

# ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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## ***Attention!! Attention!!***

St. John's, Lafayette, is now accepting nominations for Vestry terms starting in 2008. You may nominate yourself or another, with their permission. A candidate must be a St. John's adult member in good standing and a donor of record to the operating fund. All adult (at least 16 years of age) communicants of St. John's who, for the previous year, have been faithful in corporate worship and have been faithful in working, praying and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God, are to be considered in good standing.

Vestry membership involves attending monthly meetings that last about two hours and participation in at least one committee activity. The total monthly time commitment is around four hours. Vestry members are elected for a three-year term.

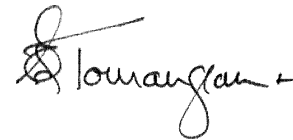
The primary responsibility of the vestry is the stewardship of the parish finances and parish buildings. The vestry also deals with personnel management and program development and oversight. If you are interested in serving St. John's or have questions about vestry membership, please contact a member of the nominating committee: Nolie Parnell, John Behrntdt or Dennis Sorge. Nominations should be made by October 14, 2007. Written nominations shall be submitted to the Nominating Committee. (By-Laws Art III, Sect 5).

## ***A View from the Big Pew***

Dear Friends,

When the deadline for this month's Eagle came around, I was still in Israel. Not wanting to lose my space, I chose to fill it with these thoughts from "Anglicans Online," a weekly source of news and items of interest from the worldwide Anglican Communion. The folks at Anglicans Online have given me permission to use this and asked that I give you their web address as well so you might explore further if you're interested. There is a source of much valuable information, with a touch of on-line "Anglican curiosity shop" about them. Here's their address: <http://www.anglicansonline.org/>.

Enjoy exploring, and I'll see you soon,



Hallo again to all.

If you share our ways of investigating an unknown landscape, one of your first points of contact with a church is likely to be its signboard. Despite the convenience of the web when looking for a church to attend on a Sunday or holyday away from home, signboards are still the mainstay of church information as we walk or drive through a town. They tell us the church name, and often the clergy and musicians who serve there. In most cases they tell us when services begin, occasionally even in stone as above. Now and then the choice of words hints at the parish's DNA: 'The Lord's Supper', for example, and 'Solemn Mass' are good giveaways for brands of churchmanship.

Of late, we've noticed a new trend on church signboards and websites; some now indicate the time at which a service begins and the time at which it ends. A few examples: 'Most of the time the service lasts about 57 minutes'. 'Our service lasts 75 minutes'; 'Our worship takes about 40 minutes'. Others have firm start and stop times.

It is understandable that people should like to know when they'll be able to breakfast after communion or join friends for brunch. Others are keen to use what remains of Sunday to get on with some form of recreation: walking in the park or on the beach, finishing or starting a *livre du jour*, helping children with an essay due soon, or taking part in one of that most hallowed Sunday custom, the early afternoon post-church-and-paper nap. A clue about when a service will finish, as well as when it will start, can be undeniably helpful.

And yet we prefer to see just the starting times of services on signboards and websites. The time we give to Divine Worship is too important to be circumscribed by calculations after the manner of railway departures and arrivals. In this all-too-human world, a sermon inevitably goes longer or shorter than planned; a hymn takes longer to sing than one thought; a baby wails to the point of delaying a baptism for several minutes. The variables in worship are at least as great as those in automobile traffic.

For our part, we're unable to treat time spent in bookshops, museums, churchyards, or fleamarkets as anything but open-ended. In what Kathleen Norris has called 'quotidian mysteries', we enter a kind of supra-chronological time that can't be measured — much less planned — on a clock. This richly textured, expanding, refreshing time is magnified in worship beyond even the loveliness of occasions outside church walls when we browse and meander without recourse to our watches.

Though we trust it is good for our souls as well as 'our bounden duty and service', it is true that time spent in church is lost time, lost to the clock of billable hours, lawn mowing, foodshopping and exercise. But as with so much in our earthly pilgrimage, this sort of loss can be counted as gain if we learn its true value. Call it *kairos* as opposed to *chronos*: God's transfigured, liturgical time as against the stultifying onward march of a second hand. In a rushed atmosphere driven by consumption and accomplishment, we do well to put our wristwatches away or at least refrain from glancing at them. As our weekly schedules become more and more rigid, robbing us of chance and rest (and also serendipity, wonder, and awe), it can be good to know just when something begins, but not necessarily to be sure that it will end 'about 57 minutes' later.

In truth, worship doesn't really have a fixed end-point on the clock, a *terminus ad watch*: it goes with God's blessing out into the world with us, where we continue it as best we can in our daily lives, with all their quotidian mysteries. This side of heaven, it's surely useful to know when to gather for common prayer from week to week, but we hope to see the, well, timely end of signboards and websites with fixed finishing lines other than divine growth and nourishment.

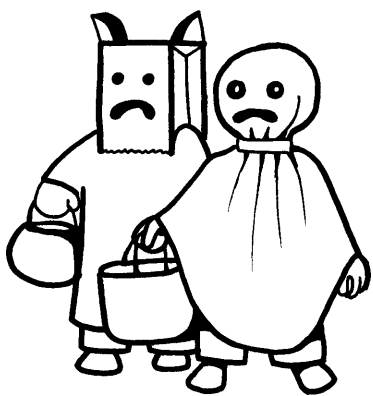
See you next week, same place, same time, with no promises about how long our letter will be.



[All of us here at Anglicans Online](#)

**Calling all partygoers!**

The Halloween party will be Friday, Oct 26th from 5:00pm till ?. Chili & Potato soup will be served in addition to all the wonderful things the kids will actually eat. We'll enjoy spooky stories, crafts, & fun and games. Come in costume if you like. We'll have a group photos too. This is a multigenerational party. Everyone can play!! You don't have to bring a child to get in the door. Hope to see you there. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer call Andrea Rademacher 474-9114.



Happy  
Halloween



**St. John's Book Club features:**

***Flags of our Fathers***



St. John's Book Club meets on the third Wednesday of each month (excepting December, July, August) at 7 pm in the Commons. In October, we're going to join in the community's One Great Read, by featuring ***Flags of our Fathers***, on Wednesday evening October 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7p in the commons.

Lafayette's OneGreatRead runs from July 1 to November 11<sup>th</sup> and invites the Greater Lafayette community to read one book and attend programs and discussions surrounding the book throughout that time period. Tippecanoe County Public Library's Head Reference Librarian, Alison Moss, will lead our discussion and bring information on the One

Great Read programs taking place in October and November.

***Flags of our Fathers*** by James Bradley, tells the story of the six soldiers who raised Old Glory over Mt. Suribachi during the bloody battle for Iwo Jima in World War II. Joe Rosenthal's powerful photo of their shouldering the flag became the symbol of U.S. triumph over the Japanese.

The three surviving flag raisers, including Bradley's father, John, toured as wartime heroes, selling billions in bonds. But John Bradley, who had been badly wounded, insisted he was not a hero; only the men "who did not come back" were heroes. His son re-creates the backgrounds of the events as seen by his protagonists, such as amphibious assaults on fiercely defended islands; horrifying deaths and injuries to the troops; and grotesque episodes, like the torture and murder of a U.S. prisoner.

These fragments of the Pacific war dramatize what the six achieved in spite of obstacles and frustrations; one, a Native American, succumbed to depression and alcohol, dying ten years after the war. Bradley did extensive research on his father and the other five men who marched up the side of Mount Suribachi on Iwo Jima during World War II and raised the American flag—a moment captured in one of America's most famous photos.

There's an edition of this book for teens, too! Let's have a multigenerational evening.



### ***The Feast of the Hunters' Moon***

The Feast of the Hunters' Moon will be held on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at Fort Ouiatenon. This year St. John's is participating in the Feast by selling buffalo burgers and drinks. Volunteers are needed to help in the booth on both Saturday and Sunday, and sign up sheets are available in the Commons outside the kitchen. You can also sign up to help by emailing Chris Voorhees at [wdvcrv@earthlink.net](mailto:wdvcrv@earthlink.net), or by calling her at 497-5665. A variety of jobs both before (shopping and booth set up) and during the Feast (booth workers, bankers, pots and pans washers) are available. Volunteers are asked to work at least one 4 hour shift and, in return, will receive a pin which provides free admission to the Feast (you need the pin and must be dressed in costume for free admission). Work a shift then wander the grounds. This is not only a great fund raising opportunity, but is a lot of fun, and is a chance to get to know one another better. Friends, family, coworkers, all are welcome!

Information sheets about costumes, directions to our booth, and general guidelines are on the credenza in the commons. Women who need a costume **must** sign up on the sign up sheet in the commons, or contact Chris, **by** Friday October 5<sup>th</sup>.

Feel free to call Chris with any questions. Hope to see you there!

### ***Health and Growth of St. John's Fall Program***

This program is provided for the congregation because of a request from the congregation. Please plan to attend. We ask that you sign up so we can plan for food and materials. This fall program will consist of 4 facilitated conversations regarding health and growth at St. John's. The first conversation will be held on Thursday October 18, 2007 6:00pm to 7:25pm and continue for the next 3 consecutive Thursdays.

Supper will be served and child care (with supper) will be provided.  
Food will be at 6:00 PM with the program starting at 6:25PM

The working titles for the Vestry facilitated conversations are:

<b>Title</b>	<b>Facilitators</b>
1. What is our identity? Who is St. John's?	Dennis Sorge & Randy Brist
2. Our welcome at St. John's	TBD
3. What are we doing to invite people to St. John's	TBD
4. Actions for Going Forth	TBD

***Matrix Lifeline  
Pregnancy Center  
Fall 2007***

***New Volunteer Orientation***

**Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>  
9:30-11:30am or 7:00-9:00pm**

If God is calling you to protect and nurture babies and their families, join us to learn more about the mission, history, services and volunteer opportunities at ***Matrix Lifeline Pregnancy Center***.

**Matrix Office, 1824 Maple Street**  
one block north of Greenbush Street  
corner of 19th and Maple Streets, Lafayette

**For registration and further information:  
742-1533 or [anjiematrix@insightbb.com](mailto:anjiematrix@insightbb.com)**

### ***Questing and Questioning the Book of Common Prayer***

What's the date of Easter in the year 2037? (883)

When's the feast of Mary Magdalene? (25)

Do we have a prayer for church musicians and artists? Where would we look for such a thing? (819)

What are those specific readings we sometimes hear at the Great Vigil of Easter? How many of them must we read? (288-291)

What's the collect for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent? (211)

What may come between the proclamation of the gospel and the sermon at the celebration of the holy Eucharist? (358)

When does washing feet "appropriately follow the gospel and homily"? [bonus: and why is that day called what it's called?] (274)

Who may baptize in an emergency? (313)

How many versions of the Lord's Prayer are there in the Eucharist? (364)

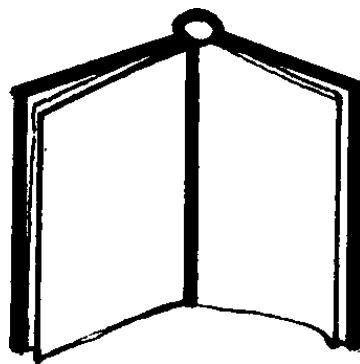
How many psalms are there in 'The Psalter'? (807) and how about the ways in which a congregation may recite said psalms at public worship? (582)

What is the 'ministry of the laity' anyway? (855)

Who's responsible for the establishment of the 39 'Articles of Religion'? (867)

Is there a prayer for rain? For prisons? For birthdays? Just what sorts of things and people does the Prayer Book include prayers for? (828, 826, 830)

Is there a rite for the adoption of a child? (439-445)



### ***Top 10 Reasons Why Children are Welcomed in Our Church***

10. Repeated exposure to the sights, sounds and symbols of Eucharist help form all Christians.
9. Children actual LIKE sitting in those usually-empty front row seats so they can see and hear what's going on.
8. It would be expensive to repaint all those signs to read "The Episcopal Church Only Welcomes Adults."
7. Practice Makes Perfect – Teaching young children to enjoy and participate in the service helps them become active and receptive worshipping adults.
6. There are no pop quizzes at the communion rail! We all experience the Eucharist as a mystery...you don't have to be able to explain it in order to benefit from it.
5. Children have their own unique relationships with God. Being in church helps them learn how to pray, sing, worship and otherwise strengthen that relationship.
4. If Children aren't in church, who are the candy-unwrapping, restless, coughing, whispering adults going to blame for the noise?
3. Sunday services make great family-togetherness time. Use the quiet space for extra hand-holding or snuggling time that may get lost during a busy week.
2. Children teach us what absolute joy looks like – and what better place to experience that than in church?
1. ...and the Number One reason why children are welcomed in our church: The Circle of God's family is incomplete without them!

- Tracey E. Herzer, President, 2007  
National Association for Episcopal Christian Education Directors  
[www.NAECED.org](http://www.NAECED.org)



# **UTO**

In the September Eagle we were told that Pat Tourangeau is UTO's Board member at large for the Middle East. Her responsibilities include receiving all grant requests that come from the Middle East. She may have the chance to visit a couple of previous UTO grant sites during her current trip. Father Ed will be the photographer. I hope we will have more information and pictures in an upcoming Eagle.

The new 2007 Grants booklet tells us 104 grants were made out of 202 requests submitted. The national UTO committee is hoping there will be more funds to grant next year. This year 6 grants directly empower the Anglican Church overseas to offer programs and services that will fight poverty and disease. In addition, many buildings funded by UTO provide places where MDG (Millennium Development Goals) work is accomplished. This also allows communication and services to be provided in rural areas.

It is our daily prayers of thanks and coins in our Blue Boxes that make it possible to support grants to help others. Get your Blue Box today and join in the expanding circle of thankful people offering up daily prayers and gifts through the United Thank Offering.

Our Fall UTO Ingathering at St. John's will be November 11, 2007 at both services. Information about UTO can be found in the Commons.

Yours in Christ,  
Mary Louise Davis

## ***Fall Projects Day Help Maintain Our Home Away from Home***

The Property Committees would like to invite you to a Fall Projects Day at St. John's on Saturday November 3, 2007. We plan to start at 9:30 am and end at 11:30, although we may stay longer depending on the number of projects. We would greatly appreciate any time you can spare and you do not have to stay the whole time. There are a variety of projects for all skill levels and ages. Childcare will be provided. If you have projects for the list or have other questions about the day, please contact Tony Bailey at [tkbbailey@earthlink.net](mailto:tkbbailey@earthlink.net) or 463-7263. Please watch your bulletins for additional details as the Work Day gets closer.

## **FOOD PANTRY FRUIT SALES**

Allynn McInerney will be providing the opportunity for you to purchase Florida Fruit for the food pantry. The fruit is delivered near the beginning of Dec, usually by the second weekend. As in the last two years, it is a great way to support the food pantry with a special item for the holiday season and support the West Lafayette Band Program. ( 5 of our youth are in the band program at the Jr/Sr High.) You can also split an order with the food pantry, keeping some for your self, or also place an additional order for yourself. All food pantry orders will be delivered directly to the St John's Food Pantry. You won't need to do anything else once the order is placed and paid for..

To place your order with Allynn McInerney and pay for the fruit (check payable to West Lafayette Music — indicate fruit sales on the "for line") you can:

Place an order by seeing Allynn one of her parents (Bill or Olynn) between services or after the later service.

You can complete the form below and give to Allynn (or parent) or mail to me at 2219 Sycamore Lane, West Lafayette.

You can email Allynn with the order (allynnster@gmail.com) and then mail or deliver payment. I will need the information shown on the order form:

**ORDER DEADLINE OCT . 14, 2007**

### **FRUIT SALES ORDER FORM** (please print)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email; \_\_\_\_\_

Order for: \_\_\_\_\_ Food Pantry \_\_\_\_\_ Personal

If ordering for Food Pantry and Personal (mark with FP for items you want for Food Pantry)

Indicate quantity:	Oranges	Grapefruit	Mixed
Small box (10 lbs) _____	_____ (\$14)	_____ (\$14)	_____ (\$15)
Medium box (20 lbs) _____	_____ (\$18)	_____ (\$18)	_____ (\$20)
Large box (30 lbs) _____	_____ (\$28)	_____ (\$28)	_____ (\$30)

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

IF THE ORDER IS PERSONAL COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

Deliver to you at church \_\_\_\_\_

Deliver to you at home: ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

## Music @ St. John's

### *Young Voices Wanted!*

The music training for our young children will begin soon, and it's not too late to join! Here are some of the benefits of becoming a Chorister:

- 1) SING some of the world's greatest music from all over the globe
- 2) GROW to become a talented musician
- 3) MAKE new friends and be part of a team
- 4) ENJOY special choir social events

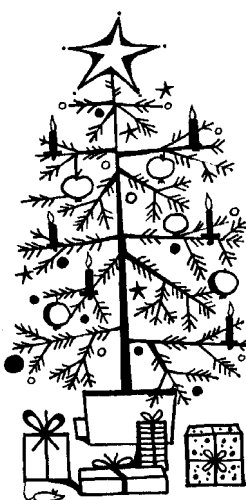
### **No Previous Experience Necessary**

If you are in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade or above, and are interested in joining this fun group, speak soon with Michael Bennett.

### ***Mom's Morning Out***

Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, is the next Mom's Morning Out. Susan Chandler will be providing childcare from 8:30-11:30 in the nursery. Please contact Nolie Parnell, Kelley Bailey, or Susan Chandler if you are interested.

### **JUBILEE CHRISTMAS IS DECEMBER 15**



Guess what time of year it is? I am sure I do not have to remind everyone but it is time to be thinking about JUBILEE CHRISTMAS, that wonderful event of giving and feeling so good about it no matter what you have to give. We will host 35 families again this year and will be asking for volunteers in the coming months. I also know that TIME is very scarce this time of year. So any TIME you can give, no matter how little, will be greatly appreciated

We have started making blankets and stockings for 100 kids. We'll need help completing these. Kits are available for both blankets and stockings are available in the Commons. They come complete with instructions. Take one home (be sure to sign it out) and bring it back when complete. The Knit Wits have also started making hats and gloves. There are two Saturday workshops scheduled for Oct. 20 and November 17 for all these activities.

Sign up sheets for shopping, set-up, and day of Jubilee will be posted in soon for the many volunteers we will need. Please start thinking of what you can do to help out and enjoy that wonderful feeling of giving.

If you have any questions, please contact me Patti Mellor or Maggie McClure.



It is a fall Saturday. Beautiful blue skies. Warm sun on your face. Lots of high-fives, laughter, and cheers. Is it Purdue football? No—it is the Habitat for Humanity build.

By all accounts, the day was wonderful and everyone enjoyed volunteering their time. Father L'Homme started the day with a thoughtful devotional and leading the group in prayer. The energy was high, and in just 8 short hours, a cement slab was metamorphosed into the skeleton of a house. Approximately 25 volunteers, from both St. John's and the Community Reformed Church, teamed with professionals to frame, sheath, and place trusses on the soon-to-be 3 bedroom house. Jennifer, the homeowner, was thrilled. Her eyes sparkled when she told me which room was going to be her child's bedroom, what color she had picked out for the carpet, kitchen cabinets, and walls...no detail had been missed.

There are many to thank, because without their willingness to pick up a level, a tape measure, or hammer, regardless of their skill level, Jennifer's house would not have gotten off to such a fantastic start. My thanks to Father L'Homme for the devotional, and the following for all the sweat and sore muscles (not to mention a sore thumb or two): Tony Bailey, Sue Bracey, Gayle Ennis, Dan Hogan, Jack Kueberth, John Lindenlaub, Jim Marciniak, Ken Paar, Kevin Rademacher, Bob Slagel, Dennis Sorge, Cynthia Stauffacher, and Amy van Epps.

If you wanted to participate, but for various reasons, could not, don't worry. The second Saturday of St. John's commitment to Habitat for Humanity is November 10<sup>th</sup>. We will once again be working on Jennifer's house, but will be completing interior work (i.e. we will be inside for an anticipated much colder Saturday). We will also be responsible for feeding the volunteers on that day as well. If you are interested participating in either responsibility on November 10<sup>th</sup>, please let either Randy Brist, Ken Paar, or Nolie Parnell know.

Nolie Parnell  
Jr. Warden

8:30 am: In the beginning...





All in a day's work!

## **Nursery News**

Have you taken a peak inside the nursery lately? If you haven't, take a look. You should notice two differences that have happened in the past month. One, the room sparkles. Thanks to Mary Bache, Mindy Dean, Angie Mosier and Kelley Bailey, the nursery received its semi-annual cleaning on Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. Despite the rain outside, this seasoned group of cleaners scrubbed, dusted and washed so well, that by the time I arrived, all the work had been completed (no, I did not intentionally plan that J). Please take the time to thank these wonderful women for volunteering their time so our littlest ones can play in a clean environment.

The second thing you should notice is the new windows. These windows are a wonderful gift from the Robert and Elizabeth Stephens fund and the Property Management committee and we are extremely grateful. Not only do new windows open to allow for fresh air when the occasion calls for it - the old windows did not - there is no longer black dust on the window sill. The old windows continuously produced a fine layer of black dust, which I was convinced was not healthy for those who played and worked in the nursery. While I have no scientific evidence to support my claim, I am happy the black dust is gone and I no longer have to worry.

Recently there have been many gifts to the nursery and I would like to take a moment to thank these generous individuals. Lynn Guptill and her family (friends of St. John's) donated toys to the nursery. Andrea Rademacher donated enough diapers to keep us from visiting a local store anytime in the near future, and Courtney Wells donated disposable bibs, which are wonderful for keeping the littlest ones clean. Thank you for supporting the nursery with your gifts! It truly means a lot to know we are in your daily thoughts.

As usual, if there is ever any way you believe we can improve the quality or safety of the nursery, please let us know. We would love to hear your thoughts.

Nolie Parnell and Kelley Bailey

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Lunchtime Concert**

One of the many music offerings that St. John's will provide this year will be a monthly lunchtime concert on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday. These officially begin on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

12:10pm Free concert	October 10	Marc Loudon, organist
12:30pm Sandwich and salad bar lunch (\$5 suggested donation)	November 14	Caryl Matthews/Nancy Lein, 4-hand piano
	December 12	Karen Goff, soprano

## **Liturgical Calendars**

Follow the course of the church year at home with the Episcopal Church Calendar for 2008. The calendar is edited to conform to the 1979 Book of Common Prayer, with the calendar dates in the proper color for the day.

On the back of each month's calendar sheet are printed the lessons and psalms for each Sunday and major feast days, along with liturgical notes and suggested concluding collects for the Prayers of the People. Under the calendar pad is found Tables of Feasts and Fasts, together with useful information about lessons and psalms.

Call the parish office by November 19<sup>th</sup> at 742-4079 to reserve your calendar at the cost of \$5.00 each. Calendars will be ordered only for those who request them.