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Edward J. Tourangeau, Rector

Community Lunch

On February 15th, nine adults and 10 children gathered in the basement of Trinity Methodist Church to serve lunch to 75 individuals from the downtown Lafayette community. The children served lasagna, breadsticks, fruit cocktail and brownies with adults standing patiently behind them to ensure accuracy. Even one 4-year old member of St. John's participated in the lunch by holding the basket in which the guests placed their tickets. Many thanks to those who volunteered to set-up, serve and clean up on February 15th, especially Kristina and Marcos Pires whose patience and guidance with the children was tremendous. Our thanks are also extended to Ginny Severs who gave several hours of her time on Saturday, February 14th to cook both lasagna and brownies. Her cooking tips were helpful but our conversation was even more enjoyable.



The next Community Lunch is scheduled for Sunday, April 5th. This will be a busy day because it is also Palm Sunday. Instead of focusing on how busy it will be, consider instead the impact of our fellowship with this group. For about 90 minutes the guests are able to relax, eat a good meal, and mingle with others. There is music, singing and lots of laughter-from both the guests and the volunteers. Everyone is invited and encouraged to volunteer. No experience necessary. Children are welcomed if the parent accompanies them. It is a unique opportunity to bring the family together, working toward a common cause.

If you can't join us on Palm Sunday, don't worry; there are two other opportunities in 2009. St. John's has committed to August 9th and November 8th. If participating on Sunday morning is not exactly how you would like to take part in Community Lunch, there are other opportunities. There are shopping responsibilities the week before and cooking the day before. We welcome anyone who wants to participate in any way. If you have any questions, please stop us and ask. Or you can email us at hogan.parnell@comcast.net.

Nolie Parnell and Dan Hogan

Choral Evensong
March 1, 5:00pm
Music of Tallis & Smith

They're Here!

Last Fall I wrote to tell that we had been awarded a grant to acquire 3 Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) and we needed volunteers to be trained in their operation. You responded and we now have both the volunteers and the AEDs. Well done! You may have already noticed the most obvious AED in the parish commons, another is in the Parish Office and a third is soon to be placed in the Outreach Area prep space. Take note of these locations incase you are ever asked to assist a volunteer by going to get the AED. Only trained volunteers may operate them. You may be asked to get the AED while the trained volunteer tends to the victim.

Thanks are in order. First, we must thank St. Elizabeth Regional Health who funds and administers the "Revive and Survive" program which provided our AEDs and training for our volunteers. Without their support we might not be able to fully equip our building with this life saving equipment. Should you encounter someone associated with St. Elizabeth Regional Health administration, please let them know of your personal gratitude in their generous program. Second, over a dozen of you came forward to offer to be trained on the AEDs. This training required several hours of time and a lot of patience. Our volunteers include, Ed Tourangeau, Hilary Cooke, Teresa Lohrman, Michael Bennett, Heidi Kauffman, John Lindenlaub, Linda Jeffries, Marilyn Howland, Amy VanEpps, Rachael and Patrick Schexnailder, Charlie Shook, Maggie McClure, Kathy Smith, Kristine Kealey and Jay Mermoud. Third, to the Tony Bailey and the Property Committee who took the time to properly install the cabinets for the AEDs. They will assist in helping make sure the AEDs are properly maintained.

The great irony is that we hope to never have to use these devices, but if needed they can mean the difference between life and death.

Jay Mermoud
St. John's AED Site Coordinator

CALLING ALL GARDENERS!

With the arrival of March, we begin to look forward to the arrival of spring and gardening. With that in mind, I am beginning to organize the Garden Club for this spring and summer.

First, a thank you to last year's Garden Club members: Pat Annis, Georgia Brist, Nancy and George Dandrow, Kristin and Dennis Dell, Tracey Gage, Kristine Holtvedt, Dorothy Jones, Shirley Marciniak, Gaye Matthews, Sylvia Miessler, Doug Powell, Rachael and Patrick Schexnailder and Annie and Sven Schreiber. Thanks to Bob Slagel who provides valuable help with the gardens.

We begin our gardening year with a clean up and mulching of the flowerbeds in conjunction with the **Spring Clean Up Day at St. John's**. This year the clean up day will be **Saturday, May 2**. We work in groups of two with a group working each weekend from the first of May through the end of September. We weed the beds, clean up any trash that has accumulated and water when needed. We work in the Memorial Garden outside of the chapel, in the beds to the east of the Rectory, and in the beds on Sixth Street.

With a team working each weekend, we find that the gardens can be kept looking nice without any one person having to devote many hours to the task. I find that the gardens are a lovely place to be on a warm summer day. I enjoy working and remembering those who have gone before and are resting in the holy ground of the Memorial Garden.

Please let me know if you are interested in joining our devoted group of gardeners. Call me at 474-6313 or e-mail at powellbl@purdue.edu.

Barbara Powell

UTO

**The Mission of the United
Thank Offering is to
expand the circle of
thankful people.**

To achieve this mission we encourage daily prayers, offerings and awareness of the abundance of God's blessings in our lives. Join with others at St. John's, Lafayette in supporting UTO. Blue boxes and information materials are found near the kitchen in the Commons. Please help yourselves!

Our Spring
Ingathering of offerings will be held
May 10, 2009.

Yours in Christ,

Mary Louise Davis

P.S. Remember that God is with you in both good and difficult times.



Nursery News

Easter is approaching! On April 12 following the 10:15 AM service we will have an Easter Egg Hunt as in years past. Please make sure your children bring their baskets with them. After the service children 3 and under should gather by the Bishop's Parlor to begin their hunt. Older children will conduct their searches in the garden (weather permitting). There will be no candy or other treats inside the individual eggs. Instead children can turn in the collected eggs for prize bags at the conclusion of the hunt. See you all soon!

There will be a nursery cleaning afternoon on February 28 beginning at 2 PM. Any and all help is appreciated to keep the nursery healthy and clean for our kids. If you plan to join us please email Angela Mosier (ajmosier@comcast.net) or AnnieSchreiber (annieschreiber81@yahoo.com).

