

Saint John's Spirit

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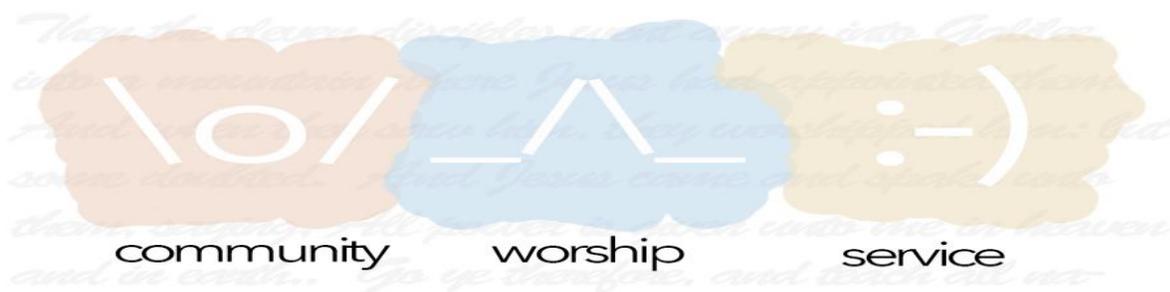
June 2014

June is filled with opportunities to worship, outreach and to be together at St. John's and as part of the wider community. We begin on **June 1st** with a celebration honoring Kristen Albrecht, who graduates from Crawfordsville High School and is the Valedictorian. Join us after the 10:30a service in Whitlock Hall to extend your best wishes as she transitions into college at Princeton.

Pentecost is **June 8th** and we will celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit!



Then, we will once again join First United Methodist Church and this year Christ Lutheran Church for the Crawfordsville Strawberry Festival Worship service (**Sunday, June 15th at 10:30 at Lane Place**). Eight of us will be part of the Communion Teams that will reach out into those gathered to offer bread and grape juice.



June 22nd we gather back at St. John's for our regular 8 and 10:30a. worship services. Pastor Lowell Anderson will preside as Rev. Jan will be away for a Continuing Education seminar at the Celebration Community in Aliquippa, PA.

We end the month with our regular worship services at 8 and 10:30a. on **June 29th** followed by a Parish Picnic, hosted by Alan and Barbara Brookie White. Parish Life will be providing more information about this fun event later in June.



Mark your calendars:

Cathedral Strawberry Festival is June 12th. Sign up to help scoop ice cream and strawberries. For each person who volunteers, St. John's receives \$25 which will go into our Outreach Fund. See Susie Hildebrand with questions.

Crawfordsville's Strawberry Festival. More than just the Sunday worship, St Johns is having a booth in the Children's Area this year! **June 13, 14, and 15.**

We will have a simple ball toss game that is a sure win, which means we are actually selling bottles water and canned pop for one ticket. This is a service to the families that either are thirsty or have only one ticket left and the kids just have to spend it. It will also increase our visibility. The proceeds will go to the "Nourish" project, which provides backpacks of food to cover the weekends for kids with food insecurity.

You can help in a couple ways. Sign up to do a shift! Help set up, clean up, or work the booth for 2-3 hours. The sign up hours are posted at St Johns.

Or, donate bottled water or canned pop, either now, placing it in the teen room in the basement, or bring it directly to the booth at the festival. This is your chance to use up the canned pop that you thought you would drink, but you still haven't. Call Ellen Ball (362.1357) with thoughts or questions!

Summer lunch is scheduled for **July 9, 10, and 11** this year. This is later than normal. Stay tuned for later announcements and requests.

Thanks from Outreach

“BHAG” – Big, Huge, Audacious Goals – Update

Thank you to everyone who participated in one of the three evening meetings discussing our BHAGs for St. John's. To keep you up to date, these three meetings are what I call “the 30,000 foot” level, meaning a high level overview of the topic.

The next step is for the three convening members (Sam Hildebrand, Helen Hudson and Rev. Jan) to meet and synthesize the ideas and comments. The goal at this “20,000 foot” level is to come up with two-three ideas or projects that we might explore further. This doesn’t mean that other ideas or topics are not important- they are- but to be effective, we need to listen first to those ideas and projects that were raised most often in the three meetings. The Vestry will be part of the decisions at this and all subsequent points.

From this synthesis, we plan to ask individuals to be part of an ad hoc task force tasked with exploring one of those ideas or projects further (“10,000 foot level”). Those task forces will report back to the convenors and we will, collectively, look at next steps. Then from the reports of the task forces, we will choose one (or perhaps more) to pursue specifically and in detail (“ground level”). If you are asked to be part of an ad hoc task force, please prayerfully discern if you will accept. St. John’s future is in your hands!
-Rev. Jan



Are You Playing Monopoly? [Scott McKenzie](#) May 20, 2014 **Jesus answered, "You've come looking for me not because you saw God in my actions but because I fed you, filled your stomachs-- and for free. Don't waste your energy striving for perishable food like that. Work for the food that sticks with you, food that nourishes your lasting life, food the Son of Man provides. He and what he does are guaranteed by God the Father to last."**

She is a very successful entrepreneur. She started and grew her business in a day and time when women typically either stayed home or worked in support roles. She made it to the top. Then cancer hit with a vengeance and she was told to get her life in order because she had only 6 months to live. All of a sudden, her success and all of her possessions and toys meant nothing to her. She read a book by John Ortberg that literally both changed and saved her life. Ortberg says that in the end, life is like a game of monopoly. We spend all our time and energy trying to acquire stuff; property, hotels and money. All the while, we are trying to defeat everyone else and come in first. But in the end when the game is over, it all goes back into the box.

How much of our time and energy gets spent on pursuing those things in life that in the words of Jesus, will never last? My home, my job, my toys; none of it will last. Even all the time I invest in running and staying in shape, in the end, won't really matter. But in the end, when the game is over, it all goes back into the box. Think about that for a moment. In the end, it all goes back into the box.

What are we doing of lasting importance with our time, our stuff, our money? Are we spending it all on stuff that goes back into the box or stuff that really matters, Kingdom stuff?

Oh, and what happened to our successful businesswoman? She is still a success and still very much alive after 5 years, but she no longer plays monopoly. She lives now with the heart of a generous, grateful servant. She lives and spends her time and money on Kingdom stuff, not the stuff that simply goes back in the box. What about you?

God, forgive me for spending so much of time, energy and resources on stuff that really doesn't matter. Help me today to do something that truly matters. I want to be part of building Your Kingdom. **Amen**



Bring those ink and toner cartridges!

Last month we raised \$26 to help with the purchase of office and janitorial supplies as a result of your donations of used cartridges! As an example, last month we needed a new toner cartridge for our copier. The cost was \$180! We were able to use our rebate coupon to defray that cost by \$26. *Any size or type 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 host coffee hour one Sunday? Talk to Mary Angela Cooley.



I have several plants to share. Perennials, potted and ready to add to your yard/garden, including daisies, day lilies, sedum, osteospermum and more. Give me a call or come by to look at them.

Ellen Ball, 362.1357



Rev. Jan is available by cell phone (765-225-8554) or email (janet.oller@gmail.com). Office hours are appointment. She will be on vacation from June 10-19 with no cell phone service and most likely very limited internet service. She will be at a Continuing Education seminar June 20-22, 2014. Rev. Lowell Anderson will supply on June 22nd.

In case of a pastoral emergency, please contact the Rector's Warden, Betty Culley, or the People's Warden, Meegan Reidy (their contact information is in the Parish Directory).

June 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8 & 10:30 HE 4p-EFM	2 <i>Oller Day Off</i>	3 10-Bible Study 9-3 IU/Cooley -WH	4 7:30 Centering Prayer 12:15 Midday Service (WH)	5 Meals on Wheels <i>Oller Day Off (for 6/7)</i>	6 3:30-7:15p TENS Webcast (WH)	7 10:30-6:15p-TENS Webcast (WH)
8 8 & 10:30 HE -9:15 & 10-10:15 Instruction re sound system (Suren/WH)	9	10 7a-YSB (Branch/WH) <i>Oller Day Off</i>	11 7:30 Centering Prayer No Midday Service <i>Oller Vacation</i>	12 Meals on Wheels All Day: Cathedral Strawberry Festival 6-9p NAMI -WH <i>Oller Vacation</i>	13 Cville Festival Beverage Sales <i>Oller Vacation</i>	14 Cville Festival Beverage Sales
15 Father's Day Cville Strawberry Festival 10:30 Worship Cville Festival Beverage Sales <i>Oller Vacation</i>	16 <i>Oller Day Off</i>	17 <i>Oller Vacation</i>	18 7:30 Centering Prayer No Midday Service 3:30p-Outreach Mtg <i>Oller Vacation</i>	19 Meals on Wheels <i>Oller Vacation</i>	20 <i>Oller Continuing Education</i>	21 <i>Oller Continuing Education</i>
22 8 & 10:30 HE – Lowell Anderson supply <i>Oller Continuing Education</i>	23	24 10-Bible Study	25 7:30 Centering Prayer No Midday Service Noon: Planning Meeting re October Celebration of Diversity/Anti-Bullying	26 Meals on Wheels <i>Oller Day Off</i>	27 <i>Oller Day Off</i>	28 8:30-12:30 Divorce Recovery Workshop (Library)
29 8 & 10:30 HE Noon: Parish Picnic-White's	30					

Worship Leaders for June 2014

June 1	Lector	LEM	Crucifer	Acolyte	Greeter	Altar Guild	Counters	LEV
8:00	Ashbaugh	Ashbaugh	-	K. Haffner		J. Yerkes & T. Lawrence	S. Albrecht & R. Olander	Pickerings
10:30	Mark Kussmaul	Meribeth Kussmaul & M. Hudson	S. Charles	CJ Charles	Blacks			
June 8								
8:00	R. Pickering	R. Pickering	P. Swanson					Pickerings
10:30	R. Olander	D. Booher & L. Baumgardner	W. Turner	B. Turner	S. Evans & C. Meyer	CJ Charles & C. Fields	E. Fain & J. Gary	
June 15	Crawfordsville Strawberry Festival Community Worship	--	--	--	--		--	Cooley & S. Fain
June 22								Cooley & S. Fain
8:00	MarkKussmaul	Meribeth Kussmaul	--	C. Fields				
10:30	J. Lamberton	A. Ashbaugh & R. Pickering	Sam Hildebrand	P. Lohorn	M. Reidy & J. Gallagher	B. Culley & M. Reidy	N. Bennett & T. Twarek/E. Ball	
June 29								Booher & H. Hudson
8:00	K. Haffner	J. Suren	K. Haffner					
10:30	W. Olander	K. Roberts & L. Baumgardner	J. Culley	R. Pickering	Garys	C. Meyer & J. Tussey	S. Albrecht & N. Bennett	

No Meals on Wheels During June