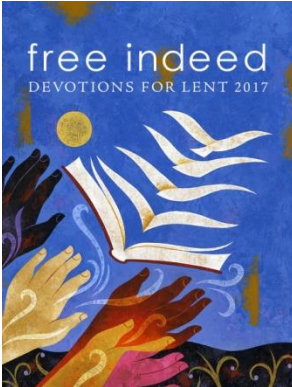


On Eagle's Wings



St. John's Monthly Newsletter – March 2017

Growth



Pastor's Paragraphs

The season of Lent is often a season for spiritual growth. Some people give something up. Some people take on a new spiritual practice. I want to invite you to do two things. First, I invite you to pick up a copy of *Free Indeed, Devotions for Lent 2017*. (Pictured above) This is a daily devotional booklet published by the ELCA for this year's Lenten season. It is built on Martin Luther's *Small Catechism* that many of you used when you were in confirmation class. Each day features an image or artwork, a reading from the catechism, a quote to ponder, a reflection, and a prayer. There is a stack of them on the ushers stand for you to pick up. We ordered about 60 copies so please only one per family. If we run out we might be able to order more.

Second, those of you on Facebook may remember a post I made a few weeks ago about our current political climate. I'm always reluctant to make political statements as a pastor. Ethically and legally I can, but all too often I find I don't have enough information to speak authoritatively. In my opinion none of our news sources give a complete enough picture for people to have informed discussions. However, we cannot just be silent either. It is our right as citizens to be actively engaged in the governing of our land. It is our duty as Christians to exercise that right. Therefore I suggest these four things:

1. Vote

2. Affiliate with a political party. (Even if you are like me and are disgusted by every one of the parties, pick one!)
3. Know who your representatives are at every level of government.
4. At least once a year visit with each of your representatives (or one of their staff members). You can do this individually or with a group. Share your concerns, ask questions, and most importantly listen to them. They often have access to far more information that we get through the news.
5. Pray and then act on what you've learned in steps 1 through 4.

So a discipline I'm taking on for Lent is actually a political one. I'm going to meet with my representatives in the state house and senate, and also my representative in the U.S. House of Representatives. As I suggest in Step 4, I intend to primarily listen.

We live in different legislative districts and have different representatives, but where we share elected representatives I invite you to join with me in going. (Some members from Bethlehem Lutheran in Fairport are doing the same thing. If you're at that end of the parish we can make some connections with them.) I'll never tell you what to think, but I do want you to be well informed and constructively engaged in politics. I'd rather be surrounded by well-informed people I disagree with than be surrounded by ignorant people who agree with me! Our nation is only as strong as we are engaged.

Blessings,
Pastor Jon

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GRACE IN ACTION

Worship

March Worship Assistants

	March 5	March 12	March 19	March 26
Greeters & Ushers	Tom & Lisa Kurilovitch	Ivan & Nancy Shuler	Karen & Jim Spawton	Bruce & Connie Stevenson
Lector	Kevin Maynard (8:30)	Judy VanDeVelde (8:30)	Ellen Storch (8:30)	Susie Maynard (8:30)
Acolyte	Julia Bullwinkle	Kelsey Sackett	Ally Buch	Sabastian Plouffe
Altar Care	Sally Mansfield		Sally Mansfield	
Communion Assistants	Rob Stroup & Joe Pow III Shuler		Tim & Liz Brown	
Nursery Care	Lynne Minkel	Kristi Bullwinkle	Beth Perdan	Katy Stimmel
Counters	John & Linda Thompson	Don Mansfield & Tim Brown	Beth Perdan & Bettina Kalish	Babette Huber & Burdie Gillern
Coffee Hour	Linda Thompson	PreSchool-2 nd Grade Sunday School	Wendy Sackett	Boisseaus & Hendersons



Worship Bible Readings

Here are the gospel readings for March:

March 5: Matthew 17:10-27

March 12: Matthew 18

March 19: Matthew 19-20

March 26: Matthew 21-22



Pulpit Exchange

February 26th is a conference-wide pulpit exchange. Lutheran pastors will be trading churches for that day. Pastor Jon will be heading to the two-point parish of St. Paul's in Dansville and Zion, Cohocton. The Rev. Craig Swanson, pastor of Transfiguration Lutheran Church in Rochester is scheduled to lead worship with us.



Ash Wednesday Worship

March 1 – 7:00pm

Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes



Lenten Worship

For Lent we are adding mid-week worship services on Wednesdays. They start at 6:00 with a soup and bread supper, then a half-hour worship service starts at 6:30. This year we will participate in the online course, *What Would Luther Do?* Each week we will watch a lesson from Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton addressing current issues in the church and the world. We will also do the interactive online question and answer portion of the course.

Service

NIMS Needs Drivers

The Neighbors in Ministry to Seniors (NIMS) program needs drivers! NIMS is a combined effort of the Ontario County Office for the Aging and the Victor churches to provide transportation and simple household tasks on a non-regular basis. Right now the service has an increase in the number of clients and a decrease in the number of drivers, especially with some drivers going south for the winter. If you have a few hours to spare once in a while during the day, please consider volunteering your time to drive senior citizens to appointments, on various errands, or grocery shopping. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Liz Brown



Great Fondue New Date

Our third "Great Fondue" four-course fondue experience has been rescheduled for March 18th. It is an event to raise money for the Victor-Farmington Food Cupboard. You'll start off with the cheese course, dipping bread and vegetables into a rich warm cheese sauce. Then cleanse your palate with a fresh salad. The main course will be a variety of meats and vegetables cut into bite-size portions that you'll cook to your preference in hot broth. Finish your meal with the s'mores bar. Our "chef," Jim Spawton, will be using his skills to delight your taste buds.

There will be two sittings: 5pm and 7pm. Tickets will be available in the Gathering Area for the next few weeks. Cost is \$20 per adult and \$10 per child.



500 Pounds of Soap Update

Thank you to everyone whose put soap in our collection bathtub. Each week during worship a Sunday school student will announce how many pounds we have. To date we have about 50 pounds. Please keep up the donations so we can reach 500 pounds by October 31.

Rummage Sale

Craft Sale

Vendor Show

Mark your calendars for our rummage sale /craft sale scheduled for May 20th. It'll run from 9am until 2pm. The cost per eight-foot table is \$30. \$15 is the cost if you provide your own table. We'll also have a bake sale/lunch stand. Proceeds from the event will be donated to the Victor-Farmington Food Cupboard. We'll also sell much of the equipment from Wee Wonders. Monies raised from that will go to the Youth Scholarship Fund. You may set up the morning of the 20th or arrange to set up the day before. Please talk to Sara DeMuzio for more information or if you have any questions.

Community Outreach Committee

Attention All Knitters! We are considering a project that involves knitting or crocheting red hats for newborns born in Strong Memorial and Highland Hospitals. The national campaign known as Little Hats, Big Hearts is under the auspices of the American Heart Association and seeks to commemorate Congenital Awareness Week. Red hats are now being collected by American Heart Association in Rochester for distribution next February.

If you knit or crochet and would like to provide red hats for the newborns in our area, please talk to Burdie Gillern or Ellen Storch. Patterns for these hats as well as a list of supplies can be found by googling, Little Hats Big Hearts American Heart Association. The project will move forward if there is enough interest among members of the Congregation.

Thanks so much to everyone who helped before and after Jeanette Hare's memorial service.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our "Souper Bowl" appeal. \$329 goes to World Hunger because of your gifts.



Give Up Lint for Lent

This bizarre collection is again part of our Lenten journey. If you have trouble giving something up for Lent, this will be your easiest discipline ever! There is a collection box in the Gathering Area for you to put your **dryer lint, used dryer sheets, old crayons and stubs of candles**. This worthless stuff (and somewhat gross) will be melted together and burnt on the fire at the sunrise service on Easter. This Lent give up your most worthless stuff so that God can turn it into heat and light!



-Thank you to everyone who helped with snow plowing and shoveling in February. Yes, it did snow!

-Thank you to the Sunday school teachers and the children for leading the 10:30 worship service on February 5.

-Thank you to our Bell Tower Committee for their work on the project. A special thank you to Bruce Boncke for leading the permitting process with the town.

-Thank you to everyone who reads and participates in worship leadership.

-Thank you to everyone who helped provide food and snacks for after Jeanette Hare's funeral.

-Thank you to Gary Boisseau for helping coordinate the emergency repairs to the sprinkler system.



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.

Gordon Holbig who is receiving comfort care in a nursing home.

Annette Nohe who fell and broke her hip. She is recovering in the hospital and her long-term plans are being assessed.

The family and friends of Sam Stepanovich as they mourn his death.

The family and friends of Geraldine Grandin as they mourn her death.

Lori Carlson as she recovers from brain surgery.

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

Bell Tower

The Bell Tower project is moving along as expected. We are in the process of getting Town

approvals and permits which should be completed within the next 45 days, barring any unforeseen issues. Once permit is received, Ramar Steel will begin fabricating the Tower. When weather allows, the mason contractor will begin construction of the foundation and we will have electric installed and inspected. Once foundation is completed, we are ready to erect the Tower. Council has discussed the options regarding the used bell purchases. The cost of the Tower and first Bell are already covered using Memorial Fund dollars and private individual donations. The other two Bells total \$8,500 and Todd Lower from Lower Bells, is "holding" these Bells for us. Council feels it is prudent to purchase all three Bells together, if possible. This will save transportation costs, as well as installation costs. The weight of each Bell will require equipment to lift them into place. When the Tower is erected, the equipment will already be on site. Council is not looking to a fund raiser for the purchase of the additional bells. As you recall, a year or so ago, we put out a sign-up sheet, to measure the interest in this project and offer people a way to contribute to the Bells. Due to some possible issues with noise ordinances, we are not going to pursue this fundraiser. Instead, we are asking anyone that is interested in contributing, to contact Pastor Jon, Tim Brown or Cassie Ross. Our ultimate goal is to have the Tower and Bells in place by October 2017, so that they can be dedicated and rung for the first time on the 500th anniversary of Reformation.

February Council Highlights

-The following people were elected as officers:

President – Tim Brown

Vice President – Tom Kurilovitch

Secretary – Tricia Kolczynski

Treasurer – Rob Stroup

Financial Secretary – Sam Stepanovich

-Committee Liaisons are:

Property – Cassie Ross

Fellowship – Tom Kurilovitch

Worship and Music – Beth Schroeder

Stewardship/Finance – Pete Gregory

Community Outreach – Cindy Swigart

Education – Tricia Kolczynski

-Lynda Cutt and Marian Staples were approved for membership.

-Approved having a rummage sale to benefit the food cupboard on May 20.

-Heard updates about the bell tower and town permitting requirements.

Fun

March Birthdays

1	Joy Lethbridge, Carol Reissig
2	Cindy Christie
4	Judy Coyle
6	Wilma Townsend
8	Kalena Boisseau
9	Todd Mansfield, Jessica Castle
12	Darryl Edmunds, Kathy Bell, Carolyn Bremer
13	Nancy Clarkson
16	Susan Menz
17	Jessica Thompson
19	Keith Kaufmann
21	Ivan Shuler, Suzy Maynard
22	Babette Huber
23	Benjamin Deibler, Robert Landahl
24	Tom Larson, Leslie Finke
25	Scott Flood
28	Jim Behrens
28	Marjorie Stepanovich
30	Ian Patric



Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper

Fat Tuesday is February 28th this year. On this day Christians traditionally celebrated by consuming all the fat in their pantries in preparation for the somber and penitential season of Lent.

Our annual pancake supper starts at 6:00 with all the pancakes, sausage and fancy toppings you can eat! Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area so we know how many are coming.



February Bible Trivia Answers

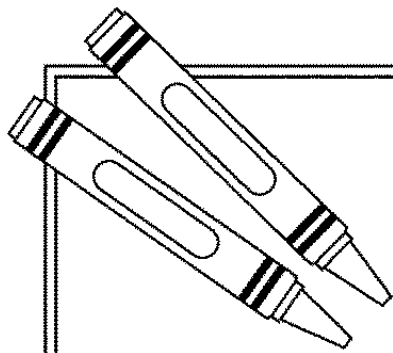
1. Who criticized the disciples for plucking grain on the Sabbath? Answer: The Pharisees (Matthew 12:2)
2. Why does Jesus give the disciples the Lord's Prayer? Answer: They ask to be taught how to pray. (Luke 11:1)
3. What is James talking about when it makes comparisons between this and a forest fire, a ships rudder, and the bit of a horse's mouth? Answer: The tongue (James 3:1-6)
4. What is the shortest book of the Old Testament? Answer: Obadiah

March Bible Trivia Questions

1. Was Peter married?
2. What did Jesus tell the rich young ruler to do?
3. How much food did Jesus have in the Feeding of the 4000?
4. Where was John when he had the vision in Revelation?

MARCH 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <u>Ash Wednesday</u> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Men's Breakfast 4-8 Piano Lessons 7:30 Alc.Anon. 7:00 Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes 7:45 W & M Comm	2 <u>Presentation of Our Lord</u> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 9:00-1:00 Homeschoolers 7:00 Girl Scouts	3 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 3-8 Cello Lessons 3:30-6:00 Amadeus Chorale 6:15-8:30 Girl Scouts	4
5 <u>1st Sunday in Lent</u> 8:30 Worship 9:30-10:00 Lenten Breakfast 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion 1:00-4:00 Girl Scouts	6 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 9:00 Holy Yoga 7:00 Boy Scouts	7 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 1:00 Women's Bible Study 4-8:30 Violin Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Community Chorus	8 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Men's Breakfast 4-8 Piano Lessons 6:00 Soup & Bread Lenten Supper 6:30 What Would Luther Do? 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	9 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 9:00-1:00 Homeschoolers	10 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 3-8 Cello Lessons 3:30-6:00 Amadeus Chorale	11
12 <u>2nd Sunday in Lent</u> 8:30 Holy Communion 9:30-10:00 Lenten Breakfast 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	13 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 9:00 Holy Yoga 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Church Council	14 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 1:00 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Community Chorus	15 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Men's Breakfast 4-8 Piano Lessons 6:00 Soup & Bread Lenten Supper 6:30 What Would Luther Do? 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	16 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 9:00-1:00 Homeschoolers 7:00 Girl Scouts	17 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 3-8 Cello Lessons 3:30-6:00 Amadeus Chorale	18 Great Fondue 5:00 & 7:00 Sitting
19 <u>3rd Sunday in Lent</u> 8:30 Worship 9:30-10:00 Lenten Breakfast 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion	20 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 9:00 Holy Yoga 7:00 Boy Scouts	21 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 1:00 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Community Chorus	22 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Men's Breakfast 6:00 Soup & Bread Lenten Supper 6:30 What Would Luther Do? 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	23 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 9:00-1:00 Homeschoolers	24 7:00-6:00 YMCA Fun Club 3-8 Cello Lessons 3:30-6:00 Amadeus Chorale	25 <u>The Annunciation of Our Lord</u> Vipassana Meditation 11:00-3:00 Baby Shower
26 <u>4th Sunday in Lent</u> 8:30 Holy Communion 9:30-10:00 Lenten Breakfast 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	27 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 9:00 Holy Yoga 7:00 Boy Scouts	28 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 1:00 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Property Committee 7:00 Community Chorus	29 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Men's Breakfast 6:00 Soup & Bread Lenten Supper 6:30 What Would Luther Do? 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	30 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 9:00-1:00 Homeschoolers	31 7:00-6:00 YMCA Fun Club 3-8 Cello Lessons 2:00-8:00 Amadeus Chorale Spaghetti Supper	



Just for KIDS

There are many special things that we think of in the spring.
In the spaces, write a word to fit each definition. The arrows show that the letters are the same.
Unscramble the letters in the circles to find a very important part of spring.

1. a caterpillar becomes one

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2. a baby bird is born in an

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3. they grow from seeds

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4. the beginning of morning

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5. a small furry animal with long ears

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6. Jesus died on this

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