

you find policies that call upon us as citizens to be hard-working, constructive, and sacrificial.

As you are hit with an endless barrage of information designed to play on your fears, or win your vote, or tell you what you want to hear but keep the fullness of reality hidden, keep in mind that you are a child of God. You are sinner in need of God's grace. The only thing you need fear is God. And while God is a judge to be feared, God promises to be gracious to those who love him. While our political leaders are reluctant to call us to what God calls us to be, I won't be so reluctant. Our scriptures easily give us the principles to live by. These are the principles we should live by as individuals, and the things we should push our country to operate by as citizens of a democracy. Here are just two passages as examples:

Philippians 4:8-9

"Finally beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you."

Galatians 5:22-25

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit."

Blessings,

Pastor Jon

CONGRATULATIONS to our High School Grads:

Kalena Boisseau, Emma Deibler, Sean Kolczynski, Trevor Krug, and Erin Wilmot. There's a display in the Gathering Area for anyone to check out the plans and reflections as they move ahead to the next stage in their lives. Best Wishes to all of you.

Worship

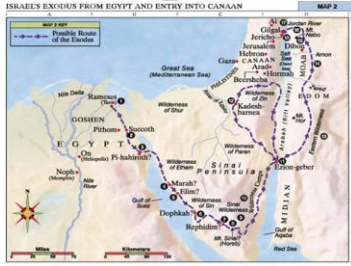
July Worship Assistants

	July 1	July 8	July 15	July 22	July 29
Greeters & Ushers	Phyllis & Dick Henderson	Sara DeMuzio & Tricia Kolczynski	Karen & Jim Spawton	Bill & Katy Stimmel	Tim & Liz Brown
Lector	Ellen Storch (8:30)	Mary Zuege (8:30)	Ann King (8:30)	Judy VanDeVelde (8:30)	Susie Maynard (8:30)
Acolyte	Mary Ehrlinger	Molly Perdan	Tierney White	Katya Kurilovitch	Viala Wagner
Altar Care	Gary Boisseau				Gary Boisseau
Communion Assistants	Gary Boisseau & Rob Stroup				Cindy Swigart & Adele Garvey
Nursery Care	Laura Stroup	Beth Perdan	Judy VanDeVelde	Kristi Bullwinkle	Kalena Boisseau
Counters	Beth Perdan & Bettina Kalish	Tom Kurilovitch & Helen Crown	John & Linda Thompson	Tim Brown & Bill Hagerman	Nancy & Ivan Shuler
Coffee Hour					

August Worship Assistants

	August 5	August 12	August 19	August 26
Greeters & Ushers	Sally Mansfield & Helen Crown	Kim & Gary Boisseau	Laura & Rob Stroup	Tom & Lisa Kurilovitch
Lector	Ellen Storch (8:30)	Mary Zuege (8:30)	Ann King (8:30)	Judy VanDeVelde (8:30)
Acolyte	Hanna Stroup	Abbie Bullwinkle	Olivia DeLeon	Joe Wyman
Altar Care	Liz Brown		Liz Brown	
Communion Assistants	Tim & Liz Brown		Paul & Babette Huber	
Nursery Care	Katy Stimmel	Kalena Boisseau	Judy VanDeVelde	Beth Perdan
Counters	Bruce Boncke & Art Fields	Babette Huber & Burdie Gillern	Bruce & Connie Stevenson	Beth Perdan & Bettina Kalish
Coffee Hour				

Worship (Cont.)



July-August Worship Texts

We'll spend July and August exploring the book of Exodus. We won't be reading the whole thing, but in the months to come we'll encounter all its major themes.

July 1 – Exodus 3-4 Moses is sent

July 8 – Exodus 5-6:13 Bricks without straw

July 15 – Exodus 6:28-7:13 Pharaoh hardened

July 22 – Exodus 7:14-9:35 Plagues

July 29 – Exodus 12:1-28 Passover

August 5 – Exodus 12:29-39 Death, the final plague

August 12 – Exodus 14 – Crossing the Red Sea

August 19 – Exodus 15:22-16:36 – Water, manna, meat

August 26 – Exodus 17:1-7 – Water from the rock

Worship in the Outdoor Chapel

The 8:30 worship service will use the outdoor chapel the first Sunday of every month this summer. It's usually too hot by 10:30 to be outside, but if it looks like a cool day we may try 10:30 outside a couple times too. We can't plan too far ahead for the weather so we'll announce those decisions by email and on Facebook the night before.

Nuts and Bolts

Directory Updates

Please update Joy Lethbridges address:
15 Paramount Dr.
Rochester, NY 14610

June Council Highlights

- Received Treasurer's report that has trended positive for the past month - continued health will allow us to pay back the capital fund
- Heard initial plans for Fellowship Beer Walk in August and Rally Day Harvest Festival in the Fall

-Continued planning for Family Promise with our first week assigned on 9/30! Several action items were taken to help with readiness.

-Learned about Bed Race preparations for Family Promise fundraiser

-Updated on Synod Assembly

-Assigned action item to provide letter of support to Food Cupboard grant

-Received music teacher donation to go toward sanctuary sound system upgrade

-Assigned continued actions regarding electronic church mailing list, Music Director job description, Endowment Fund, Mutual Ministry committee membership

-Approved resolution regarding Pastor's Official Duty Absences related to his Conference Dean appointment

-Decided to skip the July meeting, as usual, with next meeting in August TBD

Submitted by Tim Brown

Financial Update

As of May

YTD Income \$90,157.77

YTD Expenses \$86,269.34

Difference \$3,888.43

Pledge Update

We have a total of 68 pledges. As of 21 weeks into the year, 47 contributed amounts over their amount pledged to date and 20 are under their amount pledged to date. 1 member is right on their pledge. For those who are over, their overage totals \$8,012.50. For those who are under, their deficit to their pledge totals (\$5,861.35). We have received unpledged contributions of \$4,520.00. In addition, we have loose plate of \$3,426. Some of the unpledged contributions were loose plate earlier in the year and have begun giving with envelopes.

Dave Bullwinkle,

Financial Secretary

Service

Garden Project 2018



Potatoes



A pumpkin stalk

The garden project is growing! We're past the point of needing a lot of hand weeding. However, there is still work for the cultivator to do. If you are interested or available to help drive the tractor or operate the cultivator please let Pastor Jon know. The cultivator isn't hard to operate but it will give you an excuse to skip a trip to the gym!

MAGGIE'S KIDS DAY CAMP

Once again St. John's will be hosting Miss Maggie's Day Camp Kids from the Joseph Avenue area of Rochester for a day of fun and activity. **Monday, July 9** is the day that Bettina Kalish and Burdien Gillern will be putting together to host and feed campers and volunteers. Mark your calendars now to help or to donate needed items; we will be serving breakfast, lunch, and an afternoon snack to campers and staff. Sign-up sheets will appear on the bulletin board to provide specific food items; monetary donations are always welcome and perhaps our greatest need is volunteers to serve the meals, help the camp staff with the day's activities, and clean up at the end of the day. This is a perfect service activity for our youth and we encourage all to get involved! This has been a very successful event for us in the past and it's a great way to show the love and generosity of the St. John's to the

larger community. Keep watch of bulletin posting and listen for announcements. Direct your questions to Bettina Kalish, bettinak731@aol.com or Burdie Gillern. Thank you, Thank you, and Thank you again from Bettina and Burdie for all of the support in the past and let's make this another great day for the kids.



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. The Trozzos will be coming to the United States for two months this summer.

Amy Plouffe, who is in the hospital and receiving cancer treatments again. She is still experiencing a lot of pain. Gary Myers who was recently diagnosed with multiple myeloma and is in the midst of treatments.

Linda Ellis whose health is someone stable at the moment but 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.

The family and friends of Joyce Twitchell as they mourn her death.

The family and friends of Don Mansfield as they mourn his death.

Food Cupboard School Supply Distribution

The Victor-Farmington Food Cupboard will be distributing school supplies on August 25 from Willowbrook Christian Church. We will be collecting supplies at St. John's and take them to Willowbrook. The following items are needed:

Pens
Pencils
Notebooks
Erasures
Highlighters
Crayons
Colored pencils
Folders

Anything on your child's school supply list.

Please bring your item to church and place it in the collection box by August 19. Talk to Burdie Gillern for more information.

Service (Cont.)

Thank you

- Thank you to everyone who helped mow the lawn in June.
- Thank you to Rob Stroup for leading worship on June 3 when Pastor Jon had to be in Kendall to do work as conference dean.
- Thank you to everyone who brought coffee hour food for the last few months.
- Thank you to all the Sunday school teachers for their work in the last school year.
- Thank you to everyone who helped to plant the garden project and to everyone who donated seeds.
- Thankyou to John CiPollina for replacing the light switches in the bathrooms.
- Thank you to Pete Gregory and Linda Flood for being our voting representatives at synod assembly.
- Thank you to everyone who helped with set up, baking, and serving for the reception following Don Mansfield's funeral service and Joyce Twitchell's funeral service.
- Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Coffee Hour in honor of Dads and Grads on June 17. We had a feast!
- Thank you Cindy Swigart for playing piano at Joyce Twitchell's funeral service.
- Thank you to the confirmation teachers.
- Thank you to Tricia Kolczynski and Sarah DeMuzio for painting the youth room in preparation for Family Promise.
- Thank you to Cindy Swigart and the worship band for providing music when Heidi was on vacation.



Serenity House Fundraiser

Serenity House, Victor's two-bedroom hospice house, is in partnership with Rhonda's Auction Center in East Bloomfield to help raise funds. You are invited to donate quality and useable items to the upcoming garage sale. The location is Rhonda's Auction Center, 6980 Route 5&20, East Bloomfield. Drop off times are July 29 to August 7, Tuesday-Friday & Sunday, Noon to 4. Sale dates are August 10-12, 9:00am – 4:00 pm.



yourself

SAY YES:

*A "Faith Alive!" Playshop
for sharing in what it
means to be called by a
power bigger than*

if you consider yourself:

**+creative
+questioning
+wondering
+a risk taker
+thoughtful
+open
+curious**

...THEN this playshop is for you

July 7

Trinity Emanuel Lutheran Church
761 Elmgrove Road, Gates
10-3 (lunch provided)
RSVP by June 29th

This learning event will explore how we follow our Biblical ancestors in saying "yes, with Your help" to God's message of love and salvation. We will gather holy innovators (that's you!) who are creative, questioning, wondering, thoughtful, open and curious so that we can begin to learn the stories of God by heart and share them with our very lives.

We will also use our collective learning from the day to shape the practices and resources we will be sharing for others throughout the synod to use as we continue to learn what it means to be grounded in Christ.

The event is hosted by the Upstate New York Synod Strategic Plan Team, under the guidance of the bishop and synod council, for the purpose of furthering God's work in this place.

For questions or more information please contact:
Rev. Norma Malfatti –
nmalfatti@upstatenysynod.org or
Rev. Lori Kochanski –
lkochanski@upstatenysynod.org

To RSVP please call or e-mail Kathy Neugent in the Synod Office 315-299-4955

kneugent@upstatenysynod.org

Fun



June Trivia Questions – The rest of the Signs in John

1. What does Jesus rub on the eyes of the blind man to cure him? Answer: Mud made from dirt and spit (John 9:6)
2. Who says to Jesus, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Answer: Pharisees (John 9:40)

3. How many days was Lazarus dead before Jesus arrives? Answer: 4 (John 11:39)
4. Who are Lazarus’ sisters? Answer: Mary and Martha (John 11:1)

July – August Trivia Questions

1. Why did Moses have to flee Egypt in the first place?
2. How did the people of Israel get across the Red Sea?
3. What plague made Pharaoh decide to let the Israelites go?
4. Who was Moses’ brother?



Family Promise Update!

Day Center Doors set to open September 23!

For Host Congregations

We will be welcoming families to our congregation the week of September 30 as part of our mission to help homeless children and their families in our community. Please be watching for the many ways that you and your family can get involved. There will be opportunities to volunteer for as little as two hours, so there is something for everyone. Please contact Cindy Swigart or Beth Perdan for more information.

Bed Race 2018

Join the fun on Saturday, July 28 at 10am on the Canandaigua City Pier! Our congregation will be putting a bed in the race. Contact Schroeder for more information or you may also contact the Bed Race Committee Chair, Lori Donohoe, at FPOCnybedrace@gmail.com. Check www.FamilypromiseOntarioCounty.org/2018-bed-race for volunteer opportunities as well.

Paint a Pathway Home

Join artist Thomas Chaffer for an evening of painting on Wednesday, June 27 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm. At the end of the night, you may take your painting home or choose to donate your painting for an FPOC family to take when they secure sustainable housing and help make their house a home. For more information, go to www.FamilyPromiseOntarioCounty.org. Pre-registration is a must – contact Brenda Calabria at 315-719-4096 or fpocweb@fpocny.org.

Evening of Music to Support FPOC!

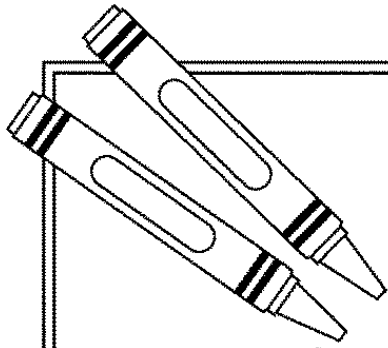
Join Echomen as they rock to support Family Promise on Friday, July 20 @ Club 86 in Geneva. Dinner is from 6:00 – 8:00 with music starting at 8:00 and rock on to 11:00. FPOC will provide baskets for a raffle. If you are interested in providing a basket, contact Lauren Lamb (585)281-4070. Or just come and rock the night away!

JULY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <u>6th Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8:30 Outdoor Worship 10:30 Holy Communion	2 9:00 Holy Yoga 7:00 Holy Yoga	3 5:30 Weight Watchers	4 <u>Independence Day</u> 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	5	6 8:00 Holy Yoga	7
8 <u>7th Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8:30 Holy Communion 10:30 Worship Confirmation	9 Maggie's Kids Day Camp – All day 9:00 Holy Yoga 7:00 Holy Yoga Camp _____	10 5:30 Weight Watchers _____	11 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous _____	12 _____	13 8:00 Holy Yoga _____	14
15 <u>8th Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8:30 Worship 10:30 Holy Communion	16 9:00 Holy Yoga 7:00 Holy Yoga	17 5:30 Weight Watchers	18 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	19	20 8:00 Holy Yoga	21
22 <u>9th Sunday after Pentecost</u> <u>St. Mary Magdalene</u> 8:30 Holy Communion 10:30 Worship	23 9:00 Holy Yoga 7:00 Holy Yoga	24 5:30 Weight Watchers	25 <u>St. James the Elder Apostle</u> 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	26	27 8:00 Holy Yoga	28 9:00-12:00 Vipassina Meditation Family Promise Bed Race – Canandaigua City Pier
29 <u>10th Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8:30 Holy Communion 10:30 Holy Communion	30 9:00 Holy Yoga 7:00 Holy Yoga	31 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Property Committee				

AUGUST 2018

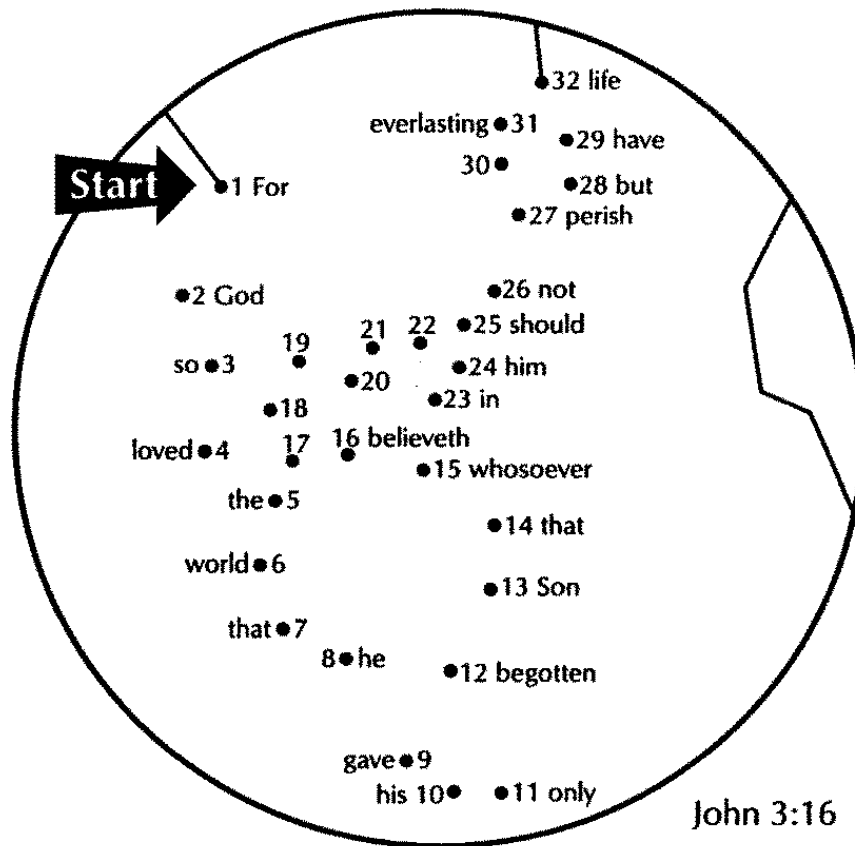
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	2	3 8:00 Holy Yoga	4
5 <u>11th Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8:30 Worship 10:30 Worship	6 9:00 Holy Yoga 7:00 Holy Yoga	7 5:30 Weight Watchers	8 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	9	10 8:00 Holy Yoga	11
12 <u>12th Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8:30 Worship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



Just for KIDS

An important message!

Connect the dots in order from 1-32.
Write the words beside the correct numbers below.



John 3:16

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____ 6 _____,
7 _____ 8 _____ 9 _____ 10 _____ 11 _____
12 _____ 13 _____, 14 _____
15 _____ 16 _____ 23 _____ 24 _____
25 _____ 26 _____ 27 _____, 28 _____
29 _____ 31 _____ 32 _____.



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-Always-**

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committed to living and sharing the love of God.*

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July 28 Family Promise Bed Race