

On Eagle's Wings



St. John's Monthly Newsletter – January 2017

Growth

Pastor's Paragraphs

This is the time of the year when we think about time itself. What do you want to do or accomplish next year? Are you satisfied with last year? Is there something you want to relive, or maybe there's something you want to forget?

Many people want to accomplish something lasting with their lives. They want to do something that will leave the mark of their lives upon the earth long after they have died. Some people will donate great amounts of money to have a building named after them. Those of more modest means may have to settle for a park bench with a plaque with their name on it.

The thing is, the future is unpredictable. No one knows what the world will be like, say, sixty or so years from now. A great building at a university may be torn down and forgotten. A lowly park bench may become the centerpiece of a prominent park; and that may all change again in another sixty years. I remember a professor in college talking about the interstate highway system. He said that if you would have mentioned it to people in the late 1800's people would have considered you completely crazy. Yet by the middle of the twentieth century it had become central to our nation!

Somewhere I picked up this quote: "To love is to touch eternity." It may seem a bit sappy, but there is nothing sappy about it. In 1st Corinthians 13 St. Paul talks about love. You'll know these words:

"Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends... And now faith, hope and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love."

These words are often said at weddings, but romantic love is far too fleeting for what Paul had in mind. Paul meant the enduring nature of actions done in self-

emptying love. To love is to do whatever is in your power for the betterment of someone else. We learn from scripture that love in this form is the most powerful force in the universe. Ironically it is in giving of ourselves that we truly endure. It is when we want to keep for ourselves that we dwindle quickly.

As you consider 2017 I invite you to consider eternity. What will you do in 2017 that will endure forever? What will you do that will endure no matter how the world changes? Don't think too hard. Don't worry about having a grand plan. Simply live in a loving way and you will be doing something lasting. You probably won't see your name on a building or even a park bench, but you will be touching eternity.

Do something lasting in 2017. Touch eternity. Love. Blessings,
Pastor Jon



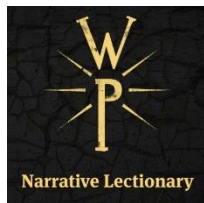
2017 Annual Meeting

The 2017 annual congregational meeting will be held on Sunday January 22nd after the 10:30 worship service. There will be the usual items on the agenda: review of reports, elections for church council, and the church budget. There will also be a couple extra items: an vote on the bell tower design, improvements to the fellowship hall, and constitutional amendments. We'll also have some information about the Family Promise program we introduced at the meeting in November. Please remember that all items for the agenda are due to the church office by December 31. Also annual reports are due from each committee by December 31.

Worship

January Worship Assistants

	January 1	January 8	January 15	January 22	January 29
Greeters & Ushers	Linda Flood & Sue Kaufmann	Liz & Tim Brown	Gay & John Card	Mike & Cassie Ross	Jack & Pat Hortop
Lector		Judy VanDeVelde (8:30)	Ellen Storch (8:30)	Susie Maynard (8:30)	Kevin Maynard (8:30)
Acolyte	Julia Bullwinkle	Sabastian Ploufee	Kelsey Sackett	Ally Buch	Sarah Brownlee
Altar Care	Beth Perdan		Beth Perdan		Beth Perdan
Communion Assistants			Don & Sally Mansfield		Ethan & Lynne Minkel
Nursery Care		Katie Stimmel	Laura Stroup	Lynne Minkel	Kristi Bullwinkle
Counters	Don Mansfield and Tim Brown	Beth Perdan and Bettina Kalish	Babette H. & Burdie Gillern	Tom Kurilovitch & Helen Crown	Sue Kaufmann & Linda Flood
Coffee Hour	Burdie Gillern	Connie Stevenson	Pat Hortop	Linda Thompson	



10:30 Worship Bible Readings

Here are the gospel readings for January:

- January 1: Matthew 3:1-4:17
- January 8: Matthew 4:17-7:28
- January 15: Matthew 8-9
- January 29: Matthew 11-12

Matthew's Formula Quotes at 8:30

In January we'll conclude our look at the fourteen "formula quotes" in Matthew's gospel. Each of these quotes is an Old Testament reference that relates to Jesus. Here's the schedule:

- January 1: Matthew 4:14-16
- January 8: Matthew 8:17 & 12:17-21
- January 15: Matthews 13:14-15 & 13:35
- January 22: Matthew 21:4-5
- January 29: Matthew 26:56 & 27:9-10

In February both services will be back in sync for Sunday readings.

Service

Community Outreach Committee

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you for all the gifts that were given to the needy families from Victor and Canandaigua school districts. They were very appreciative.

There were 95 items on the "mitten" tree. Quite a few of them made by hand this year so thanks so much for that extra time and effort of some congregation members. They were taken to the Victim Resource Center for this area.

"Souper Bowl" Sunday will be February 5, 2017. The contributions thrown into our soup pot will be given to World Hunger.

Service (Cont.)

Bridges Out of Poverty Workshop **What Every Church Member Should Know** **About Poverty**

As we engage in ministries and invite the poor into our congregation, many issues can arise. Please consider attending a powerful workshop that addresses some of the issues that faith-based communities face in dealing with individuals from poverty. The session is also intended to continue the conversation about how congregations can better serve the poor. Saturday, January 21, 2017, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm at St. Bridget's Church in Bloomfield. For more details and to register go to www.familypromiseontariocounty.org.



- Thank you to everyone who helped with snow plowing and shoveling in December. You saved us a lot of money!
 - Thank you to everyone who participated in the gingerbread house competition. A special thank you to Julie Stuart and the Fellowship Committee for organizing the event.
 - Thank you to everyone who cooked for the parish Thanksgiving dinner. Thank you also to everyone who helped with the decorations.
 - Thank you to Tom Urbanic for doing some plumbing repairs.
 - Thank you to the property committee for decorating the building for the Christmas season.
 - Thank you to the Sunday school teachers and Heidi Griffith for the children's Sunday school Christmas program.
 - Thank you to all our musicians who perform in the worship band.
 - Thank you to everyone who participated in the Jim Nohe Memorial Blood Drive: blood donors, staff, and cookie bakers.
 - Thank you to everyone who bought Christmas gifts for local needy families and also everyone who donates items for the mitten tree.
- Thank you to the Give Around Victor Day volunteers who helped the food cupboard distribute hundreds of holiday meals.



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.
Amy Plouffe who has been receiving treatments for cancer in a couple areas of her body.

Nuts and Bolts

Annual Meeting Agenda

All items of business or theology for the annual meeting must be turned in to the church office by December 31st.

Annual Reports

All committee reports for the Annual Report are due to the church office by December 31st. Email or electronic versions are preferred. You can email your report to: sjlcvector@gmail.com

Directory Updates

Please put this update in your directory:
Annette Nohe
Sage Harbor at Baye Wind
100 Kidd Castle Way
Webster, NY 14580
The house phone is 585 280-5082

December Council Highlights

Reviewed a draft budget for 2017
Received updates about the bell tower and snow plowing
Made plans for the annual meeting in January

Church Council Positions

Three positions on church council will be elected at the annual meeting. If you are interested in serving on the council or would like more information please talk to Rob Stroup.

Fun



Youth Group Sub Sale

The Youth Group will be making subs for the annual meeting on January 22nd, so you don't have to worry about lunch. Youth group members will be taking orders in the Gathering Area after worship in the first few Sundays of January.



Gingerbread House Winner

Congratulations to Jaden and Creed White for winning the gingerbread house competition. Thank you to everyone who voted. All the houses were great!

Sanctuary Tree Decorations

Thank you to everyone who provided an ornament for the Christmas tree in the sanctuary. You may pick up your ornament after worship on January 1 or any time after that.

January Birthdays

- 1 Pam Mansfield Phillips
- 2 Kyle Christie
- 3 Rebecca Boisseau
- 4 Jeffrey Carlson, A J Pow, Jeffrey Brownlee
- 5 Shana Henderson Wagner
- 7 George Perzel, Becky Morley
- 10 Liz Brown
- 11 Helen Crown
- 12 Erika Henderson Busby
- 13 Corrie Murphy, Karen Hoefen

- 15 Sherri Lasky
- 16 Alan Morley, Allie DeLeon
- 17 Eric Bair, Beth Perdan, Beth Kravetz
- 19 Beth Kaufmann Cross
- 22 Art Fields
- 25 David Howland, Jill Ehrlinger, Lisa Kurilovitch
- 28 Jeffrey Townsend
- 29 Kyle Kalish, Michele Myers



December Bible Trivia Answers – Encounters with Angels

1. What was the name of the angel that appeared to Mary and Zacharias? Answer: Gabriel (Luke 1:5-38)
2. How many angels rescued Lot and his family from Sodom? Answer: Two (Genesis 19:1-22)
3. What apostle was released from prison by an angel who opened the prison's iron gate? Answer: Peter (Acts 12:1-19)
4. Although Balaam couldn't see the angel, his talking donkey could. What was the angel holding that made the donkey turn away? Answer: A sword (Numbers 22:22-35)

January Bible Trivia Questions – More Encounters with Angels

1. What Roman official was visited by an angel who told him God had heard his prayers?
2. Who was commissioned by an angel to save Israel from the Midianites?
3. What kind of angelic beings guarded the entrance to Eden?
4. Who dreamed he had his lips touched by a live coal held by a seraph?

JANUARY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <u>Name of Jesus Day</u> 8:30 Worship 10:30 Holy Communion New Year's Day	2 7:00-6:00 YMCA Fun Clubs	3 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 1:00 Women's Bible Study 4-8:30 Violin Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Community Chorus	4 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Men's Breakfast 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous 4-8 Piano Lessons	5 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 9:00-1:00 Homeschoolers 7:00 Worship & Music Committee	6 <u>Epiphany of Our Lord</u> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 3-8 Cello Lessons 4:00-6:00 Amadeus Chorale	7
8 <u>Baptism of Our Lord</u> 8:30 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Communion Bible Sunday	9 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 10:00 Holy Yoga 3-8 Violin Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Church Council	10 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 1:00 Women's Bible Study 4-8:30 Violin Lessons 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Community Chorus	11 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Men's Breakfast 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous 4-8 Piano Lessons	12 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 9:00-1:00 Homeschoolers	13 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 3-8 Cello Lessons 4:00-6:00 Amadeus Chorale	14
15 <u>2nd Sunday after Epiphany</u> 8:30Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion	16 7:00-6:00 YMCA Fun Clubs 10:00 Holy Yoga Martin Luther King Jr. Day	17 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 1:00 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Community Chorus	18 <u>The Confession of Peter</u> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Men's Breakfast 4-8 Piano Lessons 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	19 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 9:00-1:00 Homeschoolers	20 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 3-8 Cello Lessons 4:00-6:00 Amadeus Chorale	21
22 <u>3rd Sunday after Epiphany</u> 8:30 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:45 Annual Meeting	23 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 10:00 Holy Yoga 3-8 Violin Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts	24 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 1:00 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Community Chorus	25 <u>The Conversion of Paul</u> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 8:00 Men's Breakfast 4-8 Piano Lessons 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	26 <u>St. Titus, Pastor & Confessor</u> 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 9:00-1:00 Homeschoolers	27 7:00-6:00 YMCA Fun Club 3-8 Cello Lessons 4:00-6:00 Amadeus Chorale	28
29 <u>4th Sunday after Epiphany</u> 8:30 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion	30 6:30-9:00 YMCA Child Care 10:00 Holy Yoga 3-8 Violin Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts	31 7:00-9:30 YMCA Child Care 1:00 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Property Committee 7:00 Community Chorus				



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January

21 – Bridges Out of Poverty Workshop

22 – Annual Meeting