



ST. JOHN'S  
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# The Eagle

St. John's Episcopal Church | Lafayette, Ind. | March 2021

## Thank You for Your Ministry

At the Annual Meeting on Feb. 7, we presented Ginny Hull, Bob and Carol L'Homme, and Carl Taylor with the St. John's Eagle Award. As I said in my remarks, I often think of the Eagle Award as a kind of lifetime achievement award for service to our church community. In each case, that was true for this year's recipients.

**Ginny Hull** has served St. John's in many different ways for many different years. Most of what she does is behind the scenes — helping in the office, folding the *Eagle* newsletter or staging a lovely reception after a funeral.

**Bob and Carol L'Homme** have enriched our community in the 16 years that they have been with us. **Bob** was a trusted mentor, friend and colleague to me, and I am sure that many of you were blessed by his preaching and presence. **Carol** has shared her talents with us in the choir, in her hospitality and by the intensity of her friendship.

**Carl Taylor** has served St. John's on the Vestry, as Junior Warden and in numerous other ways. What is perhaps most important and yet unnoticed is the conscientious and understated way he serves. Carl and his partner, Mike Benner, regularly help decorate the church for feasts and festivals, offering incredible hospitality. Carl



**Bradley Pace and Carol L'Homme, Eagle Award recipient.**

also shows up to care for the St. John's Memorial Garden and grounds — he does this without being asked or, as is too often the case, without being acknowledged. During the pandemic, he has regularly stopped by to tidy up, trim or pick up trash.

I am grateful for Bob's example, his friendship and his care over the years. I am also grateful to Ginny, Carol and Carl for all the ways they contribute to the life of our church community. — *Bradley Pace, [bradleypace@stjohnslaf.org](mailto:bradleypace@stjohnslaf.org)*

## Save the Dates: Holy Week and Easter at St. John's

Holy Week and Easter form the foundation of our Christian life and worship. It is important that we join with our Christian family here at St. John's and throughout the world and attend the services that make up the Triduum: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Great Vigil of Easter.

- **Palm Sunday** March 28, Service times TBD
- **Maundy Thursday** April 1, 7 p.m. via Zoom
- **Good Friday** April 2, 7 p.m. via Zoom
- **Easter Sunday** April 4, Service times TBD

- **Holy Saturday** April 3, 10 a.m. via Zoom
- **The Great Vigil of Easter** Saturday, April 3, 8 p.m.  
*\*\*This is an in-person service and will be held in the yard at Trinity UMC across from St. John's.*

For more information, contact the church office. May God continue to bless you in your Lenten journey, and may God bring you with joy to the resurrection of his Christ.

## ***The Rite of Reconciliation***

The Book of Common Prayer reminds us that “The ministry of reconciliation, which has been committed by Christ to his Church, is exercised through the care each Christian has for others, through the common prayer of Christians assembled for public worship and through the priesthood of Christ and his ministers declaring absolution.” The Rite of the Reconciliation of a Penitent (also known as “confession” in some traditions) is available for all who desire it and is not restricted to any particular time or season. However, because the season of Lent — which begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17 — is a time specifically dedicated as a time of self-reflection and penitence, it is an especially appropriate time to seek reconciliation with God, one another and with ourselves. While the Anglican approach to the rite of reconciliation has always been “all may, some should, none must,” it can be a powerful reminder that, despite our failings, we are forgiven and loved by God. If you would like to receive the sacrament of reconciliation, please contact the church at 765-742-4079 and ask to speak with a member of the clergy. — *Bradley Pace, bradley-pace@stjohnslaf.org or Andrea Arsene, andrea@stjohns-laf.org*

### ***Dwelling in the Word Bible Study Continues during Lent***

**7 p.m. Tuesdays**

**10 a.m. Wednesdays**

Father Bradley and Mother Andrea are offering a brief Bible Study on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. and Thursdays at 10 a.m. each week during Lent. Join us via Zoom.

**Tuesday meeting link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84296579695?pwd=c3J6N0VJZHgxZ05VMzIIRjI0SzRxQT09>

**Wednesday meeting link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89917917121?pwd=TVhNclpHaWpVbUQ1bXV1dWtNWEG-zdz09>

## ***Holy Hike***

**1 p.m. Saturday, March 13**

**McAllister Park, 2400 N. Ninth St., Lafayette**

Good Shepherd and St. John's will co-host a Holy Hike at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 13. We'll meet at McAllister Park, 2400 N. Ninth Street, Lafayette.

There are two entrances — one with a small parking lot and one with a large parking lot. Please use the larger parking lot, which is the northern entrance off Ninth Street. (If you see picnic tables, you've gone in the wrong entrance.) We'll walk a winding two-mile loop with several opportunities for prayer along the way. You can read more about Holy Hikes here: <https://holyhikes.org/>. Watch the IndyDio newsletter for information about monthly Holy Hikes hosted by parishes across the Diocese. —*Rebekah Sims, rebekah.e.sims@gmail.com*

## ***A Note from Rebekah Sims***

Dear St. John's Family:

Thank you for supporting me through discernment, formation and ordination as a vocational deacon. It has been wonderful to journey through this special phase of life with the support of the parish community. Ordination on Jan 9 was a joyous (and thoroughly masked) occasion! It meant a lot to me to see the comments and "likes" from St. John's folks on the virtual stream.

I wanted to update you on what's next for me. The Bishop has appointed me to serve at Good Shepherd as their deacon until I finish my PhD. I defended my dissertation on Feb 1, and I will graduate in May.

I miss you all already, but I am looking forward to many collaborative activities between St. John's and Good Shepherd this spring. — *Rebekah Sims, rebekah.e.sims@gmail.com*

## ***What Have You Lost? An Invitation from the Rector***

For virtually every one of us, the past year has been filled with losses big and small. We have lost loved ones and friends. We have lost jobs. We have not been able to attend school in person or go to church. We had to cancel trips and graduations. We haven't been able to sing together in public. We haven't seen our parents or our grandchildren or our friends. Many of us are struggling with addiction and mental health crises. Many of us are lonely.

Lament is a crucial part of grieving — acknowledging loss and seeing it for what it truly is. Over the next several weeks, I would like to offer you space to lament. I invite you to go to [www.stjohns-laf.org/lost](http://www.stjohns-laf.org/lost) and to write what you have lost (with as much or as little detail as you like). Posts can be completely anonymous or you can add your name and email address. Along with posts from members and friends of St. John's, we will be reaching out to the wider community inviting them to participate with us. Together, we will offer our pain and grief to God.

If you would prefer not to use the website, feel free to send a card to the church or you can email or call me directly. — *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohnslaf.org*



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Deadline for the April Eagle is  
**Monday, March 8.** Submit items to  
eagle@stjohns-laf.org.

**St. John's Financial Summary January 2021**

**INCOME**

|                      | Jan-21          | Total 2021      | Annual Budget    | % of Budget |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------|
| Pledge Income        | \$37,350        | \$37,350        | \$391,080        | 9.6%        |
| Operating Income     | \$1,281         | \$1,281         | \$91,101         | 1.4%        |
| Non-Operating Income | \$3,101         | \$3,101         | \$51,270         | 6.0%        |
| Transfer Income      | \$0             | \$0             | \$0              |             |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>  | <b>\$41,732</b> | <b>\$41,732</b> | <b>\$533,451</b> | <b>7.8%</b> |

**EXPENSES**

|                          | Jan-21          | Total 2021      | Annual Budget    | % of Budget |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------|
| Outreach                 | \$5,608         | \$5,608         | \$91,998         | 6.1%        |
| Program                  | \$384           | \$384           | \$13,650         | 2.8%        |
| Administration           | \$800           | \$800           | \$4,400          | 18.2%       |
| Personnel                | \$23,671        | \$23,671        | \$312,519        | 7.6%        |
| Office                   | \$1,103         | \$1,103         | \$23,950         | 4.6%        |
| Property                 | \$4,237         | \$4,237         | \$86,935         | 4.9%        |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>    | <b>\$35,803</b> | <b>\$35,803</b> | <b>\$533,451</b> | <b>6.7%</b> |
| <b>Net Income (Loss)</b> | <b>\$5,929</b>  | <b>\$5,929</b>  | <b>\$0</b>       |             |

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