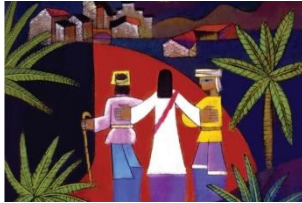


On Eagle's Wings



St. John's Monthly Newsletter – October 2016

Growth



Pastor's Paragraphs

Confession time: I have not read *Declaration on the Way*. “So what?” you are thinking, “I’ve never even heard of the *Declaration on the Way*! Who cares if the pastor’s read it? It’s not like it’s the Bible or something.”

Perhaps the real issue is that no one cares. The *Declaration on the Way* is the statement that’s been in the works for over 50 years between the Catholic and Lutheran churches. The ELCA churchwide assembly approved it in August. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has unanimously approved it, and Lutheran and Catholic bodies throughout the world have submitted it to the Lutheran World Federation and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity for world-wide approval. The idea is to have the approval in time for the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation on October 31, 2017.

The declaration lists 32 major issues where Lutherans and Catholics have come to agreement with each other. This is among the biggest statements of Christian reconciliation ever. But no one cares. Why? Because it has no immediate effect on our daily lives. It’s not going to change the cost of a gallon of gas. It’s not going to send our troops into battle somewhere. It’s not going to impact the amount in your retirement savings.

Church actions rarely have a significant impact on our communities. If we honest with ourselves it’s because our culture has relegated our faith to the sidelines. As Father George Wiant, former priest at St. Patrick’s

Catholic Church used to say, “We are quaint irrelevancies for most people.”

Yet do not think that just because church actions aren’t getting headlines that nothing significant is happening, or that God isn’t acting. God is at work all the time. And it is just like God to act in powerful ways that most people overlook. Great things are happening this day and every day, and the *Declaration on the Way* is one of them.

So I’m going to read it soon – all 120 pages of it – and I invite you to read it too. We are living witnesses of tremendous changes in the church and we don’t want to miss them. I can print you a paper copy, but it is easy to find online. Just search “*Declaration on the Way*” and you’re sure to get it.

Blessings,
Pastor Jon



King David - Adult Sunday School

The adult Sunday school class is exploring the life of King David, perhaps the greatest king of Israel. It is a six week course that runs through October.

September 25 – David’s early life

October 2 - David as traitor

October 9 – David as king

October 16 – David’s family

October 25 – David’s women problems

Please join in the class on Sunday mornings, or if that doesn’t suit you can follow along on Facebook. Our Facebook page will contain links to videos, discussions and Bible passages.

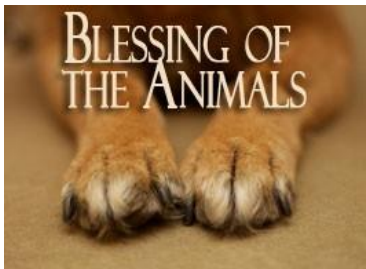
Worship

October Worship Assistants

	October 2	October 9	October 16	October 23	October 30
Greeters & Ushers	Linda & Alan Morley	Lynne & Ethan Minkel	Don & Sally Mansfield	Tom & Lisa Kurilovitch	Ivan & Nancy Shuler
Lector	Susie Maynard (8:30) Linn Griffo (10:30)	Kevin Maynard (8:30) Deb Gregory (10:30)	Judy VanDeVelde (8:30) Nancy Bassett (10:30)	Ellen Storch (8:30) Gary Boisseau (10:30)	Susie Maynard (8:30) Bruce Boncke (10:30)
Acolyte	Sarah Brownlee	Sam Erhlinger	Scott Wilmot	Sebastian Plouffe	Jaden White
Altar Care	Beth Perdan		Beth Perdan		Beth Perdan
Communion Assistants	Gary Boisseau & Cindy Swigart		Bruce & Diane Boncke		Liz & Tim Brown
Nursery Care	Katy Stimmel	Kristi Bullwinkle	Laura Stroup	Lynne Minkel	Beth Perdan
Counters	Bruce Boncke & Art Fields	Babette Huber & Burdie Gillern	John & Linda Thompson	Don Mansfield & Tim Brown	Tom Kurilovitch & Helen Crown
Coffee Hour					

Bulletins Online

Remember that we're now posting the 10:30 worship bulletins on the website. You can choose to use a traditional paper bulletin or you can follow along on your electronic device. Hopefully this will lessen the amount of paper we use and the amount of effort it takes to create the bulletins every week.



October 2 – 2:00

Our annual blessing of the animals service is inspired by the ministry of the 13th century saint, Francis of Assisi, who is recorded to have died on this day. Bring your pets, large or small. We'll meet in the Outdoor Chapel if weather permits.

Pie Sunday



Our annual Reformation Sunday (October 30) tradition will continue 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!

Questions, Questions

Ever have a question during the sermon? Some of us dare to interrupt and ask it, but most don't. We're going to explore two things in the coming months that will allow you to ask those questions. About once a month the sermon will be more of a Bible study than a sermon. You are certainly welcome to ask questions then. The other thing we're going to try is putting a slip of paper in the bulletin for you to write your questions on. We'll do this first on October 9. If you have a question write it down and put it in the offering plate. After the offering Pastor Jon will take a couple minutes to respond to those questions.

Worship (Cont.)

8:30 Worship Changes

On September 11 we began a new format for the 8:30 worship service. Instead of using the Bible readings appointed for the Sunday and then a traditional sermon we began studying the gospel of Matthew from start to finish. We cover a couple chapters per week. In October we'll move through the heart of the gospel, Chapters 7 through 15.

10:30 Worship Involvement

On September 18 we tried involving as much of the congregation in worship leadership as possible. Everything from the Bible readings to all the prayers were be done by the congregation. It went well, so we'll continue it for the next several weeks. When you enter the sanctuary your bulletin will have a highlighted section which you will be asked to read. We'll have a stack of bulletins for those who do not wish to participate.

Service

Property Fall Clean-up – October 15

Please come and help out at our fall clean-up on October 15. There will be a couple small projects with the buildings to work on and we'll be cleaning up the grounds after the summer. Wear your work clothes and bring your gloves. We'll begin around 8:00 and wrap up before lunch.

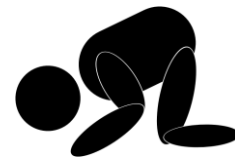
Community Outreach Projects

Thanksgiving baskets: This annual Food Cupboard effort will take place right before Thanksgiving. Baskets will be prepared on November 16 with distribution on November 17th. If you'd like to help out with preparation and distribution please talk to Linda Flood. We'll be collecting food items for the baskets from October 9 to November 13th. Talk to Burdie Gillern for more information about the items desired.

Give Around Victor Day: This event will be held on December 10th at various churches in Victor. We will again be a food distribution site. More information will be coming in the November newsletter.



- Thank you to everyone who helped with the potato harvest on God's Work, Our Hands Sunday.
- Thank you to everyone who helped mow the lawn in September.
- Thank you to everyone who helped staff the Hang Around Victor Day booth and everyone who provided cookies.
- Thank you to John Thompson for making the contacts and organizing the repairs to the old lawn mower.
- Thank you to all the Sunday School teachers and the volunteers who helped kick off the 2016-17 Sunday School year with Rally Day.
- Thank you to John Cipollina for working with RG&E to see about improving the lighting around the entrance of the parking lot.



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. Gordon and Gail Holbig as they both have health problems. Fred Trost as he lives with Parkinsons Linda Ellis who has metastases on her spine and hip. Jim Lethbridge who continues to recover from shoulder surgery. Jeanette Hare whose health is unstable. Amy Plouffe who was recently diagnosed with cancer in a couple areas of her body. Katie Rodgers, friend of the Stevensons, who is a young mother and has various cancers growing in her body. The family and friends of Allan Kay, brother of Diane Boncke, as they mourn his death. Louise Pembroke, grandmother of Karen Brownlee, as her cancer continues and she transitions into comfort care.

College Student Addresses

If you have a college student in your family please provide us with his or her mailing address. We plan to send a couple care packages to each of our college students this year. You may put the address in the secretary's mailbox, or send it by email: sjlcvector@gmail.com

Service (Cont.)

Vendor Show and Rummage Sale

We'll be hosting a vendor show/rummage sale on November 19. If you would like to reserve a table (or know of a vendor who would) please drop a line to the church office. More information will follow.

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 general election on November 8. 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.

Nuts and Bolts

October Council Highlights

We are all caught up on bills! Thank you!
The 8:30 Worship Service started a bible study format on 9/11.

Council approved Pastor Jon to purchase a truck with plow for the upcoming winter snowplowing.

Harvest Sunday set for 10/16.

Considering a few fundraiser options for November.

Next Meeting 10/10

Financial Information

	Income	Expenses	Difference
Year to Date (as of			
August 31)	133,678.21	135,081.39	(1,403.18)

Capital Fund Money was used to pave/seal the parking lot area in August. Fund balance is now \$804.10.

Fun

October Birthdays

2	Michael Kalish, Wendy Sackett
3	Jim Spawton
4	Maria Kusel
6	Ted Bair, Matt Bair
7	Patrick Maynard
9	Craig Morley
10	Joyce Twitchell, Jacob Kurilovitch
12	Rich Buch
13	Sarah Townsend
14	Robin Allen, Brian Busby
16	Karen Brownlee
17	Alex Brown
19	Bruce Boncke, Allison Stark, Cindy Swigart
20	Hanna Stroup
21	Bob Lasky
22	Annette Nohe
23	Anna Christman, Olivia DeLeon
26	Elliot Wilmot, Sarah Brownlee
27	Jeff Spawton, Heidi DeLeon
28	Tim Brown
30	Karen Spawton
31	Maria Kesel

Trunk or Treat 2016



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 2nd from 5:00-6:30. We'll create our display in the afternoon of Sunday October 16th as part of the Fall Festival. If you have ideas for our display this year please share them with Pastor Jon. In previous years we've done: Minions, Elsa's Ice Palace, a castle, a haunted house and an '80's theme.



Join us for a Harvest Festival

We would like to celebrate God's bountiful blessings on Sunday October 16th. We are asking members of the congregation to donate flowers, fruits and vegetables (either out of their gardens or purchased) to adorn the sanctuary. The church will be decorated Saturday night October 15th beginning at 7 p.m. – all are welcome to come and assist in decorating the church.

On Sunday October 16th, we will have a harvest worship service in the beautifully decorated sanctuary. All donations will be forwarded to the Victor Farmington Food cupboard. After the service, we will sit down for the annual chicken barbeque.

Please let us know if you will be attending and if you are able to donate to make the sanctuary become a cornucopia of bountiful harvest.



Thrivent Night at the Strong Museum of Play



On Sunday, October 9, from 6-8:30 p.m, Thrivent will be funding another evening at the Museum of Play. There is no cost and no tickets are required, but baskets for a free will offering will be placed at the door. No matter whether you're young or old, this is a great chance to go to Strong Museum!

September Bible Trivia Answers – The Paralyzed Man

1. Which town on Lake Galilee became Jesus' base when he left Nazareth? Answer: Capernaum (Matthew 4:13)
2. How many friends carried a paralyzed man to Jesus to be healed? Answer: 4 (Mark 2:3)
3. How did the men reach Jesus despite the crowds of people in and around the house? Answer: They tore back the roof and lowered him from there. (Mark 2:4)
4. What did the paralyzed man do when he was healed by Jesus? Answer: Stood up and walked off carrying the mat he was carried in on. (Mark 2:12)

October Bible Trivia Questions – Supernatural Fire

1. What two sinful cities were destroyed by fire and brimstone from heaven?
2. When the Israelites were wandering in the wilderness, what did they follow at night?
3. According to Daniel, this astonishing person had a throne like a fire of flame. Who was he?
4. What did the seraph touch the trembling Isaiah's tongue with?

October 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 <u>20th Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion 2:00 Blessing of the Animals	3 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 10:00 Holy Yoga 7:00 Boy Scouts	4 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 1:00 Women's Bible Study 4-8:30 Violin Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Community Chorus	5 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Men's Breakfast 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous 4-8 Piano Lessons	6 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 10:00-2:00 Homeschoolers 7:00 Worship & Music Committee	7 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 3-8 Cello Lessons 3:30-6:00 Amadeus Chorale	8
9 <u>21st Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8:30 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	10 <u>Columbus Day</u> 7-5 YMCA Fun Clubs 10:00 Holy Yoga 7:00 Church Council	11 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 1:00 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Community Chorus	12 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Men's Breakfast 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	13 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 10:00-2:00 Homeschoolers	14 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 3-8 Cello Lessons 3:30-6:00 Amadeus Chorale	15 8:00 Fall Clean Up Day
16 <u>22nd Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion Harvest Festival	17 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 10:00 Holy Yoga 7:00 Boy Scouts	18 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 1:00 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Community Chorus	19 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Men's Breakfast 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	20 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 10:00-2:00 Homeschoolers	21 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 3-8 Cello Lessons 3:30-6:00 Amadeus Chorale	22 5:00-6:30 Trunk or Treat (at Victor Municipal Park)
23 <u>23rd Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8:30 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	24 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 10:00 Holy Yoga 7:00 Boy Scouts	25 6:30-9:30 YMCA Child Care 1:00 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Property Committee 7:00 Community Chorus	26 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Men's Breakfast 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	27 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 9:00-1:00 Homeschoolers 12:00 Bible Study	28 <u>St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles</u> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 3-8 Cello Lessons 3:30-6:00 Amadeus Chorale	29 8:00-4:00 Meditation Group 1:00-7:00 Retrouvaille
30 <u>Reformation Sunday</u> 8:30 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion	31 <u>Reformation Day</u> <u>All Hallows Eve</u> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 10:00 Holy Yoga 7:00 Boy Scouts					