

Saint John's Spirit

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From the Rector

Walking On Water and Growing in Faith

Have you ever wondered what people in Church want most? We aren't speaking of particular hymns or wonderful sermons, eloquent prayers, or lively activities. We aren't talking about the external fluff. What we are speaking of goes much deeper. We are asking, "What do people in Church most want from God?"

After over twenty years in various forms of parish and campus ministry, and after engaging in many conversations with people in this parish, I believe that What people ask for most, want most, pray for most is Faith. We want faith to deal with trials, faith to sense a loving God in a sometimes unloving world, faith to find a purpose in life, faith to see more to life than the \$1.50 worth of chemicals that make up the human body. People want faith. We seem to know almost intuitively that a vibrant, healthy faith will provide an antidote to just about everyone of life's difficulties. Something deep within us yearns to give ourselves to God completely that we might fly free and joyful like dandelion seeds borne on the wind.

Peter and the disciples wanted faith too. They longed to trust Jesus' love for them. They yearned to trust that Jesus did have authority over the storms of life, and that life would truly be better if they abandoned their fears and worries to Christ's care. Peter wanted faith, even to the point of walking on water - AND Jesus allowed it -----But here is the catch for Peter, for the disciples, and for us - "We can't walk on water unless we get out of the boat." Faith comes only through practice. So often we want faith but we aren't willing to get out of the boat. So many members of this parish have expressed the desire to grow in faith for a myriad of excellent reasons. This year through prayers, through educational opportunities, through service and stewardship, and through community gatherings, and in one-on-one conversations - we will all be given many opportunities to grow in faith and to walk in faith upon life's waters. Let us all pray that God send the Holy Spirit to help us get out of the boat.

Education for Ministry

Discover Community, Explore Bible History, and Develop Your Personal Sense of Call in EFM

Education for Ministry is a Seminar Program for Laypersons developed at Sewanee Seminary of the South offering participants the opportunity to develop a strong sense of community through exploring the Bible (and the history and cultural currents that shaped it), Church History, and Focused Reflections on a variety of topics raised by EFM Participants.

The program is based on a four-year model:

Year 1. Old Testament

Year 2. New Testament

Year 3. Church History Part 1

Year 4. Church History Part 2

Participants need only commit to one year at a time. In other words a participant may take the first year and opt out for a year, or the same person might be willing and able to take all four years consecutively. The cost is \$340 per year, but our diocese pays half of this tuition, and scholarships may be made available on an individual basis. An EFM Group consists of not less than six and not more than twelve participants.

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all your seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and perch in its branches." Matthew 13:31-32 (NIV)

Youth Lock-In

THE YOUTH LOCK-IN IS COMING!

St. John's is heading in a new direction with Christian formation & Youth Group activities for our high school & middle school students this year, and we're going to kick things off with a YOUTH LOCK-IN on Saturday & Sunday, August 16 & 17. We obviously can't plan what YOU want to do without YOUR input, so we really hope you'll come if you can.

The lock-in will be for anyone in 6th grade - 12th grade (and any college-agers who might still be around!), and you're also welcome to bring friends along. Youth should each have received an invitation & response postcard by this time. (If not, please let Susan or Jim know!) Don't forget to get those in as soon as you can.

We'll begin at 7:30 Saturday evening and end with a breakfast prepared by parents & parishioners before the 9:00 Sunday service. If at all possible, we'd like a parent or parents to stick around for the first hour or so, since we'll be explaining the changes in the program, as well as talking about schedules, and then having a Compline service with Father Todd. Parents should be able to leave around 8:45 pm.

We'll have a variety of things going on Saturday night, including "Cooking with Jim," some brainstorming & planning of activities, a special creative project, and some just generally fun & silly activities. There *will* be a lights-out time, as well as a wake-up time in the morning, as we have a special activity arranged for the pre-breakfast time. Parents, please know that there will be 3 or 4 adults present all night.

YOUTH will need to bring: a sleeping bag & pillow; an air mattress if you've got one; your calendar or datebook, if you keep one; and either a two-liter beverage or a snack to share. And bring a friend, if you like!

PARENTS just need to bring their calendar or datebook.

MEMBERS OF THE PARISH, we'd love to have your help in various ways. Do you have an air mattress you'd be willing to loan? Is there a snack you'd like to provide for the night? Would you be willing to arrive at the church around 7:00 Sunday morning to help prepare breakfast for the youth? Is there a one-time activity you'd really like to lead with our youth sometime this year? Just let Susan Albrecht (361-0036 or susiequie23@sbcglobal.net) or Jim Gary (361-1468 or jlgary2003@yahoo.com) know.

Watch for more information in the Sunday bulletins and in the mail, and feel free to contact Susan or Jim with any questions.

Christian Education

Rally Sunday

Rally Sunday will be on September 14-- We will sign up for SS for the year and have some fun. The theme for SS this year is ST JOHN'S HEARS A WHO!! Come on the 14th and find out more!!!

Trash to Treasure.

Several recyclable items for Sunday School this fall! Items needed are milk cartons and gallon jugs; round ice cream containers; sea shells; and pillowcases (any solid color) There will be a collection crate in Whitlock Hall.

Family Camp

Final call to sign up for Family Camp the weekend of Sept. 5-7 at Waycross (the Diocese of Indianapolis Camp and Conference Center in Brown County)

If you have been before, it's time to "re-up." If not, now is the time to sign up for a great family weekend. And family includes extended meaning your grown children and their children (those would be your grand children) your parents, uncles, aunts, etc.

Go back and look at your June 2008 edition of the St. John's Spirit for more details. If you can't find your hard copy, go to the church web site www.stjohnscville.org/newsletter.html.

Now is the time to call Hildebrands at 362-8656 or email vtl@accelplus.net and tell us who all from your Family is coming so we can work out the lodging details and plan events.

Outreach

Red Bag Project

The Red Bag outreach project for August is our annual collection for the Crawfordsville elementary children that we fondly call Undies and Outies. The items we collect will be distributed among the three schools. We are collecting items that the school counselors and nurses often need to provide for children in need or in an emergency situation. Please check the sales and fill your bag with any of the following:

- ♥ Socks for girls or boys, sizes 1-5, small men's or women's
- ♥ Gym shoes, same sizes as above. May be gently used.
- ♥ New underwear for girls or boys, sizes 6-8 through 14-16, men's small, women's size 5-7
- ♥ Sweat pants, sweat shirts in neutral colors, sizes 6-8 through 14-16, and small men's and women's. May be gently used.
- ♥ T shirts in neutral colors, sizes 6-8 through 14-16 and small men's and women's. May be gently used.
- ♥ Winter hats gloves, mittens
- ♥ Backpacks (no lunch boxes)

Please place the items in the bins according to size or grade appropriateness: Grades K-1, Grades 2-3, Grades 4-5

Habitat for Humanity

On Saturday, August 23, St. John's will be assisting with the final stages of the house that Habitat is currently building. We are looking for volunteers to do some of the work, which will mostly be outside cleanup, and also to help provide lunch for the workers. We will be looking for donations of food, as well as perhaps a few colorful mums to add a final touch. There will be sign-up sheet in Whitlock Hall where you can indicate whether you would like to work on site, donate specific food items, or make a cash donation. For more information, please either call or email Barb Easterling (362-2904; bheasterling@accelplus.net.)

Nursery News

There will be a meeting on August 3 after the 9 o'clock service for all parents of children 4 and under.

Kathy Gary will answer questions and get input from the parents on hiring a caregiver for the nursery for 2008-09. If you can not attend this meeting please call (361-1468) or e-mail Kathy (jlgary@2003@yahoo.com) with your questions, concerns, and input.

Pastoral Care

Volunteers are needed! If you are willing to drive others to hospitals for treatments or appointments or would like to provide meals to parishoners in need, please sign up on the sheets in Whitlock Hall. Contact Carole Escamilla if you have any questions!

Stewardship

There will be a meeting of the Stewardship Committee on Wednesday, August 6 at 7pm at the church. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Cooley.

Communications

The Communications Committee met briefly for an organizational meeting on Wednesday, July 23. Future meetings will be on the second Monday of the month at Noon. Please contact the new committee chair, Kaleen Dowdy, or any other member of the committee with questions! Members are Jane Gallagher, Helen Hudson, Judy Spencer, Cindy Turner, Will Turner, Judy Wynne and Fr. Todd.

Getting to Know...

Jerilyn and David Yerkes, who were married at St. John's in October of 1996. Jerilyn, who was born in Muncie and raised in Crawfordsville, started playing the piano and organ for Milligan Memorial Presbyterian Church while in the 8th grade, and then for Trinity Methodist during her high school years. After graduating from DePauw Jerilyn began teaching elementary music in the C'ville school system where she is still employed. In 1983 she came to St. John's as a substitute organist, and thankfully she never left! She loves the tradition and liturgy of the Episcopal Church. David was originally from Kingman, Indiana and spent most of his younger years in the Wallace area. His father owned and operated the Yerkes Furniture store in Waynetown which is where he taught David to install flooring at an early age. Dave has been busy at it ever since. His dad loved practical jokes, something David picked up as well. He has numerous stories to tell of pranks played in Waynetown!! David considers the Waynetown Christian Church to be a very important place in his life, however, he began coming to St. John's when he started dating Jerilyn, and joined the choir immediately. David will tell you that he had to be in the when he married the organist! David has three grown children who are his pride and joy. Ryan and Amy live in Chicago and Aaron lives in Indianapolis. They have started an annual Father's Day golf outing, complete with a traveling trophy, which has been great fun for all. St. John's has been a wonderful part of their lives. They consider their church family to be a real blessing.

Please Pray For...

...our new church secretary, Kaleen Dowdy and her unborn baby. She is currently at St. Vincent's in Indianapolis. She's had premature labor and is waiting until her new little one is mature enough to be born.

In Other News...

New Treasurer

Will Turner is the new St. John's treasurer. Kent Meyer has stepped down as treasurer after serving in this position for several years. Thanks to Kent for all of his hard work!

Church Directory

A rough draft of our new directory will be outside Whitlock Hall for the next 2 weeks. Please stop by and check the information listed for your family. If everything is correct please put a checkmark beside your name. Otherwise make any corrections necessary. (Legibly please).

Thanks, the Church Directory Committee: Kim Roberts, Cindy Smith, Judy Wynne

Automated Email List

If you haven't been getting messages from the St. John's Google group, please contact Will Turner. The group is already getting a lot of use.

Coming to the Crawfordsville Library...

Carolyn Perkins' son, Loren McKechnie, will have about 55 photographs (many California landscapes) in the Mary Bishop Memorial Art Gallery at the Crawfordsville Public Library from July 31 to August 28th. There will also be a story about his work and philosophy on the library's website (www.cdpl.lib.in.us).

Loren grew up on the Monterey Peninsula in Central California. As the Monterey Peninsula was home to photographers Ansel Adams, Edward Weston, and Morley Baer perhaps it's not surprising that he was captivated by the area's natural beauty and became interested in photography at the age of ten. He studied photography in high school and college, and has traveled and done photography ever since. He is also very interested in the history of photography and his show at will include several photographs of antique cameras.

If you are particularly moved by a piece, the photographs will be for sale.

Congratulations!

Ben Ault, son of Diane and Dave Ault, married Heidi Holland last weekend in Minneapolis. We wish them a long and happy life together.

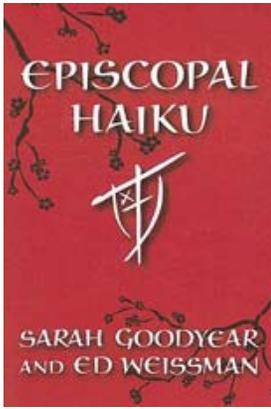
Center for Women's Ministries

A new prayer ministry and study group is starting on August 5th. It is called One Step Closer and will meet from 7-8pm at the Center. From the flyer:

Let us come together in prayer and unity of purpose. We will seek a closer walk with Jesus. Our evening will begin with a study and end with community prayer for our churches, our community, and our families. We will pray for our nation as we humble ourselves before Almighty God.

If you can't commit to a weekly class, you can come when you can. For more information, contact Cindy Billings at 364-0891 or c.billings@comcast.net. The Center for Women's Ministries is at the corner of Pike and Water Streets, just around the corner from St. John's.

Book Selection



While I was doing, um, important research on the internet, I stumbled upon *Episcopal Haiku* by Sarah Goodyear and Ed Weissman. You can see select pages of the book at Amazon.com. Some are funny, some are poignant. This excerpt is from the back cover:

Stand, sit, kneel, stand, kneel:
It's quite a good workout
For a Sunday morning.

If you come across a book you think other parishioners would enjoy, please contact me! – ed.

Calendar

August 3 Meeting of Nursery Parents after 9am service
August 6 Stewardship Committee, 7pm
August 11 Communications Committee, Noon
August 16-17 Youth Lock-in
August 23 Habitat for Humanity Project
September 5-7 St. John's Family weekend at Waycross
September 14 Rally Sunday

Ongoing Activities

EFM – Tuesdays 7-9pm
Heart of Christianity Group - Wednesdays 7:00pm

Sunday Servers

Service	LEM	Lector	Crucifer/ Acolyte(s)	Altar Guild	Offering Talley
8/3 9am	Larry Baumgardner & Bob Cooley	Susan Albrecht	Chris Redmaster/ Erin & Anna Redmaster	Meegan Reidy & Betty Culley	Cindy Smith & Jim Smith
8/10 9am	Adrienne Ashbaugh & Marc Hudson	Kent Meyer	Steve Charles/Darek Long & Diane Ault	Pru Phillips & Ann O'Dell	Nancy Bennett & Ellen Ball
8/17 9am	Jim Suren & Kim Roberts	Alex Lebedeff	Hannah Anderson/Alex Pearson & Libby Pinkerton	Jerilyn Yerkes & Terry Lawrence	Vern Easterling & John Roberts
8/24 9am	Sally Lawrence & Mike Scime	Kristen Albrecht	Sam Hildebrand/Kitty Haffner & Hannah Anderson	Carole Meyer & Jane Gallagher	Barb Easterling & John Culley
8/31 9am	Vern Easterling & Jane Gallagher	Judy Wynne	Mike Lohorn/ Peggy Lohorn & Teresa Anderson	Cyndy Fields & Bethany Fields	Susan Albrecht

The Church office is open from 9am – noon, Monday through Friday

Father Todd's office hours are from 10am – noon, Monday- Thursday, and by appointment

The next Newsletter submission, preferably typed, is due by Friday evening, 6:00 p.m. August 22.

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