



# The Eagle

The monthly newsletter of **ST. JOHN'S LAFAYETTE**

**February 2015**

## Lenten Fellowship 2015

By Amy Paget

Join us at St. John's on five Wednesday evenings in Lent as we journey through this season individually and in community. We will gather at 6 p.m. in the Commons for a light meal, followed by a program and compline between 6:30 to 8 p.m. Hilary Cooke, Courtenay Murakowski, Amy Paget and others will facilitate the sessions starting February 25 and ending on March 25. **PARENTS!** Watch for information about a complementary children's program.

In the early church, Lent was the season when believers readied themselves for confirmation into the community at Easter. It's a time of reflection, self-examination, spiritual renewal and recommitment to your relationship with God. So what is your GPS telling you about your direction and well-being?

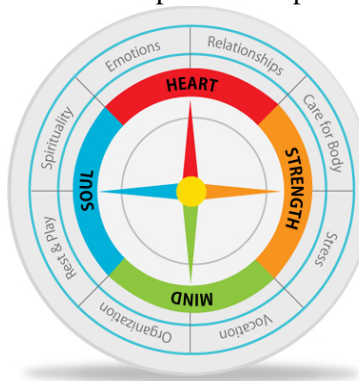
*Living Well through Lent: Practicing Resilience with All Our Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind* is a new Episcopal study and devotional guide designed to be our compass on this journey. Resilience is that skill that enables us to rise above and overcome the difficult times in our lives.

Presiding Bishop Jefferts-Schori asks in the guide's introduction: "What is the compass that guides our lives? This book and the process it outlines provide an opportunity to examine where our GPS is directing us—is it a Godward Positioning System, or is it leading in another direction? Ideally, that position system guides our life and loves toward the Creator of all that is, through habits and patterns that form a rule of life. That system becomes vital support as the way unfolds before us, whether it brings a new stage of life, a crisis, or overflowing, unalloyed joy."

"What is the balance between and among the desires and drives in your life? Have some become overly urgent? Are some neglected? Is there sufficient time for silence? For conversation with God? For conversation in communities both intimate and public? Where is the

balance in your life between human *being* and human *doing*?"

We will explore those provocative questions each week



through reading the Gospel, conversation, music, crafts and other activities. As we are able, we will set achievable steps to grow in resiliency by developing our own Lenten practices. Session themes are: embodying hope, clarifying our purpose, modeling

resilience, practicing elasticity, letting go, and seeking with faith.

While you will gain a richer experience by being with us each week throughout Lent, each session stands on its own and you are welcome to join the group as your schedule permits. If you are intrigued but cannot join us in Lent, there will be more Living Compass opportunities throughout the year.

Watch for a signup sheet in the commons! Bring a salad, other vegetables, fruit, or bread to accompany the church-provided soup. (You know that if you are too busy to sign up or forget to bring a side dish, there will be ample sustenance!)

The Living Compass is an Episcopal ministry that outfits individuals, families, congregations, and organizations with tools and training towards wholeness and health. Many Living Compass activities can be offered in our congregation to assist us in building richer, more balanced lives. Living Compass also offers an individual assessment tool. For more details visit Living Compass online at [www.livingcompass.org](http://www.livingcompass.org).

## From the Rector

By Bradley Pace

I'm a pretty humble fellow. In fact, I'm probably the most humble person I know. (Snicker, snicker). So I'm pretty happy to recognize when I'm wrong. As such, I was corrected by no less than two people after my sermon a few Sundays ago. I said in that sermon that one of the Church's problems is that we only use the language of "call" or "vocation" or "discernment" when we're talking about ordained ministry—about bishops, priests, or deacons. Ordained leaders will talk about being called to ordained ministry or about being called to this or that church. Beyond that, I said, we rarely only talk about call, etc. when we're talking about churchy stuff. We may wonder what God is calling St. John's to do—this is the kind of stuff that vestries think about. Occasionally, a church leader might try to fast-talk you into something by asking if you're "called" to do some time-consuming, thankless job. Do you feel "called" to take out the recycling? In church too often, "call" becomes a burden and a guilt trip. Why, I asked, couldn't God call me to be an agricultural economist, to pursue a Ph.D. at Purdue University, to marry this particular person, to retire, or whatever? Why isn't God at least as interested in the parts of life where I spend most of my time—namely, outside of church?

Here's where I went wrong. At St. John's, in the Diocese of Indianapolis, and in the Episcopal Church more broadly, we have a long history reminding folks that God calls them in all sorts of ways, to all sorts of ministries, and for all sorts of purposes both in and out of the church. Everyone is called by God to live out the promises of baptism. Everyone is called by God to live a life that glorifies God. Aside from the folks who challenged my overgeneralization directly, I heard half a dozen people refer to ministries they had been called to after that sermon. I learned that this idea of call is a cornerstone of EfM (Education for Ministry). I was reminded of all the people who have come to St. John's for discernment—not necessarily discernment about ordained ministry, but discernment about living out their faith in everyday life. I learned that the Commission on Ministry of the Diocese of Indianapolis has worked very hard to remind all Christians that ministry is simply a part of being baptized. Ministry may take place in the church, but it doesn't have to. More often than not, real ministry happens outside of church. Those of us who are Episcopalians ought to recognize this as the ministry of all the baptized. It flows from the baptismal promises to proclaim the Gospel in thought, word, and deed. To be honest, if I had thought about it more clearly, I would

have stopped at St. John's mission statement. Worshiping. Sharing. Making Christ known. Those things sum up our calling. Even though they are the mission of this church community, they are also the core of any Christian's vocation. Discerning how we live that out is a part of the lifelong journey of faith.

So let me walk back my overgeneralization. St. John's has a history of helping people discern what God is calling them to do. Some of those folks have gone on to ordained ministry. Some of them have been drawn to some ministry or another in the church. Many of them, many of you reading this, have found that you were called to live out your faith outside of the church, in big ways and little ways.

I thank God for each of you and for all the ways God is calling you to proclaim the Kingdom and to live out your faith. I thank God for all the ways you live out your faith at St. John's. I thank God just as enthusiastically for all the ways you live out your faith in the world.

In love and service,  
Bradley+

## February Lunchtime Concert

By Michael Bennett

The upcoming February 11 lunchtime concert features local pianist and WBAA-voice Greg Kostraba and flutist Suzanna Bona. They will be performing music by Charles Marie Widor (he wrote the famous Easter Toccata), John Rutter, and a Flute Sonata by Ian Venables. Suzanne and Greg gave the American premiere of the latter at Wabash College last year. The concert begins at 12:10 p.m. and lunch follows as usual—I hope to see you there!

### Next Eagle Deadline

The deadline for submissions to the March *Eagle* will be **Monday, February 16**. Please email submissions to [eagle@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:eagle@stjohns-laf.org) by the deadline.

## Episcopal Women's Ministries

By Charlene Watson

Spring is coming and with it is an opportunity for you to share a meal with your diocesan sisters at the **EWM 2015 Spring Luncheon**. Please mark your calendars and set aside **Saturday, March 21, 2015**. This luncheon will take place at St. Paul's in Indianapolis with registration beginning at 10 a.m. Suzanne Pierce, the Executive Director of Craine House, will be speaking to us about "Lives are Blooming at Craine House." There is a possibility that Suzanne will bring one of the women who live at Craine House who will talk about "her story." Registration forms for this event will be coming out very soon. Keep alert!

Did you get the EWM 2014-15 Winter *Communicator*? Please notify Charlene Watson if you did not receive yours. You may contact her at 474-9101 or cel.watson@comcast.net.

Also contact Charlene or Amy Paget (742-4239 or pagets@gmail.com) if you are interested in attending the Province V Annual Meeting in Toledo, OH. This Province meeting will be held April 10-12, 2015.

Another opportunity for growth is to attend the **EWM Council meeting at St. John's/Lafayette** on April 18, 2015 beginning 10 a.m. All women in our diocese are welcome to attend the EWM Council meetings.

**Fall Retreat** – set these dates aside: **September 25-27, 2015**. Our presenter will be The Rev. Jean Deaton. More information will be coming this summer. Keep alert!

### Book Group

By Barbara Penney

During his career as a travel writer, Rupert Isaacson, author of *The Horse Boy*, spent time with Bushmen from the Kalahari Desert and participated in their shamanic healing rituals. When his son Rowan was diagnosed with autism and failed to respond to conventional therapies, Isaacson began to consider traditional healers as an alternative to Western medicine. He conceived the idea of combining Rowan's affinity with animals, particularly horses, with shamanic practices, and his thoughts turned to the shamans of Mongolia, the land where the horse was first domesticated.

In *The Horse Boy*, Isaacson shares with us the journey that he, his wife, and seven-year-old Rowan took across the steppes of Mongolia by van and on horseback, seeking healing with various shamans. Their ultimate goal was to reach the reindeer people, who live in the farthest reaches of Mongolia and whose shamans are generally considered to be the most powerful of all traditional healers.

In the course of this quest for healing, both Rowan and his parents are changed. The book makes a compelling case for the power of shamanic healing rituals, but leaves it up to each reader to find a way to explain the healing that took place in Rowan and his family.

Please join us on Thursday, February 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the Commons. Note that the February (and March) meetings are on Thursday. Enter through the garden.

### Greeters Ministry Follow-up Gathering

By Hilary Cooke

On January 18 Kathy Copas, Communication and Evangelism Coordinator for the diocese, met with members of St. John's to discuss a strategy for welcoming and assimilating newcomers to St. John's. We will continue to work on this process, but if you are interested in helping to make St. John's a more hospitable place, please contact Hilary at hilary@stjohns-laf.org.

#### IMPORTANT DATES

##### Youth Group

Date	Time	Event	Location
February 1	6-8 p.m.	Superbowl/party	St. John's
February 15	5-8 p.m.	Pancake Supper	St. John's
March 1	6-8 p.m.	Regular Mtg.	St. John's
March 6-8	5 p.m.	Spring Retreat	Waycross
March 15	6-8 p.m.	Game Night	St. John's
April 19	6-8 p.m.	Regular Mtg.	St. John's
May 3	6-8 p.m.	Regular Mtg.	St. John's
May 17	6-8 p.m.	Party/bowling?	TBA

##### Confirmation

Date	Time	Location
February 22	6-8 p.m.	Commons
April 12	9-10 a.m.	Youth Lounge
April 19	9-10 a.m.	Youth Lounge
April 26	9-10 a.m.	Youth Lounge
May 10	9-10 a.m.	Youth Lounge
May 17	9-10 a.m.	Youth Lounge

## A Note from the General Theological Seminary

Dear St. John's Community,

Hello! I hope you are well. Josh and I so miss being a part of the wonderful community at St. John's. Thank you for all your thoughts, prayers, and support—they have been a huge blessing this semester.

I assumed my first semester of seminary would be challenging, especially as it would also be the first few months of my marriage, but I could not have anticipated the magnitude of the challenge. Many of you may have heard some of the news out of GTS, but if you have not, I will try to summarize. In September, 9 of the 10 active full-time faculty at General initiated a work stoppage citing a pattern of harassment and bullying by the dean and president. The work stoppage was viewed as a resignation by the board, an assessment the faculty protested. The situation continued to escalate over a number of weeks, with much unfortunate back-and-forth among the faculty, dean and president, board, alumni, and community. In November, 7 of the 8 faculty were "provisionally reinstated" (one accepted a severance package and departed campus with his family, including his wife who had been the chaplain). To say the semester was turbulent seems an understatement.



*Alissa, second from front left*

The campus environment is still charged and uncomfortable, though the situation has calmed somewhat. The board invited the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center to come in and work on conflict resolution and reconciliation in our community—the first workshop was held during finals week. A number of my classmates have transferred to other seminaries, by their own decision or their bishops' prerogative. Josh and I plan to

stay for now as we see how the situation unfolds and how damaged relationships and broken trust are dealt with. Your continued prayers are greatly appreciated.



*Alissa and Josh*

On a more positive note, my first months of marriage have been a delight. I am so thankful to have Josh here to support me, challenge me, and make me laugh. He's had some frustration with attempts to find full-time work, but we're still having a wonderful time in the city—we've seen an opera, musicals, and several concerts. We've explored museums, parks, and Christmas markets. We've visited small neighborhood parishes and some of the largest Episcopal churches in New York City. A friend of Josh's came to visit us over Thanksgiving, and we took her on a grand tour, including leaving at 5:30 a.m. to get a place to watch the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. We live on campus in a fourth-floor walkup with two small rooms, including a little kitchenette in the living area. On move-in day, we wondered where we would put everything, but we've settled in quite nicely, and it is starting to feel like home.

We stayed in the city over the holidays, but my parents are helping us to travel to Florida to join them on vacation for a bit in January. This is great timing—New York has just begun to get really cold (still not as cold as Lafayette, though!). This break has offered great refreshment, and I will begin spring semester classes on January 28.

Some of you have asked for my address here. Mail is sorted internally, so Josh and I can be reached at the seminary's mailing address: 440 West 21<sup>st</sup> Street, New York, NY 10011.

Again, thank you all for your prayers and support. You're the best!

Alissa Goudswaard Anderson



## LUM Emergency Homeless Shelter Needs SOCKS

By Nolie Parnell

Socks, for most of us, are an afterthought, something we grab out of the dresser once we have put our clothes on for the day. Yes, there are the fashionistas and hipsters who actually spend time ensuring their socks have a prominent place in their daily ensemble, but for the average Joe or Jane, as long as the socks don't have holes in them, almost anything is acceptable and allows us to move on to the next phase of the morning, putting on shoes.

Foot health is intrinsic to overall health, and the winter presents unique challenges to keeping feet in good working order. Damp, sweaty feet chill more easily and increase the likelihood of bacterial and fungal infections. Exposing feet to extreme temperatures increases the risk of frostbite and injuries. Individuals who struggle with pain secondary to foot problems are likely to miss work and experience lost wages due to their inability to stand or ambulate.

Did you know that one of the simplest ways to keep feet healthy is to wear socks? According to the American Podiatric Medical Association, socks should be one of the first things to consider when addressing good foot health and hygiene. Socks keep feet dry by wicking moisture away and keep them insulated and warm. The individuals who utilize the LUM emergency homeless shelter are vulnerable to potential podiatry problems. They are more likely to spend time trudging through the cold and snow, have a job which requires either being exposed to the winter weather or standing on their feet, and less likely to have a pair of dry socks.

Consider donating a pair or two of new socks (or even an entire pack) to the LUM homeless shelter. These socks will be given to those in need who utilize the shelter this winter. As the winter has already proven to be wet, snowy, and cold, there is a huge need for new, dry socks for this group. There will be a contribution container in the commons to collect the socks. Thanks so much for considering and contributing!

## Christianity: the Big Questions & Newcomers Class Beginning February 12

By Bradley Pace

**Beginning in February**, St. John's will host classes that lead us into some of the Big Questions in Christianity. Parallel classes will be held both **Thursday mornings and evenings** in St. John's Commons. The evening class will continue after Easter and focus on the Episcopal Church and Anglican Christianity. Newcomers are especially encouraged, but anyone is welcome to join.

"Christianity: the Big Questions" will meet Thursdays, 2/12, 2/19, 3/5, 3/12, and 3/19 from 10-11:30 a.m. and 6:00-8:00 p.m. (with dinner included). "Anglicanism: the Big Questions" will meet Thursday nights 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, and 5/7 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. (with dinner included).

For more information, contact Bradley at 765.742.4079 or [bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org).

## Baptism & Adult Confirmation

By Bradley Pace

For anyone considering baptism (or for parents considering having their children baptized), the next baptismal feast is the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 4 at 8:00 p.m. For those considering adult confirmation, please plan to attend **"the Big Questions"** classes beginning February 12. The All-Diocesan Confirmation service will be held on Ascension Day, Thursday, May 14 at Christ Church Cathedral in Indianapolis.

For more information about baptism or adult confirmation, please contact Bradley at 765.742.4079 or [bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org).

## Make Sure You Get Our Messages

By Bradley Pace

If you haven't been receiving email updates from St. John's, you may not be on our mailing list. Go to [www.stjohns-laf.org](http://www.stjohns-laf.org), look in the bottom, right-hand corner of the homepage under "Connect with St. John's," and join our e-newsletter mailing list. If you have signed up, but still aren't receiving messages, check your spam folder. If you use GMAIL, check to make sure the messages don't go to your "social folder."

Either way, sign up to make sure you hear about all the news at St. John's. For more information, contact Bradley at [bradleypace@gmail.com](mailto:bradleypace@gmail.com). You can also sign-up to follow St. John's on social media. Look for @stjohnslaf on Twitter and Instagram.

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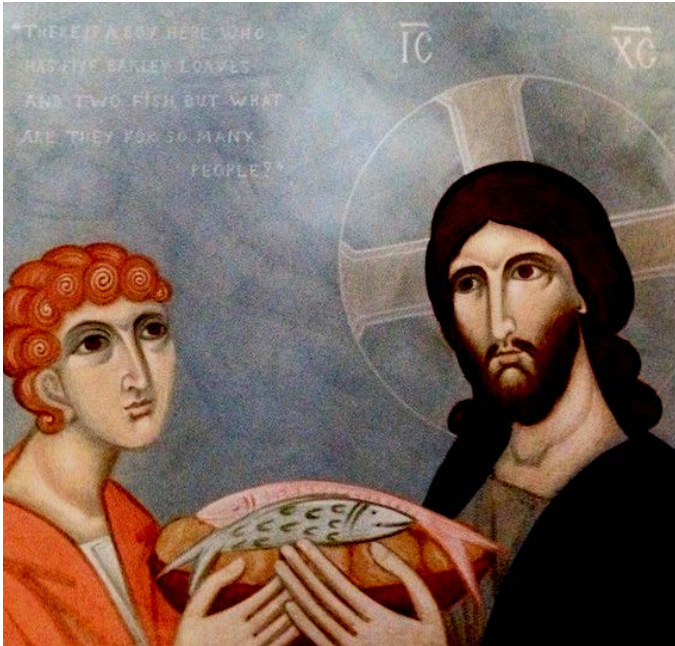
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## Icons: Windows into Heaven

### Sunday mornings, March 22 and 29

By Don Nead



*The Feeding of the 5000*, by Philip Davydov, located in the St. John's/LUM Food Pantry.

These two sessions will offer a look at Iconography in the Eastern Orthodox tradition, focusing on the Russian Orthodox Church. The first session will examine what is an icon, considered to be a prayer and/or a “window to heaven.” We will also look at some icons from different periods in the history of the Russian Church. The second session will look at the arrangement of the iconostasis, the wall that separates the sanctuary from the nave in all of the Eastern Orthodox Churches. The class will be taught by the Rev. Dr. Don Nead, who has traveled to the world of the Russian Orthodox Church on 15 different occasions. His earliest trip was in 1983 as a member of a delegation from the Presbyterian Church, representing the National Council of Churches, in response to an invitation from Patriarch Pimen of the Russian Church to come and celebrate East of 1983. His most recent trip was in October of 2012 with his wife Caryl Matthews, a member of St. John's.

Classes will take place on Sunday morning beginning at 9:15 in St. John's Commons. For more information, contact St. John's at 765.742.4079 or by email at [stjohns@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:stjohns@stjohns-laf.org).

## Quiet Day

By Courtenay Murakowski

Please join us for a unique Quiet Day experience during the upcoming Lenten Season. On Saturday, February 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. John's will host an ecumenical day of prayer for peace, reconciliation, and healing of fractured human relationships within the United States and throughout the world. During this time of quiet contemplation, scripture, music, and hosted prayer offerings from diverse traditions will combine with our individual prayers to create a unified voice of concern for and desire for harmony with our local and global neighbors. For more information, please contact Courtenay Murakowski at [murakowski@aol.com](mailto:murakowski@aol.com).

**FINANCE REPORT**  
**OPERATING BUDGET INCOME AND EXPENSES\***  
**MONTH ENDING November 30, 2014**

**A. INCOME**

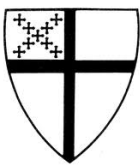
		Current Month	Total 2014	Annual Budget	% of Budget
1	Pledge Income	\$ 31,959.00	\$ 284,096.58	\$ 326,418.00	87.0%
2	Operating Income	\$ 4,035.25	\$ 42,431.44	\$ 38,886.30	109.1%
3	Non-Operating Income	\$ 868.98	\$ 10,035.68	\$ 11,000.00	91.2%
4	Transfer Income	\$ 11,246.60	\$ 11,291.10	\$ 50,000.00	22.6%
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 48,109.83</b>	<b>\$ 347,854.80</b>	<b>\$ 426,304.30</b>	<b>81.6%</b>

**B. EXPENSES**

1	Outreach	\$5,587.31	\$ 59,365.14	\$ 66,072.00	89.8%
2	Program	\$2,393.05	\$ 19,908.68	\$ 23,950.00	83.1%
3	Administration	\$449.71	\$ 2,181.90	\$ 3,900.00	55.9%
4	Personnel	\$16,522.71	\$ 203,361.18	\$ 225,306.94	90.3%
5	Office	\$2,143.79	\$ 23,147.17	\$ 26,520.00	87.3%
6	Property	\$6,596.45	\$ 69,724.29	\$ 80,555.36	86.6%
7	Miscellaneous (Non-Budget)		\$ 2,019.25	\$ -	
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 33,693.02</b>	<b>\$ 379,707.61</b>	<b>\$ 426,304.30</b>	<b>89.1%</b>
	<b>Net Income (loss)</b>	<b>\$ 14,416.81</b>	<b>\$ (31,852.81)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	

**Notes**

\* This is a summary report of the operating income and expenses for the indicated reporting periods.  
Detailed description of these items are available for review from members of the Finance Committee.



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