

On Eagle's Wings



St. John's Monthly Newsletter – September 2018

Service



Family Promise®

Building communities, strengthening lives.

Friends –

Family Promise of Ontario County is ready to start helping people change their lives for the better. Partnered with St. John's Pumpkin Hook, we are scheduled to host families the week of September 30 – October 7.

Volunteer opportunities and very specific and segmented, allowing many people to participate in the ways that suits them best. Meal prep and delivery, eating dinner with the families, evening fellowship, overnight stay and breakfast are some opportunities that allow you to interact with the families but there are also “behind the scenes” opportunities if you prefer to stay out of the limelight. All opportunities will assist in helping families become independent once again.

No matter how you choose to participate, or even if you aren't quite sure yet how you can assist, you will need attend a Family Promise Orientation/Training. You can't even cook a meal and drop it off without attending this training first.

In preparation for our host week there will be a **meeting at St. John's Victor on August 28 from 6-9 pm**. This meeting will give you the chance to learn about all of the volunteering opportunities available and meet others with whom we will be working in support of these families.

During the training you will hear from real participants (via video) on the impact Family Promise has had on their lives and how each volunteer – either working with our guests or behind the scenes – was an integral part of the process. We promise that you will gain incredible insight. **Children who wish to volunteer with their parents are not required to attend the training.**

Please email your Coordinator (emails below) to RSVP for this training so we can ensure there is seating/refreshments for everyone who attends. Remember, you do not need to choose how you want to help at this time but we want to assemble a pool of people willing to give a few hours of their time for one or two days during our host week, now and in the future. With enough volunteers no one will have to do more than they can handle but you can't do anything without attending this training.

If you are unable to attend the training at St. John's Victor you can RSVP to attend training on September 17th from 6-9pm at St. Bridget's Church in Bloomfield.

RSVP by Monday August 27th!!

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Beth Schroeder bschroeder1@rochester.rr.com

Please indicate whether your training will be at St. John's or St. Bridget's.

Thank you!

Beth and Beth



FOOD FOR THE POOR

Saving Lives... Transforming Communities... Renewing Hope

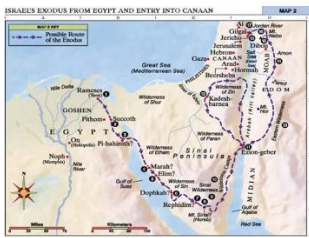
On Sunday September 23 we will have the Rev. Mel Jacobs, an ELCA pastor representing Food for the Poor to preach and lead worship. He will share about the organization's ministries. Food for the Poor focuses on helping children in Latin America. In many places their living conditions are appalling. They are among the poorest and most helpless people in the world. You may remember that we have provided support to this area in the past; working through our own member, Carol Urbanic. While Food for the Poor is not a specifically Lutheran, Lutheran World Relief also does extensive work in the region.

Pastor Jacobs will arrive by airplane on Saturday. If anyone is available to and from the Rochester airport, and if anyone is interesting in providing him with overnight lodging please talk to Pastor Jon. He should be a fascinating guest.

Worship

September Worship Assistants

	September 2	September 9	September 16	September 23	September 30
Greeters & Ushers	John & Gay Card	Mike & Cassie Ross	Mike & Bettina Kalish	Tom & Carol Urbanic	Linda & John Thompson
Lector	Susie Maynard (8:30)	Kevin Maynard (8:30)	Ellen Storch (8:30)	Mary Zuege (8:30)	Ann King (8:30)
Acolyte	Morgan Sackett	Mary Ehrlinger	Molly Perdan	Katya Kurilovitch	Viala Wagner
Altar Care	Linda Thompson		Linda Thompson		Linda Thompson
Communion Assistants	Beth Bright & Adele Garvey		Tricia Kolczynski & Beth Bright		Bruce & Diane Boncke
Nursery Care	Laura Stroup	Kristi Bullwinkle	Judy VanDeVelde	Beth Perdan	Katy Stimmel
Counters	Linda Flood & Helen Crown	Tom Kurilovitch & Helen Crown	John & Linda Thompson	Tim Brown & Bill Hagerman	Nancy & Ivan Shuler
Coffee Hour					



September Worship Texts

In September we continue our journey with the Israelites in the book of Exodus. We'll see their successes, which are all too few; and their failures, which are all too many! Nevertheless God stays patient.

September 2 – Exodus 19:1-9 – Mt. Sinai

September 9 – Exodus 19:9-20:21 Ten Commandments

September 16 – Exodus 25:1-22 Ark and Tent

September 23 – Exodus 32:1-24 Golden Calf

September 30 – Exodus 33 Moses seeks assurance

Worship in the Outdoor Chapel

We've used the Outdoor Chapel the first Sunday of the month at the 8:30 service. If the weather holds out we'll use it for the first Sunday in September too.



The Trinity Organ

Work began in the sanctuary to install the pipe organ from Trinity Lutheran Church that was donated to us earlier this year. The above photo shows the work to date. Jim Spawton is overseeing the installation. There is a lot of work to do and it will take a while. Perhaps the most laborious will be soldering wires. If you are willing and able to help with that please talk to Jim. We don't have a timeframe for when it will be operational again, but it will probably be a few months.

Growth

Pastor's Paragraphs

As you may have seen on the first page, Family Promise is all set to go September 23rd. We'll be hosting the second week of the program, which begins on September 30th. Family Promise has most everything lined up except for a permanent day center. The day center is where the families go during the daytime for showers, case management, and housing searches. There is a temporary day center at Temple Beth El in Geneva, but that's on the east side of the county. As you may have seen in the news the preferred location for the day center is the house at St. John's Episcopal Church on Main St. in Canandaigua. However, neighbors of the church have been trying to block it. I'm not fully informed about the situation but I do know that some of their complaints do have more substance than is being reported. Still, the main reason remains that they do not want to have homeless people hanging around in their neighborhood.

One of our members shared the news story on Facebook. I commented that too many people think churches are places where polite people in clean cars go for worship once a week. Real churches, however, are full of sinners, the broken, the hopeless, the dirty, and everyone the world rejects but Jesus says yes to. For my curiosity I did some quick online research to see if churches tend to raise or lower the property values around them. The results were mixed. What did surprise me is that most complaints about churches were about silly things – like traffic, nighttime meetings, and parking lot lights. There was nothing about the nature of the people in churches.

Churches are for everyone! Everyone is a sinner in need of God's grace; everyone from the kindest, cleanest and most polite, all the way to the ugliest, foulest, and most destructive. While churches need to have policies that keep people safe, everyone is welcome.

I'm glad that St. John's is open to all and used by all. Once in a while one of our neighbors complains. I'm always polite in response, but I have to think, "What did you expect when you moved so close to a church!?"

I pray that the issues around getting the Family Promise day center to Canandaigua are resolved. But I pray more deeply that all churches can be real enough, welcoming enough, and effective enough that they impact their neighborhoods in both positive and negative ways. To me that means God's work is getting done. Blessings,
Pastor Jon

Sunday School Rally Day September 9th

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 8

Our booth this year will feature our Family Promise racing bed! We're also going to invite people to help harvest potatoes on Sunday September 9th. The event runs from 11:00 am to 5:00pm. Please sign up in the Gathering Area to take a shift staffing the booth, and we also need help with set up and tear down.

Social Statement on Women and Justice Review

The ELCA is working on a Social Statement on Women and Justice. We have a copy of the draft and it is also available online at the ELCA website. The comment time for the draft continues until September 30th. Please submit any feedback to the taskforce before then.



Bed Race Winners!

Congratulations to our bed race team (St. John's Holy Ghosts) for winning the Lead Foot Division of this year's Family Promise Bed Race. The race took place on 28th with a total of 13 beds competing. We won our division and were third fastest overall. Our team members were: Emi Perdan, Ben Deibler, Laine Harvey, Aidan Kolczynski, and Sean Kolczynski; all who dressed up as these dead "Johns": John Denver, John Lennon, John Glenn, John F. Kennedy, and John the Baptist.

Nuts and Bolts

Directory Updates

Please update Don and Ellen Curtis' phone number:
(585) 218-1193

Financial Update

As of July 31
YTD Income \$128,823.27
YTD Expenses \$125,302.84
Difference \$3,520.43

Service



**God's work.
Our hands.**

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday is coming up on September 9th. 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 Ross's on this day. We expect to have about a ton of potatoes this year! Harvesting will begin after the chicken barbeque at church, so probably 1:30-2:00. All of the potatoes will be sent to the Victor-Farmington Food Cupboard. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area if you are able to participate.

Garden Project 2018



The pumpkin patch

The garden project is growing and growing and growing! Potatoes, sweet corn and pumpkins are all doing well. Sweet corn is coming to church each week, so grab some if you'd like. Any donations will go to World Hunger. Potatoes for the food cupboard will be harvested on September 9 for the God's Work Our Hands project. The pumpkins will be harvested by the youth group in early October. Thanks to everyone who's helped this year.



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. The family and friends of Roger Pennypacker as they mourn his death. The family and friends of Stephen McCrea, grandfather to the Huber's grandson Addison, as they mourn his death. The family and friends of Gary Deyo, friend of the Hubers, as they mourn his death. The family and friends of Christina Roncone, young mother and friend of Hanna Boisseau, as they mourn her death. Don Curtis, who is in rehab recovering from intestinal surgery. Ethan Minkel, who continues to recover from a liver transplant. Pauline Fehrenbacker, friend of Phyllis Henderson, who is awaiting news about a growth discovered on her brain. Marie Kesel, who is being diagnosed and treated for intestinal issues. Rebecca Boisseau, who is again having heart rhythm issues. Thea Kathleen Healey, newborn great-grand daughter of the Shulers, and her family as they celebrate her birth.

Service (Cont.)

*Thank
you*



- Thank you to everyone who helped mow the lawn in July and August
- Thank you to everyone who helped at the property work day.
- Thank you to everyone who helped remove the speaker platforms in the sanctuary and who began work on the organ installation.
- Thank you to everyone who adopted a garden this year!
- Thank you to Dave Bullwinkle for leading worship on August 12 3 when Pastor Jon was on vacation
- Thank you Cindy Swigart and Beth Perdan for their work are our Family Promise coordinators.
- Thank you to Jim Spawton and Beth Schroeder for making out bed race bed.
- Thank you to Emi Perdan, Ben Deibler, Laine Harvey, Aiden Kolczynski, and Sean Kolczynski for being our bed race team, and winning!
- Thank you to John CiPollina for making various repairs to the building.
- Thank you to the donors who gave a new refrigerator for the kitchen.

Community Outreach Committee

Thanks so much for all the school supply donations that were brought in. They are certainly appreciated.



Maggie's Kids Day at St. John's

It was July 9th. We provided breakfast and lunch to 130 campers, counselors, and congregation volunteers. There were 5 of our youth there and 8 adults (just from our church I mean). Thanks so much to

everyone that provided supplies, monetary donations or volunteered to make this such a successful day.

Fun



Chicken BBQ – September 9

September 9 is a big day. There's Rally Day celebrating the start of the Sunday school year, there's the God's Work Our Hands Sunday potato harvest, and there's a chicken barbeque! We'll eat after the 10:30 worship service, so around 11:45. Please sign up in the Gathering Area on the bulletin board. And please bring a dish to pass. If you're going to help harvest potatoes afterward this is the best way to build your strength!



July – August Trivia Answers

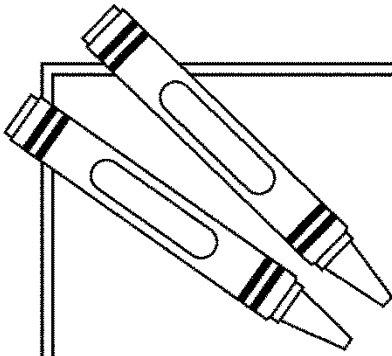
1. Why did Moses have to flee Egypt in the first place?
Answer: He murdered someone (Exodus 2:12)
2. How did the people of Israel get across the Red Sea?
Answer: God parted it (Exodus 14)
3. What plague made Pharaoh decide to let the Israelites go? Answer: The death plague (Exodus 12:29-32)
4. Who was Moses' brother? Answer: Aaron (Exodus 4:14)

September Bible Trivia Questions

1. On what mountain did Moses receive the 10 Commandments?
2. What graven image of gold do the Israelites make while in the wilderness?
3. What food does God provide for the Israelites every day while they're in the wilderness?
4. What type of wood was used for the Ark of the Covenant?

SEPTEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 <u>15th Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8:30 Outdoor Worship 10:30 Holy Communion	3 Labor Day	4 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 3-8:00 Violin Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers	5 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Men's Breakfast 3-8 Piano Lessons 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	6 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 1:00 Women's Bible Study	7 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Holy Yoga 3-8 Cello Lessons	1 <hr/> 8 Hang Around Victor Day
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30 <u>19th Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8:30 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion						



Just for KIDS

Matthew 4:10

Find the words that fit these definitions. You may use a dictionary or check in a church bulletin or hymnal. Write the letters from the words on the lines below.

A song sung in church _____
1 2 3 4

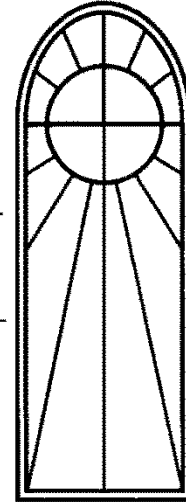
Money given in church _____
5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

"The Lord's _____"
13 14 15 16 17 18

What we find written in the Bible:
God's _____
19 20 21 22

Another word for Bible verses _____
23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32

Warm feeling in your heart _____
33 34 35 36



" _____
19 5 9 23 1 10 13 28 1 8

_____ 33 5 9 22 2 5 29 9 12 5 22 ,

_____ 15 4 22 23 8 9 35 17

_____ 5 4 33 2 1 10 3 ."

Matthew 4:10b



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-Always-**

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committed to living and sharing the love of God.*

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