



ST. JOHN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
LAFAYETTE

The Eagle

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Worshiping

Welcome Back Michael Bennett Sunday, Aug. 25

On Sunday, Aug. 25, we will welcome back our director of music, **Michael Bennett**. Michael has been on sabbatical since the end of May. While we have certainly missed Michael's leadership, let us also thank **Ben McCartney**, who did a wonderful job filling in this summer.

Sunday Worship Schedule

On Sunday, Sept. 1, St. John's will return to our regular schedule of two services: 8 and 10:15 a.m.

Sharing

Share God's Love at OutFest

Saturday, Aug. 17

OUTFest is a celebration of the LGBTI community in Greater Lafayette. St. John's and Good Shepherd will host a booth to share the good news that both God and the Episcopal Church welcome everyone, no exceptions. More information and sign-up sheets will be available soon. – *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@gmail.com*

Make a splash for Family Promise!

Family Fun Night at Tropicane Cove, Saturday, Aug. 17, 6-8 p.m.

Enjoy food, music, fun and door prizes! Not a swimmer, or can't attend? Please consider sponsoring a Family Promise family! Tickets are available at the door or in advance. For more information, contact fpdirector@yahoo.com. – *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@gmail.com*

From the Rector

I want to thank each of you, and especially the leadership of St. John's, for the recent opportunity to go on pilgrimage to Brazil. It was a great joy to reconnect with my friends and ministry partners in the Anglican Diocese of Brasília. Fifteen of us from the Diocese of Indianapolis (seven of whom were from St. John's) travelled to Brasília from July 1 through July 8. We visited the Anglican Cathedral there as well as the Anglican Social Center and Holy Spirit Church in Novo Gama, the Church of Reconciliation in Annapolis, St. Phillips in Goiânia and Holy Trinity in Paranoá. We took part in a number of conversation circles with church and community leaders, and we attended an annual festival at the Cathedral that raises funds to support the Social Centers in the satellite cities around Brasília. We were also able to worship with our friends there on several occasions.

In future issues of *the Eagle*, others will share reflections on our trip. But I want to share one observation with you. As Jesus said, "the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few." The Anglican Diocese of Brasília covers more than 1 million square miles. North to South, the Diocese stretches the distance of Indianapolis to Denver. But the entire Diocese has only a handful of churches and fewer than 10 priests. Brasília and Goiânia, for instance, are large cities each served by a single Anglican church (Brasília has nearly 3 million people and Goiânia nearly 2 million). The leaders and members of the Diocese are faithfully proclaiming the Good News, witnessing to and sharing the love of God, and serving those in need, but they have their work cut out for them.

In general, Brazil is dominated by a rather conservative Roman Catholic Church and a Pentecostal faith that teaches what is known as the Prosperity Gospel. Churches in these traditions are not open to and affirming of LGBTQ people and can be downright hostile to them. While we were there, we spoke with many gay, lesbian and transgender Christians who had been ostracized by the Church. The Anglican Church may be the only branch of the Christian faith in Brazil that is open and affirming. To add to the problem, Brazilian politicians have recently targeted and scapegoated LGBTQ people as a way of scoring political points. The Anglican Churches in the Diocese are showing great courage and faithfulness by advocating and reaching out to them. LGBTQ people are finding welcome, community and love in those church communities. The Diocese's motto is *O perfeito amor lança fora todo medo* – "Perfect love casts out all fear." And in our time with our friends and ministry partners there, we saw the fruits of their perfect love and the courage that it inspires. — *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*

Next Deadline for The Eagle

The deadline for the December Eagle is **Monday, Aug. 12**.
Send submissions to
eagle@stjohns-laf.org.

Thank you for the recent donations of school supplies in support of the Anglican Social Centers in the Diocese of Brasília. We delivered nearly 350 lbs of school supplies to the children there.

You are invited to attend the Rector's Forum on Sunday, Aug. 4 after the 9 a.m. service. There will be a special coffee hour, and the Diocesan pilgrims will share stories and photos from our pilgrimage.

Missional Formation Leadership Program

As I wrote earlier this year, I am participating in the Missional Formation Leadership Program for Episcopal Clergy offered by Luther Seminary. The content of this program is designed to respond to the pluralistic culture we live in as well as to encourage clergy and their congregations to explore ways of adapting and deepening their missional work. During May, I completed my first on-site portion of the program. This first portion was an opportunity for our cohort of 12 clergy to get to know each other and learn about the contexts of our ministries.

As part of this program, over the next few months I will be wondering together with you about ways God is active in our lives at St. John's and beyond and ways we can share our experiences of God's presence. I don't know what exact form that will take as of yet, but know that I want to hear from you. — *Hilary Cooke, hilary@stjohns-laf.org*

Children and Youth Program Updates

Godly Play, our Christian formation for children ages 3 through fifth grade, will resume on **Sunday, Sept. 8, at 9:15 a.m.**

Youth Group, for youth in grades six through 12, will kick off with a back-to-school cook-out at Columbian Park on **Sunday, August 18, from 5 to 7 p.m.**

Making Christ Known

Retrovaille Marriage Encounter

Retrouvaille, (pronounced retro-vi with a long "i") helps couples work through marriage struggles that at times seem impossible to repair. Since 1977, this program's tools have helped strengthen and improve the marriages of tens of thousands of couples throughout the world — couples who have experienced marital difficulty at all levels.

Indianapolis Retrouvaille will hold its next weekend **August 9-12** at St. Joseph's Retreat Center in Tipton, Ind. The weekend introduces couples to important communication tools. In the privacy of a beautiful retreat setting, you will examine your life together in a new and positive way. After the weekend, you will attend six follow-up sessions at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House in Indianapolis. Post-weekend topics focus on specific issues, including conflict management.

Learn more and register today at www.helpourmarriage.org or call 317-489-6811 for confidential registration information. — *Linda Kirchubel, kirchubel@gmail.com*

Prayer Shawl Ministry

In May 2009, about 12 ladies met for the first time to knit or crochet prayer shawls to be given as gifts to members and friends of St. John's. In the years since, 788 shawls have been made and distributed. The prayer shawls are created to enfold those who need or wish them with the love of our group, St. John's family, and, most importantly, the love of God. Usually, these recipients are facing horrific personal events such as illness, death, grief, isolation or are facing recovery issues of all kinds. These people, either in homes, hospitals, or other facilities, desperately need to know that they are important, that they are known, have value, and are loved. They are blessed before being put in the containers to await their giving and then given to those in need.

The ladies who still participate very much want to continue this ministry. But we are diminishing in numbers. Of course, that also impacts the number of shawls being created (as I write this, there are only eight shawls available for giving). So, we ask for your help. Would you like to help us out by joining our group of knitters/crocheters? We meet the first and third Mondays at 12:30 p.m. in the conversation area of the Commons for about an hour and a half. (When the first is a holiday, we skip that day, or when there are five Mondays in a month we skip the fifth one.)

There are no rules – buy whatever yarn you like, make it about 55 stitches wide and long enough to go over your shoulders down to just below the wrist (a one-pound package of yarn makes exactly one shawl). If you are able to join us on a Monday, please come and enjoy the fellowship and blessing of completed shawls. Please help us to continue to help those who need to know the comfort of wrapping themselves in the love of God. If you wish to speak further about this ministry, please give me a call and we can chat quietly together. Many thanks for your help. — E. Linda Jeffries, grammiephive@gmail.com

August Book Group: *The Moonstone* by Wilkie Collins

7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 22

The St. John's Book Group is opening with the very first mystery book featuring a professional detective – *The Moonstone* by Wilkie Collins. It was published in 1868 and has been in continuous printings since. Many people consider it to be the best detective fiction ever written. See what you think and join us!

The Book Group has been around at St. John's for about 25 years and has changed in character over that time. So, what are we like now? It is important to emphasize that we are not a "club," which can sometimes suggest that you need an invitation to come. Everyone is welcome! This is your invitation! We welcome parishioners and anyone else who is interested in our book selections. If just one selection in the season is of interest to you – come to that meeting. You are welcome whether you come once or many times.

Every May, in our last meeting of the season, we choose the books we will read for the upcoming Season (August – November and then January – May). Given the many and diverse interests and reading habits among us, we have no shortage of suggestions, and they are often quite varied. From our Mission Statement:

Invariably, the books chosen address what it means to be human in our world, a world we understand to encompass peoples of every society, social status, ethnicity and geographic locale. It is our hope that, through our reading and discussion, we will grow in our affirmation of the basic dignity of all humanity.

In addition, we enjoy each other's company and have fun! — Mary Campbell, mlauracampbell@gmail.com

"I was amazed at the amount of information presented, put together in a way I could process and remember. This class was vital for me to understand all aspects of advocacy, how my organization fits in and just how big an impact advocacy can have on getting people fed."

Mark Lynch, participant in May 2018 course and advocate for the hungry

Changing the Systems 101: Ending Hunger

Truly ending hunger means changing its systems — Bread for the World, Indy Hunger Network and Women4Change Indiana are joining forces to present this class on changing the systems that impact hunger. The end of hunger is within our grasp! Everyone has a part to play, and hunger cannot be ended without our government playing its part. Hunger advocates can make a major difference by helping our elected officials understand how policies and priorities can help end hunger. In this course we'll explore the key skills and best practices needed in making systems change.

When and Where

Sunday, Sept. 8, 1-5 p.m. (check-in begins at 12:30 p.m.)

St. John's Episcopal Church, 600 Ferry St., Lafayette, Ind., 47901

Cost; \$10, payable at the door. Scholarships available

Light lunch and snacks will be available starting at 12:30 p.m.

Lead Facilitator

Dr. David Miner, past Board Chair, Bread for the World and Indy Hunger Network
Additional experts in hunger, its solutions, and systems change

Class Content

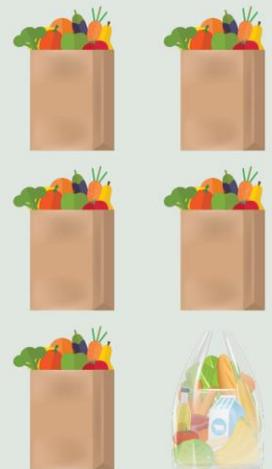
- Root causes, prevalence and impact of hunger
- Dramatic progress toward ending hunger
- Role of systems in hunger and poverty
- Practical skills for changing the systems
- Related issues vital to ending hunger, such as economic opportunity

Participants will have an opportunity to network with like-minded peers and put their new skills to work with support from experienced hunger advocates.

Questions? Contact Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org
or Becky Dick, beckydick.wl@gmail.com

To register, contact St. John's Episcopal Church, 765-742-4079

In Indiana,
5 of every **6** meals
for the hungry come from
federal programs like
**SNAP, WIC, &
School Lunches.**



1 meal comes
from **Churches
& Charities.**

Parish Work Day

Thursday, Aug. 8, noon-6 p.m.

After the renovation work last year, the Undercroft (the basement area under the church) was left in severe disarray. It has also been one of the places that old materials and equipment have been “stored” (or left to collect dust). On **Thursday, Aug. 8**, St. John’s folks are invited to come and help clean up the undercroft, remove decades of collected junk and organize the space. Feel free to drop in for a few hours anytime from noon to 6 p.m. and help a bit. Many hands make light work. We’ll have a light supper at the end. For more information, contact Kathy Johnson at squirrel75@hotmail.com. – *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@gmail.com*

Thank you!

Thank you to all who took part in the Offering of Letters May 19. Your taking time for this important work around hunger advocacy made a difference. From our state leadership: “Our Offering of Letters have been very successful! Nearly 4,000 letters were written by 40-plus congregations this year, and thus far we have Sen. Young and Reps. Brooks, Carson and Walorski as co-sponsors of the Global Nutrition resolution. Thanks you we are making the needs of hungry children matter to those in power. — Dave Miner

Another great Workship was held on Wednesday, June 19, at the Food Finders Warehouse. Once again, a lively group of St. John's members joined together for a few hours to sort meat and prepare it for distribution. Many hands made light work! A light meal was shared in the warehouse and we ended the evening with compline. Thanks to all. — *Becky Dick, beckydick.wl@gmail.com*

From the Vestry

The Vestry met on Wednesday, June 12, and discussed the following items:

- **The Rector's Auto Allowance** Since Bradley now lives in Indianapolis, the Vestry agreed to begin paying his "Rector Travel" line item quarterly. He will no longer submit mileage claims. The total allowance will remain \$2,000.
- **Youth Group** There was discussion about the incoming youth group. Bradley & Hilary believe that we need a staff member to work with the youth group. There was general discussion about how to locate someone who would focus energy into leading and further developing the youth ministry at St. John's. The conclusion was that Hilary and Bradley would reach out and gather some additional information and bring that to the August vestry meeting with a more defined proposal including a potential job description, anticipated costs and other plans.
- **Seminary Funding** The Vestry agreed to commit \$1,500 from the Seminarian Support Fund to Rebekah Sims and Carolin Frueh, who are currently preparing for Holy orders.
- The Vestry discussed the Parish Picnic, Vacation Bible School and Pentecost Sunday.
- **The Strawberry Booth** and next-day sales totaled about \$900-1,000 instead of the anticipated \$2,500. A storm interrupted sales during the 'Round the Fountain Art Fair.
- Bradley was pleased to announce that the **Capital Campaign** construction loan has been paid off
- **Audit Update** Bradley, Teresa, Bill McInerney and Katie Nielsen met with the new auditors.
- **Advocacy Committee Update** Family Promise participation went well in May. For the first time, St. John's participated in the Indy Pride Festival along with hundreds of Episcopalians from the Dioceses of Indianapolis and Northern Indiana.
- **Property/Maintenance Issues Update** We are receiving bids for dealing with the steeple and on-going water issues

May Financial Report

St. John's Financial Summary January through May 2019

INCOME		May-19	Total 2019	Annual Budget	% of Budget
1	Pledge Income	\$27,669.00	\$152,441.00	\$382,611.00	39.8%
2	Operating Income	\$3,625.00	\$19,051.00	\$79,725.87	23.9%
3	Non-Operating Income	\$388.00	\$6,421.00	\$8,000.00	80.3%
4	Transfer Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40,000.00	0.0%
TOTAL INCOME		\$31,682.00	\$177,913.00	\$510,336.87	34.9%
EXPENSES		Mar-19	Total 2019	Annual Budget	% of Budget
1	Outreach	\$5,873.00	\$40,408.00	\$85,362.70	47.3%
2	Program	\$2,567.00	\$12,776.00	\$25,000.00	51.1%
3	Administration	\$0.00	\$450.00	\$2,500.00	18.0%
4	Personnel	\$22,199.00	\$104,393.00	\$254,401.49	41.0%
5	Office	\$1,857.00	\$8,727.00	\$27,395.00	31.9%
6	Property	\$6,808.00	\$33,733.00	\$115,677.68	29.2%
7	Miscellaneous (Non-Budget)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	N/A
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$39,304.00	\$200,487.00	\$510,336.87	39.3%
Net Income (Loss)		-\$7,622.00	-\$22,574.00	\$0.00	N/A

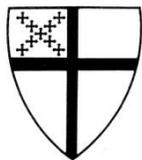
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Detailed description of these items are available for review from members of the Finance Committee.

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