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St. John's Episcopal Church • Lafayette, Ind. • October 2017

Service of Holy Eucharist & Healing

Sunday, Oct. 15, 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. 15, at both the 8 and 10:15 a.m. services**, we will include a time of healing prayer in our services. 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, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*

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

Sunday, Oct. 1, 5 p.m.

Calling all animals and animal lovers!! Attend the celebration of the Feast of St. Francis on **Sunday, Oct. 1, at 5 p.m.** 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, hilary@stjohns-laf.org*

Message from the Rector

Several years ago, Dennis Sorge sent me a sermon by the Rev. Samuel Roosevelt Johnson given on the occasion of the consecration of our church building. If you don't know, St. John's formed as a congregation in 1837 under Johnson's leadership. The original church, built in 1838, was located where the current food pantry sits. The current church was not built until 20 years later in 1858. Johnson, who left St. John's to become a professor at General Seminary in New York City, was invited back to preach at the consecration of the new church.



In his sermon, Johnson asked the congregation on that occasion what kind of history they wanted for their church? What did they expect from the church? "Shall we not," he said, "with earnest feeling give the answer, 'oh that it might be the very best!' That it may be a church which shall be the Champion of the true, the good, and the beautiful." Shall we not be "the Champion Church"?

I love reading this sermon. Johnson was St. John's first rector, one of my predecessors after all, and here is his vision of what St. John's might become. At the same time, I must admit that I find his sermon radically out of touch with our contemporary sensibilities and the contemporary life of the Episcopal Church. As much as I enjoyed it, I couldn't get over how antiquated his understanding of church seemed to me. Some of it is just the theological fashions and preoccupations of his time. While the contemporary Episcopal Church argues over human sexuality, economic justice, and climate change, the Church of Johnson's day was arguing over the institution of slavery in the United States. Still some of Johnson's preoccupations seem problematic to me. For instance, there is a harsh exclusivity to his Christianity that strikes at the core of my own vision of the Gospel and of St. John's Church. While Johnson was an abolitionist, he was also not at all fond of Jews or "Mohamadeans."

I suppose that it shouldn't surprise me that Johnson's vision of St. John's looks strange to me, that I find it difficult to connect with some of what he finds so important, so pressing. After all, his world is completely different from mine. His sermon was delivered a year before Darwin's *Origin of Species* was published, nearly three years before the American Civil War, and 10 years before the founding of Purdue University. Just imagine the technological advancements that have occurred since 1858. Just imagine how different the Lafayette of his day is from ours, his United States from ours, his world from ours. Is it any wonder if the St. John's of today isn't quite the church he envisioned?



And yet, in the end, St. John's is still striving to be the very same "Champion Church" he had hoped for. For the champion church, he says, "all the subjects of influence, of intercession, service, instruction; of honoring, sustaining, and enlarging; the uses of time, strength, property, all come in. For the cause

we really love,” the cause of Christ, “we shall be willing to pray, willing to think, willing to work, willing to give, willing to suffer. That which we love, we are also generally desirous to beautify and adorn. Life is crowded with occasions and opportunities, in which the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ may thus be glorified.” In all that we do, he says, the church “will show itself in lessening and removing that which is dark and evil; in creating the new; in cleansing and purifying, in altering, renewing and recombining the old; in extending and strengthening, in illuminating and beautifying. Its result will be in wider usefulness and influence; in power to accomplish; in elevation, glory and happiness; in all that goodness and blessedness most combine in, most rejoice in: and both for this world and the next.”

His language is a bit hard to follow, but the point, I think, is clear. “Christ will come. And with His Holy Spirit will inhabit and possess.” The key mark of the “Champion Church” is the church that, in all it does and in all it is, seeks the cause of Christ, the Kingdom of God. And everything we do and everything we are must be focused on this cause. This cause connects us to the faithful women and men of that St. John’s long ago. After all, is this not the very same mission we have claimed for ourselves? In our worship, in sharing God’s love, and in making Christ known, are we not the very same Champion Church that Johnson envisioned? In our worship, we encounter and praise God in word and song and sacrament. We celebrate and pray and give thanks. We break bread together. We baptize and marry and remember our loved ones, all in the name of Christ. We share God’s love by feeding the hungry, building houses for the homeless, seeking justice for those on the margins, and welcoming those who seek reconciliation and community. And in all of this, we strive to serve God and to make Christ known to all people through our words and our actions.

That sounds like the work of God’s Kingdom to me. That sounds like the Champion Church to me. And I think that sounds like Samuel Roosevelt Johnson’s idea of the Champion Church, even if we are separated by more than 150 years.

My dear sisters and brothers, I commend you to your work for the Kingdom of God, for the cause of Christ. I commend you to your mission of worshiping God, of sharing God’s love, and of making Christ known. I commend you to being the Champion Church. This is the work that God has called us to do and it is the work we have claimed for ourselves. May we be the Champion Church. And may our Lord Jesus Christ and his Kingdom be ever glorified in all we do. – *Bradley Pace*, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org



The Feast of All Saints at St. John's, Lafayette Sunday, November 5th



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*

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*

The Big Questions: Discipleship class continues through Tuesday, Oct. 10. On Oct. 17, a new session begins focusing on an **Introduction to Christianity**. Dinner and childcare will be included. Please call or email to RSVP. — *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*



CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

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Hunger Hike Update

Many thanks to all who supported the 2017 Hunger Hike to combat food insecurity in our community. The Youth Group participated in the 3K walk. Our own Hilary Cooke also ran in the Hunger Hike 5K and placed second among all women running the race. As of Sunday, Sept. 17, the St. John's Youth raised \$1,225 in support of feeding ministries in our community. — *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*



OutFest 2017

A quick thanks to everyone who spent time at the St. John's / Good Shepherd booth at OutFest on Saturday, Sept. 16. We had a great time connecting with our friends from Good Shepherd, and we let the community know that the Episcopal churches in Greater Lafayette welcome all.

College Care Packages

St. John's will assemble care packages for college students from our congregation. Students greatly appreciate knowing we care for and support them. Again this year Margot Marlatt will be coordinating these care packages. If you have a student who would like a care package or if you have any questions, please contact Margot at msmarlatt@comcast.net. — *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*

Upcoming Youth Group Meetings

Sunday, Oct. 8
Hiking at Turkey Run State Park
Following the 10:15 a.m. service

Wednesday, Oct. 25
High School Only
Location TBA

Next Deadline for The Eagle

The October deadline for submissions to the Eagle is **Monday, October 9**. Send submissions to eagle@stjohns-laf.org.

Make A Joyful Noise?

By Dale Adelman, Canon for Music
Cathedral of St. Phillip, Atlanta, GA

Alex, I'll take, "Things that no one said about music in the Bible. Ever."

- *I will sing unto my shower, but nowhere else!*
- *Sing unto the Lord, but only if you can sing like a rock star.*
- *Be silent before the Lord, for God is easily offended by imperfect melody!*
- *Teach me thy ways, O Lord, except for the songs of our faith.*

Of course I jest, but, as Dean Candler has observed, "Sing to the Lord" is the most *frequent* command in the Bible, and also the one most frequently *ignored*. Why does the Bible enjoin us so frequently to sing? Whether or not you consider yourself a singer, singing has been integral to worship throughout the entire span of Judeo-Christian history, which makes it a topic worthy of everyone's consideration.

Why *do* Christians sing in worship?

There are many reasons, some of which may seem more compelling than others, but here are just a few:

- Singing helps us internalize our faith. When was the last time you left church, or a lecture, or a meeting at work, humming the sermon, or lecture topic, or business plan? By contrast, if someone were to play just the first five beats of *Amazing Grace* in any random context, I bet most of us could recall one or more stanzas of that hymn. Melody helps us remember the texts we sing, planting them deep within our hearts and minds and souls.
- After the Bible itself, the hymnal is the richest collection of Christian texts we have at our disposal. Spanning nearly two millennia of spiritual devotion and theological insight by some of the greatest minds and models of our faith, the hymnal helps connect us to the whole communion of saints, across time and around the world.
- Singing stirs devotion. Listening can do the same thing, but there is something different, something mysterious and profound that happens when an assembly joins its voices together in one united song of prayer or praise.
- Good congregational singing is a means of evangelism. People still like to be part of a worshipping community where they feel swept up in the sound of fervent, glorious music. If you are one of those people who worries about the future of the Church, one practical thing you can do about it is to sing, as heartily as you are comfortable doing. You don't have to sing full tilt. God isn't deaf. But if you try, even just quietly, it will not only expand your experience of the text, but make your neighbor feel less like an unwilling soloist, encouraging them to join in, as well. God will still love you if you don't sing all the correct notes right away.

BUT I CAN'T SING! I know many people truly believe this, but the fact is, *nearly everyone* can learn to sing. It's very much like learning a foreign language. No one is born knowing any language at all, much less a second one, but nearly all of us possess that potential. How do we learn? By hearing *and* imitating, learning to speak single words, then simple phrases. Eventually we are able to form whole sentences, even complex thoughts. But no one learns a language (or singing) without ever speaking it (or singing) out loud. Have the courage to try, and try again.

So let's joyfully accept the Bible's invitation to "Sing to the Lord [*even if it's*] a new song; sing to the Lord, all the whole earth. Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day" (Psalm 96:1-2). If you aren't a confident singer, then "Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing" (Psalm 100:1-2). Simply offer what you have, and God will surely bless it.

Upcoming Music Events

Choral Evensong,

Sunday, Oct. 1, 4 p.m.

Choral Evensong is the most particularly Anglican service in all of Christian worship. Cathedrals and parishes around the world offer Evensong, sometimes daily. The components and order of service are like no other. Certain texts are only prayed/sung; there is no Eucharist. St. John's normally schedules this service approximately two times per year and uses each as an opportunity to partner with a charitable organization (usually local) to support their work in the community. The plan is to continue this outreach at St. John's. However, we are adding a few more "regular" evensongs to our schedule. The first will be on Oct. 1 and will last approximately 30-40 minutes. If you have never been, this is an excellent opportunity to experience beautiful prayers and praises in the best of our church's tradition (see below for the Festal Evensong on Nov. 5).

Lunchtime Concert

Wednesday, Oct. 11, 12:10 p.m.

As the St. John's Lunchtime Concert Series begins its 11th season, you will soon notice that it will be unlike the first 10, because it will be the shortest. Due to scheduled construction in the church nave in early 2018, the Music Committee has decided to "play it safe" and schedule concerts for only this fall. On Oct. 11, the Jefferson High School Varsity Singers will perform. This group of 50 students in grades 10-12 is the top concert choir at Jefferson. They will be performing selections of varying styles including gospel, Latin American, and classical. The concert begins at 12:10 p.m. and lunch follows. Remaining concerts for 2017 are Nov. 8 and Dec. 13.

Festal Choral Evensong for All Saints'

Sunday, Nov. 5, 5 p.m.

Concert 4:30 p.m.

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. 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. A concert will begin at 4:30 p.m. with Evensong at 5:00 p.m. I hope you will consider coming to the concert and/or Evensong as we support hurricane relief efforts conducted by Episcopal Relief & Development. Detailed information about All Saints' will be in the next issue of the *Eagle*. — *Michael Bennett, michael@stjohns-laf.org*

October Book Group

Wednesday, Oct. 25, 6:30 p.m.

Our October selection is *Hero of the Empire: The Boer War, a Daring Escape, and the Making of Winston Churchill* by Candice Millard, published in 2016. In 2014 we read another of Millard's books, *Destiny of the Republic*, about President Garfield. Millard, a journalist/historian, grabs my attention and interest within her first paragraph or two. I have immensely enjoyed both the Garfield book and *Hero of the Empire*.

However, despite the excellent writing, the first few chapters are difficult – because of Churchill himself. In his early 20s, not only was he confident that he would someday be a political/governmental leader of world renown, but he was also arrogant, brash, conceited and generally insufferable. Some contemporaries called him a “self-advertiser” and “Pushful the Younger.”

The difference between Churchill and some contemporary politicians is that Churchill actually had the brains, talent, courage and commitment (as well as very highly placed connections) to achieve his goals. The story of his exploits in the Boer War (1899-1902) in southern Africa makes gripping reading. And it was these exploits that enabled Churchill to attract favorable attention and to begin his political career.

The Boer War, I would guess, is not covered much in most world history books. Millard brings it to our attention in vivid detail. She also discusses its impact on the history of Africa, the British Empire, and the world.

Please join the discussion in the Commons. Enter through the garden door. — *Mary Campbell*,
mlauracampbell@gmail.com, (765) 426-5541

Episcopal Women's Ministries (EWM)/ Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

By the time you read this issue of the *EAGLE*, several of us from St. John's/Lafayette will have attended the EWM 2017 Fall Retreat at Waycross with our Bishop Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows as retreat leader. More about the retreat “happenings” in the next issue of the *EAGLE*.

Church Women United (CWU)

All Christian churches in the Lafayette area are invited to be represented in the Church Women United (CWU) movement in Tippecanoe County. Founded in 1941, CWU is a national volunteer Christian ecumenical women's movement initiated and carried out by women in the United States and Puerto Rico. It is a movement that brings together women of diverse races, cultures and traditions in closer Christian relationship, prayer, advocacy and action for peace with justice in the world. CWU engages millions of participating Christian women representing 26 supporting denominations. Is there a woman at St. John's who would like to represent St. John's at the monthly meetings of CWU in Tippecanoe County and serve as liaison between St. John and CWU? If you are interested, have questions, and/or need more information, **please contact Charlene Watson by the end of October**. Thank you for considering this opportunity. — *Charlene Watson*, cel.watson@comcast.net, (765) 474-9101

Prayer Card Ministry

A Ministry to contact people whose names have been placed on our Prayer List due to illness or other misfortunes is continuing. A St. John's note-card with the notation that "St. John's is keeping you in our prayers today and always," followed by a short collect, is sent. I might add that receiving such a prayer from another church when I was receiving chemo was beyond love and concern.

To accomplish this requires the person submitting the name to include the last name and address. The privacy of the information is guaranteed and the only other guidance we need is the permission of the named person. We feel that this can give the receiver some comfort and support and we have had very positive responses. — *Marilyn Howland Ross*,
marylinhowland435@gmail.com

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, Randy Brist at rjbrist@mac.com or Sharon Evander at sharon_evander1@frontier.com. — *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*



Members of St. John's helped with this year's Apostles' Build, a collaborative effort among 14 local churches to build a home on the south side of Lafayette. Thank you for your generosity in support of this year's build.

August Financial Report

FINANCE REPORT
OPERATING BUDGET INCOME AND EXPENSE*
As of August 31, 2017

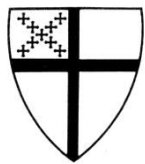
A. INCOME		Current Month	Total 2017	Annual Budget	% of Budget
1	Pledge Income	\$23,105.00	\$225,315.31	\$367,853.00	61.3%
2	Operating Income	\$1,702.00	\$29,075.24	\$56,636.01	51.3%
3	Non-Operating Income	\$2,571.67	\$41,283.00	\$54,500.00	75.7%
4	Transfer Income	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$56,262.42	26.7%
TOTAL INCOME		\$42,378.67	\$310,673.55	\$535,251.43	58.0%
B. EXPENSES					
1	Outreach	\$5,766.83	\$64,739.99	\$101,522.00	63.8%
2	Program	\$727.54	\$13,045.79	\$24,500.00	53.2%
3	Administration	\$7,250.00	\$22,343.45	\$45,950.00	48.6%
4	Personnel	\$19,684.07	\$161,959.82	\$246,208.48	65.8%
5	Office	\$7,112.55	\$19,892.01	\$27,195.00	73.1%
6	Property	\$7,556.31	\$53,648.83	\$89,875.95	59.7%
7	Miscellaneous (Non-Budget)		\$0.00	\$0.00	N/A
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$48,097.30	\$335,629.89	\$535,251.43	62.7%
Net Income (Loss)		-\$5,718.63	-\$24,956.34	\$0.00	

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.

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