



THE EAGLE & THE LAMB

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



April 2015

Rector's Rambling

The first day of spring has come and gone, and the rhythms of the year are in full swing. As the weather softens, God has so many lessons in store for all of us. The gentle warmth of this day teaches me that after the bitter cold of a hard winter, spring thaws do come. This morning's decision to transplant half a flat of tomatoes in the wake of minor abdominal surgery reminded me that there are certain laws of science and nature that really should not be ignored! The constant motion of baby ducks reminds me of the frantic pace of life, and of how little the hustle and bustle we impose upon ourselves really matters in the long run. But the greatest lesson of all that comes with the spring is the lesson of Holy Week and Easter. When we had rebelled against God and chosen to walk apart from him, he sent Jesus into the world to take all of the punishment we deserve, and to restore us to the family of God. He offered us a free and undeserved gift of restoration to the family, forgiveness of sin, release from guilt and shame, and eternal life in heaven at the end. Then on Easter, he proved it true when Jesus arose from the dead and appeared to many before going back to the Father in heaven. This is not a myth, or a metaphor, or a story. It is rather how God chose to enter our experience and reconcile us to himself. I hope and pray that on this Blessed Easter, we might all experience the joy and peace God the Father offers us as we believe that Jesus did this thing for us and determine to live our lives in accordance with his teachings.

But I hope we can do even more this year. I pray that we will all determine in our hearts to share this good news of what Jesus has done for us with others. It can be a simple thing. Invite someone to our services or fellowship opportunities. Immerse the invitation in a prayer that your friend would meet God while he or she is among us. Live your life in accordance with the teachings of the Bible so that no one will have just grounds for questioning the consistency of our witness to the Risen Christ. Cultivate humility, and think yourself no better than any other person, because "We are all sinners, trusting in Christ alone for salvation." Embrace the message of the Bible, summarized in the Creeds, that God is love, and that he wishes us to experience that love by knowing him as he is, in Trinity and Unity, where God and humanity coexist in Jesus, the Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

Come to Church this Holy Week and Easter. Bring a friend, and share the celebration of the triumph of God with all the world.



Holy Week Schedule



Palm Sunday services at 8 and 10:30, choral meditation at 4PM.

Wednesday Holy Communion (1928) at noon.

Maundy Thursday Communion and stripping of the altar at 7PM.

Good Friday Liturgy (no Communion) at noon, with Stations of the Cross to follow
Easter Day at St John's, 8 and 10:30.

Vestry Highlights

- 1) John 4:28-30—"So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city, and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to him. The people of this Samaritan town went out to meet Jesus because one woman shared her story and invited them. Who can we invite to meet Jesus?"
- 2) Father Bill is coordinating archery opportunities for the youth.
- 3) Spring is almost upon us, and with that will be coming opportunities for Spring Cleaning around the church. Look for these announcements and plan to join us to make our church more inviting physically and aesthetically this year.
- 4) Vestry meetings are open to all. If you ever have a suggestion or concern, you can share it at a vestry meeting, or share it with one of the vestry members. What ideas might you have to make St. John's a more inviting church?

How Splendid the Cross

How splendid the Cross of Christ! It brings life not death; light, not darkness; Paradise, not its loss. It is the wood on which the Lord, like a great warrior was wounded in hands and feet and side, but healed thereby our wounds. A tree had destroyed us; a tree now brought us life.

St. Theodore of Studios

Easter Sunday Children's Church

10 am—Easter Egg Hunt (prior to the 10:30 service)

Children's Church will be celebrating the Resurrection during the 10:30 service with a lesson, crafts, and a small snack. Children will be returned to church for the Peace.

If any member wishes to donate plastic eggs or Easter candy for the hunt, items can be left on the table in the *Wind in the Willows* room. (This room is on the left at the end of the education unit hallway.)

Travel Information for Nick England's Ordination

A bus has been chartered for our transportation to Cincinnati on June 6th for Nick's ordination to the diaconate. We will depart from St. John's at 7:00 am and should arrive back by 5:00 pm.

The cost is \$30 per ticket which includes a driver gratuity. A sign-up sheet is at the back of the church. Deadline for payment is Sunday, May 17th.

Crucifixion

We have become insensitive to the infinite tension which is implied in the words of the Apostle's Creed: "suffered. . . was crucified, dead and buried. . . rose again from the dead." We already know, when we hear the first words, what the ending will be: "rose again," and for many people it is no more that the inevitable "happy ending". . . But the answer of Easter has become possible precisely because the Christ has been buried. The new life would not really be *new* life if it did not come from the complete end of the old life.

-Paul Tillich, "The Shaking of the Foundation," *Christianity Today*



Birthdays

- 8 Jim Chilenski
- 10 Nanci Allen
- 12 Nicole Sutter
- 14 Lisa Rosser
- 15 Gary Rowley
- 17 David Berner
- 25 Margaret Baker
Helen Johnston
- 29 Tierney Carter
John Martin
Chad Shook
- 30 Mary Kraker

Wedding Anniversaries

- 8 Bob and Laura Wright (95)
- 12 Ralph and Reda Kittle (69)
- 14 Robin and Ann Leonard (79)
- 21 Brian and Cecilia Davidson (90)
Carl and Deanna Roshong (79)
- 26 Craig and Lori Bockman (97)
- 27 Paul and Nancy Frick (87)
- 29 Denise and William Nunley (06)

Baptismal Anniversaries

- 1 Kirsten Carr (87)
- 3 Lisa Rosser (94)
- 5 Anna Adkins (31)
- 6 Holly Perry (96)
- 9 Katie Shook (00)
- 10 Amy Eyman (66)
- 11 Barbara Mohler (54)
Bill Pursley (54)
- 12 Judy Furlow (41)
- 13 Diana Turpin (45)
- 16 Alanna Hurdley (95)
Caitlin Hurdley (95)
- 18 Nickie Leckrone (43)
Alex Shook (99)
- 19 Jim Chilenski (59)
- 23 Hannah Hurdley (00)

Parish Health Ministries Luncheon

Parish Health Ministries luncheon will be held on Wednesday, April 15th after the noon Eucharist.

Fellowship Breakfast Cancelled on Easter

The April Fellowship breakfast is cancelled since it falls on Easter. Breakfasts will resume in May. Remember help is always needed for these meals. Contact Chris Hurdley if you would be willing to set up, clean up, or cook.

Evangelism and Renewal Comm. Needs YOU

The Evangelism and Renewal Committee is a small but dedicated committee at St. John's that is best known for its work on the Lenten series and the Tote Project for the Fairfield Family Court. The committee is looking for some new volunteers. If you would like to join us or just would like some more information about the committee, please contact Frankie Mathias at 653-5559.

Dinner in Logan

On Thursday, April 30th volunteers will provide and serve a community meal at St. Paul's, Logan. If you are interested in helping, please contact Fr. Bill, Jean Hammer (687-6134) or Judie Miller (654-6747). We will leave from St. John's at approximately 3:45 pm and return around 7 pm. Desserts will also be needed. Please sign up at the back of the church if you can provide cookies, cupcakes, etc. for the dinner.

The Giving Tree

There are still leaves for the taking on the Giving Tree at the back of the church. If you haven't already, please consider taking one and purchasing the listed item(s). These items will be given to help those transitioning out of the drug court system. **Thank you to all who have already donated.**

Reminder to Altar Guild Members

The Altar Guild will decorate on Saturday, April 4th at 10 am. Please plan to attend.

April 2015 Serving Schedule

| April 5 th | 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM | Readings |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|--|---|
| Lay Readers | Jean Hammer | Mark Conrad & Ivan Smith | Acts 10:34-43 |
| Acolytes | | 1 st Crucifer: William Eyman 2 nd Crucifer: Libby Garbrandt Book Bearer: Hannah Hurdley Torch Bearer: Asher Carr Torch Bearer: Nicole Sutter | Psalms: 118:1-2, 14-24 |
| Lectors | Carl Roshong | Caitlyn Hurdley & Sarah Perlow | 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 |
| Ushers | Steve Woods & Tim Hall | Tom Howard & Karen Howard | John 20:1-18 |
| Altar Guild | Mid Hall | Sarah Perlow & Frankie Mathias | Set-up: 10 AM April 4th All Altar Guild Members |
| April 12 th | 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM | Readings |
| Lay Readers | Tom Hammer | Jim Hall & Doug Carr | Acts 4:32-35 |
| Acolytes | | Joanna Carr & Hannah Hurdley | Psalms: 133 |
| Lectors | | Mark Conrad & Jean Conrad | 1 John 1:1-2:2 |
| Ushers | Alex Shook & Katie Shook | Steve Messerly & Chris Hurdley | John 20:19-31 |
| Altar Guild | Carol Uhl & Jean Hammer | Jessie Smith & Judie Miller | Set-up: Carol Uhl & Jean Hammer |
| April 19 th | 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM | Readings |
| Lay Readers | Robin Rhodes | Ann Rickson & Ivan Smith | Acts 3:12-19 |
| Acolytes | | William Eyman & Nicole Sutter | Psalms: 4 |
| Lectors | | Holly Perry & Kathy Heim | 1 John 3:1-7 |
| Ushers | Robin Leonard & Mike Whiley | Nickie Lecrone & Diane Downard | Luke 24:36b-48 |
| Altar Guild | Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl | Barb Parker & Deanna Roshong | Set-up: Deanna Roshong |
| April 26 th | 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM | Readings |
| Lay Readers | Mark Conrad | Frankie Mathias & Doug Carr | Acts 4:5-12 |
| Acolytes | | Asher Carr & Libby Garbrandt | Psalms: 23 |
| Lectors | | Ivan Smith & Charlie Voss | 1 John 3:16-24 |
| Ushers | Mary Shook & Chad Shook | William Eyman & John Eyman | John 10:11-18 |
| Altar Guild | Gitta Sadoni | Chris Hurdley & Reda Kittle | Set-up: Mid Hall & Judie Miller |



*They must first be tested,
and then if there is nothing against them,
let them serve as deacons.
1 Timothy 3:10*

In anticipation of
Our Lord willing
And the bishop consenting,
Nick England
Will be ordained deacon
On Saturday June 6.

To honor his ordination and his first service as deacon at St Johns,
we will celebrate with a hog roast following the service on
Sunday, June 7.

Watch for details to follow.

The committee would welcome donations to cover the expenses
of the celebration hog roast and all left-over money will go toward
a gift certificate to assist Nick in his supplies as deacon.

Please mark your check or envelope "NICK'S ORDINATION"

St. John's Episcopal Church

April 2015

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|----------------------------------|--|---|---|-----------|
| | | | 1 12:00 HC | 2 7 pm Maundy Thursday service | 3 12 pm Good Friday Serv. followed by Stations of the Cross | 4 |
| 5 8:00 HC 9:15 Choir Prac. 10:00 Easter Egg Hunt 10:30 HC/SS Easter | 6 4:45 Youth pizza & catechism 7:00P Choral Evensong | 7 8:00P AA Meeting | 8 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC | 9 | 10 | 11 |
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| 19 8:00 HC 9:10 Adult For. 9:15 Choir Prac. 10:30 HC/SS 2:00 Archery | 20 4:45 Youth pizza & catechism 7:00P Choral Evensong | 21 8:00P AA Meeting | 22 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC | 23 3:45 St. John's serves dinner in Logan | 24 | 25 |
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