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The Eagle

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2019 HOLY MOLY! Vacation Bible School: "Living Pentecost" 5-8 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, June 3-5

Each evening will include games, dinner, lessons from the Bible, craft time, and worship. Please register at www.stjohns-laf.org/vbs so that we can plan enough food, materials, and staff. There is no cost for this year's Vacation Bible School!

Fun

Each evening will include some time to just hang out and play. We have a great group of children and youth at St. John's and they enjoy being together. We'll give them the time and space to do just that.



The Bible

This year's theme centers around Pentecost, which takes place the Sunday after VBS, June 9. We will begin the week talking about the story of Philip and the Ethiopian found in Acts chapter 8. We will then learn about the story of Lydia, and finally, we will end with Pentecost. Each lesson includes a brief, funny video and reading, discussion time and a craft. After supper each evening, the kids will be divided by age for the lesson time. We are confident that your children and youth are going to love this program.

Worship

Our children and youth are very comfortable in church. They are at ease in all parts of the building and seem to be very much at home. We are so happy about this, and, as parents, we should feel good about fostering this comfort in our children and youth. However, worship in the Episcopal Church is not always easily accessible. So, we are going to teach our children and youth how we worship. During Bible School, we will walk through the worship service with the children and youth each evening, inviting them into our regular worship. Parents, grandparents and friends are invited to join us for worship each night at 7:30 pm.

For more information, contact Hilary Cooke at hilary@stjohns-laf.org;
Katie Elder at katie.elder1@stjohns-laf.org; or Katy Travis at sharing@stjohns-laf.org.
You can also contact the St. John's office at 765-742-4079.

From the Rector



This comic strip from Jay Sidebottom ought to feel familiar to those of you who are new to the Episcopal Church or who never learned all of the insider language. We have lots of it — theological, architectural, historical, etc. Insider language can build identity and a shared sense of history or purpose. But it can also alienate people. Insider language marks off boundaries. Those who know the language are a part of the club and those who don't are not.

This is certainly one way of understanding the Tower of Babel story. People are unable to accomplish their shared mission because they are unable to speak to one another. They are consumed, thwarted by their own private, insider, club languages. Here they are building a magnificent tower, a tower that will reach the very heavens, but then their languages become confused. They can't communicate. They can share their work.

How often does this happen in the Church? Look at the number of Christian denominations each with their own history, polity (a fancy word for church governance), their own theology and their own language. Look at the way Christians generally talk and act, separating themselves, cutting themselves off from the rest of the world. For centuries Christians have developed their own insider language, their own rules, their own secret handshakes, their own insider rituals. When Christianity was the only game in town — when we could effectively assume that everyone was Christian — this wasn't much of a problem.

But now it's deadly. If we do not learn to speak the language, if we can't get outside of our tribe, we will fail to live out our part of the Church's mission. There's nothing wrong with technical language and jargon as such. Suffragan Bishops, vergers, and thurifers have specific jobs just like CEOs, firefighters, and professors. Ambulatories and or cloisters are architectural features just like

foyers and hallways. But, if that language creates an environment or informs a theology that makes God look like the property of the insiders and excludes those who don't know the love of God in Christ, that is a serious failure.

The Church's mission — "to restore all people to unity with God and one another through Christ" — is not about insiders. It's about everyone. It's about restoring *all people* to unity with God and one another. This is what we see in the Pentecost story. When the Holy Spirit comes, the result is that everyone understands the Good News. When the Holy Spirit comes, everyone can hear in their own language. When the Holy Spirit comes, the love of God transcends technical language and jargon. When the Holy Spirit comes Babel is reversed. Peter himself recalls for us the words of the prophet Joel — when the Holy Spirit comes, "then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Not just the insiders. Not just the ones who know the language or the secret handshake. Not just the ones who know to meet in the narthex or the ones who know to follow the verger.

We often say that Pentecost is the birthday of the Church. If that is true, then it is an important reminder that when the Church is being the Church, it does not proclaim the Good News of God's love only to itself. The Good News of God's love for all of humanity is not an inside joke. The Good News of God's love is news that must be translated into every language, shared in every context, spoken by and to every generation. The Good News of God's love is for everyone who needs it. — *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*

Easter Photos

If you had your picture taken on Easter Sunday and would like a digital copy of the photograph, please email me. — *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*



Save the Dates

Summer 2019 at ST. JOHN'S LAFAYETTE

Summer Worship, June-August

9 a.m. Sundays, one service

St. John's will switch to the summer worship schedule in June. From June through August, there will be one service *most Sunday mornings at 9 a.m.*

The St. John's Church Picnic

Sunday, June 2

The St. John's church picnic will be **Sunday, June 2**, at Happy Hollow Park in West Lafayette. Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at **10:30 a.m.** followed by the picnic.

Please note: There will also be a 9 a.m. service at the church that day.

Pentecost Sunday

June 9

Pentecost is the day the Church celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit and the empowering of the Church's life and witness. Wear red to celebrate the fire of God's love and the mission of the Church. That Sunday, we will celebrate with ice cream sundaes after the **9 a.m. service!**

Workshop at Food Finders

5-7 p.m. Wednesday, June 19

If you were at Workshop last time, remember how fun it was? If you didn't make it last time, did you hear how great it was? This is a volunteer event for the whole family. There are jobs for everyone. We will begin with prayer and receive a little training from the Food Finders staff. After a couple hours of working, laughing and chatting together, we will end with a light meal. Look for an opportunity to sign up soon. (*See more on why you should volunteer on page 9.*)

Downtown Church Night at the Ballpark

Saturday, June 29

On **Saturday, June 29**, St. John's will join with some of the other downtown churches for a Night at the Ballpark to watch the Lafayette Aviators in action. Save the date and look for more information.

Worship in the Street

Sunday, June 30

On **Sunday, June 30, at 10 a.m.**, St. John's will join with members from other neighborhood churches for Worship in the Street. Each year, more than 200 people join in this wonderful service celebrating our shared ministry in Greater Lafayette. This year, we are planning a cookout after the service. Come and let us join our sisters and brothers in worship!

Please note: There will also be a 9 a.m. service at the church that day.

Be the Church Wherever You Go

This is our summer *Eagle*, which means that many of you will be traveling, going to camp, taking vacations, and the like, over the next several months. Some of you may be moving away. Please know that our prayers go with you. My family will spend most of the summer getting settled into our new home on the northwest side of Indianapolis. I will be working on my commuting skills.

After Pentecost Sunday, we begin “the season after Pentecost” or what is also called in church parlance, Ordinary Time. At St. John’s at least, church activities quiet down for a bit. Do remember, however, that even if you are away from the St. John’s community for most of the summer, God goes with you. Not only that, but you will almost certainly encounter the needs of the world and an opportunity to live out the Church’s mission wherever you go. You can find God and opportunities to serve God anywhere. That means that you and I can be the Church anywhere we go. Too often, we get stuck thinking that our church building is the only sacred space or that we can only meet God there. We can get stuck thinking that “church” is something we do “in church,” that we can only *be* the Church there. But God is everywhere. And that means we can find God anywhere, we can serve God anywhere, and we can be the Church anywhere and everywhere.

Wherever you go, there you are. And wherever you go, there God is. The Church is much bigger than the four walls of our building. The bonds of our affection — our fellowship and community — go with us as we leave our worship services. God’s grace stays with us as we drive home in our cars. Christ is Lord and Savior whether you are in a church building or walking down the street, at work or on vacation. The Holy Spirit goes with you at camp, on research trips, and everywhere in between. Keep that in mind. And remember that the people you see and the places you go are also sacred because God is in them as well. Even if you are away, look to serve God. Continue to be the Church wherever you find yourself this summer. May you know God’s presence in your work, in your rest, and in your play. May you have a happy, safe, relaxing summer. And may you look to serve God wherever you go.

Free-form worship service will break for the summer

The free-form evening prayer group will not meet during Purdue's summer break. We will resume twice-monthly evening prayer & potluck in when the new school year begins. — *Carolin Frueh, carolin.frueh@gmail.com and Rebekah Sims, rebekah.e.sims@gmail.com*

Prayer Thank You

Every week our parish prays for folks within our congregation as well as outside. Howard and Anne are some of those people, and I am grateful that my church community includes them in the prayers. Howard is my dad and he suffered critical complications from a surgery, complications that initiated talk about funeral plans. Thankfully, he survived, but the road has been tough these past several months. My mom, Anne, has been by his side every day, and the stress she has been under has been significant. She has now become my family's center of attention as we help her care for herself. Thank you, St John's, for your positive thoughts, words of encouragement, and prayers. — *Ashley Bigelow, ahbigelow@yahoo.com*

With Gratitude

As I sit to write this article we have just recognized our Godly Play and Youth Group teachers and honored the children who are moving from one classroom to the next. It is one of my deepest pleasures to spend time with the children and youth of St. John's, and I am incredibly grateful for all the older youth and adults who give so freely of their time to help form our youngest members in their Christian faith.

Godly Play and the Sunday morning middle school are sort of hidden out of the way on the second floor of the church, but I promise you: intense theological study happens every week! Those helping in Godly Play include: Darby Bigelow, Greg Buzzard, Becky Dick, Katie Elder, Gayle Ennis, Heidi Kauffman, Sarah Kurtz, George Moore, Nate Mosier, Frances Shook, Harry Shook and Rebekah Sims. Our middle school class is capably led by: Ashley Bigelow, Julie Peretin, Tim Smith, Kyle Tribbett and Emily Umulis.

Rebekah Sims and Tim Smith do double duty, also helping with the youth group. This year we have also welcomed Ben and Cathleen McCartney, who have been a delightful addition to the leadership team. Thanks to all of you!

We are always looking for more leadership assistance with all of our formation for children and youth, so if you have a special interest in this area, please speak with Hilary or Bradley. — *Hilary Cooke, hilary@stjohns-laf.org*

Moving Up

As we come to the close of the school, I'd like to recognize the children moving from classroom to another. The children moving from the younger Godly Play room (age 3-first grade) to the older room are: Edward Mascarenhas, Paige Ravellette, Evie Schreiber and Lillian Umulis. The children moving from the older Godly Play class to the middle school class are: Ezra Buzzard-Cooke, Josh Byrn, Thomas Chandler, Noah Douglas and Braden Mosier. Congratulations to you all! — *Hilary Cooke, hilary@stjohns-laf.org*

Congratulations to Our Graduates

On Sunday, May 19, we honored those from St. John's, as well as our family and friends, who were recently graduated. Congratulations to:

Darby Anne Bigelow — West Lafayette High School (Darby Anne will be attending the University of Kentucky in the fall)

Colleen Deignan — Herron School of Art & Design

Elizabeth Dillard — Birmingham-Southern College (Elizabeth is Bill and Olynn McInerney's granddaughter and will be attending the University of Kansas in the fall)

Sam Dillard — Indian Springs School (Sam is Bill and Olynn McInerney's grandson and will be attending the University of Alabama at Birmingham in the fall)

Emily Flandermeyer — Butler University (Emily is the granddaughter of Jim & Shirley Marciniak)

Emily Howland — B.A. from Ball State University (Emily is the granddaughter of Marylin Howland-Ross)

Heidi Kauffman — MHA in Master of Health Administration from IUPUI

Katelyn McInerney — Mountain Brook High School (Katelyn is Bill and Olynn McInerney's granddaughter and will be attending N.C. State University in the fall)

Gabe Mason — Lafayette Jefferson High School (Gabe will be attending Purdue University in the fall)

Thomas Melville — M.A. in Mass Communication from South Dakota State University

Sam Roberts — Pharm.D. from Purdue University (Sam is the grandson of Jo & Paul Roberts)

Frances Shook — West Lafayette High School (Frances will be attending Drake University in the fall)

Harry Shook — West Lafayette High School (Harry will be attending Colgate University in the fall)

Ashlyn Short — Lafayette Jefferson High School (Ashlyn is Sharon Evander's granddaughter and will be attending Clemson University in the fall)

McKaylee Slagel — B.A. from Butler University (McKaylee is Bob & Helen Slagel's granddaughter)

Tim Smith — Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics from Purdue University

Shelby Vance — B.S. in Biology from Purdue University

Hannah Zentner — B.S. in Computer Science from Purdue University

Pastoral Care at St. John's

Last month I asked for reminders about folks who may have “fallen through the cracks.” This month, I want to invite you to join the other pastoral care volunteers at St. John's. We have a dedicated team of Lay Eucharistic Visitors, but we could always use more. Along with the clergy, LEVs visit folks in the hospital and those who are homebound for an extended period of time. We take communion to them, share news about St. John's and the community and share and God's love with them.

If you are interested, please contact the church office. — *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*

St. John's Shares: Indy Pride Saturday, June 8

The Indy Pride Festival is set for Saturday, June 8. This year, for the first time, the Diocese of Northern Indiana will join the Diocese of Indianapolis in the parade and help us at the booth. Come join in this new collaboration among Episcopalians from across the state.

Schedule of events:

- 9 a.m. Prayer Service at Chatham Commons Park
- 10 a.m. Parade
- 11 a.m.- 5 p.m. Diocesan Booth

“We need eager Episcopalians who are excited to share the Good News of God's unconditional love with the fabulous people who attend Pride,” says the Rev. Erin Houglund, who is organizing the diocesan presence. “It's become a huge opportunity for us to put ourselves out there at this event that continues to grow in size every year. We Episcopalians have a unique gift to offer: an inclusive and open faith community rooted in beautiful liturgy and tradition. And we need the fabulous Episcopalians in our diocese to make this happen.”

If you are able to volunteer at the diocesan booth, please contact Erinna VanDever at vandever@indydio.org to sign up for a booth time. You can contact Bradley at bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org if you're interested in joining St. John's group.

Watch for more information about taking part in Indy Pride. — *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*

I'm volunteering at Food Finders — will you join me?

I miss volunteering at our St. John's food pantry. I enjoyed meeting the people who would come in looking for what could help feed their families. They were always thankful, mostly cheerful, always tired and stretched. Where are these people now? Most likely they are at the J.P. Lysak Food Pantry, known to most as Food Finders food pantry. I decided to find out more about the pantry, so I took a tour. What a busy place! The pantry serves 300-plus clients a day! It services so many food-insecure people. At the same time, the pantry offers educational classes and guidance with resource assistance.

Food Finder Food Pantry and Resource center needs volunteers! Each shift in the pantry takes six-seven volunteers to be fully staffed. Volunteers work for two-three hour shifts. Like St. John's pantry, the jobs generally entail greeting and checking people in and out of the shopping areas and restocking shelves. There is also help needed in the sorting room. The volunteers in the sorting room can be as young as 9 years old; pantry volunteers must be 16 and older.

I plan to reconnect with some of the people I miss by signing up to volunteer at Food Finders. I can make this a weekly, monthly or occasional commitment. Sign-up is easy by going to the website, food-finders.org, or by calling 765-471-0062.

Will you join me in carrying St. John's mission outside the church walls? I promise you will meet good folks! — *Becky Dick, bekydick.wl@gmail.com*

See page 4 for more information on Workship at Food finders, 5-7 p.m., June 19

April Financial Report

St. John's Financial Summary

INCOME		Apr-19	Total 2019	Annual Budget	% of Budget
1	Pledge Income	\$26,028.00	\$124,922.68	\$382,611.00	32.7%
2	Operating Income	\$5,447.45	\$15,419.59	\$79,725.87	19.3%
3	Non-Operating Income	\$12.00	\$6,033.01	\$8,000.00	75.4%
4	Transfer Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40,000.00	0.0%
TOTAL INCOME		\$31,487.45	\$146,375.28	\$510,336.87	28.7%
EXPENSES		Mar-19	Total 2019	Annual Budget	% of Budget
1	Outreach	\$11,111.76	\$33,440.01	\$85,362.70	39.2%
2	Program	\$4,111.09	\$9,894.57	\$25,000.00	39.6%
3	Administration	\$100.00	\$450.10	\$2,500.00	18.0%
4	Personnel	\$20,477.90	\$82,161.51	\$254,401.49	32.3%
5	Office	\$1,723.74	\$6,777.70	\$27,395.00	24.7%
6	Property	\$9,325.01	\$26,924.23	\$115,677.68	23.3%
7	Miscellaneous (Non-Budget)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	N/A
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$46,849.50	\$159,648.12	\$510,336.87	31.3%
Net Income (Loss)		-\$15,362.05	-\$13,272.84	\$0.00	N/A

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.

Deaths

Ailbe Burke
Husband of Nancy Burke
March 19, 2019

Shirley Curry
May 4, 2019

Next Deadline for The Eagle

The deadline for the December Eagle is **Monday, July 8**.
Send submissions to eagle@stjohns-laf.org.

From the Vestry: April and May updates

From the April Meeting

At the April meeting, the Vestry discussed:

- The closing of the St. John's/LUM Food Pantry & the celebration of the ministry
- The new "Protein Pantry" opened by LUM
- The ongoing work of the St. John's Advocacy Committee
 - St. John's was awarded a grant of \$5,680 to help fund the new speaker's program in partnership with Food Finders.
 - St. John's will partner with Family Promise May 13-19.
 - Indy Pride will be on June 8.
 - Members of the Advocacy Committee are working on a communications plan for our new Sharing Ministries.
- The Vestry, the Finance Committee and the Investment Committee are working on a plan for St. John's investments and for our use of endowment income. A task force will be created soon.
- Ongoing issues with chemical sensitivity in the church.

From the May Meeting

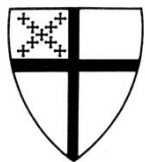
At the May meeting, the Vestry discussed:

- The Holy Week & Easter services. There was a consensus that the services were beautiful and meaningful. Attendance for Easter this year was the largest in more than 15 years. Bradley thanks everyone for their help.
- The ongoing work of the St. John's Advocacy Committee
 - There will be an offering of letters on Sunday, May 19. It will be sponsored by Bread for the World.
 - Food finders Workshop on Wednesday, June 19, from 5-7 p.m.
 - There will be a Hunger 101 event led by Bread for the World on Sunday, Sept. 8, from 5-8 p.m. at St. John's. This will be open to the community.
- Bradley, Hilary and others are meeting with representatives from Food Finders to continue work on the speaker's program.
- The pilgrimage to Brasilia will be July 1-9. Seven members of St. John's will be going on the trip. The Vestry approved using some money from the lay training fund to offset the cost of the trip.
- St. John's has received bids for a new auditor and considered the proposals.
- Building Services continues to address leaks in the bell tower, south wall and vestibule. The vestry approved their work and a bid to paint the south wall and bell tower this spring/summer. Building Services is also investigating the discoloration of the steeple and rust on the bell tower. The Vestry also discussed updating the security system in the near future.

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