

On Eagle's Wings



St. John's Monthly Newsletter – September 2016

Growth

Pastor's Paragraphs

Pokemon Go has become an instant rage. When I first heard about the game I hoped our church would be chosen as a site for a PokeStop or a "gym". The exposure for the church would have been great, but we weren't so lucky. I know many people who play it. I've seen loads of people wandering around with their faces glued to their cell phones seemingly oblivious to all that is going on around them. It's interesting the way a fad can make strange behavior suddenly normal and acceptable!

I think Pokemon Go can be a great illustration for evangelism. In the same way people try to catch each and every character, leaving none unfound, so too are we to find each and every soul that does not know God's love and leave none missed. God wants to collect everyone into his family! People surround their daily lives with a quest to find more characters, as we should surround our lives with a similar quest for people. It looks odd to see someone walking around playing Pokemon Go. Walking around seeking to evangelize might also look odd. But as people are not afraid to play the game, we should not be afraid either. There is certainly a much greater reward for saving a soul than finding a Pokemon character!

Would that evangelism would become a worldwide fad, and then a way of life! Sadly I don't see that happening. But there are places all over the world where the church is growing at an astonishing rate. People are collected in great number. If you play Pokemon Go may it always remind you that while you are looking for characters, also be on the lookout for people who need God's love. I think you'll find them everywhere. And may you have the courage and the wisdom to invite them to know the God who created them in the first place, and who will love them forever.

Blessings,
Pastor Jon

Sunday School Rally Day September 11th

We'll officially open the Sunday school year at the 10:30 worship service. Remember, Sunday school isn't for just kids. We have classes for all ages!

Hang Around Victor Day – September 10

Our booth this year will again have cookies and lemonade. We will also have a couple games and activities to play. The St. John's Brewers will also contribute to the display. Please sign up to help staff our booth on the sheet in the Gathering Area.

Worship

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. 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. Ultimately we're trying to have worship be more interactive all the way through and less like an audience watching a show.

Bulletins Online

In September we're going to start posting the worship bulletins on the website prior to the worship service. 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.

Worship

September Worship Assistants

	September 4	September 11	September 18	September 25
Greeters & Ushers	Pat & Jack Hortop	Paul & Babette Huber	Mike & Bettina Kalish	Sue Kaufmann & Helen Crown
Lector	Ellen Storch (8:30) Jim Spawton (10:30)	Judy VanDeVelde (8:30) Rob Stroup (10:30)	Susie Maynard (8:30) Wilma Townsend (10:30)	Kevin Maynard (8:30) Kelly Wilmot (10:30)
Acolyte	Jaden White	Julia Bullwinkle	Kelsey Sackett	Ally Buch
Altar Care	Sally Mansfield		Sally Mansfield	
Communion Assistants	Rob Stroup & Joe Pow III		Don & Sally Manfield	
Nursery Care	Laura Stroup	Katy Stimmel	Kristi Bullwinkle	Beth Perdan
Counters	Nancy & Ivan Shuler	Linda Flood & Sue Kaufmann	Bruce & Connie Stevenson	Ethan & Lynne Minkel
Coffee Hour				

8:30 Worship Changes

Beginning on September 11 we're going to experiment with 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're going to select a book of the Bible and then read and study through it week by week. In other words the core of the worship service will be like a Bible study. The first book of the Bible we'll explore is Matthew. We'll cover about two chapters each week. Talk to Pastor Jon if you have any questions.

10:30 Worship Involvement

On September 18 we're going to involve as much of the congregation in worship leadership as possible. Everything from the Bible readings to all the prayers will be done by the congregation. When you enter the sanctuary your bulletin will have a highlighted section which you will be asked to read. Don't worry, the sermon won't be one of them! We'll have a stack of bulletins for those who do not wish to participate. If we like this format for worship we may do it again in the future.

Service

Community Outreach Committee

Thanks to everyone who helped with or contributed to our Maggie's Kids Summer Camp Day on July 11. We had 7 adults and 4 youth helping with the food and interacting with the campers. Everyone had a great time!

Our collection for Lutheran World Relief School Kits is almost finished. Thus far we have received enough supplies to complete 45 kits. Thanks for your support for this project.

We plan to help the Victor Farmington Food Cupboard with Thanksgiving Baskets again this year so watch for announcements regarding what's needed. St. John's food collection will be from October 9-November 13.

Thank you to everyone who provided food and helped with set up or clean up for Jim Nohe's memorial service.

Service (Cont.)

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday is coming up on September 11th. All churches in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America are encouraged to do a hands-on service project on that day to benefit an individual or our community. We will again harvest the potatoes from our garden at the Wymans on this day. Harvesting will begin at 2:00. We are also looking for a couple more community service projects we could do. These could be for an individual or for an organization. Please talk to Pastor Jon if you have a project to suggest.

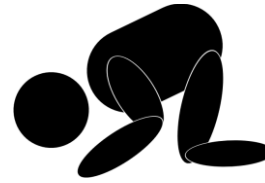


Garden Project

Strawberries are slowly coming from the patch so look for them at church. The potatoes that we're growing for the Victor Farmington Food Cupboard are doing great. They should be ready to harvest on September 11th, as mentioned above. The pumpkins did not survive the dry conditions in June and July so there won't be any this year. The sweet corn didn't do well either. For gardeners, you can bring your excess produce to church on a Sunday morning and place it with the produce from the church garden for others to buy.



-Thank you to Bettina Kalish for organizing the day we provided food and help for the Community Lutheran Ministries summer camp. Thank you also to everyone who donated and everyone who volunteered their time.
-Thank you to everyone who mowed the church lawn in August.
-Thank you to John Cipollina and Mike Ross for coordinating the parking lot repairs.
-Thank you to Dave Bullwinkle, Ethan Minkel and Rob Stroup for leading worship when Pastor Jon was on vacation.



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.
Allan Kay, brother of Diane Boncke who has cancer and his overall health is seriously declining.

Nuts and Bolts

September Council Highlights

Treasurer's Report: We are now caught up on Synod payments and finances are looking up! Thank you!
Property Committee: Ontario County widened the entrance to the parking lot and repairs to the lot are set for 8/17 and 8/18.

Worship and Music Committee Report: In September, the 8:30 service moves back inside. There will be some changes in format for this service, focusing on one book of the bible per month. For the 10:30 service, will be looking for more congregational volunteers and participation during the service. More to come on this!

Save the date! Rally Day 9/11/16: Plan to take new group photo for the website and Facebook Page!

Next Meeting 9/12

Stewardship and Finance Committee Update

We are all paid up on bills, including our Synod Contribution!

Capital Campaign

Pledged \$66,351

Received as of 7/24 \$50,642

76% received

You may have noticed the new parking lot! Thanks to everyone for making this possible!

Fun

September Birthdays

- 1 Morgan Sackett
- 2 Amy Albert, Kelly Wilmot
- 4 Adam Storch
- 5 Kevin Maynard
- 6 Gary Boisseau
- 7 Austin Hoefen
- 8 David Kravetz
- 13 Sue Green, Kevin Sackett
- 14 Bob Kerr, Ben Testa, Don Curtis
- 15 John Hoefen, Melanie Rogers, Katya Kurilovitch
- 17 Stan Clarkson, Joseph Krug, Joan Weicht
- 18 Roger Pennypacker, Whitney Stevenson
- 19 Edward Bremer
- 20 Sara Pike
- 22 Robbie Keefe, Curt Stromstad
- 24 Hannah Brownlee
- 28 John DeLeon
- 29 Trevor Krug, Ian Christman
- 30 Andrew Bell



July/August Trivia Questions – Creepy Crawlies

1. What creatures filled the Egyptians' beds when Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt?
Answer: Frogs (Exodus 8:2-6)
2. Why didn't God send the plague of flies into Goshen?
Answer: God's people lived there. (Exodus 8:22)
3. What did Samson find in the carcass of a lion?
Answer: Bees and honey (Judges 14:8)
4. What food did John the Baptist eat? Answer: Locust and wild honey (Matthew 3:1-3)

September Bible Trivia Questions – The Paralyzed Man

1. Which town on Lake Galilee became Jesus' base when he left Nazareth?
2. How many friends carried a paralyzed man to Jesus to be healed?
3. How did the men reach Jesus despite the crowds of people in and around the house?
4. What did the paralyzed man do when he was healed by Jesus?

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9:00-1:00 Homeschoolers	2 3-8 Cello Lessons 3:30-6:00 Amadeus Chorale	3
4 <u>16th Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8:30 Worship 10:30 Holy Communion	5 Labor Day	6 6:30-9:30 YMCA Child Care 1:00 Women's Bible Study 4-8:30 Violin Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Community Chorus	7 6:30-9:30 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Men's Breakfast 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	8 6:30-9:30 YMCA Child Care 9:00-1:00 Homeschoolers 7:00 Worship & Music Committee	9 6:30-9:30 YMCA Child Care 3-8 Cello Lessons 3:30-6:00 Amadeus Chorale	10 Hang Around Victor Day! Eagle Scout Ceremony in the Outdoor Chapel
11 <u>17th Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8:30 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School Rally Day 10:30 Worship 2:00 God's Work, Our Hands Sunday	12 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 10:00 Holy Yoga 3-7 Violin Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Church Council	13 6am - 9pm Primary Election 6:30-9:30 YMCA Child Care 1:00 Women's Bible Study 4-8:30 Violin Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Comm Chorus	14 <u>Holy Cross Day</u> 6:30-9:30 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Men's Breakfast 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	15 6:30-9:30 YMCA Child Care 9:00-1:00 Homeschoolers	16 6:30-9:30 YMCA Child Care 3-8 Cello Lessons 3:30-6:00 Amadeus Chorale Citizenship Day	17
18 <u>18th Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion	19 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 10:00 Holy Yoga 3-7 Violin Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts	20 6:30-9:30 YMCA Child Care 1:00 Women's Bible Study 4-8:30 Violin Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Community Chorus	21 <u>St. Matthew, Apostle</u> 6:30-9:30 YMCA Child Care 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	22 6:30-9:30 YMCA Child Care 9:00-1:00 Homeschoolers	23 6:30-9:30 YMCA Child Care 3-8 Cello Lessons 3:30-6:00 Amadeus Chorale	24 8:00-4:00 Meditation Group
25 <u>19th Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8:30 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	26 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 10:00 Holy Yoga 3-7 Violin Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts	27 6:30-9:30 YMCA Child Care 1:00 Women's Bible Study 4-8:30 Violin Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Community Chorus 7:00 Property Committee	28 6:30-9:30 YMCA Child Care 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	29 <u>St. Michael and All Angels</u> 6:30-9:30 YMCA Child Care 9:00-1:00 Homeschoolers	30 6:30-9:30 YMCA Child Care 3-8 Cello Lessons 3:30-6:00 Amadeus Chorale	