



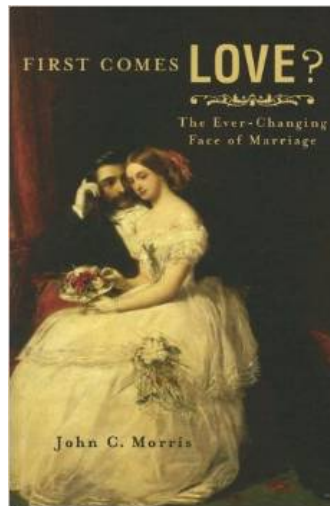
The Eagle

October 2014

Adult Education in October: A Brief History and Theology of Marriage

By Bradley Pace

Sundays this October, Bradley Pace and Hilary Cooke will lead a series of presentations and discussion on the history and theology of marriage. The presentations will focus on the Marriage rite in the *Book of Common Prayer* and the "Blessing of a Lifelong Covenant" as well as the book *First Comes Love? The Ever-Changing Face of Marriage* by John Morris. Talks will begin at 9:15 (between services) in St. John's Commons. For more information, contact Bradley Pace at bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org.



Consider Becoming the Next Editor of *the Eagle*

By Bradley Pace

When our seminarian, Alissa Goudswaard, moved to New York a few months ago to begin seminary, she not only took our prayers and best wishes, but she also left a vacancy. St. John's now needs a new editor for *the Eagle*, our monthly newsletter. The editor's primary responsibilities are proofreading submissions and designing the newsletter's layout each month (usually done in MS Word or Adobe In-design software). Other responsibilities include serving on the newly forming Communications Committee. We are

especially looking for someone who might have ideas for a new design and for integrating the newsletter with email and social media.

If you think you have the talents for this job and are interested, please contact our Parish Administrator, Teresa Lohrman, at stjohns@stjohns-laf.org or Bradley Pace at bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org.

Annual Foyer Assignments

By Lloyd Brewer

Newcomer or not, don't miss this intergenerational opportunity with minimal commitment! Sign up to be invited to a group of 8 that will meet 3-4 times in the coming year to share a meal. The approach can be whatever your group decides. You host one event and attend the others. Singles and couples are welcome (singles often join forces for their turn as hosts or pitch in to help another host). You may include your children (other people's children) when you host...or not...there are no set rules. You may have people for dinner, sponsor a carry-in, have a picnic in the park, invite people to a movie and popcorn at your house, organize meeting at a restaurant after church or another time. The options are only as limited as your imagination and preference.

Foyer is an international movement that started in England. The purpose is purely social, purely to get better acquainted with and enjoy the company of other parishioners. So join in the fun. Sign up by mid October and come to the optional wine and cheese reception kick-off on October 26, 5:00 p.m. Questions? Call 497-3669 Lloyd Brewer for more information.

From the Rector

By Bradley Pace

I'm going to admit something to you. Anytime I hear the word "stewardship", I automatically think of the church's annual pledge campaign. I think I've been trained by the church to think this way. In fact, my kneejerk thought about stewardship has been reinforced since I became a rector. Uh-oh, it's fall, time to gear up for the annual pledge campaign.

But this is such an unfortunate way to think. It's an unfortunate way to live. Yes, of course, for you and me stewardship has something to do with giving to and maintaining a church, this church, St. John's. And, in our case, because of the somewhat reasonable, but also somewhat arbitrary, way we organize and budget, stewardship has something to do with an annual pledge campaign (that is, after all, how we keep the lights on, keep talented ministers and staff around, and so on). But the very word "stewardship" should lead our minds in another direction. The word itself suggests trusteeship, a caretaker role. Since, as David says in First Chronicles, "all things come from you, Lord, and of your own have we given you", we are merely trustees, caretakers, stewards of all that we have and all that we are (1 Chronicles 29:14). This ought to make a huge difference in how we respond to the resources we have—as individuals or families and as a church congregation. Do we hoard our resources—the finance resources, talents, or time that God has given to each of us as a free gift? Or, are we frivolous with those gifts? Do we waste the treasure, talents, or time God freely shares? Do we keep a proper perspective remembering, always remembering, that we are trustees, caretakers, stewards? Those resources are given to us in trust? How do we use them? What attitude do we take toward those gifts?

If you are anything like me, if the word "stewardship" is too easily identified with "pledge drive," I challenge you to think about ways you can reframe "stewardship" in your own life. How can you cultivate the sense that you are a steward of God's gifts? How can you cultivate a generous and grateful response to those gifts? How can you honor those gifts and honor the God who has given them? Ask yourself. Does your own budget begin by returning to God some of the gifts God has given to you? Do you nurture the talents that God has given you in ways that serve God's Kingdom? Do you offer some of your time to care for those that are especially dear to God's heart—the poor, the unloved, the outcast?

I have to remind myself that stewardship is a fundamental part of what it means to be created by a loving God, not just an annual pledge campaign. I am a steward of all that I have, since all things come from God. In the same way, I encourage you, sisters and brothers, to remember your responsibility to be stewards of the gifts you have received. Always seek to use those gifts wisely, graciously, and generously in the service of and to the glory of the same God who gives them.

Bradley+

Fall Open Houses

By Bradley Pace

You're invited to celebrate community and fellowship with your friends from St. John's, Lafayette

Friday, October 10th from 6-8 PM
At the home of Bradley Pace and Katie Elder, 456
Goose Creek Way, West Lafayette
childcare provided

*Especially for those who have joined the St. John's community in the past year or were unable to attend one of the Rector's open houses last year

Friday, October 17th from 6-8 PM
At the home of Annie and Sven Schreiber, 423
Jennings Street, West Lafayette
childcare provided

Saturday, October 18th from 6-8 PM
The Home of Sally and Steve Byrn, 824 Barlow, West
Lafayette
Childcare provided

Wednesday, October 22nd from 6-8 PM
At the home of Maggie and Greg McClure, 6123
Naschette Parkway, West Lafayette

Drinks and hors d'oeuvres provided
Sign-up sheet located in the St. John's Commons
RSVP requested, but not required

For more information contact Bradley Pace at
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gmclure@purdue.edu

St. John's/LUM Food Pantry

By Steve Starks, Director



I would like to draw attention to our new logo at the top. Here it is in black and white, but the normal color will be red, with an alternate blue one when red might not work. My thanks to Katherine Purple, a professional graphic designer in Lafayette, who did it pro bono for us.

Here is what is happening at the Pantry lately:

WHAT'S ON THE SHELVES?

There have been several complaints by volunteers lately about not having enough food. I try to point out that we have *lots of food*, just not much *variety*.

There is food stored under the stairs, food stored in the backroom of the Pantry and even in one of the classrooms upstairs. So we have plenty of food, and I supplement it with purchases each week, but the extras go quickly.

At the moment we have on the shelves copious amounts of canned salmon, raisins, single-serve applesauce (about 2500 of them) and, best of all, 57 cases of peanut butter, which should last us another few weeks. We also have in stock more raisins than I have ever seen in my life. People are getting tired of them, but they are good sources of nutrition. And just last week we were able to pick up a 2200 pound pallet of 5 pound bags of red potatoes. [I do apologize for the smell, but it should be gone by the time you read this.] Plus all of the produce we have received this summer.

We have been fortunate in that *meat* has been available quite frequently at Food Finders. I have been ordering 200 pounds of meat each week (the maximum allowance) for most of the summer.

We also have over 1000 cans of tomato soup in stock! The only problem is that it is a low-sodium variety which is not very tasty until seasoned. Many people have refused it until we tell them to add some salt or spice to it. And finally, if only the USDA would stop sending us *free cranberry sauce*. Enough already!!

WHAT DO WE NEED?

St. John's parishioners have been very generous each week in providing breakfast cereals and other nutritious items. But, as you know, the cereal is gone the first hour it is put out. Until further notice I would recommend not buying peanut butter and instead donating low-cost breakfast cereals wherever you can find them.

Mac-n-Cheese is one thing that Food Finders has not had recently either. I like to keep a continuous supply available since it is something that people will always take and is easy to prepare. It is fairly inexpensive so I would ask that, if able, buy several and donate them to the Pantry.

In addition to breakfast cereal and Mac-n-Cheese we can always use a continuous supply of *good ol' plastic bags*. Keep 'em coming. Many thanks for your support.

Hunger Hike

By Hilary Cooke

The Hunger Hike this year was a two-day event beginning with a 5k run on Saturday morning and ending with the 3k walk on Sunday afternoon—a full weekend of raising money to prevent hunger in our local community. Bradley Pace, Amy VanEpps, and Hilary Cooke all participated in the 5k run and then returned to join the youth group in the walk on Sunday.

A big **thank you** to all who supported our youth in their efforts to raise money for the hungry of our community! I am proud to report that we raised **\$2,500.00** for the Hunger Hike. The 14 youth group members were joined by ten adults, two Godly Play children and the Elder-Pace family's indefatigable dog, Tippy.



Blessing of the Animals

By Hilary Cooke

Calling all animals and animal lovers!!

This year St. John's will once again be giving thanks to our creator for the love of our furry friends with a liturgy for the Blessing of Animals. We will meet at 5pm on Sunday, October 5th in the garden (weather permitting). If we are blessed with rain that day we will be in the commons.

You may bring your pets of all kinds (furry and non-furry), on a leash if they're friendly to all, and in a crate if they're on the shy side. It is also just fine to bring a photo of your pet—and don't forget to invite your friends!

We will once again collect donations for the Almost Home Humane Society. Below is a sample of items need:

- Dog and cat treats. No colored biscuits, please.
- Cat and pocket pet litter. Any brand, clay, corncob or paper litter only, please. We do not use scoopable litter. Special Kitty Cat Litter from Wal-Mart is great!
- Advantage or Frontline topical flea preventatives
- Dog toys. Kong toys, hard rubber bones (Nylabone, etc.), tennis balls, rope bones
- Cat toys. Balls with bells, catnip toys, fur mice, etc. Nothing with strings, please.
- Food and water bowls, all sizes (metal only; no plastic bowls please)
- Pet carriers and cages, all sizes
- Rabbit pellets and alfalfa hay
- Hamster food and treats
- Peanut butter
- Heating pads
- Chew sticks, exercise balls, wheels, and small cardboard boxes for pocket pets
- Towels, blankets or rugs, any size, new or used

For a full list of needed items go to: <http://www.almosthomehumane.org/donate/in-kind-donations/index.html>. If you have any questions please contact Hilary at hilary@stjohns-laf.org

Celebration

By Hilary Cooke

It is my distinct honor to let you all know that one of our youth group members, Jeff Stroud, has completed all necessary requirements to attain the level of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts. We are so proud of Jeff and all he has accomplished and are delighted to invite you all to attend the Eagle Court of Honor to be held at St. John's on Saturday, October 25th at 7:00 p.m..

Jeff has not only been a devoted member of the St. John's youth group, but has also assisted in the Godly Play room for the last three years. The Eagle is the highest award in scouting and recognizes the scout's honor, loyalty, courage and service. Jeff certainly has all these qualities and he carries them with humility.

Jeff, we are so proud of all you have accomplished and we look forward to celebrating with you!

July Financial Report

By Rachel Shook

A. INCOME	Current Month	Total 2014	Annual Budget	% of
Pledge Income	\$ 23,898.00	\$ 178,735.63	\$ 326,418.00	54.8%
Operating Income	\$ 2,450.90	\$ 27,150.43	\$ 38,886.30	69.8%
Non-Operating Income	\$ 916.67	\$ 6,416.69	\$ 11,000.00	58.3%
Transfer Income	\$ -	\$ 44.50	\$ 50,000.00	0.1%
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 27,265.57	\$ 212,347.25	\$ 426,304.30	49.8%
B. EXPENSES				
Outreach	\$ 5,167.16	\$ 37,607.24	\$ 66,072.00	56.9%
Program	\$ 378.21	\$ 12,352.55	\$ 23,950.00	51.6%
Administration	\$ 0.00	\$ 429.50	\$ 3,900.00	11.0%
Personnel	\$ 21,120.51	\$ 129,984.00	\$ 225,306.94	57.7%
Office \$	\$ 6,025.47	\$ 14,931.62	\$ 26,520.00	56.3%
Property	\$ 5,277.68	\$ 39,539.47	\$ 80,555.36	49.1%
Miscellaneous (Non-Budget)	\$ 2,019.25	\$ -		
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 37,969.03	\$ 236,863.63	\$ 426,304.30	55.6%
Net Income (loss)	\$ (10,703.46)	\$ (24,516.38)	\$ -	

Notes
 * This is a summary report of the operating income and expenses for the indicated reporting periods. Detailed description of these items are available for review from members of the Finance Committee.



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

Jacquelyn R. Weston

September 15, 2014



Next Eagle Deadline

The deadline for submissions to the November Eagle will be Monday, October 20th. Email to eagle@stjohns-laf.org or place items in *The Eagle* mailbox on the porch.

St. John's Book Discussions

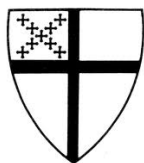
By Mary Campbell

One of the pleasures of the St. John's Book Discussion group is that attendees suggest our book selections – and we are a group with varied interests. Sometimes that means I am pulled right out of my comfort zone. (Without that pull, I'd be reading a steady diet of murder mysteries!) However, in every case I have been outside my comfort zone, I have been very glad of it.

That's my situation with our October selection, *Living on the Wind: Across the Hemisphere with Migratory Birds* by Scott Weidensaul (1999). I am not a birder, doing well to distinguish robins from cardinals. Weidensaul is an avid, passionate birder and scientist with vast amounts of knowledge about everything avian.

Though outside of my personal comfort zone, reading *Living on the Wind* has been an exceptionally rewarding experience. I have learned so much about birds, what migrations are all about, the role of habitats in keeping the birds alive, and the role of us humans in helping the birds or killing them off. I am deeply moved. It's not specifically spelled out in our Baptismal Covenant, but I think we are called not only to feed the hungry and shelter the homeless – but also to care for our Earth and the wonderful creatures we share it with.

Read as much or as little of *Living on the Wind* as works for you – then, come and share your thoughts and reactions with our parish book group. We will meet on Wednesday, October 22 at 6:30 in the Commons. Enter through the garden.



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What's Cooking at the St. John's/LUM Food Pantry?

By Lynn Johal

Its 10:00 am on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, and 2 dozen clients gather at the St. John/LUM Food Pantry in anticipation of this month's recipe demonstration. There's plenty of chatting as Kathy Murray, nutrition specialist of Purdue Extension, prepares to whip up a delicious meal based on foods currently available at the pantry. This month's recipes are a salmon & spinach casserole (recipe below) plus a pasta & squash salad with orange dressing.

The cooking and nutrition class was piloted over a year ago to assist clients in making healthy food choices on a limited budget. Kathy focuses on simple, tasty, nutritious recipes that are fun to work with. She says, "Quick recipes create more time for enjoying our foods and life. Using foods available (at the pantry) can provide more resources for foods we need to purchase." The class is composed of people of all ages and over 1/3 are men hoping to learn more about cooking.

Jim, a pantry client, is a single man who used to eat out frequently. He says he's learned a lot from the class, "I now enjoy cooking, am eating much healthier and it's economical too". Joyce and her husband say they've benefited because the recipes encourage them to

experiment with new types of food. Rex, a client and long time pantry volunteer, encourages residents of Fowler House to attend. Madonna was raised as one of ten children and knows how to stretch food. She says, "I come to the classes not only to get recipes for myself but to share them with low-income friends." Another participant expressed, "the group has become like a family"; an unforeseen impact of the program is community building.

Kathy Murray explains her dedication to the class, "In all my years of teaching, I have never worked with an audience who appreciates what you bring to them as much as this audience. The St. John's/LUM Food Pantry staff is also a pleasure to work with."

Participants agree they look forward to the monthly prize drawing. Each month from July 2013 – July 2014, an anonymous donor graciously provided a crock pot stuffed with food and a cookbook. The donation was in memory of her deceased mother who was a pantry donor and loved crock pot cooking. What a wonderful way to honor a loved one! We are presently looking for donors to provide future items; if interested contact Lynn Johal (765-543-5238).

Everyone's welcome to join us as we explore cooking preparation techniques for many types of foods. The class meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10:00 am.

Salmon & Spinach Casserole

2 c uncooked pasta	1 can spinach (drained)
4 c water	1 can salmon (drained)
¼ c onion (chopped)	1 can tomato soup
¼ c green pepper (chopped)	1 can water
¼ tsp salt	2 slices of bread (cubed)
¼ tsp pepper	2 T melted butter

Preheat oven to 350°F. Bring water to boil & add pasta, return to boil & cook 3 min. Grease casserole dish. Drain spinach & salmon making sure you crush any bones. Mix all ingredients except bread and butter. Pour into casserole dish. Melt butter & pour over bread cubes. Toss until evenly coated & spread on top of casserole. Bake for ~ 1 hr or until bubbly & brown.

It's Time for Lunch!

By Michael Bennett

The 2014-15 lunchtime concert series will soon begin on **October 8th with local trumpeter Bruce Knepper**. He will perform music by Giuseppe Torelli (ITA), Georg Philipp Telemann (GER), Alexander Goedicke (RUS), and Alfred Reed (USA).

As the assistant director of bands at Jefferson High School, Bruce directs the Jazz Band, Show Band, and Show Choir Band, in addition to assisting with the Marching Band and Wind Ensemble. He is also a frequent performer with the Lafayette and Kokomo Symphonies. I hope you'll come and enjoy a wonderful concert and fellowship. The concert begins at 12:10pm.

Save the Date: St. John's Leadership Retreat November 14th -15th By Bradley Pace

Please mark your calendars for the **2014 St. John's Leadership Retreat, Friday and Saturday, November 14th and 15th** in St. John's Commons. Anyone interested in making St. John's a more welcoming, more connected parish is invited. **Kathy Copas, Coordinator for Communication and Evangelism** at the Diocese of Indianapolis will lead us through a "welcoming audit" and help us build vital ministries for welcoming newcomers to our church. This retreat will help us find new ways to share the compassionate and gracious Gospel we have each received.

The schedule is tentative

Friday, 6-9 p.m.

Saturday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Look for more information to come.

A Service of Holy Eucharist & Healing

Sunday, Oct. 19th, 8 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.

By Bradley Pace

The ministry of Jesus invites us to new life in God and with each other. In the laying on of hands and anointing we proclaim the Good News that God desires us to be healthy and one in the body of Christ. You are invited to come forward, to offer yourself, whatever your sickness of spirit, mind, or body, and ask for healing and wholeness in the Name of the holy and undivided Trinity.

-The invitation to healing prayer
from *Enriching Our Worship II*

Most Sundays, St. John's offers healing prayer in the Chapel of the Resurrection at the end of Communion. Each Tuesday at 12 noon, St. John's hosts a special service of Healing Prayer and Eucharist. Healing prayer (also known as unction or "ministration to the sick" in the *Book of Common Prayer*) has a long tradition in the Church. The person who receives healing prayer is anointed by special oil blessed by the Bishop or a priest. A minister anoints the person requesting prayer and lays hands on her invoking God to accomplish healing and comfort.

On **Sunday, October 19th at the 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. services**, we will include a time of healing prayer in our services. After the sermon, the presider will bless oil to be used for anointing during those services as well as during services throughout the year at St. John's. Special prayers of healing will be said by the congregation. All are invited to come forward for anointing and for a time of prayer. As the invitation says, everyone is invited "whatever your sickness of spirit, mind, or body".

May the God who goes before you through desert places by night and by day be your companion and guide; may your journey be with the saints; may the Holy Spirit be your strength, and Christ your clothing of light, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

-A concluding prayer from the service of Holy Eucharist & Healing