



The Eagle

April 2014

Book Discussion

By Mary Campbell

By a happy coincidence, our annual celebration of National Poetry month falls on the birthday of one of the greatest poets of all time—William Shakespeare (April 23 1564).

Our usual format for National Poetry Month is to bring poems to share—a new poem we have discovered or a long-time favorite. We will do that again—it is consistently a lively, fun, and meaningful evening.

This time, in addition, let's pay some attention to Shakespeare. Do you have favorite poem? Lines from a play? Please bring them to share. (Might someone act out a soliloquy?) What experiences of attending productions of his plays could you share? How were you introduced to Shakespeare? Did your high school teacher force-feed Julius Caesar and ruin Shakespeare forever? Or, we hope, you have happier stories to tell.

Please join us on April 23 at 6:30 in the Commons. Enter through the garden.

Martin Luther King Celebration

By Maggie McClure

Martin Luther King's life and ministry will be celebrated at a Community Prayer Service on Friday, April 4 at 5:30. April 4, the day of his death, is his feast day—and what a better way to honor him than to join members of our community in prayer, scripture, and song? Activities and snacks for children will be available. A reception will follow and a dream wall will be waiting for contributions from all. Bring the family. Bring your friends. Sponsored by Education for Ministry (EfM).

April 5 Is Spruce-Up Day

By Heather Johnston Nicholson

Come one, come all to prepare St. John's for the spring that is sure to arrive...sometime. Indoors and out there are projects for all talents and for all willing participants who claim no special skills. Indoors there are light bulbs to replace, pews to check for nicks and scratches, handrails to sanitize, and oh so much more! Outdoors there are shrubs to prune, garden debris to dispose of, and a few tons of mulch to distribute. So join the fun anytime in the morning after 8:30, and stay for lunch. Sign up in the commons, or just show up that Saturday! Thanks in advance for your continuing commitment to the beauty and hospitality of St. John's church. See you April 5.

From the Rector

By Bradley Pace

We are working our way through the season of Lent. Our Lenten journey will come to an end in Holy Week as we celebrate the Eucharist and recall Jesus celebrating the Passover meal with his disciples; as we take those final steps with Jesus to the cross during the Good Friday liturgy, and as we celebrate the Great Vigil of Easter and Easter Sunday. The fasts and feasts of Holy Week and of Easter form the foundation of our Christian life and worship. At Easter, God's saving deeds in history come to a dramatic climax in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In the resurrection of Jesus, the powers of hatred, of despair, of evil, the very powers of Hell itself, are defeated. God's reign is decisively established. But Maundy Thursday and Good Friday set the scene for the great Easter miracle. Without remembering those days, we are given a false Gospel—Good News without struggle, the empty tomb without the cross. We cannot come to the empty tomb without first hearing the new commandment of Maundy Thursday and the passion of Good Friday.



I invite and encourage you, sisters and brothers, to join with your Christian family here at St. John's and throughout the world and attend the three services that make up the *Triduum*—Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Great Vigil of Easter.

On **Maundy Thursday, April 17**, we will remember Luke's version of Jesus' last supper with his disciples. This service will be centered on a shared meal. A sign-up sheet will be in St. John's Commons soon. Please sign-up to bring a dish to share. Our table fellowship will give way to a celebration of the Eucharist—another form of table fellowship—meant to explain this sacrament especially to children and youth. The service and meal will begin at **6:00 p.m.**

On **Good Friday, April 18**, we glory in the cross of Christ, the cross on which hung the world's salvation. This service begins at **12:00 (noon)**. The St. John's choir will help lead the service.

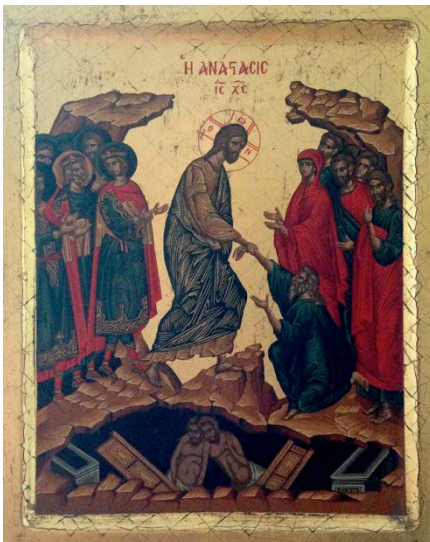
On **Saturday, April 19, at the Easter Vigil**, we will hear "the record of God's saving deeds in history" and find ourselves confronted with the resurrection, the great Easter miracle. The Easter Vigil will begin in the Memorial Garden at **8:00 p.m.** with the lighting of the Paschal Candle. The service will conclude with a festive reception.



Our celebration continues on **Easter Sunday, April 20**, as we celebrate Easter at **8:00 a.m.** and **10:15 a.m.**

Come and hear Christ's command that we should love one another as he loved us. Come and hear the wondrous love poured out on the cross. Come and hear the record of God's saving deeds in history from the very beginning. Come and join in the alleluias as we rejoice in the Resurrection.

For more information, contact the church office at 742.4079. May God continue to bless you in your Lenten journey, and may God bring you with joy to the resurrection of his Christ.



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LUM Report

By Nolie Parnell

Do you know what is happening at St. Andrew United Methodist Church in West Lafayette on Friday, April 4, at 5:30pm? The 3rd annual LUM Good Samaritan Fund Follies, that's what! Do you have your ticket? Do you have the date marked on your calendar? There is still time, and I encourage you to check out this wonderful fundraiser. It will be a fun evening with dinner, entertainment, and a silent auction. Your ticket is \$42, and \$30 of that amount is a charitable contribution to LUM. The Good Samaritan Fund provides the means to avert a crisis through financial support so a family may avoid eviction, prevent the utilities from being disconnected, or even continue much-needed medication. To get your tickets you can contact LUM directly or go to their website.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our Pampered Puppy auction basket. The contributions have been fabulous and I am so appreciative. It's going to be a great basket! I don't have a finished product yet—stay tuned for an update in the May Eagle.

LUM has been busy during the first two and a half months of 2014. As you can imagine, with one of the harshest winters in recorded history, the emergency shelter has been running at full capacity most nights. Overall shelter usage was up 13% the first two months in 2014 compared to the same months in 2013. The LUM emergency shelter provides two meals (dinner and breakfast) and a place to sleep, but is not a 24-hour shelter. Though it is pretending to be spring I am sure you still have vivid memories of Polar Vortex 1.0, 2.0, 3.0, etc. Temperatures below zero during daylight hours are not conditions any human being should have to endure. LUM, the Salvation Army, and the Mental Health Association coordinated efforts during these periods of extreme cold to ensure individuals had a warm place to stay whether it was day or night—a true example of community cooperation! LUM trivia: do you know how many beds the emergency shelter has? 46. Do you know who provides fresh linens to the emergency shelter so every individual has clean sheets on their bed? St. Elizabeth Hospital.

LUM has also been busy helping prepare tax returns. To date, 1,511 tax returns have been filed through the Tax Assistance Program, and it is not even April 15. Even more impressive is the \$3,913,105.00 in refunds obtained thus far. That includes both federal and state refunds, and over one million in earned income credits. The average annual gross income of the household or individual who filed is \$17,000. Think about that for a moment and how such a simple thing as filing a tax return can have a positive impact on the poor. The other hurdle that must be overcome is creating a way for the low-income clients to receive their refunds. Bank accounts are such a part of our everyday life, but not every tax assistance client has one—yet, to receive their refund they must have an account. Almost 30 new accounts have been created through the cooperation of LUM, Huntington Bank, and Regions Bank. Clients are given a card with which they can use the funds in the account, but that includes built-in mechanisms that do not allow the account holder to create an overdraft. If you use the services of either Huntington or Regions Bank, the next time you are there, tell them “thank you” for their efforts to serve low-income individuals. It is appreciated!

Hymn Festival With Marilyn Keiser

By Michael Bennett

On Sunday, April 6, St. John's will host a Hymn Festival at 5 p.m. Dr. Marilyn Keiser from Trinity Church, Bloomington, Professor Emerita at IU, will lead the hour-long singing of various hymns and anthems for the Lenten season. Unlike a hymn sing, this service is preplanned, which allows for great flexibility in the selection of music and who will sing each verse of the hymns, and will also include readings. This festival will be unlike any service offered in the community in the past! Please come and invite others who love to sing in church!

Excerpts from a Letter Written in 1836 by Samuel Roosevelt Johnson

By Dennis Sorge

Samuel Roosevelt Johnson (St. John's first Rector) wrote letters to his friend William Shelton, a priest in Buffalo NY. I thought some members of St John's might enjoy reading excerpts from this letter written in 1836. I have typed from the handwritten letter but kept the style and format.

January 2, 1836
North Prairie Township No 16
Trise's Log Tavern. Morgan C'y Illinois

My Dearest Shelton,

How I wish you were by my side, to share and to cheer my travel amid the forest and the prairie. I know you would enjoy a tour, especially a missionary tour such as I am now upon... And then the cold ride & the noble fires in these log huts – the dark & dangerous night journey & the pleasant travel by day over scenes novel & beautiful – the hospitable home of some kind Episcopalian & the crowded meeting house or school room, with sometimes the reverse of a miserable dirty tavern & the audience of some sixteen – all these agreeable & tormenting circumstances make a mixture not unpleasing ...

Here sit the Bishop and myself in a log house, a blazing fire on the hearth, and a cold storm vexing the prairie without – he reading a Methodist newspaper & I writing to one Mr. Shelton of Buffalo – waiting till our driver find the tire of his stage wheel which he lost he thinks about four miles back on the road. Whether we are to wait for repairs, or they are to rig out some wagon to forward us on, I know not - and care not. Time passes as pleasantly here it may be as elsewhere, & we are so situated that the stage which we are aiming to strike does not pass through Jacksonville whither we are tending till tomorrow – & we are but 15 miles off. I have been accompanying Bishop Kemper (who by the way, is a man of most excellent spirit, a kind, cheerful, companionable & sensible man, whose whole heart seems set upon his missionary work) on a visit to the churches of Illinois. The church at Jacksonville was consecrated & Mr. Batcheldet instituted & confirmation administered. I had to turn to, and write an institution sermon on the trip, (no slight exploit, & one of which I am a little vain, considering...) Springfield & Alton & Rushville were also visited & this morning about two hours before day we set out from Beardstown on the Illinois river on our return to St Louis, from which we have been absent three weeks. Before our arrival there, we had travelled from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh over that great work the Canals & Rail roads (greater in laboriousness & overcoming of difficulties than our Erie canal by far) which connect those two places – thence down the Ohio river visiting the towns of the Indiana border & seeing what could be done for the church – thence to the mouth of the Ohio. But here the Mississippi ice was running and we were obliged to turn back 200 miles we struck into Indiana at Evansville, where I think a church will be the result of our visitation & went up through the Wabash country as far as Terrehaute, where or at Lafayette I think I shall settle. Thence returning to Vincennes, we crossed the Grand Prairie, over Purgatory, to St Louis. We have been perfectly well all the time, and had no accidents, except that the Bishop was turned over day before yesterday – happily he escaped with a severe jarring & some bruises. I think his services were truly missionary for two or three days. He preached on Sat morning & night – on Sunday, morning, noon and night, administering baptism & the Lord's Supper. On Monday he set off for Beardstown, 14 miles over a wonderfully rough road at 3 miles the hour, was overturned - & on his arrival preached at Beardstown. So we pass our time - & I trust Shelton not wholly in vain. Good I think has been done to individual souls - & good I am

confident to the church's cause in the parts we have visited. May it be so & that more & more. It is a vast field- & oh how much remains to be done - & oh how little can we do. And then there are no 50 labourers who can be sent at once into these parts of the vineyard which we perceive need help. We have hardly found a Roman Catholic (except in St Louis) a beggardly kind of establishment we saw in Vincennes & nothing in Illinois. These varmints now that we are in the valley of the Mississippi hide in the dens of the earth & dare not show their face; & the instant one gets east of the Alleghanies, the whole valley is alive & crowded with them. They are a deceitful pack any how to play hide & seek in this manner. Some folks have even the impudence to say that there are plenty of Jesuits in the valley – and they point to the very respectable body of Presbyterians.---.... By the way I heard yesterday a criticism which I must record. A rough fellow warming himself by the fire, a real Sucker, with his green legging & yellow ribbon., thus eulogized Gil Blas. "Well if that isn't a book, I don't know. It is real life, life up to the hubs. It's jist as well suited to these ere days of ours as it was to the days of Adam & Eve."

*We are to go on in a wagon – the mail has gone forward on horseback. Farewell - & God bless you –
...Your own attached Samuel R Johnson*

The Health Hut

By Bradley Pace

University Church at Purdue is starting a new outreach program, the Health Hut! The Health Hut will provide toiletries to those in need and work in conjunction with the St. John's\LUM Food Pantry. University Church will be the drop off point and storage location for the items. The Health Hut will be open the third Tuesday of each month and provide:

**Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Dental Floss
Bar Soap, Lotion
Shampoo, Razors
Deodorant, Toilet paper
Diapers, Laundry Detergent**

The Health Hut will be located at the St. John's\LUM Food Pantry at the corner of 6th and Ferry Streets. If you or your group are interested in donating items, please take them to University Church, 320 North Street in West Lafayette. If you have questions, please call 743-3861.

“Your Health Care: Who Decides?”

By Bradley Pace

The Chicago Sisters of St. Francis sponsored senior community of University Place is presenting “Your Health Care: Who decides?” Wednesday, April 30th, at 6:30 p.m. in St. John's Commons. This advance care planning session teaches participants how to use the new (July 2013) Indiana POST form (Physician Orders for Scope of Treatment). This electronically filed form commits emergency medical teams and hospitals to follow your wishes for desired health care. The presentation will include information on Power of Attorney for Health Care, Living Will and Do Not Resuscitate (DNR). The presenters will be Elizabeth Johnston, University Place Director of Social Services and Peg Bishop, OSF, University Place Director of Pastoral Care.

The purpose of Advance Care Planning is to put our minds at ease that our families are aware of what we would want should there be a time when we can't speak for ourselves. It also puts our family at ease during a stressful time. They won't have to wonder what we may want, they will be able to follow the directive that we have chosen. All are welcome!

Episcopal Women's Ministries

By Charlene Watson

Ladies, have you put this date on your calendar? Saturday, 12 April 2014, is the EWM Spring Luncheon at St. Matthew's in Indianapolis, with check-in beginning at 10:00 a.m. This will be followed by Holy Eucharist at 10:30 and a luncheon, with the program following. Maryfran Crist, from the Diocese of Chicago, will be presenting a program on "JOY For You and Your Ministry.... Join us to find ways to maintain, regain, and celebrate yourself and your ministry. Come for some laughter, reflection and practical ways to find balance in your life."

By the time you read this I hope you have received the Registration Form for the luncheon, completed it, and sent the Registration in. If you have not, please contact Charlene Watson at 765-474-9101 or by email at cel.watson@comcast.net. This would be a nice outing for the women of St. John's, and maybe we could carpool.

Don't forget the next date on your calendar for an EWM activity -26-28 September 2014 at Waycross for the EWM Fall Retreat. Shawna Bryant, from California, will be teaching us about "Clutter-Free Abundant Living." More information to come later.

Next Eagle Deadline

The deadline for submissions to the May Eagle will be Monday, April 21. Email to eagle@stjohns-laf.org (preferred) or place items in *The Eagle* mailbox on the porch.

We give thanks to God for the lives of...



June Ann Baum
February 18, 2014
Mother of Jerilyn Flora

Jack Lawrence Albright
February 26, 2014
Husband of Lorraine Albright



Hazel "Jo" Hosmer
February 19, 2014
Mother of Kristin Dell

Lois Nieman Carey
December 18, 2013
Sister of Ruth Wukasch



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