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Church Picnic at Prophetstown State Park

10:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 5

Prophetstown State Park

The St. John's Church Picnic will be Sunday, Aug. 5, at Prophetstown State Park (5545 Swisher Road, West Lafayette and follow the signs). Worship starts at 10:30 a.m. Fried chicken, drinks and paper products will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Please note the gate fee at Prophetstown State Park is \$8 per vehicle. You may use your Indiana State Park gate pass, pay \$8, or just say that you are with the St. John's Picnic and the church will cover the tab. For more information and for additional directions, visit www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2971.htm.

There will also be a 9 a.m. service at St. John's that day.

OUTfest 2018

OUTfest, Tippecanoe County's Pride Celebration, will take place Saturday, Aug. 18, at Fifth and Main Streets in downtown Lafayette. OUTfest is a celebration to increase public awareness of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Ally community and to celebrate diversity among family and friends.

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.

Sunday Worship Schedule

On Sunday, Sept. 2, St. John's will return to our regular schedule of two services: 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

From the Rector

This past Sunday, we celebrated Worship in the Street with six other historic Lafayette churches. This year, we were joined by Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, our neighbors on Ferry Street. We heard a wonderful sermon from Lisa Hood, the pastor of First Baptist Church, and we celebrated our shared heritage and mission.

When I mentioned to a friend that we were celebrating Worship in the Street, he jokingly asked (in a gruff voice), “What do you know about the streets?” We laughed, but I thought about his joke all day. You see, he made the joke while we were standing at the Families

Belong Together March. The event called on the U.S. government to permanently end the policy of separating families who come to the United States as refugees, are seeking asylum, or are arrested entering the country illegally. While it was really important, it was a pretty subdued rally, and I don’t want to exaggerate what we were doing. But it occurred to me that this is exactly what we are called to do. Proclaiming God’s justice, mercy, and love for all people requires us to leave our buildings — our sanctuaries — and take to the streets. — *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*



Evening Prayer

Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. — Psalm 141:2

This is one of the sentences that can begin the order of Daily Evening Prayer. Evening Prayer is a tradition as old as the sixth century and as modern as right now at St. John’s. For about 20 years, Evening Prayer has been read on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 5:30 p.m. in our chapel.

A bit of history: Members of Benedictine religious orders have observed periods of communal prayer seven times a day since the sixth century. When Archbishop Cranmer wrote the first *Book of Common Prayer* in 1549, he combined several of the Benedictine evening services into what we now call Evening Prayer.

For the person officiating at Evening Prayer, it is a quiet, beautiful and uplifting time. But it is more than that — as all of our services do, Evening Prayer connects us to the larger church in our own time and throughout history. We witness to God’s love as we read and as we pray for the larger community and for the people and concerns of our parish.

As people’s schedules and commitments have changed, we now need more readers. The intention is that we have enough people so that no one needs to read more than a few times a month and that we have enough readers to cover vacations, illness and changes in schedules.

Please contact Bradley Pace at the church office (742-4079) if you have an interest in this ministry at St. John’s. No experience is necessary — you will be helped along!

No Tolerance For Zero Tolerance

From the Editors of *the Christian Century*

The sight and sound of immigrant children being separated from their parents at the U.S. southern border reflected an immigration policy guided by indifference if not cruelty. Though the policy of separating families was officially discontinued in response to protests last month, policy and practice at the border remains chaotic.

The chaos is rooted in President Trump's desire for immigration policy to be "simple" and based on "zero tolerance" for anyone crossing the border illegally. But immigration policy is complicated for two major reasons: the Constitution guarantees due process under the law to anyone on U.S. soil, and any legitimate enforcement scheme has to be governed by compassion and common sense.

When the Trump administration announced that it would criminally prosecute all those who cross the border without visas or work permits, it decided it would put children in separate facilities while their parents await trial in jail. That was a way of getting around a 1997 court agreement—developed out of concern for the well-being of children—that prevents customs officials from putting children in jail. Previous presidents handled this constraint by releasing families to stay with relatives or under the care of local agencies until the time of their court date. Compliance was high because most immigrant families want their day in court. If the administration genuinely retreats from asserting zero tolerance, it is likely to return to a similar approach.

Behind the recent manufactured crisis at the border is a more disturbing reality: a consistent effort to dehumanize immigrants. Trump calls immigrants "animals" and suggests they are like insects, "infesting" our country. Lately he's made it clear he'd like to eliminate due process for immigrants entirely. "When somebody comes in, we must immediately, with no judges or court cases, bring them back from where they came."

The administration has also downplayed the dangers that many refugees from Central America are fleeing. Last month, Attorney General Jeff Sessions declared that the U.S. would no longer consider the risk of violence from gangs or domestic partners a reason for granting asylum. Although the violence people are fleeing in Honduras, Guatemala, and El Salvador does not fit the traditional basis for granting asylum—that of being persecuted by the state — immigration judges have increasingly recognized that many applicants for asylum face real threats from nonstate actors.

Behind the crisis at the border is a consistent effort to dehumanize immigrants. Giving immigrants due process and a fair hearing, ensuring that both adults and children are treated humanely while they await a hearing, keeping immigrant parents and children together — all this presents a logistical challenge. But it's a challenge that can be met by a country that seeks to be fair and humane.

Those who recognize immigrants as vulnerable human beings will insist that the U.S.A. be fair and humane. They will continue to protest against dehumanizing language and cruel policies. As Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel wrote, "In a free society, some are guilty, but all are responsible."

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August Book Group: *Bruno, Chief of Police* by Martin Walker 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, The Commons

The Book Group starts our new season this August with a new day – Thursday – and a new time – 7 p.m. The group is open to everyone (even if you haven't read the book), so please join us.

Usually once a year we enjoy a selection from the genre of mystery/detective fiction. This year we are reading *Bruno, Chief of Police* by Martin Walker, published in 2008. Walker, a Scots by birth and English by education, now lives in Washington, D.C., alternating with the South of France, where his Bruno books are set. He has written prolifically on a variety of nonfiction topics, befitting his long career as a journalist for *The Guardian* and United Press International. He has also served as a scholar and fellow at a variety of institutions.

There's even more to be said about the author – but what about the book? Bruno (Benoît Courrèges) is the chief and only police officer in the fictional town of St. Denis in southwest France. This is just the first in a series of 13 books featuring Bruno – so if you like this one, you have a lot of good reading ahead. Personally, I think Bruno will go down as one of the great detectives in this genre – the likes of Sherlock Holmes (A. Conan Doyle), Miss Marple/Hercule Poirot (A. Christie) and Armand Gamache (L. Penny). But see what you think! You might not agree with me, and this would make for an interesting discussion. — *Mary Campbell, mlauracampbell@gmail.com, (765) 426-5541*

Jubilee Christmas Preview – Aug. 19 Coffee Hour Fill the Laundry Baskets for Jubilee Christmas

While you are out shopping in early August, consider picking up items for Jubilee Christmas. See the wish list below. Laundry baskets will be in the Commons to collect these items and we will have a Christmas Party during coffee hour. How many laundry baskets can we fill? Can't make it on the 19 – no worries. The collection baskets will remain in the Commons through Labor Day.

Wish List for Fill the Laundry Baskets:

- School supplies – pencils, pens, crayons, markers
- Toothbrushes – individual, all sizes
- Toothpaste
- Chap Stick
- Bar soap
- Liquid soap in dispensers
- Stocking stuffers – small toys
- Mittens – all sizes
- Socks – all kid sizes
- Monetary donation

Jubilee Christmas is Dec. 8, 2018. More details will be shared as Jubilee Christmas draws near. — *Maggie McClure, magamclure@gmail.com*

Music Happenings

St. John's hosted another strawberry shortcake booth at 'Round the Fountain Art Fair on May 26. Many parishioners volunteered their time baking cakes, cutting strawberries, assisting with setup/teardown, and serving. Early morning rain and physical location were a bit of a detriment, but our efforts were successful nonetheless. This year's profit was \$1,646.69. Thanks to everyone who volunteered.

Phase One of the organ installation began June 11 and concluded June 29. During those three weeks the console, blower, wind chests (the furniture that pipes rest on), electronics, wind supply and 95 percent of the pipework were installed. Thank you to all who volunteered in "passing the pipes."

Phase two begins Aug. 6. What remains is the façade pipework, façade casework (wood), paneling underneath the windows and general tuning and regulation. This is when the organ will visually transform from a construction zone to a finished product. It is my hope that it will be playable Aug. 12, but maybe not until Aug. 19. Many special events featuring the organ will occur during the upcoming fall and spring, with a dedication concert most likely in October.

As the choir officially returns from summer recess next month, we will have two Sundays of "pick-up" choir. This is an opportunity for anyone to come sing and experience worship in



Thanks to everyone who helped install the pipework.



the choir without a regular weekly commitment. If you're interested, be upstairs in the rehearsal room at 8:30 a.m. on Aug. 19 and/or 26. We'd love to have you join us. — *Michael Bennett, michael@stjohns-laf.org*

Episcopal Women's Ministries (EWM)

The Fall Retreat has been planned and is awaiting your arrival. The leader is our Bishop, the Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows. Using film, food, scripture study, spiritual practice and reflection, this retreat will give us space to think about food and the pleasures to be found in feasting and fellowship. We will make connections between the Eucharistic feast at our church altars and all the other tables in our lives. Registration forms can be found next to the EWM Fall Retreat poster in the Commons. **The deadline for early bird special registration and reduced rates is Aug. 27, 2018.** Please contact Amy Paget or Charlene Watson if more information is needed.

The next EWM Council Meeting is at 10 a.m. Aug. 25, 2018, in Indianapolis. Please contact Amy or Charlene if you are interested in attending, if you'd like to carpool, and/or if you would like to get more involved with EWM. — *Charlene Watson, cel.watson@comcast.net; Amy Paget, amypaget@gmail.com*

Next Deadline for The Eagle

The deadline for the September Eagle is **Monday, Aug. 13.**
Send submissions to
eagle@stjohns-laf.org.

Summer at Waycross Camp



St. John's families enjoying Waycross Summer Camp

Financial Report

FINANCE REPORT
OPERATING BUDGET INCOME AND EXPENSE*
 As of June 30, 2018

A. INCOME		Current Month	Total 2018	Annual Budget	% of Budget
1	Pledge Income	\$22,589.68	\$162,426.08	\$374,472.00	43.4%
2	Operating Income	\$4,852.99	\$23,702.92	\$73,152.43	32.4%
3	Non-Operating Income	\$1,856.67	\$15,210.02	\$32,000.00	47.5%
4	Transfer Income	\$0.00	\$1,760.00	\$40,000.00	4.4%
TOTAL INCOME		\$29,299.34	\$203,099.02	\$519,624.43	39.1%
B. EXPENSES		Current Month	Total 2018	Annual Budget	% of Budget
1	Outreach	\$5,973.08	\$45,030.66	\$108,069.00	41.7%
2	Program	\$722.54	\$8,842.90	\$20,400.00	43.3%
3	Administration	\$0.00	\$243.08	\$2,500.00	9.7%
4	Personnel	\$20,054.56	\$123,360.81	\$247,319.48	49.9%
5	Office	\$1,347.89	\$9,368.92	\$27,395.00	34.2%
6	Property	\$8,421.85	\$40,129.42	\$113,940.95	35.2%
7	Miscellaneous (Non-Budget)		\$0.00	\$0.00	N/A
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$36,519.92	\$226,975.79	\$519,624.43	43.7%
Net Income (Loss)		-\$7,220.58	-\$23,876.77	\$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.