

On Eagle's Wings



St. John's Monthly Newsletter – November 2017

Growth

Pastor's Paragraphs

Our annual stewardship drive will be in full swing as we enter November. (I'll let you find out about through other articles in the newsletter and announcements in worship.) Every year the stewardship drive makes me look forward to the year ahead. I ask myself what we hope to accomplish as a congregation? What direction do we want to head? What new programs and ministries do we need to start, and which ones should we stop?

Overall I think we're pretty responsive to the changing world around us. A good example is our Sunday school program. The number of students and their ages have shifted greatly in the last couple years. The old model of Sunday school would have consumed a lot of energy and not given great results for the energy spent. The one-room-schoolhouse model we have employed appears to be much more efficient.

We made a couple shifts in our programming for 2017. We recognize that most people, and young adults especially, are drawn to hands-on service work. People want to feel like they are making a difference in the world in a very real way. Thus we've become a host congregation in the new Family Promise program. We've also increased our garden project to be able to give more to the Victor-Farmington Food Cupboard. We shifted the focus of our Hang Around Victor Day booth to be about the God's Work Our Hands potato harvest, which takes place the next day. We actually had people from the community come and help in the harvest because of that display! I think we are on right track in these things and they should continue in 2018.

However we have one perennial weakness, our youth programming. When I talk to potential new members or am in conversation with outsiders about the church the question I get asked more often than every other issue combined is what our youth program is like. Unfortunately I can only give them a weak answer.

I have long thought that the best course of action would be to hire a youth director. A person dedicated to youth and young adult ministry would keep the needs of young people from falling by the wayside, which is what happens all too often now. Indeed we have tried many things and many models for youth ministry and all of them have basically failed.

Anticipating next year's income, I'm quite sure hiring a youth director is not going to be possible. But that does not mean we have to have another year of weakness in this essential ministry!

I have a couple questions for you. Answering them will be a big help, and they aren't hard to answer! Keeping in mind that youth are best impacted by being able to do hands-on work that will make a meaningful difference in the world, what are some needs and opportunities that you see around us? How can we as the people of St. John's do more to address those situations? These questions are the first step in making a difference. They are central to what will move our church forward.

Let me know what comes to mind. Tell me at worship, or leave a phone message, or an email will work just fine. I want to collect ideas and possibilities. Who knows what will be done and what won't?! The important piece at this point is the ideas themselves. Blessings,
Pastor Jon

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Reformation Celebration

Sunday October 29:

10:30 Celebration Worship

12:00 German Lunch

1:00 *Luther* Movie

7:00pm Catholic/Lutheran Service of Word and Prayer
(at Sacred Heart Cathedral)

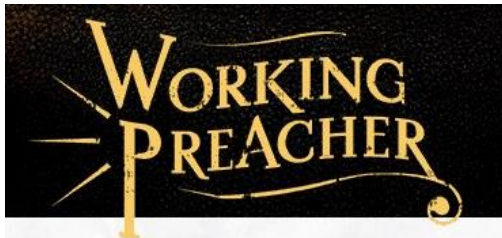
Tuesday October 31:

8:00 am Bell Tower Dedication

Worship

November Worship Assistants

	November 5	November 12	November 19	November 26
Greeters & Ushers	Don & Sally Mansfield	Tom & Lisa Kurilovitch	Karen & Jim Spawton	
Lector	Ellen Storch (8:30)	Judy VanDeVelde (8:30)	Susie Maynard (8:30)	Kevin Maynard (8:30)
Acolyte	Sabastian Plouffe	Jaden White	Julia Bullwinkle	Kelsey Sackett
Altar Care	Beth Perdan		Beth Perdan	
Communion Assistants	Cindy Swigart & Beth Bright		Nancy & Ivan Shuler	
Nursery Care	Laura Stroup	Kristi Bullwinkle	Katy Stimmel	Lynne Minkel
Counters	Sue Kaufmann & Linda Flood	Ethan Minkel & Bill Hagerman	Nancy & Ivan Shuler	Bruce Boncke & Art Fields
Coffee Hour				



November Worship Texts

After All Saints Sunday we'll wrap up our journey through Genesis. We'll spend a couple weeks looking at the Joseph story:

November 5: Matthew 5:1-12 (All Saints Sunday)

November 12: Genesis 37, Joseph's Coat

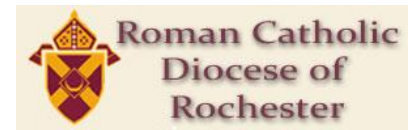
November 19: Genesis 50, Joseph Forgives

November 26: Matthew 25: 31-46 (Christ the King)

All Saints Remembrance

All Saints Sunday is November 5th. As a part of worship services that day the names of all congregational members and friends of the congregation who have died during the past year will be read. If you have a friend or family member you'd like to have included in the prayers please give the name to Pastor Jon.

Reformation 500th Anniversary Celebration at Sacred Heart Cathedral



Even though Martin Luther's posting of the 95 Theses caused a split in the church the Roman Catholic Church also recognizes the importance of Luther's actions. To celebrate the 500th Anniversary Lutherans and Catholics from around the region are celebrating a joint worship service at Sacred Heart Cathedral on October 29th starting at 7:00pm.

Nuts and Bolts

October Council Meeting Notes

- Discussed Treasurer's report which showed we still owe the Capital Fund and a month of our Synod payment
- Provided ideas for the Bell Tower dedication ceremony on 10/31
- Received a status regarding the renovation of the Fellowship Hall
- Received Stewardship and Finance report outlining the plan for the 2018 campaign starting on 10/22
- Received Outreach report defining the plans for holiday gifts and food distribution
- Discussed Family Promise program plans and funding - expecting increase in awareness, communication, and volunteer details
- Reviewed Survey Monkey as an option for Time and Talent - plan to roll-out in early November
- Voted to keep Pastor on the same health care plan he has been on - the Gold Plus plan
- Approved (via e-mail) paying the final balance due for the Bell Tower from the Memorial Fund

Submitted by Tim Brown from Tricia Kolczynski's meeting notes

Financial Update

	Income	Expenses	Difference
Year to Date	\$150,917.15	\$154,922.35	(\$4,005.20)

Service



500 lbs. of Soap Collection

We've passed the 500lb. goal! Thank you everyone!!! The soap will soon be transported to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse in Maryland. From there it will be shipped to somewhere in the world as needs arise. Most often the soap is used to supplement the refugee emergency kits because soap is the first thing those kits run out of.

2018 Stewardship Drive

Our 2018 Stewardship drive kicks off on October 22nd and runs through November 19th. Since it's the big anniversary year for the Reformation we have teams of little Luthers racing to "nail" the 95 Theses on the church door first. Look in your church mailbox for your 2018 stewardship materials. (If you don't pick it up we'll mail it to you.) Please prayerfully consider how you will participate in and support St. John's in the next year. Our congregation is truly our own. It is as strong and capable, or weak and struggling, as we make it!

Community Outreach Projects



- We will be collecting food and money for the Victor Farmington Food Cupboard Thanksgiving Baskets until November 13th. Volunteers are needed to help assemble the baskets on November 15 beginning at 11:00 am and to distribute on November 16 at 4:00 pm. Sign up in the Gathering Area is you want to volunteer.
- Give Around Victor Day will be December 16th. St. John's will serve as a Christmas Basket Distribution site. Volunteers will also be needed so watch for more information.
- Christmas Gifts for Families in Need – We will again be getting gifts for Canandaigua and Victor families. The gift charts will be up by November 19th and the gifts need to be at the church by December 11th.
- The Mitten Tree collection of mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves need to be at the church by December 11th. This year the collection will be donated to the VICTIM RESOUC E CENTER in Newark.

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.

Gail Holbig as she has an increasing number of health problems and is often confused.

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 Roy, sister-in-law of Helen Crown, who has metastatic breast cancer.

The family and friends of Gabe Roy, brother-in-law of Helen Crown as they mourn his death.

Leigh Adams, Linda Flood's brother, who is receiving IV antibiotic treatment for an infection in the bones of his leg.



-Thank you to everyone who mowed the church lawn in October

-Thank you to the worship band for providing music when Heidi was on vacation. Thank you to Ellen Storch for playing the piano at the 8:30 service.

-Thank you to everyone who has helped with the renovations to the Fellowship Hall: Tom Urbanic, Mike Ross, John CiPollina, John and Linda Thompson, Kevin Christman, and Bruce and Connie Stevenson. The project is coming along great!

-Thank you to Connie Stevenson for her landscaping work around the bell tower.

-Thank you to Mike Ross, John CiPollina, John Card, and Kevin Christman for their work on the bell tower.

Fun

Parish Thanksgiving Dinner



The annual Parish Thanksgiving Dinner will be held On Sunday, November 19th starting at 5:00. Please look for sign up sheets on the bulletin board in the gathering area to see what food items you can bring. This is one of our most popular fellowship events of the year so be sure to bring a empty stomach ready to be filled! We are blessed with some great cooks in this congregation!



October Bible Trivia Answers

1. Complete this verse from Ephesians: "For by grace you have been..." Answer: "saved through faith." (Ephesians 2:8)
2. Which prophet said the righteous shall live by faith? Answer: Habakkuk (Habakkuk 2:4)
3. According to Romans 8 what can separate you from God's love? Answer: Nothing (Romans 8:38-28)
4. Who said, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends"? Answer: Jesus (John 15:13)

November Bible Trivia Questions – Joseph in Genesis

1. What was the unique thing about Joseph's coat? Bous: What mistake did Martin Luther deliberately introduce into the text when describing Joseph's coat?
2. How many brothers did Joseph have?
3. How many sisters did Joseph have?
4. When Joseph's father Jacob dies what does he do to his brothers for all the horrible things they did to him?



Fun (Cont.)



November Birthdays

1	Maureen Betsinger, Robert White
2	Emma Deibler
3	Phyllis Henderson
6	Michael Maynard
10	Linda Thompson
13	Andrew Stark
15	Nancy Shuler, Alexander Morley, Jaden White
17	Cindy Friga, Beth Bright
18	Erin Wilmot
20	Carol Phelps
21	Jeanne Christman
23	Hans Finke
24	Hannah Fields
28	Bruce Stevenson
29	Lindsay Clarkson

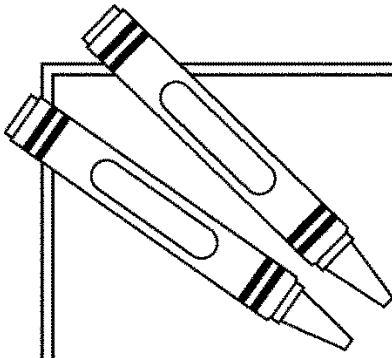
Trunk or Treat 2017



Middle school and high school age members are invited to participate in our display at this year's Trunk or Treat at the Victor Municipal Park on October 28th from 11:00-12:30. (Please note this is a new time!) We'll create our display in the afternoon of Sunday October 22nd. With the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation being just four days later our display will be a model of the Wittenberg Castle Church (above) where Luther posted the 95 Theses. Talk to Pastor Jon for more information

NOVEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <u>All Saints Day</u> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Men's Breakfast 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	2 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 1:00 Women's Bible Study	3 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 3-8 Cello Lessons 3:30-6:00 Amadeus Chorale	
5 <u>All Saints Sunday</u> 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 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Community Chorus Election Day	8 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Men's Breakfast 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	9 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 1:00 Women's Bible Study	10 7:00-6:00 YMCA Fun Clubs 3-8 Cello Lessons 3:30-6:00 Amadeus Chorale Martin Luther's Birthday (1483)	11 Veterans Day
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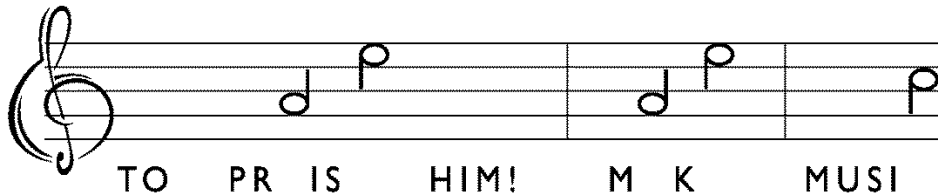
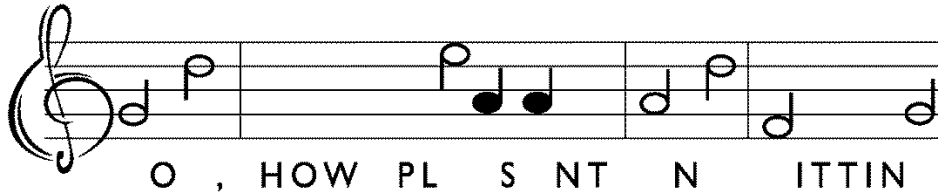
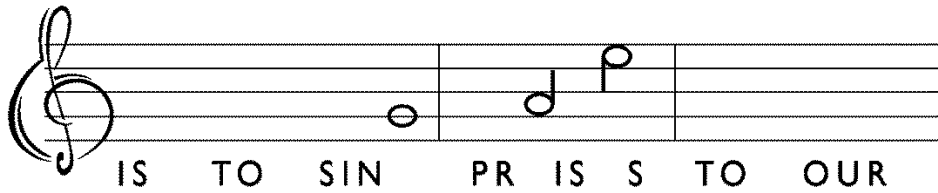
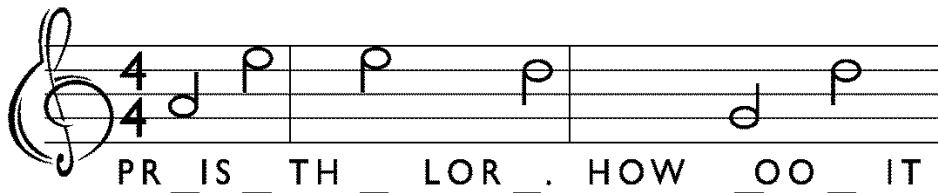
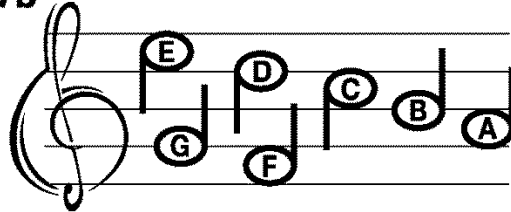


Just for KIDS

Psalm 147:1,7b

Code:

Use this musical code to fill in the blanks. Write the name of each note on the line.





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November 19 – 5:00 Parish Thanksgiving Dinner