

# On Eagle's Wings



St. John's Monthly Newsletter – November 2019

## Growth

### Pastor's Paragraphs

Most people see their lives as a story. They see a beginning, the plot of their lives developing through time, and then at some point an end. Stories should make sense. We want the story of our lives to make sense. Life feels good when it does. And it is troublesome when it does not.

God plays a big part in our life's story. We know that we are loved by God and we see God as a companion in our life's journey. Key in our relationship with God is our church, and our church's story.

The annual stewardship drive begins October 27 with Pie Sunday. We're going to roll out the 2020 budget in a story style. Said differently, while the budget is only numbers, what story does it tell about us in the year ahead? Where is our plot headed? And very significantly, do we buy into its story – not just in dollars but in actions too?

My hope as you prayerfully consider how you will participate in St. John's in 2020 is that you realize it is a story you want to be a part of. I support several charities and schools each year. For most of them it is just an annual financial donation. But for a few, and St. John's is one of them, I give more. I give more both in money and in time. Certainly St. John's is on that very short list because I am the pastor, but there's more. That short list is made up of the organizations whose stories connect most closely to my life's story. I am part of their plot and they are a part of mine.

Our church is not just a charity. It is the part of ourselves that connects our lives' stories to God's story. In 2020 may your story make sense. And may you make a meaningful contribution to the story of St. John's, of which we are all a part!

Blessings,  
Pastor Jon



### 2020 Stewardship Drive

Our 2020 stewardship drive begins with on Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup> and runs through November 24<sup>th</sup>. (Both ends are bookended with food! Pie Sunday is October 27. The Parish Thanksgiving Dinner is November 24<sup>th</sup>.) The stewardship materials will be distributed the first week in November. Also check out the budget in this newsletter. In order to encourage you to return your materials by the deadline we're again having a little competition. The symbol of St. John is an eagle. The congregation is being broken into three groups, each group getting a different colored eagle. Return your eagle with your materials and we'll post them on the tally board. The team with the most eagles will be the one flying highest, and the winner! Talk to Tim Brown for more information.

### Adult Sunday School

The adult Sunday school class is continuing the course through the course *Servant or Sucker, Wise and Compassionate Ways to Help the Poor*. Stop in the middle classroom upstairs during the Sunday school hour to join in.

# Worship

## November Worship Assistants

	November 3	November 10	November 17	November 24
Greeters & Ushers	Sara DeMuzio & Tricia Kolczynski	Paul and Babette Huber	Bill and Katy Stimmel	Tom and Carol Urbanic
Lector	Janice Lockwood (8:30)	Suzie Maynard (8:30)	Kevin Maynard (8:30)	Ellen Storch (8:30)
Acolyte	Olivia DeLeon	Joe Wyman	Tierney White	Morgan Sackett
Altar Care	Beth Perdan		Beth Perdan	
Communion Assistants	Rob Stroup and Gary Wood		Paul & Babette Huber	
Nursery Care	Kristi Bullwinkle	Laura Stroup	Judy VanDeVelde	Beth Perdan
Counters	See counters schedule	See counters schedule	See counters schedule	See counters schedule
Coffee Hour	Trudy Wyman & Kristi Bullwinkle	Elizabeth Young	Bettina Kalish	

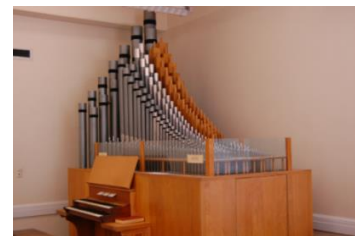


## November Worship Texts

11/3 Luke 21:5-38 (All Saints)  
 11/10 Luke 14:15-35  
 11/17 Luke 15:1-32  
 11/24 Luke 17:20-37 (Christ the King)

## All Saints Remembrance

All Saints Sunday is November 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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.



## Organ Rededication

If you've been waiting with baited breath for when we'll put the organ back in service, you'll have a wait just a bit longer! Caroline Robinson, the organist we were going to have for a rededication worship service, is not available until January. We'd like to use it for Christmas Eve... so, if we hire a new pianist who is also skilled at organ we may rededicate it sometime in December. Stay tuned!

## Nuts and Bolts

### Financial Update

As of September 31  
 YTD Income \$158,918.48  
 YTD Expenses \$155,807.02  
 Difference \$3,111.46

## Service



- The Rev. Matthew Nickoloff and the South Wedge Mission in Rochester.
- 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 recently began hospice care.
- Linda Flood, who is in the hospital being treated for a brain infection that developed following sinus surgery.

### Community Outreach Committee THANKSGIVING BASKETS

We will be accepting food and monetary donations beginning October 13 to November 17 for the Victor Farmington Food Cupboard distribution on November 21. Boxes will be packed Monday, November 18; Wednesday, November 20; and Thursday, November 21. Volunteers are needed on those days and a sign up sheet will be posted on St John's bulletin board if you can sign up to help. (On the distribution day you need to be 16 or older to volunteer.)

Most of the food needed is purchased from Foodlink at very good pricing but Fried Onion Rings and Cream of Mushroom soup as well as Stuffing Mix are more costly from Foodlink so those donations are always appreciated; jellied cranberries, canned fruit, gravy (jars or packets) and canned green beans are always also needed.

### CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR AREA FAMILIES

We will be providing gifts for families in the Victor school district only this year. The gift charts will be posted by Sunday, November 17th. The deadline for the gifts to be at church is Sunday December 15th.

### MITTEN TREE

The mitten tree collection dates are the same as the Christmas gifts (above). The donations will go to the Victim Resource Center in Newark

Questions can be directed to Burdie Gillern.



- Thank you to Nic Stuart for preaching the Sunday Pastor Jon was on vacation. Thank you to Rob Stoup and Gary Wood for leading the worship services.
- Thank you to John CiPollina and Bruce Stevenson for making various repairs around the building in October.
- Thank you to everyone who served as a volunteer during our Family Promise host week.
- Thank you to Tom and Lisa Kurilovitch for organizing the beer and wine tour.
- Thank you to everyone who mowed the church lawn in October.
- Thank you to Bruce and Connie Stevenson for landscaping work during October.

### Eagle Scout Project

Aidan Kolczynski will be building a shed to house winter snow supplies for the church. Work on this project has begun! To help with the cost of the project, Aidan is collecting bottles and cans through the end of October. If you have any bottles or cans to donate, please bring them to church and Tricia Kolczynski, will be happy to take them off your hands! If you prefer Aidan can pick up at your house. Call/text 585-766-7159 with donations or questions!

## Fun

### Trunk or Treat 2019



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 26<sup>th</sup> from 11:00-12:30. The photo above is our Rapunzel's tower display that we created for the event. Talk to Pastor Jon for more information



## Fun (Cont.)

### Pie Sunday



Reformation Sunday is October 27 this year. So, as is our tradition we will have pie for coffee hour! There will be pie after both worship services. In order to not go overboard with pies please sign up in the Gathering Area if you will provide a pie. That way we won't have far too many!

### Parish Thanksgiving Dinner



The annual Parish Thanksgiving Dinner will be held On Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> 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



Hint: All the answers can be found in this month's gospel readings on Sundays.

#### October Bible Trivia Answers

1. How many were killed when the Tower of Siloam fell? Answer: 18 (Luke 13:4)
2. In Luke's gospel who do the Pharisees warn Jesus about who wants to kill him? Answer: Herod (Luke 13:31)
3. In the parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus, what color is the rich man's clothes? Answer: Purple and white (Luke 16:17)
4. In the parable of the fig tree what is the gardener's fertilizer of choice? Answer: Manure (Luke 13:8)

#### November Bible Trivia Questions

1. Where did Jesus go at night during Holy Week?
2. Give one of the excuses the guests originally invited give for not attending in the Parable of the Great Banquet.
3. In the Parable of the Lost Coin how many coins did the woman have originally?
4. What animals does the prodigal son end up feeding?



# NOVEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> <u>All Saints Day</u> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 9:00 Holy Yoga  3-8 Cello Lessons	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> <u>All Saints Sunday</u> 8:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion  Standard Time Begins	<b>4</b> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 9:00 Holy Yoga  3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>5</b> <u>Election Day</u> 5:15am-9:30pm Voting 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 4-8:30 Violin Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Community Chorus	<b>6</b> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:30 Men's Breakfast  4-8 Music Lessons  7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>7</b> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 10:00-2:30 Monarch Homeschool 1:00 Women's Bible Study	<b>8</b> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 9:00 Holy Yoga  3-8 Cello Lessons	<b>9</b> 9:30-3:30 Cello Ever
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### **November Newsletter**

November 24 – Parish Thanksgiving Dinner