

On Eagle's Wings



St. John's Monthly Newsletter – June 2017

Growth

Pastor's Paragraphs

My wife Nissa loves to shop at thrift stores. She'll snag amazing deals on things that are new or almost new. Shopping isn't my thing; ever. (I don't even like shopping at Lowes or Home Depot, and guys are supposed to like shopping there!) But in an effort to be a good husband sometimes I tag along when Nissa checks out a thrift store. Over the years I've noticed that the merchandise I'm seeing is newer and newer; and used less and less. There's also more of it. These days it isn't even hard to find the current season's styles from big name labels.

Our culture is saturated with stuff. Garages are full of it. Basements are full. Attics are full. People fill backyard sheds with stuff and then rent storage garages for more. I understand real estate agents often have to counsel clients to reduce the amount of stuff in their houses so that it shows better.

Our economy is based on massive amounts of consumption: necessities, luxuries, services, travel and vacation. Perhaps I'm sounding like a curmudgeon, but I don't mean to. I believe people are desperately trying to fill a void in their lives by consuming things. Unfortunately they're feeling more and more empty, even as they are crushed by the weight of their purchases.

In Luke 15 we read that Jesus taught that life does not consist in the abundance of possessions. He also taught that the more you have the more anxious you will be about things. This is counterintuitive. Wouldn't more stuff make you feel more secure while less stuff would make you anxious? Not so. True security comes by knowing you're real treasure resides with God and God alone. Everything else is a lie.

If you were to go out and tell people to get rid of their possessions people will think you're crazy, or perhaps a religious fanatic. But you would be speaking a word of health.

Before you unquestioningly go along with what the world says you should do, and want what the world says you should want, ask yourself if you really need it. Does buying it or doing it really enhance your ability to be a person of faith? Does it equip you for discipleship? If no, then it really won't deliver the wholeness you crave. Jesus taught that a life connected to God is what brings true contentment.

May you find what fulfills you. And as you find it may you be a witness to others so they may find it too. God desires to bless us and give us lives of joy. Let us not substitute other things that make big promises but never deliver.

Blessings,
Pastor Jon

2016 Confirmands

Confirmation is scheduled for June 4 at the 10:30 worship service.

Congratulations and best wishes to our 2016 Confirmands!

Jessica Castle

Allie DeLeon

Sam Ehrlinger

Worship

June Worship Assistants

	June 4	June 11	June 18	June 25
Greeters & Ushers	Mike & Cassie Ross	Paul & Babette Huber	Lynne & Ethan Minkel	Mike & Bettina Kalish
Lector	Judy VandeVelde (8:30)	Ellen Storch (8:30)	Susie Maynard (8:30)	Kevin Maynard (8:30)
Acolyte	Sarah Brownlee	Sam Figler	Ally Buch	Morgan Sackett
Altar Care	Linda Thompson		Linda Thompson	
Communion Assistants	Connie & Bruce Stevenson		Linda Flood & Sue Kaufmann	
Nursery Care	Katy Stimmel	Lynne Minkel	Laura Stroup	Beth Perdan
Counters	Babette Huber & Burdie Gillern	Tom Kurilovitch & Helen Crown	Linda Flood & Sue Kaufmann	Bruce and Connie Stevenson
Coffee Hour	Church Council-Confirmation	Linda Morley	Women of the Church	Linda Flood



Worship Bible Readings

Here are the primary Bible readings for worship in June:

June 4 (Pentecost) – 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

June 11 – Genesis 6-9

June 18 – Genesis 11:1-9

June 25 - Genesis 12

Service

Outreach Committee

Thank you to everyone that helped set up, clean up, and brought food for the reception for Judy Sax.

Miss Maggie's Kids Day Camp

– Please sign up to help!

St. John's will be hosting on July 17th this year. Extra volunteers will be needed to help with set up and clean

up. There are several sign-up sheets posted on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area. This is a great opportunity to interact with some of our young neighbors from the city of Rochester! Talk to Bettina Kalish for more information.

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
- sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag, approximately 14" x 17" with shoulder straps

Service (Cont.)

Garden Project Planting



Potatoes, sweet corn and pumpkins were planted at the Wyman's on May 23rd for this year's garden project. Thank you to the Stevensons, the Spawtons, Mark Wyman and the Deiblers for helping with planting. Thank you also to Thrivent for funding the garden as an action project. There is still space available so if you have extra seeds or plants we can put them in. Food grown will be either donated directly to the food cupboard or sold to the community for world hunger.



- Thank you to everyone who helped with the property clean-up day the end of April. A special thank you to Boy Scout Troop 61 for giving their labor too!
- Thank you to John and Pat Cipollina for repairing the water-damaged wall by the steps going to the Sunday school wing.
- Thank you to everyone who helped mow the church lawn in May.
- Thank you to Bruce Boncke for guiding the bell tower project through the approval processes of the town.

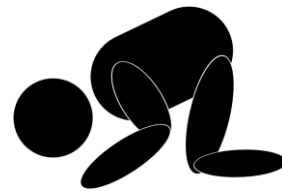
Thank you the Sunday school kids and their teachers for the Olympic medals they made for the congregation that are hanging on the cross in the sanctuary.

Thank you to the worship band for filling in while Heidi was on vacation on May 1.



500 lbs. of Soap Update

So far we have 298 lbs. toward our 500 lb. goal by October 31st. Thanks for your donations thus far and keep it up!



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.

Fred Trost as he lives with Parkinsons

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.

Nuts and Bolts

Finances

	Income	Expenses	Difference
Year to Date (as of April 30)	\$ 65,224.35	\$ 66,630.83	\$ (1,406.48)

Note from the Treasurer

If you have fallen behind on your financial commitment, please take this opportunity to get caught up. If you want to "get ahead" before the summer season is upon us, that would be great, too. We are so appreciative of everyone's financial offerings! They continue to be a welcome support for the livelihood of our congregation.

🚩 Nuts & Bolts (Cont.) 🚩

Bell Tower

The bell tower received town approval and we are moving forward with construction. The foundation will be dug in early June. Some funds are still needed to complete the purchase of all three bells before the tower is erected. If you are interested in giving in memory of someone or in honor of something please talk to Tim Brown. Thank you to everyone who has given to this project!

Council Highlights from May 8th Meeting

Our deficit budget continues to make our finances very tight. Easter offerings helped us meet our monthly obligations. Please consider paying some of your pledge ahead of time or providing extra to help close the deficit and help with summer cash flow.

Stewardship and Finance reported that a meeting with Thrivent on the Endowment Fund is upcoming. Property plans to start work on the Fellowship Hall renovation this summer. We will have a congregational meeting in June for an official vote to approve the project.

Town approval of the Bell Tower indicates we will move ahead with construction. For those of you intending to give, now is the time to make your donations toward this project. With a ~\$55,000 budget for the entire project (tower, bells, mechanisms), our current and pledged funds are within \$5,000 of funding. Help us close the gap!

Education reported concern regarding declining Sunday School attendance.

Outreach reported our intent to host Maggie's Kids for a day this summer on July 10th.

Worship and Music and Fellowship are working on Reformation Celebration activities.

Fellowship is planning a Beer/Wine Tour and a Rick Steves travel movie night.

Family Promise continues to move forward. Cindy Swigart is our representative to the Ontario County program. This program is not expected to officially start until February 2018. At least 14 congregations have signed on.

Status of the Rummage / New to You Sale was presented.

Synod Assembly is June 6-8 in Rochester. See Pastor if you are interested in being a delegate.

Approved Jessica Castle, Allie DeLeon, and Sam Ehrlinger for Confirmation on 6/4.

Approved a motion to switch internet provider from Frontier to Spectrum at considerable savings to the congregation.

-Respectfully submitted by Tim Brown

Fun

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 Angela Ratka, 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
- 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 Howland Castle, Brent Weicht



May Bible Trivia Answers – Genesis 1-4

1. According to Genesis 1 how many days does creation take? Answer: 6 days
2. According to Genesis 2 how many days does creation take? Answer 1 day
3. Who were the first man and woman? Answer: Adam and Eve
4. What is the name of the garden God creates for the man and woman? Answer: Eden

June Bible Trivia Questions – Genesis 5-9

1. How many of each animal does Noah put in the ark?
2. What were the builders of the Tower of Babel trying to reach?
3. How long was the ark Noah built?
4. How long did it rain at Noah's flood?

JUNE 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 9:00-1:00 Homeschoolers 12:30 Women's Bible Study 7:00 Worship & Music Committee	2 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 3-8 Cello Lessons 3:30-6:00 Amadeus Chorale	3 3:00 Piano Recital
4 <u>Day of Pentecost</u> 8:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion	5 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 9:00 Holy Yoga 7:00 Boy Scouts	6 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 4-8:30 Violin Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers	7 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 4-8 Piano Lessons 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	8 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 9:00-1:00 Homeschoolers 12:30 Women's Bible Study Synod Assembly	9 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 3-8 Cello Lessons 3:30-6:00 Amadeus Chorale Synod Assembly	10 Synod Assembly
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