

On Eagle's Wings



St. John's Monthly Newsletter – June 2018

Growth

Pastor's Paragraphs

1 Peter 3:15 says, "Always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who calls you to account for the hope that is in you..." These words were written for people who were being persecuted for being Christian, but they go for us as well. Notice the verse does not say you should be ready to defend your "faith" or your "beliefs". It says "hope."

Hope is an expectation and desire for something to happen. We hope in God's promises for the future. We hope for God's reign of safety, justice, and fairness to be real in the world. We hope that the selfless love that God inspires is greater than anything, including sin, evil, and even death.

All of these hopes set us apart from the mainstream thinking of the world. Mainstream thought hopes in success and accumulation and status and image. Ultimately it leads to hopelessness; but people keep trying! And I feel like it's getting worse. I think the fabric of our society is falling apart. There's no such thing as civil dialog in the world of politics anymore. Civic organizations like: Lions, Kiwanis, Rotary, Grange, and others are all steeply declining if not at the verge of extinction. Churches are little better.

If you were ever in Boy Scouts you know these virtues from the Scout Law: Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent. How often do you hear those qualities championed in public? Not often, if ever.

I don't intend to rant about an erosion of virtue in our culture, but I do think there is less and less that builds hope. And that is both an opportunity and a responsibility for us. We find hope in God and are therefore equipped to bring it to the world. We may be shy about sharing "faith," and perhaps religious "beliefs" are something we consider too personal, but hope is more public. Where we place our hope shows up in the way we conduct ourselves and in the decisions we

make. It shows up in our priorities and the things that drive us. Hope can be shown in very passive ways, yet still be very strong.

The verse from 1 Peter continues, "...yet do it with gentleness and reverence." We are not to be cocky or arrogant or rude with our hope. After all, the hope does not reside in us, but in God. We hope in God's promises and God's work. May you not look to the world for hope, but turn to God. And may God show you ways to account for that hope so that you may bring hope to a world that needs it desperately.

Blessings,
Pastor Jon

Congratulations Confirmands!

Congratulations to the 10 young adults who will be confirmed on Sunday, May 27, and some on June 17. They include: Sarah Brownlee, Ally Buch, Julia Bullwinkle, Ben Deibler, Samantha Figler, Katja Miller, Sabastian Plouffe, Kelsey Sackett, Scott Wilmot and Jaden White. They have worked and served over the last two years to earn their status as adults in the church. Take a look at the poster in the Fellowship Area that describes their interests as well as their favorite Bible verses.

Closing of the Sunday School Year

The last day of the 2017-2018 Sunday school year is June 3. For the kids the Sunday school hour will be filled with special activities, games, and treats. The adult class will complete the Science and Faith video series and the high schoolers will leave the Netflix series *Stranger Things*. Be sure to come celebrate the completed year!

Women's Bible Study in the Summer

While the Men's Breakfast will take the summer off, the women's Bible study group will continue to meet Thursdays at 1:00. They'll be using articles and study guides from *Living Lutheran*.

Worship

June Worship Assistants

	June 3	June 10	June 17	June 24
Greeters & Ushers	Nancy & Ivan Shuler	Tom & Carol Urbanic	Linda & John Thompson	Bruce & Connie Stevenson
Lector	Ellen Storch (8:30)	Mary Zuege (8:30)	Ann King (8:30)	Judy VanDeVelde (8:30)
Acolyte	Joe Wyman	Viala Wagner	Tierney White	Morgan Sackett
Altar Care			Sally Mansfield	
Communion Assistants			Helen Crown & Sally Mansfield	
Nursery Care	Laura Stroup	Kristi Bullwinkle	Judy VanDeVelde	Katy Stimmel
Counters	Nancy & Ivan Shuler	Bruce Boncke & Art Fields	Linda Flood & Burdie Gillern	Bruce & Connie Stevenson
Coffee Hour			Women of the Church	I



June Worship Texts

We conclude looking at the Seven Signs in John's gospel during June, with a couple exceptions. At the end of the month we'll begin our summer sermon series on Exodus.

June 3- *Earthbound* "Enough/Too Much" Matthew 6: 19-21, 25-33

June 10 – Healing the Blind Man, John 9:1-7

June 17 – Raising of Lazarus, John 11

June 24 – Exodus 1-2

exception – instead of going outside on June 3 we'll go with June 10.

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 correct Tom Urbanic's cell phone number in your directory. It should be: 585 489-5965

Worship in the Outdoor Chapel

The 8:30 worship service will use the outdoor chapel the first Sunday of every month this summer. There's one

Nuts and Bolts Cont.

May Council Highlights

- Announced Karen Spawton as new chairperson for Fellowship
 - Decided to write policy regarding Pastor's time away from St. John's for his Conference Dean duties
 - Approved organ donation and use of Memorial Fund for up to \$1000 for any associated costs
 - Approved property use and price schedule for requested vendor shows, with the first on 6/16
 - Instructed Worship and Music to begin investigating options for a new sound system
 - Recommended that Worship and Music update the Music Director's job description
 - Approved 10 confirmation candidates
 - Appointed Pete Gregory and Linda Flood as SJLC representatives to the Synod and Conference assemblies
 - Approved record retention Continuing Resolution
- Submitted by Tim Brown

Financial Update

As of April

YTD Income \$70,931.12

YTD Expenses \$70,404.19

Difference \$526.93

Service

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.



Garden Project 2018

The garden project is being planted on May 24th. We'll again have potatoes and sweet corn for the food cupboard, and pumpkins to sell for World Hunger. The garden is moving to the Mike and Cassie Ross' property, which is just down the road from the church. We'll also have a test plot behind the church shed. If you have any extra seed or plants from your own garden you're welcome to donate them and we'll add them.



Apple Blossoms

The small orchard of apple trees we planted three years ago could theoretically begin to bear fruit this season. Indeed about a third of the trees have blossoms! They won't give much, but it's good to see the trees doing well. We should start seeing significant production in the years to come.



Lawn Mowing

The grass is again growing and our church lawn needs mowing! Thanks to everyone who signed up to mow in years past. Please consider signing up for this year. And if you haven't done it before, consider signing up. We can provide training on the church's mowing equipment. If you haven't done it before it's also great to sign up with someone who has. See the sheet on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area, and talk to Tom Urbanic if you have any questions.

Service (Cont.)



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. There have been some political upheavals in Malaysia so the situation isn't as stable as it once was. The Trozzos will be coming to the United States for two months this summer.

The 2018 Synod Assembly of the Upstate New York Synod. It meets June 3-5 in Rochester. Pray that the Spirit's work may be done at the assembly and that our churches may grow in faith and love.

Amy Plouffe, whose cancer has not been growing, but she is experiencing serious pain as a result of the radiation treatments she received in her brain.

Gary Myers who was recently diagnosed with multiple myeloma and is in the midst of treatments.

Linda Ellis whose health is somewhat 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 Priscilla Kaufman, Beth Bright's mother, as they mourn her death.

Max Reidel, newly born grandson of David and Ellen Storch, as his family celebrates his birth.

Navarah Foster, newly born daughter of Hanna Boisseau and Khalil Foster, as her family celebrates her birth.



-Thank you to Bruce Stevenson and John and Pat CiPollina for helping to move the organ from St. Paul's in Pittsford to our building.

-Thank you to Jim Spawton for leading the organ reconstruction process and arranging for help from Parsons Pipe Organs.

-Thank you to everyone who helped with the spring clean-up day.

- Thank you to the men of the church for the special Mother's Day coffee hour.

-Thank you to everyone who helped to mow the church lawn in May.



Family Promise Bed Race!

Last year our church didn't field a team for the bed race, but we don't want to make that mistake again! We're rerunning the full page article on the next page for information about the race. We're putting our team together now. Talk to Tim Brown, Cindy Swigart, or Pastor Jon if you're interested in being on it.

Fun



May Trivia Answers – The 7 Signs in John

1. Which is the first of the seven signs Jesus performs?
Answer: Turning water into wine. (John 2:11)
2. How many people does Jesus feed with five loaves and two fish? Answer: 5000 (John 6:10)
3. What does the man who was sick for 38 years do that offends the religious leaders? Answer: Carries his mat on the Sabbath (John 5:10)
4. Where were the disciples headed when they see Jesus walking on the water? Answer: Capernaum (John 6:17)

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?
2. Who says to Jesus, "Surely we are not blind, are we?"
3. How many days was Lazarus dead before Jesus arrives?
4. Who are Lazarus' sisters?



**Family Promise of Ontario County is proud to announce the
Second Annual FPOC 2018 Bed Race**

Saturday, July 28, 2018 on the Canandaigua City Pier
in partnership with the Canandaigua Lakefront Art Show Team
Registration 9:00 am
Parade and Race: 10:00 am

Registration Now Open and Team Registration Packet Available! Please download information and register ON-LINE at www.FamilyPromiseOntarioCounty.org HIGHLIGHTS The Bed Race is FPOC's major fundraising event. Teams of five (one rider and four runners) will construct an actual bed on wheels and decorate it with the theme of their choice. Teams enter the competition and race their beds, using manpower only, against other teams for awards and prizes. Each team raises money that will support the Family Promise program to help homeless children and their families become sustainably independent.

The racecourse is a straight run approximately 150 yards long along Pier Road.

Awards are given for the most money raised by a team, the fastest bed per division, and the best theme. Additionally, the Most Spirited team and the "Crowd Favorite" also win awards!

Team Divisions: (All teams may be combined into the Road Hog Division if not enough have entered separate divisions)

- Hot Wheels (ages 12 to 14 only) Rider must be at least 12 years old and weigh at least 75 lbs. EVERY team member MUST be between 12-14 years old.
- Lead Feet (ages 15 to 18 only) Rider must be at least 15 years old and weigh a minimum Of 100 lbs. EVERY member MUST be between 15-18 years old.
- Road Hogs (mixed ages 14+) Rider must at least 14 years old and weigh at least 100 lbs. Team members are of mixed ages 14+ years old.
- Sunday Drivers (runners ages 40+ only) Rider must be 14+ and weigh a minimum of 100 lbs. EVERY RUNNING team member must be 40+ years old.

ENTRY FEE \$100 per team. Payment can be done online while completing registration before Thursday, July 12th at www.familypromiseontariocounty.org.

JUNE 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Holy Yoga 3-8 Cello Lessons 3:30-6:30 Amadeus Chorale	2
3 <u>2nd Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School, 10:30 Worship 2:30-4:00 Boy Scouts Synod Assembly	4 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 9:00 Holy Yoga 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 7:00 Holy Yoga Synod Assembly	5 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers Synod Assembly	6 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	7 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 1:00 Women's Bible Study	8 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Holy Yoga 3-8 Cello Lessons 3:30-6:30 Amadeus Chorale	9
10 <u>3rd Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8:30 Outdoor Holy Communion 10:30 Worship 2:30-4:00 Boy Scouts	11 <u>Barnabus, Apostle</u> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 9:00 Holy Yoga 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 7:00 Holy Yoga 7:00 Church Council	12 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers	13 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	14 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 1:00 Women's Bible Study	15 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Holy Yoga 3-8 Cello Lessons 4-7 Vendor Show 3:30-6:00 Amadeus Chorale	16
17 <u>4th Sunday after Pentecost, Father's Day</u> 8:30 Worship 10:30 Holy Communion 2:30-4:00 Boy Scouts	18 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 9:00 Holy Yoga 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 7:00 Holy Yoga	19 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers	20 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	21 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 1:00 Women's Bible Study	22 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Holy Yoga 3-8 Cello Lessons 3:30-6:00 Amadeus Chorale	23
24 <u>5th Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8:30 Worship 10:30 Worship	25 9:00 Holy Yoga 7:00 Holy Yoga	26 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Property Committee	27 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	28 1:00 Women's Bible Study	29 8:00 Holy Yoga 3-8 Cello Lessons	30 9:00-12:00 Vipassina Meditation



What should I wear?

Sometimes we change our clothes several times before we're happy! There are two things that are important for you to wear everyday.



Write the answers to the clues on the blanks.
Then write the letters in the appropriate boxes.

1. not silver

1	2	18	4
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2. trousers, slacks

21	10	11	17	20
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3. women's garment; one-piece top and skirt

5	23	6	9	9
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4. jewelry worn on the ear

7	13	23	23	22	16	14
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5. open shoes with straps

20	13	11	8	13	18	20
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6. clothing worn especially while cooking to protect front of clothes

13	21	23	3	16
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7. a bright, festive color

23	15	12
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8. men's accessory worn from the neck

25	24	19
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What should I wear everyday?

1	2	3	4

5	6	7	8	9

10	11	12

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14	15	16	17	18	19

20	21	22	23	24	25

(1 Timothy 2:10 and 1 Peter 3:4)



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