

On Eagle's Wings



St. John's Monthly Newsletter – February 2018

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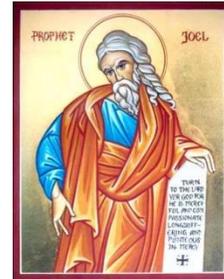
Pastor's Paragraphs

February 14 is Valentines Day... and it's also Ash Wednesday. (I doubt many people will be attending worship as a romantic way to celebrate!) Valentines Day is all about love and sweet thoughts and warm feelings. Ash Wednesday is about penitence, death, and mortality. Yet let's use Valentines Day to understand Ash Wednesday. Many people will give flowers or candy for Valentines Day as an expression of love. Yet we know those gifts don't last. Flowers wilt. Candy gets eaten. (Though I suppose if the candy goes to your waist it'll have a lasting effect!) Even for those who go the expensive route for Valentines Day thinking, "diamonds are forever," really haven't given something that lasts. Love, true love, is something that lasts forever - beyond the lifespan of the whole universe. St. Paul writes about that in 1 Corinthians 13.

Ash Wednesday reminds us of the depth of that love. "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return," are the words of Ash Wednesday. Dust is worthless stuff. When I dump out my vacuum it's that gray collection of who-knows-what that pours into the garbage. It's disgusting. Have you ever gone to a store and bought a bag of dust? Nope, you haven't. We are nothing more than dust. And yet we are dust that God has breathed the breath of life into. We are dust that God loves so much that he came to be born into in the form of Jesus. We are the dust that our Lord Jesus loved so much he died to save. Now that's true love! That's enduring love.

May you feel loved by God this Valentines Day. The cross of ashes (dust) upon your forehead is the way God will be saying, "I love you."

Blessings,
Pastor Jon

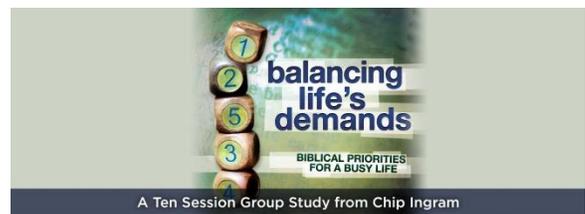


America, Declining Society, and the Angry Prophet Joel

Mid-Week Lenten Series

Are you fed up with the polarized politics of our nation, the anger on social media, and the decline of Godliness in people? During Lent we'll explore the words of the Prophet Joel in the Old Testament. Though his words are ancient, the issues are the same. Joel does not mince words. He will offend and frighten you. But those who listen also have the peace of God opened to them. Each Wednesday in Lent we start at 6:00 with a soup and bread supper, then a half-hour worship service starts at 6:30.

- 2/21 What we're doing wrong. (Joel 2:12-17)
- 2/28 Exploring why it's wrong. (Joel 1:1-12)
- 3/7 What we have to change. (Joel 1:13-16)
- 3/14 God's blessings (Joel 2:18-29)
- 3/21 God's ultimate judgment (Joel 3)



Adult Sunday School

The Adult Sunday School will continue the video course *Balancing Life's Demands* by Chip Ingram. Even if you've missed the first several sessions you can still join in. The group is now meeting in the middle classroom on the left hand side of the Sunday school wing.

Worship

February Worship Assistants

	February 4	February 11	February 18	February 25
Greeters & Ushers	Bruce & Connie Stevenson	Carol & Tom Urbanic	John & Linda Thompson	Julie & Nick Stuart
Lector	Judy VandDeVelde (8:30)	Susie Maynard (8:30)	Kevin Maynard (8:30)	Ellen Storch (8:30)
Acolyte	Abbie Bullwinkle	Olivia DeLeon	Joe Wyman	Tierney White
Altar Care	Sally Mansfield		Sally Mansfield	
Communion Assistants	Babette Huber & Nancy Shuler		Tricia Kolczynski & Beth Bright	
Nursery Care	Laura Stroup	Beth Perdan	Judy VanDeVelde	Katy Stimmel
Counters	Beth Perdan & Bettina Kalish	Bruce Boncke & Art Fields	Ivan & Nancy Shuler	Don Mansfield & Tim Brown
Coffee Hour				



February Worship Texts

- February 4 – Mark 6:30-8:26
- February 11 – Mark 8:27-9:9 (Transfiguration)
- February 18 – Mark 9:9-10:16
- February 25 – Mark 10:17-31



Ash Wednesday Worship

February 14 – 7:00pm
 Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes

Nuts and Bolts

Directory Updates

It's time to update our church directory. Pages of the current directory will be laid out on a table in the Gathering Area. Please review your information and make any changes and updates that are needed. The new directory will be printed in mid-February and a copy will be placed in your mailbox.

Annual Meeting Results

- Elected to Church Council: Tim Brown, Kevin Christman, Tricia Kolczynski
- Elected to the Nominating Committee: Tim Brown, Tricia Kolczynski, Judy VanDeVelde, Karen Spawton, Geoff Bright, Sara DeMuzio
- Approved the 2018 operating budget recommended by church council
- Approved the proposed constitutional revisions. The second vote will take place at the 2019 annual meeting.

Nuts and Bolts (Cont.)

January Council Highlights

- Received update on Endowment Fund planning
 - Supported Fellowship event of Euchre night to be held in February
 - Approved updated Continuing Resolutions
 - Decided to donate \$2500 to Family Promise from the Special Benevolence Fund
 - Decided to donate \$70 to Maggie's Kids from the Other Special Giving Fund
 - Reviewed Time and Talent response via SurveyMonkey
 - committee liaisons will connect new names to existing committees
 - Reviewed, modified, and recommended 2018 budget for congregational vote
 - Determined agenda for annual meeting on 1/21/2018
- Submitted by Tim Brown

Financial Update

	Income	Expenses	Difference
End of 2017	199,423.15	205,346.13	(5,923.28)

Service



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.

The family and friends of Ruth Edmunds as they mourn her death.

The family and friends of Gail Holbig as they mourn her death.

The family and friends of Jean Schoen, Tricia Kolczynski's mother, as they mourn her death.

Rebecca Boisseau as she undergoes tests and determines treatments for some heart rhythm issues.

Linda Ellis whose health is declining as cancer continues to spread.

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.

Community Outreach Committee

Thank yous

Below are thank yous we received from coordinators and some of the clients from the 2017 Holiday Giving Tree:

A

We would like to extend a thank you for your support in the 2017 Holiday Giving Tree. Because of your efforts, we were able to help 112 families which equates to 261 children.

The need this year was overwhelming, but because of your kind generosity and the caring shown to those in need, all requests were filled, wrapped, and delivered. We truly wish we could share the experience of the families picking up. The impact this program has on families is humbling. We can, however, share with you some notes that we received.

"Thank You For This Program!"

"Thank you all again."

"Again thank you so so much. Our family appreciates this more than we can stress. Enjoy the holidays and God Bless."

Thank you again for your efforts and contribution to our Holiday Giving Program. Wishing you health and happiness in the New Year!

Respectfully yours, with sincere gratitude, Liz McLean and Jody Drew.

B

Dear Parishioners, Thank you for sponsoring our 3 families. It is comforting to know that you embrace our families in need. It was very generous of you. Your kindness is so appreciated. Lynn Pierce-Morey, Canandaigua School Social Worker and Cele Munn, School Nurse



"Souper" Bowl Sunday is February 4.

Our donations totaled \$232 in 2017; hopefully we can match or exceed that amount. The money goes to World Hunger.

RIT Campus Ministry

Our next date to provide dinner and fellowship with the RIT students is Sunday, February 11. Please mark your calendars to save the date. The sign-up sheet is up; check it out and help if you can. Questions, please talk with Beth Bright.

Service (Cont.)



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Comfort Food Cook-Off

Family Promise of Ontario County is hosting an Ontario County Comfort Food Cook-Off! On March 3rd join us at three locations (for your traveling convenience) and taste home chef's favorite comfort food recipes. The location closest to us is Willowbrook Christian Church in Victor. The event runs from 3 to 5:30 pm. Tickets are \$10 with kids under 12 free. Get it touch with Cindy Swigart for more information or tickets, or go to the Family Promise of Ontario County page on Facebook.

Thank you



- Thank you to everyone who helped with snowplowing and shoveling in January.
- Thank you to everyone who performed in the Christmas musical and to Beth Schroeder for writing and directing it!
- Thank you to everyone who helped to take down and put away all the Christmas decorations.
- Thank you to Heidi Griffith, Dave Bullwinkle and Beth Schroeder for their work rearranging the sanctuary for the Christmas musical.
- Thank you to everyone who helped with altar care in 2017.
- Thank you to everyone who provided food for coffee hour.

Fun

Euchre Night

Mark your calendars for a fun night of Euchre on February 11. Pizza and wings will be provided. Bring a snack to share and your own beverage. Please see the sign up sheet in the Gathering Area if you'd like to participate. Talk to Beth Schroeder if you have any questions.



Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper

Fat Tuesday is February 13th this year. On this day Christians traditionally celebrated by consuming all the fat in their pantries in preparation for the somber and penitential season of Lent.

Our annual pancake supper starts at 6:00 with all the pancakes, sausage and fancy toppings you can eat! Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area so we know how many are coming.



January Bible Trivia Questions –Mark's Gospel

1. In what river did John the Baptist baptize? Jordan (Mark 1:9)
2. Who (or what) drives Jesus into the wilderness to be tested? The Holy Spirit (Mark 1:12)
3. What tax collector does Jesus call to be a disciple? Levi (Mark 2:14)
4. What desperate measures do the four friends of the paralytic take in order to get their friend in the house to see Jesus? Lower him through the roof (Mark 2:1-12)

February Bible Trivia Questions – More from Mark

1. What king had John the Baptist beheaded?
2. What does Jesus put on the eyes of the blind man in Bethsaida to cure him?
3. What three disciples were with Jesus at the Transfiguration?
4. In the feeding of the 4000 miracle how many loaves of bread do the disciples have?

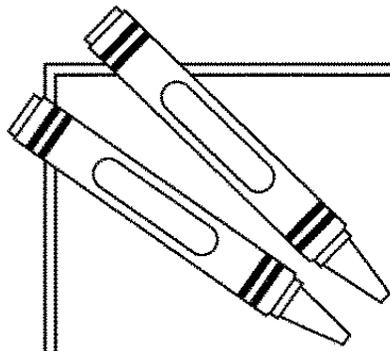
February Birthdays

1 Justin Myers
3 Aaron Swigart
4 Tricia Kolczynski
5 Diane Boncke
6 Karen Underwood
7 Mark Bair, Nicholas Busby

13 Samuel Erhlinger, Conrad Bremer
15 Marjorie Henderson
23 Sally Testa,
24 Geoff Bright
27 Laura DeMuzio

FEBRUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 1:00 Women's Bible Study 7:00 Worship and Music Committee	2 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 3-8 Cello Lessons 3:30-6:00 Amadeus Chorale	3 <u>Epiphany</u>
4 <u>5th Sunday After Epiphany</u> 8:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion	5 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 9:00 Holy Yoga 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts	6 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Community Chorus	7 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:30 Men's Breakfast 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	8 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 1:00 Women's Bible Study	9 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 3-8 Cello Lessons 3:30-6:30 Amadeus Chorale Spaghetti Supper	10 Euchre Night
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18 <u>1st Sunday in Lent</u> 8:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion 12:00 Annual Meeting	19 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 9:00 Holy Yoga 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts	20 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Community Chorus	21 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:30 Men's Breakfast 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 6:00 Soup Supper 6:30 Worship 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	22 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 1:00 Women's Bible Study	23 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 3-8 Cello Lessons 3:30-6:00 Amadeus Chorale	24 Vipassina Meditation
25 <u>2nd Sunday in Lent</u> 8:30 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	26 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 9:00 Holy Yoga 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts	27 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Community Chorus 7:00 Property Committee	28 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:30 Men's Breakfast 3:00-8:00 Music Lessons 6:00 Soup Supper 6:30 Worship 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous			



Just for **KIDS**

Matthew 6:21

“For where your _____ is,
there your heart will be also.”

There is a special or valuable item in each verse below.
Find the item and fit it into the boxes with the
corresponding number. Unscramble the letters
that are circled. Spell a word that fills the blank above.

Verses:

1. Zechariah 9:16
2. Esther 2:17
3. Matthew 13:45-46
4. Proverbs 25:4
5. 2 Timothy 2:20
6. Luke 21:2
7. Genesis 41:42a
8. Proverbs 3:15
9. Ezekiel 16:11
10. Exodus 35:22
11. Ezekiel 16:11

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14 – Ash Wednesday