

On Eagle's Wings



St. John's Monthly Newsletter – June 2016

Growth

Pastor's Paragraphs

"Lack of something to feel important about is almost the greatest tragedy a person may have."

– Arthur E. Morgan

When I visit someone in a nursing home these words strike me most powerfully, but they can go for anyone at any age. When we have something meaningful to do we feel good about ourselves and our lives. We can overcome obstacles and find energy for whatever needs to be done. When we have nothing to do, well... nothing gives satisfaction. People may turn to over-consumption. They may do reckless or illegal things. Or perhaps they hurt their family and friends just so that they can feel something.

It is my hope that you have something to feel important about. Many people find importance in their jobs or their schooling. Some people volunteer for good causes. Being a parent is certainly something you can feel important about.

While all of these things are good, I encourage you to remember that when you were baptized God gave you something to feel important about. Nothing can take that away. A job or a good cause can end. Parenting ends as the kids grow up. But God's importance for you never ends.

What is this importance? Every time you pray the Lord's Prayer and you say, "thy kingdom come" you are reconnecting to that importance. You are reminding yourself that you are an agent of God's kingdom. It is your important purpose to carry out God's will. Whether it is a presentation to a board of directors or a simple trip to the grocery store your important task is to bring about God's kingdom. No act is too small. And no situation is too big that it can overwhelm your ability to be important. For with God all things are possible,

and all people are important. Remember these words from Jeremiah 1:5:

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
And before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations."
Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy';
For you shall go to all to whom I send you,
And you shall speak whatever I command you.
Do not be afraid of them,
For I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord."

Blessings,
Pastor Jon

Sunday School Year Closing

This year's Sunday School theme was Joyful Journeys With Jesus. While the Sunday school year is coming to its close the journey never ends! The last day of the Sunday school year is June 5. There are special activities for the kids during the Sunday school hour. The 10:30 worship service will be a celebration of the year and include recognitions for teachers and students and also a slide show.

2016 Confirmands

Confirmation is scheduled for June 12 at the 10:30 worship service. Congratulations and best wishes to our 2016 Confirmands!

Hannah Fields
Nolan Fields
Aidan Kolczynski
Emi Perdan
Marlene Stimmel
Nic Stuart
Joshua Wagner

Worship

June Worship Assistants

	June 5	June 12	June 19	June 26
Greeters & Ushers	Linda & Alan Morley	Ivan & Nancy Shuler	Karen & Jim Spawton	Bruce & Connie Stevenson
Lector	Judy VanDeVelde (8:30) Dave Bullwinkle (10:30)	Kevin Maynard (8:30) Jeanne Christman (10:30)	Susie Maynard (8:30) Phyllis Henderson (10:30)	Ellen Storch (8:30) Tricia Kolczynski (10:30)
Acolyte	Sam Ehrlinger	Ben Deibler	Scott Wilmot	Sebastian Plouffe
Altar Care	Linda Thompson	Linda Thompson	Linda Thompson	
Communion Assistants	Jill Ehrlinger & Sam Stepanovitch	Linda Flood and Dave Bullwinkle	Sue Kaufmann & Linda Flood	
Nursery Care	Beth Perdan	Kristi Bullwinkle	Laura Stroup	Lynne Minkel
Counters	Helen Crown & Tom Kurilovitch	Bruce & Connie Stevenson	Don Mansfield & Tim Brown	Linda Flood & Sue Kaufmann
Coffee Hour		Confirmation Reception		

Outdoor Worship

The 8:30 worship service will move to the Outdoor Chapel for the summer beginning on June 19. Please remember that the grass is often wet!

Nuts and Bolts

Special Congregational Meeting – Rescheduled for June 5

The special congregational meeting scheduled for May 22 has been rescheduled for June 5. We did not have enough people for a quorum on May 22. The purpose of this meeting is to approve spending up to \$32,000 from the capital fund for parking lot repairs and repaving.

New Church Email

Our new email address is: sjlvictor@gmail.com You may begin to use it immediately. The old juno account will continue to be in service for a couple more months.

May Council Highlights

Property Committee: Reports a very successful Spring Clean Up Day on April 30 with lots of volunteers and much work accomplished.

Recommends to have parking lot repairs done before the upgrades to the Fellowship Hall. Recommends these renovations be pushed to 2017.

New lawn mower has been purchased and in use now. Still need volunteers to sign up for mowing.

Fellowship Committee: Working on a date for the Congregational Picnic as it seems that June 4th will likely have very low attendance.

Special Congregational Meeting was scheduled for Sunday, May 22 after the 10:30 service to present information regarding parking lot repairs. On 5/22, no quorum met, only 35 voting members present (need 40) and meeting was postponed to June 5.

2016 Church Directory Updates

Please make this update to your 2016 Church Directory:
New email for Fred and Joan Trost:
fjtrost@rochester.rr.com

Service

Community Outreach Committee

Maggie's Kids Summer Day Camp – will be held July 11-15 this year. St. John's has agreed to provide breakfast, lunch, and snacks for the campers on Monday, the 11th at the Willowbrook location.

Sign up sheets are posted on the Bulletin Board for donations of food; money will also be welcomed. Volunteers to help serve the food and assist with activities are also needed. Please sign up. If you have questions, please contact Bettina Kalish or Burdie Gillern.



-Thank you to everyone who provided baked goods for election day. Thank you also to Liz Brown, Ethan Minkel and Cindy Swigart for staffing the sale.

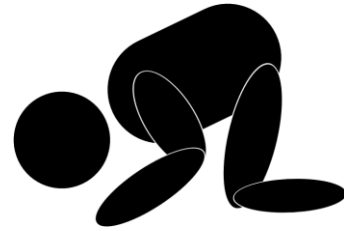
-Thank you to everyone who helped with the spring clean-up day on April 30th.

-Thank you to everyone who contributed to the special coffee hour on Mothers' Day.

Thank you for Mike Ross for all his work to purchase a new lawnmower.

Thank you to Julie Stuart and Tom and Lisa Kurilovitch for organizing the beer and wine tour.

THANK YOU – To everyone who cooked, serve, or supported our Cooking at RIT event with the Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry. It's likely we'll try to do it again in the next academic year.



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 and has returned home.

Linda Ellis who has metastases on her spine and hip.

Jim Lethbridge who continues to recover from shoulder surgery.

John Thompson who continues to recover from back surgery.

Jeanette Hare whose health has improved significantly but she is looking into long term care options.

Amy Plouffe who was recently diagnosed with cancer in a couple areas of her body. She has had some surgery and begun treatments. So far she is responding well.

Jim Nohe whose health continues to decline.

Jill Flood as she recovers from knee surgery.

Matt Bair who is recovering from a hip replacement.

Ellen Curtis who is recovering from a hip replacement.

Paul Huber who is recovering from surgery and is doing some follow up treatments.

Phyllis Henderson who is recovering from a lumpectomy.

Katie Rodgers, friend of the Stevensons, who is a young mother and has various cancers growing in her body.

Fun

Parish Picnic/Block Party Rescheduled

The annual parish picnic/block party that was planned for June 4 has been rescheduled. It was looking like many people were unable to make it on June 4th. No definite date has been set yet, but the Fellowship Committee is looking at the first Saturday in August. More information will be coming in the July/August newsletter.

Fun (Cont.)

June Birthdays

- 1 Pamela Stark
- 4 Chuck Matthews, John Thompson
- 5 Blake Stevenson, Mark Wyman, David Bullwinkle, Joshua Jason Wagner
- 6 Abigail Bullwinkle
- 7 Linda Morley
- 8 Tierney White
- 9 Sarah Boncke, Heidi Griffith
- 10 Kim Years
- 12 Cory Bremer
- 13 Becky Nohe
- 15 Bob Chambers
- 16 Sara DeMuzio, Nicole Albert
- 18 Belinda Patrone, Aidan Kolczynski
- 19 Stephanie Rice
- 20 Mark Reissig
- 21 Allison Bright
- 22 Samuel Phillips
- 25 Richard Henderson
- 27 Mike Allen, Cory Christie
- 28 Connie Stevenson
- 29 Michele Castle, Brent Weicht



May Bible Trivia Answers – Grapes and Vines

- 1. What did the Israelite spies sent into Canaan bring back? Answer: Grapes, figs and pomegranates (Numbers 13:23)
- 2. What creature at the vine that gave shade to Jonah? Answer: A worm (Jonah 4:6-7)
- 3. Who threshed wheat in a winepress to hide it from the Midianites? Answer: Gideon (Judges 6:11)
- 4. What miracles did Jesus perform at Cana in Galilee? Answer: Turned water into wine (John 2:1-11)

June Bible Trivia Questions – Wild Animals

- 1. What was Jacob's twin brother, Esau, good at?
- 2. What was Isaac's favorite food?
- 3. Whose coat was dipped in the blood of a wild goat and then given to his father?
- 4. What did Samson tie to the tails of 300 foxes?

June 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Men's Breakfast 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	2 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 9:00-1:00 Homeschoolers 12:00 Bible Study	3 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 3-8 Cello Lessons 3:30-6:00 Amadeus Chorale	4
5 <u>3rd Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School Closing 10:30 Holy Communion Synod Assembly	6 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 10:00 Holy Yoga 7:00 Boy Scouts Synod Assembly	7 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 1:00 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Weight Watchers Synod Assembly	8 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	9 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 9:00-1:00 Homeschoolers 12:00 Bible Study 7:00 Worship & Music Committee 7:00 Girl Scouts	10 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 3-8 Cello Lessons	11 <u>Barnabas, Apostle</u>
12 <u>4th Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8:30 Holy Communion 10:30 Confirmation	13 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 10:00 Holy Yoga 7:00 Church Council 7:00 Boy Scouts	14 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 1:00 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Weight Watchers	15 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	16 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 9:00-1:00 Homeschoolers 12:00 Bible Study	17 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 3-8 Cello Lessons	18
19 <u>5th Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8:30 Outdoor Worship 10:30 Holy Communion Father's Day	20 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 10:00 Holy Yoga 7:00 Boy Scouts Summer Begins	21 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 1:00 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Weight Watchers	22 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	23 12:00 Bible Study	24 <u>John, the Baptist</u> 3-8 Cello Lessons	25 <u>Presentation of the Augsburg Confession</u> 8:30-1:30 Vipassina Meditation
26 <u>6th Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8:30 Outdoor Holy Communion 10:30 Worship	27 10:00 Holy Yoga	28 1:00 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Property Committee	29 <u>Peter and Paul, Apostles</u>	30		