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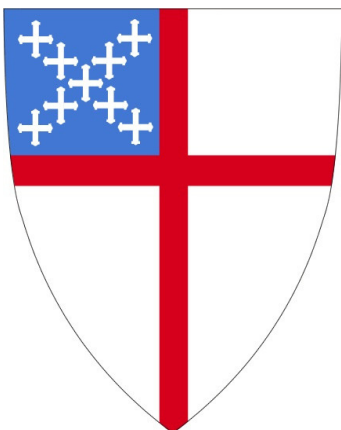
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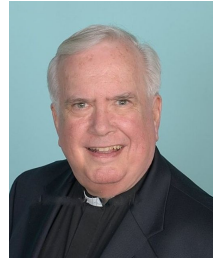


Uniting in Worship. Welcoming in Grace.

SPIRITUALITY OF STEWARDSHIP

by Rev. Tom Gehlsen

As we enter another season with a focus on Stewardship we need to realize that there is an underlying principles that need to be considered other, or along with, the common three "t's," time, talent and treasure. When we consider Stewardship we have to call to mind the



underlying core values of stewardship: identity, trust, gratitude and love. When we understand these values we will be able to see the great importance that Stewardship plays in our lives as Christians.

IDENTITY – If we are honest in understanding our identity we have to admit that we belong to God. In Baptism we are call Children of God! How long has it been since each of us has examined our characteristics of being human and where each of these have come from? It is important to remember this important value of identity because as you look at your identity you begin to realize that "I am a steward- someone who manages someone else's things. To be a good steward, you have to go back to the relationship between God and us. God is the Creator and He created us in His image and likeness.

TRUST – The underlying value of trust builds upon the value of identity. Since everything we have is from God, it is God who is in charge of our lives, not us. As we live our life, we are caught up in something much bigger than ourselves. The value of trust allows us to let go of what seemingly is our control and to "let God" do what He is already doing for us. Thus, the saying, "let go" and "let God."

GRATITUDE – Here we come to realize that enough is enough which is fueled by acceptance. This is an attitude shift of looking at what we have, not at what we don't have. The greatest gift is our relationship with loved ones. People are more important than things. Our detachment from material goods places them in their proper perspective. We appreciate them for what they are – a gift.

LOVE – In dealing with "love" we need to be reminded that "love" in our language comes to us in another word – "charity." When people hear charity they immediately think of money! When you think of love you don't think of money. But, we say faith, hope, and love: faith, hope, and charity. Charity and love are the same thing; they are interchangeable. We use them all the time in a theological context. But, if you are going to move it into a spiritual context, that means if you are going to love, you are going to have to give.



EDUCATION UPDATE

by Heather Whitesell Education Coordinator

Children's

Chapel is in full swing. We've been talking about our ancestors Abraham and Sarah and how they became parents at a very advanced age. We also discussed Adam and Eve and temptation, and the recreation of God's people through Noah and the ark.

Youth News

If you have noticed how shiny clean the pews are you can thank our youth! They have become quite good and polishing. Look for more to come on this year's outreach project.



November Birthdays

8 Connie Kotula
12 Nathan Harmon
14 Doug Gniot
15 Dorothy LeBakken
17 Colleen Monroe
23 Mary Weekes
28 Jina LeBakken

CELTIC EVENING PRAYER - NOV 6

Our next First Wednesday is November 6. We gather at 6pm for Celtic Evening Prayer. The language of nature — daylight, birds, ocean... — helps awaken a new spirit of prayer.



ALTAR FLOWERS

We invite you to make a contribution to our Altar Flower fund in memory of, in honor of, or in thanksgiving for a loved one or a special event. Your contributions provide for flowers and plants for the worship services throughout the year.

You can sign up for a week on the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall or mail your contribution to St. George's office. Please make a note of your remembrance so that it can be noted in the bulletin.

The suggested contribution for altar flowers is a minimum of \$30. This covers about half the cost of a bouquet. Anything left over goes into our Altar Flower

fund and used to buy flowers throughout the year, including holidays.

Thank you!





December Supper Club

December Supper Club will be at Camille Schroeder's on Friday, December 6, 2019



MPLS GIFT & ART EXPO
Nov 1-3 at the Minneapolis Convention Center
We have some tickets located in the Parish Hall



ADULT FORUM

Adult Forum

November 2019 – December 2019

Date	Topic	Synopsis	Presenter
November			
11/3/2019	The Protestant Reformation		Tom Boe
11/10/2019	Renewing the Mind	The 10 th Word – You shall not covet	Rev. Dr. Alison Bucklin
11/17/2019	Renewing the Mind group discussion	Discuss our findings from Ch. 12	Lay Leader
11/24/2019	Pentecost/Christ the King	Gospel- Based Discipleship	Tom Boe
December			
12/1/2019	Renewing the Mind	Wrap up & celebration	Rev. Dr. Alison Bucklin
12/8/2019	Advent teaching		Rev. Diane McGowan
12/15/2019	History of Christmas legends		Mary Kuhfeld
12/22/2019		Community Coffee	
12/29/2019		Community Coffee	

KIDS CAFÉ: FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH BEGINNING NOVEMBER 25



by Gregg Jacobson

Please join us on the fourth Monday of each month at Perspectives Kids Café. We help elementary-aged children prepare an evening meal and set the tables. We sit with the children, encouraging them to eat because many won't eat again until lunch at school the next day. We help clean up afterward.

This fall, the first date for Kids Café is Monday, November 25. Please sign up in the Parish Hall. Time slots available are at 3:30 and 5:30 p.m. Kids Café is located at Perspectives, 3381 Gorham Avenue in St. Louis Park.

This is a great opportunity to spend time with the kids and get to know them. If you have any questions, feel free to talk to me on Sunday, or call me at 952-938-4194.



Check out the events in November!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 ALL SAINTS DAY 8 am - Rite I 9 am – Choir Rehearsal 9:15 a m –Adult Forum (PH) 10:30 am – HE, Rite II 11:30 am –Education Committee Meeting DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME Set clocks back an hour	4	5	6 10:30am- Scripture Study (CEB) 6 pm- Celtic Evening Service	7 6:30 pm – AA (LL)	8	9
10 8 am - Rite I 9 am – Choir Rehearsal 9:15 a m –Adult Forum (PH) 10:30 am – HE, Rite II 11:30 am – Youth Group 2nd Sunday/2nd Offering	11 VETERAN's Day 7 pm – Finance Meeting (CEB)	12 2-4 pm – Grief Support Group (LL)	13 10:30am- Scripture Study (CEB) 7pm – Nurses Support Group (LL)	14 DAYD 6:30 pm – AA (LL)	15 DAYD	16
17 8 am - Rite I 9 am – Choir Rehearsal 9:15 a m –Adult Forum (PH) 10:30 am – HE, Rite II	18 12 pm – St. Mary's Circle (TBD) 7 pm – Vestry (CEB)	19	20 10:30am- Scripture Study (CEB)	21 6:30 pm – AA (LL)	22	23
24 8 am - Rite I 9 am – Choir Rehearsal 9:15 a m –Adult Forum (PH) 10:30 am – HE, Rite II	25	26 2-4 pm – Grief Support Group (LL)	27 10:30am- Scripture Study (CEB) 7pm – Nurses Support Group (LL)	28 Thanksgiving Office CLOSED 6:30 pm – AA (LL)	29 Office CLOSED	30

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

SECOND SUNDAY/ SECOND OFFERING – November 10

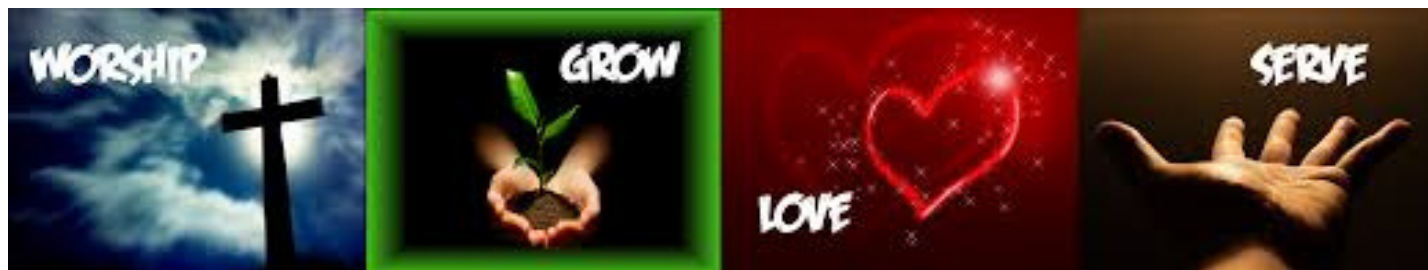
NOTE: The Second Sunday offerings collected during the year for St. George's Charitable Outreach Program will be distributed in the fall of 2019 when they will be matched through the Give to the Max Day.





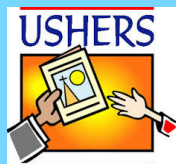
MINISTERS OF THE EUCCHARISTIC ASSEMBLY

	November 3 Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost ALL SAINTS DAY	November 10 Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost	November 17 Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost	November 24 Last Sunday after Pentecost
Readings	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 Psalm 149 Ephesians 1:11-23 Luke 6:20-31	Haggai 1:15-2:9 Psalm 145:1-5, 18-22 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 Luke 20:27-38	Isaiah 65:17-25 Canticle 9 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Canticle 16 Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43
Lectors 8 am	Mary Kuhfeld	Marilyn Clark	Jean Wayne	Tom Harmon
10:30 am	Caryl Eschweiler Devin Snyders	Sarah Schulte John Rash	Leslie O'Donnell Lindsay Benjamin	Mark Schulte Kathie Brown
Chalice 8 am	Marilyn Clark	Marilyn Clark	Jean Wayne	Laura Harmon
10:30 am	Kathie Brown Leslie O'Donnell	John Rash Devin Snyders	Cyprian Troyer Mike Oiler	Kris Kelley Jessica Olson
Ushers: 8 am	Mike & Jane Sandsmark	Tom Harmon Bruce Becker	Ron Holbach Gregg Jacobson	Mike & Jane Sandsmark
10:30 am	Bill Stromberg Sarah Schulte	Tom Zaun Lou Michelich	Bob Jones Mark Schulte	Deb Rash Tom Zaun
Acolytes: 10:30 am	Lilly Schulte, Ian Rash	Calista Snyders, Nolyn Snyders	Calista Snyders, Nolyn Snyders	Lilly Schulte, Sarah Rash
Altar Guild	Kitty Reese/ Bill Stromberg/ Kris Kelley	Kathleen Boe/ Katy Campbell/ Rachel Santos	Nancy Becker/ Bruce Becker	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





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



OUR THANKS TO THE YOUTH VOLUNTEERS, THE CLEANUP DAY VOLUNTEERS & GARDEN CLEANUP VOLUNTEERS

by Carole Leonard



Many thanks to the youth volunteers who wiped down all the pews on Sunday, October 6: Lilly Schulte, Nolyn Snyders, Sarah and Ian Rash, and Heather Whitesell who oversaw the project.

Thank you also to the volunteers who showed up on Saturday morning, October 12, to wash a lot of windows, vacuum and dust the coat hall and Library Lounge, clean the kitchen sinks, refrigerator, freezer, and countertops.; and clean the porcelain sinks in the kitchen and men's and women's restrooms in the Education Building. Our thanks go to: Harry Kelley, Gregg Jacobson, Carole Leonard, Geri Alberg, Bill Stromberg, David Sell, Nancy Taylor, Jane Sandsmark, Mike Sandsmark, and Cyprian Troyer.

Because it rained on the cleanup day, we had to reschedule doing the outside jobs in the gardens which included cutting back all of the hostas and spirea bushes, and many of the plants in the garden court. Thanks to the following volunteers who did the garden cleanup on Thursday, October 17: Jim Scheible, Gregg Jacobson, Geri Alberg, Marilyn Clark and Carole Leonard.

THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF THE MONROE FAMILY

by Iris Alexander

I want to thank everyone at St. George's for your many prayers and your support of our family over the last several months. 2019 has been a year unlike any we have ever experienced and hope never to experience again:

Steve Monroe, my brother, had a quadruple by-pass surgery in July requiring 2 months of hospitalization and rehabilitation. He is now home and continuing to recover.

Drew McGill, my nephew and Jessica Olson's brother, experienced a stroke in the Dominican Republic while on a business trip. He had to spend about 2 ½ months recovering from brain surgery to get strong enough to return to the United States. He is now continuing his rehabilitation at Northwestern University in Chicago. We hope to have him and his wife home in the Twin Cities within the month.

Connie and Tom Evans, Jessica's paternal grandparents, have been hospitalized several times with serious health issues but they are now doing much better.

Ariana Monroe, my great niece and Melissa Monroe's daughter, was hit by a car in September and underwent surgery for bleeding in her brain. She is now recovering but as with any brain injury she has a long road ahead of her.

Garrett Gysland, my nephew and Marge Noel's son, has not been heard from since April and we continue to ask for his safe return.

I have provided this information, not to evoke pity, but to illustrate the power of your prayers and the positive outcomes we have experienced with your help. Thank you again.



During the construction of the bathrooms next to the Parish Hall, Scripture Study will be held in the conference room in the Education Building from 10:30am - 11:30am.



Thanks to Cyprian Troyer for doing a temporary rebuild of the unsightly collapsing stone wall at the end of the handicap ramp on Minnetonka Boulevard. This will give our church a much nicer look for the coming winter until we can do something more permanent in the spring.

PROPERTY UPDATES, THANK YOUS, & WHERE DID THAT TREE GO?

by Carole Leonard, Chair of Buildings & Grounds

St. George's Building & Grounds team along with other wonderful volunteers have been busy this fall completing some projects before winter sets in. You might want to check out these projects.

Our thanks to the following volunteers:

Thanks to Tom Zaun along with some help from Cyprian Troyer, Kris Kelley, Geri Alberg and Carole Leonard for scraping, sanding and priming with oil base paint the west entrance to the Quonset building (with the red door). This oil base primer will protect the wood over the winter, and it makes that entrance a little more attractive until spring when a final coat of paint will be applied.

Thanks to Gregg Jacobson for powerwashing the "light-colored stucco band" located at the center of each side of the Education Building. The powerwashing removed a lot of the black mildew that was growing on the stucco.

Thanks to Cyprian Troyer for cutting down and hauling away the crab apple tree in the garden court. The quote to have this taken down by a professional was \$550, so Cyprian saved us a lot of money. Thanks, too, to his son Evan for providing his truck and helping his dad haul the wood and brush to a drop site in Hopkins.

Thanks to Kris Kelley and Carole Leonard for completing the sanding, priming and painting of the 20+ metal posts under the garden walkway, and thanks to Kris Kelley for scraping, washing and painting the corrugated metal located just outside of the door to the hallway to the Parish Hall.

Thanks to Marilyn Clark, Jim Scheible, Gregg Jacobson, Geri Alberg and Carole Leonard for the cleanup of the gardens and the cutting back of the hostas and bushes around the grounds. These five volunteers spent 3-1/2 hours each to complete this work on a crispy fall morning.

Many thanks to Bill Stromberg who, in addition to being on the Buildings & Grounds Team, is the chair of the Renew the Dragon Capital Campaign Project Team. Bill has done an outstanding job overseeing the installation of the handicap restroom and the updating of the men's and women's restrooms. Not a simple task!

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Christina Christensen, mezzo Soprano

Don Moyer, bass

Benjamin Jeitz, tenor

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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SAVINGS TIME IS SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 3RD. SET YOUR
CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR**

