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Bishop Jennifer will visit St. John's this month



Sunday, Sept. 19

Bishop Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows will be at St. John's on Sunday, Sept. 19. Please look for more information coming soon. — *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*

Hunger Hike 2021

Sunday, Sept. 19

This year's Hunger Hike will take place on **Sunday, Sept. 19**. The in-person hike will begin at Riehle Plaza in Lafayette. Enjoy live music, food trucks, Zumba and the traditional 3K walk along the Wabash. The goal for this year's Hunger Hike is \$100,000. At St. John's, we hope to raise \$2,000 in support of Lafayette Urban Ministry (LUM), Food Finders Food Bank, and the St. Thomas Aquinas Haiti project. Go to <https://www.hungerhike.org/> and donate to the "St. John's Episcopal Church, Lafayette" team page.

Also this year, Hunger Hike will begin with a virtual **Challenge Week**. From **Sept. 12-19**, LUM encourages everyone to set a personal challenge — walk 50,000 steps or more, run a mini-marathon, go on a fast, take the SNAP Challenge — and share it with your supporters. — *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*

Picnic & Worship for Families with Youth and Young Children

5:30-7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12

Happy Hollow Park, West Lafayette

Families with youth & children of all ages are invited to a picnic and worship service on **Sunday, Sept. 12 at 5:30 p.m. at Happy Hollow Park**. We will meet at Shelter No. 1, share a meal (sandwiches, etc. provided), and worship together. Mark your calendars for Sunday, Oct. 10 as well. — *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*

From the Rector

Archbishop of Canterbury William Temple once argued that a Christian, speaking as a Christian, is in no position to say whether or not a particular bridge is structurally sound. That's the purview of the bridge builders — the structural engineers. Temple went on to say that the Christian is in a position to say on Christian moral grounds that a particular bridge ought to be built as safely as possible (or that it should be built where it will help the most vulnerable members of society or do the least damage to the environment).

As we continue to live with the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic, I am profoundly grateful for the scientists and researchers who have produced several effective vaccines, all in record time. Thinking of Temple's comments, as a Christian, I recognize that I am not in a position to comment on the virulence of a given coronavirus variant or to judge the efficacy of a particular vaccine. We have experts for that sort of thing — epidemiologists, virologists and other researchers. But as a Christian, and particularly as the leader of a Christian community, I can say that we have a moral duty to do our part, and in this case, given what the experts have told us, getting the vaccine is the best way to protect ourselves and one another. And while the CDC has sent mixed signals about the need for vaccinated persons to wear masks, there is evidence that we can spread COVID-19 (especially the

Delta variant). Since there are always likely to be unvaccinated folks around, wearing masks is also a way to protect those who are vulnerable. As Paul wrote to the Church in Philippi, "let each one of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interest of others." This is, after all, what it means to love our neighbor as ourselves. (As always, things are more complicated than they may seem. It's important the vaccines be made available to other countries, for instance, both to avoid new variants that will affect us and for the sake of the people living in them. Because vaccine supplies are limited, this complicates conversations about vaccinating children or making booster shots available.)

One thing that we are learning is that low vaccination rates aren't simply about ignorance or obstinance. While there may be some of that, there are many barriers to people getting vaccinated (see Bryce Covert's recent article, "No, the Unvaccinated Aren't All Just Being Difficult" in the New York Times, for instance). But as the Delta variant surges in our community, our best hope is to make sure as many people are vaccinated as possible. I urge you, if you haven't gotten your shots yet, please do so as soon as possible. St. John's will be working with the local health department and our partner churches to encourage and help our neighbors get vaccinated. After all, it's the right thing to do for all of us. — *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*

That You May Be In Good Health

Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, just as it is well with your soul. — III John 2

Greetings, Beloved Ones! In this series, we have looked at the importance of regular consumption of water and the importance of deep breathing. We have looked at methods of flavoring water to enhance its taste, and the use of color to remind us to take deep breaths throughout the day. I still need to do a little more of both. What about you?

This month, many of us are preparing for children and adults to return to school. How different from last year when most classes involved remote learning. But we have not returned to the pattern of pre-pandemic years with their certainty as we negotiate the constant changes related to the continuing ravages of COVID-19.

The routine we hoped to have by now has not been met, leaving our lives and emotions in a constant state of flux. With so much out of our control, we live with plan A & plan B, knowing that it can all change in an instant. Beginning or resuming a plan of physical activity can seem pointless, before the Summer Olympics even fade from our memory.

But the Olympics provided some wonderful surprises. Alessandra Perilli won the first Olympic medal ever for her country of San Marino. Flora Duffy of Bermuda and Hidilyn Diaz of the Philippines won their respective countries' first gold medals and stunned the world. Sunisa Lee continued the U.S. trend of winning gold in the women's gymnastics all-around and elevated awareness about the heroics of the Hmong community. They all trained in hope. And they succeeded without the cheering crowds and normal conditions.

So, this month, let's focus on physical activity. The Mayo clinic recommends 150 minutes of moderate aerobic activity or 75 minutes of vigorous aerobic activity each week. That can be 30 minutes five days a week of swimming, mowing the lawn, golf or taking a brisk walk. It could also be 25 minutes three days a week of running, basketball or dancing. Even just getting up between Internet programs or Zoom meetings and walking the stairs is a good start.

At some point, our hopes will be realized and we will fully embrace the life we long for. Let's be ready and strong when it comes!

Disclaimer: None of this information should be construed as medical advice. Please always check with your health care provider for what is best for you. — *Andrea Arsene, andrea@stjohns-laf.org*

Anniversary Organ Concert Richard Elliott, Mormon Tabernacle Principal Organist 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10

Mormon Tabernacle Choir Principal Organist Richard Elliott will be performing the inaugural Anniversary Organ Concert on our Quimby organ. Originally scheduled for April 2020 (one year after the organ dedication), Elliott will finally be coming to Lafayette. He has been at the Tabernacle for 30 years and is the senior organist of the five on staff. The concert is free; a limited number of tickets are available.

To reserve a free ticket, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/anniversary-organ-concert-tickets-166703114503>. — *Michael Bennett, michael@stjohns-laf.org*



Worshipping, Sharing, Making Christ Known: Ways to Serve at St. John's

Are you looking for a way to get involved, a way to serve the people and ministries of St. John's? Below, you can find several ways to contribute to our common life as we worship, share God's love, and make Christ known together. This is not an exhaustive list, to be sure, and some of the ministries are not functioning at full capacity because of the pandemic. But if you are interested in becoming more involved, please contact Bradley Pace at bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org or one of the other clergy, Michael Bennett (choir) at michael@stjohns-laf.org, or Teresa Lohrman (administrative) at teresa@stjohns-laf.org.

Readers, Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers, MCs, & Ushers

Because of COVID precautions, we continue to worship with a "skeleton" crew of readers, acolytes and the like. But our liturgy (the pattern of our worship) is meant to be the work of the whole community. You are encouraged to contribute as a reader, as an acolyte (adults and youth fifth grade and up), a Eucharistic Minister (to help serve communion to the gathered community), as an MC (an assistant to the clergy), or as an usher.

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild helps prepare the worship space for Sunday services. This ministry harkens back to the women and men who prepared the Upper Room for the Last Supper and who continued setting the table as the Church gathered in the name of our Lord.

Choir

The old saying reminds us that "whoever sings, prays twice." St. John's has a long tradition of beautiful choral music in support of our worship.

Godly Play, Middle School Formation & Youth Group

Volunteers help lead our Christian Formation programs for children and youth. Godly Play is a Montessori-based program that teaches Bible stories to children from 3

years through the fifth grade. The middle school class discusses difficult questions of faith in a safe and engaging environment. The St. John's Youth Group meets regularly for fun, formation and worship.

Senior Food Program, Family Promise & Jubilee Christmas

In addition to loads of other opportunities to serve the Greater Lafayette Community, St. John's delivers food to residents of the Fowler Apartments on the second Friday of each month from 12:30 to 2 p.m. St. John's also provides meals to the residents of the Family Promise House several times each year and provides Christmas gifts and other items to families through Lafayette urban Ministry's Jubilee Christmas program.

Coffee Hour

One of the most important ways St. John's members gather and connect is during coffee hour after services. If you enjoy hospitality, this ministry may be for you.

Property & Garden Committees

The Property & Garden Committees are working groups that take care of projects around the building or in the Memorial Garden and grounds. If you're handy or have a green thumb, this could be a ministry for you.

Administrative Help & Office Assistance

Teresa Lohrman is our very capable Parish Administrator, but the workload keeps her very busy. There are several tasks such as counting the weekly offering, data entry and occasional mailings that require additional help.

Parish Treasurer

St. John's follows best practices for churches and not-for-profits in order to maintain transparency and accountability. The parish treasurer helps Teresa pay bills and keep the parish on a firm financial footing.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Join Us!

1 p.m. first and third Mondays, in the Commons

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is coming back to life for its 12th year! We are meeting on the **first and third Mondays of each month** (except for holidays) at 1 p.m. in the Commons. We meet to share our ministry, bless completed shawls, and pray for those who will receive a shawl. We would like to share this ministry with anyone who would like to join us.

If you are unable to join us in person, you are most welcome to knit/crochet at home and bring your gift to the group for blessing and distribution.

We welcome others to join us. It is a most fulfilling

way to help those who need a reminder that God loves them and wraps His love around them in the physical gift of a shawl. If you would like to join us, please come on a Monday afternoon and share your time and gifts with us.

We also wish to remind the congregation that we do have a number of shawls finished and ready to be given away. If you, or someone you know, would like a shawl, please let one of the knitters or the clergy know, and you will be able to take one with you. Please leave a note with your name, the name of the recipient, and the date you take the shawl so we can keep our records updated. The shawls are there for anyone to have; there is no “right” reason or purpose. — *Linda Jeffries for the Prayer Shawl Knitters/Crocheters, grammiephive1323@gmail.com*

A Blessing for our Students, Teachers and School Staff

God of Wisdom, we give you thanks for schools and classrooms and for the teachers and students who fill them each day. We thank you for new beginnings, for new books and new ideas. We thank you for sharpened pencils, pointy crayons and crisp blank pages waiting to be filled. We thank you for the gift of making mistakes and trying again. Help us to remember that asking the right questions is often as important as giving the right answers. We give you thanks for your children and ask you to bless them with curiosity, understanding and respect. May their backpacks be a sign to them that they have everything they need to learn and grow this year in school and in Sunday School. May they be guided by your love. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, who as a child in the temple showed his longing to learn about



you, and as an adult taught by story and example your great love for us. Amen.

May God grant each student, teacher, and school staff member a wonderful year of learning and teaching. — *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*

The Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis Call to Convention

9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13

Local health conditions permitting, the 184th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis will be held on **Saturday, Nov. 13** at the Embassy Suites in Plainfield from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern. Hotel accommodations will be available for the night of Nov. 12. The Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis hosts its annual convention in the fall of each year to elect officers, consider legislation, hear reports from committees and commissions, participate in learning opportunities, enjoy fellowship and gather for the Convention Eucharist.

Learn more at <https://indydio.org/church-resources/diocesan-convention/2021-diocesan-convention/>.



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Deadline for the September Eagle is
Monday, Sept. 13 Submit items to
 eagle@stjohns-laf.org.

St. John's Financial Summary July 2021

INCOME	Jul-21	Total 2021	Annual Budget	% of Budget
	Pledge Income	\$28,006	\$215,300	\$391,080
Operating Income	\$16,869	\$44,194	\$91,101	48.5%
Non-Operating Income	\$3,101	\$21,706	\$51,270	42.3%
Transfer Income	\$8,200	\$8,500	\$0	
TOTAL INCOME	\$56,176	\$289,700	\$533,451	54.3%
EXPENSES	Jul-21	Total 2021	Annual Budget	% of Budget
	Outreach	\$5,851	\$45,746	\$91,998
Program	\$734	\$4,511	\$13,650	33.0%
Administration	\$0	\$868	\$4,400	19.7%
Personnel	\$24,212	\$169,761	\$312,519	54.3%
Office	\$2,316	\$8,727	\$23,950	36.4%
Property	\$13,870	\$51,297	\$86,935	59.0%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$46,983	\$280,910	\$533,451	52.7%
Net Income (Loss)	\$9,193	\$8,790	\$0	

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