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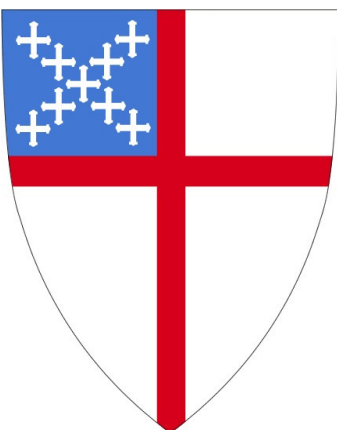
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Uniting in Worship. Welcoming in Grace.



by Bishop Brian Prior



Q. How do we recognize the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives?

A. We recognize the presence of the Holy Spirit when we confess Jesus Christ as Lord and are brought into love and harmony with God, with ourselves, with our neighbors, and with all creation.

- An Outline of the Faith, commonly called the Catechism

In my last blog I shared where I experience the presence of the Holy Spirit. As we now move to living fully into the season of Pentecost I am pondering, how am I opening myself to the working of the Spirit through me? For me, this is at the core of God's invitation to join in God's mission for us to become the Beloved Community by following Jesus in living the Way of Love.

Concretely, one of the lenses I find most helpful is in Paul's letter to the Galatians: "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control . . . If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit." (Galatians 5:22-23, 25) As I enter every encounter, every experience, especially those that are particularly challenging, the fundamental question for me is how am I manifesting the fruit of the Spirit?

Am I acting out of a place of fear or love?

Am I embodying a space of negativity or joy?

Am I fueled by anger or am I seeking peace?

Am I filled with anxiety or patience?

Am I approaching others with rudeness or with kindness?

Am I seeking to bring harm or goodness?

Am I living life apathetically or with faithfulness?

Am I experienced by others as hyper-critical or gentle?

Am I expressing myself as reactive or self-controlled?

In this green, growing season of Pentecost may we all strive for ways for the fruit of the Spirit to be manifest through us!

Blessings,

+Brian



MEET OUR NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR, JOHN HOFFACKER, D.M.A.

by John Hoffacker, Music Director



I am really delighted to be joining Father Tom, the choir, and all the wonderful people at St. George's as your music director. For forty years I've been conducting choirs and orchestras in churches, schools, and universities, most recently at Church of the Epiphany in Plymouth. I came

here because of your great tradition of sacred music, community involvement, and warm hospitality.

Claudia and I have two great kids (twins) — Sam, a percussion major at Oberlin, and Kate, majoring in nursing at Illinois Wesleyan University. Claudia works for the League of Minnesota Cities, overseeing their publications and web content. We moved here in 2004 from Massachusetts.

I grew up in western Pennsylvania, went to the University of Virginia, served in the Peace Corps for a couple years in Africa, then went to grad school in Oregon and at Eastman in Rochester NY. Here in Minnesota I've founded a couple choral groups — Chorus Polaris, a chamber choir, and the Minnesota Minnesänger, a German-language chorus based in St. Paul. In addition, I've conducted the symphony orchestras of Golden Valley, Bloomington, and Minnetonka.

Three years ago I started playing the organ for worship at Epiphany, so I don't have the repertoire of other experienced organ players, but I'll try to play so we can all sing with feeling. It will take me a while to learn the instrument, and I'm looking forward to working with everyone to make this a church that sings!



July Birthdays

- 2 Rachel Santos
- 3 Tyler Williams
Melissa Monroe
- 4 Jan Whipple
- 7 Karl Sell
- 8 Nancy Becker
- 9 Julie Rousselow
Isabella Seifert
- 10 Elena Schulte
- 11 Paul Santos
- 17 Amanda Turgeant
Phillip Eschweiler
- 18 Jane Carlson
- 21 Aidan Seifert
- 23 Tracy Keeling
Nolyn Snyders
- 30 Emma Eschweiler
- 31 Jane Sandsmark



FIREWORKS!

July 4, 7 p.m.
Aquila Park,
3110 Xylon Ave. S.
St. Louis Park

This is a free event for
all
Take the family and
enjoy the annual
fireworks display in St.
Louis Park



ADULT FORUM SCHEDULE

Adult Forum		July 2019 – August 2019	
Date	Topic	Synopsis	Presenter
July			
7/7/2019		Community Coffee	
7/14/2019	Renewing the Mind	The Sixth Word – Do not murder	Rev. Dr. Alison Bucklin
7/21/2019		Community Coffee	
7/28/2019	Renewing the Mind group discussion	Discuss our findings from Ch. 8	Lay Leader
August			
8/04/2019		Community Coffee	
8/11/2019	Renewing the Mind	The Seventh Word – Do not commit adultery	Rev. Dr. Alison Bucklin
8/18/2019		Community Coffee	
8/25/2019	Renewing the Mind group discussion	Discuss our findings from Ch. 9	Lay Leader



BASKETBALL IN THE PARK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

by Gregg Jacobson

Perspectives' Basketball in the Park program returns again this summer at Ainsworth Park, 7700 West 28th Street, St. Louis Park. It will be held EVERY THURSDAY (May 30-August 15) from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and is open to everyone.

Basketball is open to teens 13+. Children under 13 can enjoy flag football, kickball, soccer, jump rope Lacrosse, arts & crafts and more. (Note: No activities on July 4 or August 8.) There will be great food and great prizes.

If you are interested in volunteering, there is a signup sheet in the Parish Hall. If you have questions, please speak with Gregg Jacobson, 952-938-4194.



Check out the events in July!

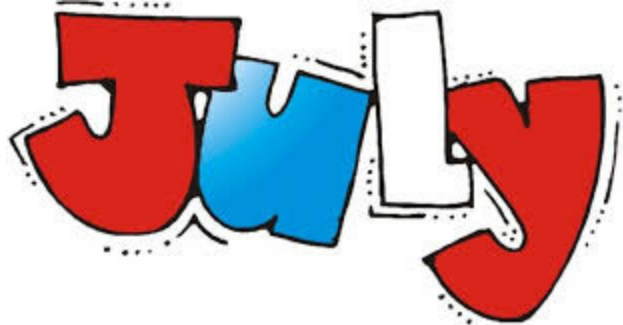
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 6:30 pm – AA (LL)	5	6
7 8 am - Rite I 9:15 am –Community Coffee (PH) 10:30 am – HE, Rite II	8	9 2-4 pm – Grief Support Group (LL) 7 pm – Finance Meeting (CEB)	10 7pm – Nurses Support Group (LL)	11 6:30 pm – AA (LL)	12	13
14 8 am - Rite I 9:15 am –Adult Forum (PH) 10:30 am – HE, Rite II 2 nd Sunday/2 nd Offering	15 7 pm – Vestry (PH)	16	17	18 DAYD 6:30 pm – AA (LL)	19 DAYD	20
21 8 am - Rite I 9:15 am –Community Coffee (PH) 10:30 am – HE, Rite II	22	23 2-4 pm – Grief Support Group (LL)	24 7pm – Nurses Support Group (LL)	25 6:30 pm – AA (LL)	26	27
28 8 am - Rite I 9:15 a m –Adult Forum (PH) 9:30 am – Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am – HE, Rite II	29	30	31			

Key: GBD – Gospel Based Discipleship HE – Holy Eucharist CEB – Christian Education Building
LL – Library Lounge DAYD – Dinner at Your Door

**SECOND SUNDAY/
SECOND OFFERING - June 9**

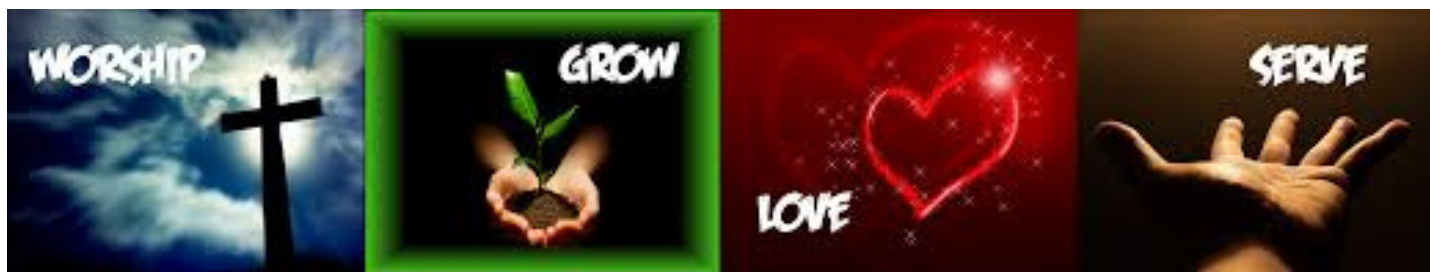
NOTE: The Second Sunday offerings collected during the year for St. George's Charitable Outreach Program will be distributed in the fall of 2019 when they will be matched through the Give to the Max Day.





MINISTERS OF THE EUCCHARISTIC ASSEMBLY

	July 7 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost	July 14 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	July 21 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	July 28 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Readings	2 Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30 Galatians 6:7-16 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	Amos 7:7-17 Psalm 82 Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37	Amos 8:1-12 Psalm 52 Colossians 1:15-28 Luke 10:38-42	Hosea 1:2-10 Psalm 85 Colossians 2:6-15 Luke 11:1-13
Lectors 8 am	Carole Leonard Mary Kuhfeld	Marilyn Clark	Jean Wayne	Tom Harmon
10:30 am	Mary Weekes Devin Snyders	Lindsay Benjamin Sarah Schulte	Caryl Eschweiler John Rash	Mike Oiler Darlynn Benjamin
Chalice 8 am	Marilyn Clark	Marilyn Clark	Jean Wayne	Laura Harmon
10:30 am	Amanda Turgeant Kris Kelley	Devin Snyders Cyprian Troyer	Kathie Brown John Rash	Mike Oiler Jessica Olson
Ushers: 8 am	Tom Harmon Bruce Becker	Ron Holbach Gregg Jacobson	Mike & Jane Sandsmark	Tom Harmon Bruce Becker
10:30 am	Bill Stromberg Sarah Schulte	Tom Zaun Lou Michelich	Bob Jones Mark Schulte	Deb Rash Tom Zaun
Acolytes: 10:30 am	Ian Rash, Lilly Schulte	Calista Snyders, Nolyn Snyders	Ian Rash, Sarah Rash	Sarah Rash
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	Alan & Mary Poulsen	Alan & Mary Poulsen	John & Jane Carlson	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



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.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

by Carole Leonard, Buildings & Grounds Chair

St. George's Buildings & Grounds Committee has been working through a list of "to-dos" this summer. The following is an update on what we have done so far. Thanks to the following committee members for their volunteer work:

Tom Zaun installed a metal strip on the edge of the exterior doorway going into the hallway by the Parish Hall. The wood edge was all chewed up from items being hauled in or out.

Bill Stromberg painted the brown heat vents at the base of the inside windows in the Narthex. He also replaced some lights in the Nursery.

Cyprian Troyer installed metal flashing around the bottom of the posts that hold up the Montessori Little Flowers sign on the corner of Salem Ave. and Minnetonka Blvd. The weekly weed whipping by our lawn mower person has been chewing away at the wood.

Jane Sandsmark painted the wood above the metal flashing that Cyprian installed, making the sign look much fresher. She also prepped and painted the white brick areas outside of the north- and south-facing doors to the Narthex. Jane also took it upon herself to clean (and keep clean) the kitchenette by the Library Lounge.

Kris Kelley and Carole Leonard sanded and primed with oil-base primer 9 of the 20 metal posts that hold up the roof over the garden walkway. They will follow up with a top coat of paint. The other 11 posts are still on the to-do list.

David Sell made the suggestion of replacing the worn-out mats on the floor of the Narthex with outdoor rugs. Carole Leonard purchased and replaced the mats with the rugs.

Geri Alberg and Carole Leonard trimmed the bushes in front of the church on Minnetonka Boulevard. They also maintain the flower gardens each Thursday morning, weather permitting.

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A Big THANK YOU to the crew working on sprucing up the building and grounds!



Within the past few months the building and grounds team has accomplished many tasks with the input of ideas and follow through on many projects. The wonderful volunteers have been amazing and do wonderful work on bringing a "fresh coat" to the church.



BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

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Future plans:

- Scrape, prime and paint the west side of the Quonset building.
- Power wash the mildew off the Education Building, and along the garden walk.
- Clean out and organize the garden shed.
- Trim the dead wood out of the crab apple tree in the garden court, and the crab apple tree on the east side of the Education Building.
- Patch the broken cement in some areas, especially on the north side of the Education Building.
- Purchase additional wood chips for the playground. These have been ordered and are scheduled to be delivered the week of June 23.
- Paint a fresh coat of yellow on the "caution" cement areas around the church.
- Repair the top row of the brick wall along the front of the church on Minnetonka Blvd. We are looking into acquiring three quotes for this project.



What is your grandmother doing today?



MISSION TRIP 2019

by Heather Whitesell, Children & Youth Coordinator

We had another impactful year on our joint mission trip to the Rosebud reservation in South Dakota. This time we were given the task of restoring a home that has been vacant for six years. Youth did painting and staining along with cutting the grass and trimming bushes. The only ones not happy with our work was the snake family living under the stoop! We also had the opportunity to travel to the Wounded Knee massacre site. We had a Native American guide who told the historical significance and sang a prayer for healing. Thanks to all for another successful experience.



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Don Moyer, bass

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: FIREWORKS ARE ALL ACROSS THE STATE ON JULY 4TH!

