

# On Eagle's Wings



St. John's Monthly Newsletter – June 2019

## Growth

### Pastor's Paragraphs

Are people naturally good or are they naturally bad? That is a question people have been asking for ages. My answer is that people are good at convincing themselves they are good! Most everyone wants to think he or she is basically good. When we do something that might be considered bad we usually make excuses to justify it. Sometimes we tell ourselves we're choosing the "least worst" option. Maybe people do tend to be "good" when it comes to making conscious decisions, but a lot of what makes us who we are happens underneath our consciousness.

If people were deeply and truly good:

- they could be counted on to make healthy choices, right?
- they would consistently make choices for the benefit of their whole community and not just themselves, right?
- they would consider the impact of their lives on the environment and only do things that are for the best of the whole earth, right?

If people were deeply and truly good there wouldn't be societal problems with obesity and cholesterol. And our communities wouldn't have abject poverty. And we wouldn't have problems with global warming, overpopulation, mass extinction of species, etc. The truth is that we humans are a pretty bad lot; even as we convince ourselves that we are good. We easily look away from problems and go deaf to what we do not want to hear!

Given the state that we make of our lives -and of God's good creation- I sometimes wonder why God doesn't stamp out the whole miserable lot of us and create something better! But God is deeply committed to us. God loves us even as we make a mess of things and refuse to see it. God's grace is simply that big!

I think we do well to remember that we are by nature bad. I don't say that so that we depress ourselves. I say that to keep us in awe of how good God really is. It

would be easy to just say that somehow, someday God's going to clean up the mess that we make of everything. But that's a quitter's thought. God has given us intelligence and creativity and strength to do great things. Left to our own devices we make a mess. Knowing that we must depend upon God's goodness we truly become agents of good.

Accept that you are by nature bad. Or said differently, that you are a sinner in need of God's grace. And from there rejoice that God still loves you and wants to work through you to create true and lasting good.

Blessings,  
Pastor Jon

### Congratulations to Our Graduates!

Congratulations to all our members who are graduating from all levels of schooling this spring! We have three from high school: Aidan Kolczynski, Laura DeMuzio, and Conrad Bremer. May God bless all as they graduate and apply what they've learned more deeply.

### Congratulations Confirmands!

We have a large group being confirmed this year. Congratulations and best wishes to all of them as they make public affirmation of their baptism. Confirmation is set for Pentecost Sunday – June 9.

### End of the Sunday School Year

The Sunday school year ends June 2. We'll officially close it during the 10:30 service and distribute certificates and recognitions. Thanks to all the teachers and volunteers who made the year a time of learning and growth!

# Worship

## June Worship Assistants

	June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30
Greeters & Ushers	Rob & Laura Stroup	Linda & Al Morley	Linda & John Thompson	Tim & Liz Brown	Kim & Gary Boisseau
Lector	Mary Zuege (8:30)	Judy VanDeVelde (8:30)	Ellen Storch (8:30)	Ann King (8:30)	Suzy Maynard (8:30)
Acolyte	Mary Erhlinger	Abbie Bullwinkle	Olivia DeLeon	Tierney White	Morgan Sackett
Altar Care	Gary & Kim Boisseau	Gary & Kim Boisseau	Gary & Kim Boisseau		
Communion Assistants	Rob Stroup & Gary Boisseau	Nancy & Ivan Shuler	Bruce & Diane Boncke		
Nursery Care	Bill & Katy Stimmel	Kristy Bullwinkle	Beth Perdan	Judy VanDeVelde	Laura Stroup
Counters	Tim Brown & Bill Hagerman	Babette Huber & Linda Flood	Bruce Boncke & Art Fields	Nancy & Ivan Shuler	Bruce & Connie Stevenson
Coffee Hour	Tricia Kolczynski	Confirmation – Church Council	Father's Day	Joy Lethbridge, Ella Schuller, & Becky Nohe	Pat Cipollina



### June Worship Texts

6/2 Luke 19:11-27  
 6/9 Luke 14:1-14 (Pentecost – Confirmation)  
 6/16 Luke 5:27-6:16  
 6/23 Luke 6:17-49  
 6/30 Luke 7:1-17

- Discussed behavior expectations for the newly refurbished Fellowship Hall
- Considered using Thrivent action team funds for other elements of Fellowship Hall
- Took action item for meeting about Endowment Fund requirements
- Approved new members
- Approved confirmation candidates
- Brainstormed a few income recovery ideas - more to follow

Submitted by Tim Brown, Council President

## Nuts and Bolts

### Council notes from 5/20 Meeting

- Reviewed Treasurer's report showing a \$3500 income shortfall so far this year
- Accepted annual financial audit results
- Ensured envelopes will be made available for mortgage melt-down program
- Agreed to complete the annual performance review for the Music Director
- Learned that the Family Promise Bed Race is 7/27 - Go Team!

### Financial Update

As of the end of April  
 Income \$ 66,904.62  
 Expenses 71,348.53  
 Difference \$ (4,443.91)

#### A Note from the Treasurer

The bills won't stop coming for the summer months, so please ensure that you are current on your financial commitments. We have a deficit of over \$4,000 through the end of April. Some of that is caused by hefty heating expenses, but we are also behind on pledges. Let's reduce – or better yet – eliminate the deficit.

## Service



### Melt Down the Mortgage

Our Melt Down the Mortgage campaign has begun! You'll be receiving a letter with details very soon. During the summer months let's see how much of the mortgage we can melt away. You'll be receiving a letter about the campaign very soon. Track our progress on the poster at church and let's see how big we can make the puddles of the melting snowman! Talk to Beth Schroeder, Tim Brown or Pastor Jon if you have any questions.



- The Rev. Matthew Nickoloff and the South Wedge Mission in Rochester. Also the Rev. Eric and the Rev. Wendolyn Trozzo in Malaysia.
- Amy Plouffe, who is home and stable but continuing cancer treatments.
- Gary Myers who is being treated for multiple myeloma. He is doing well and is responding to the treatments
- Linda Ellis who 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.
- Knute Halvorson, who is at home and continues dealing with pain and mobility issues.
- The family and friends of Al Mann, Babette Huber's father, as they mourn his death.
- Marie Kesel, who has serious pain and health problems.

### Lenten Coin Box Final

We aimed to collect \$400 from our Lenten coin boxes this year. The final total was \$500.37. Great job everyone! All that money will go to World Hunger programs to help people live sustainably.



### Garden Project Planting

Above and below are some scenes as we prepared and planted this year's garden project. Thank you to everyone who helped and thank you to Thrivent for providing the seed money! We planted potatoes, sweet corn, and pumpkins. Some red clover will go in as a cover crop for the area of the field we didn't use. Also, we'll restart the strawberry patch this year.



### Community Outreach Committee

#### Community Lutheran Ministry (Maggie's Kids) Summer Day Camp at St. John's.

On July 8th, Monday Miss Maggie's Kids Summer Day Camp will be at our church. We provide breakfast, lunch and a snack for their ride back to the city for them. The items we are in need of are on the bulletin board. We also need a lot of volunteers to help some to set up on Sunday July 7th, others on the 8th to help serve the food clean up after meals and clean up at the end of the day. Please consider helping us with this OUTREACH project. If you don't like to shop donations are appreciated and we will do the shopping for items we need. If you have any questions contact Bettina Kalish or Burdie Gillern.



## Service (Cont.)

*Thank you*



- Thank you to everyone who helped with the Property Committee's spring clean up day.
- Thank you to Mike Ross for building and installing the new mailbox post and mailbox.
- Thank you to everyone who mowed the lawn in May.
- Thank you to John Thompson, John and Pat CiPollina, and Bruce and Connie Stevenson for working to prep the Fellowship Hall for new carpet.
- Thank you to all the men who contributed to the Mothers' Day coffee hour.
- Thank you to the High School class for making ice cream on the kickoff day for the Melt Down the Mortgage Campaign.
- Thank you to everyone who helped cut seed potatoes for the garden project.
- Thank you to everyone who helped with plantin this year's garden.



The date is set for the next week when we will host families from Family Promise; it will be from July 28 to August 4. Family vacations and other events cause a need for scrambling the schedule so our next hosting session will occur sometime in the early fall.

Training sessions are available if you want to get involved. Contact Beth Perdan or Beth Schroeder with any questions or feedback.

### Lawn Mowing

St. John's needs volunteers for lawn mowing. We have beautiful property and need to take care of it. There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area for a week's commitment. You can grab a partner and split the work or sign up to do it all yourself whichever you prefer. Training on our equipment is available; just contact Tom Urbanic, Chair of the Property Committee to set it up or contact Tom with any questions.

## Fun



### Confirmation Class Kayaking Trip

On Sunday May 19 the confirmation class went kayaking in Canandaigua Lake. They had to dodge a thunderstorm but everyone had fun!

### Former Pastor Rev. John Beeg 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination!

Former pastor, The Rev. John Beeg celebrates the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination on Thursday June 6. He served at St. John's from 1969-1975.

Celebrate with him with a card, a phone call, or a prayer! He is currently serving the congregation of Shiloh Lutheran Church in Lewisville, NC.

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### May Bible Trivia Answers

1. On the road to what town did Jesus meet two disciples on the evening of the resurrection? Answer: Emmaus (Luke 24:13)
2. What does Jesus eat in front of his disciples to prove that he is real flesh and blood after the resurrection? Answer: Fish (Luke 24:42)
3. Where does the Ascension take place? Answer: Bethany (Luke 24:50)
4. What did the Sadducees believe about the resurrection and eternal life. Answer: It isn't real (Luke 20:27)

### June Bible Trivia Questions

1. Who was the name of the tax collector that left everything when Jesus said, "Follow me"?
2. What forbidden food did King David eat when he was hungry?
3. How many disciples/apostles did Jesus have?
4. In what town did Jesus raise the widow's son?

# JUNE 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2</b> <u>7th Sunday after Easter</u> 8:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion Last Day of Sunday School 3:00 Piano Recital	<b>3</b> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 9:00 Holy Yoga  3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>4</b> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care  4-8:30 Violin Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers	<b>5</b> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care  4-8 Piano Lessons  7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>6</b> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care Monarch Homeschool Group 10-2:30 1:00 Women's Bible Study	<b>7</b> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Holy Yoga  3-8 Cello Lessons	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> <u>Day of Pentecost</u> 8:30 Holy Communion 10:30 Holy Communion  3:00-6:00 Piano Recital	<b>10</b> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 9:00 Holy Yoga  7:00 Boy Scouts 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons	<b>11</b> <u>Barnabus, Apostle</u> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care  4-8:30 Violin Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers	<b>12</b> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care  4-8 Piano Lessons  7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>13</b> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care Monarch Homeschool Group 10-2:30 1:00 Women's Bible Study	<b>14</b> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Holy Yoga  3-8 Cello Lessons	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> <u>Holy Trinity</u> 8:30 Worship 10:30 Holy Communion	<b>17</b> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 9:00 Holy Yoga  7:00 Church Council 7:00 Boy Scouts 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons	<b>18</b> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care  4-8:30 Violin Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers	<b>19</b> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care  4-8 Piano Lessons  7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>20</b> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care Monarch Homeschool Group 10-2:30 1:00 Women's Bible Study	<b>21</b> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Holy Yoga  3-8 Cello Lessons	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> <u>2nd Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8:30 Holy Communion 10:30 Worship	<b>24</b> <u>John the Baptist</u> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 9:00 Holy Yoga  7:00 Boy Scouts 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons	<b>25</b> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 12:00-9:00 Primary Election 4-8:30 Violin Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Property Committee	<b>26</b>  4-8 Piano Lessons  7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>27</b>  1:00 Women's Bible Study	<b>28</b> 8:00 Holy Yoga  3-8 Cello Lesson	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> <u>3rd Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8:30 Worship 10:30 Worship						



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### **June Newsletter**

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9- Confirmation