

On Eagle's Wings



St. John's Monthly Newsletter – October 2018

Growth

Pastor's Paragraphs

The recent Mega Millions Lottery jackpot went soaring way beyond anything it had ever been before – well over \$1 billion! I've heard a number of conversations of people saying what they'd do with all that money. Even after taxes, and if it is split among numerous winners, it's still way more money than most people can begin to manage. I heard one person say he hopes he doesn't win. All that money would probably ruin his life. I thought, "If you didn't want to win, why did you buy a ticket!?!?" I didn't buy a ticket so I have no hope of winning, but I confess to daydreaming a bit about what I would do if I suddenly received over a billion dollars. There are certainly things I want to buy. And I be generous. (Come to think of it, I could give everyone who we send the newsletter to a million dollars and I'd still have hundreds of millions left over!)

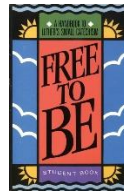
Money seems like the key to so much – happiness, security, and power. Even if you are a deeply selfless person who puts everything you have into helping others, having more money seems like having more ability to help; and having less seems like having less ability to help.

Perhaps that is one of the deepest lies in the world. More money does not lead to more effectiveness, and less does not mean less. Our Lord Jesus changed the world with a dozen followers all of whom were nobodies with no money, and no real talent or promise. Your salvation, the most valuable gift you'll ever receive, came without any money whatsoever.

Indeed, money is an efficient way to exchange goods and services. I encourage you to be generous as we enter our stewardship drive for the 2019 budget. The Bible encourages generosity in many places: Luke 12:48, Romans 12:8, 1 Timothy 6:17-19 name just a few. But also remember that more or less money makes you neither more nor less of a person. God can, and will use you for the valuable work God wants to get done. Whether you see results from your works of faith or not, God's work is being done. And your works are neither

greater nor lesser than anyone else's. You are no less effective than a Nobel peace prize winner in getting things done.

Pray every morning that God opens your eyes to opportunities to bring about his reign on earth. And pray that God let you see benefits for what you do. You won't have to buy a lottery ticket, but you will win; and far more than any lottery amount that will ever be given. Blessings,
Pastor Jon



High School Sunday School

High school and college students are invited to join Julie Stuart on Sunday mornings to explore the book *Free to Be*, which explores how the basics of faith are applied in daily life. The group will gather at church at 9:30 and then head to either Tim Hortons or Dunkin Donuts. (Coffee and donuts are on us!) Then they will return in time for the 10:30 service. Talk to Julie Stuart or Pastor Jon for more information.

Adult Sunday School

The adult Sunday school class continues its journey through Luke's gospel in November. The class is using the video *Learning Luke, the Apostolic Gospel*. Passages to be covered in November are:

Nov. 4 – Luke 4:14-30

Nov. 11 – Luke 7:1-18

Nov. 18 – Luke 9:28-36

Nov. 25: Luke 13:31-35

Next year we'll use Luke's gospel as our core text for worship. This is a great way to get to know it more deeply than we'll do in worship.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA FALL 2018 RETREAT

November 9 and 10 at LeTourneau Christian Center on Rushville. The group will explore the multiple meanings of "Our Daily Bread." Check the flyer on the Bulletin Board in the Gathering Area.

Worship

November Worship Assistants

	November 4	November 11	November 18	November 25
Greeters & Ushers	Sara DeMuzio & Tricia Kolczynski	Tim & Liz Brown	Kim & Gary Boisseau	Nancy & Ivan Shuler
Lector	Kevin Maynard (8:30)	Ellen Storch (8:30)	Mary Zuege (8:30)	Judy VanDeVelde
Acolyte	Morgan Sackett	Molly Perdan	Katya Kurilovitch	Viala Wagner
Altar Care	Beth Perdan		Beth Perdan	
Communion Assistants	Bruce & Diane Boncke		Bruce & Connie Stevenson	
Nursery Care	Kristi Bullwinkle	Katy Stimmel	Laura Stroup	Judy VanDeVelde
Counters	Linda Flood & Sue Kaufmann	Tom Kurilovitch & Helen Crown	John & Linda Thompson	Tim Brown & Bill Hagerman
Coffee Hour	Shuler		Brown & Thompson	Sue Kaufmann

November Worship Texts

November has church holidays at either end, and in the middle we'll read two stories from John's gospel we rarely hear in worship:

Nov. 4: John 11:32-44 (All Saints Sunday)

Nov. 11: John 7:1-18

Nov. 18: John 8:1-11

Nov. 25: John 18:33-37 (Christ the King Sunday)



U2Charist – November 17, 7pm

On Good Friday we had our first U2Charist service, a service that uses various songs from the group U2 for worship. It was a very powerful way to note Good Friday. On Thursday, November 17th we'll do it again, but not with a Good Friday theme. In a season of thankfulness it will be a way to give thanks for the many blessings we enjoy. Talk to Heidi Griffith if you'd like to know more.

All Saints Remembrance

All Saints Sunday is November 4th. 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.

Special Music for Worship

Most weeks the worship band provides special music while the offering is being gathered. We're looking for others who will share their musical talent as well. Maybe you're a student looking for more performance time and you want a friendly audience. Or maybe that high school instrument is calling to you from its closet shelf. Or maybe there's a Christian song you've heard and you just can't keep from singing it. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area and share your gifts for the glory of God. Talk to Heidi Griffith if you want to know more.

Nuts and Bolts

Financial Update

As of September 30

YTD Income \$157, 970.87

YTD Expenses \$157,570.36

Difference \$400.51

Council notes from 10/8

- Reported on productive communications with the YMCA to renew their lease and catch up on back payments
 - Assigned council action to review the Music Director job description
 - Set the dates for the Stewardship drive to be 10/28 through 11/18
 - Learned of plans to repeat the U2Charist on 11/15
 - Reviewed our very successful first week as Family Promise hosts - discussed some adjustments for our next opportunity likely in January
 - Discussed compensation recommendations from the Executive Committee - key changes focused on health care coverage for Pastor from 100% coverage to 80/20 plan
 - Approved travel for Pastor to attend a Anchor Church meetings in Charlotte, NC - this concept will be considered for St. John's early in 2019 to support other congregations not able to be self-sustaining
- Submitted by Tim Brown

Service

Stewardship Drive

The 2019 Stewardship drive will be held from 10/28 to 11/18. We will have a presentation on 10/28 outlining our high level budget plan for 2019 totaling \$220,000. Response materials will be distributed during the first week of November for your prayerful consideration and response. As you know, your pledges make up the bulk of our income each year. With your support, we will continue to be a home for many community organizations. Through your generosity, we will grow our outreach to feed the hungry, help the homeless, and serve those in need. If you haven't pledged, please consider doing so. For those of you currently pledging, increasing your donation would be greatly appreciated. As you look through this year's Stewardship materials, please consider your response to the generous gifts Christ has given you.

Submitted by Tim Brown

Community Outreach Committee



Victor / Farmington Food Cupboard

Thanksgiving Baskets. St John's will be collecting food items for the annual Thanksgiving baskets given by the Victor Farmington Food Cupboard. Monetary contributions are also welcome. For example, a \$40 donation will buy a turkey dinner replete with dessert. Donation needs in addition to cash:

Roasting pans
canned cranberry sauce
canned turkey gravy
brownie mixes
canned fruit
canned green beans, mushroom soup and onions

Volunteers are also needed to:

Assemble boxes: Monday or Tuesday 12th and 13th
(Day and time TBD)

Fill boxes: Wednesday 14th (Noon until done)

Assist on Distribution Day: Thursday 14th, 11:00-4:00,
Organize and final frozen food set up.

4:00-8:00, Client distribution

8:00-done, Clean up

Sign up to volunteer by calling 585-924-1528 or
email: hamiltongang@hotmail.com

Christmas Family Gifts

We will collect Christmas gifts for several needy families in our area again this year. The lists of items needed will be posted on November 25.



Election Day Bake Sale

No matter how the election goes, we want people to have something sweet in their lives! We're having a bake sale for the election on November 6. Bread sells the best by far so we're looking for loaves of sweet breads (banana, zucchini, etc.) or yeast breads. Talk to Pastor Jon if you are able to provide bread or to help staff the sale.

Service (Cont.)



- The Rev. Matthew Nickoloff and the South Wedge Mission in Rochester. Also the Rev. Eric and the Rev. Wendolyn Trozzo in Malaysia. Wendolyn is having some health problems that will require surgery soon.
- Amy Plouffe, who is home but weak from cancer.
- Gary Myers who is being treated for multiple myeloma. He is currently doing relatively well and is responding to the treatments
- Linda Ellis whose health is someone stable at the moment but 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 lives with a number of health issues that cause pain and limit his mobility.
- Don Curtis, who has moved into a nursing home.
- The family and friends of Jeanette Morley, Al Morley's mother, as they mourn her death.



What is Family Promise of Ontario County?

Family Promise of Ontario County (FPOC) is a nonprofit, 501c3 organization committed to ending family homelessness in Ontario County. We serve as a catalyst, mobilizing faith communities to provide a safe haven for our struggling neighbors. Volunteers are the heart of our organization. We collaborate with and leverage existing social service networks to help homeless families become sustainably independent. Our goal is a community where everyone has a place to call home

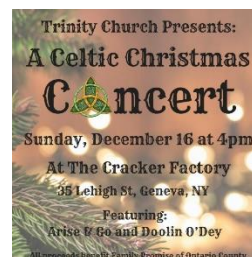
First Frost Campaign has Begun!

What would you do if you and your family had nowhere to spend tonight? Frightening thought as the frost begins and temperatures plummet.

Be on the lookout for a letter suggesting ways you can help support our work so we can continue to offer hope to the homeless families we serve.

Contributions can be made through our website www.FamilyPromiseOntarioCounty.org or snail mail at FPOC, PO Box 416, Canandaigua, NY 14424. Thank you for your ongoing support.

The Geneva Area Interfaith Council (GAIC) is sponsoring a FREE Naloxone (Narcan®) Training on Wednesday, November 7, 2018 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm at The Presbyterian Church in Geneva (24 Park Place, Geneva). Registered attendees will receive a free Narcan® kit at the end of the training session. To register, contact Bill Lamb at Bill.Lamb@dor.org.



December 16

A Celtic Christmas Concert

Sponsored by Trinity Church, the concert will be held at the Cracker factory on LeHigh Street in Geneva at 4pm. Celtic Bands, *Arise* and *Doolin O'Dey*, will be playing. All proceeds will benefit Family Promise of Ontario County.

To learn more, check out www.FamilyPromiseOntarioCounty.org



- Thank you to Heidi Griffith for leading worship when Pastor Jon was on vacation.
- Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with our hosting week for Family Promise.
- Thank you to everyone who helped with preparing the building for the Family Promise host week
- Thank you to everyone who bought pumpkins from the pumpkin sale. We raised over \$800!
- Thank you to Mike and Cassie Ross for letting us use their field for this year's garden project.

Fun

Trunk or Treat 2018



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 27th from 11:00-12:30. We'll create our display in the afternoon of Sunday October 21st. The above photo is from last year and we haven't decided on a theme for this year yet. Talk to Pastor Jon for more information

Parish Thanksgiving Dinner



The annual Parish Thanksgiving Dinner will be held On Sunday, November 18th 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. How old was Moses when he died? Answer: 120 (Deuteronomy 34:17)

2. Who succeeded Moses as leader? Answer: Joshua (Joshua 1:1)
3. Does Moses get to enter the Promised Land? Answer: No (Deuteronomy 34)
4. Joshua was the son of who? Answer: Nun (Joshua 1:1)

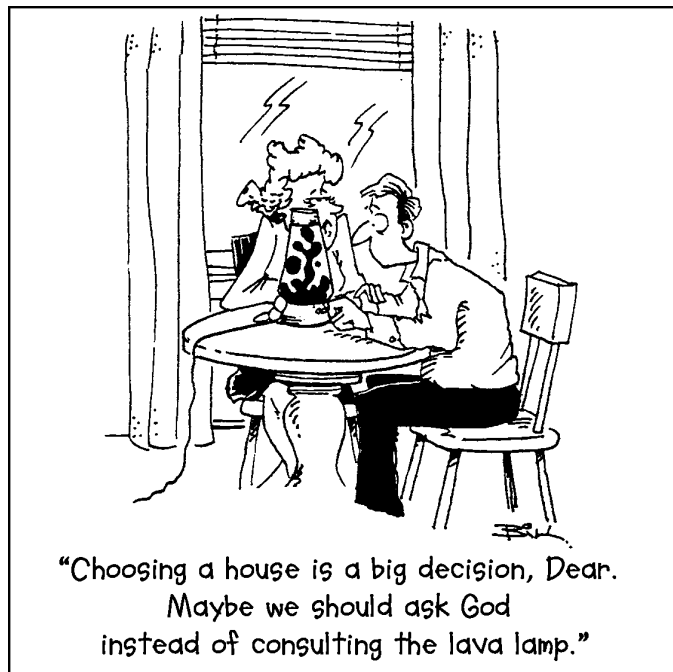
November Bible Trivia Questions

1. Before the crucifixion and resurrection did Jesus siblings believe in him?
2. Where did Jesus say, "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone"?
3. Who asked Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?"
4. What was the punishment for adultery in Jesus' day?

Pie Sunday Returns

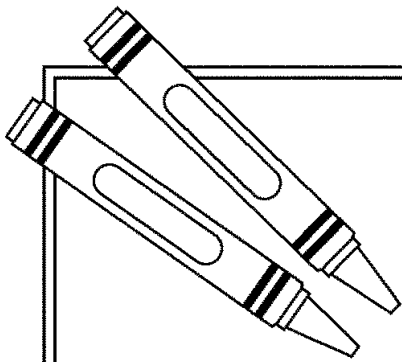


Our annual Reformation Sunday (October 28) tradition resumes after being off last year with pie for coffee hour. We won't go overboard with pies this year though. We'll ask you to sign up in the Gathering Area if you will provide a pie. That way we won't have far too many!



NOVEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <u>All Saints Day</u> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 10-2:30 Monarch Homeschool 1:00 Women's Bible Study	2 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Holy Yoga 3-8 Cello Lessons	3 10-3 Vendor Show
4 <u>All Saints Sunday</u> 8:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion 11:45 Sunday School Teacher's Meeting	5 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Holy Yoga 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts	6 <u>Election Day</u> 7:00-9:00 Bake Sale 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Community Chorus	7 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:30 Men's Breakfast 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	8 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 10-2:30 Monarch Homeschool 1:00 Women's Bible Study	9 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Holy Yoga 3-8 Cello Lessons	10 10-3 Vendor Show
11 <u>25th Sunday after Pentecost</u> <u>Veteran's Day</u> 8:30 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:45 Band Practice	12 7:00-6:00 YMCA Fun Clubs 8:00 Holy Yoga 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 7:00 Church Council	13 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Community Chorus	14 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:30 Men's Breakfast 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 7:00 Band Practice 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	15 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 10-2:30 Monarch Homeschool 1:00 Women's Bible Study 7:00 U2Charist	16 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Holy Yoga 3-8 Cello Lessons	17 10-3 Vendor Show
18 <u>26th Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion 5:00 Parish Thanksgiving Dinner	19 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Holy Yoga 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts	20 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Community Chorus	21 7:00-6:00 YMCA Fun Clubs 8:30 Men's Breakfast 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	22 <u>Thanksgiving Day</u>	23	24 9:00-12:00 Vipassina Meditation
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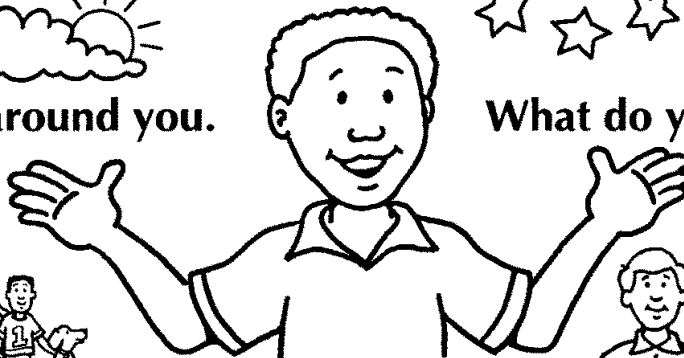
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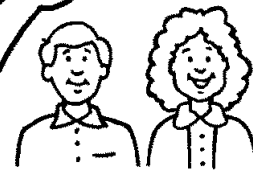
Look around you.



What do you see?



How do you feel?



Read the definitions and look at the pictures. Write the word in the boxes. The dark boxes will spell a word to write on the lines above.

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our planet



parents, brothers,
sisters, relatives



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special persons
to you

it holds the stars
and the clouds





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