



# THE EAGLE & THE LAMB

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



August 2015

## Rector's Rambling

The summer of 2015 has supplied me with ample reminders about how many things touch my life that I cannot control. Most significantly the carpenter bees, and then the woodpeckers to eat them. We have never had such damage to the house, barn, and outbuildings.

The very hot week in mid-spring caused most of my cool weather crops to bolt before harvest. The cool and rain of summer have meant tasteless July tomatoes and stunted crops of cucumber and beans. It's not like the garden has been a failure, but it has been an odd summer.

As I consider my life, I can also count many things which are beyond my control. Sure there are things like taxes, denominational policy and oil price fluctuations. But there are also more important and personal things, like age and health, and where the kids need to live to work and to realize their dreams. On a bad day, it is easy to feel small, or forgotten, or both.

And then God brings one of those lasting things into my experience. A cleanly-turned double play, or an out-of-the-park homer on a gentle summer's evening reminds me that baseball is pretty much the same as when I played it as a boy. A soft voice with the faintest hint of a southern accent is like music to my ears, "I have you and Chuck booked for an eight bird training shoot with two dogs on September first at 9 A.M." The pheasant season comes again!

And then comes that most wonderful certainty of all. As I sit down to prepare for Sunday's sermon, I read from John 6, "When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat? He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do." I realize that even when my world may seem out of control, and when the time of testing comes, Jesus my Lord always knows exactly what he is going to do. There is no issue regarding my health, or my kids, or my finances, or my future for which Jesus does not already have a plan. That is perhaps the greatest certainty of all. A loving heavenly Father has sent his only begotten Son to reconcile me to God, and he has a plan for meeting every situation I may face. That Son is now at the right hand of the Father praying for my needs as we travel this sometimes very difficult road to heaven.

In the days to come, I pray that all of us will find the grace to focus not on those things that are uncertain and beyond our control. Rather let us give thanks for the constants in our lives, and may the thoughts of those constants remind us of that greatest certainty of all, that Jesus has a plan for us, and knows what he is going to do. Amen.

Bill+



### Congratulations, Lynn Stevenson!!

The Fisher Catholic High School quiz team, coached by Lynn Stevenson, took second place at the National Tournament for Academic Excellence at Disney World.

The Fisher team defeated the all-state teams from Florida, Montana, Pennsylvania and others to take second place to Colorado, which won the championship. Their excellent all around knowledge and strength in the area of music and literature cemented their win.

### Sunday Offering

I have a dear friend who is an usher in a small country church. It is their practice for the two ushers to go down the aisle and stand before the minister to bless the offering as it is received. Then the congregation goes down and puts their offering in the offering plate. The small children go first and often have change or two bills so they can put some money in each plate. Sunday, a four-year-old had only a \$5 bill in her hand so she looked at one plate, then the other plate deciding which plate to put it in. She finally **tore the bill in half** and put half in each plate. This left the congregation in stitches. *Charlotte*

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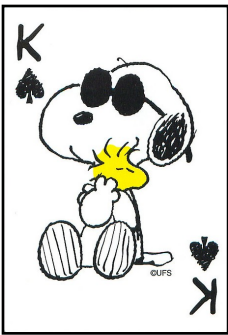
Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited, until you try to sit in their pews.

The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close.

People are funny; they want the front of the bus, middle of the road, and back of the church.

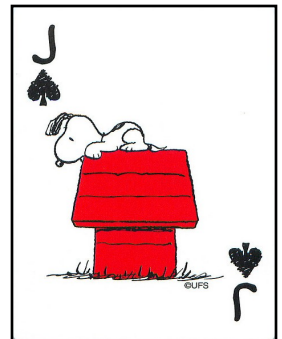
Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on the front door forever.

### Euchre Tournament coming soon!!



On Saturday, August 8th, beginning at 6 PM there will be a Euchre Tournament held in the undercroft of the church. If you enjoy euchre or simply playing cards, think about signing up to see if you are the best St. John's euchre player! This contest will be for ages 15 and up. There is a small \$ 2.00 fee to enter the tournament which will be used to off-set the food and drink which will be provided.

If you would like to enter the competition but don't know how to play, just let us know that on the sign up sheet located at the back of the church and we will make arrangements to give you a lesson before the competition begins! Friends and family are welcome to sign up, too!



**Birthdays**

- 8 Peg Merton
- 9 Mark Perrine
- 11 Cheryl Berner  
Joanna Carr
- 12 Anna Burton  
Lowell Stallsmith
- 15 Robin Leonard  
Mary Owsley
- 17 Ashley Campbell  
Mid Hall
- 26 Beck Babcock  
Kay Waddell
- 27 Steve Martens
- 29 Jim Hall
- 30 Jason Smith

**Wedding Anniversaries**

- 1 Ivan & Jessie Smith (59)
- 12 Jim & Susan Chilenski (95)
- 13 Mark & Mary Alice Perrine (77)
- 16 Steve & Jane Wood (77)
- 17 Jim & Peg Merton (68)  
Gary and Charlene Rowley (57)
- 18 Jack and Elaine Warnett (79)
- 19 Bruce & Bobbie Beebe (10)  
Sam and Jane Hurley (67)
- 21 Dick and Beck Babcock (50)
- 22 Jim and Sarah Miller (53)
- 30 Gerald & Mary Owsley (14)

**Baptismal Anniversaries**

- 1 Doug Carr (78)  
Elizabeth Leonard (59)
- 3 Justice Wood (11)  
Steve Wood (11)
- 4 Julia Taylor (96)
- 10 Margaret Canter (08)
- 11 Julie Meenach (02)
- 19 Sally Stallsmith (34)
- 31 Mary Owsley (58)

**Anna Adkins**  
**March 29, 1929—July 24, 2015**

“Give to the departed eternal rest. May Light perpetual shine upon her.”

**Fellowship Breakfast**

Please join your parish family in the undercroft on Sunday, August 2nd for breakfast after the 8:00 Eucharist.

**Altar Flower Donations Needed**

Sally Stallsmith has some Sundays available for altar flower donations. Please call her at 740-654-6592 if you can help.

**Save the Date!**

Enjoyed our Family Game Night in March? then... Hold the date - **Sunday, September 20th** will be the next family game night at St. John's! Like the previous game night, food and drink will be provided but we will also be accepting donations if anyone wants to contribute to the meal. Game night will begin at 4:00 PM. Come and have some fun with your St John's family! Bring a friend, too!

**Confirmation**

Confirmation will be on October 18th. Being a confirmed member of St. John's allows you to serve in many ways, and is an important rite of identification with the church around the world. See Fr. Bill if you are interested in making this public profession of faith.

**Youth Archery Day at Alley Park**

Join the youth of St. John's at Alley Park at 1:30 PM on August 9th for a fun afternoon of archery. Equipment is provided along with adults who will instruct and guide you.



## August 2015 Serving Schedule

<b>August 2</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Readings</b>
<b>Lay Readers</b>	Jean Hammer	Jim Hall & Ivan Smith	2 Samuel 11:26--12:13
<b>Acolytes</b>		Asher Carr & William Eyman	Psalms 51:1-13
<b>Lectors</b>		Caitlyn Hurdley & Sarah Perlow	Ephesians 4:1-16
<b>Ushers</b>	Mary & Chad Shook	Nickie Lecrone & Diane Downard	John 6:24-35
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Bobbi Beebe	Sarah Perlow, Mid Hall & Diane Downard	Set-up: Deanna Roshong
<b>August 9</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Readings</b>
<b>Lay Readers</b>	Robin Rhodes	Mark Conrad & Doug Carr	2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33
<b>Acolytes</b>		Joanna Carr & Hannah Hurdley	Psalms 130
<b>Lectors</b>		Mark Conrad & Jeanie Conrad	Ephesians 4:25-5:2
<b>Ushers</b>	Alex Shook & Katie Shook	Steve Messerly & Chris Hurdley	John 6:35, 41-51
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Carol Uhl & Jean Hammer	Jessie Smith, Mid Hall & Judie Miller	Set-up: Carol Uhl & Jean Hammer
<b>August 16</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Readings</b>
<b>Lay Readers</b>	Tom & Jean Hammer	Jim Hall & Ivan Smith	I Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14
<b>Acolytes</b>		Will Eyman & Nicole Sutter	Psalms 111
<b>Lectors</b>		Holly Perry & Kathy Heim	Ephesians 5:15-20
<b>Ushers</b>	Robin Leonard & Mike Whiley	William Eyman & John Eyman	John 6:51-58
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl	Barb Parker, Diane Downard & Judie Miller	Set-up: Deanna Roshong
<b>August 23</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Readings</b>
<b>Lay Readers</b>	Jim Merton	Doug Carr & Mark Conrad	I Kings 8(1,6,10-11), 22-30, 41-43
<b>Acolytes</b>		Morgan Spires & Libby Garbrandt	Psalms 84
<b>Lectors</b>		Ivan Smith & Charlie Voss	Ephesians 6:10-20
<b>Ushers</b>	Steve Wood & Tim Hall	Tom & Karin Howard	John 6:56-69
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Gitta Sadoni & Peggy Merton	Chris Hurdley, Sally Stallsmith & Reda Kittle	Set-up: Diane Downard, Mid Hall & Judie Miller
<b>August 30</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Readings</b>
<b>Lay Readers</b>	Jim Merton	Jim Hall & Ivan Smith	Song of Solomon 2:8-13
<b>Acolytes</b>		Asher Carr & Joanna Carr	Psalms 45:1-2, 7-10
<b>Lectors</b>		Mark Conrad & Jeanie Conrad	James 1:17-27
<b>Ushers</b>	Carol Uhl & Tim Hall	Steve Messerly & Chris Hurdley	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Gitta Sadoni & Peggy Merton	Sarah Purlow, Diane Downard & Judie Miller	Set-up: Carol Uhl & Jean Hammer

# *St. John's Episcopal Church*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> 8:00 HC 9:00 Fellowship Breakfast 9:15 Choir Prac. 10:30 HC/SS	<b>3</b> 7:00P Choral Evensong	<b>4</b> 8:00P AA Meeting	<b>5</b> 10:31 Bible Study 12:00 HC	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 6:00P Euchre Tournament
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<b>23</b> 8:00 HC 9:15 Choir Prac. 10:30 HC	<b>24</b> 7:00P Choral Evensong	<b>25</b> 8:00P AA Meeting	<b>26</b> 10:31 Bible Study 12:00 HC	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 8:00 HC 9:15 Choir Prac. 10:30 HC	<b>31</b> 7:00P Choral Evensong					

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**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH STAFF**

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