

# On Eagle's Wings



St. John's Monthly Newsletter – October 2018

## Growth

### Pastor's Paragraphs

It seems as if all eyes are on the Bret Kavanaugh hearing and the accusations that are being made against him. I don't know enough to have an informed opinion about his suitability for the Supreme Court. I do, however, want to address the "boys will be boys" messages I've heard many times recently. It should go without saying that such an attitude runs counter to our Christian understandings. The Bible teaches that all are made in the image of God (Genesis 1:26) and deserve respect as such. Also, our bodies are temples of God (1 Cor. 3:16). The list could go on and on, with numerous teachings that we must honor others and control our own behaviors.

Last year saw the Me Too movement take form, especially drawing attention to sexual harassment of women in the workplace. While I hardly have the power to start another such movement, I think we need a culture-wide movement calling out and rejecting the "boys will be boys" message.

Indeed adolescent boys and young men face many challenges; but our culture should expect them to work through them without violating others. They need good male role models who show ways to be strong, yet who express that strength in constructive ways. They need to learn how to be sexual beings in ways that fully honor the capabilities and gifts of women. These are things men need to teach to each other, especially to young men.

I'm not going to let women off the hook though, for they have also played a role in the current mess. Brene Brown is a nationally recognized therapist who has focused on causes of shame in men and women. Here's an excerpt from an April 26, 2013 article in *The Atlantic*:

'What Brown discovered in the course of her research is that, contrary to her early assumptions, men's shame is not primarily inflicted by other men. Instead, it is the women in their lives who tend to be repelled when men show the chinks in their armor.'

"Most women pledge allegiance to this idea that women can explore their emotions, break down, fall apart—and it's healthy," Brown said. "But guys are not allowed to fall apart." Ironically, she explained, men are often pressured to open up and talk about their feelings, and they are criticized for being emotionally walled-off; but if they get too real, they are met with revulsion.'

I agree with Brown's findings. In my own experience as a pastor, men will respect weakness in each other, but women treat weakness in men with revulsion. That also has to change before any real progress can be made.

While most people can look at their younger years and see things that they regret, that does not mean we should wink at that conduct from adolescents/young adults – whether they be male or female. We are people of forgiveness, but not people who look the other way and allow hurtful and abusive behavior to occur.

May God give us both the grace and the sensibility to:

acknowledge our own brokenness,  
forgive the brokenness of others,  
hold each other to account,  
and move forward as God's community of faith.  
Blessings,  
Pastor Jon

### 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.

### Adult Sunday School

The adult Sunday school class will begin a twelve week series on Luke's gospel starting October 14. We'll be reading Luke's gospel in worship next year and this will be a great way to understand Luke's desire to turn followers of Christ into apostles who can spread the gospel throughout the world. Talk to Pastor Jon for more information.

# Worship

## October Worship Assistants

	October 7	October 14	October 21	October 28
Greeters & Ushers	Karen & Jim Spawton	Phyllis & Dick Henderson	Bruce & Connie Stevenson	Sue Kaufmann & Linda Flood
Lector	Ellen Storch (8:30)	Judy VanDeVelde (8:30)	Janet Reese (8:30)	Susie Maynard (8:30)
Acolyte	Joe Wyman	Abbie Bullwinkle	Olivia DeLeon	Tierney White
Altar Care	Sally Mansfield		Sally Mansfield	Sally Mansfield
Communion Assistants	Helen Crown & Sally Mansfield		Gary Boisseau & Rob Stroup	Paul & Babette Huber
Nursery Care	Laura Stroup	Kristi Bullwinkle	Katy Stimmel	Beth Perdan
Counters	Bruce Boncke & Art Fields	Babette Huber & Nancy Pape	Bruce & Connie Stevenson	Beth Perdan & Bettina Kalish
Coffee Hour	Gay Card	Adele Garvey	Julie & Nic Stuart	Pie Sunday

### October Worship Texts

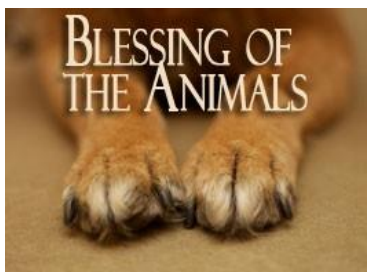
In October we'll conclude our journey with the Israelites in the wilderness. The month will conclude with the typical texts for Reformation Sunday.

Oct. 7: Exodus 40, Journeying with God

Oct. 14: Numbers 27:12-23, Joshua commissioned & Deuteronomy 34, Moses' death

Oct. 21: Joshua 1, Joshua's leadership begins

Oct. 28: Romans 3:19-28 Reformation Sunday



### October 14 – 2:00

Our annual blessing of the animals service is inspired by the ministry of the 13<sup>th</sup> 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.



### The Trinity Organ

Work continues on the installation of the organ from Trinity Lutheran Church. It may not look like progress, but we are in the process of acquiring new wiring and a transformer for the instrument. The tedious task of soldering should begin this month. Talk to Jim Spawton for more information about the project.

## Nuts and Bolts

### Financial Update

As of August 31

YTD Income \$142,988.87

YTD Expenses \$141,465.17

Difference \$1,523.70



## Service



### God's Work – Our Hands Sunday Potato and Pumpkin Harvest

We met and exceeded our goal of 2000lb. of potatoes. We were at 2270 pounds of potatoes for the food cupboard. The wagon was also mounded full of pumpkins which we have been selling at church. If you'd like one but haven't picked one out be sure to act fast. There aren't many left. Four giant pumpkins are being sold in a silent auction in the Gathering Area. The final date for bids is September 30<sup>th</sup>. All monies raised will go to the food cupboard.

**SAVE THE DATE:** October 28, 2018 is our next opportunity to feed the students in the Campus Ministry group at RIT. Watch for a sign up sheet and more details.

### Girl Scouts Help in the Memorial Garden



Sophia Payne, Amalia Ireland, and Katherine Wojcik are pictured working on their Girl Scout Silver Award in the Memorial Garden.

Thank you for your help and service.

### Community Outreach Committee

**Thanksgiving Baskets.** St John's will be collecting food items for the annual community Thanksgiving Basket Give Away. Collection time will begin on Sunday, October 7 and end on Sunday, November 11. Monetary contributions are also welcome. For example, a \$40 donation will buy a turkey dinner replete with dessert.

A food time collection box will be located in the social area beginning Sunday, October 7.

Thanks so much for all the school supply donations that were brought in. They are certainly appreciated. Thank you, Thank you, and Thank you again from Bettina Kalish for all the help and support during the personal blip she faced this year.



## Service (Cont.)



The Rev. Matthew Nickoloff and the South Wedge Mission in Rochester. Also the Rev. Eric and the Rev. Wendolyn Trozzo as they return to Malaysia.

Amy Plouffe, who is home but still 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 is in rehab and will move to a nursing home soon.

Pauline Fehrenbacher, friend of Phyllis Henderson, who is having surgery on September 27 for a growth on her brain.

Rebecca Boisseau, who is again having heart rhythm issues.

The family and friends of Greg Hodnett, racing friend of Ray Czymmek, as they mourn his death.



**Family Promise<sup>®</sup>**  
of Ontario County

Our first week as a host congregation is September 30 – October 6. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered for the week. More volunteers are needed. If you've received the training you know where to go to sign up. There's also a link from the church's website. Talk to Beth Perdan for more information.

### Musical

October 21<sup>st</sup> 3-5pm

East Bloomfield United Methodist Church will host a musical on October 21<sup>st</sup> to benefit FPOC. Enjoy great local musical talent while supporting the new not-for-profit.

Family Promise of Ontario County is a nonprofit 501c(3) organization. We are a faith-based network helping families in Ontario County become sustainably independent.

FPOC combines the efforts of the faith communities, volunteer organizations, and existing social service agencies. It is more than providing a safe place to rest their heads, meals and support. It is about keeping entire families together while they work toward having a home to call their own.

To learn more, check out

[www.FamilyPromiseOntarioCounty.org](http://www.FamilyPromiseOntarioCounty.org)



**THANK YOU** – From the quilters of St. Paul Lutheran Church for the “generous donation of material....Once a week they come to layer, tie, edge and pack quilts.....They average 200 quilts per year.” Some quilts go to Lutheran World Relief for distribution around the world and some have gone to the YWCA Domestic Violence program, to the American Red Cross, and to the Adirondacks for distribution during bad weather and power outages. If you have more material to donate check with Janet Reese.

-Thank you to Gary Wood and Jim Spawton for cooking the chicken at the September 9<sup>th</sup> bar-b-que.

-Thank you to everyone who helped mow the lawn in September.

-Thank you to everyone who helped harvest potatoes and pumpkins from the garden on God's Work Our Hands Sunday.

-Thank you to all the Sunday school teachers, especially Jen White and Nancy Shuler for their work preparing for Sunday school and Rally Day.

-Thankyou to everyone who helped staff the Hang Around Victor Day booth and Beth Schroeder for helping create the display.

-Thank you to Beth Perdan and Beth Schroeder for organizing the Family Promise training event.

-Thank you to the Morleys and the Thompsons for providing transportation for the Rev. Mel Jacobs from Food for the Poor when he visited. Also thank you to Julie Stuart for providing housing.

What is Family Promise of Ontario County?

# 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 27<sup>th</sup> from 11:00-12:30. We'll create our display in the afternoon of Sunday October 21<sup>st</sup>. 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

## 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!



### September Bible Trivia Answers

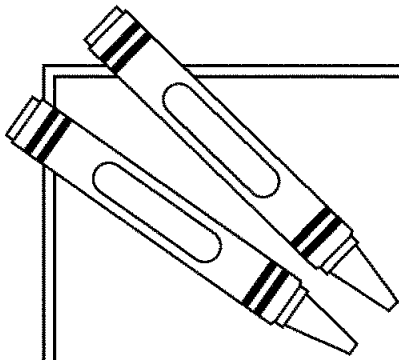
1. On what mountain did Moses receive the 10 Commandments? Answer: Mt. Sinai (Exodus 19:11)
2. What graven image of gold do the Israelites make while in the wilderness? Answer: a calf (Exodus 32:4)
3. What food does God provide for the Israelites every day while they're in the wilderness? Answer: manna and quail (Exodus 16)
4. What type of wood was used for the Ark of the Covenant? Answer: Acacia (Exodus 25:10)

### October Bible Trivia Questions

1. How old was Moses when he died?
2. Who succeeded Moses as leader?
3. Does Moses get to enter the Promised Land?
4. Joshua was the son of who?

# OCTOBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Holy Yoga  3:00-8:00 Music Lessons  7:00 Boy Scouts  Family Promise	<b>2</b> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care  3:00-3:00 Music Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Community Chorus  Family Promise	<b>3</b> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:30 Men's Breakfast  3-8 Music Lessons  7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous  Family Promise	<b>4</b> <u>Francis of Assisi</u> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care  10-2:30 Monarch Homeschool 1:00 Women's Bible Study 7:00 Band Practice  Family Promise	<b>5</b> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Holy Yoga  3-8 Cello Lessons  Family Promise	<b>6</b>      Family Promise
<b>7</b> <u>20th Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion	<b>8</b> <u>Columbus Day</u> 7:00-5:00 YMCA Fun Clubs 8:00 Holy Yoga  3:00-8:00 Music Lessons  7:00 Church Council	<b>9</b> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care  3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Community Chorus	<b>10</b> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:30 Men's Breakfast  3:00-8:00 Music Lessons  7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>11</b> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care  10-2:30 Monarch Homeschool 1:00 Women's Bible Study  7:00 Band Practice	<b>12</b> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Holy Yoga  3-8 Cello Lessons	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> <u>21st Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8:30 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 12:00 Band Practice 2:00 Blessing of the Animals	<b>15</b> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Holy Yoga  3:00-8:00 Music Lessons  7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>16</b> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care  3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Community Chorus	<b>17</b> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:30 Men's Breakfast  3:00-8:00 Music Lessons  7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>18</b> <u>St. Luke, Evangelist</u> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care  10-2:30 Monarch Homeschool 1:00 Women's Bible Study  7:00 Band Practice	<b>19</b> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Holy Yoga  3-8 Cello Lessons	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> <u>22nd Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion  3-5 Fall Conference Assembly (At South Wedge Mission)	<b>22</b> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Holy Yoga  3:00-8:00 Music Lessons  7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>23</b> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care  3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Community Chorus	<b>24</b> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:30 Men's Breakfast  3:00-8:00 Music Lessons  7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>25</b> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care  Monarch Homeschool Group 10-2:30  1:00 Women's Bible Study	<b>26</b> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Holy Yoga  3-8 Cello Lessons	<b>27</b> 9:00-12:00 Vipassina Meditation  11:00-12:30 Trunk or Treat (At Municipal Park)
<b>28</b> <u>Reformation Sunday</u> <u>Simon and Jude, Apostles</u> 8:30 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion	<b>29</b> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Holy Yoga  3:00-8:00 Music Lessons  7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>30</b> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care  3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Community Chorus	<b>31</b> <u>Reformation Day</u> <u>All Hallows Eve</u> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:30 Men's Breakfast  3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous			



# Just for KIDS

## What do they have in common?

Using the verse given in the clue, find the names to fill in the blanks on the right. Write the letters from the circles in the boxes below.

1. A close companion (John 15:13)       \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
2. Samuel's mother (1 Samuel 2:1)      \_  \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
3. Thrown into lion's den for praying  
(Daniel 6:11)      \_ \_ \_  \_ \_
4. She saved the Jewish people  
(Esther 8:3)      \_ \_  \_ \_ \_ \_
5. God made a covenant with him (Genesis 9:8)      \_ \_ \_ \_
6. Members of a church (Acts 2:42)       \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
7. He led the Israelites into the Promised  
Land (Joshua 4:14)      \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
8. Mother of John the Baptist  
(Luke 1:13)      \_  \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
9. He forgave his brothers (Genesis 50:17)      \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
10. A prophetess (Judges 4:4)      \_  \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
11. Israel's first high priest (Exodus 28:1)      \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
12. Disciple of Jesus (Acts 1:15)       \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
13. A prophet (1 Kings 18:36)      \_  \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
14. Received Ten Commandments from  
God (Exodus 19:20)      \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

## They were

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