

The **Eagle**

St. John's Episcopal Church • Lafayette, Ind. • October 2019

From the Rector

By now, I'm assuming that most of you know of our Associate Rector Hilary Cooke's appointment to be the next Chaplain at the Chapel of the Good Shepherd and the Episcopal Campus Ministry at Purdue. I am sure that, like me, you are sad to see Hilary leave St. John's as well as relieved that she will be staying in the area to continue her ministry.

As I said in our joint letter to the congregation announcing her appointment, it is unusual for an associate priest to stay at one church as long as Hilary has been at St. John's. Because of that long relationship, and because of her wonderful presence here, her leave-taking comes as bittersweet news. Without question, we have been blessed by her ministry. In particular, I have been blessed by her ministry, her counsel and advice, and her friendship. For that reason, as we like to say in therapy, I have lots of feelings about her leaving.

But I knew from the moment that Hilary told me about this opportunity that it was the right thing. Her appointment is good news for her and her family, good news for the people of Good Shepherd and the Purdue community, and good news for us here at St. John's. It is good news because it was an inspired choice on the Bishop's part. To put it bluntly, it is what God is calling us to do. That is why I am excited and encouraged. I look forward to what God and our church communities can do together to share God's love in Greater Lafayette and beyond.

While we obviously cannot replace Hilary's presence at St. John's, the other staff and leadership are capable and ready to continue strengthening and expanding our ministries together. The Vestry and I are having conversations about our staff going forward, and I have been in contact with the Diocese as well. Any changes will take time, but we will definitely keep you informed as we go forward.

As always, thank you for your ministry at St. John's and the way you proclaim the good news of Jesus and serve our community. That ministry will continue to grow and expand as we strengthen the bonds of affection with our neighbors across the river. May God continue to bless Hilary, her family and our shared ministry. — *Bradley Pace*, <code>bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org</code>

Celebrating the Feast of St. Francis Blessing of the Animals

5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6

Bring your furry friends to St. John's and celebrate the Feast of St. Francis. The details of the service are still being planned. All pets are welcome (as well as pictures or stuffed animals). Donations will be accepted for a local animal welfare organization. — Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org



Service of Holy Eucharist & Healing

8 & 10:15 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 13

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

St. John's regularly offers healing prayer in the Chapel of the Resurrection (after Communion on Sundays, at noon on Tuesdays). Healing prayer (also known as "unction" or "ministration to the sick") has a long tradition in the Church. The person receiving 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 bring about healing and wholeness.

On **Sunday, Oct. 13,** at both the **8 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. — *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*

The Feast of All Saints at St. John's

8 & 10:15 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 3

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed

saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our

Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

On **Sunday, Nov. 3**, we will observe the Feast of All Saints. At both services that day, we will dedicate special time to remember those saints of St. John's who have died since last year. There will also be time for each of us to remember the saints who have been the chosen vessels of God's grace in our own lives. Please join with the whole church as we remember the saints of God who have come before and welcome new saints into the Body of Christ. — *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*

Holy Baptism

For anyone considering baptism, or for parents considering having their children baptized, the next baptismal feast is the Feast of All Saints on **Sunday, Nov. 3**. For more information, please contact Bradley. — *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*

The 2020 Annual Campaign Beginning October 2020

You are the light of the world! You are the light of the world! But if that light is under a bushel, It's lost something kind of crucial You've got to stay bright to be the light of the world.

Godspell



Jesus' friends in *Godspell* — paraphrasing Matthew 5:14 — remind us that "something kind of crucial" is lost if we don't bring the light we have out into the world. Each one of us basks in the light of the generous, loving God who sent Christ to enlighten the nations, to fill the dark places, to bring joy and peace, comfort and healing. Christ enlightens us, gives us joy and peace, comfort and healing, making it possible for us to shine God's light into the world.

St. John's shines light into the world in so many ways. Along with God's grace, your generosity makes our ministry possible. During our Annual Campaign, the Stewardship Committee asks each of you to reflect on the gifts you have received from God and the community of St. John's and to consider how God is calling you to shine your light through our ministry together. Be on the lookout for more information coming soon.

Sharing

Hunger Hike Update

Many thanks to all who supported the 2019 Hunger Hike to combat food insecurity in our community. St. John's participated in the 3k walk on Sunday, Sept. 22. Thanks to everyone who participated or has already donated.

We will continue raising funds for this important work in our community. Please help us reach our goal of \$3,000 by donating at www.stjohns-laf.org/giving-to-stjohns and designating "Hunger Hike". — Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org

St. John's Shares at Family Promise Oct. 14 – 20

St. John's will partner with Family Promise the week of **Oct. 14-20**. We will provide meals for the families at the shelter on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and volunteers to spend time with the residents on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings and during the day on Sunday. This is a great way to serve either as a family or as an individual by providing a meal or hanging out and getting to know the residents. Look for sign-up sheets in St. John's Commons. Please contact Katy Travis at sharing@stjohns-laf.org for more information. — *Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org*

Sharing Ministries Schedule

Find out more information about St. John's Sharing Ministries at www.stjohns-laf.org/sharingministries or by going to the Sharing Ministries kiosk in St. John's Commons.



October 2019 Book Group: *Indianapolis*, by Lynn Vincent & Sara Vladic 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24, The Commons

This past July, seven of the last 12 survivors of the sinking, on July 30, 1945, of the *U.S.S. Indianapolis*, met for their annual reunion in its namesake city. Perhaps you know of the historic, successful mission of the ship: to transport the key components of "Little Boy" — the atomic bomb that would soon be dropped on Hiroshima — from the U.S. mainland to Tinian Island in the South Pacific. You may also know of the sinking of the *U.S.S. Indianapolis*, with her complement of nearly 1,200 sailors and marines, in the Philippine Sea four days after that delivery, and of the valiant struggle for survival of the 316 crew members who were ultimately rescued alive.

It is cliché, of course, that the bombing of Hiroshima, and a few days later of Nagasaki, changed our world irrevocably. But there is another important reason to read *Indianapolis*. Captain McVay, who survived the sinking, was subsequently court martialed and found guilty — for "failure to zig zag." Here Vladic and Vincent push further, describing for the first time the immense effort by the surviving crew members to achieve the exoneration of their captain. It is this effort, and the exploration of justice as guilt or of justice as fairness, that make this book not just a captivating tale of valor and of survival, but a provocative consideration of the nature of justice.

Read this book, and join us as we share thoughts. — Karl Brandt, kb1038@aol.com

The St. John's Vestry Seeks New Members

The St. John's Vestry will soon be looking for new members to join the Vestry in 2020. Vestry terms are for three years and begin once the annual meeting is completed. While there are specific canonical responsibilities, Vestry service is much more than these minimal, canonical requirements suggest. Our ministry focuses on the work of God as it is lived out in this church community. Vestry members commit to a reasonable understanding of the church's structure, management and finances; to be leaders in attending the worship and fellowship of the church; to support the church through financial stewardship; to lead in outreach, service and evangelism; and to support the mission and ministry of the church in other ways. Vestry members commit to be leaders in prayer and in the study of Scripture and to living out the Gospel in their daily lives. If you feel that you may be called to service on the St. John's Vestry or if you would like additional information, please contact one of the current members of the Vestry's Middler class: Gayle Ennis, Klamity96@gmail.com; Elaine Johnson, elaine.grulke@gmail.com; Angela Mosier, angelajomosier@gmail.com; and Rebekah Sims, resims@purdue.edu. — Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohnslaf.org

Call to Convention 2019

Nov. 15-16 in Bloomington

The Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis will hold its 182nd annual convention at the Monroe Convention Center Nov. 15-16. Attending convention is a great way to learn about the wider church, our mission, and our ministries around Indiana. This year, convention will include a pre-convention social & family fun night as well as children & youth activities. If you are interested in attending, please contact the church office or get more information at www.indydio.org.

Registration Open for Two Waycross Young Adult Retreats Oct. 18-20 & Dec. 13-15

Registration is now open for two young adult retreats at Waycross this fall:

Daring Discipleship: **Finding Your Way & Following Your Dreams** – Oct. 18-20 (for young adults ages 20-30) **Dismantling Racism** — Dec. 13-15 (for young adults ages 18-30)

Learn more and register online at <u>waycrosscenter.campbrainregistration.com</u>. For more information, contact Victoria Hoppes at <u>victoria@waycrossccc.org</u>.

Love for Waycross Event at St. Christopher's, Carmel

5-9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26

Waycross will host a "Love for Waycross" event on **Saturday, Oct. 26**, from **5 to 9 p.m.** at St. Christopher's, Carmel. This a great opportunity for fellowship with those who love Waycross. Learn more and purchase tickets at <u>waycrosscc.org/love4wx</u>.

Lunchtime Concert Series

Wednesday, Oct. 9 12:10 p.m.

Featuring Terri Ewigleben, trumpet

Light lunch follows in the Commons; \$5 donation suggested

Making Christ Known

The Greater Lafayette Episcopal Youth Group

The youth from Good Shepherd and St. John's will meet regularly throughout the fall. Regular meetings will be from 12:30-2:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoons. Please note, some events may take place offsite. Get an updated schedule at www.stjohns-laf.org/youth.

- Sunday, Oct. 6, 12:30-2:30 p.m. Mini-golf at Hole-in-One Family Fun, Lafayette
- Sunday, Oct. 20, 12:30-2:30 p.m. Study, games & worship at Good Shepherd, West Lafayette
- Friday, Nov. 1, 6 p.m.-Saturday, Nov. 2 at 10 a.m. Halloween/All Saints' Lock-in, St. John's
- Nov. 15-16 Diocesan Convention w/youth programming at the Monroe Convention Center, Bloomington
- Sunday, Nov. 17, 12:30-2:30 p.m. Study, games, & worship at Good Shepherd, West Lafayette
- Nov. 22-24 Fall Youth Retreat, Waycross Camp

For more information, contact Bradley. — Bradley Pace, bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org

Next Deadline for The Eagle

The deadline for the November Eagle is **Monday, Oct. 14**. Send submissions to eagle@stjohns-laf.org.

From the Vestry: August 2019

The St. John's Vestry met on Wednesday, Aug. 14, and discussed the following items:

- Worship in the Street was well attended as was the ILGL "Never Again is Now Rally" hosted by St. John's.
- The Vestry members who went on the Brasilia pilgrimage emphasized how inspired they were by the trip and by our shared ministry with our friends there.
- Kathy and Bruce Johnson led a group of more than a dozen folks who cleaned the church undercroft.
- Bradley updated the Vestry on the recent Advocacy Committee meeting and on the Sharing Ministry opportunities this fall. At the time of the meeting, St. John's still needed to raise \$4,400 of its \$5,400 commitment to the Habitat for Humanity Apostles' Build. Bradley reported that St. John's had received a grant of more than \$5,600 from Christ Church Cathedral for the "Speakers Bureau" now known as the "Sustaining Stories Cooperative."
- Vestry is prayerfully considering hiring a part-time youth minister. Bradley and Hilary reported that the youth group is growing and needs committed, dedicated leadership.
- The Vestry approved a bid for a recycling contract and (by email) a bid to have gutter work done on the steeple.
- Church Insurance has offered "Sanctuary Insurance" for an additional \$100 per year to churches considering offering sanctuary to undocumented immigrants. The Vestry discussed this possibility and determined to consider studying whether we would like to add this to our policy.
- Children and youth who participate at St. John's in at least 75 percent of Sunday School classes, participate in Sunday worship (by acolyting, reading, ushering, bearing oblations, etc.) and in other ways will be eligible for a scholarship to attend Waycross Summer Camp or youth activities.

August Financial Report

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St. John's Financial Summary January through August 2019

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		Aug-19	Total 2019	Annual Budget	% of Budget
1	Pledge Income	\$19,382.00	\$231,133.06	\$382,611.00	60.4%
2	Operating Income	\$1,303.85	\$25,938.23	\$79,725.87	32.5%
3	Non-Operating Income	\$5,828.61	\$12,261.62	\$8,000.00	153.3%
4	Transfer Income	\$0.00	\$7,500.00	\$40,000.00	18.8%
	TOTAL INCOME	\$26,514.46	\$276,832.91	\$510,336.87	54.2%
EXPENSES		Aug-19	Total 2019	Annual Budget	% of Budget
1	Outreach	\$6,099.58	\$58,531.52	\$85,362.70	68.6%
2	Program	\$463.44	\$15,845.63	\$25,000.00	63.4%
3	Administration	\$96.43	\$546.53	\$2,500.00	21.9%
4	Personnel	\$20,397.24	\$167,371.31	\$254,401.49	65.8%
5	Office	\$6,058.81	\$18,138.82	\$27,395.00	66.2%
6	Property	\$3,791.98	\$59,528.25	\$115,677.68	51.5%
7	Miscellaneous (Non-Budget)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$36,907.48	\$319,962.06	\$510,336.87	62.7%
	Net Income (Loss)	-\$10,393.02	-\$43,129.15	\$0.00	
Note	is:				

Detailed description of these items are available for review from members of the Finance Committee.

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