



# Saint John's Spirit

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*I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's Holy Word. BCP 265.*

Lent is 40 days that reminds us of Christ's time in the wilderness before beginning his public ministry even as it mirrors the 40 days of the great flood or the 40 years wandering in the wilderness. It is a penitential season often reflected in the altar hangings, the use of wood or glass in lieu of gold or silver Eucharistic vessels. For some, it includes fasting or avoiding certain foods or conversely the taking on of a practice such as weekly Bible Study, prayer groups, volunteer work and the like.

St. John's will offer several opportunities during Lent for each of us to examine our lives, for repentance, prayer and reading. We will also begin conversations around long range planning, for St. John's and for ourselves. I encourage you to find one or more of these opportunities as a way of walking these 40 days that end with Resurrection Sunday.

Consider joining us on Wednesday evenings for Eucharist followed by a simple soup supper and discussion of "Lent is not rocket science." Maybe Sundays at Adult Forum are a better time for you. Will Turner will facilitate discussions about Lent: how it came to be, what it means to fast in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, and what it means to keep a vigil. We'll have some great fun with "Lent Madness", a NCAA-like bracket system where we will get to vote for "our" favorite saints! And, churchnext.org is offering another free course the week of March 5<sup>th</sup> on the Way of the Cross. *See the Christian Formation Bulletin Board for more information and further in this newsletter.*

Worship is another focus for Lent. In addition to our regular schedule of Sunday mornings and Wednesday middays, we will offer Eucharist at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays before the supper and discussion. On March 5<sup>th</sup>, Ash Wednesday, we will have a noon service at St. John's and a 7 p.m. service at Christ Lutheran (300 w. South Blvd). During Holy Week, we will have services each evening at 7 p.m.

Monday, April 14- Taize

Tuesday, April 15- Healing Service

Wednesday, April 16- Tenebrae

Thursday, April 17- Maundy Thursday with Communion

Friday, April 18 - at noon @ St. John's  
at 7 p.m. @ First Christian

The services at Christ Lutheran and at First Christian continue our ecumenical efforts: we are one, holy, catholic and apostolic church and we live that out by sharing worship with each other. Lent is a period for reflection but it does not have to be dour. We can laugh as we learn. We can smile as we watch someone we love find new meaning in these precious liturgies.

-Rev. Jan



March brings us a new awakening after the long winter. There are many opportunities to reach out to others in love a throughout the month:

•The **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** is **March 4th**. The pancake meal will be organized by Nancy Bennett. Musical entertainment will be provided by Steve Charles and friends. Our Outreach designation for the free will donations for the meal coincide with the children's project of Solehope. Solehope is an organization that uses recycled jeans and milk cartons to make shoes for children in Africa to prevent Jiggers (infectious parasites) from entering their bodies. Abby Twarek will have materials present for us to cut shoe parts. The money will help to pay for shipping the cut materials to Africa. For more information, check out this website: [Solehope.org](http://Solehope.org)

•St. John's will be serving another **Pathway Lunch**, this time for the **Sheriff's Department**, on **March 8th**. (11:30) Thanks for your involvement, whether you make soup, donate items, serve, or come to visit and thank these valuable community helpers.

•St. John's volunteers will be delivering **meals on wheels** this month. If you would like to be a driver, or a substitute driver, contact Cindy Smith, 362-2085. Thanks to all of our St. John's drivers and packers.

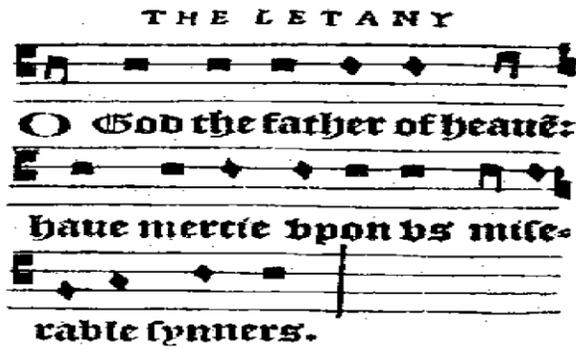
•Your **FISH** Board Representative is Jane Gallagher. There is a board meeting this month. The following items are needed in the pantry. Please bring your donations and leave them in the red wagons in the hallway between the Sanctuary and Whitlock Hall:

- soup
- Jiffy cornbread mix
  
- kidney beans
- peanut butter
- shampoo
- bar soap
- laundry detergent
- dish soap



•**Children** will be meeting with Christ Lutheran and Wabash Ave. Presbyterian to make treats for animals at the Animal Shelter on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

•Did you know that Tom and Betty Sheets pick up baked items from Kroger and deliver them to FISH each week? **Thanks, Tom and Betty**, for your valuable service!



*From The Angelus, a publication of St. Mary the Virgin Episcopal Church, New York City and written by the Rector, Steven Gerth:*

For some years now I have been thinking about how we might once again make use of what the present Prayer Book calls "The Great Litany." Its principal governing rubric states it is, "To be said or sung, kneeling, or standing, or in procession; before the Eucharist or after

the Collects of Morning or Evening Prayer; or separately, especially in Lent and on Rogation Days" (The Book of Common Prayer [1979] 148).

Up until the present book this prayer of intercession was known simply as "The Litany." Its use was widespread before the adoption of the 1979 book. In the Mercy Chapel we have the litany desk from our first parish church—a furnishing common to Episcopal parishes built before the latter part of the twentieth century. Those who have joined the Episcopal Church here or in many other parishes may never have prayed it as part of a regular Sunday or weekday service in Lent or any other time. It's worth knowing and using; the problem is finding the right place for it in our worship today.

In 1789, when the newly established Protestant Episcopal Church adopted its first Prayer Book, the normative Sunday morning service for Episcopalians was Morning Prayer, Litany and "Ante-Communion"—the service of Holy Communion through the sermon. (Holy Communion was generally celebrated quarterly before the Anglo-Catholic movement began to reshape the patterns of worship in the Episcopal Church.) As you might imagine, Sunday mornings with this pattern of regular worship demanded far more than an hour or so of everyone's time. ...

The litany is the oldest part of the liturgy in English—and even Queen Mary (1553-1558) continued this use in English during her short reign when England returned to the fold of the Roman Church (Massey Shepherd, *The Oxford American Prayer Book Commentary* [1950] 540).

*Thanks to Larry Baumgardner for sharing this article with us. We will recite the Great Litany on the First Sunday in Lent, March 9, 2014.*



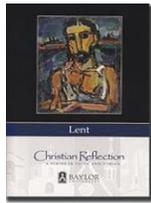
Did you ever think about paying your pledge or contribution to St. John's just like you pay your electric bill? If you use your bank's online bill pay program, you can set up your pledge or contribution to be paid the same way. Then if you aren't able to get to church due to weather or time away, the church will still receive your pledge. This helps St. John's as it evens out our cash flow. We have been impacted by the many days it snowed on weekends with lower attendance and lower revenue on Sundays. Help us and yourself out by using your

bank's online bill pay to make regular contributions.



**March 2:** concludes the PBS video: “God in America” beginning at **9:15 a.m.** in Whitlock Hall.

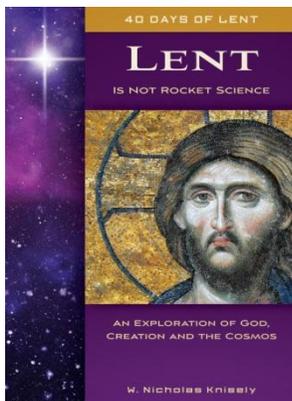
**March 9-April 6:** Will Turner will facilitate discussion around the liturgical season of Lent. Materials will be available the Sunday prior to the particular topic being discussed.



**April 27-May 18:** Watch and discuss the series “Forgiveness”. Jim Suren facilitates.



Watch in Whitlock Hall for the bracket to be posted. What do you know about the saints of the Church? Who deserves to advance to the Saintly Sixteen or the Elite Eight or the Faithful Four let alone to the Champanionship and ultimately will win the Golden Halo?



And if that’s not enough opportunity and excitement, join us on Wednesday evenings from March 12-April 9. We will begin at 5:30 p.m. with Eucharist in the church followed by a simple soup supper and discussion in Whitlock Hall. Books will be available in the Parish Hall beginning March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sign-ups for bringing soup or bread will also be available then.

## 2014 Montgomery County Women's Lenten Breakfasts

Theme: "Trust in Me"

Breakfast 8 a.m.

Program 8:30-9:45

Date	Location	Speaker	Special Music
March 8	1 <sup>st</sup> Church Nazarene, 213 W. Wabash Ave.	Sandra Ruby	Angels of Harmony Flute Trio
March 15	Presbyterian Church 307 S. Washington Ave.	Gary Baker	Sara Lewis
March 22	1 <sup>st</sup> Assembly of God 2070 Lebanon Rd.	Brad Wilson	Pam Bryan
March 29	1 <sup>st</sup> Church of God 711 Curtis	Rev. Kelly Nelson	Don Baker
April 5	Rock Point Baptist 429 W 150 S	Janet Jones	Grace Stewart
April 12	New Market Christian 302 S. 3 <sup>rd</sup> , New Market	Rev. Ryan Bordner	Chris Livesay



St. John's has been part of the Episcopal Church and the Crawfordsville/Montgomery County community for more than 175 years. Much has changed even as much remains a foundation upon which we continue to build.

You are invited to join a small group to reflect on your hopes and dreams for St. John's and how St. John's is a part of your life in all of its

aspects, including the possibility of planned giving to ensure a stable financial situation. We will convene three groups of 8-10 people in the Church Library to start these discussions. Sign up sheets will be available on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Meetings will be held on **March 25<sup>th</sup>, April 1<sup>st</sup> and April 8<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7 p.m.** Please choose one date, sign up and be part of discussions around your hopes and dreams for St. John's and how you might play a role in making them come true.



Located in beautiful Brown County, Waycross serves children ages 6-17.

Waycross offers a traditional summer camp experience rooted in the Episcopal tradition. Campers have the opportunity to do a variety of activities including: hiking, arts and crafts, swimming, basketball, tie-dye, archery, mountain biking, skits, canoeing, climbing the rock-wall, singing, serendipity, and many

others! Register before March 31st to receive a discounted camp rate! Visit the website to register or for more information: [www.WaycrossCenter.org/Camp](http://www.WaycrossCenter.org/Camp) or call 1-800-786-2267

### Session 1 - June 15th-19th

Ready Set, Camp! (Ages 6-12)

Women's Week

Leaders-in-Community (June 15th-21st, Senior High)

### Session 2 - June 22nd-28th

Adventure Camp 2A (Ages 8-16)

Canoe Camp (Ages 12-16)

### Session 3 - June 29th - July 5<sup>th</sup>

Adventure Camp 3A (Ages 8-16)  
 Leaders-in-Training (Senior High)  
Session 4 - July 13th - 19th  
 Adventure Camp 4A (Ages 8-16)  
 Hickory Hill Wilderness Camp (Ages 12-17)  
 Family Adventure Week - July 20th-25th  
 Labor Day Family Camp - August 29th-September 1st

**Don't forget** St. John's will join St. Matthew's, Indy; St. Timothy's, Indy; and St. Mark's, Plainfield for our very our Family Camp September 12-13-14.



**Bring those ink and toner cartridges.**

Last month we raised \$20 to help with the purchase of office and janitorial supplies as a result of your donations of used cartridges! Any size or types of used ink and toner cartridges, including 3-in-1s, are welcome. Place your used cartridges in the white bowl on the credenza. *Thank you.*

**Sign Up! Our Coffee Hour** sign ups are looking pretty bleak. The sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board. Won't you help by signing up to provide flowers or to host coffee hour one Sunday? Talk to Mary Angela Cooley.



**Soup, salad ... and Corny Corn Muffins!**

- 1/2 cup whole wheat flour
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup yellow corn meal
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 eggs, slightly beaten
- 1 cup milk
- 3 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted
- 1 cup cream-style corn

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray fourteen 2-1/2 inch nonstick muffin pan cups with nonstick vegetable cooking spray.
  2. Combine flours, cornmeal, sugar, baking powder, and salt in a large bowl.
  3. Combine eggs, milk, melted butter, and corn in a bowl. Add to the flour mixture, stirring just until dry ingredients are evenly moistened. Do not over mix. Spoon batter into muffin cups.
  4. Bake in preheated 350 degree oven for 15 minutes or until very lightly browned. Do not over bake!
- recipe from Meegan Reidy*

**Reminder!** Our Policies, Vestry Minutes and other important information can be found on

our website: [www.stjohnscville.org](http://www.stjohnscville.org)  and on our bulletin boards.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			March			Oller @ Earlham all day Continuing Education1
2 8 & 10:30 a. HE 9:15 a.: Christian Education 3 p. EfM (Library)	3 <i>(Oller: Day Off)</i> 11:30-1:30 League of Women Voter's (Whitlock)	4 9:15 Wabash/Tuttle Chapel 10 a. –Bible Study <b>Shrove Tuesday</b> Pancake Supper	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> 7:30 a. Centering Prayer (Whitlock) 12 p. Eucharist with Ashes (Church) 1 Flower Club (WH) 7p-Ash Wednesday service @ Christ Lutheran	6 7 p.m. Choir	7	8 <a href="#">Pathways to Vitality Luncheon</a> (Whitlock) - Children's Ecumenical Gathering @ Christ Lutheran - - St. John's Lafayette: Quiet Day 10a-2p
9 8 & 10:30 a. HE 9:15 a.: Christian Education 3 p. EfM (Whitlock)	10 <i>Wabash Spring Break</i> <i>(Oller: Day Off)</i>	11 Wabash Spring Break 9:15 Wabash/Tuttle Chapel 10 a. –Bible Study	12 Wabash Spring Break 7:30 a. Centering Prayer (Whitlock) 12:15 p. Midweek Service (Whitlock) 5:30 Eucharist 6 p Soup Supper 6:45 Program	13 Wabash Spring Break <i>Oller away all day:</i> <i>Diocesan Ember Day</i> 7 p.m. Choir	14 Wabash Spring Break	15
16 8 & 10:30 a. HE 9:15 a.: Christian Education 3 p. EfM (Whitlock)	17 <i>(Oller: Day Off)</i>	18 9:25 a. Wabash Chapel 10 a. –Bible Study	19 7:30 a. Centering Prayer (Whitlock) 12:15 p. Midweek Service (Whitlock) 5:30 Eucharist 6 p Soup Supper 6:45 Study 7 p – Vestry	20 7 p.m. Choir	21	22 9a.-12p. – Kussmaul/Divorce Recovery Workshop- Library
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Date & Time	Lector	LEM	Crucifer/Acolyte	Greeters	Altar Guild	Offering Tally	Altar Flowers	Coffee Hour Host	LEVs
<b>Mar.2</b> 8 a.m.	J Suren	J Suren	P Swanson		C Meyer & J Tussey	N. Bennett & S Albrecht			R & E Pickering
10:30 a.m.	W Turner	D Booher & M Kussmaul	C-R Pickering A-C Cooksey	Ball/Twarek					
<b>Mar. 9</b> 8 a.m.	K Haffner	A Ashbaugh	K Haffner		B Culley & M Reidy	T. Twarek & A White	None-Lent		
10:30 a.m.	B Easterling	M Hudson & R Pickering	C-S Charles A-CJ Charles	Bennetts					
<b>Mar. 16</b> 8 a.m.	R Pickering	R Pickering	C Fields		S Evans & J Gallagher	E Fain & J Roberts	None-Lent		S Fain & M Cooley
10:30 a.m.	A Lebedeff	A Ashbaugh & K Roberts	C-S Hildebrand A-L Baumgardner	Cooley & Stultz					
<b>Mar. 23</b> 8 a.m.	M. Kussmaul	M. Kussmaul	P Swanson		J Yerkes & T Lawrence	J Gary & B Easterling or E Ball	None-Lent		
10:30 a.m.	S Vaught	L Baumgardner & M Hudson	C-S Hildebrand A-C Cooksey	Garys					
<b>Mar. 30</b> 8 a.m.	J Suren	J Suren	K Haffner		CJ Charles & C Fields	N Bennett & S Albrecht	None-Lent		
10:30 a.m.	S Evans	Culleys	C- R Pickering A-P Lohorn	Hildebrands					

**Meals on Wheels: March 6:** Chris Short & Tom Twarek **March 13:** Cindy & Jerry Smith **March 20:** B. Culley & J Oller **March 27:** Susie & Sam Hildebrand  
*Worship Leaders: If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please find a substitute and let the church office know as soon as possible. Adrienne Ashbaugh creates the schedule for greeters, lectors, LEMs, acolytes, and crucifers. If you have scheduling questions, please contact her at (765) 362-6845.*