



# *The Eagle*

June-July 2013

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## **Worship in the Streets**

On July 7 at 10 am, St. John's will join some of the other historical, downtown churches for Worship in the Streets. Come and join our sisters and brothers in worship.

Please note: there will be an additional service of Holy Communion at 8 am at St. John's on this Sunday.

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## **Calling All Gardeners! By Heather Johnston Nicholson**

Spring has arrived and a list of St. John's Garden Ministry members is being gathered so that the weekly rotations can be scheduled. Garden Ministry members work about three Saturdays a summer (depending on how many volunteer) to keep the gardens beautiful.

The season began with a work day on April 27 with a spring clean-up and mulching of the beds. The weekly tasks are to weed, pick up refuse, and sweep the walks. We work in the garden area outside of the chapel and on the east side of the rectory. Two members work every Saturday so the gardens are in beautiful condition and everything is kept neat and orderly. If you are interested in this very important ministry please contact Heather Johnston Nicholson at [heatherjohnston.nicholson@gmail.com](mailto:heatherjohnston.nicholson@gmail.com)

## **Rector's Thoughts**

### **By Bradley Pace**

I realized something on Pentecost Sunday. As we were thanking all of the folks who help with Godly Play at St. John's (that's our Montessori-based Christian Formation program/Sunday School), I realized that we called the names of 19 people. That's 19 people who help in our Sunday School classes on a regular basis. That's pretty amazing. What is perhaps most amazing is the fact that those 19 people cover a wide range of people—from middle and high schoolers to retirees, from graduate students to professors, from moms and dads to single folks. It's a wonderfully diverse group of people, all of whom give of their time and talent to help the youngest members of our community grow and learn in the Christian faith. Thanks again to all of those who make our Godly Play program a success: Joanna Benskin, Greg Buzzard, Cresta Cates, Hannah Vinacco, Hilary Cooke, Gayle Ennis, Cyrus Hulen, Heidi Kauffman, Robert Kurtz, George Moore, Nate Mosier, Jessica Murowski, Bill McInerney, Olynn McInerney, Ray Polstra, Doug Powell, Sven Schreiber, Teddy Sovinski and Jeff Stroud.

Maybe the best testament to their success is a story I heard recently. In a pinch, one of the students in the Godly Play class was called on to tell the story of Jonah for the youngest kids. From what I heard, she did a wonderful job and the kids loved it.

Thanks also to the wonderfully energetic group who work with St. John's youth group: Hilary Cooke, Alissa Goudswaard, Allison Salisbury, & Patrick Schexnailder, and to Sally Byrn who prepares the kids' goody bags.

There are lots of other folks to thank as our Christian Formation program ends the program year. St. John's EFM Mentor Maggie McClure finished another great year with a class of folks from St. John's, Lafayette; Good Shepherd, West Lafayette, and St. John's, Crawfordsville. There are also folks in the class who aren't Episcopalian, but they have found the EFM class to be an invaluable part of their Christian journey.

And last but certainly not least, I wanted to thank Amy Paget and Mary Campbell for their on-going support of adult education. Amy did a wonderful job coordinating the Quiet Days this year. The Labyrinth Day was the best attended Quiet Day ever at St. John's. Thanks also to Mary Campbell who coordinates the popular book club meetings.

Congratulations also to our recent and soon-to-be graduates: Alejandra Duran Trinidad, Lafayette Jefferson High School; Aerialle Hill, Lafayette-Jefferson High School; Alexis Howland, Warren Central High School; Sophia Hulen, West Lafayette, High School; Robert Kurtz, Purdue; Stuart Kurtz, West Lafayette High School; Amanda Mankovich, Harrison High School; Amy Rife, Ball State; Allison Salisbury, Purdue; Anna Scharer, Ball State; & Steve Sifner, IU, Bloomington. Congratulations also to Pat Annis who graduated from EFM.

Much thanks and congratulations and continued blessings upon each of you!

So many reasons to give thanks to God!

## **Opportunity for EfM Graduates** **By Maggie McClure**

Sewanee has announced that EfM graduates who are interested in participating again can enroll in individual years out of sequence. They are making the offer in conjunction with the introduction of a new curriculum. Yes, I am excited to share that the curriculum has finally been revamped and will be implemented in the fall. Sewanee has identified text books associated with each year's topic. In other words, the red binders are being retired. The cycle of study remains the same, Year 1 – the Hebrew Bible; Year 2 – The New Testament; Year 3 – Church History; and Year 4 – Theology and Ethics. In addition, there will be new texts for the Common Lessons.

EfM graduates here is a chance to participate again and not be constrained to the typical 4 year sequence. The regular fees do apply and there are funds available through the diocese to help defray personal costs. The EfM group is forming for the 2013-14 year and there are spaces available for participants, particularly those in the years 2-4. Please contact me if you are interested.

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## **EWM Fall Retreat** **By Charlene Watson**

Ladies of St John's! Have you set aside these dates on your calendar? September 27-29, 2013 is the Fall Retreat for the Episcopal Women's Ministries at the Waycross Retreat and Conference Center. This invitation is extended to ALL women in our diocese and their guests. The leader for that weekend will be the Rev. Bill Wieland and the theme will be Biblical Storytelling. More information will be forthcoming in the summer but please consider setting aside this time for you. Questions? Please contact Charlene Watson 765-474-9101 or cel.watson@comcast.net.

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## **United Thank Offering** **By Mary Lou Davis**

Summer is here! Enjoy and give thanks for pleasant weather and summer fun with family and friends.

Each day holds the opportunity for growth, challenge and excitement. Remember to give God daily prayers of thanks. If possible, share of your material wealth to serve others world-wide through UTO grants. Fill your Blue Boxes!

Our St. John's UTO Ingathering was held May 5. A total of \$423.72 was collected to support the many grants from UTO. Our Fall Ingathering will be in November. UTO information is on the credenza by the kitchen. Enjoy summer and give thanks.

## Spring Spruce-up Day Results by Tony Bailey

Thanks to all who helped during St. John's Spring "Spruce Up" on Saturday, April 27, 2013. Those who spruced up the gardens weeding, cleaning and mulching were: Bob Slagel, Doug and Barbara Powell, Jim Bodenmiller, Kristine Holtvedt, Heather Johnston Nicholson, Fr. Bradley Pace and Larry Hicks.

Thank you to the Property Maintenance crew also. Projects completed include: installed Outreach Area Fire Extinguisher box; leveled air conditioner units on flat roof; painted attic door on flat roof; cleaned out alley grate; put away salt and shovels; Outreach clean-up and light bulb check; Commons table legs tightened; turned outside water on and put out hoses; cleaned most railings/door handles/light switches with Lysol wipes; inspected kneelers, legs and pads; cleaned under pew cushions; vacuumed coils on refrigerators and freezers; and replaced many light bulbs. The Property Maintenance crew included: Paul Lawson, John Lindenlaub, Ray Polstra, Sven and Calvin Schreiber, Bruce Johnson, Ginny Hull, Linda Jeffries, Tim Smith, Sarah, Kelley and Tony Bailey.

Many thanks to all of these people (and anyone I missed or who's name I mangled - very sorry) for sharing their time and talents at this year's Spring Work Day. And last, but not least, we ate donuts, drank coffee and orange juice and had yummy sloppy joes for lunch (thank you April Delancy).







### **Gluten-Free Wafers**

There have been many requests for gluten free wafers. These are now available. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please notify the Eucharistic Minister who is distributing bread at the altar rail. Please note, as of yet, we have not found wafers produced in a completely gluten-free environment. As always, it is perfectly acceptable to receive Communion in one kind only (that is, to receive bread or wine only).

## March Financial Report

By George Moore

### OPERATING BUDGET INCOME AND EXPENSES<sup>a</sup> MONTH ENDING March 31 2013

A. Income	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Total 2013</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
1. Pledge Income	\$ 22,942.50	\$ 69,798.50	23.01%
2. Operating Income	\$ 5,624.57	\$ 9,588.57	25.46%
3. Non-Operating Income	\$ 916.67	\$ 2,750.01	9.17%
4. Transfer Income	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	%
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 29,483.74</b>	<b>\$ 82,137.08</b>	<b>19.42%</b>
<b>B. EXPENSES</b>			
1. Outreach	\$ 5,081.41	\$ 14,600.41	18.07%
2. Program	\$ 5,553.46	\$ 7,943.53	35.28%
3. Administration	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	0.00%
4. Personnel	\$ 14,719.58	\$ 48,131.79	21.61%
5. Office	\$ 1,817.91	\$ 4,243.59	17.20%
6. Property	\$ 16,999.70	\$ 23,745.86	34.15%
7. Miscellaneous (Non-Budget)	\$ 374.00 <sup>b</sup>	\$ 374.00	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 44,546.06</b>	<b>\$ 99,039.18</b>	<b>23.41%</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ -15,062.32</b>	<b>\$ -16,902.10</b>	

Notes:

- (a) This is a summary report of the operating income and expenses for the indicated reporting period. Detailed description of these items are available for review from members of the Finance Committee.
- (b) Miscellaneous (Non-Budget) Expenses are for two (2) water coolers. Water lines in portions of our facility are randomly producing discolored water that is not drinkable by our staff or parishioners



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### Next Eagle Deadline

The deadline for submissions for the August *Eagle* will be Monday, July 15. Email to eagle@stjohns-laf.org or place items in *The Eagle* mailbox on the porch.

