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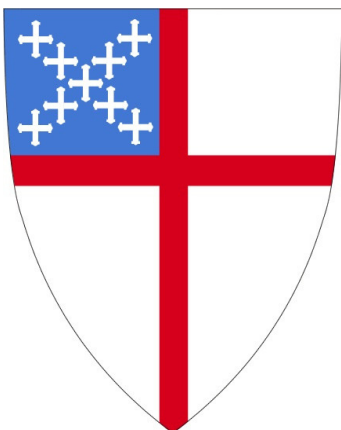
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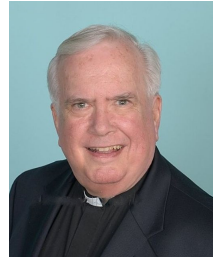


Uniting in Worship. Welcoming in Grace.

ECMN: CONVENTION 2019

by Rev. Tom Gehlsen

On Friday and Saturday, September 13th & 14th the annual ECMN Convention was held at the Doubletree Hotel, in Bloomington. Our elected delegates, Harry Kelley, Mike Oiler, and Cyprian Troyer, accompanied Diane McGowan and myself to the event.



The convention is really a time to reacquaint and socialize with other communities across the State of Minnesota. Oh, yes, there is also convention tasks that are accomplished prior to the dismissal of the delegates.

Friday evening time was spent socializing with a focus on a Eucharistic Celebration that opened the convention. Bishop Prior opened the service with a few words of welcome. The tone of the Eucharist focused in part on the 1851 Treaty of Traverse des Sioux, land we live on that belonged to Dakotas'. The readings were proclaimed in Karen, Hmong, and Spanish. The Sermon was given by Mr. Tage Kruger, a member of the Youth Delegation.

On Saturday, the early focus was with the main theme of Beloved Community and the Way of Love. Two very moving and informative presentations were given regarding the Beloved Community and how it is presented to a community in Theology and most of all in ACTION!

The remainder of the gathering dealt with the Management of ECMN: business, elections to various bodies, finances, changes Constitution and Canons. Some information was given regarding the election of our new Bishop (X) on January 25th when a special Election Convention will be held at St. Mark's Cathedral. Information on candidates will be forthcoming at a later date.

The 2020 Convention will be held in Bemidji.





October Birthdays

- 4 Gwen Gysland
- 5 Sydney Holbach
- 7 John Hagerman
Evan Troyer
- 14 Mary Poulsen
- 15 Mary Kuhfeld
Heather Whitesell
- 17 Roxy Zaun
Katherine Owens
- 21 Alan Poulsen
Barbara Behrens
- 25 Amanda Salami
- 26 Martha Geiger
- 29 Wendy Walker

RENEW THE DRAGON PROJECT: HANDICAP RESTROOM INSTALLATION & UPDATE OF WOMEN'S & MEN'S RESTROOMS

It is an exciting time at St. George's Church. Due to the generous donations from parishioners to the Renew the Dragon Capital Campaign, we are now able to have a handicap restroom installed. This restroom will be installed in what was originally referred to as the "bride's room" which is the small room across from the kitchen.

There were enough funds in the Renew the Dragon account to allow St. George's to also update and refresh the current men's and women's restrooms. This update will include new and taller toilets, new lighting and mirrors, and a new coat of paint on the metal partitions. The plan is to also have handicap "door openers" at the parish hall doors.

The Renew the Dragon Project Team voted to hire the firm of Miller Dunwiddie as the architect, and Langer Construction has been hired to be the contractor for this project.

Due to the fact that the Quonset building which houses the restrooms and parish hall was built in the late 1940s, it was necessary to have an asbestos abatement done before the contractor could begin work on this project.

The demolition has already begun, so for now the restrooms will not be available for use. Parishioners will have two options for using a restroom: (1) There are men's and women's restrooms in the Education Building which means you will need to go downstairs and through a long hallway to reach them. Arrows will be placed along the hallway so you will know how to reach them. (2) There will also be a handicap accessible port-a-potty which will be placed in the handicapped passenger drop off zone near the garden shed.

If all goes as planned, the three restrooms should be up and ready for use by October 27th.

The members of the Renew the Dragon Project Team are as follows: Bill Stromberg, Chair; Iris Alexander, Kathie Brown, Al Kotula, Carole Leonard, and Lou Michelich.



EDUCATION UPDATE

by Heather Whitesell Education Coordinator

The kids programs are back in full swing. We had a rousing Rally Sunday with all youth participating as acolytes and readers. In Children's Chapel we are discussing the Creation story and the roles of our first ancestors. Youth will meet next month to talk about goals and reconnect as a group. Looking forward to an exciting year of spiritual growth!



October Supper Club

Supper Club will be Friday
October 18 at 6pm at Sherryl &
Tom Hutton's home. Located at
14301 Stewart Lane #214,
Minnetonka, MN 55345.

Please RSVP with a dish to bring.

352-999-0348

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TAIZÉ PRAYER

Wednesday, Oct 2, 6pm

A quiet worship service, with time for contemplation, prayer, and song. About 30-45 minutes long. Taizé (pronounced tezzay) is a medieval village in France where a monk established a house of prayer that welcomed everyone. There, they developed a style of singing that spurs contemplation.

We offer prayer services on the First Wednesday of every month at 6pm.

EVENSONG

Sunday, Oct 20, 4pm

A traditional service, with some slightly untraditional music.

WELCOME

One of the healthiest things you can do, for body and soul, is sing in a choir. At St George's we make it easy — we practice on Sundays at 9am and sing at the 10:30 service. Every one of our singers will be happy to welcome you, so come join us. We'll help you read music and sing confidently and expressively. And you'll be surrounded by friends.

NEW ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE

Cristinia Czaia (soprano) is a Harry Potter fan and recently binge-watched Veronica Mars. She sings high and fast, and loves to laugh. Ask her about her time in Italy and Southern California.

Christina Christensen (mezzosoprano) drives an electric car, plays piano, flute, and oboe, and sings with the Minnesota Opera. She's one of the funniest people you'll ever meet, and she really knows flowers.

Ben Jeitz (tenor) grew up on a farm in Starbuck MN, went to Concordia Moorhead and Peobody Conservatory in Baltimore. He's an amazing pianist and organist (and of course singer), and he has an eye for interior design. And, like Cristina and Tina, he has a great laugh. We do a lot of laughing in choir.



MINISTERS OF THE EUCCHARISTIC ASSEMBLY

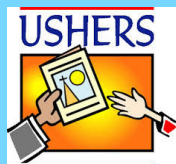
	October 6 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost	October 13 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Bishop Prior Visit	October 20 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	October 27 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Readings	Lamentations 1:1-6 Psalm 137 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 Psalm 66:1-11 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19	Jeremiah 31:27-34 Psalm 119:97-104 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Luke 18:1-8	Joel 2:23-32 Psalm 65 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14
Lectors	Carole Leonard Mary Kuhfeld	Marilyn Clark	Jean Wayne	Tom Harmon
8 am		9:30 am service		
10:30 am	Darlynn Benjamin Ron Ottsen	Mary Poulsen	Cyprian Troyer Mary Weekes	Jessica Olson Mike Oiler
Chalice	Marilyn Clark	Marilyn Clark	Jean Wayne	Laura Harmon
8 am		9:30 am service		
10:30 am	Kathie Brown Devin Snyders	John Rash	Amanda Turgeant Cyprian Troyer	Mike Oiler Jessica Olson
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:	Ian Rash, Nolyn Snyders	Calista Snyders, Nolyn Snyders	Lily Schulte, Sarah Rash	Ian Rash, Sarah Rash
10:30 am				
Altar Guild	Kitty Reese/ Bill Stromberg/ Kris Kelley	Kathleen Boe/ Katy Campbell/ Rachel Santos	Nancy Becker/ Bruce Becker	Geri Alberg, Barb Behrens
Coffee Hour:	Ron Holbach	Mary Kuhfeld Mike & Jane Sandsmark	Betty Bauer	Carole Leonard Geri Alberg
8 am				
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



NEW MEMBERS ORIENTATION/NOOKS & CRANNIES TOUR

by The Welcoming Committee

Are you new to St. George's? Have you been attending for a while but would like to learn more about the parish? Please join us for the Nooks & Crannies Tour on Wednesday, October 23. We'll meet in the fellowship hall for a tour of the church at 6:30pm. After touring the building, Father Tom will discuss parish life and answer any questions you may have. We'll end the evening with a short Compline service. Bring your questions, and we'll bring the snacks!

FALL CLEANUP DAY SATURDAY, OCT. 12

9 A.M. - 12 NOON



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Fall is here, and it is time to start thinking about cleaning up St. George's gardens and buildings for winter. The Buildings and Grounds Committee is holding their Annual Fall Cleanup Day on Saturday, October 12, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Coffee and rolls will be provided.

Please join us for a little work and good fellowship – there are windows to be washed, gardens to be cleaned up, bushes to be trimmed, and cleaning of the nave and coat hall, etc.

Watch for a signup sheet in the Parish Hall.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE - WHAT'S NEXT???

by Carole Leonard, Chair of Buildings & Grounds

The following are some projects that the Buildings and Grounds Committee will be working on this fall:

- Scrape, prime and paint the west side of the Quonset building
- Removal of the crab apple tree in the garden court
- Completion of painting the metal posts along the garden walkway
- Paint the several yellow "caution" strips on the sidewalks around the buildings
- Paint the storeroom across from the nursery
- Sanding and painting the outside window ledges along the Parish Hall hallway.
- Power wash the mildew off the stucco surfaces

We have several areas of the church that need painting. If painting is one of your "things," and you would be willing to help us out, please contact Carole Leonard at 952-544-4394 or carole2hike@gmail.com. No sexism here! Help from women and men will be gladly accepted.



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.

BISHOP PRIOR VISIT



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.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

by Kathie Brown, Campaign Chair

We are ready to start on the most anticipated project of the campaign—a handicapped accessible/family restroom. And in addition, we will be updating the current restrooms adjacent to the Parish Hall. This is very exciting! See separate article in this newsletter with more details on the project. The estimated cost for the project is \$66,455. The Vestry also wants to add electronic openers to the door going into the Parish Hall from the Narthex and the outside door going to the garden area from the Choir Room hallway. The Vestry voted to allow \$80,000 from the Capital Campaign Funds toward both of these projects (allowing for a possible overrun on the restroom project estimate).

So here is where we are financially on the Capital Campaign:

Anticipated total collections: \$236,710

Amount originally estimated for the top projects, all of which will have been completed once the restroom project is complete: \$200,000

Amount available for restroom project out of the \$200,000: \$59,000

Additional amount allowed for the restroom and door opener projects: \$21,000

Amount left for additional projects: \$15,710

This will limit the additional projects we are able to complete.

If you have not contributed to the Capital Campaign and wish to do so, additional gifts would be welcomed. Please contact the church office to donate. Additional gifts would help us complete more of the additional projects identified during the campaign (in no particular order):

- Replace or remove brick/stone work on Minnetonka Blvd. side of the church
- Replace coat hall windows with energy-efficient windows
- Replace main church doors with something low maintenance
- New floor covering in Library Lounge
- Replace various sections of concrete around the property
- Add drainage system from handicapped ramp to Minnetonka Blvd.
- Cover fascia of A-frame roof with maintenance-free material
- Replace Library lounge windows
- Add handicapped ramp at southwest corner of the church

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ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE

Cristina Czaia, Soprano

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

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**REMINDER: BISHOP PRIOR'S
VISIT IS OCTOBER 13 AT
9:30 AM - THERE IS ONLY
ONE SERVICE THAT DAY**

