



The Eagle

June/July 2014

Holy Moly! Bible School August 4–8 at St. John's

By Katie Elder

Mark your calendars for August 4–8 from 5–8 pm! St. John's will host Bible School for children and youth from age 3–high school. This should be a great week of fellowship and worship. We are going to use a fun program called *Holy Moly!* to explore a few of the stories from Jesus' life. We will provide a meal each evening and end with a short worship service.

If you are interested in helping, we are looking for volunteers to prepare meals or to provide snacks. If you would be willing to help with food, please contact Katie Elder at katie.elder1@gmail.com or Hilary Cooke at hilary@stjohns-laf.org.



Jubilee Christmas in July

By Maggie McClure, Jubilee Christmas Coordinator

Avoid the Christmas rush and get an early start on the season of giving. Join Celebrate Jubilee Christmas in July!

Jubilee Christmas will be held December 13, when St. John's will again assist 35 families with their Christmas celebrations. Knowing that many organizations make pleas for donations in December, we are offering you a chance to get started on your holiday contributions. In preparation for December 13, we will collect donations of non-violent toys and cash July 20-31. Kits for making stockings will also be available.

Join the festivities and take advantage of this opportunity.

Remember:

- Donate new, nonviolent toys appropriate for children 1-12 years of age.
- Donate cash to help defray the cost of hams, food vouchers, and teen gift cards.
- Mark December 13 on your calendars for Jubilee Christmas.
- Donate in the fall, if you don't now.
- Volunteer when the sign-up sheet is posted.

Thanks for your generosity now and in December.

From the Rector

By Bradley Pace

This is our summer *Eagle*, which means that many of you will be traveling, going to camp, taking vacations, etc. over the next several months. Sadly, some of you will even be moving away (know that our prayers go with you). In June, we begin the long season of the Church year known as Ordinary Time (or aptly named “the season after Pentecost”). Church activities quiet down a bit over the summer (and each year, I convince myself that I will get a huge list of projects done, but that never really happens...).

Even if you are away from the St. John’s community for most of the summer, I want to remind you that God goes with you. Not only that, but the needs of the world and the mission of the Church go with you as well. You can find God anywhere and you can find 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, continue 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 church or walking down the street, at work or on vacation. The Holy Spirit goes with you at camp, on vacation, 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.

Bradley+

Summer Coffee Hour

By Lloyd Brewer

Coffee hour simplicity: To maintain our delightful hospitality while making it easier to host coffee hour, we will order extra donuts for the summer months. There will be only one service and one coffee hour each Sunday, so do consider signing up (just set-up and clean-up). We’ll keep it simple to give everyone a summer break.

For more information you may contact Lloyd Brewer at lloydbb@comcast.net or Katie Elder at katie.elder@gmail.com.

Thanks to Alissa

By Bradley Pace

Among her many contributions to the life of St. John’s, Alissa Goudswaard has been serving as the editor of the *Eagle* for the past year. This summer, Alissa will be leaving St. John’s and the Lafayette area to attend seminary at the General Theological Seminary in New York City—so this is the last edition of the *Eagle* she will be working on.

Please join me in thanking Alissa for her work. We will have more opportunity to thank Alissa later in the summer and to wish her well at seminary. More information about that send-off will be forthcoming.

Excerpts from a Letter Written by Samuel Roosevelt Johnson to his friend William Shelton (1837)

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.

Lafayette, Indiana

March 17 1837

... I have reached my future abode. Yesterday at dusk I reached Lafayette, after a voyage of 6 days, & 603 miles from Louisville, opposite to which on the Ohio River, at the small town of Jeffersonville I have been spending most of the winter. And I will begin my parochial work with a renewal of that intercourse, which of old in the quiet hours of a retired parish has given me so much solace – a solace which if I needed and enjoyed then in nature's very fairest scene, and surrounded by so many cherished friends and relatives. I feel as if I need now more than ever and shall enjoy with feelings unknown before, as I look out and the log hut of the stranger meets my eyes, and unfamiliar scenes and faces spread everywhere around me. Here on the Wabash I erect an altar to our friendship. Happy would be the day when we could travel along the Wabash banks or Wea Prairie, as once along the old Hudson, or the Hyde Park plain...

After I left you in N.Y., I proceeded in a day or two to Cincinnati with my family. Leaving them there, I learning that the house I had engaged could not be had nor even a room in Lafayette, I proceeded overland with young Bard in company most of the way on horseback! ...In Lafayette I arrived, and tried in vain to procure accommodation – but I purchased a wood lot of 70 acres at \$52 an acre on a fine block near the town, where in a year or so I hope to be living among the old oaks – and then return onto through Danville Illinois, & selling my house at Terre Haute and taking boat at Evansville on to Ohio, I returned after 6 weeks absence to my family in Cincinnati...

Preaching two Sundays at Madison & one at Cincinnati, I then took a house totally furnished in Jeffersonville, Ind, opposite Louisville, where for two months & a half I preached 3 times a Sunday & once a week night to a congregation of 20. Last week on Friday night I took passage in the Roanoke & on Thursday night arrived here. My house failed me, the owner cannot move out till about August - & I am in a hotel, one third finished with my six in two small rooms one only has a fireplace, & we six, my wife (who sends many kind remembrances & wishes – Shelton) three children & nurse all congregate by the fireside & make a delightful confusion for one to write and think amidst. However I hope we long to be more comfortable as to elbow room but in other respects we are go as it is. –

Remember me to all Friends, Samuel R. Johnson



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

Yvonne Hammer
April 13, 2014
Mother of Sue Larson

Len Roosmalen
May 7, 2014
Father of Kathie Basden



St. John's Book Discussions

By Mary Campbell

By the time you are reading this article, the Book Discussions at St. John's ("Book Club") will have had our last meeting of the 2013-2014 season. We meet nine times a year—August through November and January through May.

We select our readings by consensus, based on recommendations of people attending. We typically announce our fall schedule in July and our winter/spring schedule in November. All genres and literary forms are possible—poetry, plays, novels, detective fiction, history, young adult books and so on.

Our mission statement includes the following:

Invariably, the books chosen address what it means to be human in our world, a world we understand to encompass peoples of every society, social status, ethnicity, and geographic locale. It is our hope that, through our reading and discussion we will grow in our affirmation of the basic dignity of all humanity.

If this sounds a little too serious for your tastes, please don't worry. We have a lot of fun, and all opinions are welcome. Check us out!

A Special Thanks

By Bradley Pace

Thanks again to all of those who make our Godly Play program a success: Joanna Benskin, Andrew Bigelow, Greg Buzzard, Hilary Cooke, Katie Elder, Gayle Ennis, Cyrus Hulen, Heidi Kauffman, George Moore, Nate Mosier, Ariel Murawski, Jessica Murawski, Ray Polstra, Doug Powell, and Jeff Stroud.

Thanks also to the wonderfully energetic group who work with St. John's youth group: Josh Anderson, Hilary Cooke, Alissa Goudswaard, Courtenay Murakowski, Bradley Pace, and Tim Smith.

Thanks to Sally Byrn, who prepares the kids' activity bags for Sunday morning.

There are lots of other folks to thank as our Christian Formation program ends the year. St. John's EFM Mentor Maggie McClure is retiring after eight years of leading the group here at St. John's.

And last, but certainly not least, thanks to all those who offer their support for adult education at St. John's: Amy Paget, Courtenay Murakowski, Mary Campbell, and all the leaders of the Tuesday Night Bible Study.

Congratulations to Our Graduates

By Bradley Pace

Congratulations to those members and friends of St. John's who have recently graduated.

- **Colin Dell**, Purdue University, Interdisciplinary Science
- **Tyler Dell**, Ivy Tech, Computer Information Systems
- **Erin Kissick**, Ph.D., Purdue University, English Literature
- **Allynn McNerney**, B.A., Connecticut College, International Relations and Dance
- **Elyse Romanovich**, Harrison High School
- **Lauren Slagel**, St. Olaf College, Biology (granddaughter of Bob and Helen Slagel)
- **Marielle Slagel**, Butler University, Elementary Education (granddaughter of Bob and Helen Slagel)
- **Tim Smith**, M.A., Purdue University, Agricultural Economics
- **Teddy Sovinski**, Interlochen Arts Academy

Congratulations also to **George Moore** and **Heather Johnston Nicholson** who graduated from EfM.

Congratulations to **Jon Amy** who received an honorary Doctorate from Purdue University on May 17, and to **Mike Smith** who received an honorary degree from Ivy Tech in honor of his distinguished teaching career.

March Financial Report

By Rachel Shook

A. INCOME	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Total 2014</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
1. Pledge Income	\$ 27,610.00	\$ 73,099.00	\$ 365,304.30	20.0%
2. Operating Income	\$ 3,339.00	\$ 8,147.41	\$ 38,886.30	21.0%
3. Non-Operating Income	\$ 916.67	\$ 2,750.01	\$ 30,000.00	9.2%
4. Transfer Income	\$ 0.00	\$ 44.50	\$ 50,000.00	0.1%
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 31,865.67	\$ 84,040.92	\$ 484,190.60	17.4%
B. EXPENSES				
1. Outreach	\$ 5,471.66	\$ 16,378.23	\$ 85,072.00	19.3%
2. Program	\$ 1,812.46	\$ 3,523.16	\$ 23,950.00	14.7%
4. Administration	\$ 0.00	\$ 354.50	\$ 3,900.00	9.1%
4. Personnel	\$ 17,595.21	\$ 54,154.38	\$ 225,306.94	24.0%
5. Office	\$ 2,194.68	\$ 4,540.75	\$ 26,520.00	17.1%
6. Property	\$ 6,153.68	\$ 17,432.84	\$ 80,555.36	21.6%
7. Misc. (Non-Budget)	\$ 0.00	\$ 419.50	\$ 0.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 33,227.69	\$ 96,803.36	\$ 445,304.30	8.0%
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ (1,362.02)	\$ (12,762.44)	\$ 38,886.30	

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.

Keep in touch!

Greg and Maggie McClure have canceled their landline number (765.567.2512), so you will no longer be able to reach them at that number. They can now be contacted via cell phone at 765.491.9751 (Greg) and/or 765.714.4651 (Maggie).

Strawberry Shortcake Success

By Michael Bennett

Next Eagle Deadline

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

I wish to thank everyone in the parish who donated their time towards the strawberry shortcake booth at this year's 'Round the Fountain Art Fair. More than 60 people volunteered setting up, serving, and tearing down the booth, mixing and baking 800+ shortcakes, and cutting 250lbs of strawberries. This was my 10th year (co-) managing the event and it was one *the* most successful yet! The booth netted \$2,621.71 after expenses (the previous record was \$2,441, set in 2011). Aaron Michaux, who sang in the choir this past year, took over many of the responsibilities, including managing the booth on Saturday. It's been a pleasure overseeing this project all this time, and I look forward to helping next year.

Episcopal Women's Ministries Luncheon

By Charlene Watson

"JOY for you and your Ministry." Jesus, Others, and You. This was the topic at the Episcopal Women's Ministry Luncheon on Saturday, April 12, 2014 at St. Matthew's in Indianapolis. Mary Fran Crist, Province V Episcopal Church Women Representative to Episcopal Health Ministry, challenged us to think about "JOY" in our life/ministry. You minister everyday by how you interact with others and life. Here are some key thoughts from Mary Fran that spoke to me:

1. Is your service a ministry or a task? A ministry brings you joy, a task gets done.
2. There is a difference between joy and happiness. Joy means inner peace; happiness is transitory.
3. A light does not go out if it lights another.
4. If you are doing a ministry that saps your energy/depresses you, you need to review the "why and how" of this ministry. Perhaps you need to set boundaries, give it up, or think about another idea for ministry.
5. Saying "NO" is okay. Write "NO" on a piece of paper, hold it up to a mirror, and read it in the mirror. NO → ON. Sometimes saying "NO" allows you to go ON!

LIFE is a Spiritual Journey.

St. John's Episcopal Church, Lafayette, was represented by Alice Anderson, Amy Paget, and Charlene Watson at this luncheon for the women in the Diocese of Indianapolis. We gathered with friends, met new friends, enjoyed the beautiful Spring decorations, and ate a delicious lunch prepared by A la Arlette Catering Service.

Before lunch we celebrated the Eucharist in the beautifully remodeled St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Indianapolis with The Rev. Dr. Lorraine Coufal celebrating. Her message emphasized the importance of ministry by the women in the church. It was a wonderful way to spend the day.

The next gathering with our diocesan sisters is the Fall Retreat at Waycross on September 26–28, 2014. Our speaker will be Shawna Bryant from California and her topic is "Clutter-Free Abundant Living." Mark your calendars, save the date, and join us. More information will be forthcoming.

Coming up This Summer!

Mark your calendars and keep an eye out for these upcoming happenings.

Worship in the Street

On **July 6** at 10 am, St. John's will join with members from First Christian, Trinity Methodist, and First Baptist for Worship in the Street. Last year, nearly 300 people joined in a wonderful, celebratory service. Come and let us join our sisters and brothers in worship!

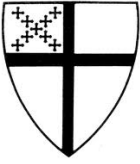
Please note: there will be an additional service of Holy Communion at the regular time of 9 am at St. John's that Sunday.

Red for Pentecost

Remember to wear red for Pentecost on **June 8**! Ice cream will be served in the Commons following the 9 am service.

Church Picnic

The church picnic will be on **August 10** at Happy Hollow Park at 10:30 am. There will be sign-up sheets in the Commons in mid-July. There will also be a 9 am service at the church that day.



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