

On Eagle's Wings

St. John's Monthly Newsletter – January 2025

Pastor's Paragraphs

I recently attended the Eagle Scout ceremony of one of our members. Included in that ceremony was the Scout Law: “A scout is: trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.”

At every meeting the scouts and their leaders join in reciting these words. If you've been involved in scouting you almost certainly know them by heart. Memorizing the Scout Law is one of the entrance requirements of scouting.

While these things are central to scouting, how often do you hear them championed in our culture today? How often are they displayed in professional sports? How often do you find them in advertising? Rarely, if ever!

The Scout Law lists characteristics that are necessary in good citizens of a society. These are virtues that must be consciously cultivated for any society to be an enjoyable place. Where our society is going with our neglect (if not mockery) of these things I do not know. Fortunately organizations like scouting do continue to affirm them.

There isn't a similar “Christian Law” but Galatians 5:22-23 lists the similar sounding fruit of the Spirit: “the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.” Like the expectations in scouting that all scouts will exhibit the qualities of the Scout Law, all Christians are expected to exhibit all of these qualities. They are all important for Christian community to flourish.

With New Years upon us it is time for New Years resolutions. Perhaps you choose something every year. Perhaps you ignore the idea. But I want to challenge you to make a resolution to live by the fruit of the Spirit the same way scouts are expected to live by the Scout Law. Doing so is not easy. But it is possible. It will be a blessing to you every day of the new year, and you will be a blessing to others. Even though our world gives little attention to these things, it depends upon them totally. Live by these things and you will be living by the right things. Live by these things in the new year and you will always have guidance for what to do.

Blessings,
Pastor Jon

Weather Cancellations

If we need to cancel a worship service or event due to weather we will post it on the church's Facebook page and send it to the email list. Please contact Pastor Jon if you have any cancellation questions.

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



2025 Annual Meeting

The 2025 annual congregational meeting will be held on Sunday January 19th 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. If you have any questions please talk to Pastor Jon before the meeting.

Annual Meeting Agenda

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

Financial Pledge Reminder

A big thanks to all of you who make financial commitments to St. John's! We greatly appreciate your generosity. As we near the end of the calendar year, please make every effort to fulfill your financial pledges. We have done well this year, so let's finish 2024 strong.

January Worship Assistants

	January 5	January 12	January 19	January 26
Greeters & Ushers	Sue Kaufmann	Helen Crown	Linda Flood	Janice Lockwood
Acolyte	Alyssa Young	Charlotte Stroup	Elijah Young	Thomas Bullwinkle
Altar Care (10:30)	Helen Crown		Helen Crown	
Communion Assistants	Rob Stroup		Linda Flood	
Counters	Bruce and Connie Stevenson	Michele Myers & Anne Stromstad	Mary and Greg Zuege	John and Linda Thompson
Coffee Hour			Annual Meeting- Sandwiches	



Upcoming Bible Readings for Worship

As the new year begins we continue the story from Luke's gospel. We'll see Jesus at age 12. We'll meet John the Baptist as a grown up. And we'll see Jesus and John interact. The month wraps up with Jesus' being tested by the devil in the wilderness before his public ministry begins.

January 5 – Luke 2:41-52

January 12 – Luke 3:1-20

January 19 – Luke 3:21-38

January 26 – Luke 4:1-13



Worship In-person and Zoom

10:30 is in-person worship in the sanctuary and also by Zoom. The Zoom link for 10:30 is emailed weekly. If you cannot connect to the 10:30 service with a computer you can still hear and participate in the service with any phone.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85898911838?pwd=Ho0hGtKqSjAnRpugabpkQTuY73SbyK.1>

Meeting ID: 858 9891 1838

Passcode: 020293

By phone:

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- David Storch as he lives in a memory care facility.
- Becca (Boisseau) DeCann as she is again having heart rhythm issues.
- Alex Clark, friend of the Shulers. He is a 38 year old father who was recently diagnosed with stomach and intestinal cancer.
- Marilyn Bair who is currently home but needs a lot of care.



- Thank you to everyone who helped with cooking food and with set up for the parish Thanksgiving dinner.
- Thank you to everyone who participated in the gingerbread house competition.
- Thank you for the property committee for decorating the church for Christmas.
- Thank you to everyone who donated items or cash for the LWR care kits.
- Thank you to everyone who purchased gifts for Family Promise families.
- Thank you to all who donated gift cards for Victor school district families in need.

Community Outreach Committee

Thanks so much to everyone that brought in items this year for the mitten tree. A special thank you to the person who made all the hand knitted items! Everything on the tree is going to school #19 which is in a very needy area of Rochester.

Looking ahead: "SOUPER" Bowl Sunday is Feb. 9th we will be asking for monetary donations which will be sent to World Hunger.

December Council Highlights

Church council held its regular monthly meeting on December. Major items on the agenda were:

- Initial review of the 2025 budget.
- Updates on fellowship and community outreach activities. education and worship ministries.
- Update on the stewardship drive and church finances.
- Formation of the nominating committee



December Bible Trivia Answers

1. Who does Luke dedicate his gospel to? Answer: Theophilus (Luke 1:3)
2. What two elderly people meet Joseph and Mary when they take Jesus to the temple after his birth? Answer: Simeon and Anna (Luke 2:25,36)
3. What angel came to Mary to tell her of Jesus' conception? Answer: Gabriel (Luke 1:26)
4. Who was born first, John the Baptist or Jesus? Answer: John the Baptist (Luke 1:57-2:20)

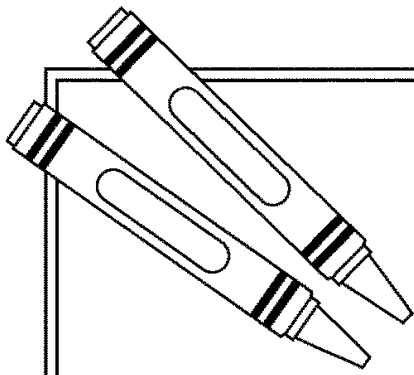
January Bible Trivia Questions

Hint: All the answers may be found in the Bible readings chosen for Sunday worship.

1. How old was Jesus when his parents accidentally left him behind in the temple?
2. John the Baptist said he was unworthy to untie what of the coming Messiah?
3. What high place did the devil take Jesus and tempt him to throw himself down?
4. What does the devil tempt Jesus to turn into a loaf of bread?

January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <u>Name of Jesus</u> <u>New Year's Day</u> 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	2 10:00-2:30 Monarch Homeschool 10:00 Bible Study in Lyons	3 3-8 Cello Lessons	4
5 <u>2nd Sunday of Christmas</u> 8:30 Service of the Word 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion 11:45 Worship and Music Committee	6 <u>Epiphany</u> 3-7 Violin Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts	7 1:00 Women's Bible Study 3-7 Violin Lessons 7:00 Community Chorus	8 8:30 Men's Breakfast 3-7 Violin Lessons 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	9 10:00-2:30 Monarch Homeschool 10:00 Bible Study in Lyons	10 3-8 Cello Lessons	11
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19 <u>2nd Sunday after Epiphany</u> 8:30 Service of the Word 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion 11:45 Annual Congregational Meeting	20 <u>King Jr.</u>	21 1:00 Women's Bible Study 3-7 Violin Lessons	22 8:30 Men's Breakfast 3-7 Violin Lessons 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	23 10:00-2:30 Monarch Homeschool 10:00 Bible Study in Lyons	24 3-8 Cello Lessons	25 <u>Conversion of Paul</u>
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Just for **KIDS**

Worship

People gather to worship God in many different places. Church buildings have different names. But each church has many of the same things in the church building and many of the same parts in the worship service. We worship the same God!

Here are some parts of worship and churches that are the same for many. Circle them in the puzzle. You will find them up, down, diagonal and across.

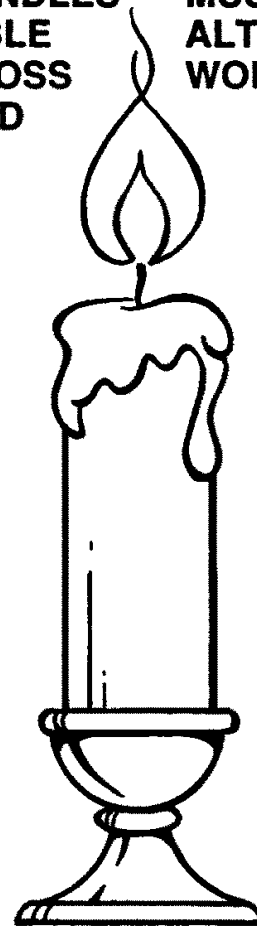
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