



ST. JOHN'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
LAFAYETTE

# The Eagle

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## February Rector's Forums

The Rector's Forum takes place Sunday mornings between services from 9:15-10 a.m. in St. John's Commons. All are welcome. Grab a cup of coffee and join in the conversation.

**Feb. 10: Ms. Laurie Earnst, Executive Director of Family Promise of Greater Lafayette**

Family Promise of Greater Lafayette, Inc. provides shelter and services to local families in a housing crisis. Their goal is to provide short-term emergency shelter to families with children and to assist them in securing the resources they need to get back into housing and self-sufficiency.

**Feb. 17: Dr. Lata Krishnan, Alzheimer's Association, Greater Indiana Chapter**

The Alzheimer's Association Greater Indiana Chapter provides services in 73 Indiana counties. Indiana is home to 110,000 Hoosiers living with Alzheimer's disease and 338,000 unpaid Indiana caregivers. Their mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. Their vision is a world without Alzheimer's disease.

Dr. Krishnan is a professor in the Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences at Purdue University and is also a volunteer for the Alzheimer's Association of Greater Indiana

**Feb. 24: The Rev. Susan Brouillette, Lafayette Urban Ministry's Immigration Clinic**

The LUM Immigration Clinic helps individuals from other countries who are legally in the U.S.A. to navigate the often difficult and confusing Immigration and Naturalization Service bureaucracy.

Susan Brouillette is the director of the Immigration Clinic and an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. She will be our guest preacher that Sunday as well.

*For more information, please contact Bradley Pace at (765) 742-4079 or [bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org).*

## From the Rector

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The season after Epiphany is one of two “green and growing” seasons in the Church year — “Ordinary Time” as it’s called. It’s a time when the Church gathers around its mission to be the Church in the world — the tangible sign and means of God’s love and reconciliation.

As always, that means we have a lot of work to do as the Church, as the body of Christ. But whether our congregation grows or whether our ministries flourish is not entirely up to us. Paul tells the Corinthian Christians that their growth comes from God — “Neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth” (1 Corinthians 3.7). Our growth as Christians, our growth as disciples of Jesus, the numerical growth of our church, and the impact of our programs all depend on God making that growth a reality, on God working in and through us. This means that we work hard, but that we put our trust in God, on God’s never-failing love, on God’s promises.

Rowan Williams reminds us that when we say “We believe in God” in the Ancient creeds, the belief we claim “is so different from wish fulfillment and projection about some all-powerful character who can just do what he decides and get what he wants straight away.” Belief, he says, is “the discovery of what Abraham and Moses discovered, a God who never runs out of love and liberty ... God is to be trusted as we would trust a loving parent, whose commitment to us is inexhaustible, whose purposes for us are unfailingly generous; someone whose life is the source of our life, and who guarantees that there is always a home for us” (*Tokens of Trust*, p. 19).

Believing in God, having faith, means trusting that God hears our prayers even if we don’t always get exactly what we want. Believing in God, having faith, means trusting that God knows our hopes and dreams, that he shares in our joys and in our frustrations, that he is with us through thick and thin. Believing in God, having faith, means trusting that God will bless our ministry together, that will God will provide the growth.

As we enter this “green and growing” time in the life of the Church and our ministry at St. John’s, may we believe, have faith, trust that God’s blessing is ever with us. And may we be the sign of that blessing and the means by which God blesses our community and the world. — *Bradley Pace*, [bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org)

Mardi Gras/Shrove Sunday  
5-7 p.m. Sunday, March 3



## MARDI GRAS/ SHROVE SUNDAY

When Episcopalians get wild...  
they **EAT PANCAKES.**  
Come celebrate Shrove Tuesday  
**ON A SUNDAY**

Sunday, March 3rd  
from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

There will be activities for kids, a Mardi Gras parade  
and live jazz band, and **LOADS OF PANCAKES!**  
Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$13 for families of 3 or more,  
and kids under 5 eat free.

All are welcome!!!

For more information, contact  
Bill McInerney at [billmcinerney45@gmail.com](mailto:billmcinerney45@gmail.com)  
or call the church office at 765.742.4079.

Ash Wednesday

Noon, 4:30 and 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 6

Noon service at First Baptist Church, corner of Seventh and North streets. The 5:30 p.m. service will focus on teaching the traditions and meaning of Ash Wednesday to children and youth (including the imposition of ashes and Holy Eucharist with dinner following). The 7 p.m. service will be a traditional liturgy with the St. John's choir



A S H  
WEDNESDAY  
at ST. JOHN'S, LAFAYETTE  
MARCH 6TH

### TRADITIONAL SERVICES

@ 12:00 (noon) at First Baptist

This is a join service with  
Trinity UMC & First Baptist

@ 7:00 p.m. w/choir

### ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

@ 5:30 P.M. at St. John's

A kid-friendly worship service designed to  
explore the ancient Christian traditions of  
Ash Wednesday with children and youth.

Save the Date: Lenten Study

**5:30-7 p.m. Thursdays, beginning March 14**

For our Lenten study this year we'll be holding intergenerational Godly Play classes on Thursday evenings. We haven't worked out all the details yet, but hold March 14, 21, 28 and April 4 from 5:30-7 p.m. for these classes if you'd like to join us. — *Hilary Cooke, hilary@stjohns-laf.org*

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## New Free-form Evensong Service

A new weekday evening prayer service is forming at St. John's. Sunday liturgy has its own strength and beauty, but it is not the only form of prayer and service there is, and sometimes we long for a different form of service, spiritual exchange and prayer together in the midst of the regular work week.

As an answer, a new prayer service will be offered. In this new evening prayer service, no classical Evensong structure is assumed. The prayer is lay-led, contains Bible readings and songs, and shall open new ways of finding prayer and shared spirituality. The service is followed by a voluntary potluck fellowship that can allow for the exchange of the thoughts of the week.

The tentative day of the week for this service Wednesdays (subject to change, please still reach out if you are interested but Wednesdays are not convenient), aiming for a monthly to a bi-weekly schedule. If you are interested in becoming actively involved, or simply have questions or want to be kept up-to-date, send an inquiry. — *Carolin Frueh, carolin.frueh@gmail.com*

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February Book Group: *The Death and Life of the Great Lakes* by Dan Eagan

**7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, The Commons**

Please join us for a discussion of *The Death and Life of the Great Lakes*, published in 2017. Author Dan Eagan is a reporter for the *Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel* and has reported on the Great Lakes for many years. He is also a senior water policy fellow at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

The book's title is hardly cheerful, and, in fact, Eagan describes a great many serious ecological problems with the Great Lakes. However, he describes their history so well and with such thoughtfulness, deep feeling, and expertise that I ended up having some hope after all!

We have all been aware of major ecological and water level changes that have occurred, particularly in the lakes near Indiana. Eagan does a good job of explaining how these changes have happened and how the St Lawrence Seaway (opening in 1959) has had far reaching impacts — and that's only 60 years ago. Well within the lifetimes of many of us. And what has happened in the Great Lakes has affected many other areas in the U.S.

See what you think of the book and come to share your thoughts. — *Mary Campbell, mlauracampbell@gmail.com*

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## Deaths

Mary Louise Davis  
Dec. 28, 2018

Russel L. Gerlach  
Jan. 7, 2019  
Father of Cindy Gerlach

### Next Deadline for The Eagle

The deadline for the December Eagle is **Monday, Feb. 11**.  
Send submissions to  
[eagle@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:eagle@stjohns-laf.org).

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## From the Associate Rector: Continuing Education

I am delighted to share with you that I applied for, and have been accepted into, the Missional Leadership Program for Episcopal Clergy held at Luther Seminary. This program seeks to respond to what developers see as the two main challenges facing church leaders today: “a pluralistic culture that no longer supports Christian identity and practice; and leading faith communities through processes of learning, adaptation and innovation in mission.” The cohort is a “structured learning community that offers teaching, mentorship and accountability for church leaders in partnership with committed peers and faculty and staff.” The cohort is limited to 12 Episcopal clergy and we come from all over the U.S.A. Thanks to a generous grant from the Hamilton and Mildred Kellogg Charitable Trust, the only cost for me is the travel to and from Minneapolis for the three on-site gatherings.

While my first on-site class will be held in May 2019, I have already begun the work of studying, and there is much preparation for me to do before we gather for our first in-person meeting. Throughout the course of study, I expect to engage many of you in conversations about various aspects of St. John’s and the Greater Lafayette area as I explore our context of ministry. — *Hilary Cooke, [hilary@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:hilary@stjohns-laf.org)*

The St. John's Annual Meeting  
**Sunday, Feb. 3, following the 10:15 a.m. service**

The St. John's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, Feb. 3. There will be one service that Sunday at 10:15 a.m., followed by brunch. Please plan to attend and bring a dish to share. Look for sign-up sheets in St. John's commons. — *Bradley Pace, [bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org)*

February Lunchtime Concert:  
 Organist Robert Richter  
**12:10 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13**

The second Wednesday lunchtime concert series will feature Robert Richter on the organ. Robert is the Director of Music and Organist at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Carmel. He will be performing music of Bach along with the wonderful *Prélude et Danse Fuguée* by French composer Gaston Litaize. Robert studied organ at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music and Arizona State University. As always, a light lunch follows the concert. — *Michael Bennett, [michael@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:michael@stjohns-laf.org)*



Robert Richter

## December Financial Report

**FINANCE REPORT**  
**OPERATING BUDGET INCOME AND EXPENSE\***  
 As of December 31, 2018

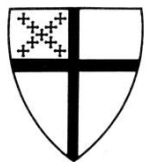
A. INCOME		Current Month	Total 2018	Annual Budget	% of Budget
1	Pledge Income	\$60,577.00	\$370,473.51	\$374,472.00	98.9%
2	Operating Income	\$35,501.00	\$90,369.41	\$73,152.43	123.5%
3	Non-Operating Income	\$2,449.67	\$28,222.04	\$32,000.00	88.2%
4	Transfer Income	\$0.00	\$34,942.14	\$40,000.00	87.4%
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>\$98,527.67</b>	<b>\$524,007.10</b>	<b>\$519,624.43</b>	<b>100.8%</b>
B. EXPENSES		Current Month	Total 2018	Annual Budget	% of Budget
1	Outreach	\$11,709.91	\$95,464.12	\$108,069.00	88.3%
2	Program	\$5,690.45	\$22,382.82	\$20,400.00	109.7%
3	Administration	\$0.00	\$1,946.65	\$2,500.00	77.9%
4	Personnel	\$20,668.47	\$245,460.67	\$247,319.48	99.2%
5	Office	\$4,194.34	\$26,948.90	\$27,395.00	98.4%
6	Property	\$8,332.42	\$108,604.99	\$113,940.95	95.3%
7	Miscellaneous (Non-Budget)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	N/A
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$50,595.59</b>	<b>\$500,808.15</b>	<b>\$519,624.43</b>	<b>96.4%</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>		<b>\$47,932.08</b>	<b>\$23,198.95</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.

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