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The Feast of All Saints at St. John's, Lafayette Sunday, Nov. 6, 8 and 10:15 a.m.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

— Collect for All Saints Day, *Book of Common Prayer*

On Sunday, Nov. 6, we will celebrate the Feast of All Saints. At both services that day, we will dedicate special time to remember those saints of St. John's who have died since last year. There will also be time for each of us to remember the saints who have been the chosen vessels of God's grace in our own lives. As All Saints' Day is one of the feast days especially set aside for baptisms, we will also renew our baptismal vows at both services. Please join with the whole Church as we remember the saints of God and renew our commitment to follow them. — *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*

"Longest Night" Service

6 p.m. Dec. 20

On Tuesday, Dec. 20, at 6 p.m., St. John's will hold our third annual "Longest Night" service. The idea of the service is to acknowledge feelings of grief, loss and loneliness that people may be feeling while the world around us cries out to be "merry." This service is open to anyone in the wider community, so if you know anyone you think might value such a service, please invite them.

Message from the Rector



This election cycle has taken pride of place for toxicity and division. And while we all know that the ballot box is important, as Christians, we should always remember that the Lord's Table is more important. We should always keep in mind that the mission of the Church is reconciliation — with God and with one another — through Jesus Christ. Now is the time for the Church to be the Church, to model the servant-love of Jesus and the reconciling love of God.

In order to begin and to model that reconciliation — to be sent forth “as a people, forgiven, healed, renewed” in the words of one of our prayer — I invite you to take part in an Election Day Communion Service at St. John's at **7 p.m.**

Tuesday, Nov. 8. This service will include members of many other Christian traditions from around our community. However, the service will take the traditional form of listening to the Word of God, responding in prayer and confession, passing the peace Christ, and sharing in Holy Communion. This form of liturgy, which dates back to the earliest days of the Church's life, enacts the very reconciliation we seek. By hearing and responding to God's Word, by praying and confessing, by sharing the peace of Christ, and by sharing together in Christ's body and blood, we come closer to God and to one another. In the midst of a heated election where it is easy to demonize those we disagree with, the liturgy reminds us that the Church's mission of reconciliation calls us to be better, forces us to see one another as made in the image of God, and gives us the opportunity to enact that mission.

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Please join us on Nov. 8 and continue to pray for our nation and for healing. — *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*

The St. John's Vestry Seeks New Members

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever.

— 1 Peter 4:10-11

The St. John's Vestry is currently soliciting new members to join the Vestry in 2017. Vestry terms are for three years. Terms begin once the annual meeting is completed.

The Canons of the Episcopal Church and of the Diocese of Indianapolis and our parish's own bylaws set the following minimal criteria for membership on the St. John's Vestry:

1. Shall be a member in good standing of the parish.
2. Shall be a qualified elector.
3. In addition the bylaws state that at least two-thirds of the Vestry must be confirmed adults in good standing.

Vestry service, however, is much more than these minimal, canonical requirements suggest. Our ministry focuses on the work of God as it is lived out in this church community. We commit ourselves to a reasonable understanding of the church's structure, management and finances. We commit to be leaders in attending the worship and fellowship of the church; in supporting the church through our financial stewardship; through outreach, service and evangelism; and through supporting the mission and ministry of the church in other ways. We commit to be leaders in prayer and in the study of Scripture. And we commit ourselves to living out the Gospel in our daily lives.

We recognize that our ministry is ultimately and fundamentally about God. It is God who brings us together and sets us apart. After all, we **Worship** God, we **Share God's love and our lives**, and we **Make Christ Known** because in Jesus Christ we find the fullest expression of who God is and what God is doing in the world.

If you feel that you may be called to service on the St. John's Vestry or if you would like additional information, please contact one of the current members of the Vestry's Middler class: Peter Cooper at pocoper@hotmail.com, Jim Marciniak at jmarcini@purdue.edu, Catherine Fraser Riehle at catherine.riehle@gmail.com, or Tim Smith at radicalminor@gmail.com.

Thanksgiving for the Ministry of Steve Starks

Steve Starks has served as the director of the St. John's/LUM Food Pantry since the middle of 2013. Recently, Steve gave me his notice and will be stepping down. Steve's last day at the pantry will be Saturday, Nov. 5.

In his time as director, Steve made a number of changes to the pantry's operation. We now have Saturday hours and give out produce from the Saturday Farmers' Market. We are giving out more food. This year, for instance, we have given out 20,000 lbs. more food than last year at less cost to the pantry. Steve put many hours into his work in the pantry. He has a real passion for feeding people, and it shows in his work. Please join me in thanking Steve for his hard work. We will thank him formally at a Sunday service at St. John's soon.

I will begin looking for a replacement director as soon as possible. In the meantime, please keep the pantry's customers and the other volunteers in your prayers. Thank you for all you do in the pantry and for building God's kingdom by feeding God's people. (See Steve's letter on page 6.) — *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*

Next Deadline for The Eagle

The November deadline for submissions to the Eagle is **Monday, November 14**.
Please note the earlier deadline. Send submissions to eagle@stjohns-laf.org.

Music Notes

Music for All Saints' Day

Sunday Nov. 6

I can't tell you how many times I've heard someone say, "All Saints' Day is one of my favorite days of the year." I am in agreement with that sentiment, for sure. Everyone seems to be so energetic on that morning — sometimes I call it "Easter-light." In addition to joyful music at our 10:15 a.m. service, the parish will be offering a service of Choral Evensong later that day. At 4:30 p.m., harpist Heaven Fan will perform a concert of music by French composers Claude Debussy and Gabriel Pierné. At 5 p.m., the choir will sing Choral Evensong, with guest organist Robert Richter from St. Christopher's in Carmel joining us. I hope you will consider coming to the concert and/or Evensong as we support our local C.A.S.A. (Court Appointed Special Advocate) program, which supports abused and neglected children in our community.

Lunchtime Concert

Wednesday, Nov. 9, 12:10 p.m.

Thanks to everyone who attended the October lunchtime concert — it was a wonderful start to the season. The next concert on Nov. 9 features pianist Greg Kostraba and cellist Josh Aerie, playing music by Maurice Ravel, Rick Sowash and a world premiere by Purdue professor Harry Bulow. As always, the concert begins at 12:10 p.m. and lunch follows.

— *Michael Bennett, michael@stjohns-laf.org*

Women's Luncheon

About 18 women from St. John's gathered at the house of Charlene Watson on Tuesday, Oct. 11. We joined together to remember those women/saints from St. John's who have gone before us and had an impact on our lives — inspiring us, teaching us, leading us — in our service to God and to others. Sitting in a large circle we shared stories, remembering and reflecting — it was a joyful time! We then re-gathered to share in the luncheon meal provided by these women. Episcopal women can put together a healthy and fulfilling meal with no directions and/or assignment!! Thank you to all who attended, and we will look forward to another time. — *Charlene Watson, cel.watson@comcast.net*



Member Spotlight: Randy Brist

Name: Randy Brist

Occupation: High school teacher at Jefferson High School

Randy has been a teacher for 39 years, with 33 of them here in Lafayette. He is the Director of Radio-TV at the William S. Fraser Radio-TV Center (Bill Fraser was a St. John's member too!) where he teaches sophomores, juniors and seniors in his Radio-TV and Film Literature classes. His wife, Georgia, is a life-long Episcopalian. They have two children: Jeff, who is 33 and lives in New York City, and Sarah, who is 28 and lives in Denver. He is in his third stint on the Vestry and is serving as senior warden for the second time. FUN FACT: Greg Buzzard's father was his driver's education instructor at Snider High School in Ft. Wayne in 1971.

Why he attends St. John's: My wife and I were married in the Episcopal Church in 1977 and she is a life-long Episcopalian. I first attended St. John's in 1984. I officially became an Episcopalian in 1991. St. John's is like a second family to me. My need for spiritual fulfillment is met by attending regularly and being as involved as my schedule permits. I love that St. John's is an open and welcoming community, with outreach that makes a difference in the lives of so many people.

Look for a new Member Spotlight each month in The Eagle.

November Book Group

Wednesday, Nov. 16

6:30 p.m., the Commons

I'm writing this article about our Nov. 16 Book Group meeting in early October. As a nation, we have spent the past year and more thinking about the United States in terms of our present and our future. Our book selection, *Valiant Ambition: George Washington, Benedict Arnold, and the Fate of the American Revolution* by Nathaniel Philbrick (2016), takes us back to the time even before we were a nation. Philbrick gives us a fresh look at what was going on during those Revolutionary War times.

This book has something for everyone. I especially enjoyed the times he compared and contrasted the personalities of Washington and Arnold. Who were these guys, really? And what motivated them?

If you like military history, you will thoroughly enjoy his descriptions of some of the major battles of the Revolutionary War. Generally, my eyes glaze over and my brain goes numb when I read about battles, but Philbrick does a great job of bringing them to life. The superb maps by Jeffrey Ward really help move the narrative along well.

Philbrick uses diaries and letters to recount the conditions of the enlisted men and of the civilian population. These accounts are fascinating!

The central question is this: "What did Arnold's treason do to the American cause?" Read and find out. — *Mary Campbell, (765) 426-5541*

EWM Fall Retreat 2016

Attending the 2016 Episcopal Women's Ministries (EWM) Fall Retreat at the Waycross Conference Center, Sept. 30-Oct. 2, were several women from St. John's (Alice Anderson, Gayle Ennis, Amy Paget, Stephanie Tribbett and Charlene Watson). The theme of this retreat was "A Festival of Prayer Practices." This wonderful retreat was developed and led by our own Associate Rector the Rev. Dr. Hilary Cooke and by the Rev. Dr. Nancy Woodworth-Hill from St. Paul's/Jeffersonville. During our time together, we learned of and practiced *Lectio Divina* (Blessed Reading), A Body Prayer (as taught by Marcus Borg at the June 1999 meeting of the National Campus Ministries), Christian meditation, making our own Anglican Rosary, creating our own Prayer Journal, praying in Color, praying the labyrinth, and a time for learning prayer practices from each other. Our worship services were selected and experienced from *Prayer for Each Day: Taize*, *The Church of Canada BCP* (adapted), *Celtic Prayers from Iona: The Heart of Celtic Spirituality*, *A New Zealand Prayer Book* and *The Book of Common Prayer*. The weather was "God sent"; the accommodations were wonderful; the sisterhood was full of love, sharing, learning, praying and worshipping together. It was a wonderful and glorious time to experience God's love. A big Thank You goes to Amy Paget (St. John's/Lafayette) and Pamela Sebura (St. Stephen's/Terre Haute) for facilitating this program. — *Charlene Watson, cel.watson@comcast.net*

Dear Volunteers and Friends,

On Nov. 5, I will spend my last day at the Food Pantry as director. This has been a wonderful job for me and I have loved it from the first day. It certainly does not feel like it has been three years. I am not known for short e-mails, though God knows I do try. I do. But, as Benjamin Franklin is quoted as saying, "I apologize for such a long letter. I did not have time to write a shorter one." This is not a short letter so I encourage you to read on.



When I was hired it was because of my passion and drive to help those in need, a Biblical vision, if you will, for helping others get a lift when none seemed available. It is a Biblical imperative, this mission of feeding the hungry, and so important that the Church lists it as one of the seven Corporal Works of Mercy.

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus makes a peculiar statement to his disciples, just before the feeding of the multitude. It is a sentence that we often miss. The disciples express concern for the lateness of the day, the largeness of the crowd, and the limited amount of food available. He looks over the crowd and says "*Give them something to eat yourselves.*" [Check out Mt 14:16, or Mark 6:37, or Luke 9:13 if you don't believe me.] The poor disciples must have been dumbstruck. They answer "Lord, there are too many and there is only a little food." I can just hear Jesus thinking, *OK, you unbelievers, step back and watch this.* Then he proceeds to bless the little food that they have and mysteriously it becomes enough to feed the whole crowd. In fact, it is more than is needed, and 12 baskets of leftovers are filled, symbolic of feeding the twelve tribes of Israel. The message is crystal clear, and it is an Object Lesson that I am sure none of those disciples ever forgot.

So, that is how this thing works, this task of feeding the hungry. We see the need but are confounded as to how to meet it. We ask, and God provides the abundance while we are asked to distribute it. The vision I have tried to bring to this work is to fill up the Pantry with an abundance of food [provided through the action of God] and distribute it to as many as would come. Not necessarily asking them, "Do you need it?" or "Do you deserve it?" but asking only, "Are you hungry? Are your children hungry?" If people are willing to break the barrier of shame and come into the Pantry, then they must be fed, for food is one of those necessities, just like healthcare, that invests in the future. People who are underfed are under-nourished. People who are under-nourished do not perform well, either at school, at work or in life.

Let me share a quote with you: "We believe that the evidence is incredibly compelling that if you want kids to succeed, you need to make sure that they eat sufficiently." — Cecilia Munoz, assistant to the president, and director of the Domestic Policy Council, *The Washington Post*, Jan. 27

I know it has been hard on some of the volunteers, especially with the recent changes, but I applaud those who have stayed with it. There is no easy way to make large changes, but I suspect there are probably better ways. The person who follows me will bring a different skill set and add something *unique* to the value of the food pantry, as I hope I have. God gave me the saying '*Building God's Kingdom by Feeding God's People*' on the first day I started. It is on the letterhead, the logo and the e-mails. But as I worked with the people, the phrase "***More Dignity. More Food***" came to me, again from God, and seems to encompass the mission of what we are about.

I thank all of you for your hard work in continuing to feed, not just the poor, but those who have hunger issues and are food deficient. I want to thank Bradley Pace, the Rector, for hiring me; for being such a great supervisor and employer; and for the opportunity to serve here. I also thank Amy Harbor for helping us adjust to the new online system and for the hard work that she has put in over the past year and a half. I would also like to thank Teresa Lohrman, the Parish administrator, for her support in the office. Finally, I want to thank you, the volunteers, who have done the work and touched my heart in a thousand ways.

What comes next for me I do not know. I have several things on my plate and I'm allowing God to tell me which of those is the most important. I have no final word for you, but I like what one woman said to her children as she lay dying, "I have no more to say. I have said it all as I went along." Now *that* would have been a short letter. I thank you all and bless you in God's name.

Steve Starks
Food Pantry Director

From the Vestry: Meeting Summary, October 19

- There was a brief discussion on possible new Vestry candidates for the next election.
- Bradley explained his plan to name an interim food pantry director, including reimagining some expanded duties and an increase in hours. He also explained that there may be a slight increase in funds from LUM for the pantry.
- St. John's plans on submitting a Center for Congregations Grant to pay for consultant fees and the feasibility study leading up to the capital campaign. The diocese would also contribute towards these costs. St. John's can also use the remaining funds from the Extraordinary Stewardship Effort.
- Bradley invited Vestry members to the stewardship "card party," where notes will be written to congregation members for the stewardship campaign.
- Tim Smith, the Vestry's member on the property committee, reported that the church's painting schedule is back on track. Precise Painters will be used and the church will be painted in "sections" to help manage the cost.
- Bradley briefly discussed the results of the structural integrity study that was done. The good news is that our structure, including the bell tower, is sound. Work is needed involving the repair roof leaks, and some of this will be to prepare for installation of the new organ's pipes in the back of the church.
- Randy Brist reported the new sound system has been installed, and the improvements were obvious at the services following the installation. However, after the services on Oct. 16, Ted Paget noticed the new speakers aimed at the front of the church did not sound correct. Sound Advice investigated and determined that the mixer was faulty and was likely damaged during the same event as the rest of the sound system. After discussion and questions about the accuracy of the quote, the Vestry tabled a vote until a revised quote could be submitted. This was done a few days after the meeting and approved by the Vestry via e-mail voting.
- Bradley explained the candidates for Bishop will be traversing the diocese in preparation for the upcoming election.
- The Discussions on Tap gathering will move to a new night, but the specific day of the week has not yet been determined.
- Bradley concluded the meeting by saying there will be a special service the day of the national elections, Tuesday, Nov. 8. The church will be open for prayer on Nov. 7 and 8.

Jubilee Christmas

Saturday, Dec. 10, 9:15 a.m.-noon

Dec. 10 is rapidly approaching. On that day, St. John's and the Chapel of the Good Shepherd will host 38 Lafayette area families as they shop for Christmas gifts for their children.

Jubilee Christmas is not possible without the participation of our community. How will you help this year?

WELCOME our guests, help them shop for toys, and wrap presents.

SET UP the store.

BRING new, non-violent toys to stock the store. Donation bins are in the Commons.

BAKE cookies, assemble fruit or cheese plates, or make your favorite snack to share.

It is hard work shopping, and what is Christmas without yummy goodies?

DONATE cash to defray the cost of Christmas dinner (hams and food vouchers), teen gift certificates, gifts, and needed household items.

PRAY for our guests and the other families being served by LUM, the volunteers, and LUM who makes this happen.



Help make 2016 Jubilee Christmas a special day: VOLUNTEER, DONATE AND PRAY. — Maggie McClure, magamclure@gmail.com, Angela Mosier, angelajmosier@gmail.com

Help Wanted for Jubilee Christmas

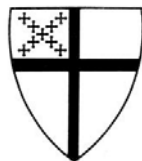
Volunteer Coordinator

- Create sign-up sheets and put up in early November
- Assist in recruiting volunteers
- Arrange drivers when clients need a ride
- Answer questions from volunteers before and during Jubilee Christmas

Communications Coordinator

- Write bulletin announcements regarding Jubilee Christmas activities
- Write Eagle articles about Jubilee Christmas
- Work with Jubilee Christmas coordinators for other communication needs
- Prepare posters for event as needed

Time commitment is a few hours each week in October and November. Leading up to Jubilee Christmas day, the time commitment increases. Most of the work can be done in your home. — Maggie McClure, magamclure@gmail.com



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