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Holy Week and Easter at St. John's

April 13 - 16 | Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, Easter Sunday

By the time you read this, we will be more than halfway through the season of Lent. Our Lenten journey will come to an end as we celebrate the great fasts and feasts of Holy Week and of Easter. These celebrations form the foundation of our Christian life and worship. At Easter, God's saving deeds in history come to a dramatic climax in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In the resurrection of Jesus, the powers of hatred, of despair, of evil, the very powers of Hell itself, are defeated. God's reign is decisively established. But Maundy Thursday and Good Friday set the scene for the great Easter miracle. Without remembering those days, we are given a false Gospel — Good News without struggle, the empty tomb without the cross. We cannot come to the empty tomb without first hearing the new commandment of Maundy Thursday and the passion of Good Friday.



I invite and encourage you, sisters and brothers, to join with your Christian family here at St. John's and throughout the world and attend the three services that make up the Triduum: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Great Vigil of Easter. Our **Maundy Thursday** service on **Thursday, April 13**, will be rather different. We will observe the traditional form of the liturgy as it is in *the Book of Common Prayer* with the service of footwashing and Holy Eucharist. As the service ends, we will "strip the altar," removing items from the church to prepare for the isolation and loneliness of Good Friday. The St. John's choir will help lead the service. The details of this service are still being determined, and more information will be available soon. On **Good Friday, April 14**, we glory in the cross of Christ, the cross on which hung the world's salvation. This service begins at **noon**. The St. John's choir will also help lead the service. The proper liturgy for **Holy Saturday, April 15**, will be celebrated at 10 a.m. in the Chapel. That evening, at the Easter Vigil, we will hear "the record of God's saving deeds in history" and find ourselves confronted with the resurrection, the great Easter miracle. **The Easter Vigil** will begin in the Memorial Garden at **8 p.m.** with the lighting of the Paschal Candle. The service will conclude with a festive reception. Our celebration continues on **Easter Sunday, April 16**, at 8 and 10:15 a.m.

Come and hear Christ's command that we should love one another as he loved us. Come and hear the wondrous love poured out on the cross. Come and hear the record of God's saving deeds in history from the very beginning. Come and join in the alleluias as we rejoice in the Resurrection. For more information, contact the church office at (765) 742-4079. May God continue to bless you in your Lenten journey, and may God bring you with joy to the resurrection of his Christ. — *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*

From the Rector: Some Final Thoughts on Revelation

The Tuesday Morning Bible Study Group finished our study of the book of Revelation a few weeks ago. I am pretty certain that I did not succeed in my attempt to convince them that it is the best book in the Bible.

The book of Revelation comes with so many challenges, so much strange language, so many terrifying images, and so much misunderstanding in popular imagination that it may be the oddest. But there is a great deal of beauty there as well, and a profound set of promises for our ultimate destiny. I promised the members of the Tuesday Morning Bible Study that if they could only make it to the last two chapters they would see that beauty firsthand. It was a struggle. But there in the last two chapters, we found it, and it is, I believe, more magnificent than we might have ever hoped or imagined.

There are so many images here — images on top of images, layers on top of layers — that it's almost impossible to tell the whole story in any detail. But I want to focus on a few things in those final chapters. First, notice the important point of the opening verse of chapter 21. The ultimate destiny of humankind and of creation as a whole is not obliteration, not annihilation, but recreation. There is a new heaven and a new earth — a recreation in which God dwells with his people, wipes away their tears, and destroys death once and for all. Also, this new Jerusalem — the heavenly city — comes down from heaven. Our destiny is not to escape this veil of tears and go off to heaven somewhere out there. Instead, we end up right where we were always meant to be — right here, in the middle of creation. We find, as we read on, that we are back in the garden, in a new Eden, a new paradise.

In the prologue to John's Gospel, he tells us that "the word became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14). Here in Revelation, we read that "the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples" (Revelation 21:3). The Greek word translated as "dwelt" or "dwell" is the same in both cases. It literally means "to tabernacle" or "to pitch a tent." Both John the Evangelist and John of Patmos tell us that God has pitched tent with human beings—that God has cast his lot with humankind. The phrase harkens back to the tent of meeting, the place God resided as he led the people of Israel through the wilderness toward the Promised Land (see the book of Exodus).

The images continue with a lengthy discussion of the heavenly city—its dimensions, its materials, its landscape. There are details from popular imagination such as the streets of gold. But we also read there that the city is 1500 miles long and that it is a perfect cube. There is also no temple in the city. These details are odd until we recognize some of John's references. First of all, the Roman Empire—for all intents and purposes, the world or all of it that mattered—was about 1500 miles from East or West at the time of John's writing. In addition, the Holy of Holies in the Temple—the place where God resided most directly—was a perfect cube. John is trying to tell us, I think, that God himself fills the heavenly city and that the heavenly city fills the whole of creation. Not only does God come to dwell with humankind, but God's kingdom has come on earth as it was, is, and

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."
(Revelation 21:1-4)

ever shall be in heaven. God’s glory fills all things. There is no need of a Temple — a place where God’s image resides, a place where people meet God — because God is now all in all.

One last thing. So what does this mean for us? Do we sit on clouds and play harps? Not quite. Our ultimate destiny is twofold. On the one hand, as we are constantly in the presence of God, we are therefore constantly praising and glorifying God. But the angel that shares this last vision tells John that humankind will “reign” with God. Here we find a reminder of humanity’s original vocation. In the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve were created to have dominion — to reign over creation as stewards. Disobedience and sin got in the way of that calling. But through the patriarchs and matriarchs, through Israel, through Jesus, and now through the Church (references to each of these resound through the book of Revelation), God has remade humanity and brought us back to the garden and to our original vocation. We will have work to do even there in that blessed city, bearing God’s image and caring for God’s creation.

There is so much more we could say about these final two chapters of Revelation. But I will leave them to you. I encourage you to read the book if you haven’t and maybe even a commentary. Feel free to ask me questions (there’s a good chance I won’t know the answer, but I will certainly enjoy talking about it with you). Nevertheless, the vision of the book of Revelation and especially these final two chapters is a fitting end to the biblical story. God’s salvation is not rescue mission for humanity that pulls us out creation and away to some other place. Rather, it is a rescue of the whole created order. The rescue mission includes saving humankind from the powers of sin and death and restoring us to our original dignity and our original. To my mind, this is a magnificent vision. Despite the text’s difficulties, we end on this beautiful note of welcome and invitation into the fullness of God’s salvation:

“The Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come.’ And let everyone who hears say, ‘Come.’ And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.” (Revelation 22:17)

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen. — *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*



May God Give us the Faith to Sing Always

Since the Annual Meeting, there has been a lot of excitement and a lot of questions about our upcoming campaign. The Steering Committee has been very encouraged by the response and is looking forward to launching the next phase of the campaign. By the time you are reading this, we should be in the beginning of a Feasibility Study. During the Feasibility Study, we will be working with Linda Buskirk, a consultant from the Episcopal Church Foundation. Linda and ECF bring with them a wealth of knowledge about campaigns like this and, more importantly, about churches like ours. Linda is a parishioner at Trinity Episcopal Church in Fort Wayne. ECF has been helping churches grow and remain vital for many years. We will continue gathering feedback from you through surveys and interviews. There will be a formal presentation of the results when they are ready. The Feasibility Study will lead to a capital campaign, which may begin as early as May.

Members of the Steering Committee are working with our design team and project managers to firm up the project and get final costs. We will continue to share information about the campaign as it becomes available. That information will be available in St. John's Commons and at www.stjohns-laf.org/campaign. You are always invited to contact our Rector, Bradley Pace, at (765) 742-4079, ext 102 or bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org, or the co-chairs of the St. John's Steering Committee, Cynthia Stauffacher at cstauffa@purdue.edu or Charlie Shook at cshook@shook.com.

The leadership of St. John's is excited about the future of our ministry and hope that you share our enthusiasm. We look forward to sharing our worship, our service, and the Gospel of Jesus Christ with you and with future generations.

The Members of the St. John's Steering Committee

- Mr. Randy Brist
- Dr. Margaret McClure
- Dr. Heather Johnston Nicholson
- The Rev. Dr. Bradley Pace, Rector
- Dr. Doug Powell
- Mr. Charlie Shook, co-chair
- Dr. Cynthia Stauffacher, co-chair
- Mr. Ross Watson



God Willing and the People Consenting,



The Reverend
Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows

Will be ordained and consecrated a Bishop
in the one, holy catholic and apostolic church, and
11th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis

Saturday, April 29

10:30 a.m. EDT: Prelude

11:00 a.m. EDT: Ordination and Consecration

Clowes Memorial Hall, Butler University

4602 Sunset Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46208

Chief Consecrator: **The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry**
Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church
The Standing Committee requests the honor of your presence.

Reception to Follow

Bishops: Rochet, chimere, and tippet • **Clergy:** White stoles

RSVP by April 8 to www.HoosierBishopXI.org or
317-937-4286

A soft space for children and families will be available.

Music for April

Hymn Festival

Sunday, April 2, 3:30 p.m.

On Sunday, April 2, the choir will lead a hymn festival in celebration of the ministry of Bishop Waynick. They will be joined by Marilyn Keiser, Director of Music at Trinity Episcopal in Bloomington, who was Professor of Music (Organ and Church Music) at Indiana University for 25 years. The festival will contain hymns and anthems of all styles that are representative of Bishop's commitment to inclusion and diversity. Bishop Waynick will be at St. John's for the regular morning services and for this 3:30 p.m. hymn festival.

Lunchtime Concert

Wednesday, April 12, 12:10 p.m.

On Wednesday, April 12, we will conclude the lunchtime concert season with a program featuring Karen Schoenhals. Karen is a classical guitarist who recently moved back to the area and is singing in the St. John's choir. I hope you will come and enjoy the final concert for our 10th anniversary lunchtime concert season. — *Michael Bennett, michael@stjohns-laf.org*

Garden Ministry Call-Out

The gardening season is fast approaching. We are looking for anyone interested in working on the gardens. As in the past, we will work in pairs on a rotation basis. Once we have a compiled list of all interested parties, I will send out a list with dates for each week through the gardening season. It is really a wonderful and rewarding ministry. We are also planning a spring clean-up date for one of the first few Saturdays in April. Anyone interested is welcome. I look forward to hearing from you. — *Carl Taylor, carl.taylor1957@gmail.com, (765) 585-8084 (call/text)*

A Note about the Prayers of the People

We continue to pray for those women and men who are connected to St. John's and who serve in the armed forces. We have, however, begun praying for all those serving overseas in other capacities (in conflict resolution, in the State Department, etc.), and for those "protecting our communities." As such, I invite you to submit the names of friends and family serving as police officers, as fire or rescue personnel, etc. We will include them in our weekly prayers. As always, if you have any questions, please contact me at the church office. — *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*

April Book Group: National Poetry Month ***Good Poems for Hard Times, Garrison Keillor***

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 26

It's April! And that means it is National Poetry Month. Did you know that America is having a poetry boom? Not only is poetry alive in the United States, but also many millions of people are reading and sharing poems online.

Poetry may be the art most suited for mobile technology. And hundreds of thousands of people are attending and participating in poetry readings, workshops, conferences, slams and festivals each year. Here are just a few interesting statistics:

1 million-plus people in the United States read poems at Poets.org each year.

160,000-plus poetry fans currently follow poetsorg.tumblr.com.

93,000-plus readers currently subscribe to Poem-a-Day.

As the poet Muriel Rukeyser once wrote, "If there were no poetry on any day in the world, poetry would be invented that day. For there would be an intolerable hunger."

Join the St. John's Book Group on Wednesday April 26 at 6:30 p.m. and sate your hunger as we explore poetry for hard times. We will launch the discussion with a look at that beloved Episcopalian poet Garrison Keillor and his book *Good Poems for Hard Times*. Bring a poem that has fortified you or others, or simply bring your favorite or something new. Amy Paget will convene our discussion. —
Mary Campbell, mlauracampbell@gmail.com, (765) 426-5541

Next Deadline for The Eagle

The April deadline for
submissions to the Eagle is
Monday, April 10.

****Please note the earlier deadline.****

Send submissions to
eagle@stjohns-laf.org

Bishop Mauricio Andrade's Visit

Sunday, April 23

The Rt. Rev. Mauricio Andrade, Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Brasília, and his wife, Sandra, will be at St. John's on **Sunday, April 23**. Bishop Mauricio will preach and preside, share his ministry in Brasília and spend time in fellowship with us. That Sunday, we will have **one service at 10:15 a.m.** followed by a BBQ lunch in Bishop Mauricio's honor. — *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*



Bishop Mauricio Andrade and his wife, Sandra

April Youth Group

Sundays, April 9 & 30

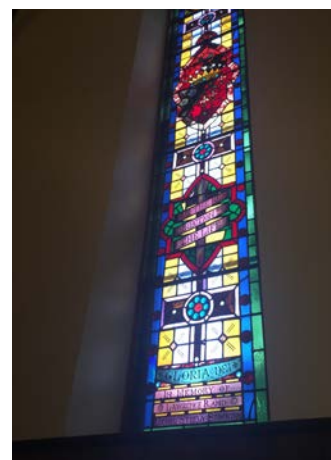
6-8 p.m.

The Senior High Youth Group will meet on Sundays, April 9 and April 30, from 6-8 p.m. This slight change in our usual schedule will allow us to fully welcome Bishop Mauricio from Brazil on April 23. — *Hilary Cooke, hilary@stjohns-laf.org*

Decorate a Window for Easter

Saturday, April 15, 9-11:30 a.m.

For Easter, we want to invite families and individuals to decorate a window in church. You can be creative using flowers, greens and branches from your garden or yard or by purchasing these items. The vases and rocks will be in the Commons for you to use. Vases will be in the Commons to pick up on Sunday, April 2, so you can put together your arrangement at home or at church on Saturday, April 15, 9-11:30 a.m. We will put arrangements in the church by noon Saturday, April 15. After the Easter service the arrangements will be taken to parishioners who are shut in or in extended care. Sign-up sheet will be in the Commons. — *Sue Bracey, galaxstar77@gmail.com*





2017 Summer Camp Schedule

- Ready, Set, Camp! June 20-24
- Adventure Camp June 25-July 1
- Adventure Camp July 9-15
- Hickory Hill Wilderness Camp July 9-15
- Adventure Camp July 16-22
- Leaders in Training July 16-22
- Canoe Camp July 23-28



Member Spotlight: Catherine Sandhage

Name: Catherine Sandhage

Occupation: Jane Brock-Wilson Women in Management Program Coordinator

Why I attend St. John's: My hometown is Gallipolis, Ohio – a small town on the Ohio River in the southeastern border of the state. After graduating with a BA in American Cultural Studies from The University of Michigan, I earned a Graduate Gemologist Certificate and began working in Boston in the jewelry industry. While living in Boston, I met my husband, Ken. We have been married for 30 years and have three grown children, a daughter and two sons. Coming from differing religious upbringings, Ken and I sought a church home we could both embrace. Thus, The Episcopal Church became our place for faith. Throughout the years and parishes, I have been Sunday School Teacher, President of the Women of St. Mark's, sung in Holy Innocents Choir and chaired the Holy Innocents Flower Guild. By our second Sunday at St. John's, I was already a choir member. Since then, I have become a member of the music committee and volunteer in the LUM Food Pantry.

From the Jeffries Family

Our family recently sustained a loss that no parent ever envisions enduring. But when our son, Daniel, died so suddenly, we all were immediately surrounded by the angel army of God, loving us, praying for us, helping us to absorb this loss. Every one of you in our church family closed us all in your arms and let us know that we were not alone; we would be loved and cared for, and we would get through this difficult time together. The love we have experienced was a living, breathing source of comfort and security for every one of us. There are no words which can adequately thank you all for everything you did for us. You welcomed our friends and extended family with open arms, loving words and good food, providing us comfort in the moment and for a long time to come. You told us by both your attendance and quiet, quick conversations that we were valuable and loved. Your cards and notes of comfort will continue to be re-read and cherished. Bradley and Hilary were there for us before we even knew what the next steps should be. The word "friend" has become a word with a thousand new meanings for us. Most of all, Megan, Josie and Tyler also know that they have a church family north of their home that will continue to share love and caring with them.

Please know that every single word, action, hug and tear (and even a wonderful memory) has been closed in our hearts forever. You are truly a remarkable congregation. I thank God for every single one of you. God bless you all.

With love and gratitude, Arliss & Linda Jeffries and our whole family

From the Vestry: Meeting Summary, February 2017

- The official vestry meeting was conducted during the retreat day at Food Finders.
- Bradley nominated Amy Van Epps to be junior warden and Stephanie Amador Tribbett to be the chair of the finance committee. The vestry voted to accept both Amy and Stephanie. Bradley also appointed Randy Brist as senior warden.
- Carl Taylor will be serving as chair of the garden committee.
- There was discussion about a mission/outreach committee. Bradley asked vestry members to consider serving on this committee. He wants the committee to be inter-generational.
- Bradley reported that Bob Schoenhoels has given permission for money he has given be used to purchase Bible artwork that will eventually replace the shields in the nave.
- It was reported that the capital campaign information meetings have gone well. The part of the project that includes a new Sixth Street entrance is being rethought and may end up only being a renovation of the existing interior bell tower.
- Vestry voted to use Link as the project manager for work being done for the capital campaign.
- The food pantry was discussed. There is a dwindling volunteer base that will need to be addressed.
- Tim Smith reported that John Lindenlaub has resigned from his long-time tenure on the property committee. His term of service was discussed and the vestry agreed some kind of recognition was in order.

FINANCE REPORT						
OPERATING BUDGET INCOME AND EXPENSE*						
MONTH ENDING February 2017						
			Current Month	Total 2017	Annual Budget	% of Budget
A. INCOME						
1	Pledge Income	\$	23,184.00	\$ 54,393.00	\$ 367,853.00	14.8%
2	Operating Income	\$	2,021.44	\$ 4,146.44	\$ 56,636.01	7.3%
3	Non-Operating Income	\$	1,997.67	\$ 4,229.34	\$ 54,500.00	7.8%
4	Transfer Income	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 56,262.42	0.0%
	TOTAL INCOME	\$	27,203.11	\$ 62,768.78	\$ 535,251.43	11.7%
B. EXPENSES						
1	Outreach	\$	8,066.47	\$ 16,808.57	\$ 101,522.00	16.6%
2	Program	\$	1,407.72	\$ 2,306.02	\$ 24,500.00	9.4%
3	Administration	\$	453.13	\$ 1,538.19	\$ 45,950.00	3.3%
4	Personnel	\$	18,269.53	\$ 41,707.83	\$ 246,208.43	16.9%
5	Office	\$	1,688.57	\$ 3,840.45	\$ 27,195.00	14.1%
6	Property	\$	5,049.87	\$ 11,558.11	\$ 89,875.95	12.9%
7	Miscellaneous (Non-Budget)	\$	-			
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	34,935.29	\$ 77,759.17	\$ 535,251.43	14.5%
	Net Income (Loss)	\$	(7,732.18)	\$ (14,990.39)	\$ -	
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.						