

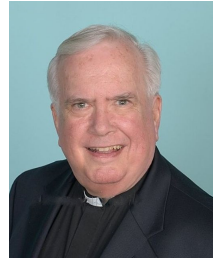
# Uniting in Worship. Welcoming in Grace.

## ST. GEORGE'S ANNUAL MEETING

**FEBRUARY 23, 2020**

**EUCHARIST, BRUNCH &  
MEETING 9:00 AM**

*by Rev. Tom Gehlsen*



Please mark your calendar for our annual meeting to be held on Sunday, February 23, 2020. We will begin with a Eucharist at 9 AM followed with a brunch and the meeting to be held in the Parish Hall.

Each year this meeting is held as a mini parish convention required by our By-Laws. The business and reports not only inform us of the ministry for the past year, but it is here where we set the vision for the next year with information of what can be expected in the parish ministry, but also the financial picture of the past year and what the proposed financial picture will hold for the year 2020. The community will be asked to accept the proposed budget as approved by the Vestry.

This meeting offers us the opportunity to join together as a community to become informed about the ministry of St. George's. It provides us the time to have conversation with questions and answers regarding your inquiries, and to take time to meet our new parishioners over the past year and have conversations with them as well.

The meeting will also elect new members to the Vestry, new delegates for the Diocesan Convention as well as other positions that may need to be filled by election.

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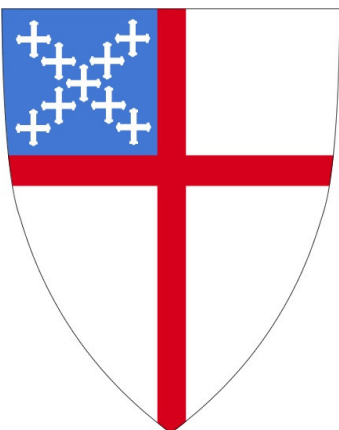
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## EDUCATION UPDATE

*by Heather Whitesell Education Coordinator*

### Children's Chapel

In Chapel we have been following the Church year. We lit all the Advent candles, celebrated Christmas and had some interesting discussion on Epiphany and the merging of pagan and Christian practices.

### Youth News

The teens enjoy hanging out together and playing billiards. We are making plans for our Lenten fundraising event so stay tuned!

### Rosebud Mission Trip Summer 2020

The dates for the trip to Rosebud reservation are set for June 14-20, 2020. This year we are hoping to have adult parishioners participating along with the youth. There will be adults and youth from other Episcopal Churches around the metro area. If you have a desire to help others, are willing to do manual labor and enjoy fellowship please consider participating in the trip. It is a very rewarding experience. For more info please contact Heather Whitesell at [heatherw@stgeorgesonline.org](mailto:heatherw@stgeorgesonline.org).



## ADULT FORUM

### February Birthdays

- 1 Tom Harmon
- 7 Julie Milligan
- 8 Betty Bauer
- Steve Monroe
- 9 Bob Jones
- 10 Kitty Reese
- 16 Donald Janke
- 18 Mike Oiler
- 20 Aaron Holbach
- 26 Jan Hagerman
- 27 Alissa Swartwood
- 29 Jane Jacobson

| Adult Forum     |  | February 2020 – May 2020 |
|-----------------|--|--------------------------|
| Date            | Topic  | Presenter                |
| <b>February</b> |  |                          |
| 2/2/2020        | Fraud Awareness                                  | Judy Mather              |
| 2/9/2020        | Eucharistic Celebrations                         | Fr. Tom                  |
| 2/16/2020       | Sacramental Theology                             | Fr. Tom                  |
| 2/23/2020       | Annual Meeting & Brunch                          |                          |
| <b>March</b>    |  |                          |
| 3/1/2020        | Approaches to Lent                               | Fr. Tom                  |
| 3/8/2020        | Supporting Aging Parents                         |                          |
| 3/15/2020       | Church & Social Justice                          | Rev. Rena Turnam         |
| 3/22/2020       | Exorcism, a Current Concern?                     | Fr. Tom                  |
| 3/29/2020       | Community Coffee                                 |                          |
| <b>April</b>    |  |                          |
| 4/5/2020        | Significance of Palm Sunday                      | Fr. Tom                  |
| 4/12/2020       | EASTER SUNDAY                                    |                          |
| 4/19/2020       | Beloved Community, What?                         |                          |
| 4/26/2020       | Celtic Christianity                              |                          |
| <b>May</b>      |  |                          |
| 5/3/2020        | Wills & Estate Planning                          |                          |
| 5/10/2020       | Rel Exper. Of Millennials                        |                          |
| 5/17/2020       | Sacrament – Baptism, confirmation, Eucharist     | Fr. Tom                  |
| 5/24/2020       | Sacrament – Marriage, orders, Penance, Anointing | Fr. Tom                  |
| 5/31/2020       | Community Coffee                                 |                          |



## Febraury Supper Club

The February Supper Club will be hosted by Tom and Roxy Zaun at their home, 9700 26th Avenue North, in Plymouth, on Friday, February 28, at 6:30 p.m.

This is a potluck that is open to all adults in the parish. You can bring a hot dish, a salad, a dessert or an hors d'oeuvre.

Please RSVP to Tom or Roxy Zaun at 736-593-0687 before Wednesday, February 26. This is a wonderful evening and we look forward to seeing both old and new faces.



On Saturday afternoon, after all the excitement was over, Staci and I had the opportunity to spend some time on the phone with ECMN's Bishop-elect, Craig Loya, and his wife Melissa. It was a warm and wonderful conversation as they shared their thoughts and emotions, and we reminisced with them about how we felt when our call came. We extended the full hospitality of ECMN, as well as a welcome to the House of Bishops and Bishop's Spouse Network. I am so grateful for their willingness to follow the call of the Holy Spirit and bring their family to serve in our midst.

Earlier on that afternoon, I had reached out to the four other candidates. Offering your gifts in an episcopate transition process, whether you are elected or not, requires extreme vulnerability. ECMN was blessed to have five very faithful, gifted priests who offered themselves in this process. We owe each one of them gratitude and our ongoing prayers as they continue to live into their ministries.

As I stood before the gathered body of ECMN on Saturday, and as we sang the first hymn, my heart was filled with an incredible joy. Looking out on so many familiar, faithful faces, with whom I have been blessed beyond measure to share in God's mission of the Beloved Community for the past decade, was honestly overwhelming. Especially on this critical day in the life of ECMN, to hold Holy space and invite the Holy Spirit to lead us, was a privilege, an experience of kairos time for me in my role serving in ECMN.

At 6:45 that morning, as I waited at the stoplight across from St. Mark's Cathedral, I saw a number of your Missioners arriving to begin a day of heavy lifting. Their dedication in using their gifts over the last several months to prepare for our Electing Convention has been extraordinary. Likewise, the staff and volunteers of St. Mark's have been incredibly dedicated partners in making Saturday what it was. And the devotion of the Transition Committee, not only in the planning of the Road Trip, but in partnering with St. Mark's and your Missioners to plan and execute the Electing Convention, was incredible. Shortly after your Missioners arrived, a strong cadre from across ECMN showed up to pitch in. I once again felt such a strong sense of blessing for how resource-rich we are.

And on countless days leading up to Saturday I have given thanks for all those who have carried the heavy water that was needed leading up to the election: Standing Committee, Council, Search Team, Transition Team, Missioners, those who provided hospitality on the Road Trip and those known to God alone, all offering their gifts with the Holy Spirit to bring forth the election of the Xth Bishop. Deep, deep gratitude for ECMN. Your faithfulness to follow in the Way of Jesus, the Way of Love was made manifest on Saturday! Thank you one and all for being a blessing!

Stay tuned. Next week, I will answer one of the two questions that people across ECMN are consistently asking me!

Blessings,

+Brian



# Check out the events in February!

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday                               | Friday  | Saturday |
|--|--|--|--|--|---|----------|
|  |  |  |  |  |   | 1        |
| <b>2</b><br>8 am - Rite I<br>9 am - Choir Rehearsal<br>9:15 a m -Adult Forum (PH)<br>10:30 am - HE, Rite II<br>11:30 am -Education Committee Meeting                                     | 3  | 4  | <b>5</b><br>10:30am- Scripture Study (CEB)<br>6pm - Taizé Service              | <b>6</b><br>6:30 pm - AA (LL)          | 7   | 8        |
| <b>9</b><br>8 am - Rite I<br>9 am - Choir Rehearsal<br>9:15 a m -Adult Forum (PH)<br>10:30 am - HE, Rite II<br>11:30 am - Youth Group<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday/2 <sup>nd</sup> Offering | <b>10</b><br>7 pm - Finance Meeting (CEB)                          | <b>11</b><br>2-4 pm - Grief Support Group (LL) | <b>12</b><br>10:30am- Scripture Study (CEB)<br>7pm - Nurses Support Group (LL) | <b>13</b><br>DAYD<br>6:30 pm - AA (LL) | <b>14</b><br>DAYD   | 15       |
| <b>16</b><br>8 am - Rite I<br>9 am - Choir Rehearsal<br>9:15 a m -Adult Forum (PH)<br>10:30 am - HE, Rite II   | <b>17</b><br>12 pm - St. Mary's Circle (PH)<br>7 pm - Vestry (CEB) | 18   | <b>19</b><br>10:30am- Scripture Study (CEB)                                    | <b>20</b><br>6:30 pm - AA (LL)         | 21  | 22       |
| <b>23</b><br>8 am - Choir Rehearsal?<br>9 am - HE, Rite II<br>10 a m -Annual Meeting & Brunch(PH)  | 24   | <b>25</b><br>2-4 pm - Grief Support Group (LL) | <b>26</b><br>10:30am- Scripture Study (CEB)<br>7pm - Nurses Support Group (LL) | <b>27</b><br>6:30 pm - AA (LL)         | <b>28</b><br>6:30 pm - Supper Club (Tom & Roxy Zaun's Home) | 29       |

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

## SECOND SUNDAY/ SECOND OFFERING - February 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.

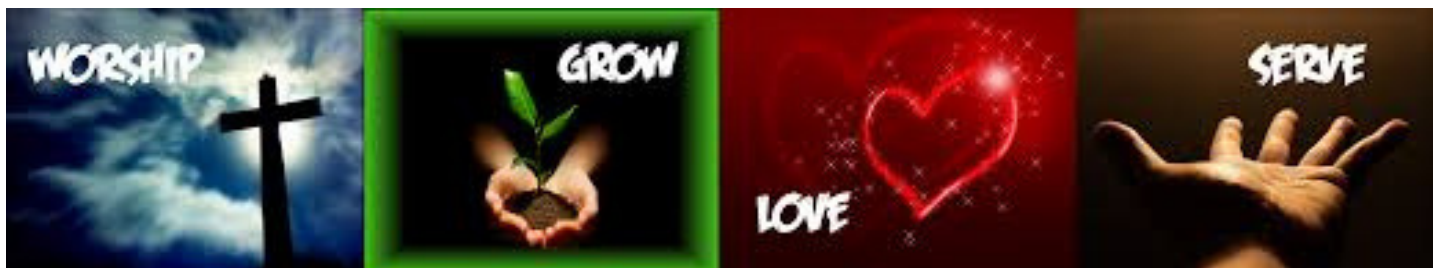






# MINISTERS OF THE EUCCHARISTIC ASSEMBLY

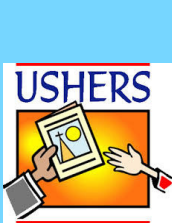
|   | <b>February 2</b><br>Presentation of our Lord                     | <b>February 9</b><br>Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany                      | <b>February 16</b><br>Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany                           | <b>February 23</b><br>Last Sunday after the Epiphany<br><b>ANNUAL MEETING</b> |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| <b>Readings</b>                             | Malachi 3:1-4<br>Psalm 24:7-10<br>Hebrews 2:14-18<br>Luke 2:22-40 | Isaiah 58:1-9<br>Psalm 112:1-9<br>1 Corinthians 2:1-12<br>Matthew 5:13-20 | Deuteronomy 30:15-20<br>Psalm 119:1-8<br>1 Corinthians 3:1-9<br>Matthew 5:21-37 | Exodus 24:12-18<br>Psalm 2<br>2 Peter 1:16-21<br>Matthew 17:1-9               |
| <b>Lectors</b><br>8 am<br><br>10:30 am      | Mary Kuhfeld<br><br>Caryl Eschweiler<br>Cyprian Troyer            | Carole Leonard<br>Marilyn Clark<br><br>Sarah Schulte<br>Mary Weekes       | Jean Wayne<br><br>Lindsay Benjamin<br>Mark Schulte                              | Tom Harmon<br><br>ONE SERVICE<br><br>Mark Schulte                             |
| <b>Chalice</b> 8 am<br><br>10:30 am         | Marilyn Clark<br><br>Amanda Turgeant<br>Cyprian Troyer            | Marilyn Clark<br><br>Kathie Brown<br>Jessica Olson                        | Jean Wayne<br><br>Kris Kelley<br>John Rash                                      | Laura Harmon<br><br>ONE SERVICE<br><br>Devin Snyders                          |
| <b>Ushers:</b> 8 am<br><br>10:30 am         | Bruce Becker<br>Tom Harmon<br><br>Bill Stromberg<br>Bob Jones     | Ron Holbach<br>Gregg Jacobson<br><br>Tom Zaun<br>Lou Michelich            | Mike & Jane<br>Sandmark<br><br>Bob Jones<br>Mark Schulte                        | TBD<br><br>Deb Rash<br>Tom Zaun   |
| <b>Acolytes:</b><br>10:30 am                | Ian Rash, Sarah<br>Rash   | Lilly Schulte, Nolyn<br>Snyders   | Ian Rash, Lilly<br>Schulte  | Lilly Schulte, Sarah<br>Rash  |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>                          | Kitty Reese, Bill<br>Stromberg, Geri<br>Alberg                    | Kathleen Boe, Katy<br>Campbell, Rachel<br>Santos                          | Nancy Becker, Bruce<br>Becker, Kathie<br>Brown                                  | Jane Jacobson, Kris<br>Kelley   |
| <b>Coffee Hour:</b><br>8 am<br><br>10:30 am | Ron Holbach<br><br>Alan & Mary<br>Poulsen                         | Mary Kuhfeld<br>Mike & Jane<br>Sandmark<br><br>John & Jane Carlson        | Betty Bauer<br><br>Bob & Bonnie Jones   | Carole Leonard<br>Geri Alberg<br><br>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



## KIDS CAFÉ MONDAY FEBRUARY 24 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.



## NEW PROJECT COMPLETED BY BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

*by Carole Leonard*

The storeroom across from the nursery has been recently updated. You may recall that this room had been painted a very harsh mustard-gold color, probably from the 1970s. Carole Leonard recently had the room repainted in a creamy white, and Tom Zaun and Carole installed new brown rubber baseboards. Unfortunately, the 1970s brown, gold, and orange shag carpeting has to remain due to the asbestos glue underneath it. So, they just vacuumed it thoroughly.

There are still a few annual reports needed. Please return by Friday, February 7, 2020.





Scripture Study will be held in the conference room in the Education Building from 10:30am - 11:30am.



The ANNUAL meeting will take place on February 23, 2020. There will be one service at 9 am followed by a brunch.

## LENTEN & EASTER SERVICES 2020

Ash Wednesday

12 Noon – Blessing and Distribution of Ashes Only  
7 PM – Eucharist with Blessing and Distribution of Ashes

Palm Sunday

8 & 10:30 -- Eucharistic Services with Blessing of Palms and Passion Reading

Maundy Thursday

7 PM -- Eucharistic Celebration Commemorating the Last Supper

Good Friday

3 PM – Solemn Service of Good Friday

Easter

8 & 10:30 -- Eucharistic Celebrations Celebrating the Resurrection of the Lord

**EMPTY BOWLS 2020  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13  
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM, 5:00 – 7:30 PM  
WESTWOOD LUTHERAN CHURCH  
9001 CEDAR LAKE ROAD, ST. LOUIS PARK**

Join us for a simple meal of soup & bread from local restaurants for lunch or dinner  
Lunch: 11:30am–1:30pm ■ Dinner: 5pm–7:30pm

Event will include music entertainment and children's activities. Participants will receive a handmade pottery bowl to take home as a reminder of the empty bowls in our community.

Bringing together St. Louis Park to fill the empty bowls of our community and build hunger awareness. All are welcome.



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## ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE

Cristina Czaia, Soprano

Christina Christensen, mezzo Soprano

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

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HELD ON FEBRUARY 23,  
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ONE SERVICE AT 9AM  
FOLLOWED BY BRUNCH**

