



# *The Eagle*

September 2013

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## **Property Committee Update** **By Tony Bailey**

WE have a large church facility that from time-to-time requires various repairs. This note is to let you know of two such repairs - both are planned to take place some time before winter.

- Roof re-shingling - the roof between the Nave and the older section of church (west of the Nursery) needs to be re-shingled. This will likely require scaffolding to be set up in the Memorial Garden. Attempts are being made to keep the scaffolding on the sidewalks and other walkways. However, as much as we try to avoid disturbances to and messes in this area, it is possible both might happen. Please be assured we will try hard to keep any disturbances and messes to a minimum.
- Sidewalk replacement - part of the sidewalk on the East side of the Watson House will be replaced. While it is not used regularly by most members, it has become a trip hazard to those who do use it, our neighbors and other public. And no, only Fr. Bradley, Hillary, Michael and Teresa have permission to leave their initials. : )

And finally, please watch future Eagle's and Bulletins for the Fall "Spruce Up" Day which will likely take place either the last Saturday of October or one of the first two Saturdays in November.

And please remember, if you think you are the last person out of a door that is supposed to be locked, to stop to check and make sure it latches behind you.

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## **Quiet Day** **By Amy Paget**

Gratitude is the theme for this September's Quiet Day, Saturday, September 21 from 10-2. Quiet Days are opportunities to renew and refresh your soul by spending a day (or portion thereof) in prayer and meditation with music, art, and offerings of short teaching moments. Resources will be available — or bring your own!

*Bring a brown-bag lunch and join us for all / part of the time. Enter through the garden door.*

To ask questions or to learn more, contact Amy Paget at [pagets@gmail.com](mailto:pagets@gmail.com)

## From the Rector

### By Bradley Pace

On September 8 at 5 pm, St. John’s will host Bishop Cate and lots of other guests from the Diocese, the community, and the wider Church for a special service. Officially, the service is called “The Renewal of Ministry and Welcoming of a New Rector.” This title comes from a relatively new worship resource called *Enriching Our Worship 4* adopted by General Convention a few years back as a supplement to the *Book of Common Prayer*.

For some of you this kind of thing may be new and you may wonder what all the fuss is about. After all, St. John’s hasn’t held a service like this since Fr. Ed Tourangeau was “installed” in the early 90s. The service will mark the official beginning of my tenure as the rector of St. John’s. The Bishop will come and ask all of us to commit ourselves to this on-going ministry. It will be a beautiful service and I really hope the church is packed.

But I wanted to say something about the service and about its true purpose. The service is not an “installation” of the new rector because I’m not an appliance. (I know, it’s a lame joke, but still...) The *Prayer Book* calls the service a “Celebration of New Ministry,” but that’s also a misnomer. The people of St. John’s have been living out the Christian witness here since 1837. My coming does not make this a new ministry.

Instead, what we’re really doing is renewing our ministry together and recommitting ourselves to this Christian witness here in Lafayette. True, the Bishop will ask you to confirm me as your new rector—she will read the letter of investiture, etc. But what really matters about this celebration is the renewal of our vows to worship, to share the love of God with our community, and to make Christ known in thought, word, and deed. This service is not primarily about installing me as your rector or celebrating *my* new ministry. It is about renewing and recommitting ourselves to the ministry we are already doing. It is about renewing and recommitting ourselves to a ministry that reaches back to 1837 and beyond to the earliest followers of the Way.

I realize that “installation” (or even “my installation”) is easy shorthand. “The Renewal of Ministry and Welcoming of a New Rector” doesn’t roll off the tongue. But I would hate for anyone to misunderstand what will happen—God willing and the Bishop and people consenting—on September 8. This is about our ministry, not mine. This is about the gathered people of God, not a new priest. This is about you and me living out the mission of St. John’s here in this place—**worshipping, sharing, and making Christ known**. I hope to see you there.

## An Update on the St. John’s Organ

### By Bradley Pace

Most of you will know that for several weeks during the summer the St. John’s organ was out of commission. It was a fairly simple problem—there was a short in the blower motor that fills the bellows with air. Thanks to Paul Lawson, we were able to repair the problem at almost no cost.

Paul’s repair is a short-term fix that will likely require more substantial repairs in the near future. Other repairs and upgrades to the organ are also needed soon. With that in mind, our music director, Michael Bennett, and I will reassess the organ’s needs over the next several months and consider possible repairs and upgrades. More information will likely be made available in the new year. In the meantime, if you have questions or would like to help with this project, please contact me at the church’s office or by email at [bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:bradleypace@stjohns-laf.org).

## A Note on the St. John’s Staff

### By Bradley Pace

I hope each of you has had an opportunity to meet Steve Starks, the new director of the St. John’s/LUM Food Pantry. Steve is a welcome addition to the St. John’s staff, and he’s really hit the ground running.

I am also very excited to announce that Hilary Cooke will be officially taking on a new role at St. John’s. Before her sabbatical, Hilary had served as the interim Christian Formation director. Now that she is back, she will be taking over this position officially. While Hilary will still be preaching and leading worship on Sunday and taking part in the overall ministry of St. John’s, her primary responsibilities will be coordinating Godly Play, working with the Christian Formation volunteers, and coordinating the children and youth programs. I am very happy that Hilary will be serving in this capacity. She will be wonderful and will continue to bring passion, expertise, and excitement to our children and youth ministry.

# It's Time to Play! By Hilary Cooke

Our Christian formation for children aged 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade, Godly Play, will resume on Sunday, September 15 on the top level (floor 2 if you're taking the elevator). This year, instead of meeting at the gathering room, we are asking parents to help their children settle into the church space and lead them directly to the doorperson for their classroom by 9:15.

For the fall semester, Godly Play will meet on the following dates: September 15, 22, and 29; October 6, 13, 20, and 27, November 3, 10, 17, and 24, and December 8, 15 and 22. Many thanks go to all who contribute to the Godly Play program at St. John's and to Gayle Ennis, Katie Elder, and Greg Buzzard, who participated in the 3-day Godly Play training in August.

If you'd like to know more about Godly Play in general, see: [godlyplayfoundation.org](http://godlyplayfoundation.org) or check out our Godly Play bulletin board in the parish hall. If you're interested in knowing how you can be a part of this ministry please feel free to contact Hilary at [hilary@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:hilary@stjohns-laf.org).

# Foyer Dinner Groups By Lloyd Brewer

It's "Foyer Switch" time again! Those who sign up for Foyer (French word for hearth) are assigned to a group of 8 or 9 people who take turns hosting a gathering sometime in the next year to share a casual meal and relaxed conversation - an ideal way to become better acquainted with your church family. It's a **great opportunity for newcomers**.

New groups begin in October with a kick-off wine and cheese party at the church in October (date to be announced). Anyone is welcome to this. Bring a snack or wine to share or just come and enjoy the party. For now, consider if you would like to be a part of these small groups and call or e-mail me with your request. **Current members are reassigned unless you request to "opt out" this year.** Talk it up with friends and recruit new members – that keeps the rotations interesting J

There are many options:  
Your house is too small or you don't entertain? Find a Foyer partner and team up to share an evening where you each prepare part of the meal in their home; or have a picnic in the park or your yard; or get everyone together for a "Dutch Treat" meal at a restaurant (everyone pays their own way). You want to include your children? You may include all (or only your own) children when you take your turn – your choice. Most parents decide to make this an opportunity to visit with other adults, but you could put together a group of young families and let me know – including all your kids at your homes or at church.

You have trouble finding a mutually agreeable date sometimes? Go ahead with as many as can make it and feel free always to include a newcomer or anyone you'd like to invite when you host. Spouses and friends who are not members in St John's are welcome. Couples who attend different churches find it a great way to share friends.

Commitment is minimal. Food + Fun = Foyer.  
Contact Lloyd Brewer with questions  
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# Annual Hunger Hike By Hilary Cooke

On Sunday, September 15 the St. John's youth group will once again participate in the Hunger Hike of Greater Lafayette. Each year the Hunger Hike raises money to support Lafayette Urban Ministry's Food Programs (including our own Food Pantry here at St. John's), Food Finders Food Bank, and St. Tom's Haiti Ministry. We hope to continue our efforts of the last eight years and continue to increase the funds we raise.

We would be very grateful for your support of the youth group's efforts to raise money for the hungry in our community (and abroad). You can support us in several ways. You can offer your financial support by finding youth group members to give them money directly or by going on-line to donate at [www.firstgiving.com](http://www.firstgiving.com) (search for the team "St. John's Youth group 2013"). You can offer us your physical presence by joining us in the walk (we'd love to have you!). And you can offer us your spiritual support by keeping us, and those who will be served by the Hunger Hike, in your prayers.

Food Pantry News  
By Steve Starks

“Give them something to eat yourselves.” These words of Jesus were directed to the Apostles just before the miracle of the loaves and fishes (Mt 35-44). But he was really saying them to us, his followers down the ages.

And so, that is what we are doing. God provides the Plenty, and we distribute it to everyone so that no one goes hungry. This is Kingdom symbolism. This is Kingdom building. This thing we do at the Food Pantry of feeding people. It both points to and accomplishes that which God intended.

It is a pleasure for me to a part of this with you - this kingdom-building, this people-feeding. It is a Gift for me, as a receiver of Grace, to be honored to now be a part of the Giver’s plan.

I see my role as two-fold:  
1. to make sure that there is enough food for you to offer, and  
2. to support you in your work of ministering to the guests who come through our door.  
If you do your job well, the people will be served with dignity and respect. If I do my job well, you will be able to do that.

I live a full life and may sometimes be difficult to contact. I do check my cell phone and email several times per day, and texting is a preferred method of communicating if you have that capability. I will always call you back.

Thank you to all the people who have helped to bring me up to speed in such a short time: Gayle Ennis, the Co-Director, Jane Vanable, the valuable scheduler, Ken and Jackie Paar, the past Coordinators and Fr Bradley who has been a great source of support and encouragement. Many others have increased my knowledge of the history and mission of the Food Pantry and how it works.

I look forward to meeting each of you personally, and working with you collectively to put Gospel values into practice. Many thanks for what you do. Let me know how I can assist you.

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Episcopal Women’s Ministries  
By Charlene Watson

**Ladies:** Have you made your plans to attend the EWM 2013 Fall Retreat at Waycross this September 27-29? Several women have mentioned their interest and plan to attend – thank you. There will be two sheets on the EWM credenza during September regarding this Fall Retreat. If you are driving and are able to take some passengers, please sign the appropriate paper with your name, phone number, and how many can ride with you. If you need a ride, please sign the appropriate paper with your name and phone number. Please review these sheets and contact each other. Once those offering rides have a full car, please draw ONE line through your name. Once those needing a ride find a ride, please draw ONE line through your name. Communication is key here. Thank you for your cooperation and please contact me if you have questions. Charlene Watson (765-474-9101; cel.watson@comcast.net).

September Book  
Discussion  
By Mary Campbell

In September, the Book Discussion participates in the community’s One Great Read program. The One Great Read has been sponsored jointly by the Tippecanoe County and West Lafayette Public Libraries since 2006 and offers a variety of programs each year to explore a specific book in some detail.

The 2013 selection, *Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson, commemorates the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the “White City” – the 1893 World’s Columbian Exposition in Chicago (the “Chicago World’s Fair”). Larson provides a fascinating back history to the Exposition – about the men who struggled to bring it into being, the character of the city at that time, and the lasting impact the Exposition on life in the U.S.

At the same time, Larson traces the felonious activities of Dr. H.H. Holmes (the “devil” in the title) in his hotel located very close to the fairgrounds. A third subplot involves Patrick Prendergast and the mayor of Chicago.

The book reads like a novel but is a work of non-fiction – which makes it all the more fascinating and alarming. If you have not yet read it, I think you will be spellbound. If you have read it, I can tell you that my experience of re-reading it recently was highly rewarding.

Alison Moss, chair of the One Great Read committee from the Tippecanoe County Public Library and a parishioner at St. John’s, will lead our discussion.

Please join in – Wednesday, September 25 from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Commons. Enter through the garden gate. Call Mary Campbell at 426-5541 with questions or with issues about transportation.

## Habitat for Humanity Apostles Build

By Ken Parr

As you may remember, we have been collecting funds all summer to support St. Johns’ participation in the Habitat for Humanity of Lafayette Apostles Build for 2013. Many thanks to all who have contributed so far as we have reached our goal for the participation fee. The house is to be built on Ellsworth Street in Lafayette between Wabash Avenue and the railroad tracks. The St. Johns’ crew is scheduled to work on siding, soffit, fascia, and other trim on September 21 beginning around 8:00 am. Framing of the house is scheduled for two weeks prior to that.

Since we are going to be the only church providing a crew that day, we are also responsible for the food. Dorothy Jones and Jo Roberts have graciously volunteered to lead that effort. While we don’t know the lunch menu yet, there will be coffee and bagels at the Habitat office Saturday morning prior to work beginning. The office is located at 420 South 1<sup>st</sup> Street and it is a short walk to the house site.

Many of you have already expressed interest in working on September 21 and more are needed. Sign up on the sheet in the Commons or contact Ken Paar at 538-2337 to add your name to the list. Anyone who would be interested in assisting Dorothy and Jo can use the sheet in the Commons or contact Dorothy at 497-2348. As mentioned above, we have reached our monetary goal for the participation fee, but could still use a donation or two to defray the food expenses.

Complete directions will be provided to those interested as we approach the work day.

## A Note From the Editor

By Cresta Cates

My brothers and sisters, this is the last issue of *The Eagle* for which I will be your editor (at least for now).

Five years ago, Fr. Tourangeau sat in my kitchen to ask me to try out being the newsletter editor. Then 3-year-old Solly came into the room and handed him one of my nursing bras. Thus my tenure had begun.

Life goes on and that little boy is now 8 and his brother almost 7. I’m now a single mom who is working full-time. It is hard for me to give up *The Eagle*. I am proud of what we do at St. John’s and feel honored to have been trusted with transferring that information to you. With changes in life, come changes in available time and it’s time that I let someone else take over. Alissa Goudswaard is going to give this editing gig a go. She is awesome.

Thank you all for reading and contributing for the past 5 years. And remember, in the words of Solly Cates from his *Eagle* article right after I started “I Wonder What You Think God is Like,”

“God is who is there when you hear nothing.”

## Taize Service

Please join us at the Taize service being held at St. John’s September 17 at 7pm.

## United Thank Offering

By Mary Lou Davis

Who can become a part of UTO?

Everyone can become a part of the United Thank Offering (UTO) by offering thanks and prayers as a part of our daily life with Christ while dropping coins in the Blue Box. There are boxes on the credenza outside the kitchen in the Commons.

It is a reminder to daily give thanks to God for gifts that have been given us—a smile, a beautiful day, garden fruits, healing of hurts to our body and soul, for rain, for families and friends... How long is your list?

There will be a UTO Ingathering at St. John’s in November. Thanks be to God for a life to live, love and serve others through our prayers of thanksgiving and gifts of money.

### Next Eagle Deadline

The deadline for submissions for the September *Eagle* will be Monday, September 16. Email to eagle@stjohns-laf.org or place items in *The Eagle* mailbox on the porch.

May and June Financial Reports  
By George Moore

OPERATING BUDGET INCOME AND EXPENSES<sup>a</sup>  
MONTH ENDING May 31 2013

A.	Income	Current Month	Total 2013	% of Budget
1.	Pledge Income	\$ 19,566.00	\$112,629.50	37.13%
2.	Operating Income	\$ 5,283.60	\$ 20,934.58	55.59%
3.	Non-Operating Income	\$ 916.67	\$ 4,583.35	15.28%
4.	Transfer Income	\$ 2,452.00	\$ 22,452.00	43.18%
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 28,218.27</b>	<b>\$160,599.43</b>	<b>31.32%</b>
B.	<b>EXPENSES</b>			
1.	Outreach	\$ 4,694.50	\$ 23,978.41	29.68%
2.	Program	\$ 1,476.15	\$ 10,744.21	47.69%
3.	Administration	\$ 127.30	\$ 127.30	4.55%
4.	Personnel	\$15,065.04	\$ 94,429.35	42.40%
5.	Office	\$ 1,300.06	\$ 6,381.01	25.87%
6.	Property	\$ 3,937.12	\$ 34,407.81	49.49%
7.	Miscellaneous (Non-Budget)	\$ 0.00	\$ 374.00	
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 26,600.17</b>	<b>\$ 170,442.09</b>	<b>40.29%</b>
	<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ 1,618.10</b>	<b>\$ - 9,842.66</b>	

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.

MONTH ENDING June 30 2013

A.	Income	Current Month	Total 2013	% of Budget
1.	Pledge Income	\$31,492.64	\$144,122.14	47.51%
2.	Operating Income	\$ 1,949.00	\$ 22,883.52	60.77%
3.	Non-Operating Income	\$ 916.67	\$ 5,500.02	18.33%
4.	Transfer Income	\$ 0.00	\$ 22,452.00	43.18%
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 34,358.31</b>	<b>\$194,957.74</b>	<b>46.09%</b>
B.	<b>EXPENSES</b>			
1.	Outreach	\$ 5,033.50	\$ 29,011.91	35.91%
4.	Program	\$ 836.44	\$ 11,580.65	51.40%
5.	Administration	\$ 0.00	\$ 127.30	4.55%
5.	Personnel	\$15,512.64	\$109,941.99	49.36%
5.	Office	\$ 1,504.34	\$ 7,885.35	31.96%
8.	Property	\$ 4,589.20	\$ 38,997.01	56.09%
9.	Miscellaneous (Non-Budget)	\$ 0.00	\$ 374.00	
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 27,476.12</b>	<b>\$ 197,918.21</b>	<b>46.79%</b>
	<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ 6,882.19</b>	<b>\$ - 2,960.47</b>	

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## Adult Bible Study By Randy Brist

The new program year for the Adult Bible Study group begins Tuesday evening, September 10, in the Parish Commons at 6:30 pm. We meet every Tuesday with days off for holidays and scheduled church events. We are a low-key group with an interest in learning more about the Bible. Meetings last 1 hour and the time always seems to fly by! None of us are experts on the Bible, and you don't have to be either!



We will be continuing our study of John using the textbook ***John for Everyone: Part One* by Bishop N.T. Wright**. It is available on Amazon.com and should last us through at least the first half of our new program year. Here is what some of our current members say about the group: Sandy Donahue- "Love, laugh, learn." Charlene Watson- "Joyful and inquiring lessons and discussions." Roger Blake- "Educational, enlightening, and entertaining." Jim Marciniak- "Joyful discussion and fellowship." Dorothy Jones- "How can Bible study be so much fun?"

Don't have a Bible? No problem. There are plenty to use in the Parish Commons and our textbook includes the scripture portions right in the text. If you've always wondered what a Bible study group might be like, now's your chance! For more information see or email Randy Brist, [rjbrist@mac.com](mailto:rjbrist@mac.com), or talk to any of the current members mentioned above. We'd love to see some new faces on September 10. Will yours be one of them?



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