

On Eagle's Wings



St. John's Monthly Newsletter – May 2019

Growth

Pastor's Paragraphs

The fire at the Paris cathedral a couple weeks ago opens the age old debate as to whether Christians should spend vast amounts of money on buildings while many people live in abject poverty throughout the world. After all, places and buildings are not ultimate for us. Seeing the work of God alive in other people is.

Pretty quickly though the story of the woman anointing Jesus with lavish amounts of perfume comes to mind. Onlookers scoffed saying why was this expensive perfume thus wasted? It could have been sold for a vast sum and the money given to the poor. Jesus says the last thing we'd expect, "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me." (Mark 14:6-7) It has been noted that since this occurred only a few days before the crucifixion the smell was still with Jesus on the cross - humanity's one and only act of kindness towards him. We all need to be grateful to that unnamed woman!

When it comes to things like buildings, art, musical instruments, etc. is there anything wrong with being so moved by God's love that you want give everything to celebrate God with the finest possible? But how much is too much? When have you truly gone too far? A look at Reformation history reminds us that the sale of indulgences was to support the exorbitant costs of the pope's building projects. Many people were suffering because of it.

Living a faithful life is complex. For as long as the world exists Christians will debate the best way to use resources. I don't think the direction matters as much as the reason. Whether given for perfume, or a building, or the poor - if resources are given as a strategy for personal gain they are misguided. If they are freely

given with love, joy, and devotion they can hardly go wrong.

May the love of God so inspire you that you freely give your best so that good things may be done in God's kingdom!
Blessings,
Pastor Jon



Melt Down the Mortgage

May 5 we start our summer-long Melt Down the Mortgage campaign! The purpose is to pay as much additional principle on the mortgage as possible. The more we can pay the sooner the mortgage will be paid off and the more money we'll save.

You'll get more information on May 5 when the campaign actually begins. And as a cool treat we will be making homemade ice cream for coffee hour. The Sunday school kids will be providing lots of yummy toppings. Talk to Beth Schroeder, Tim Brown or Pastor Jon for more information.

Annual Women's Retreat

A flyer for the annual retreat for women to be held May 17-19 at LCLC on beautiful Lake Chautauqua is posted on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area. This year's theme is "Stop the World---I Want to Get Off." Check out the flyer and if you have questions contact Beth Schroeder. The deadline for reserving your spot has passed, but talk to Beth if you'd still like to go.

Worship

May Worship Assistants

	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
Greeters & Ushers	Bruce & Connie Stevenson	Bill & Katy Stimmel	Spawton/Wood Team	Tom & Carol Urbanic
Lector	Suzy Maynard (8:30)	Kevin Maynard (8:30)	Ellen Storch (8:30)	Ann King (8:30)
Acolyte	Joe Wyman	Tierney White	Morgan Sackett	Molly Perdan
Altar Care	Helen Crown		Helen Crown	
Communion Assistants	Paul & Babette Huber		Linda Flood & Sue Kaufmann	
Nursery Care	Kristy Bullwinkle	Bill & Katy Stimmel	Laura Stroup	Beth Perdan
Counters	Beth Perdan & Bettina Kalish	Linda Flood & Sue Kaufmann	Tom Kurilovitch & Helen Crown	John & Linda Thompson
Coffee Hour	Sunday School Classes		Adele Garvy	



May Worship Texts

May 5 Luke 24:36-53
 May 12 Luke 20:1-26
 May 19 Luke 20:27-20:44
 May 26 Luke 20:45-21:4

- Investigating lapses in service by our cleaning company
- Initiated the program to pay down the mortgage, seeking \$5000 this year
- Approved a building use request for a weekly yoga group
- Continued to discuss Victor Next Door on-line community
- Circulated notes for review regarding update to our by-laws

Submitted by Tim Brown, Council President

Financial Update

As of the end of March
 Income \$ 51,712.46
 Expenses 53,801.83
 Difference \$ (2089.37)

Address Changes

Geoff and Beth Bright
 5127 Lincoln Circle
 Edina, MN 55436

Nuts and Bolts

Council notes from 4/15 Meeting

- Noted that the Treasurer was able to pay back over \$3000 of the \$5000 owed to the Capital fund
- Reported some progress on the plans and policies for the Endowment fund
- Heard from Pastor that the old organ was sold
- New member classes will start after Easter
- Church audit will be performed at the end of April
- Assigned the Property committee to look into creating building use guidelines

Service



- 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.
- Al Mann, Babette Huber's father, whose health is declining.
- Marie Kesel, who is awaiting diagnosis of issues and treatment options.



Lenten Coin Box Update

We're aimed to collect \$400 from our Lenten coin boxes this year. To date we have collected \$265. If you haven't returned your box yet please do so. That'll make it easier for our accounting. Thank you to everyone who participated!

Community Outreach Committee

SAVE THE DATE FOR MAGGIE'S KIDS – Monday, July 8 is this year's event. You will be getting information as the date gets closer. This is part of our Outreach when we participate in the week long day camp event for the kids from the Joseph Street area of the inner city coming to Victor visiting a different church each day.



- Thank you to Gary Boisseau, Jim Spawton, and Gary Wood for the weekly egg breakfasts during Lent and for the pancake breakfast on Easter.
- Thank you to everyone who ordered flowers for Easter.
- Thank you to all the volunteers who supported our week hosting families for Family Promise.
- Thank you to everyone who attended and helped with cooking at the mid-week Lenten dinner church services.
- Thank you to Wendy Sackett and the other Sunday school teachers for organizing the Easter egg hunt.
- Thank you to the Shulers for leading this year's communion education class.
- Thank you to everyone who cooked supper and those who attended the RIT campus ministry worship and dinner.

THANK YOU FROM KNUTE HALVORSON

A special thank you to the kids of the congregation for the Get Well Card that Pastor delivered. It was great! Even though I still have more recovery to do, thank you to everyone for all the cards and notes and help through this past winter.



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.

Service (Cont.)

VOLUNTEER AT CAMP JOY THIS SUMMER! Camp Joy is a week-long overnight summer camp for developmentally disabled adults that serves approximately 100 campers every year. Since its founding in 1982, it has thrived as an ENTIRELY volunteer based organization and to maintain our Christ-centered, inspirational, fun-filled experience for these individuals, we need volunteers like you! Camp is held at the Rotary Sunshine Campus in Rush, NY, where campers' favorite activities include the pool, a state-of-the-art climbing wall and zip line, the pool, fishing and boating, arts and crafts, and did we mention the pool?! In the evenings, campers enjoy programs such as a concert with the Dady Brothers, a camp-wide dance, and a talent night. Campers and staff alike share of themselves and grow in their faith, while learning about the love of God from each other – it is a toss-up as to who learns more from whom, campers or staff!

Our need for volunteers has become dire as we often keep a waiting list of campers wishing to attend but are unable to accommodate due to an insufficient number of volunteers. Please consider being a part of this outstanding organization and share the experience of a lifetime to continue to make this camp possible for so many individuals who desire this fulfilling experience.

Camp Joy will be held this year from June 16th-21st (Sun-Fri), both full- and part-time staff are needed, full room and board are provided for full-time staff, and there is absolutely no monetary requirement for volunteers and no previous experience with this population is needed! Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult, but we are a very family-friendly volunteer experience. For more information or to register as a volunteer, visit our website: www.campjoyny.org, or call (585) 371-8851 with any additional questions.

We're sure you'll find volunteering with Camp Joy to be a highlight of your summer and many more to come!
THANK YOU!

Fun

Former Pastor Rev. John Beeg 50th Anniversary of Ordination!

Former pastor, The Rev. John Beeg celebrates the 50th 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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April Bible Trivia Questions

1. In what town did Jesus meet Zacchaeus? Answer: Jericho (Luke 19:1)
2. How many disciples did Jesus send to get the colt he rode on Palm Sunday? Answer: 2 (Luke 19:29)
3. When Pilate finds out Jesus is from Galilee who does he send Jesus to? Answer: Herod (Luke 23:7)
4. In Luke, what are Jesus' last words before he dies? Answer: "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." (Luke 23:46)

May Bible Trivia Questions

1. On the road to what town did Jesus meet two disciples on the evening of the resurrection?
2. What does Jesus eat in front of his disciples to prove that he is real flesh and blood after the resurrection?
3. Where does the Ascension take place?
4. What did the Sadducees believe about the resurrection and eternal life?

MAY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 4-8 Music Lessons 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	2 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 10:00-2:30 Monarch Homeschool 1:00 Women's Bible Study	3 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Holy Yoga 3-8 Cello Lessons	4 Monarch Homeschool Dinner and Car Wash
5 <u>3rd Sunday of Easter</u> Melt Down the Mortgage Campaign 8:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion	6 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 9:00 Holy Yoga 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts	7 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 4-8:30 Violin Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Community Chorus	8 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:30 Men's Breakfast 4-8 Music Lessons 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	9 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 10:00-2:30 Monarch Homeschool 1:00 Women's Bible Study	10 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Holy Yoga 3-8 Cello Lessons	11
12 <u>4th Sunday of Easter</u> <u>Mother's Day</u> 8:30 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	13 7:00-6:00 YMCA Fun Clubs 9:00 Holy Yoga 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts	14 <u>Matthias, Apostle</u> 7:00-6:00 YMCA Fun Clubs 4-8:30 Violin Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Community Chorus	15 7:00-6:00 YMCA Fun Clubs 8:30 Men's Breakfast 4-8 Piano Lessons 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	16 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 10:00-2:30 Monarch Homeschool 1:00 Women's Bible Study	17 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Holy Yoga 3-8 Cello Lessons	18
19 <u>5th Sunday of Easter</u> 8:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion	20 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 9:00 Holy Yoga 4:00 Garden Project Planting 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 7:00 Church Council 7:00 Boy Scouts	21 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 4-8:30 Violin Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Community Chorus 7:00 Property Committee	22 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:30 Men's Breakfast 4-8 Piano Lessons 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	23 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 10:00-2:30 Monarch Homeschool 1:00 Women's Bible Study	24 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Holy Yoga 3-8 Cello Lessons	25 Vipassina Meditation
26 <u>6th Sunday of Easter</u> 8:30 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	27 <u>Memorial Day</u>	28 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 4-8:30 Violin Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Community Chorus	29 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:30 Men's Breakfast 4-8 Piano Lessons 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	30 <u>Ascension of Our Lord</u> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 10:00-2:30 Monarch Homeschool 1:00 Women's Bible Study Synod Assembly	31 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Holy Yoga 3-8 Cello Lesson Synod Assembly0	



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