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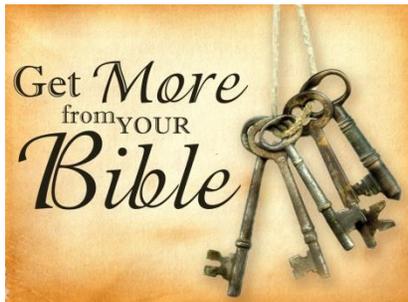
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We are committed to God, to our church, and to each other as a family in Christ, providing and cherishing spiritual growth and living our faith in the community.



Take a chance! Try something new – I promise we won't bite. On July 31, August 14 and 28, we are going to try something different during the 10:30a service. After checking with a few people and building on the experiences of Good Samaritan Episcopal Church in Brownsburg, we are going to shift location and format for our 10:30a worship on those 3 Sundays. **We will have Communion at each service.** What we are shifting at the 10:30a service on those 3 Sundays is "The Liturgy of the Word"- the part of our service that comes

before the Peace.

The 8a service will remain as it is now, meeting in the Nave. However, the 10:30a service will shift to Whitlock Hall and we will sit around our round tables. Our music will be provided using the piano rather than the organ. The purpose of this shift is to give all of us more of a chance to engage with each other about the Gospel for the day. You can even drink coffee if you like during the service!

The Gospel appointed for the three Sundays when we will experiment is:

July 31st : Luke 12: 13-21(Parable of the Rich Fool)

August 14th: Luke 12: 49-56 (Jesus and Division)

August 28th: Luke 14: 1, 7-14 (Jesus and Humility and Hospitality)

On August 7th, Abby Twarek will be preaching at both services. On August 21st, Sam Vaught will be preaching at both services. The services for those Sundays (both 8a and 10:30a) will be in the Nave.

We are a Bible-people. On regular Sundays when we have Communion, we read from the Old Testament, a Psalm, the New Testament and from one of the Gospels. Sermons, though hopefully educational and inspirational, don't generally offer you a real-time chance to engage the text. We are trying this approach to see if you find more meaning in the text and thus more meaning in your Christian journey. **This is an experiment for all of us. It is not intended to be a permanent change.**

If this approach is meaningful to you, then I hope you might consider joining a Bible Study group in the fall. If not, never fear, we will return to our "regular" format in the Nave in

September. And, if you don't want to try this, don't forget the 8a service will remain as usual. Take a chance- push those boundaries a bit. I promise it won't hurt!

-Rev. Jan Oller

News from Abby Twarek



Each time I'm asked to write an update it gets harder and harder. The longer I've been here the more normal everything seems, and the more I can't imagine this not being my life right now. I spend every day with some of the best preschoolers ever. Things are always changing as kids are adopted and others turn 2 and begin school, but each day is full of laughter and learning. My main role is as the English and Special Ed preschool teacher, so most days you can find me doing crafts, singing songs, practicing cutting, coloring, and having kids

climb on top of me. However, the most important thing I do is pray for the kids and love them with all the love the Father has given me. I am excited to walk into the preschool room each day and am often greeted by the kids yelling my name or running over to me. It's my privilege to be so much more than their teacher.

Loving these kids is risky. It's dangerous and it opens my heart to pain. I've experienced the pain of losing children, and the pain of saying goodbye to my buddies when they're adopted. But mostly I experience the joy of knowing them, the joy of seeing their lives changed.

None of this would be possible without the support, prayers, and encouragement of so many. I say thank you now, and am excited to say thank you in person this August. I hope to see many of you and would love to tell more stories and show more pictures before I return. *—Abby Twarek*



Prayer and some thoughts from Sam Vaught, interning on Iona, from his blogpost on June 20th:



This week, I was leading the service with another volunteer, and it was my responsibility to read the intercessions. And after learning about the massacre in Florida just hours before, there was no way that I could pray what I had already planned. It was clear that we would instead pray for the situation we found in front of us. But what can one pray in the face of such evil, such darkness, when so many people are feeling the absence of God and his love? The only words I could find were "Lord, have mercy." The Kyrie. Words that for me, don't try to explain how such suffering can exist, but don't run away from such suffering, either. So we prayed, in our doubt, in our fear, "Lord, have mercy." Kyrie Eleison. And that became the framework for our prayer as we prayed for Christ's light to illuminate our darkness, as we prayed for those who had died, for their families, for the man who committed the atrocity, and for ourselves, each stained by sin and death.

It wasn't an uplifting experience, but it was an honest one. Fifty candles burned in a rack above our heads, one for each life stolen in a rain of bullets. It brought the dark and dangerous world into our safe, quiet island community, and that's about all we could do. To make ourselves vulnerable, to feel someone else's pain. Prayer and church shouldn't always make us happy. But it should always put us in communion with all of God's world, the good, the bad, and the ugly. Prayer should break down the isolation between us and God and between us and the world. It has been said that the Church should comfort the disturbed and disturb the comfortable. I hope that we did that faithfully last week.

-Sam Vaught



One mission that some St Johns members are affiliated with makes quilts with Christ Lutheran Church for Lutheran World Relief.

This group has been making quilts for several years. In 2014, they made over 120 that were eventually sent to Lebanon (the country, not town), for a Syrian refugee camp. In 2015, 150 quilts from Crawfordsville (of a national total of 6000) were sent to Democratic Republic of Congo. From there they were delivered women and children in Angola.

These quilts are warm, washable, and portable, with emphasis on functionality. They may be made with big pieces and leftovers. They are tied rather than stitch quilted.

This group meets the first and second Monday of each month at Christ Lutheran church to lay out and tie the quilts. No talent is needed, except the ability to tie a knot or thread a needle. Anyone is welcome. Contact Elly Anderson, 866 1878. -Ellen Ball



St. John’s participation in the Summer Lunch program will be on Wednesday, July 20-Friday, July 22. Sign-ups are on the bulletin board in the hallway. Donating food, packing lunches and delivering food will be areas of need.

In February, we asked everyone to put up on the bulletin board in Whitlock Hall the names of any group that they worked with that they consider to be “outreach.” This was an effort to identify the many, many ways in which the people of St. John’s serve this community and the broader world to bring the Gospel – the good news of Jesus Christ – to all with whom we come into contact.

Bud Arnold has compiled a list of the names of the groups listed and also the number of St. John’sers who said they worked with that group. Part of what we hoped would happen is that identifying those groups might prompt others to explore with someone they know what it might be like to volunteer with that group. Below is a partial list of groups (*outside of St. John’s*).

Ability Service	Alpha Phi Omega	Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts
Burning Hearts/Emmaus	CASA	School Board
Library	Celebrate Recovery	Clothing Mission
CPR	Visitor’s Bureau	Disaster Response
Divorcing Parents with Minor Children	Homeless Shelter	IWA
Kiwanis	League of Women Voters	Mankind Project
Mentoring	Public School Volunteer	Sewing Machine Repair/Donation
Volunteer @ St. E’s Hospital	Sustain Initiative	MC United Soccer Club
Veteran’s Court	Vet to Vet	VITA (Tax assistance)
Sugar Creek Wabash Men	Wabash International Students	Parks & Recreation
Flower Lovers Club	Mental Health America	

We will include another list of groups that were listed in next month’s Newsletter. If any of the above opportunities interest you, the list of groups with the names of Parishioners is in the “Outreach” box downstairs near the office.



Leaving your imprint to benefit future generations

On April 3rd, we heard from the Planned Giving Team and watched a brief video about a couple who took the time to plan their legacy so that it helped to fulfill their values. Here is a link to that video if you didn't see it or would like to see it again:

https://www.ted.com/talks/judy_macdonald_johnston_prepare_for_a_good_end_of_life?language=en

As Sam Hildebrand, chair of the Planned Giving Team notes:

- Plans for end of life take time to ensure they are consistent with your values and create
- Planning needs to be intentional
- Planning is a process and your wishes may change over time

Judy Johnston mentioned five planning work sheets in her presentation. Here is the link to those sheets; <http://www.goodendoflife.com/worksheets/index.htm> These documents are simple, straight forward, non-legalistic, non-denominational and are a good starting point for doing the hard work of preparing your legal documents which should be done in consultation with your family, your priest and your legal and financial advisors.

Also, see the St. John's website (www.stjohnscville.org) for specific information about funeral planning. Although planning can be difficult, it is a wonderful gift to give your family.

Watch for information about meetings in the fall when we will discuss these issues and give you an opportunity to put pen to paper.

-From the Planned Giving Team



We celebrate Pastoral Care in July. This ministry helps with food/meals, visiting shut-ins, transportation and other short-term needs of members of St. John's. Coordinate by Adrienne Ashbaugh, the members of the Pastoral Care team are called upon as needed. *Please let Adrienne know if you have a short-term need that we might assist with.*



Wine and Bread at Communion: For the last several years, we have used white "Angelica" as our Communion Wine. This was in response to two parishioners who had allergies to tannins in red wine. Both of those parishioners have moved away from Crawfordsville.

Several parishioners have asked that we return to red wine for communion. When we finish our current supply of Anglica, we will return to using red wine.

We give most hearty thanks for Meegan Reidy who continues to supply St. John's with homemade bread for our Communion. We also have Gluten-Free wafers available. Please let Rev. Jan know if you prefer Gluten-Free wafers.

Won't you please help out? We need hosts for 10:30a service. A few of you regularly sign up who could.... Please see the bulletin board in Sunday when you might provide simple cookies or coffee.



our coffee hour after the but there are many more the hallway and find a or treats to go with our

Reminder! Our Policies, Vestry Minutes, information about Sacraments and other important information can be found on our website: www.stjohnscville.org or on our bulletin boards



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	Lector	LEM	Crucifer	Acolyte	Greeters	Altar Guild	Counters	Flowers	LEVs	Coffee Host
July 3										
8a	Mark Kusssmaul	Meribeth Kusssmaul		Kitty Haffner						
10:30	Christopher Short	Jeff Burd & Kim Roberts	Randy Pickering		Dan Booher & John Binder	Sheila Evans & Jane Gallagher	A White & Tom Twarek	Roberts	Pickering	
July 10										
8a	Adrienne Ashbaugh	Adrienne Ashbaugh		Teresa Titus						
10:30a	Rees Olander	Dan Booher & Randy Pickering	Will Turner	Beth Turner	Ed & Sue Fain	Jerilyn Yerkes & Terry Lawrence	Ed Fain & Jim Gary	White	Hudson & Booher	
July 17										
8a	Mark Kusssmaul	Meribeth Kusssmaul		Steve Charles						
10:30a	Jeremy Hartnett	John & Betty Culley	Jeff Burd		Kim & John Roberts	CY Charles & Cyndy Fields	Nancy Bennett & John Roberts	Titus	Hudson & Booher	
July 24	Morning Prayer									
8a	Adrienne Ashbaugh	N/a		N/a						
10:30a	Susan Albrecht	N/a	N/a	N/a	Carole Meyer & J Wynne	Carole Meyer & Jo Tussey	S Albrecht & W Olander	Yerkes	Fain & Oller	
July 31										
8a	Adrienne Ashbaugh	Adrienne Ashbaugh		Teresa Titus						
10:30a	Jim Gary	M Kusssmaul & RPickering	Steve Charles	CJ Charles	D Swanson & S Evans	B Culley & M Reidy	A White & JGary	Hudson	Fain & Oller	

Meals on Wheels: July 7: Smiths; July 14: C Meyer & B Culley; July 21: T Twarek; July 28: Hildebrands.

*If you are not able to serve as noted, please arrange for a substitute **and** let the office know ASAP. Thank you!*

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 8 & 10:30a-HE	4 Independence Day – Office Closed	5 9a: Oller apt @ St. Bernards 6:30p – Oller meeting (WH)	6 7:30a-Centering Prayer	7 Rector's Sabbath	8	9 Oller Day Off
10 8 & 10:30a-HE	11 Oller Day Off	12 Oller: Dr's Appt (out afternoon)	13 7:30a-Centering Prayer	14 6p- YSB (WH) 6:30 –Trivia Night @ Carnegie Museum Rector's Sabbath	15	16 Oller @ Ordination & COM meeting @ Trinity, Lawrenceburg
17 8 & 10:30a-HE	18 Summer Lunches/Kitchen & WH	19 Summer Lunches/Kitchen & WH 6p- Oller: Women's Prison, Plainfield	20 7:30a-Centering Prayer Summer Lunches/Kitchen & WH 7p-Vestry- <i>subject to change</i>	21 Rector's Sabbath Summer Lunches/Kitchen & WH	22 Oller Day Off Summer Lunches/Kitchen & WH	23 8:30a-Divorce Recovery Workshop/Library Oller: Retreat
24 8 & 10:30a-MP Oller: Retreat	25 Oller Day Off	26 Oller @ Diocesan Offices re Title IV Training	27 7:30a-Centering Prayer	28 Rector's Sabbath	29	30
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