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## **The Feast of All Saints at St. John's Lafayette Sunday, Nov. 5**



*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. 5, 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. — *Bradley Pace, [bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org)*

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## **Baptism**

For anyone considering baptism (or for parents considering having their children baptized), the next baptismal feast is the Feast of All Saints on Sunday, Nov. 5. — *Bradley Pace, [bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org)*

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## Message from the Rector

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I have really enjoyed the chance to look through the historical archives at St. John's this fall while we were creating snapshots of St. John's history. It's fascinating to see pictures of the original church building from 1837, the church decked out for Easter in the 1890s, or the building in red brick before the stucco was put on in the '20s. It's fun to see kids in Sunday school in the 1940s or the church directory photos taken in 1973 (two years before I was born) with families who still attend the church. Some of the pictures were a little more recent, like the scrapbooks full of local news articles and the like from the late '70s and '80s. There were lots of clippings from the *Journal and Courier* by Byron Parvis or about Wes Shook. Besides that, someone saved every mention of the church or a St. John's parishioner from the news section, the school honor roll or the sports page.

While looking at these photos, I kept coming back to a quotation by our first rector, the Rev. Dr. Samuel Roosevelt Johnson. In 1858, Johnson returned to St. John's from his teaching post at General Seminary in New York City to preach at the consecration of the new church. In his sermon, he reflected on the church's past and imagined its future. "Busy memory wanders over the past, and imagination pictures out the future," he said. "Here, how many babes and adults will pass within the higher covenant of grace by holy baptism, how many will kneel for confirmation, how many will gather around the table of the Lord, to partake by faith of the Body time to time at the regular occasions of public worship, to unite in the devotions, to listen to the word of God, and to the preacher's voice, and to swell the sacred song. Sometimes, too, the church will be open for holy matrimony and alas! crowds will be here at the service for the burial of the dead." These are "Images of the past and of the future," he said, and O "how their lines traverse and intermingle!"

I have now been at St. John's nearly five years, but I also have a "busy memory" that wanders over the past here and also looks to the future. In my short time here, there have been lots of baptisms, confirmations, weddings and funerals. There have also been loads of families move to St. John's from other communities and leave the church for new adventures elsewhere. These "images of the past ... traverse and intermingle" with the lives of those generations past, with our own lives and with those of generations yet to come. It is sad to think of those friends who have died, all the while it is wonderful to imagine the young children at St. John's taking on the leadership of St. John's (or of similar communities elsewhere) as they grow older or to think about the accomplishments of those kids who've just now gone off to college. It is hard to think of all those friends who have moved away from Greater Lafayette for jobs or new opportunities (Godspeed, Amy Van Epps), all the while it is exciting to anticipate the new folks who will join us in the coming months and years. It is the cycle of our church's life. It has been that way since the beginning and will continue as long as St. John's endures.

I had a conversation with someone recently about why St. John's was so important to them, why St. John's mattered to them. "It's the people," she said. "It's always been the people." It's the people whose lives "traverse and intermingle" with our own, the relationships we have built, the lives that we have touched and that have touched us and the friendships we have made all in the name of Jesus Christ. While the worship and music are beautiful, while the opportunities to serve make a difference in the lives of others as well as our own, it's the relationships and the deep bonds we have with the people in this place —relationships that continue on through all the "changes and chances of this life." Together, we have been, continue to be, and will continue to become the Body of Christ sharing God's love and our lives with one another. —  
*Bradley Pace, [bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org)*





*Our Faith, Our  
Future: Capital  
Campaign  
Celebration  
Saturday, Dec. 2*

*HOLY ONE OF BLESSING, you created us in your image and call us into relationship with you, with one another, and with the world. In gratitude, we remember those of generations past whose faithful generosity laid the foundation for this worshipping community. May we join with the chorus of all creation to share your abundant love with those of generations yet to come. Fill our hearts with your grace that we may continue to worship, share, and make Christ known; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns with you, now and forever. AMEN.*

— *The 2017 Capital Campaign Prayer*

The response to our capital campaign has been sensational. Many thanks to everyone who has given to support the future of St. John's.

On Saturday, Dec. 2, we will celebrate the end of the campaign. The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows, Bishop of Indianapolis, will join us for the celebration. Please mark your calendars. More information will go out as soon as plans are finalized. For more information, contact the campaign co-chairs Rachel Ravellette at [rmrose@purdue.edu](mailto:rmrose@purdue.edu) or Charlie Shook at [cshook@shook.com](mailto:cshook@shook.com). — *Bradley Pace, [bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org)*

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## **Music in November**

### **Festal Choral Evensong for All Saints'**

**Sunday, Nov. 5**

As we celebrate All Saints' Sunday this year, some special things will be occurring. 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 where we will be joined by Bishop Baskerville-Burrows. The Bach Trio (two flutes & bassoon) from Kokomo will perform a concert of music by Bach and Haydn at 4:30 p.m. Evensong begins at 5 p.m. Bishop Jennifer will be speaking to us as we support hurricane relief efforts conducted by Episcopal Relief & Development. A festive reception will follow.

### **Lunchtime Concert**

**Wednesday, Nov. 8, 12:10 p.m.**

Our own Margot Marlatt (cello) will be joined by violinists Bethany Johnson and Regan Eckstein. Music will include selections of Bach organ fugues arranged for string trio, Haydn's Op. 53 trio and other music by Danzi or Mozart. — *Michael Bennett, [michael@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:michael@stjohns-laf.org)*

## “Project X”: A Thank You from Teresa Lohrman

If you happened to be at St. John’s on any of the Sunday mornings in early September you probably heard about “Project X.” Well, I am here to tell you that Project X was a complete success!

I wish I could have watched the planning and execution of Project X. Can you name another project in which Bradley has not made use of every form of technology available? There were no announcements in the bulletin or the *Eagle*, no emails, or mailings, it was all by word of mouth. It was completely old school!

Looking back there were a few things that seemed odd at the time, but I didn’t put them all together. I’m still amazed that with the number of people involved, you were all able to keep it a secret. For those of you who didn’t know, Project X was a surprise 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

I still clearly remember the day I interviewed for the job with Fr. Ed Tourangeau and Bruce Johnson. They may have hired me as a secretary, and later as the parish administrator, but it most certainly has been much more than a job for me. We’ve obviously done a lot of work together over the years, but we have also formed friendships, we’ve laughed, we’ve celebrated and we’ve even grieved together.

So, on a Friday afternoon when Bradley took me to lunch “to talk over a few things,” I was instead treated to beautiful flowers and a wonderful lunch. After lunch Bradley gave a short tribute, and then I was presented with an envelope. Upon opening the envelope I was completely overwhelmed by your love and generosity. I was speechless! As most of you know, I am a behind-the-scenes kind of gal. It has been very humbling to think of the time and effort that went into Project X on my behalf.

It barely seems adequate, but THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart. It has been an honor and a pleasure!—  
*Teresa Lohrman, teresa@stjohns-laf.org*



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## ECW/EWM News

St. John’s was well represented at the Episcopal Women’s Ministries 2017 Fall Retreat at Waycross. Of the 58 attendees, eight were from St. John’s: Alice Anderson, Sue Bracey, Hilary Cooke, Katie Elder, Gayle Ennis, Amy Paget, Jo Roberts and Charlene Watson. Led by our Bishop, The Right Reverend Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows, we discovered “savoring the Sacred Pauses: Practices for the Rhythm of our Days and a Rule for our Lives.” We were introduced to Monastic Spirituality, taking Sabbath throughout the day, what is and how to develop a Rule of Life, making a Prayer Journal, practicing restorative yoga-devotion, group discussions and walking the labyrinth. The retreat was wonderful and refreshing — it was a time to learn, reflect, grow and share. The 2018 EWM Fall Retreat will be 28-30 September 2018. Please put this date on your calendar and join us.

The next ‘gathering’ event on the EWM calendar will be the Spring Luncheon. More information will be coming. The next EWM Council Meeting is Saturday, Nov. 11, in Indianapolis. Please talk to Charlene Watson or Amy Paget if you would like to attend the Council Meeting. — *Charlene Watson, cel.watson@comcast.net*

# 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 2018. 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: Cale Bigelow at [calebigelow@gmail.com](mailto:calebigelow@gmail.com), Randy Brist at [rjbrist@mac.com](mailto:rjbrist@mac.com) or Sharon Evander at [sharon\\_evander1@frontier.com](mailto:sharon_evander1@frontier.com). — *Bradley Pace*, [bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org)

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## November Book Group: Mystery Author Anne Perry

**Wednesday, Nov. 15, 6:30 p.m., the Commons**

Many of us who attend St. John's Book Group meetings enjoy mystery fiction, so we usually discuss the works of one mystery author each season. This year's choice is Anne Perry. She has published over 80 books since 1979, most of them popular and well regarded. They generally fall into three categories: the Thomas and Charlotte Pitt series (late Victorian London), the William Monk and Hester Latterly series (earlier Victorian London) and a World War I series.

Many people are surprised to learn that at age of 15, Anne (then Juliet Hulme) and her best friend, Pauline, were convicted of murdering Pauline's mother in Christchurch, New Zealand, in 1954. They each spent five years in prison and were released separately in 1960. Once I learned this, I have read Perry's books with an eye to how she coped and how she grew and developed after those experiences. I am currently reading *The Search for Anne Perry* by Joanne Drayton (2012). Not well written, in my opinion, but an encyclopedia about Perry, her childhood history and her books.

Let's spend a little time discussing my observations and yours about how Perry's experiences with murder and prison are reflected in her writings. I've suggested that we discuss the first Monk book, *The Face of a Stranger* (1990), and two of her short Christmas books, *A Christmas Secret* (2006) and *A Christmas Grace* (2008). But, as always with our group, the conversation may lead in all kinds of directions! — *Mary Campbell*, [mlauracampbell@gmail.com](mailto:mlauracampbell@gmail.com)

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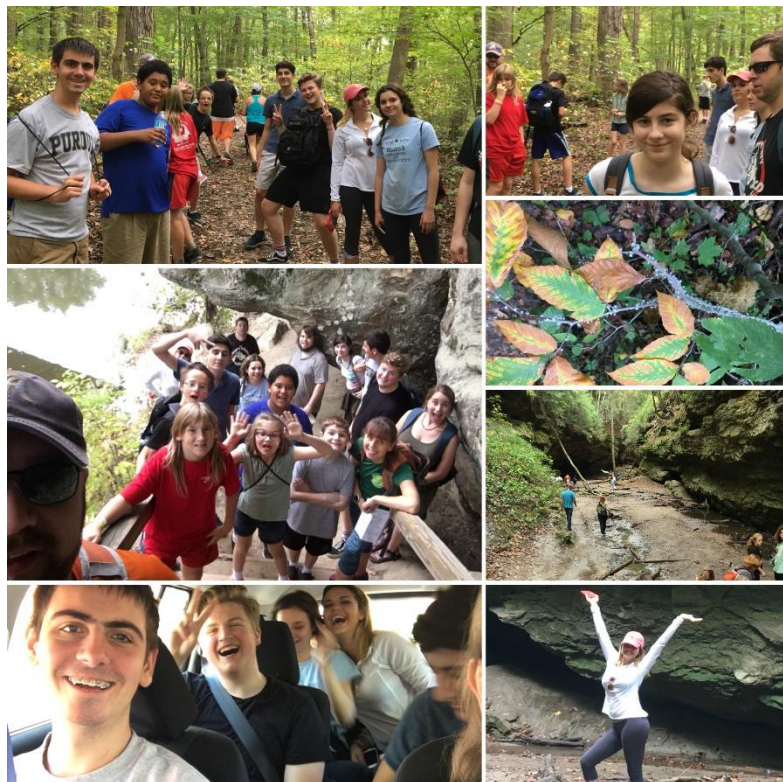
## Youth Group Hiking Trip

### Upcoming Youth Group Meetings

Sundays, Nov. 12 & 26  
6-8 p.m.  
at St John's

#### Next Deadline for The Eagle

The deadline for the December  
Eagle is **Monday, Nov. 13**. Send  
submissions to  
[eagle@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:eagle@stjohns-laf.org).



In early October, the St. John's Youth Group went hiking at Turkey Run State Park.

# From the Vestry: September meeting summary

- Bradley reported that St John's received word from the Diocese that the request for a loan has been approved. As of now, it looks like the organ will be removed sometime during the week of Nov. 12, 2017. This allows us to avoid renting an organ for Evensong. Bradley also discussed the possibility of having a few Sunday services at Good Shepard during renovation. The remainder of the time services will be held in the parish hall. The kick-off event for the campaign is Oct. 22, 2017, at The Trails.
- Work is slated to begin anytime on the various leaks in the building. This work is part of the Capital Campaign.
- Exterior painting is continuing and is about half done. Roof work will begin shortly.
- Amy Van Epps announced she has a new job at Harvard and will be leaving St. John's and the Vestry in October. Her position of Junior Warden will be vacant until the next election. Randy Brist's two terms as senior warden will be ending in January, and Kathy Johnson has agreed to serve as Senior Warden in 2018
- There will not be a Ministry Fair this year. Instead, the various ministries at St. John's will be asked to submit articles for The Eagle. The November *Eagle* will feature Jubilee Christmas. Submitters are free to include photos and other helpful information

## Financial Report

**FINANCE REPORT**  
**OPERATING BUDGET INCOME AND EXPENSE\***  
 As of September 30, 2017

A. INCOME		Current Month	Total 2017	Annual Budget	% of Budget
1	Pledge Income	\$26,367.34	\$251,682.65	\$367,853.00	68.4%
2	Operating Income	\$2,335.21	\$31,410.45	\$56,636.01	55.5%
3	Non-Operating Income	\$1,871.67	\$43,154.67	\$54,500.00	79.2%
4	Transfer Income	\$15,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$56,262.42	53.3%
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>\$45,574.22</b>	<b>\$356,247.77</b>	<b>\$535,251.43</b>	<b>66.6%</b>
B. EXPENSES		Current Month	Total 2017	Annual Budget	% of Budget
1	Outreach	\$10,017.06	\$74,757.05	\$101,522.00	73.6%
2	Program	\$966.03	\$14,011.82	\$24,500.00	57.2%
3	Administration	\$193.86	\$22,537.31	\$45,950.00	49.0%
4	Personnel	\$19,958.55	\$181,918.37	\$246,208.48	73.9%
5	Office	\$2,649.03	\$22,541.04	\$27,195.00	82.9%
6	Property	\$7,652.51	\$61,339.34	\$89,875.95	68.2%
7	Miscellaneous (Non-Budget)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	N/A
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$41,437.04</b>	<b>\$377,104.93</b>	<b>\$535,251.43</b>	<b>70.5%</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>		<b>\$4,137.18</b>	<b>-\$20,857.16</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	

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.