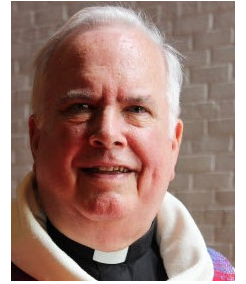




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ALREADY, NO KIDDING, LENT ?!?!?

by Fr. Tom Gehlsen

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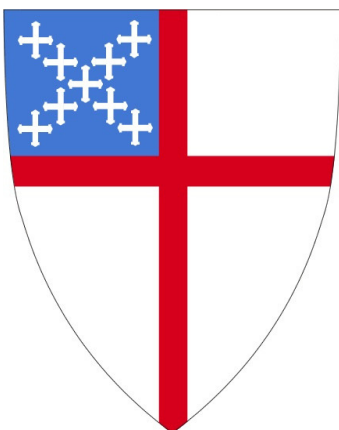
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Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday (MARCH 6TH) this year and ends on Holy Saturday. The English word "Lent" comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencten*, which means "lengthen" and refers to the lengthening days of "Spring." In many other languages, the word used for this season refers to the 40 - day length of the season or to the fasting that characterizes it. The season is a preparation for celebrating Easter.

Historically, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by converts and then became a time for penance by all Christians. The First Sunday describes Jesus' temptation by Satan, and the Sixth Sunday (Passion/Palm Sunday), Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem and his subsequent passion and death. You can note that the readings during Lent, until Palm Sunday, focus primarily on the meaning of baptism and discipleship, in continuity with the season's original purpose. Because Sundays are always little Easters, the penitential spirit of Lent should be tempered with joyful expectation of the Resurrection.

Holy Week is the final week of Lent, beginning with Palm Sunday and concluding with Holy Saturday. It is during these days that the readings focus primarily on the last days and suffering and death of Jesus.

The Great Three Days - sometimes called the Triduum or Pasch - from sunset Maundy Thursday through sunset Easter Day are the climax of Lent (and of the whole Christian year) and a bridge into the Easter Season. These days proclaim the paschal mystery of Jesus Christ's passion, death, and resurrection. During these days, the community journeys with Jesus from the upper room, to the cross, to the tomb, and to the garden. They should be seen as a great unified service beginning with a service of Holy Eucharist on Maundy Thursday and concluding with the services of Easter Day. These services may be connected with a prayer vigil lasting from Maundy Thursday evening (or Good Friday) until the first service of Easter and may be accompanied by fasting.





EDUCATION UPDATE

by Heather Whitesell, Youth & Children's Coordinator



Children's Corner

The month of February was an opportunity to explore God's love for us and the many ways we can love others. We discussed taking care of ourselves and the meaning of Agape love.

Youth News

The young teens are busy with the Chai tea fundraiser to benefit the Rosebud reservation in South Dakota. I have heard the tea is delicious! Jars will be available for purchase through Easter and all proceeds will be donated to the mission at Rosebud to help with winter heating for the community.



March Birthdays

- 2 Bill Stromberg
- 3 Molly Jacobson
- 5 Anjela Swartwood
- 9 Sarah Schulte
- 10 Loretta Herbers
- 13 Gage Monroe
- 14 Mark Kraabel
- 15 Cami Gysland
- 22 Reid Gysland
- 25 Benjamin Voorhees
- 27 Cherie Bodene
Emma Rousselow
- 29 Amanda Norman



KIDS CAFÉ MONDAY, MARCH 25 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

by Gregg Jacobson

Please come join us the fourth Monday of each month at Perspectives Kids Café, 3381 Gorham Ave. in St. Louis Park. We help elementary-aged children prepare an evening meal and set the tables. Then we help clean up afterwards.

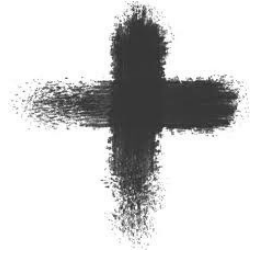
We need two shifts of volunteers. The first shift is from 3:30-5 p.m. and then 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Please sign up in the Parish Hall, and feel free to reach out to Gregg Jacobson for further information, 952-938-4194.



LENTEN, HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

Ash Wednesday

Blessing and Distribution of Ashes (only) 12 NOON
 Eucharist and Distribution of Ashes 7 pm



Volunteers are needed!

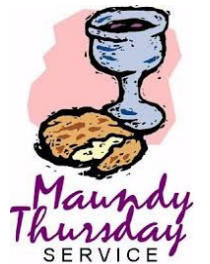


myHealth is looking for volunteers to help fundraise at Twins Games from March 28 – May 15. Contact Laura at laurah@myhealthmn.org for more information.



Maundy Thursday

Holy Eucharist Commemorating the Last Supper 7 pm



Good Friday

Solemn Liturgy Commemorating the Death of Christ 3 pm



Easter

Holy Eucharist, Rite I 8 am
 Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 am



Thank you to everyone who helped with the Annual Meeting and brunch held on Sunday, February 17. Thanks to those who helped to set up, brought food, served, cleaned up or washed dishes. It was much appreciated!

FROM CAROLE LEONARD

Thank you for the Bachman's gift card that was presented to me at the Annual Meeting. Bachman's is one of my favorite stores - especially in the springtime when I am shopping for my garden flowers. I will surely enjoy using it at that time. It was a pleasure serving you as the Parish Warden

ADULT FORUM SCHEDULE

MARCH - APRIL

Adult Forum		January 2019 – April 2019	
Date	Topic	Synopsis	Presenter
March			
3/3/2019	Hospitality – Welcoming the Stranger	Scripture study, Part 3 of 3: The Exercise of Hospitality	Marilyn Clark
3/10/2019	Renewing the Mind – Word 2	Ch 4 The Second Word – You shall not make for yourself an idol	Rev. Dr. Alison Bucklin
3/17/2019	Wisdom from the Rule of St. Benedict for today	Lectio Divina, the foundation for African Bible Study and Gospel-Based Discipleship	Tom Boe
3/24/2019	Renewing the Mind group discussion	Discuss our findings from Ch. 4	Lay Leader
3/31/2019	Wisdom from the Rule of St. Benedict for today	Tools for Good Works	Tom Boe
April			
4/7/2019	Wisdom from the Rule of St. Benedict for today	Obedience, Speech & Humility	Tom Boe
4/14/2019	Renewing the Mind – Word 3	Ch 5 The Third Word – You shall not take the name of YHWH your God in vain	Rev. Dr. Alison Bucklin
4/21/2019	Easter	Community Coffee	
4/28/2019	Renewing the Mind group discussion	Discuss our findings from Ch. 5	Lay Leader

MARCH

Check out the events in March!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 8 am - Rite I 9 am – Choir Rehearsal 9:15 am –Adult Forum (PH) 10:30am – HE, Rite II 11:30 am –Education Committee Meeting	4	5	6 ASH Wednesday 12 pm & 7 pm Services	7 6:30 pm – AA (LL)	8	9
10 8:00 am - Rite I 9 am – Choir Rehearsal 9:15 am –Adult Forum (PH) 10:30am – HE, Rite II 11:30 am – Youth Group 2 nd Sunday/2 nd Offering	11	12 2-4 pm – Grief Support Group (LL) 7 pm – Finance Meeting (CEB)	13 10:30 am - Scripture Study (PH) 7pm – Nurses Support Group (LL)	14 6:30 pm – AA (LL)	15 DAYD	16
17 8 am - Rite I 9 am – Choir Rehearsal 9:15 am –Adult Forum (PH) 10:30am – HE, Rite II	18 12 pm – St. Mary's Circle (PH) 7 pm – Vestry (PH)	19	20 10:30 am - Scripture Study (PH)	21 DAYD 6:30 pm – AA (LL)	22	23
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Key: GBD – Gospel Based Discipleship HE – Holy Eucharist CEB – Christian Education Building
 LL – Library Lounge DAYD –Dinner at Your Door

SECOND SUNDAY/ SECOND OFFERING - March 10

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 EUCHARISTIC ASSEMBLY

	March 3 Last Sunday after the Epiphany	March 6 Ash Wednesday	March 10 First Sunday in Lent	March 17 Second Sunday in Lent	March 24 Third Sunday in Lent	March 31 Fourth Sunday in Lent
Readings	Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 99 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 Luke 9:28-36	Isaiah 58:1-12 Psalm 103 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21	Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 Romans 10:8b-13 Luke 4:1-13	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Psalm 27 Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 13:31-35	Exodus 3:1-15 Psalm 63:1-8 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9	Joshua 5:9-12 Psalm 32 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
Lectors						
8 am	Mary Kuhfeld	Carole Leonard Jean Wayne	Marilyn Clark	Carole Leonard Jean Wayne	Tom Harmon	Marilyn Clark
10:30 am	Marion D. Miller Kathie Brown	Mary Poulsen Leslie O'Donnell	Darlynn Benjamin Mike Oiler	Sarah Schulte Mark Schulte	Mary Weekes Caryl Eschweiler	Lindsay Benjamin Devin Snyders
Chalice						
8 am	Mary Kuhfeld	None	Marilyn Clark	Jean Wayne	Laura Harmon	Laura Harmon
10:30 am	Kathie Brown Devin Snyders	John Rash Leslie O'Donnell	Mike Oiler Jessica Olson	Amanda Turgeant Cyprian Troyer	Kris Kelley John Rash	Devin Snyders Kathie Brown
Ushers:						
8 am	Mike & Jane Sandsmark	TBD	Tom Harmon Gregg Jacobson	Ron Holbach Ron Erickson	Mike & Jane Sandsmark	Tom Harmon Gregg Jacobson
10:30 am	Bill Stromberg Sarah Schulte	TBD	Tom Zaun Lou Michelich	Bob Jones Mark Schulte	Deb Rash Tom Zaun	Tom Zaun Bill Stromberg
Acolytes:						
10:30 am	Calista Snyders, Lilly Schulte	TBD	Ian Rash, Sarah Rash	Brendon Snyders, Calista Snyders, Nolyn Snyders	Ian Rash, Nolyn Snyders	Brendon Snyders, Calista Snyders, Lilly Schulte
Altar Guild						
	Kitty Reese/Bill Stromberg/Kris Kelley	TBD	Kathleen Boe/ Katy Campbell/ Rachel Santos	Nancy Becker/ Bruce Becker/ Kristin Malone	Gerri Alberg/ Barb Behrens	Kitty Reese/Bill Stromberg/Kris Kelley
Coffee Hour:						
8 am	Ron Holbach	NA	Mary Kuhfeld, Mike & Jane Sandsmark	Betty Bauer	Carole Leonard Gerri Alberg	Ron Holbach
10:30 am	Alan & Mary Poulsen	NA	Bob & Bonnie Jones	Don & Patricia Janke	John & Jane Carlson	Alan & Mary Poulsen





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



At the Annual Meeting it was announced that Fr. Tom is now full time.

His new hours are as follows:

Sundays - services
Monday - Thursday 9 am - 2pm



LENTEN PRESENTATION SCHEDULE

by Marilyn Clark

Thus says the Lord, "Stand by the ways and see and ask for the ancient paths,
Where the good way is, and walk in it;
And you will find rest for your souls..."
Jeremiah 6:16

Please join us for Lenten Wednesdays beginning March 13. Our theme for 2019 is prayer and pilgrimage. As a community, we will share a soup supper at 6:00, followed by a presentation from 6:30 to 7:30. Below is our tentative schedule:

Be looking for an opportunity to sign up to provide soup, serve, or clean up. Any questions or suggestions, please contact Marilyn Clark or Carole Leonard.

Date	Topic	Presenter
March 13	Aspects of Prayer	Panel: Deacon Diane, Leslie O'Donnell, Mary Poulsen
March 20	Fasting	Mary Poulsen
March 27	Contemplative Prayer	Episcopal House of Prayer
April 3	Pilgrimage to Iona	Deacon Diane
April 10	Stations of the Cross	All

ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

by Carole Leonard

The Annual Meeting of St. George's Episcopal Church was held on Sunday, February 17, 2019. Laura Harmon was appointed Clerk of the Annual Meeting by Father Tom Gehlsen.

The following candidates were elected to the vestry for a three-year term: Lindsay Benjamin, Jane Sandsmark, Sarah Schulte, and Cyprian Troyer. Vestry members who will continue to serve in 2019 are Cathy Asgian, Katheen Boe, Marilyn Clark, Lou Michelich and Jessica Olson. Mike Oiler and Cyprian Troyer were elected as Convention Delegates. Continuing to serve as a Convention Delegate is Harry Kelley.

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We extend our deepest sympathy to Jane and Gregg Jacobson and their family on the death of Jane's mother, Glennis Williams. Glennis served for many years as the chairperson of the Altar Guild and was a long-time and well-loved member of St. George's church.

It is with saddened hearts that we announce Rosalie Michelich has passed away. She was a beloved member of St. George's and we will miss her deeply. She brought joy to those with her praise music and warm smile. The memorial service is at St. George's on March 8. The visitation is at 9am with the service following at 10am. The reception is to follow the service.



The Treasurer's Report for 2018 was presented by Treasurer Connie Kotula. She reported on highlights for 2018: The Endowment Fund balance in December was \$387,400. The Renew the Dragon Capital Campaign currently has available funds of \$53,185. 82% of the total amount pledged has been received. Income highlights: YTD gross income was (\$3,167), pledges YTD deficit was (\$10,342). Expense highlights: YTD Expenses were over budget by \$8,415, and Utilities were over budget by \$8,436.

Rector's Warden Kathleen Boe reported on the process of how the 2019 budget was arrived at. The proposed budget for 2019 had included funds to make the rector position a full-time position and to fund the music program at current levels. However, the pledge drive did not raise the amount hoped for. The Vestry decided that it was important for St. George's to have a full-time rector. It was also important to hire another music director and invest at the same level to our music program in 2019. In order to achieve all three items, the vestry made the decision to move funds from the Endowment Fund.

Connie Kotula gave an overview of the 2019 budget. We were short in total pledges for 2019. \$160,000 was needed, \$146,426 was pledged. The budget includes moving \$25,000 from the Endowment Fund. Little Flowers Montessori agreed to a 2% rent increase and Street Vision Foods agreed to a 2.5% increase. St. George's salaried employees will receive a 3% increase.

Proposed bylaws: St. George's current bylaws had not been revised in many years and were very outdated. A new set of bylaws were presented and proposed by Tom Boe, and were approved.

Capital Campaign: Bill Stromberg reported on completed projects to date which include replacement of the Parish Hall carpet, a new roof on the Education Building, replacement of several windows in the Education Building, brick exterior tuck pointing and the asphalt repaving of the alley parking area. One project remains: the addition of a handicap restroom. The funds available for the project total approximately \$90,000 if all pledges come in as planned (\$53,185 has been collected to-date.)

Parishioners who passed away in the past year were recognized: Steven Bauer, Betsy Furber, Jane Gratton, Karen Hurlbert, Maraline Keeling, Bill Seely, Pat Sturcken, Marion Taylor, Edith Ward and Bob Wheelock.

Rector's Comments: Fr. Tom reported that Dr. Dean Billmeyer, Professor of Music at the University of Minnesota, will be leading the choir for four Sundays in March and on Ash Wednesday. Carole Leonard will be taking on the role as the Overseer of the Church Property working on prioritizing the needs of the parish. The Search Committee for a new music director will be led by Mike Sandsmark and includes Heather Whitesell, Roxy Zuan, Camille Schroeder, Jan Tysk, Father Tom and a consultant. Fr. Tom reported that the Diocese of Minnesota has started the search for a new bishop, and the National Church is in the process of developing a new Book of Common Prayer. Fr. Tom thanked Carole Leonard for her service as Parish Warden for the past four years and Al Kotula for leading the Stewardship Campaign.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

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ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE

Elizabeth Woolner, mezzo-soprano; Darrius Jacob Morton, tenor; 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: DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME IS MARCH 10!

