



ST. JOHN'S
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St. John's Episcopal Church • Lafayette, Ind.

Save the Dates!

Return to Regular Schedule

On Sunday, Sept. 3, St. John's Lafayette will return to two services, at 8 and 10:15 a.m.

Sunday Brunch

Sept. 10 between services

St. John's will host Sunday brunch on Sept. 10 between the 8 and 10:15 a.m. services. All are welcome. Please bring a dish to share and sign up to help. — *Kristine Holtvedt, kristineholtvedt@yahoo.com, Shirley Marciniak, smarciniak@purdue.edu.*



Godly Play Resumes Sept. 17

Our Christian formation for children age 3 through fifth grade, Godly Play will resume Sunday, Sept. 17, on the top level of the church (floor 2 if you're taking the elevator). Godly Play is a Montessori-based curriculum that encourages children to engage the foundational stories of our faith through play. We ask that parents help their children settle into the church space and lead them directly to their classroom by 9:15 a.m.

For the fall semester, Godly Play will meet 9:15-10 a.m. on Sundays from Sept. 17 through Dec. 17 (excluding Nov. 26, the Sunday following Thanksgiving).

If you have any questions or would like to get involved with Godly Play please contact Hilary at hilary@stjohns-laf.org.

Middle School Christian Formation

This year we will continue the practice we began last year of offering Christian formation for youth in grades 6-8 on Sunday mornings from 9:15-10 a.m. in the Youth Lounge. This year we will be using a curriculum focused on our biblical ancestors to go into more depth about the mothers and father of our faith as we continue to explore our place in the larger biblical narrative.

Message from the Rector

The past week was a difficult one. The war-mongering between the U.S.A. and North Korea gave way to the terrible events in Charlottesville, Va., by week's end. But on Sunday, the first day of the new week, many of us joined together at St. John's for worship. We heard the story of Joseph's brothers trying to destroy Joseph's dreams ("let us kill this dreamer and see what becomes of his dreams"). We heard Paul remind the Christian community in Rome that God makes no distinction between people and that "the same Lord is Lord of all." We heard the story of Jesus pulling Peter out of the sea in the midst of a storm. Reflecting on this last story, Hilary reminded us that while "fear lives in the head, courage lives in the heart. And love," she said, "is all around us." Michael Bennett, Greg Buzzard, Gabe Mason and Sven Schreiber offered God and the congregation beautiful music, and we raised our voices in song declaring that "in Christ there is no east or west." We prayed together, we confessed and were absolved together, and then we joined together at the Lord's table to once again be and become the body of Christ.

This is what worship does for us. This is what worship does *to* us. It keeps us focused on the story of God's people as it reminds us that we, too, are a part of God's people. It keeps us focused on building God's Kingdom as it reminds us that the Kingdom has come near. It reminds us that we have "sinned in thought, word and deed" and that God has forgiven all our sins through Jesus. Our worship reminds us that though we are many, we are one in the body of Christ. Our worship comforts us in the midst of our fears, it articulates the hope of the Christian Gospel, and it draws our hearts closer and closer to God.

Sometimes in the busy-ness of my work as a priest, I lose touch with the point of that work. Sometimes in the midst of preparing bulletins and sermons — or worse yet, in the midst of planning capital campaigns — I lose touch with the meaning and power of our worship. I was complaining to a friend recently about the cost of the projects we have planned for the capital campaign — about the cost of the organ and the many repairs. I wondered aloud if what we are planning makes a difference, if it matters to the Kingdom of God and to our mission as the Body of Christ. The friend — an evangelical pastor who is used to guitars and drum kits and very little that resembles our traditional liturgy — looked around and said, "Your whole architecture is worship." Everything is focused, he went on to say, on connecting people to God and one another through that worship. The organ and the repairs are a part of that mission and ministry. It's all a part of the most important thing you do, he said.

I've been thinking about that more and more as we get closer to formally launching our campaign. Why are we doing this? What is it for? What does it all mean? Does it somehow contribute to God's Kingdom? The answer, I believe, is yes, provided that we always see our worship for what it is. Our worship is not a performance for the congregation or for random people who might show up on a Sunday. It isn't a concert with some commentary thrown in. Our worship is meant to draw us closer to God and to remind us of who we are, what we are, and whose we are. Our worship is meant to draw us closer to God's own mission in the world—the reconciliation of all people with God and one another through Christ. Our campaign is important, our campaign contributes to our mission and ministry — to God's mission in the world — if it does that.

I hope you never take for granted what we do on Sunday mornings (and throughout the week as well). It is important work. That work is even more important when the times are difficult — when fear and anger and hatred seem to be winning the day. We don't know what will happen in the wider world or even in our local community, but we know that we can always connect and reconnect with God and with our sisters and brothers in Christ through worship. And that is no small thing. — *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*

Update on Parking at St. John's

I have yet to find it in the archives, but I'm certain that in the 1880s, a St. John's vestry member thwarted a proposed parking lot saying, "This horseless carriage thing is a passing phase." Now that the old *Journal & Courier* buildings are being turned into apartments, we will lose the use of the parking lot across the street from the church on Sixth and Ferry Streets. The good news is that we have permission to continue using the lot most Sundays until next summer. In addition, we now have permission to park in several other lots near the church on Sunday mornings. Parishioners may park at **Dr. Yocum's**



office and at **Tricoci University**, both of which are on Ferry Street just east of the church. Parishioners may park at **Mulhaupt's** on Ferry Street just west of the church. In addition, we may also park at **Wintek**, which has a large parking lot on Sixth Street north of the church (please note, the Wintek lot is *not* the TAF lot or the lot owned by First Christian Church). Street side parking is available on each of the streets surrounding St. John's. Because most businesses are not open on Sunday morning, there should also be available parking on Main and Sixth Streets south of Ferry. We are looking to get permission to use other spots as well and may try have signs placed to direct visitors, etc. We will continue to block off parking spots nearest the church on Sunday mornings for those who have mobility issues. You *do not need* a handicap sticker to use one of those spots (unless they are also marked as handicapped spots). For those of you who are able to walk a few blocks, please consider parking in one of the more distant lots.

While it is great to see the growth and expansion of downtown Lafayette, it does come with costs. Parking will continue to be an issue for the foreseeable future. If you have any suggestions or solutions, don't hesitate to get in touch with me. If the church can help provide transportation, let us know that also. — *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*

Habitat for Humanity Apostle's Build

This fall, St. John's is once again participating with 10 other area churches to build a house as part of the Apostle's Build with Habitat for Humanity of Lafayette. Our commitment to this build includes fundraising at least \$3,000 and getting a crew(s) together to help build.

Currently, the following dates have been identified for assisting with the build: **8 a.m.-noon Friday, Sept. 8, and 8 a.m.-noon Saturday, Sept. 16**. The Friday time is an opportunity to help with the framing, which is putting up the walls. It's a time when you can easily see progress throughout the day. Saturday is scheduled as having volunteers work on siding and professionals getting started on mechanicals.

There are sign-up sheets in the Commons, on the community bulletin board, along with a flyer presenting information about the family who will move into this house.

If you are interested in helping and your skills are more in the painting space, we can add another date a bit later for that type of work. Just let me know if you are interested in that work.

Finally, we still need to raise a little over \$1,000 to make our commitment to Habitat. So remember, even if you don't feel comfortable with the actual construction process, you have a role to play in helping support the dream of home ownership in our community. — *Amy Van Epps, amysvanep@gmail.com*

Adult Bible Studies

Monday evenings 6 p.m., starting Sept. 11

Tuesday mornings 10 a.m., starting Sept. 12

The **Monday evening Adult Bible Study** returns at **6 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 11**. Each week, the discussion centers on a particular Biblical text and guidebook. Beginning this fall, the group will continue their discussion of *The Cross*.

The **Tuesday morning Bible Study**, led by Hilary Cooke and Bradley Pace, resumes on **Tuesday, Sept. 12, at 10 a.m.** This Bible Study will focus on topics of group interest and center on discussion of the chosen texts.

The Monday Evening Bible Study will meet in the Bishops' Parlor. The Tuesday Morning Bible Study will meet in St. John's Commons. Both Bible Studies are open to anyone, including members of other churches or folks unaffiliated with any church. For questions about the Monday evening Bible Study, please contact Randy Brist at rjbrist@gmail.com. For questions about the Tuesday morning Bible Study, please contact Bradley Pace at bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org or Hilary Cooke at hilary@stjohns-laf.org.

The Big Questions: Christian Discipleship

Tuesdays, beginning Sept. 12
6-8 p.m.



CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

the **BIG**
questions

What does it mean to be a Disciple? What does it mean to follow Christ? What are the practices that ground the Christian journey and help us be good stewards, to take up our cross, and to love as Jesus loves?

The Big Questions: Christian Discipleship will meet for five sessions **beginning Tuesday, Sept. 12, 6-8 p.m.** **A light supper will be provided. Childcare can be provided, but please RSVP for childcare as soon as possible.** A free-will offering for dinner will be taken up. – *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*

Hunger Hike 5K Run and 3K walk

Saturday, Sept. 16 & Sunday, Sept. 17

On Saturday, Sept. 16, and Sunday, Sept. 17, St. John's will once again participate in raising funds for the Annual Hunger Hike. This year (2017) marks the 25th anniversary of the Hunger Hike, and St. John's has been an active participant for most, if not all, of those years (with the youth group having a team for about half of them)!

On Saturday morning, Bradley and Hilary (and any others who'd like to join us!) will run the 5k being held at Celery Bog. Then, on Sunday at 2 p.m., the St. John's Youth Group will participate in the 3K walk beginning at Riehle Plaza. We would be very grateful for your support of the youth group's efforts to raise money for the hungry in our community. You can support us in several ways:

- With your financial support (checks can be made out to "Hunger Hike," we will accept cash or you may donate online through the St. John's website or by searching for our team "St. John's Youth Group" at www.firstgiving.com).
- By walking or running with us — the Youth Group always enjoys having visitors!
- By keeping us, and all those who will benefit from the funds raised, in your prayers.

Many thanks to all who have supported us in the past and who will continue to do so this year.

September Book Group

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27

A tradition of the St. John's Book group is participating in the One Great Read (OGR) program of the Greater Lafayette community. We read the OGR selection and invite members of the community to join us. The selection this year is *The Supremes at Earl's All-You-Can Eat*. The author, Edward Kelsey Moore, is a music graduate of both Indiana University and SUNY Stony Brook. He was born in Indiana, and his career as a cellist has centered in Chicago. He also has had a life-long passion for writing; *The Supremes* is his first novel. Published in 2013, it has won awards and been on the NY Times Best Seller List. He will speak at the downtown branch of the Tippecanoe County Public Library on Saturday, October 21. (Additional OGR events will be announced in the media.)

"The Supremes" of the title are three teens who develop deep friendships that grow and deepen through 40 years of the joys and sorrows of life in their fictional community in southern Indiana.

Our leader this year, Laura Kendall, is a member of the OGR Committee and will also field questions about that program and the committee's work. Join us on Wednesday, September 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the Commons. — *Mary Campbell, 426-5541, mlauracampbell@gmail.com*

OUTfest '17

Saturday, Sept. 16

OUTfest, Tippecanoe County's Pride Celebration, will take place Saturday, Sept. 16 at Fifth and Main Streets in downtown Lafayette. OUTfest is a celebration to increase public awareness of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Ally (LGBTQA) community and to celebrate diversity among family, friends and straight allies.

Again this year, Good Shepherd and St. John's will have a joint booth, and we invite you all to join the celebration. Look for sign-up sheets in St. John's Commons or just swing by our booth that Saturday.

News from Episcopal Women's Ministries (EWM)

Hopefully, St. John's Lafayette will be well represented at the EWM 2017 Fall Retreat at Waycross Retreat and Conference Center, Sept. 29-Oct. 1, 2017. We will join our sisters in faith and experience opportunities of spiritually growing, serving God's people and sharing God's kingdom. Our new Diocesan Bishop, Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows, will be the presenter. Bishop Jennifer will guide us in learning how to develop or update our Rule of Life and explore the benefits of Sabbath Practices.

If you are not getting the EWM Newsletter, *Communicator*, and would like to receive it via email, please contact Charlene Watson. — *Charlene Watson, cel.watson@comcast.net.*

Ladies Dinner and Movie Night

Once in a while it's nice to go out together with the "girls" for an early dinner and a movie. It's even nicer if the dinner isn't too expensive and the movie isn't full of blood, war, drugs or, well ... you know. Once a month on Monday would be the evening and, depending on what's playing at the theatre, which one. The restaurant would be close to the theatre. If you're interested, let me know. Hope you'll join us! — *Caroll L'Homme, rac.lhomme@comcast.net, (765) 464-6245*

Next Deadline for The Eagle

The October deadline for submissions to the Eagle is Monday, Sept. 11. Send submissions to eagle@stjohns-laf.org.

The Blessing of the Animals for the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1

Calling all animals and animal lovers!! A celebration of the Feast of St. Francis will be 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1, 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



Thanks to everyone who helped with this year's Holy Moly! VBS

Thanks to all the teachers and to Michael Bennett for helping teach music. Thanks to all those who helped with food preparation and set-up, especially Sally Byrn, Helen Slagel and the pancake cooks. Thanks also to all the kids for a great time!!!



From the Vestry: Meeting Summary, August 16, 2017

- Bradley indicated that the several people had agreed to be a part of the capital campaign leadership. Rachel Ravellette and Charlie Shook will be co-chairs. Emily Umulis has agreed to serve in the capacity of campaign coordinator. This is a paid position and one St. John's used in the 1995 campaign. (please see the Vestry minutes when published for a complete list of names.) The planned completion date for the campaign is Nov. 22, 2017.
- Vestry members will likely serve as gift workers and get training, most likely on Sept. 27, 2017. There will be a capital campaign kickoff event on Oct. 21, 2017. George Moore and Kristine Holdveldt are coordinating this event.
- Bradley detailed what the campaign construction loan entailed. This would be a three-year loan. It would help cover construction costs as the pledges come in. Bradley said that St. John's would need to provide collateral and the investment committee and fund manager agrees the endowment fund could be used for this. No money needs to be liquefied for this to happen. In accordance with the recommendation of the Investment committee, Bradley moved that the Vestry amend the endowment policy to allow St. John's to use a portion of the endowment to secure a construction loan up to \$600,000.. Bradley indicated that the loan would be a line of credit loan and St. John's would not need to access the entire amount. The motion passed. The vestry also approved a motion for St. John's to actually seek out a loan with the best terms with a reputable (hopefully local) lender.
- After lengthy discussion the Vestry voted to approve the total campaign amount, which is \$641,510.57.
- Bradley reported that the new freezers are in and working in the food pantry.
- The new air conditioner has been installed and is working.
- Convention delegates have been approved.
- Bradley discussed parking and indicated St. John's has been given the OK to park in some additional downtown lots. A map will be included with the September Eagle.

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

A. INCOME		Current Month	Total 2017	Annual Budget	%
1	Pledge Income	\$28,034.00	\$202,210.31	\$367,853.00	
2	Operating Income	\$4,142.53	\$27,373.24	\$56,636.01	
3	Non-Operating Income	\$2,216.67	\$38,711.33	\$54,500.00	
4	Transfer Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$56,262.42	
TOTAL INCOME		\$34,393.20	\$268,294.88	\$535,251.43	
B. EXPENSES		Current Month	Total 2017	Annual Budget	%
1	Outreach	\$9,458.95	\$56,112.16	\$101,522.00	
2	Program	\$620.54	\$11,536.97	\$24,500.00	
3	Administration	\$5,633.33	\$15,093.45	\$45,950.00	
4	Personnel	\$19,872.79	\$141,982.01	\$246,208.48	
5	Office	\$1,496.45	\$11,985.71	\$27,195.00	
6	Property	\$4,922.82	\$46,092.52	\$89,875.95	
7	Miscellaneous (Non-Budget)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$42,004.88	\$282,802.82	\$535,251.43	
Net Income (Loss)		-\$7,611.68	-\$14,507.94	\$0.00	

Notes: *This is a summary report of the operating income and expenses for the indicated report
Detailed description of these items are available for review from members of the Finance

- There was vestry discussion about a possible children's choir. Bradley is pursuing this.
- Bradley reported that Peter Cooper has resigned from the Vestry. The Vestry received his resignation.
- There was discussion regarding Vestry elections and possible candidates. Several Vestry members said they would talk to people about serving.
- Bradley reported that there have been some informal discussions with Food Finders about the pantry and ways St. John's could work with Food Finders.