



# The Eagle

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

**May 2015**

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## Save the Dates:

### Summer Worship

St. John's will move to the summer worship schedule on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. From June through August, there will be only one service on Sunday morning at 9 a.m.

### Pentecost Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>

Remember to "put on your red dress baby" as we celebrate Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost is the day the Church celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit and the empowering of the Church's life and witness. Wear red to celebrate the fire of God's love and the mission of the Church.

### Worship in the Street

On **Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.**, St. John's will join with members from some of the other neighborhood churches for Worship in the Street. Last year, more than 200 people joined in a wonderful, celebratory service. Come and let us join our sisters and brothers in worship!

Please note: there will be an additional service of Holy Communion at the regular time of 9 a.m. at St. John's that Sunday.

### Church Picnic

The St. John's church picnic will be **Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>** at Happy Hollow Park. Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. followed by the picnic.

Please note: there will also be a 9 a.m. service at the church that day.

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### New to St. John's? You're invited....

If you began attending St. John's in the last 6 months or so, you are invited to dinner at the Rector's house. Bradley and his family invite you to join them and some other St. John's folks to enjoy BBQ and fellowship on **Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.** This is an informal gathering for fun and conversation. You are welcome to come as you are, bring a dish share, etc. Children are welcome. Bradley's house is located at 456 Goose Creek Way (just off of 500 North) in West Lafayette. Please RSVP by email at [bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org) or by phone at 765.463.3803.

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### Diocesan Confirmation & Ascension Day Service, Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at Christ Church Cathedral

Christ Church cathedral will host a Diocesan-wide Confirmation service for the Feast of Ascension on Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Those wishing to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church should contact Bradley by email at [bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org) or by phone at 765.463.3803 as soon as possible.

## From the Rector

By Bradley Pace

*Brother, sister let me serve you. Let me be as Christ to you. Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant, too. –“The Servant Song”*

Because I missed Holy Week and Easter, I have a Maundy Thursday sermon and two Easter sermons that I didn't get to try out. My Maundy Thursday sermon was about the fact that while we don't necessarily mind helping others or serving others, we have a heck of a time letting others serve us. There's something about the vulnerability of allowing another person to wash our feet that doesn't sit well with most of us. But Jesus says to Peter, "if I do not wash your feet, then you have no share in me." In other words, if we can't allow ourselves to be vulnerable, to be broken open, to be served, then we will miss the saving, healing, redeeming power of the Gospel. A person must lose her life in order to gain it.

Well, I became my own sermon illustration. Holy Week and Easter is like the World Series for a priest. It's the big show. It's the big dance. As the rector, I get to deliver the big sermon—the keynote address of the year, if you will—on Easter Sunday. Oh, I know it's Jesus' party. But I get to play a key part in the festivities. Besides that, the staff and I had put in a lot of hours getting ready. Holy Week and Easter is the time to shine.

But instead, I sat at home nursing my kidney stone and feeling miserable. On Friday night, after a second trip to the ER, I couldn't even bring myself to call Hilary and tell her I wasn't going to make it. I asked Katie to do it. I was too sad, too ashamed, and just too disgusted. I simply had no choice but to put everything in the hands of others. After cajoling the congregation to come for weeks, I was going to be staying at home. On Saturday night, while many of you were celebrating the Easter Vigil, I listened to the Exultet on the computer.

Let me be clear, I wasn't sad or worried because I thought things wouldn't go well. I knew that Teresa would have everything printed and ready to go, that Hilary and Bob would proclaim the resurrection with enthusiasm, that Michael and the choir would absolutely nail the Billings' anthem, and that the rest of you would respond "The Lord is risen indeed!" with gusto. I knew that everything would be beautiful and glorious and joyful. The problem was, I had let the side down. I had to ask for help—a lot of help as it turned out—and that was incredibly hard. I had to ask for help from doctors and nurses, from Katie and the rest of my family, and then from everyone at St. John's. It was hard to ask for

that help. As I said, I couldn't even call Hilary to tell her I would miss the services.

But when I woke up on Easter Sunday, I knew for sure that Jesus was raised. I knew that the tomb was empty. I knew that the stone had been rolled away (and yes, I heard my share of kidney stone-related jokes about that, too). And I realized that being served—that letting the community rise to the occasion without me—was exactly what I was supposed to be doing. I realized that while it can be easy to serve, it can be hard to be served. But I received the exact lesson I needed.

So thank you, sisters and brothers, for your prayers and concern. Thank you for working together to make Holy Week and Easter a meaningful journey and a joyous celebration. Thanks especially to Hilary, Bob, Teresa, and Michael for working out the details and leading the beautiful worship. Thanks to everyone who pitched in for the festive receptions, for setting up, for putting things away. Thanks for everything. And thanks for reminding me that while serving can be grace-filled, being served can be as well.

May God bless you and keep you in this Easter season. And may the risen Christ shine forth in your lives.

## Book Discussion

By Mary Campbell

It's time for our Sixth Annual *What a Great Book!* meeting. For this last meeting of the year, the Book Discussion invites everyone to come share the titles of some of their favorite books. There are lots of reasons you might describe a book as "great." So, whether the book is exciting, or challenging, or charming, or informative, or inspiring, or funny, or timely, or has some other quality that appeals to you – please come to share and to tell us something about the book.

We will start constructing our selections for the 2015-2016 season at our May meeting, and some of the titles we share will no doubt be on that list. All types of books are welcome – from detective fiction, to science fantasy, history, classics of literature, short stories, biography/autobiography – we are open to it all.

We will meet on Wednesday, May 27, at 6:30 in the Commons. Enter through the garden gate. If you need transportation, please call Mary Campbell at 426-5541, and we will see what can be arranged.

## **Restoration Project**

**By Hilary Cooke**

This year's annual clergy conference, held every year during the second week of Easter, was led by the Rev. Christopher H. Martin and focused on his book, *The Restoration Project*. The Restoration Project seeks to put seven core practices at the center of church life: to pray every day; to worship with the church community every week; to serve the poor one hour a week; to work toward giving a tithe to the church and those in need; to read the bible regularly; to listen for God's call in your life; and to join with others in community to live out these practices. The "Big Questions" classes that Bradley has offered this year are part of this practice. In addition to these classes, the Rev. Martin suggests the creation of discipleship groups. These groups meet at a regular interval (weekly, monthly, whatever works for the group) for an agreed-upon length of time (often for one year) to discuss progress on the core practices and support each other in those practices. To learn more about the history and depth of this program, see [therestorationproject.net](http://therestorationproject.net).

If you are interested in potentially participating in a discipleship group, please let Hilary or Bradley know.

## **Easter Season Baptisms**

Nolan Joseph Tribbett  
April 4, 2015  
Son of Kyle Tribbett and Stephanie Amador

Damon Ray Villegas  
April 4, 2015

Jack Fawkes Beasley  
Lillian Grace Beasley  
April 19, 2015  
Son and Daughter of Jonathan and Ashley Beasley

## **Our Parish Pipe Organ: The Past**

**By Michael Bennett**

For nearly fifty years, the Edward Augustus Ross organ has been the primary support of congregational singing for our parish, representing a unique sacred music tradition in this community, and enriching the lives of Christians through the power of the Holy Spirit. Organs do not last forever and in recent years there have been indications that our organ is not aging well. In August 2014 a task force was created to assess the history and present state of St. John's pipe organ. After several months, it is clear to us that in order to continue our tradition of beautiful liturgy and music, careful assessment of options for our instrument's future must be pursued.

The first organ St. John's owned (Pilcher) was built in 1890 and was played until its removal in 1965. It was the first organ in Lafayette. Our current instrument was installed in 1966 by Wicks Organ Co. at a cost of \$25,000. Since that time some enhancements have been made to make it more pleasant to the ear (1986) and more technologically "current" (1995). This included: 1) re-voicing some of the original pipework to "beef up" some initially-weak pipes and "toning down" those which were overly bright, shrilling, and unpleasant to the ear, and 2) equipping the instrument with multiple levels of data memory (organs today are equipped with 64, 128, or 256 levels; ours has 8). When this latter work was done in 1995, there were problems with the installation (including electrical "fire") and issues have persisted ever since.

For 49 years, our current organ has accompanied singing for upwards of 3,000 worship services and been played for countless concerts. Be sure to check out next month's column for present issues affecting our deteriorating instrument.

## Next Eagle Deadline

The deadline for submissions to the June *Eagle* will be **Monday, May 18**. Please email submissions to [eagle@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:eagle@stjohns-laf.org) by the deadline.

## World Labyrinth Day

By Amy Paget

Celebrate World Labyrinth Day on Saturday May 4th with a flexibly scheduled day of labyrinth walking and other activities at St. John's and at Trinity United Methodist Church. . This Quiet Day event starts at 12 noon and concludes at 4 pm. Visitors are encouraged to join us at any time.

Sponsored by The Labyrinth Society, ([www.labyrinthsociety.org](http://www.labyrinthsociety.org)), World Labyrinth Day is intended as a day that brings people from all over the planet together in celebration of the labyrinth as a symbol, a tool, a passion or a practice. As part of this celebration you are invited to "Walk as One at 1" to effect a rolling wave of labyrinth walking as the earth turns.

Walk our outdoor labyrinth located in the Memorial Garden designed by Rob Sovinski, ASLA, Professor and Program Chair of Landscape Architecture at Purdue University. A graduate of the Harvard Graduate School of Design, he is a fellow parishioner.

In addition, we are placing a labyrinth indoors for walking and meditation, whatever the weather. John Ridder of PAXworks Inc. in Indianapolis designs these hand-drawn and hand-painted labyrinths adapting custom Chartres versions.

Labyrinths are found in many cultures dating back as much as 3,500 years. Unlike a maze, the labyrinth is unicursal, having a single path leading to the center with no loops, cul-de-sacs or forks. They all share the basic features of an entrance or mouth, a single circuitous path and a center or goal.

A 30-minute film, *Rediscovering the Labyrinth*, will be shown throughout the day. It tells the stories of real people whose lives have changed by walking the labyrinth. Join Lauren Artress, author of *Walking a Sacred Path*, as she presents this documentary that has won awards at international and national festivals along with an Emmy nomination for direction.

Other activities will be located throughout the church buildings and will include meditation space in the chapel, walking Trinity's large outdoor labyrinth and the opportunity to try finger and sand labyrinth activities. Drop in. Free. Questions? Contact Amy Paget at [pagets@gmail.com](mailto:pagets@gmail.com).



## Spring Has Sprung!

Daffodils and white tulips are up and out, the dogwood blossoms are ready to burst—must be spring at St. John's. And that means Spring Spruce-Up day. Please lock into your calendar **Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 to noon, plus time for lunch afterward**. There will be indoor and outdoor tasks for all volunteers; childcare will be provided. So come one, come all and check in at the commons for assignments and equipment. Garden, property, and youth group participants especially are needed for this special day, but it takes a congregation to shape up a church. Thanks so much! No need to sign up in advance—just appear with a ready attitude.

## **A Message Regarding Ministry Scheduler Pro**

### **By Bradley Pace**

You may have recently received an email from the office about signing up for our new scheduling system—Ministry Scheduler Pro. You may also have noticed that the printed copy of the service schedule in this month's *Eagle* looks different. This new system is available for everyone who serves as a reader, a Eucharistic minister, etc. in our Sunday worship, in Godly Play, and in other ways. As the email said, this system will make scheduling much easier for everyone! Using this online system you'll be able to specify exactly what times do and do not work well for you to serve. You'll also be able to check your schedule from anywhere and easily find a substitute when you can't make one of your scheduled dates.

The email asked you to login using the username, password, and a link provided in the email. If you did not, either we do not have your correct email address OR it went into your SPAM folder OR you are not currently signed up for one of the various ministries.

We apologize that the window for getting your preferences and availability for May was so small (just a week), and that this email came with little advance warning. In the future, there should be more lead time to fill in your preferences and to choose dates you would like to serve. Once you access the site, you can add preferences and availability for as far into the future as you like.

If you should have any questions, concerns, or difficulty accessing the site, please contact the church office by email or at 765.742.4079. If you are not currently serving in one of the many worship or formation ministries but would like to do so, please contact Bradley Pace or Hilary Cooke.

Also, a link to Ministry Scheduler Pro is now on the St. John's website . Look for the icon below to go to MSP.



## **Circular Logic Marathon Relay**

### **By Hillary Cooke**

The St. John's Steeplechasers enjoyed another successful year at the Circular Logic Marathon relay. On a chilly, but sunny, day seven stalwart members of St. John's took to the road and ran a grand total of 26.2 miles around a one-mile loop. This year's time was 4 hours and 8 minutes—one minute faster than our inaugural effort last year. A big congratulations to Mary Campbell, Bill Kealey, Frances Shook, Harry Shook, Lydia Shook, Steve Shook, and Adriel Trott for a race well-run!

## Strawberry Times

### By The Music Committee

Our annual “Strawberry Party” is fast approaching, *and we need you!* The St. John’s family has a long tradition of joining together to provide strawberry shortcakes – with all the trimmings – to the Lafayette community at the Round the Fountain Art Fair on May 23.

The Music Committee will once again take the organizational lead, but it’s crucial that everyone pitch in and help out. We need people to:

- 1) Bake the shortcakes in St. John’s kitchen
- 2) Wash, cut, and prep the strawberries, also at St. John’s
- 3) Set up outside the courthouse on the big day
- 4) “Scoop, dip, and plop” at the shortcake booth, throughout the day
- 5) Transport supplies to and from the shortcake booth, throughout the day
- 6) And finally... the end-of-day cleanup!

Volunteer sign-up sheets will be available at the church starting on May 3. Please sign up for the role that suits you best. As always, proceeds will benefit needs at church. *Helping out is a great way to give back to our church community and spend time getting to know one another.* Many hands make light work!

## Summer Camp at Waycross—Sign-up Now



There are numerous camp sessions for all ages. Visit [www.waycrosscenter.org](http://www.waycrosscenter.org) today for the camp session schedule and more information.

Scholarships are also available from St. John’s. for more information ,contact the church office at 765.742.4079 or [bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org).



## Cover Indiana Bike Tour for Habitat for Humanity

This year the Cover Indiana bike tour to support Habitat for Humanity will occur from May 10-16. As has been true for years, this is an event that helps St. John's raise the funds that we need to put forward to participate in the Apostle's build every other year. This year we will have a team of riders each participating in some portion of the week. Unlike Jim, the rest of us are not retired and taking a full week off near the end of a school year is challenging. :-)

Please look for additional information on how to sponsor riders and how to follow us during the ride to appear in the Commons in the coming weeks.

So far the people riding some portion of the week include: Hilary Cooke, Amy Van Epps, Jim Marciniak, Ellen (a friend of Hilary's), and Courtenay Murakowski. Feel free to sponsor one or all of us (the St. John's team) for this ride. If you wish to use a credit or debit card, a page on the fundraising site for Cover Indiana has been established for the team and can be accessed here: <https://lafayettehabitat.myetap.org/CoverIndiana2015/>

Alternately, feel free to find any of the riders during church and give them a check for sponsorship. Checks should be made payable to St. John’s Episcopal Church, and please indicate Habitat for Humanity in the memo line. If you have the time and appropriate vehicle and would rather support the team in another way, we will need someone(s) to help get multi-day riders and their bikes and to/from different stopping points along the route, on Tuesday May 12<sup>th</sup> for sure. If you can help in this way, contact Amy Van Epps ([asvanepps@yahoo.com](mailto:asvanepps@yahoo.com)).

## **A Note about Pastoral Care at St. John's**

### **By Bradley Pace**

Each year, I ask your assistance in reminding me about parishioners who may have disappeared or “fallen through the cracks”. Again, I want to reiterate that request. I am often reminded of how important the St. John's community is in the lives of so many people. Recently, a former parishioner ended up in a rehab facility. One of our Eucharistic Visitors reconnected with her and now takes Communion to her regularly. This has been a great comfort to her. Another parishioner who has been homebound for many years told me that she knew that her faith was secure because she felt such strong support from the St. John's community.

If you think of someone you haven't seen for awhile, let one of the clergy know. We may be able to reconnect with them, or we may find out that someone is in need of prayer, care, or other support. This is a crucially important part of who we are and what we do. Remember our community's mission of Worshiping, Sharing, and Making Christ Known. Offering the sacraments, sharing God's gracious love, and helping people strengthen their relationship with Jesus Christ through our prayer and support, all of these are a major part of our calling.

I know that the St. John's community has been there for many of you during the good times and the bad times. Together, we can make sure that St. John's is there for others as well. You can help me by first reaching out to folks you haven't seen for awhile. Call them, visit them, drop them a card. Secondly, you can tell me. This kind of communication can help St. John's continue to be a wonderfully supportive community.

Likewise, please let a member of the clergy know if you or a family member become seriously ill, are admitted to the hospital, or are homebound for an extended period. Contact the church office at 765.742.4079 or by email at [stjohns@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:stjohns@stjohns-laf.org).

## **A Tale of Limestone and Plaster - Property Update**

### **By Heather Johnston Nicholson**

St. John's and the property committee and garden ministry now work with Main Street Management (MSM) to repair and refurbish the buildings and grounds. Since this time last year, Joe Vanable has repaired nearly every one of the wooden chairs in the commons and caught drips and leaks in the plumbing. Jack Kueberth has wired the fancy coffee maker and, with Joe, anchored pews to the floor. Bob Slagel has trimmed the euonymus more than once, fixed the unattached kneeler on pew #65, and recorded the notes for the committee.

The list of volunteer hours and accomplishments goes on and on: John Lindenlaub turns off the heaters on the gutters and turns on the water for outdoors; Tony Bailey replaces batteries in stuff some of us didn't know needed batteries, Tim Smith polishes every stick of furniture in the commons and recruits youth to work tirelessly, Ray Polstra replaces countless light bulbs and knows what kinds to order, Peter Cooper has experience in every indoor and outdoor job, Bill McNerney anchors the use of the building and is working with parish administrator Teresa Lohrman on a secure system for incoming cash.

Thanks to Jim Bodenmiller and his memory for the Walker bequest to St. John's, the garden has an irrigation system that Bellinger installed and will maintain. Contractor Rick Biancofiore will replace the disintegrating limestone caps on the back (north) roof of the church with sleek, weatherproof aluminum sheathing, better matching the other roof treatments at that end of the building. Contractor Diversified Roofing will finally (we hope) stop the leaks that plague the chapel, coat closet, and commons entry to the church. So, MSM has already begun plastering and painting the snow-damaged walls. No, no solution yet to the brick dust in the west vestibule, so Eva Duran during the week and altar guild members on Saturday will continue to vacuum it up before services. Lest we forget the clergy, there is no space to list the dozens of ways Bradley, Hilary and Robert fix stuff at St. John's. Face it, a building 175 years old takes a lot of love from a lot of people. Thanks for helping and staying tuned.