



ST. JOHN'S
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The Eagle

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Christianity: The BIG Questions

6-8 p.m. Tuesdays
through Oct. 18

Christianity: The Big Questions class continues through Tuesday, Oct. 18. On Oct. 25, we'll begin a second session of classes: **The Bible: The Big Questions**. This class will meet Tuesday nights through Nov. 29 (with no class Tuesday, Nov. 22). In

this class we will consider some of the following questions about the Bible: What questions do you bring to the Bible? How do we read the Bible as sacred Scripture? What do we do about the really difficult parts? How do we make sense of this ancient text in our modern world? What does the Bible have to do with us and with the Church today? This will be an attendee-driven class. So bring your questions for the first session. Dinner and childcare will be included. Please call or e-mail to RSVP. — *Bradley Pace, (765) 742-4079, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*



Ministry & Stewardship Fair

Sunday Oct. 2 & 9

Each fall, St. John's holds a Ministry & Stewardship Fair to inform parishioners of active groups in the church that might be of interest to them for joining/volunteering. In recent years, the fair has become a crowded event. This year, the fair will take place over two Sundays. The first two Sundays in October, there will be displays in St. John's Commons with information about programs, ministries and events at St. John's. We hope you will take time to talk with representatives during coffee hour and hear what these programs and ministries are about, what they add to St. John's, and perhaps find something that resonates with you!

Oct. 2: Worshiping and Sharing Ministries

Acolytes, Altar Guild, Greeters & Ushers, Lector/LEM/MC, Music, Quiet Days, Community Lunches, Episcopal Church Women, Foyer Groups, Habitat for Humanity, Jubilee Christmas, Prayer Shawl Ministry and the St. John's/LUM Food Pantry

Oct. 9: Formation and Other Ministries

Adult Bible Studies, Big Questions Classes, the St. John's Book Group, Godly Play Children's Formation, Young Adults, Youth Group, Garden Ministry, Property Committee and Vestry & Parish Administration

Message from the Rector: Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness

In the 1890s, the archway over the sanctuary in the church included a line from the 96th Psalm, “Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness” (seen faintly in this picture of the church from Easter season 1893). The style of the church then is a little more Victorian than we usually go for these days, but the same verse adorns our exterior sign on the bell tower.

We do nothing as Episcopalians quite so well or quite so passionately as beautiful worship. Our worship is characterized by beauty: the beauty of our prayers, the beauty of stained glass, the beauty of candlelight, the beauty of sacred music and the beauty of sacred mystery. Because we take the beauty of worship so seriously, we worry over the words of the liturgy, the music, the architecture and all the other appointments.

Following something Ed Tourangeau wrote about our worship a few years ago, our worship is real. Since the Christian faith is incarnational — that is, it celebrates the good news of God become

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incarnate or embodied in Christ — we believe that Christian worship should be incarnational as well. That is why we use real things in our worship: real bread, real wine, real candles, real

music, real flowers, to embody the real gifts God has given us.

No matter how beautiful our liturgy, our music, our worship space and the rest may be, Psalm 96 reminds us that the true beauty of our worship comes from God. The true beauty of our worship, the Psalmist says, is in “the majesty and magnificence of his presence.” Our worship is an act of reverence where we respond to that beauty — the beauty of God’s presence — by ascribing “to the Lord honor and power,” by ascribing “to the Lord the honor due his name.” As a result of this encounter with God, we are energized or comforted, filled with joy or awe, and even reminded of who we are and whose we are.

Worship is one of the important disciplines of Christian discipleship. As such, I urge you to make an effort each week to attend worship. While most of our community gathers on Sunday mornings, there are opportunities for worship Monday through Friday including Eucharist on Tuesday and Thursdays at noon. Each time we come together in worship, we heed the psalmist’s call to “worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.” Each time we come together in worship, we open ourselves to the “the majesty and magnificence of God’s presence.”

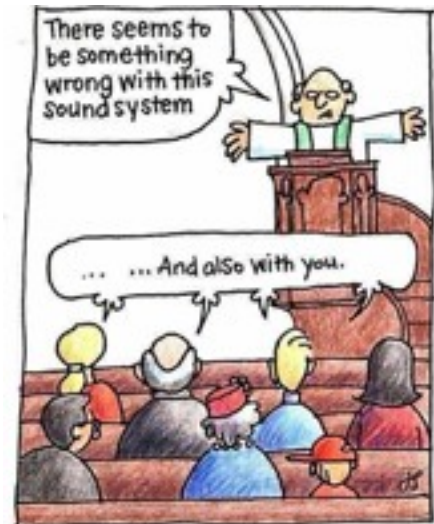
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An Update on the Sound System

Ted Paget has been working closely with the techs from Sound Advice to get our sound system up and running. Unfortunately, it appears that the damage was more extensive than originally thought and some (perhaps all) of the speakers will need to be replaced. In addition, there may be other equipment that is no longer working. We have a hunch that this may have been caused by a lightning storm. Hopefully, by the time you're reading this, the sound system will have been sorted out. However, please know that we are aware that this is an inconvenience to some of you and serious difficulty for others. We are working to get the sound system up and running as soon as possible. — *Bradley Pace, (765) 742-4079, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*



And an Update on Parking

Parking has always been an issue at St. John's. I'm sure that in the 1840s, there weren't enough hitching posts for the horses and the carriage house was too small. I'm also certain that at the turn of the 20th century, some vestry member complained, "We don't need a parking lot. These horseless carriages are a passing phase." However, the availability of parking has become a serious issue again, since the *Journal & Courier* recently sold its building to a developer. The developer is creating retail space and apartments in those buildings. That means that the parking lot will be unavailable for our use on Sundays in the near future.

Fortunately, this will not take place until the fall of 2017 at the earliest. The vestry is currently working on a plan to make sure we have adequate parking near the church. In the meantime, we can still use the J&C lot. In addition, we have permission to park at Mulhaupts on the corner of Fifth and Ferry Streets, at Wintek on the corner of Sixth and Brown Streets, as well as the various street spots. We are currently contacting other businesses and organizations in the area to get official permission to use their lots on Sunday. If you have any recommendations, please do not hesitate to contact me. — *Bradley Pace, (765) 742-4079, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*

OutFest 2016: A quick thanks to everyone who spent time at the St. John's / Good Shepherd booth at OutFest Sept. 17. It was a gorgeous afternoon and evening, where we had a table on the shady side of the street, connected with our friends from Good Shepherd, and let the community know that the Episcopal churches in town are welcoming to **all**.

Next Deadline for The Eagle

The November deadline for submissions to the Eagle is Monday, Oct. 17. Send submissions to eagle@stjohns-laf.org.

The Future of Foyers

Since 1997, Lloyd Brewer has planned and organized a ministry that has offered opportunities to this congregation to meet together in small groups, eat a meal together, and get better acquainted with each other. If you are not familiar with the Foyer ministry — named after the entryway of a home where greetings are exchanged — we organize a schedule that includes groups of four couples who get together four times a year to eat, watch a movie and eat popcorn, have a picnic, have a carry-in, or some other social time. Groups are planned over the years in order to continually expand our circle of friends. Those who have been involved over the years have many wonderful memories of “getting to know” other folks from St. John’s.

Recently it seems that people’s lives have changed while the way Foyers operates has not. If you are interested in continuing these opportunities for fellowship and/or have ideas on how we might restructure them to make them available to a new generation in the church, please contact me. You can also get more information at the St. John’s Stewardship and Ministry Fair on Sundays Oct. 2 and 9 in St. John’s Commons. — *Marylin Howland Ross, marylinhowland435@gmail.com*

Non-traditional Altar Guild Team Forming

We’d like to form a new Altar Guild team composed of “non-traditional” members. This team will have the same responsibilities as the other teams but may meet at a non-traditional time rather than early Saturday mornings. If you are interested in the ministry of caring for the sacred vessels, the bread and the wine, the linens, hangings, candles and torches used in worship and would like to learn more about how to participate, look for the sign-up sheet at the Ministry Fair Oct. 2. — *Sally Byrn, (765) 426-2201, srbyrn@wintek.com*



Member Spotlight: Tim Smith

Name: Tim Smith

Occupation: Third-year PhD student in Ag Econ at Purdue. Tim moved to the area in August 2012 to work on his master’s degree, also in Ag Econ. His research focuses on poverty and opportunity in the United States and how those are affected by differences in locations (though the particulars can become somewhat technical, so it can be a difficult to demonstrate the connections between the work and what non-economists see when they think about the issues in English and in the real world). He has been involved with St. John’s for a bit more than three years, mostly with the Youth Group, but more recently on Vestry and the Property Committee, among other things. For fun, he likes to read stuff other than academic economics, watch football, argue and play board games.

Why he attends St. John’s: I think this is actually a very difficult question, but I guess I come here because most of the time, I approximately believe in the account of God and his sacraments that the Episcopal Church describes and practices, and I want to participate in that. The other stuff is nice, too, but this is the necessary and sufficient condition for me to show up.

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

College Care Packages

We will again assemble care packages for college students from our congregation. I understand the students appreciate knowing we care for and support them.

This year I am very happy to announce that Margot Marlatt will be coordinating this activity. She will be keeping you informed of the details. Thank you, Margot. Contact her at msmarlatt@comcast.net. — *Kathie Basden*

Thank you, thank you, thank you

A very belated thank you to the entire St. John's community for the wonderful celebration on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of my priestly ordination. It has been such a joy for me to serve alongside you all for these last 10 years, and I hope to continue to do so for years to come. Each Sunday when we pray for "all the blessings of this life," I give thanks for this supportive and loving community. Thank you! — *Hilary*

Hunger Hike Update

Many thanks to all who supported the Youth Group's efforts to combat food insecurity in our community. Eleven members of the Youth Group participated in the 3K walk, and with your prayers and financial support, they raised \$1,391 for feeding ministries in our community. — *Hilary Cooke, hilary@stjohns-laf.org*

Hosting is Easy and Fun

Post-service snack, the so-called "eighth sacrament," is one of many strengths of the St. John's community. Recently, however, the sign-up sheet has become a little sparse, and often we see the same names over and over again. Yet hosting is surprisingly easy and fun, and, importantly, it helps build the lovely community feeling we all enjoy every Sunday morning.

For anyone who has never hosted, and is daunted by the prospect of supply snacks for about 50 people, please consider signing up. We can help you figure out what to do, and otherwise answer any of your questions. And after doing it once or twice, you will "have the knowledge" to help keep St. John's great. — *Aaron Michaux, aaron@pageofswords.net*

Upcoming Events

Celebrating the Feast of St. Francis and the Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, Oct. 2

5 p.m., St. John's Memorial Garden

Calling all animals and animal lovers!! Attend the celebration of the Feast of St. Francis, **5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2** in the St. John's Memorial Garden. We will give thanks to our creator for the love of our animal friends with a liturgy for the Blessing of Animals. Please bring your pets (all are welcome!) and a donation for the Almost Home Humane Society (financial or in-kind). — *Hilary Cooke, (765) 742-4079, hilary@stjohns-laf.org*



Women of St. John's: Let's Have a Party!

Tuesday, Oct. 11

11:30 a.m., 3810 Old Romney Road

Do you remember Mary Sicer? Marjorie Walker? Ruthanna Amy? Evelyn Ball? Fran Meeks? Do you know other women from St. John's or even another parish who have passed on and have inspired you? Who taught you? Who helped you on your life journey? Who was a mentor to you? Who spoke to you without words? Let us have a Celebration of these Women of past years. By sharing their stories and our interactions with them, we will remember these women. We will gather with a carry-in luncheon at Charlene Watson's house at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11. Please come casual, and bring a salad or dessert to share. Drinks and table settings provided.

Please RSVP by Oct. 7; be sure to leave your name and contact information. Let me know also if you either need a ride or a map to the house. All women of St. John's are invited! Let's have a party and celebrate the lives of these women who have inspired us. — *Charlene Watson, (765) 474-9101, cel.watson@comcast.net*

Join us for the first Lunctime Concert

Wednesday, Oct. 12

12:10 p.m.

As the St. John's Lunctime Concert Series enters its 10th season, I am looking forward to the kick-off with one of the most beautiful voices in Lafayette: Karen Goff. For decades Karen has been inspiring audiences for the Bach Chorale and teaching thousands of children in the Tippecanoe School Corp. She has performed three times previously on the Lunctime Concert Series and promises another beautiful program that will inspire the human spirit. Works to be performed include: "I Will Follow Thee with Gladness" (Bach's *St. John's Passion*), Handel's "Let the Bright Seraphim" and Mendelssohn's "O for the Wings of a Dove." As always, the concert begins at 12:10 p.m. and lunch follows. — *Michael Bennett, michael@stjohns-laf.org*



Karen Goff

A Service of Holy Eucharist & Healing

Sunday, Oct. 16, 8 & 10:15 a.m.

The ministry of Jesus invites us to new life in God and with each other. In the laying on of hands and anointing we proclaim the Good News that God desires us to be healthy and one in the body of Christ. You are invited to come forward, to offer yourself, whatever your sickness of spirit, mind, or body, and ask for healing and wholeness in the Name of the holy and undivided Trinity.

— The invitation to healing prayer from *Enriching Our Worship II*

Most Sundays, St. John's offers healing prayer in the Chapel of the Resurrection at the end of Communion. Each Tuesday at noon, St. John's hosts a service of Healing Prayer and Eucharist in the Chapel of the Resurrection. Healing prayer (also known as unction or "ministration to the sick" in *the Book of Common Prayer*) has a long tradition in the Church. The person who receives healing prayer is anointed by special oil blessed by the Bishop or a priest. A minister anoints the person requesting prayer and lays hands on her invoking God to bring about healing and wholeness.

On Sunday, Oct. 16' at both the 8 and 10:15 a.m. services, we will include a time of healing prayer. After the sermon, the presider will bless oil to be used for anointing during those services as well as during services throughout the year at St. John's. Special prayers of healing will be said by the congregation. All are invited to come forward for anointing and for a time of prayer. As the invitation says, everyone is invited "whatever your sickness of spirit, mind, or body." — *Bradley Pace, (765) 742-4079, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*

May God who is a strong tower to all, to whom all things in heaven and on earth bow and obey, be now and evermore your defense, and help you to know that the name given to us for health and salvation is the Name of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.

— A concluding prayer from the service of Holy Eucharist & Healing

September Book Group: *Macbeth* by William Shakespeare (1564-1616)

Wednesday, Oct. 26

6:30 p.m., the Commons

Macbeth, the last of Shakespeare's four great tragedies (*Hamlet*, *Othello* and *King Lear*) has been called the darkest play of the four. It is a penetrating psychological study of overwhelming ambition expressed in a lust for power. As a result of the riddling prophecies of the three Weird Sisters (witches), Macbeth becomes convinced that he is destined to be king of Scotland. In his determination to win the throne, he subverts the cultural norms of his day. He kills the anointed king of Scotland, murders his own kinsman and betrays his obligations as a host. Macbeth achieves his goal, but in the process he alienates himself from those who earlier supported him, and he dies nearly alone. In the end he pays with his life for the evil he has done.

Yes, it is a dark play, but it is relevant for us in our 21st century world where we hear so much about greed and lust for power in both the corporate and political spheres.

Join us, 400 years after Shakespeare's death, to celebrate the Bard's genius and his lasting influence in the world and to share our thoughts about the tragedy of *Macbeth*. If actually reading the play is not to your taste, try watching one of the many movie versions or listen to an audio version. All are welcome to join the discussion. — *Barbara Penney, (864)923-2111*

The Feast of All Saints at St. John's, Lafayette

Sunday, Nov. 6

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.



On Sunday, Nov. 6, we will observe 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. Please join with the whole church as we remember the Saints of God who have come before and welcome new saints into the Body of Christ.

Baptism

For anyone considering baptism (or for parents considering having their children baptized), the next baptismal feast is The Feast of All Saints Nov 6. — *Bradley Pace, (765) 742-4079, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*



Bible Studies



Adult Bible Studies: Monday evenings and Tuesday mornings

Both Bible Studies are open to anyone, including members of other churches or folks unaffiliated with any church.

The Monday evening Adult Bible Study meets at 6:30 p.m. in the Bishops' Parlor The group continues their study of the miracle stories in the Gospels using the guidebook *Miracles: Signs of God's Glory*. — *Randy Brist, (765) 474-2835, rjbrist@mac.com*

The Tuesday morning Bible Study meets 10-11 a.m. in the Commons. The group is studying some of the parable stories in the Gospels using *Short Stories by Jesus* by Amy-Jill Levine, a Jewish New Testament scholar from Vanderbilt University. — *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org; Hilary Cooke, hilary@stjohns-laf.org*

The 2017 Annual Campaign

LIVING GENEROUSLY



Psalm 112 speaks eloquently about the theme of Living Generously. It says that living generously includes being gracious, merciful and righteous. As such, in order to live generously, we must conduct our lives with justice. That means that living generously is much more than what we do with our money. We are called to be kind to one another and to all living things. We are called to deal with each other honestly and to be humble. As someone who has taken a leadership role at St. John's, your generosity with your time, talent and treasure sustains our ministry and is a source of encouragement to me.

They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous. It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice. For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.

—PSALM 112.4-6

Living generously is a call to action for each of us as followers of Jesus. He showed us the way to live generously: by welcoming the outcast, by overturning the tables of the money changers in the temple, by dining with the poor and healing the sick, by teaching, by forgiving, and by ultimately giving his own life so that all might have abundant life. Our leadership is modeled off of Jesus's servant ministry.

There are many ways to live generously, and our time, talent and treasure give us many opportunities to do so. At St. John's, we show our commitment to Living Generously in **Worship**, in **Sharing God's love**, in **Christian Formation**, in **Community** and in **Giving**. You will find more information about how we do this in the Sunday bulletin each week beginning Sunday, Oct. 2.

Please prayerfully consider making a pledge to St. John's in support of our ministries as one form of Living Generously. During the week of Oct. 23, you should receive a pledge card in the mail. You can also pledge online at www.stjohns-laf.org/giving-to-stjohns. If you have any questions, you can contact the Church office at stjohns@stjohns-laf.org or by phone at (765) 742-4079.

St John/LUM Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

- **-NEW- Morning Re-Stock, Monday or Friday - New-**
Restock shelves before and during pantry hours
Time: 8:30-10:30 a.m. Monday and/or Friday
- **-NEW- Supplies Manager - New -**
Make sure all forms are up-to-date, printed and in sufficient stock. We use a lot of forms at the pantry and these forms need to be duplicated and restocked as they are used.
Time: Anytime. To be agreed upon with the director
- **-NEW- Stockroom Cleaning - New -**
Spend two hours each week straightening and cleaning the stockroom and pantry. This includes defrosting and washing out freezers each month, washing and disinfecting produce and meat tubs, keeping dishes washed and sink cleaned.
Time: Anytime, in coordination with the director
- **Window and Shopping Assistant**
Serving at the window or in the hallway, assisting shoppers to select food and answering questions.
Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m. **Mondays-Tuesdays, Thursdays or Fridays**
12:30-3:30 p.m. **Saturdays**
- **Unload and Restock Shelves**
Helping to unload, sort and stock food items that come in twice a week from Food Finders and other donations from churches.
Time: 1-3:30 p.m. **Mondays and/or Wednesdays**
- **Register Shoppers**
Checking in shoppers, using a laptop computer. Ideally no more than twice per month. Training Required.
Qualifications: Must be comfortable with the computer and be detail-oriented.
Time: 8:45-11:45 a.m. **Mondays-Tuesdays, Thursdays or Fridays**
12:30-3:30 p.m. **Saturdays**

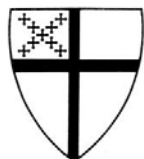
Contact Steve Starks or Amy Harbor to volunteer or ask any questions.

Steve (765) 491-4748 foodpantry@stjohns-laf.org

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From the Vestry: Meeting Summary, September 21

- The finance committee met and decided there would be no big changes in the new budget due to the pending capital campaign. There will be a 3 percent salary increase for staff. Some thought also needs to be given to the Food Pantry budget since a \$10,000 donation last year won't be available this year.
- The Stewardship committee also met and agreed with the finance committee's assessment of the new budget. Stewardship will communicate with the congregation via bulletin inserts. There will also be personalized notes sent to members, but no repeated letters going to members of the congregation.
- The Steering committee report also indicated discussion of the upcoming capital campaign with emphasis in the following areas: a new organ, restoration and repair, and outreach. The process of purchasing a new organ is already underway. The church has applied for a grant from the Center for Congregations, which could be matched by the diocese. This will help pay for the feasibility study.
- St. John's Ministry Fair will occur over two Sundays: Oct. 2 and 9.
- The Vestry approved a \$4,500 bid to complete a structural survey of the roof/ceiling that will be necessary given both any future roof repair and relocation and installation of the winch used for the Advent wreath. There are roof repair bids that will be forthcoming.
- "Slabjacking" will take place in the garden to level the low spots in the sidewalks to bring them back into ADA compliance.
- Bradley reported that the Journal and Courier parking lot will remain accessible to St. John's through the fall of next year. St. John's is looking for other Sunday parking options, including adding more special needs parking and utilizing lots from Mulhaupt's, Wintek and other downtown business lots that would be available on Sundays.
- St. John's has received estimates for further repair on the sound system. It appears that when the amplifier went bad, it may have involved several speakers. Sound Advice has been working with Ted Paget with the ultimate goal of replacing the speakers. Bradley indicated that church insurance may pay for a significant portion of the costs.



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