

# On Eagle's Wings



St. John's Monthly Newsletter – October 2019

## Growth

### Pastor's Paragraphs

God has made us amazing creatures. Our brains are capable of amazing understanding and incredible inventions. Our bodies have the physical ability to shape the earth and use its resources to suit our needs and desires. Yes, God has made us amazing creatures!

As we enter the time of year when we start our stewardship drive we remember that everything belongs to God. All our abilities and all our possessions are actually God's, and we are stewards of them.

Our annual stewardship drive usually focuses on determining how much money we can expect to have to operate our church in the coming year. That is essential information for our church council. But it is also an annual time to look at everything God has put under our care and contemplate how we are doing with it.

While I hope you consider giving some of your money to St. John's, I want you to consider that all of it belongs to God. Every donation, every purchase, every investment is an expression of your faith and how you understand your relationship with God. Indeed, have fun with the money in your care! Use it to meet your needs too. But use it wisely and engage it in ways that build up God's kingdom and God's people. There are many many enticing things in our world that hurt and destroy.

Also consider the gift of your body. How do you use it? Are your habits and choices in keeping with the reality that your body is God's creation and God's temple? Indeed, you can enjoy donuts and bowls of ice cream. They are fun things to eat. (At least I think so!) But ask yourself overall, do your lifestyle habits contribute to keeping the body God created for you healthy and capable? And certainly, physically destructive activities and risky behavior do not honor the amazing work God did when God created you.

How about your stuff? Do the possessions you have chosen to surround yourself with inspire you and help to make you capable? Are they worthwhile? I hate to part with things I think might be useful, but sometimes I end up with piles of junk! Look around you. Are there

valuable resources in your life that you are not using? Would it be better to sell them and apply the money in a different way? Or would it be good to give it to someone else who can use it? Certainly we can enjoy collections and beautiful things, but amassing things for the sake of having them, or filling our lives with stuff because we are afraid or too lazy to part with things, is hindering our ability to be effective disciples. Jesus said, "Where your treasure is there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21)

God delights in you! God has made you strong and capable and beautiful. God wants to fill your life with health and happiness and joy. Be a good steward of all that is entrusted to you and don't let it ruin the fullness God has given you.

Blessings,  
Pastor Jon

### Upstate NY Synod Women of the ELCA 2019 Convention

**"And God said . . . Walk a faithful Journey"**  
**October 4-6, Notre Dame Retreat House,**  
**Canandaigua**

A flyer is posted in the Gathering Area with contact information, workshops, costs, etc. or check with Linda Flood.

### Adult Sunday School

The adult Sunday school class is currently going 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.

### High School Class

In October the high school class will explore the Netflix video *Idle Worship*. The title has a double meaning because it could just as well be *Idol Worship*. It's about people becoming infatuated with a leader and unable to hear the truth. The class will also begin work designing this year's Trunk or Treat display. Talk to Julie Stewart for more information.

# Worship

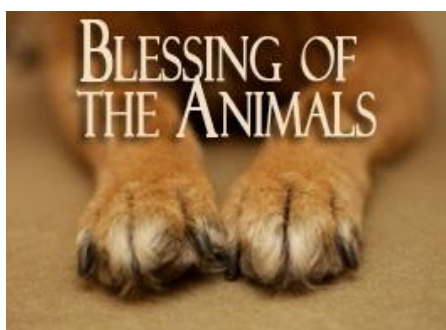
## October Worship Assistants

	October 6	October 13	October 20	October 27
Greeters & Ushers	Mike & Bettina Kalish	Linda & John Thompson	Kim & Gary Boisseau	Tim & Liz Brown
Lector	Ellen Storch (8:30)	Judy VanDeVelde (8:30)	Mary Zuege (8:30)	Ann King (8:30)
Acolyte	Jacob Kurilovitch	Jonathan Buch	Abbie Bullwinkle	Creed White
Altar Care	Helen Crown		Helen Crown	Helen Crown
Communion Assistants	Diane & Bruce Boncke		Paul & Babette Huber	Tim & Liz Brown
Nursery Care	Kristi Bullwinkle	Laura Stroup	Judy VanDeVelde	Beth Perdan
Counters	Tim Brown & Bill Hagerman	Nancy & Ivan Shuler	Babette Huber & Burdie Gillern	Bruce Boncke & Art Fields
Coffee Hour	Linda Flood	Julie Stuart	Wendy Sackett	Pie Sunday



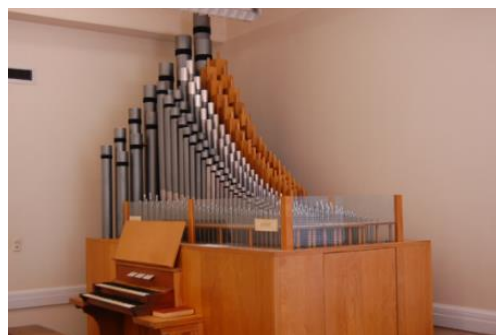
### October Worship Texts

10/6 Luke 13:1-9  
 10/13 Luke 13:10-21  
 10/20 Luke 16:1-17:19  
 10/27 Luke 13:22-30 (Reformation)



**October 6 – 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.



### Organ Rededication

The organ has been completely reassembled and a few failing components replaced. Parsons Pipe Organs of Canandaigua is scheduled to come to tune the organ and make final adjustments on October 1. We're working with Caroline Robinson, the organist at St. Paul's Lutheran in Pittsford, to play it for the rededication. Once we coordinate with her schedule we'll announce the rededication date.

## Nuts and Bolts

### Financial Update

As of August 31  
 YTD Income \$141,136.39  
 YTD Expenses \$139,289.40  
 Difference \$1,446.99

### Council Notes from 9/16

- Reviewed the Treasurer's report that showed a solid income month in August and all bills paid
- Assigned action to send reminder for the Mortgage Meltdown program ending in September
- Pastor planning to meet with Nazareth College student interested in youth leadership
- Assigned action to send reminder for the Spiritual Practices survey
- Still seeking candidates to chair the Stewardship and Finance Committee
- Voted to recommend a new By-law to create an Endowment Fund and Committee for congregational vote at the annual meeting
- Will consider candidates for the three-person committee that will be formed
- Reviewed Brokerage Account guidelines - will finalize at the next meeting
- Made recommendations to the 2020 budget draft - will continue to update and review over the coming months

Submitted by Tim Brown, Church Council President

### Synod Assembly Voting Representatives

At the 2020 synod assembly we will be having an election for the role of bishop. This is a long process that begins January 1. In order for voting representatives to be fully informed of the process the synod has asked us to choose our 2020 voting representatives this fall – in time for the fall conference assembly; which is October 27. St. John's gets three votes at the assembly – one for Pastor Jon and two from our membership. If you are interested in serving as a voting representative from our church for the upcoming bishop's election please talk to our council president, Tim Brown, before the October 21 church council meeting.

## Service



### God's Work, Our Hands Sunday

Thank you to everyone who helped harvest potatoes and pumpkins this year. And also those who helped with seeding a cover crop into the garden for the winter. WE expected to harvest around 1500 pounds of potatoes, but the total was around 3800 pounds instead! The Victor-Farmington Food Cupboard was very thankful for the abundance, and they were able to do a couple extra projects for clients because of them.

There are still some pumpkins, gourds, and corn stalks for sale at the church. Any money raised will be donated to the food cupboard.



- 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.
- Eliana Boisseau, daughter of Kalena Boisseau as she was born a few weeks premature but is doing well.

## Service (Cont.)

### 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.

Questions can be directed to Burdie Gillern.



- Thank you to everyone who helped with the God's Work Our Hands work at the garden project!
- Thank you to Gary Wood for organizing the parish picnic and cooking the food.
- Thank you to everyone who helped mow the church lawn in September.
- Thank you to John CiPollina and Bruce Stevenson for installing the window guards in the Fellowship Hall.
- Thank you to the Ross's for donating the use of their field for the garden project.
- Thank you to Jen White for organizing Sunday school rally day.
- Thank you to Jim & Karen Spawton and Les Stiles for working on the organ installation.

#### From the Property Committee:

Thank you to everyone who gave their time to help mow our property this year. We know that summer leisure hours are precious, and we are very grateful for your support.

Thank you to our resident Girl Scout Troup for their work in maintaining our Memory Garden throughout the season, it has never looked better! Also, thanks to them for adding a much-needed coat of stain to the benches in

our Outdoor Chapel. Their work for the church is always appreciated.



### Melt Down the Mortgage

Our Melt Down the Mortgage campaign is almost complete. Thank you to everyone who has donated! If you haven't, but would like to, please pick up an envelope on the usher's stand. Talk to Beth Schroeder, Tim Brown or Pastor Jon if you have any questions.

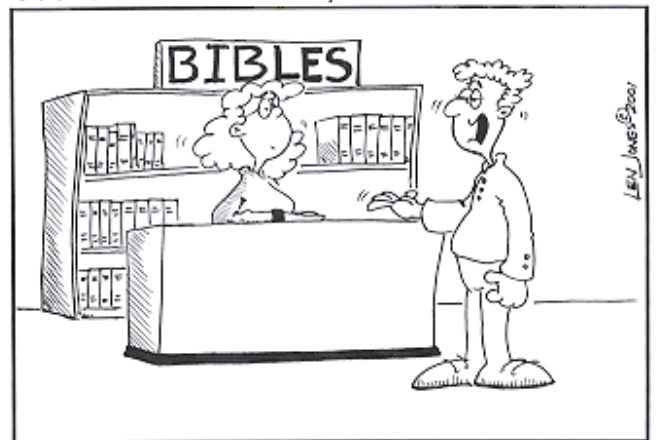
### Family Promise

Our next host week will be October 6-13. When we have information about the number of guests and their needs Beth and Beth will be emailing St. John's volunteers to sign up and get organized. We are striving for more efficiency and less wasted food during our week.

### 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!

#### ALTAR EGO. by Len Jones



"What I really need is a translation that won't leave me feeling guilty, convicted, or in need of making some kind of decision."

# 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. We'll create our display in the afternoon of Sunday October 20<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



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!

## Beer and Wine Tasting Tour Oct. 6 – 1:30pm

The Fellowship Committee has organized a beer and wine tasting tour to celebrate the fall. Places in the tour include Twisted Rail, Ventosa, and Three Brothers. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area. Talk to Tom Kurilovitch for more information.



### September Bible Trivia Questions

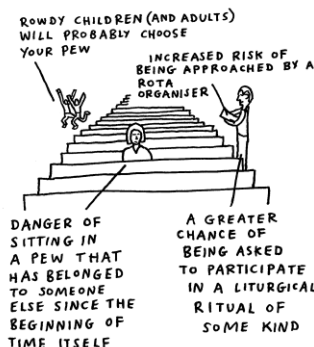
1. Why does Jesus teach the disciples the Lord's Prayer?  
Answer: They asked to be taught how to pray (Luke 11:1)
2. In the parable of the Rich Fool what does he do with his old barns in order to store more crops? Answer: Tear them down (Luke 12:18)
3. Jesus said Solomon was not clothed with as much glory as what kind of flower? Answer: Lilies (Luke 12:27)
4. Complete this sentence of Jesus from Luke's gospel, "Where your treasure is..." Answer: "there your heart will be also." (Luke 12:34)

### October Bible Trivia Questions

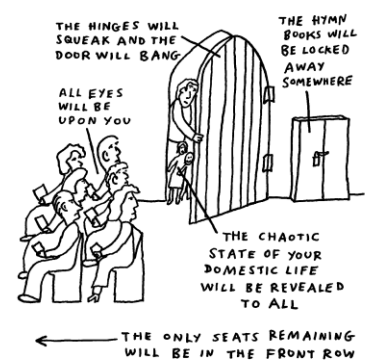
1. How many were killed when the Tower of Siloam fell?
2. In Luke's gospel who do the Pharisees warn Jesus about who wants to kill him?
3. In the parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus, what color is the rich man's clothes?
4. In the parable of the fig tree what is the gardener's fertilizer of choice?

## ARRIVING AT CHURCH

### THE PERILS OF ARRIVING AT CHURCH TOO EARLY:



### THE DANGERS OF ARRIVING AT CHURCH TOO LATE:



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# OCTOBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care  4-8:30 Violin Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Community Chorus	<b>2</b> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:30 Men's Breakfast  4-8 Music Lessons  7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>3</b> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 10:00-2:30 Monarch Homeschool 1:00 Women's Bible Study	<b>4</b> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 9:00 Holy Yoga  3-8 Cello Lessons	<b>5</b>
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<b>27</b> <u>Reformation Sunday</u> 8:30 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion Pie Sunday Coffee Hour  3-5 Fall Conference Assembly	<b>28</b> <u>Simon and Jude,  Apostles</u> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 9:00 Holy Yoga  3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>29</b> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 4-8:30 Violin Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Community Chorus 7:00 Property Committee	<b>30</b> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:30 Men's Breakfast  4-8 Music Lessons  7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>31</b> <u>Reformation Day, All  Hallows Eve</u> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 10:00-2:30 Monarch Homeschool 1:00 Women's Bible Study		

# BIBLE WORD SEARCH!

## BASIC WORDS OF THE BIBLE

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JESUS CHRIST  
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GOD THE FATHER  
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### **October Newsletter**

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Beer and Wine Tasting Tour

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