



ST. JOHN'S
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Save the Dates

Summer Worship: June-August

St. John's will switch to the summer worship schedule on Sunday, June 4, through August, when there will be one service on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m.

Pentecost Sunday: June 4

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. We will also have ice cream sundaes after the service in St. John's Commons!

Worship in the Street: Sunday, July 2

On Sunday, July 2, at 10 a.m., St. John's will join with members from other neighborhood churches for Worship in the Street. Each year, more than 200 people join in this wonderful service celebrating our shared ministry in Greater Lafayette. Come and let us join our sisters and brothers in worship!

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

Vacation Bible School, Aug. 1-3

Vacation Bible School will be Tuesday, Aug. 1 through Thursday, Aug. 3. Ages 3 and up are welcome. More information will be forthcoming.

The St. John's Church Picnic: Sunday, Aug. 6

The St. John's church picnic will be Sunday, Aug. 6, at Prophetstown State 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.

Also, keep your eyes open for more information about **St. John's Night at the Ballpark** and **St. John's Night at the Drive-In**

From the Rector

I am writing this in early May, and the buzz from our April celebrations haven't yet died down completely. On Sunday, April 16, we celebrated Easter. The following Sunday, we welcomed Bishop Mauricio and Sandra Andrade from the Diocese of Brasilia to St. John's. Less than a week after that, Saturday, April 29, we celebrated the consecration of Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows as the 11th Bishop of Indianapolis. Easter is always glorious, and this year was no exception. Thanks to everyone who helped ready the church for Holy Week and Easter Sunday (Hilary and Bob, Michael, Teresa, Eva Duran, the Altar Guild, Sue Bracey and the rest of the folks who provided and arranged flowers, the Garden Committee, the acolytes and other ministers, everyone who brought treats, and *especially everyone who helped make cross cookies*). Thanks also to everyone who helped make Bishop Mauricio and Sandra's visit special. Thanks to everyone who helped with setup and clean-up. Thanks especially to Ross Watson for another wonderful mess of BBQ. In case you didn't know, he spent about 18 hours smoking that delicious pulled pork. Bishop Mauricio and Sandra were very grateful for your hospitality. During the reception after Bishop Jennifer's consecration, Mauricio grabbed me out of the crowd, hugged me and thanked me profusely. Oh and by the way, we were able to send \$1,000 to his discretionary fund. So, thank you all for your generosity.

I wanted to reflect on Bishop Jennifer's consecration for a moment. The service was nothing short of amazing. Clowes Hall was packed — there must have been nearly 2,000 people there. The service included four or five processions, dozens of acolytes, 180 people in the choir, an additional Spanish-language choir from Christ Church Cathedral, church banners from nearly every church in the diocese, more than 40 Bishops from around the Anglican Communion, and all sorts of other church dignitaries. Michael Curry, the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, was the chief consecrator. The Bishop of the Kentucky and Indiana Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the new Bishop of Northern Indiana were both co-consecrators. Barbara Harris, retired Bishop Suffragan from Massachusetts and the first woman elected a bishop in the Anglican Communion, was there as well. When she processed in, a large group of clergy stood up, shouted and waved. Yes, there are celebrities in the church.

The service had a little something for everyone (it was nearly three hours long after all). There were all the trappings of a beautiful, high church service — acolytes, processions, incense and the like. There were all the formalities of a consecration — the reading of certifications and pension fund details and a lengthy offering of gifts to the new Bishop. But there was an excitement and energy — cat calls, spontaneous applause, etc. — that don't usually show up in solemn worship. There was an incredible sermon from Jeffrey Lee, the Bishop of Chicago. And there was *so much* bread and wine — enough bread I am sure to feed 10,000 people. There were several different musical styles (including large choral arrangements, spirituals and even Mariachi). It really was spectacular. The service was like a pep rally for the Episcopal Church. It would have been hard to leave that service without feeling energized and encouraged about the Church's future.

Moments of celebration in the church's life — moments like Easter Sunday, like Bishop Mauricio's visit or Bishop Jennifer's consecration — are like pep rallies for our life of faith. By the time you read this, we will be coming to the end of Easter season and preparing for "Ordinary Time." This is the long growing season of the Church's life that stretches from the dog days of summer into the late fall. After all the celebrations, Ordinary Time is the season we roll up our sleeves and get to work — the work of feeding the hungry, the work of seeking out the lost, the work of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ in a world that so desperately needs to hear it. It is my hope that our celebrations have energized you and encouraged you for that work. — *Bradley Pace*, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org

God Goes With You This Summer

Each year, I like to remind you that even if you are away for most of the summer, God goes with you. Not only that, but the needs of the world and the Church's mission go with you as well. You can find God anywhere, and you can find opportunities to serve God anywhere. All that's another way of saying that you and I can be the Church wherever we go. The bonds of our affection — our fellowship and community — continue as we leave our worship services. God's grace stays with us as we drive home in our cars. Christ is Lord and Savior whether you are in church or walking down the street, at work or on vacation. The Holy Spirit goes with you to camp, on vacation, on research trips, and everywhere in between. Keep that in mind. And remember that the people you see and the places you go are also sacred because God is with them and in them, too. Even if you are away, look to serve God. Continue to be the Church wherever you find yourself this summer. May you know God's presence in your work, in your rest, and in your play. May you have a happy, safe, relaxing summer. And may you look to serve God wherever you go. — *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*

The Round the Fountain Art Fair is Coming Soon

Saturday, May 27

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. This year's Art Fair is Saturday, May 27, in Downtown Lafayette.

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, help clean up when the party's all over!

Volunteer sign-up sheets are in St. John's Commons. Please sign up for the role that suits you best.

As always, proceeds will benefit the music program at St. John's and help with scholarships to Waycross Camp. Helping out is a great way to give back to our church community and spend time getting to know one another. — *Aaron Michaux, aaron@pageofswords.net*

Diocesan Confirmation & Ascension Day Service

7 p.m. Thursday, May 25

Christ Church Cathedral

Christ Church Cathedral will host a Diocesan-wide Confirmation service on the Feast of the Ascension Thursday, May 25 at 7 p.m. Those wishing to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church should contact the church office at stjohns@stjohns-laf.org or (765) 742-4079.

— *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*

Episcopal Women's Ministries (EWM)

Congratulations to Maggie McClure, the Honored Woman from St. John's/ Lafayette. The EWM of the Diocese of Indianapolis has begun a new tradition of honoring women in our Diocese. Maggie was honored at the EWM Spring Luncheon held at St. Paul's/ Columbus on April 8. Several of us from St. John's shared in this celebration: Alice Anderson, Gayle Ennis, Greg McClure, Amy Paget, Bradley Pace and Charlene Watson. Maggie represents our Parish of St. John's well in her unselfish service to the church and to our community. Congratulation, Maggie!

Be sure to Save These Dates on your calendar: Sept. 29-Oct 1, 2017 This is the date of our EWM Annual Retreat at Waycross Retreat and Conference Center. Our Retreat Leader will be our new bishop, Bishop Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows. Be looking for more information as it becomes available. — *Charlene Watson, cel.watson@comcast.net, (765) 474-9101*

The Cover Indiana Bike Ride

Thanks to Hilary Cooke, Jim Marciniak and Amy Van Epps for riding in support of Habitat for Humanity in Indiana. The Cover Indiana Bike Ride covers more than 300 miles beginning in Lafayette. The St. Johns' trio covered the first leg of the trip — a 65-mile ride from Lafayette to Crawfordsville.

You can support Habitat for Humanity by making a donation. Donations can be put in the collection plate (memo line: Habitat for Humanity) or through PayPal on the church website (www.stjohns-laf.org). Please designate "Cover Indiana" or "Habitat for Humanity" when you donate.

St. John's will be taking part in this year's Apostles' Build — a collaboration of more than a dozen churches to build a home together. More information about the build will be coming soon. St. John's must contribute \$3,000 to the build. Thank you for your generosity and support of this important community ministry. — *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*

A Few Book Recommendations

Rowan Williams, *Tokens of Trust* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2007)

This book is now 10 years old, but I just heard about it a few months back. It is an introduction to Christian belief through the lens of the Christian creeds, but it walks through those creeds in a novel and, I think, very helpful way. The driving question of the book is, “Why should I trust God?” Williams, who is the former Archbishop of Canterbury and one of the most profound living theologians, writes in a beautiful and compelling way about the effect that Christian belief — Christian trust — can have on our lives and on the world. He takes complicated questions — questions about the nature of God, the nature of the Trinity, the relationship between the Creator God and Jesus, the grounds for Christian ethics, and more — and makes them seem like relevant, even interesting, questions. It’s also mercifully short.

Michael Eric Dyson, *Tears We Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White America* (St. Martin’s Press, 2017)

Dyson is a well-known public intellectual, ordained minister and sociologist at Georgetown University. This short book is a sermon, a sermon that both exposes and convicts. Dyson offers white America a searing evaluation of how whiteness is experienced by black Americans and how it continues to destroy individuals and communities. Without doubt, there’s a lot of pain in this book—the pain of Dyson’s own experience and the experience of African-Americans. But there’s also the pain of being shown so clearly, so brutally, so effectively just how much damage has been done in the name of white supremacy, and the recognition that I have been a part of that. The book, it turns out, is not a feel-good story, but it is an important opportunity for white Americans to hear a powerful voice calling us to reconciliation and justice. (By the way, I would recommend the audible version of the book, since Dyson’s passion, anger, sadness, and sincerity come through most clearly in his own voice.)

If you read a good book — especially if it’s a book that has contributed to your faith in some way—and want to share it with the congregation, send a note to *the Eagle* editor Cindy Gerlach at eagle@stjohns-laf.org. — *Bradley Pace*, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org

Our Faith, Our Future: Survey Reminder

You may have already received a survey from the Episcopal Church Foundation (via e-mail or through the mail). This survey is a part of our Feasibility Study toward our fall Capital Campaign. Please respond to the survey as soon as possible. If you have any questions or need help with the survey, please contact the co-chairs of the Campaign Steering Committee, Charlie Shook at cshook@shook.com or Cynthia Stauffacher at cstauffa@purdue.edu.

Next Deadline for The Eagle

The August deadline for submissions to the Eagle is **Monday, July 10**. Send submissions to eagle@stjohns-laf.org.

Easter Floral Decorations

Floral decorations throughout the church on Easter were given as thanks offerings by the Mascarenhas family, Ginny Severs, Camp and Comfort Gordinier, and Rob and Linda Kirchubel; and as memorial offerings by James and Marilyn Howland Ross (in memory of the Rev. Harold and Mary Boundy, Patricia Ross, and G. Russell Howland), Ginny Hull (in memory of Jim Hull), Ken and Jackie Paar (in memory of their parents), Joe and Jane Venable (in memory of Betsy Venable), Sylvia Miessler (in memory of Robert C. Miessler, Jr.), the Elder Pace family (in memory of Helena Warren, William Warren, Ruth Sallee, Kay Slagel, and Robert Slagel), Mary Anne Robinson (in memory of George Jay Ralph) and Rolland Strausbaugh (in memory of Judith Strausbaugh).

The Garden

Please offer your gratitude to Carl Taylor and Michael Benner, who planted more than 400 tulip bulbs last fall. The memorial Garden has never looked better than it did this spring. I have watched numerous folks sit in the garden this spring and marvel at the beautiful flowers and enjoy the serenity of the space. Thank you, Carl and Michael. — *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*



Congratulations to Our Graduates

On Sunday, May 14, we honored those from St. John's who were recently graduated. Congratulations to:

- **Alissa Goudswaard Anderson**, MDiv from General Theological Seminary, New York — Alissa will be ordained to the priesthood sometime this summer
- **Andrew Bigelow**, West Lafayette High School — Andrew will be attending Virginia Tech
- **Ruthie Drinkwater**, Harrison High School — Ruthie will be attending the University of Washington
- **Lucero Duran**, Med from Purdue University
- **Alejandra Duran**, BA from Purdue University
- **Sophie Hulen**, BA from Wittenberg University — Sophie will be attending law school at Case-Western Reserve University
- **Elaine Johnson**, MS from Drake University — Elaine has already begun working at Vocational Rehabilitative Services in Lafayette
- **Michael Johnson**, PhD in Electrical Engineering from Purdue University — Michael will soon begin working for PC Krause and Associates in the Purdue Research Park
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- **Stuart Kurtz**, BA from Goshen College.
- **Amanda Mankovich**, BA from Indiana University (December 2016) — Amanda will be attending the University of Connecticut to study Clinical Psychology
- **Curtis Mason**, Lafayette Jefferson High School — Curtis will be attending the University of Chicago
- **Katie Mason**, Lafayette Jefferson High School — Katie will be attending Purdue University in the Honors College
- **Brendan McInerney**, BME, Birmingham Southern College
- **Jessie Murawski**, Harrison High School — Jessie will be attending Southern Illinois University
- **Mary Anne Robinson**, BA in Lay Ecclesial Ministry from Saint Joseph's College, (December 2016)
- **Lydia Shook**, West Lafayette High School — Lydia will be attending the University of Kansas
- **Megan Turnquist**, MFA in Lighting Design from Purdue University