

On Eagle's Wings



St. John's Monthly Newsletter – May 2017

Growth

Pastor's Paragraphs

In May we begin a tour through the book of Genesis during Sunday morning worship. Unlike Matthew, we're not going to read the whole thing. Genesis is among the most misunderstood books of the Bible. As you know, Genesis 1 contains an account of God's actions in creation. The chapter breaks it down into seven days. For over a century people have argued about how this account could be possible. Many reject it as outright fantasy. Some try to harmonize it with scientific theories, saying that days aren't intended to be literal days. And of course some say that if the Bible says it, it must be literally true. Therefore creation happened in six literal days, with God resting on the seventh.

The problem with all these ideas is that they overlook the internal consistencies within the text itself! Even a quick reading shows that the Sun isn't created until Day 4, but there've been cycles of darkness and light since Day 1. Then there is also the thorny issue that Genesis 2 contains yet another creation account. But that one doesn't synchronize with Genesis 1 at all. Things are created in a completely different order! Forget trying to synchronize Genesis 1 with evolutionary theory, it doesn't even agree with the very next chapter!

If you've been in worship as we read through Matthew you learned that Matthew writes using very complex patterns typical of the ancient Hebrews. It stands to reason that Genesis is the same way. It's no accident that Genesis 1 does not sync with Genesis 2. While the contradictions aren't outright deliberate, the creator of Genesis certainly knew they existed.

As we explore Genesis I invite you to open your mind to a completely new way of understanding the Bible – or perhaps I should say, open your mind to a very ancient

way of understanding the Bible. God is too big and too complex to be contained in mere words. Human logic is too limited to understand God. In Genesis we'll discover the ways the ancient Hebrews developed to describe the indescribable. Even a non-believing critic has to admit it is ingenious. For us who see these writings as the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the things they reveal about God are simply amazing.

Come and experience Genesis on its own terms. And discover what it wants to teach you about God, about what God has done, and about what it means to be chosen by God to do important things.

Blessings,
Pastor Jon

Worship



Worship Bible Readings

Here are the primary Bible readings for worship in May:
May 7 – Genesis 1:1-2:4a
May 14 – Genesis 2:4b-25
May 21 – Genesis 3
May 28 - Genesis 4

Worship

May Worship Assistants

	May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28
Greeters & Ushers	Kim & Gary Boisseau	Liz & Tim Brown	Gay & John Card	Jack & Pat Hortop
Lector	Judy VandeVelde (8:30)	Ellen Storch (8:30)	Susie Maynard (8:30)	Kevin Maynard (8:30)
Acolyte	Julia Bullwinkle	Abbie Bullwinkle	Kelsey Sackett	Joe Wyman
Altar Care	Liz Brown		Liz Brown	
Communion Assistants	Ethan & Lynne Minkel		Liz & Tim Brown	
Nursery Care	Laura Stroup	Kristi Bullwinkle	Lynne Minkel	Beth Perdan
Counters	Bruce Boncke & Art Fields	Beth Perdan & Bettina Kalish	John & Linda Thompson	Don Mansfield & Tim Brown
Coffee Hour	Perdan & Stevenson	Men of the Church	Kim Boisseau & Phyllis Henderson	

own garden that you do not need, please consider donating them. As in years past we'll either donate the produce to the food cupboard or sell it to raise funds for World Hunger. Talk to Pastor Jon for more information.

Service

Outreach Committee

Thank you so much to everyone who brought food and helped before, during, and after the memorial service for Annette Nohe.



Garden Project Planting

It's time to get this year's garden started! We'll be planting potatoes, sweet corn, and pumpkins at the Wymans' property in Bloomfield. The ideal time to plant all of these things is the last week of May. We'll be planting significantly more this year than we did last year so more help is needed. Since weather conditions are unpredictable we can't set an exact date. Look to the weekly bulletin insert for specifics as we reach the end of May. Also, if you have plants or seeds from your

500 lbs. of Soap Update



Above is photo of soap in the Lutheran World Relief warehouse in Maryland. It is awaiting repackaging and shipment to needy people in the world. The soap we are collecting will join that pile. So far we have 238 lbs. toward our 500 lb. goal by October 31st. Thanks for your donations thus far and keep it up!

Service (Cont.)



School Kits Delivered

The Lutheran World Relief school kits we created last fall are in the Lutheran World Relief warehouse in Maryland. They'll probably be held there until the beginning of the next school year, but maybe not! The warehouse is low on school kits right now. Above is a photo of kits ready to be shipped to Peru. They'll fill four large shipping containers!



-Thank you to everyone who participated in the meal we provided for the campus ministry at RIT.

-Thank you to Rob Stroup and Cindy Swigart for working as congregational representatives to the Family Promise program.

-Thank you to the Spawtons, Boisseaus, and Kurilovitches for being cooks at the Sunday morning Lenten breakfasts.

-Thank you to Julie Stuart for organizing the Easter Sunday pancake breakfast. Thanks to the Spawtons, Boisseaus and Kurilovitches for being the cooks too!

-Thank you to the 5th and 6th grade Sunday school classes for hiding the eggs for the Easter egg hunt.

-Thank you to Tim Brown for organizing the church council retreat in April. And thank you to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Pittsford for letting us hold the retreat in their building.

IN A CARD FROM VICKI SACKETT:

Dear Church Ladies (and men)

Thank you so much for preparing the reception for Mom. Mom (and Dad) were so proud of their relationship with St. John's. We are grateful for all of the support you have given them (and me) through the years.

Rummage Sale

Craft Sale

Vendor Show

Mark your calendars for our rummage sale/craft sale scheduled for May 20th. It will run from 9am until 2pm. The cost per eight-foot table is \$30. \$15 is the cost if you provide your own table. If you would like to participate please sign up by April 9th – after that date, we'll consider opening up table space to vendors. You may set up the morning of the 20th or arrange to set up the day before. The truck from Habitat for Humanity will come to church after the event to take any unsold items you would like to donate to the Resale store in Canandaigua. Please talk to Sara DeMuzio for more information or if you have any questions.

As a part of the event, we will look to sell much of the equipment from Wee Wonders. Monies raised from that will go to the Youth Scholarship Fund. People able to help set up the Wee Wonders section on Friday and/or staff the sale of the items on Saturday should contact Sara DeMuzio.

We'll also have a bake sale at the event with the proceeds from the bake sale being donated to the Victor-Farmington Food Cupboard. Wendy Sackett is the focal point for the Bake Sale.

There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex for both table space as well as the bake sale.



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.

The family and friends of Annette Nohe 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

Finances

	Income	Expenses	Difference
Year to Date (as of March 31)	\$ 47,721.35	\$ 47,893.16	\$ (171.81)

Bell Tower

The Bell Tower project is still in the process of getting town approval. We are working with a company to purchase the ringing mechanism and the controller. Lowerbells is holding three bells for us. As the project is moving forward we are finding it important to purchase all three bells at once and the ringing mechanism. Funds are still needed to do all of this work. Look for updates in the weekly worship bulletins. Thank you to everyone who has given to this project!

April Council Highlights

Church Council held two meetings in April.

April 9th workshop at St. Paul's in Pittsford

Performed a Council team building activity
Discussed article "Connecting with Millennials"
Reviewed our Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats
Identified Spiritual Growth Opportunities

Emerging themes involve more service orientation, leveraging our property, improving communication of our ministries, and reviewing newcomer orientation.

April 10th regular meeting

Treasurer's report indicates finances continue to be tight - borrowed money from savings to meet operational obligations
Reviewed Family Promise status - Cindy Swigart attended a coordination meeting
Reviewed Bell Tower status - waiting for Town approvals, SJLC task force meeting 5/1
Reviewed plans for Rummage Sale / New to You Sale on 5/20
Discussed member celebration plan

Fun

May Birthdays

- 1 Emmy Gelb
- 3 Burdie Gillern, Kari Buch
- 4 Creed White
- 5 Ruth Edmunds, Jenna Ratka, Nissa Deibler
- 6 Marcia Zavacki
- 8 Josh Albert
- 9 Ruth Perzel, Olivia Jane Henderson
- 11 Maura Reissig
- 15 Judy Sax
- 20 Gary Underwood
- 21 Rebecca Domalski, Melissa Backus
- 26 Don Mansfield
- 28 Don Betsinger
- 29 Linda Flood
- 31 John Christie



April Bible Trivia Answers

1. What sea did God part for the people of Israel?
Answer: The Red Sea (Exodus 14)
2. What did God provide Abraham so he wouldn't sacrifice Isaac? Answer: A ram (Genesis 22:14)
3. Who was the first king of Israel? Answer: Saul (1 Samuel 9)
4. Who was the short tax collector Jesus had dinner with? Answer: Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10)

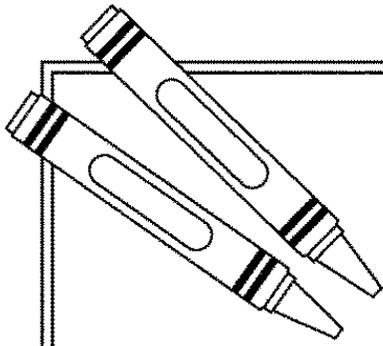
May Bible Trivia Questions – Genesis 1-4

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



MAY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 10:00 Holy Yoga 3:30-8:00 Violin Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts	2 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 4-8:30 Violin Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Community Chorus	3 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Men's Breakfast 4-8 Piano Lessons 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	4 <u>National Day of Prayer</u> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 9:00-1:00 Homeschoolers 12:30 Women's Bible Study 7:00 Girl Scouts	5 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 3-8 Cello Lessons 3:30-6:00 Amadeus Chorale	6
7 <u>4th Sunday of Easter</u> 8:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion	8 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 10:00 Holy Yoga 3:30-8:00 Cello Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Church Council	9 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 4-8:30 Violin Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Community Chorus	10 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Men's Breakfast 4-8 Piano Lessons 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	11 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 9:00-1:00 Homeschoolers 12:30 Women's Bible Study 7:00 Worship & Music Committee	12 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 3-8 Cello Lessons 3:30-6:00 Amadeus Chorale	13
14 <u>5th Sunday of Easter</u> 8:30 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Mother's Day	15 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 10:00 Holy Yoga 3:30-8:00 Violin Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts	16 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 4-8:30 Violin Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Community Chorus	17 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Men's Breakfast 4-8 Piano Lessons 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	18 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 9:00-1:00 Homeschoolers 12:30 Women's Bible Study	19 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 3-8 Cello Lessons 3:30-6:00 Amadeus Chorale	20 9 am to 2 pm Rummage Sale
21 <u>6th Sunday in Easter</u> 8:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion	22 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 10:00 Holy Yoga 3:30-8:00 Violin Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts	23 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 4-8:30 Violin Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Community Chorus 7:00 Property Committee	24 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Men's Breakfast 4-8 Piano Lessons 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	25 <u>Ascension of Our Lord</u> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 9:00-1:00 Homeschoolers 12:30 Women's Bible Study	26 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 3-8 Cello Lessons 3:30-6:00 Amadeus Chorale	27
28 <u>7th Sunday in Easter</u> 8:30 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	29 <u>Memorial Day</u>	30 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 4-8:30 Violin Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Community Chorus	31 <u>Visit of Mary to Elizabeth</u> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Men's Breakfast 4-8 Piano Lessons 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous			



Just for **KIDS**

Do you ever feel all alone? Do you ever feel as if you need a map to get through the day?

Find your way through the maze below. Write the words from the *correct* path, in order, on the lines below.

Read the verse!

Start ↓

bird sun word
flame
star
feet
moon
light lamp
horse book
cow
path candle

(Finish)

Your _____ is a _____ to my _____

and a _____ to my _____.

—Psalm 119:105



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