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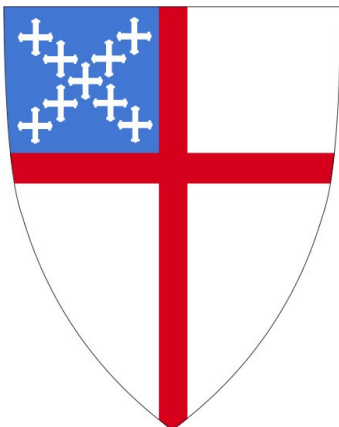
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Uniting in Worship. Welcoming in Grace.



by Bishop Brian Prior



When I say the word home, what comes to mind?

Is it your present physical residence? Is it house or a community where you were born or grew up? Is it a place that you went to or continue to go to that just always feels like home? Is it not a place at all, but rather a group of people that feel like home when you're with them? Is it just one of the above or are their multiple places that you experience as home?

This week the young people who are attending ECMN's Quest Camp are spending some time talking about home. Through the years I have surrounded by a number of friends and family members who count the place or people of their camp experience as home. Most describe it as a place where they feel accepted and loved, and as such, feel comfortable and at peace.

Similarly, many talk about places where they have deep roots and deep connection to both the culture and geography that brings forth a strong sense of affection and affiliation. "My family has been here for . . ." "We were founding members of . . ." "We've been going forever to . . ." are all manifestations of how some people lean into what home is for them.

For others, their narrative around home focuses on a community or group of people. It's family or friends who have a strong, shared set of experiences that creates a bond that many describe as a feeling of home when they are together.

Conversely, there are many who very much feel homeless. For some, it is quite literal, as in, they do not have a space that they feel is theirs. Yet, for a great many others who have a roof over their heads have no real sense that they have a home.

Every faith community that I have ever been in has, for those who gather regularly there, been described as a home for them. Whether it be a congregation or camp or regular gathering of the faithful, it is a place where people feel they are welcomed, accepted, and loved by those they share space and experiences with.

We who have been blessed with a strong sense of home know how life-giving it is for us. May we do all that we can to be a blessing to others to help find a place, a people that they can know as home.

Blessings,

+Brian



August Birthdays

- 1 Harry Kelly
- 4 Jean Hurlbert
- 7 Ted Eckstrom
- 9 Neal Gysland
- 11 Patrick Kelley
- 14 Kristin Malone
- 15 Caryl Eschweiler
- 19 Joan Kimble
Holden Hagerman
- 22 Jacob Carlson
Brendon Snyders
- 28 Jean Wayne
- 29 Jessica Olson
Andrew Sell
Kelly Snyders
- 30 Jill Peterson

EDUCATION CORNER

by Heather Whitesell, Education & Youth Coordinator

While we are in the throes of summer, it is hard to imagine that school will soon be here. Children's Chapel will resume in September, for children ages 3-13. During readings and sermon of 10:30 service, children are invited to attend an age appropriate discussion of the Gospel and prayers. I am looking for adults willing to make a once a month commitment to helping lead discussion time. Curriculum is prepared in advance and teachers work in teams. Please consider giving of your time for this important ministry.



ALLEY PARKING LOT - DIVOTS CAUSED BY TURNING TIRES TOO SOON

You may have noticed that there are some significant divots dug into our newly-paved alley parking lot. This is caused when the temperature is hot and the driver of a car turns the wheels before they are in motion.



Caution: Please be careful to not turn the wheels of your car before you are backing out of the alley parking lot.

2ND SUNDAY OFFERING

by Heather Whitesell, Education & Youth Coordinator

If you've been in church on a second Sunday of the month you have noticed kids (and adults) passing around small buckets for extra donations. You may also be aware that we at St George's have a continuing relationship with STEP and Perspectives, Inc, both agencies that provide for families in the St Louis Park community. The second offering donations helped to fund these organizations so please give generously!





Corn Feed

Please plan to join us:
St. George's
Annual Corn Feed

Chicken, corn, baked
beans, cole
slaw,
fruit, & root beer floats

Saturday, August 10,
2019
5 p.m.

Tickets on sale in Parish
Hall

Beginning Sunday, July
28, 2019

\$5 per person
\$15 maximum
per family!



STEP NEWS

by Camille Schroeder

It's August and it's time, once again, to participate in the St. Louis Park Emergency Program's Back to School project. More than 400 St. Louis Park children received their school supplies from STEP last year and it looks like the numbers will be about the same this year.

Each child receives a bag of supplies that was asked for by his/her teacher. In order to fill those bags STEP needs your help and you can make a difference by donating critically needed supplies such as:

- 2 pocket folders without prongs
- Plastic page protectors
- 5-tab binder dividers with pockets
- Wide-ruled loose leaf notebook paper
- College-ruled spiral notebooks
- 12-count Crayola colored pencils
- Thick black Expo dry erase markers
- Thin black Expo dry erase markers
- Thick glue sticks
- Ticonderoga pencils
- Plastic 12-inch rulers
- Crayola 24-count crayons

Items that are NOT needed are:

- Black composition notebooks
- Blunt scissors
- Wooden rulers
- Pronged folders



This project takes place right here at St. George's from August 11 to 20. We also participate by storing the leftover supplies from one year to the next. Volunteers are needed to help with the project by sorting, counting, filling bags, distributing the bags and cleaning up.. The dates for the volunteer hours are Monday, August 13- August 16. Volunteers are also needed for the distribution day which is Monday, August 20. Another great need is for volunteers to help "clean-up" which means packing up the leftover supplies and putting the church back in shape. You can volunteer by calling STEP at 952-925-4899 and talking with Mari.

Treats for the volunteers are another need. Cookies, fruit, or ??? would be nice. See Camille about this need.

We look forward to participating once again in this project as it fills another vital need in our community.

Thanks, in advance, for your participation.

August 11-20 Is the STEP back to school project that is in the Parish Hall, Narthex and other parts of the church.

NOTE: The Second Sunday offerings collected during the year for St. George's Charitable Outreach Program will be distributed in the fall of 2019 when they will be matched through the Give to the Max Day.



MINISTERS OF THE EUCCHARISTIC ASSEMBLY

	August 4 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	August 11 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	August 18 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost	August 25 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Readings	Hosea 11:1-11 Psalm 107:1-9, 43 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 Psalm 50:1-2, 23-24 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40	Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18 Hebrews 11:29-12:2 Luke 12:49-56	Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6 Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17
Lectors 8 am	Mary Kuhfeld	Carole Leonard Marilyn Clark	Jean Wayne	Tom Harmon
10:30 am	Mary Poulsen Leslie O'Donnell	Ron Ottsen Mark Schulte	Mike Oiler Cyprian Troyer	Mary Weekes Mike Oiler
Chalice 8 am	Marilyn Clark	Marilyn Clark	Jean Wayne	Laura Harmon
10:30 am	Kris Kelley Devin Snyders	John Rash Amanda Turgeant	Cyprian Troyer Mike Oiler	Mike Oiler Leslie O'Donnell
Ushers: 8 am	Ron Holbach Gregg Jacobson	Mike & Jane Sandsmark	Tom Harmon Bruce Becker	Ron Holbach Gregg Jacobson
10:30 am	Bill Stromberg Sarah Schulte	Tom Zaun Lou Michelich	Bob Jones Mark Schulte	Deb Rash Tom Zaun
Acolytes: 10:30 am	Calista Snyders, Nolyn Snyders	Lilly Schulte, Nolyn Snyders	Ian Rash, Sarah Rash	Lilly Schulte
Altar Guild	Kitty Reese/Bill Stromberg/Kris Kelley	Kathleen Boe,/ Katy Campbell/ Rachel Santos	Nancy Becker/ Bruce Becker/ Kristin Malone	Geri Alberg/ Barb Behrens
Coffee Hour: 8 am	Ron Holbach	Mary Kuhfeld, Mike & Jane Sandsmark	Betty Bauer	Carole Leonard Geri Alberg
10:30 am	Don & Patricia Janke	John & Jane Carlson	Alan & Mary Poulsen	Bob & Bonnie Jones





JOIN US

Want to join a group or committee at St George's?
Get in touch with the contact in the directory for more information



TREE TRIMMING AND TREE REMOVAL AT ST. GEORGE'S “WE’LL GO OUT ON A LIMB FOR YOU.”

by Carole Leonard, Buildings & Grounds Chair

Buildings and Grounds has scheduled to have five overgrown trees trimmed this summer on St. George's property. A donation of \$1,500 has been received to pay for this service. The trees chosen for trimming are the two Ginkos and the Crab Apple on the east side of the Education Building (Salem Avenue), the Red Maple in front of the Education Building on Minnetonka Boulevard, and the Sugar Maple on the west side of the Quonset building on Toledo Avenue. These trees have grown so large that they are now laying on roofs, or against buildings which prevents us from being able to paint in some instances and spray for mildew on some stucco areas.

In addition to the tree trimming, the Vestry has approved the removal of two trees. (1) The well-beloved and long-lived Crab Apple tree in the garden court has outlived itself. We believe it was planted in the 1950s. It is rotten in several areas, and some large branches have already had to be removed. We have been advised that Mother Nature will take care of it one of these days and cause it to fall to the ground (which could land on a person or on the playground fence and the corner of the church building). The plan is to plant a new disease-resistant Crab Apple tree in the spring. Thanks to Buildings and Grounds members Cyprian Troyer and Tom Zaun who have volunteered to cut down the Crab Apple tree and haul it away later this fall.

(2) The Linden tree on the west side of the Quonset building is so overgrown that it is hanging on the roof and against the side of that building. It hangs so low that it is difficult to mow under it and it also prevents the sun from reaching the grass that is trying to grow there. The Linden is also encroaching on the Sugar Maple to the north of it. If a Linden tree is trimmed dramatically (which would be the case here), it causes additional problems in the manner of sending water shoots up from each branch that is cut.

If you have questions, please contact Carole Leonard, carole2hike@gmail.com or 952-544-4394.



NO SUPPER CLUB IN AUGUST

Due to the fact that the Corn Feed will be held in August, the Supper Club will not be getting together this month. We will get back together in October.



On October 13, Bishop Brian Prior will be here to celebrate Eucharist with the St. George's family. We will have one service at 9:30 a.m. followed by a brunch.

THANKS TO BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

By Carole Leonard, Buildings & Grounds Chair

In June, Jim Scheible, Bill Stromberg, Cyprian Troyer, and Carole Leonard hauled, tossed, cut open and spread 100 bags of wood chips in the playground.

David Sell cleaned and organized the much-needed Garden Shed.

Tom Zaun trimmed the dead wood from the crab apple tree in the Garden Court and reset one of the wood posts under the overhang onto its cement base. The post was close to falling off the base which could have damaged the roof above it.

Jane Sandsmark and Carole Leonard sanded, primed and painted several of the white wood posts under the overhang by the Parish Hall side of the building.

Kris Kelley was still hard at work sanding the rust off several metal posts under the walkway as well as priming them with oil-base primer.

Geri Alberg and Carole Leonard continue maintaining the gardens every Thursday morning.

ST. MARY'S CIRCLE TOURED ALLIANZ FIELD

In June, the pictured members of St. Mary's Circle, along with some friends and spouses, attended a wonderful tour of the new Allianz Field in St. Paul which was planned and scheduled for us by Camille Schroeder.



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VESTRY

Kathleen Boe, Rector's Warden; TBD, Parish Warden; Cathy Asgian, Lindsay Benjamin, Marilyn Clark, Jane Sandsmark, Sarah Schulte, Cyprian Troyer, Lou Michelich, and Jessica Olson.

CLERK OF THE VESTRY

Laura Harmon

PARISH TREASURER

Connie Kotula



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REMINDER: CORN FEED ON AUGUST 10 AT 5PM

