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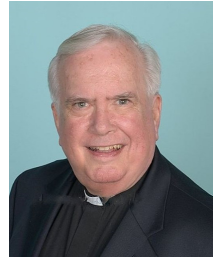
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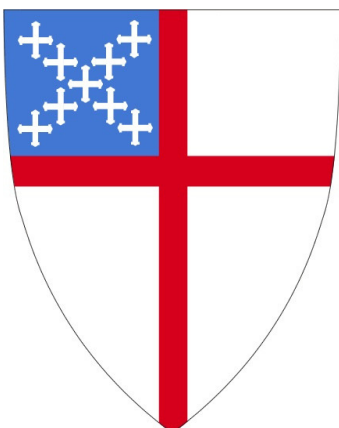
by Rev. Tom Gehlsen



Not sure you noticed, but I have been absent in presenting thoughts and spiritual matters in our monthly newsletter lately. I have been going through a desert period in spiritual growth and have felt arid. I'm sure, if honest, we have all experienced going to the desert, at a solitary place, when feeling spiritually empty. I was away for a time spending time in community with the Cistercian Monks as well as becoming acquainted again with my personal spiritual guru, Henry Nouwen. I felt broken and hurting not only from some personal experiences, but watching and seeing what was happening in our country and how we have evolved in dealing and treating other people that are not like us and don't fit the mold designed by a certain segment of our population.

In my experience when I honestly admit I'm hurting and feel broken, I feel intimate pain in my heart. All of us know something about brokenness. We know, see, and I hope don't turn away from it but confront it in our life. We know of the broken world, a broken country, but most of all we need to feel it in our intimate life. We have pain of a desire for intimacy that hasn't been fulfilled, pain from a relationship that did not work, the pain of addictions that is so hard to admit and embrace! The secret pain of loneliness can truly bite us and bring severe pain. In faith, prayer, and walking the ministry of Jesus we need not be afraid of pain, but embrace it.

We are ALL called, regardless of race, gender, or ethnicity to give our lives to others, so we can bear fruit in ministry. All brokenness, dying, and suffering allows us to begin a path of solidarity with the whole human family, to give all you have to others so you can bear that fruit. God doesn't ask us to have a successful life, but to have a fruitful life.



EDUCATION CORNER

by Heather Whitesell, Education & Youth Coordinator



Children's Corner

As the school year begins, so does our educational year at St. George's begin. Children's Chapel offered during the second Sunday service, provides children with an opportunity to learn about the Episcopal church calendar and participate in group discussion around the gospel and readings for the day. I am still in need of teachers to help in a team teaching environment once a month. Please call the office or let me know if this is your calling.

Youth News

Youth ages 10 and up will meet once a month on the second Sunday from 11:45 to 1 for fun and fellowship. Teens will choose and outreach project and hopefully have an opportunity to connect and build on our relationships with youth from other Episcopal parishes.

PHOTO WALL OF RECTORS IN PARISH HALL INCLUDES WOODEN CROSS DONATION

by Carole Leonard

The next time you are in the church Parish Hall, please stop to notice that the portraits of St. George's past rectors and our current rector, Fr. Tom, have been reinstalled professionally so they all line up evenly. In the middle of the row of portraits, you will see a lovely wooden cross which was donated by St. George's parishioner Jim Scheible. Jim explained that his late wife, The Reverend Anne Scheible, had it commissioned when she was visiting in Arizona because she liked the work of the artist. Anne passed away in 2017. We thank Jim for this generous donation.

KIDS CAFÉ STARTUP MONDAY, SEPT. 23

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.

Our first date for Kids Café is Monday, September 23. 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.



September Birthdays

- 8 Owen Monroe
- 11 Camille Schroeder
- 13 Harold Morgan
- 16 Kathie Brown
- 17 Rachel Holbach
Brianna Rousselow
- 19 Nancy Taylor
- 21 Gloria Monroe
Johnson
Claire Holbach
- 23 Devin Snyders
- 25 Julian Mejia
- 27 Jill Burns



With
Deepest
Sympathy...

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Gale Vann, a long-time parishioner of St. George's who passed away on July 25. Gayle's funeral was held at St. George's on July 28, 2019.



Change in Church office hours

It's that time of year again. When back to school starts and the summer office hours are over.

Starting September 1st, the church office hours are 9am - 2pm

Monday through Friday.



Scripture Study

Scripture Study is back from the summer break. We will begin September 4th from 10:30 am - 11:30 am in the Parish Hall. We welcome all to join!



by Camille Schroeder

A huge thank you to all of you for helping to make the STEP Back to School project a success. Close to 500 St. Louis Park students received a bag of school supplies that their teachers had requested. You donated school supplies, you donated money, and you gave your time. Without you this would not have been the success that it was. In addition, of course, is the fact that the event was held here at St. George's, so much appreciated by the St. Louis Park Emergency Program. Thanks to all of you.

by Rev. Thomas Gehlsen

A big thanks and appreciation to all who dedicated their time to a successful S.T.E.P distribution program. Lots of energy and time goes into a program that St. George's has been a part of for years. A deep appreciation goes to Camille Schroeder for her dedicated leadership over the years making this program a well respected part of the community at large!



by Mike & Jane Sandsmark

Thanks to the 30 volunteers who helped in numerous ways for the Annual St George's Corn Feed on August 10th. Also thanks to Gwen Gysland and Gysland Brothers Farm for providing the corn. A total of 86 people attended the event.

Mark your calendars for the second Saturday in August for the Corn Feed—August 8, 2020.



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

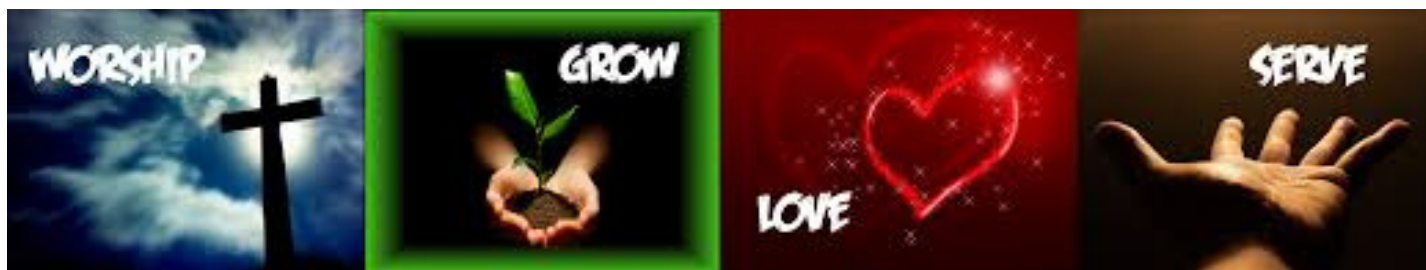
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MINISTERS OF THE EUCCHARISTIC ASSEMBLY

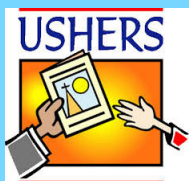
	September 1 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost	September 8 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost RALLY SUNDAY	September 15 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost	September 22 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost	September 29 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Readings	Jeremiah 2:4-13 Psalm 81:1, 10-16 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1, 7-14	Matthew 19:13-15 Psalm 139:1-5, 12- 17 Deuteronomy 11:18-21 Luke 14:25-33	Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 Psalm 14 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10	Jeremiah 8:18- 9:1 Psalm 79:1-9 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13	Jeremiah 32:1-3, 6- 15 Psalm 91:1-6, 14- 16 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-31
Lectors 8 am	Mary Kuhfeld	TBD	Carole Leonard Jean Wayne	Tom Harmon	Marilyn Clark
10:30 am	Marion D. Miller Jessica Olson	9:30 SERVICE TBD	Sarah Schulte John Rash	Leslie O'Donnell Lindsay Benjamn	Darlynn Benjamin Ron Ottsen
Chalice 8 am	Marilyn Clark	Laura Harmon	Jean Wayne	Laura Harmon	Marilyn Clark
10:30 am	Jessica Olson Kris Kelley	9:30 SERVICE Kathie Brown	John Rash Amanda Turgeant	Cyprian Troyer Mike Oiler	Kris Kelley Jessica Olson
Ushers: 8 am	Mike & Jane Sandsmark	TBD	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	Bill Stromberg Tom Zaun
Acolytes: 10:30 am	Lilly Schulte	Sarah Rash, Nolyn Snyders, Ian Rash, Lilly Schulte	Calista Snyders, Nolyn Snyders	Ian Rash, Lilly Schulte	Lilly Schulte, Sarah Rash
Altar Guild	Nancy Becker/ Bruce Becker	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	TBD	Betty Bauer	Carole Leonard Geri Alberg	Betty Bauer
10:30 am	Don & Patricia Janke	John & Jane Carlson	Alan & Mary Poulsen	Bob & Bonnie Jones	Don & Patricia Janke





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



ALTAR GUILD AT ST. GEORGE'S

by Kathleen Boe

Do you enjoy preparing your table at home for a celebration? That is something like preparing the altar for our weekly Eucharist. There is cleaning, preparation and the joy of seeing it all pull together. It is a very special, sacred experience.



We need more hands to join our Altar Guild teams. Please let me know if you are interested.

NOTES FROM THE VESTRY

by Kathleen Boe



The Vestry of St. George's meets in the third Monday of every month at 7 PM. The Vestry is responsible for overseeing the temporal affairs of the church. Practically, that means the Vestry oversees the finances, property, personnel and other matters relating to the day-to-day operation of the church.

I thought I'd take a minute to update you on some of the recent topics covered by the Vestry.

One of the Vestry's current concerns is how to best use the monies from the insurance settlement we received when the large cross fell down a few years ago.

Cathy Asgian and Leslie O'Donnell have been investigating options to mount crosses on the exterior of the building, looking at the south and east facing sides of the church.

The Vestry approved funds from the insurance settlement to enlist the help of a web design service to re-vamp our website. Just as a cross is a physical beacon to a church, our on line presence is an important tool in reaching out to our community. I was convinced that the website needed to be updated when I realized that it does not function well on mobile devices such as phones.

Under the leadership of Sarah Schulte, a newcomer's committee has formed. Our effort is focused on reaching out to new people that walk through our doors. In the fall, we plan to invite people to a Meet the Rector/Nooks and Crannies tour. Look for more information in upcoming newsletters.

We typically meet in the Parish Hall. Vestry meetings are open to the Parish. Please contact me if you have any questions.



SUPPER CLUB IN OCTOBER

More details to come in the upcoming weeks.



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.

DAILY MEDITATION

by Henry Nowen

POVERTY IS A QUALITY OF THE HEART

IPoverty is the quality of the heart that makes us relate to life, not as a property to be defended but as a gift to be shared. Poverty is the constant willingness to say good-bye to yesterday and move forward to new, unknown experiences. Poverty is the inner understanding that the hours, days, weeks, and years do not belong to us but are the gentle reminders of our call to give, not only love and work, but life itself, to those who follow us and will take our place. He or she who cares is invited to be poor, to strip himself or herself from the illusions of ownership, and to create some room for the person looking for a place to rest. The paradox of care is that poverty makes a good host. When our hands, heads, and hearts are filled with worries, concerns, and preoccupations, there can hardly be any place left for the stranger to feel at home.

ADULT FORUM

Adult Forum		September 2019 – October 2019	
Date	Topic	Synopsis	Presenter
September			
9/1/2019	LABOR DAY	Community Coffee	
9/8/2019	RALLY SUNDAY		
9/15/2019	Renewing the Mind	The Eighth Word – Do not Steal	Rev. Dr. Alison Bucklin
9/22/2019	Report from ECMN convention		Fr. Tom Gehlsen
9/29/2019	Renewing the Mind group discussion	Discuss our findings from Ch. 10	Lay Leader
October			
10/6/2019	Renewing the Mind	The Ninth Word – Do not bear false witness	Rev. Dr. Alison Bucklin
10/13/2019	BISHOP BRIAN PRIOR	BRUNCH	
10/20/2019	Stewardship	TBD	TBD
10/27/2019	Renewing the Mind group discussion	Discuss our findings from Ch. 11	Lay Leader

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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: RALLY SUNDAY
IS SEPTEMBER 8TH AT
9:30 AM - THERE IS ONLY
ONE SERVICE THAT DAY**

