



Saint John's Spirit

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Rector's Article

Rally Day and Renewal

Imagine every member and family at St. John's inviting friends and families who have no church to come on September 19th for Rally Day to check out St. John's and its Fall Semester Programs and ministry opportunities. Imagine them entering the church and being greeted by a simple instructed Eucharist that helps them understand how Episcopal worship happens and why. After an enthusiastic service of joy-filled music (or before) they enter Whitlock Hall to find it filled with colorful posters and sign up sheets of all kinds describing ministry and learning opportunities. Someone is available at each poster to help explain what these opportunities are all about and how they work. Champaign is available for adults, punch for the kids and non-drinkers, and an elegant, simple continental breakfast is laid out with the usual tea and coffee for coffee hour. Then, you take them on a tour of the church, especially the children's Christian Ed. space downstairs. Might such an event encourage people to consider taking part in the life of St. John's?

Let's do it! If every committee and ministry puts up creative posters, and sign up sheets, and if we all invite friends that are looking for or do not have a church community, this could really renew our life together.

All Christian Ed. Activities will begin after Rally Day on the 19th.

-This includes: Adult, Youth, and Children's education Programs on Sunday.

-Wednesday Night Live (WNL) for all ages with Child Care and open to the community. WNL runs from 6:30-8 p.m. David Blix from Wabash will lead the Adult group upstairs while Fr. Todd and friends will work with children and parents downstairs on programs called "God and Family" and "God and Church". It is hoped that at least one adult from each family attends this session with the kids. Lite snacks and beverages will be served.

Youth Ministry: Has two activities planned - watch you bulletins and e-mail for details.

Renewal and Refreshment - Basic Christianity with an Episcopal Flavor

This Sunday afternoon program runs from noon to 2 on Sundays following Church. It will take anyone Confirmation Age (14-16) and up through the basics of what it means to be Christian and will add those special touches unique to the Episcopal Church. Look for a calendar and poster!

Outreach

This month brings an opportunity to join others in the Diocese of Indianapolis in helping to support Dayspring Center, the near north side city agency which provides safe shelter and guidance to homeless families as they seek to establish a stable new direction for their lives.

In the center's kitchen, where meals are provided daily, pantry supplies are running low, so we are asking for food items from the wish list in particular, but any other canned and packaged foods will be much appreciated. Institutional sizes are great, but the smaller sizes ("Buy one, get one free") are good, too. The collection boxes in the hallway to Whitlock will be marked.

And checks for purchase of fresh bread, milk, juices, and fruits will be gratefully received!

Learn more about Dayspring, including personal stories, at the website www.dayspringindy.org

Adult Choir

Come and join the adult choir!! We would love to have more members!! Choir practice is held on Thursday evening in the choir room from 7 p.m.- 8p.m. We warmup in the choir loft on Sunday mornings at 8:50 a.m. We will start practice on Thursday September 2 and will start singing for the 10:30 service on Sunday, September 19. Please give this important part of the service your serious consideration.

Lobster Sale

The Lobster Sale has been set for October 30th.

Tickets can be picked up by contacting Robbie Little at michaellittle@hughes.net or (317) 625-8471.

Volunteers will be needed for the morning and evening cooking crews. Pick up of lobsters is from 8 AM to 11 AM. Volunteers will need to arrive by 7:30. Lobsters will be \$13.00 a piece. There will also be a special Great Crate Rate of \$132.00 for 12 lobsters (\$11.00 per lobster). This year there is a Lobster Basket Givaway, a four piece set for eating lobster and crab.

Which includes reusable napkins, crackers, malts, wet naps, and plastic bibs. The price per raffle ticket is .25 each or 5 for a \$1.00. Drawing is Night of Lobster potluck 6:00pm

Parish Life

Golf Scramble

Calling All Golfers- It is again time for the annual (4th) golf scramble against Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church. The event will be on Sunday, Sept. 26th, 2pm at the Crawfordsville Country Club. The cost is \$19 per person for 9 holes and cart. A pitch-in dinner will follow at St Johns (our turn). Hamburgers, buns and drinks will be provided. Just bring a dish to share. Non golfers are also invited to the dinner. Each church has won one time and we've tied once so we would like to bring the trophy back to St Johns this year. A sign up sheet is at the church or call Sheila Evans at 362-6274. All golfers welcome!

Homecoming!

Back by popular demand is the St. John's tailgating party! We've selected the September 25 Wabash-Chicago game, which is also WABASH HOMECOMING. Because it's homecoming, game time is 2:00, rather than the typical 1:00. However, there's also a Wabash soccer match just across the street in Mud Hollow, beginning at noon. So we'll set up at the usual time and see if we can't convince folks to give both versions of football a try. ;)

It will work like this: We'll set up in the parking lot along Jennison St. A grill will be going, and burgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments & paper products will be supplied. Those who want to join in simply need to bring a dish to share, beverages of their own (or to share, if they like!) and some seating. We'll set up the spot plenty early and will then fire up the grill around 11:00 am. So plan to come by anytime from 11:00 onward.

Here's the rub, though. In order to plan ENOUGH BUT NOT TOO MUCH (in the meat category especially), I really need to get a sense of how many are planning to come. There will be a sign-up sheet at church but you can also contact me by email (susiequsie23@sbcglobal.net) or by phone (361-0036) to let me know how many will be in your party.

Property Committee – Flora Division

Mary, Mary, quite contrary,
How does your garden grow?
With silver bells and cockle shells,
And pretty maids all in a row.

This olde English nursery rhyme may not be the best lead-in for an article about an Episcopal garden with Anglican roots, but here goes.

The Property Committee is charged with maintaining the buildings **and grounds** of our church. The Committee is good at cutting, trimming and killing but not so good at cultivating, caring and nurturing the wonderful plantings which grace our grounds. These

plantings were designed, donated and installed by Roberta Berry and John & Betty Culley. Roberta has moved and now John & Betty could use some help from folks who know gardening to assist in keeping our plantings in top shape.

I am soliciting help from gardeners in the parish who might join the newly created FLORA DIVISION of the Property Committee. This division will be solely dedicated to year round maintenance of our foundation plantings and flower beds. If you will email me at vti@accelplus.net or call me at 366-4040, indicating your interest in learning more about and/or becoming a FLORITE, I will work with Betty and John to host a meeting in September to discuss the hows, whys and wherefores of being a St. John's FLORITE and to set up the Fall maintenance plan and schedule.

The plants thank you, John and Betty thank you and I thank you, Sam Hildebrand, Property Committee Chair

Check It Out

Have you heard of Father Matthew on You Tube? He's an Episcopal priest from Rye, NY who has put several short videos on the web. He discusses several topics including saints and the sacraments. His latest additions include "The Sign of the Cross" and "The Book of Common Prayer in 4 Minutes". Most videos are under 5 minutes long. They're informative and entertaining. Some even include hand puppets. You can see the videos at <http://www.youtube.com/fathermatthew> or <http://www.fathermatthewpresents.com/>

Sunday Servers

| Service | Lector | LEM | Crucifer/ Acolyte(s) | Greeters | Altar Guild | Offering Tally | Altar Flowers |
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| 9/5 8am | Mark Kussmaul | Meribeth Kussmaul | Teresa Anderson | | | | |
| 9/5 10:30 | Kristen Albrecht | Larry Baumgardner & Vern Easterling | Kristen Albrecht/ Robbie Little & Steve Charles | | Shelia Evans & Jane Gallagher | Cindy Smith & Jim Smith | Bob & Carol Titus |
| 9/12 8am | Barbara Penney | Barbara Penney | | | | | |
| 9/12 10:30 | Susan Albrecht | Betty Culley & John Culley | Chas Cooksey / Ben Green & Joe Green | | Terry Lawrence & Jerilyn Yerkes | Ellen Ball & Nancy Bennett | The Albrechts & The Easterlings |
| 9/19 8am | Mike Scime | Mike Scime | Ben Green | | | | |
| 9/19 10:30 | Nancy Bennett | Jane Gallagher & Steve Gillan | Peggy Lohorn/ Robbie Little & Paul Moehling | | Bethany & Cindy Fields | Ed Fain & John Culley | Jo Tussey |
| 9/26 8am | Judy Wynne | Larry Baumgardner | Teresa Anderson | | | | |
| 9/26 10:30 | Mary Angela Cooley | Marc Hudson & Sara Lawrence | Chris Redmaster/ Bill Patterson & Andrew Patterson | | Chas Cooksey & Carole Meyer | Susan Albrecht & Tom Twarek | The Bennetts |

Calendar

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| September 7 | Liturgical Committee 5:30pm |
| September 15 | Executive meeting 5:00, Committee reports due |
| September 19 | Rally Sunday |
| September 20 | Outreach Meeting 4:00 PM Whitlock Hall Anyone interested in being a part of the committee is invited to attend. |
| September 22 | Wednesday Night Live begins 6:30pm |
| September 25 | Wabash Tailgating |
| September 26 | Golf Scramble |
| October 30 | Lobster Sale |
| November 6 | St. John's serves lunch at the Friendship Kitchen 11:00 – 1:00 |

Ongoing Events

Wednesday 30-Minute Eucharist from 6pm-6:30pm

Thursday Choir Practice 7pm

The next Newsletter submissions are due by Wednesday evening, 6:00 p.m. September 22

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