



The Missioner

**St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church
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October 2015

Well friends, October is very much here—and the weather has accommodated all of the ambiance of fall. Personally, I find it invigorating.

The truth is that October is starting for us still in the midst of a number of transitions. Even as we say “goodbye” to friends and companions in our church community; we also look to the beginning of some of the most joyful (if not busy) seasons of the year. And while we can never really anticipate departures, or changes; what we do find is that this season has traditionally carried with it this combination of endings and beginnings. We see this as a time of harvest celebrations, as well as the transition from warm weather into cold. Our English and Celtic ancestors in the faith continued many pre-Christian traditions which honored those who had died, all the while celebrating the hope and promise of new life that will re-emerge in the spring.

Considering such ancient rhythms, then, that are apparent in human culture; perhaps it’s no mystery that we are naturally inclined to life rhythms reflected in a “liturgical life,” as well.

So, in the same way, October brings for us a number of celebrations, as well as opportunities. This year, we look forward to a Fall Costume Party, and a Tuesday Night Radio Theater to name a couple. We’re also gearing-up to recruit people for Bishop’s Committee, and preparing for the Annual Blessing of Animals.

So, there is much to look forward to this month and next. Please do your best to support and join us for all of our fall events—they should be really fun. And, likewise, if you have any interest in Bishop’s Committee—or know someone who might be a good fit—please contact me for details and any questions you might have.

The reality is that for of the transitions and changes that we have experienced at St. John’s, we need to keep in mind that change is as much the mark of living things as anything. And while such change is not always comfortable, or even disorienting, we can trust that every new change has the potential for positive growth. What’s more, we can take comfort in the fact that we’re not the first to experience change, nor will we be the last... which puts us in very good company with all those who have gone before us who have cultivated the healthy change and growth that has allowed us to be where we are today.

Peace,

Fr. Matt Humm+

Bishop's Committee News

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At the September 16, 2015 meeting...

Accepted the reports and minutes as corrected.

Heard...

Bob Meehan reported that he is stepping down as Senior Warden effective immediately, and that Susie Meehan will step down from her role as Clerk of the Vestry. They will be transferring to St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Glen Ellyn. B.C. Members expressed gratitude for the work and commitment of the Meehans, and a letter will be sent to them on behalf of the leadership.

Finance reports for the month of August. Income remains below forecast for the month, with expenses above forecast (this due to building restoration expense, and payment of property insurance in full for 2015). Adjusted deficit is more than anticipated to date. This continues to be a concern.

Fr. Matt reported attendance is still relatively low, but compared to this time last year, it appears to be about the same. There was discussion regarding music and choir, and there was positive energy about the potential of including new people and considering some youth to join the choir. Feedback has been positive to recent experimentation with sermons. Also, the first formation discussion on Wednesday Sept. 9th was not as successful in accomplishing goals. The next is scheduled for Sept. 24th. B.C. has also decided to either forgo One to Grow On for this year, or to try to reconsider something based on Finance Committee discussion regarding the Stewardship campaign.

Parish Nurse, Lee Moarn briefly discussed the introduction of "Care Team" program. Reported recent meetings for Parish Nursing Program.

Sexton position remains open. Some continued attempts to find a person have been made, and it was agreed to allow some time to see if these attempts will net a result.

Jr. Warden Leona Davies reported Church School went very well. Energy was high, and the teachers and kids seemed to like the new curriculum, and have found it to be more accessible. Reported that "Fat Bat" event was well attended and great, thanked Pesaventos for hosting and planning.

Discussed...

Advertising Sexton position at area colleges/universities if attempts do not "pan-out."

Two members of the congregation offered their thoughts about concern for declining attendance; apparent 'crisis-mode' of St. John's; recruiting fresh, new leadership. Also discussed interest in beginning a "Senior Group" as a counterpart to the "Youth Group."

Planning congregational information meetings for Sundays in early November following services to bring people up-to-speed regarding finances, proposed building project, plans, and next steps.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, October 14th, 2015 beginning at 6:30 pm.

St. John the Evangelist

Receipts and Disbursements

August 2015

Activity for the Month

St. John's **Total Expenses exceeded our Total Income** ("Net Ordinary Income") by **\$5402**.

Total Income was approximately \$5,341 below forecast for the month. This is due primarily to pledge income being below anticipated revenue by \$1,913 and One To Grow On has not occurred which was planned to bring in \$1,500, and concert series income not coming in as the concert series is not planned for the current year (\$1,200).

Total Expense (\$12,621) for the month was approximately \$1,000 above forecast. This is due primarily to Building and Restoration Expense (\$1,866.60) and early payment of property insurance which is now paid in full for 2015.

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Thus, Total Expense year to date is \$115,521 before non-budgetary expenditures and adjusted "Net Ordinary Income" (**DEFICIT**) *expenditures* is an approximate loss of **\$31,782** versus the forecasted deficit of approximately **\$20,672**. There was one non-budgetary expense during the month of August.

Non-budgetary expenses so far in 2015:

- \$1,866.60 for building and restoration
- \$1,500 to support children from St. Johns attending Camp Chicago
- \$2,250 for altar vestments
- \$1,000 for concert expense
- \$ 697 Youth Group workshop

The estimated deficit at end of July with these adjustments is approximately \$480 less than anticipated in budget 2015. So as of the end of August our **adjusted deficit is \$24,468 (\$3,800 more than anticipated deficit to date)**. In looking ahead, unless revenues improve in the coming months we will in all likelihood have a greater than anticipated deficit for the year given the current trends of revenue. The revenue/expense reports clearly indicate that we have done a good job in keeping expenses for the most part below the anticipated level. Revenue shortfalls in giver of record and pledge income are the primary reasons for concern.

Year-to-date transfers illustrate the reality that we have dipped into contingency funds for more than \$22,500 as of the end of the August (including a \$5,000 transfer this month to help cover expenses).

Banking Account Activity

The First Midwest Bank Operating Account balance as of the end of the month was \$9,730.71.

Worship & Formation

Schedule this Month: October 11 & October 25

Time: during 10:30 AM Sunday Service

Ages: 3—11

Where: In Parish Hall

Contact: Ellen Hill



CHURCH SCHOOL



All are invited to join Centering Prayer at 8:00 AM each Saturday morning in the church. Contact: Charity Humm



Wednesday Evening Service & Formation

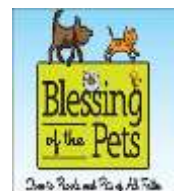
October Schedule: 10/7, 10/21 & 10/28

Time: 7 PM

Contact: Fr. Matt Humm



Blessing of the Pets
Sunday, October 4
After the 8 AM Service



Outreach



Morning Star Mission - Lunch Server openings available on October 10, November 14 and December 12.

Sign-up at the back of church.

Thank you September Servers and those signed up to serve!

Lockport Food Pantry - October Schedule of Suggested Items for Donations

October 4: peanut butter & jelly

October 11: cereal / oatmeal

October 18: vegetable soup / cans of vegetables

October 25: beef stew



Thank You!

**SUSPENSE!
THRILLS!
TERROR!**

**A NIGHT OF
RADIO THEATER MYSTERIES**
Tuesday Nights in October
6:30-8pm
halloween treats and drinks available

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH
312 E. 11TH STREET
LOCKPORT, IL

NO OUTSIDE FOOD PLEASE

Contact: Kim McElheny

Halloween Organ Spooktacular
Friday, Oct 30th 7:30 pm
St. Charles Borromeo Convocation Hall

The Lewis University Music Department & the American Guild of Organists present a program of classic & film Halloween favorites.
Costumes are welcome.
Free Admission.

Lewis University and the American Guild of Organists are presenting this Spooktacular event in memory of Tom Secor. Reception to follow.

Sign-up sheet at back of church or email church office. Thanks!

Parish Life

SAVE THE DATE! ST. JOHN'S CHILI TASTING CONTEST/POTLUCK AND FALL FEST,

Sunday, October 25th immediately following the 10:30 service.

Please come and join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship.



- Sign up to enter your favorite chili recipe. Individuals, families, and church groups encouraged to sign up to compete for prizes and title of "Best St. John's Chili 2015". Judges also needed.
- Activities for all ages include: apple bobbing, pumpkin decorating (bring your own pumpkin, we have the supplies), kid-friendly games (for the kid in all of us!).
- Kids welcome to show off their costumes to get into the spirit!



Sign up sheets will be available during the 8:00 and 10:30 services.
Please contact Beth Pesavento, bpesavento2002@yahoo.com, for additional information.



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Note of Gratitude for continued service to the mission here at St. John's...



- To the many generous donors that contributed to the **Syrian Refugee Relief** effort!
- Those **cleaning the church**: Rob Brennan, Leona Davies, Michael Graziadei, Lee Moran and all other dusters, sweepers, wipers and scrubbers unknown!
- **Daughters of the King**: Ruth Johnson, Julia Matile and Wendy Stewart
- Lee Moarn for the **new plantings** around the Parish Hall.

Rummage and Bake Sale

The Rummage and Bake Sale is **Friday and Saturday October 23 and 24**, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm both days.

Set up is Sunday, October 18th after the 10:30 coffee hour.

You may drop off rummage at the church hall the week of the Rummage Sale.

Times for drop off are:

Monday	1:30-6:00
Tuesday	9:30-1:00
Wednesday	10:00-2:00
Thursday	1:30-5:30

No trunk loads or truck loads will be accepted after 5:30



Bring baked goods for the bake sale on Thursday, October 22 until 7:30.

Baked good may be brought packed on plates or in bags and ready to price or bring them in bulk on Thursday by 5:30 in time for workers to plate and price them.

We need workers for the week before during drop off times and the day of the sale as well as **able bodies to pack things up at the end of the sale (2:00 on Saturday)**. You can work for just an hour here or there or for as long as you want. We always have fun and there will be food for you on the sale days. Please contact Judy Broud if you would like to help with the set up, the days of the sale, and clean up. Thank you!

October Lectionary

Date	1st Lesson	Psalm	2nd Lesson	Gospel
October 4	Genesis 2:18-24	Psalm 8	Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12	Mark 10:2-16
October 11	Amos 5:6-7, 10-15	Psalm 90:12-17	Hebrews 4:12-16	Mark 10:17-31
October 18	Isaiah 53:4-12	Psalm 91:9-16	Hebrews 5:1-10	Mark 10:35-45
October 25	Jeremiah 31:7-9	Psalm 126	Hebrews 7:23-28	Mark 10:46-52

Youth Group - Fundraiser



Order Kringles!

Don't Miss Out!!!!

Our Holiday Kringles are the famous Danish pastries from Larsen Bakery, Racine, WI. These True Danish "Kringles" are light, tender pastry dough, filled with fruit or nuts, formed in sumptuous rings, then topped with creamy icing or glazed sugar. Only the finest ingredients, including generous portions of choice pecans, fresh fruits and golden Wisconsin creamery butter are used in the creation of these delectable Old World treats. Don't accept any imitations!

KRINGLES

Freeze and serve them anytime! Each Kringle is a generous 18 oz. pastry
Price: \$9.00 each / 3 for \$26.00

How Many of Each?

- Almond, Apple, Apricot, Blueberry, Cheese, Cherry, Chocolate, Custard, Date, Lemon, Pecan, Pineapple, Raspberry, Strawberry, Turtle

All orders must be in NO LATER THAN November 1st, 2014.
Orders will be available for pick-up on Friday, November 20th from 12 Noon-3 PM.
Or call Jan McElheny for a special pick up time @ 630-776-3409

Payment due with order.
Make Checks Payable To: St. Johns Episcopal Church

Name: _____ Phone: (_____) _____
Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
E-Mail: _____

Total Kringles: _____ Total Cost: _____

OFFICE USE - DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

CASH \$ _____ CHECK # _____ TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____



Reminder: Pickup is Friday, November 20th from Noon - 3:00p.m. at:
St. John's Church, 312 East 11th Street, Lockport, IL (corner of Washington and 11th Streets).

October Birthdays

Katherine Boyle	10/5
Jeff Stewart	10/6
Caroline Kelly	10/9
Barbara Meurer-Sari	10/9
Sandy Johnson	10/10
Peri O'Connor	10/11
Gareth Humm	10/16
Cary Lockyer	10/17
Clyde Peterson	10/23
Allison Renehan	10/24
Madison Laage	10/26
Leona Davies	10/27
Wendy Stewart	10/29

October Anniversaries

Rob & Kim Brennan	10/16
Robert & Jenny Suva	10/19

Those for whom prayers have been asked:
Phyllis G., Tristan T., Pat & Jackie S.
And all those with terminal illnesses, their families, and those caring for them.

*** Please contact the office if any of the above information changes.*

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Calendar: [Calendar - Google](#)
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Some Helpful Resources For Daily Prayer

Important Dates to Remember

October 3	Centering Prayer at 8 AM
October 4	Blessing of the Pets after 8 AM Svc
October 6	Radio Theatre Mysteries at 6:30 PM
October 7	Daughters of the King at 10:30 AM
	Prayer Shawl at 11:30 AM
	Worship & Formation at 7 PM
October 10	Centering Prayer at 8 AM
	Morning Star Mission Lunch Svc at 10:30 AM
October 11	Church School at 10:30 AM
October 13	Standing Committee at 12:30 PM
October 13	Radio Theatre Mysteries at 6:30 PM
October 14	Prayer Warriors at 10:30 AM
	Bishop's Committee Mtg at 6:30 PM
October 15	Deanery Mtg at 11:30 AM
October 17	Centering Prayer at 8 AM
October 18	Rummage Sale Prep after 10:30 AM Svc
October 19 - 22	Rummage Sale Drop-off Schedule (see article)
October 20	Radio Theatre Mysteries at 6:30 PM
October 21	Daughters of the King at 10:30 AM
	Prayer Shawl at 11:30 AM
	LHAMA Mtg at 11:30 AM
	Worship & Formation at 7 PM
	November Missioner Content Due
October 23-24	Rummage Sale 8 AM - 2 PM
October 24	Centering Prayer at 8 AM
October 25	Church School at 10:30 AM
	Chili Tasting / Potluck / Fall Fest after 10:30 AM Sunday Svc
October 27	Radio Theatre Mysteries at 6:30 PM
October 28	Worship & Formation at 7 PM
October 31	Centering Prayer at 8 AM

For Daily Prayer	www.missionstclare.com
For Daily Reading	satucket.com/lectionary
Episcopal News	www.episcopalcafe.com/ http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens
Facebook	St.John the Evangelist Episcopal Church-Lockport, IL
Diocesan Website	episcopalchicago.org
National Church	episcopalchurch.org
Parish Connections	stjohns-lockport-il.org
Twitter	@forwardinchrist

Staff

The Rev. R. Matthew Humm, *Priest*
Kyndel Trejo, *Organist*
Jill Crisman, *Church Secretary*
Open *Sexton*
Open, *Sr. Warden*
Leona Davies, *Jr. Warden*
Open, *Clerk*

Vestry Members

Rob Brennan 16	Tom Boyle 18
Lee Moarn 16	Scott Ruphard 18
Art Pesavento 16	Wendy Stewart 18
Roberta Beaudoin 17	
Steve Masters 17	

Open, *Sacristan*
Ellen Hill, *Christian Education*
Open, *Ushers*
Rob Brennan, *Marketing*
Lee Moarn, RN,BSN,FCN, *Health Ministry*
Wendy Stewart, *Daughters of the King*
Lillian Hensley, *Hospitality*
Julia Matile, *Prayer Shawl Ministry*

SUNDAY

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist
Formation (2 & 4th Sunday)

WEDNESDAY

9:30 AM Holy Eucharist
7:00 PM Worship & Formation

**Mission Statement of
St. John the Evangelist Church**

“The mission of St. John the Evangelist Church is to incarnate our Baptismal Covenant as we worship and praise God through the Sacraments of the Church, proclaim the Gospel in word and action, promote Christian fellowship and spiritual growth, and encourage all members to live their lives for the benefit of all God’s people.”



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