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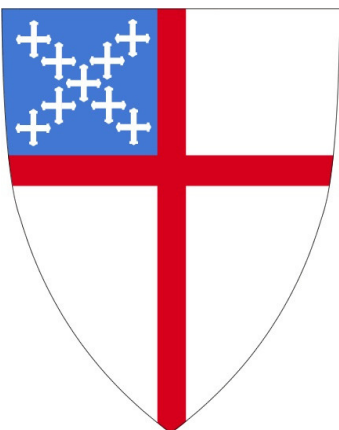
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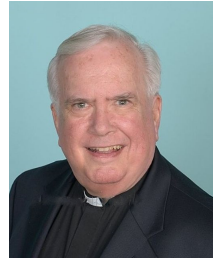
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REFLECTION ON EPIPHANY

by Rev. Tom Gehlsen



As we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany T.S. Eliot's, *The Journey of the Magi* provides words for us to reflect on what this season can mean for us. This poem was written in 1927 soon after Eliot's conversion to Anglicanism. It is written from the perspective of one of the wise men. It is a wonderful poem but not really uplifting in an obvious kind of way. For the poet speaks of the challenge of the journey, a journey that takes place in winter, the worst time of year. He outlines the difficulties – the night fires going out, the unfriendly towns, their inner doubts telling them the journey was pure folly. The wise man says that he would take the journey again but there is a sense in the poem that birth and death are entwined. "Were we led all that way for Birth or death? There was a birth, certainly. We had evidence and no doubt. I had seen birth and death but had thought they were different; this birth was hard and bitter agony for us, like death our death. We returned to our places these Kingdoms but no longer at ease here in old dispensation, with an alien people clutching their gods."





EDUCATION UPDATE

by Heather Whitesell Education Coordinator

Children's Chapel

We have been lighting the Advent candles in Chapel, talking about the importance of Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. We learned about St. Nicholas (the European version of Santa Claus) along with his sidekick Krampus who terrorized the naughty children!

Youth News

The teens helped to set up the Christmas tree in the parish hall and decorate it with our All Saints chain. Thanks to Nolyn for creating the star for the tree topper. Look for the youth to be doing some special readings during the second service in the coming months.



ADULT FORUM

January Birthdays

- 4 Tom Boe
- 6 Jillian Zaun
- 9 Carole Leonard
- 18 Patti Wales
- 22 Kathy Eckstrom
- Diane McGowan
- 25 Tom Zaun
- 29 Katherine Cady

Adult Forum

January 2020 – May 2020

Date	Topic	Presenter
January		
1/5/2020	Community Coffee	
1/12/2020	History of St. George's	Tom Boe
1/19/2020	Bishop Election	Fr. Tom
1/26/2020	Responses to Dementia & Alzheimers	Deacon Diane
February		
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	
March		
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	
April		
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	
May		
5/3/2020	Wills & Estate Planning	
5/10/2020	Rel Exper. Of Millenials	
5/17/2020	Sacrament – Baptism, confirmation, Eucharist	Fr. Tom
5/24/2020	Sacrament – Marriage, orders, Penance, Anointing	Fr. Tom
5/31/2020	Community Coffee	



Februaury Supper Club

There will be more details on this in the bulletins coming up in January. Also look for information in the weekly updates as well.



STEWARDSHIP

by Fr. Tom

Dear St. George's Community:

I would like to take this time to thank you for your participation in our annual Stewardship Campaign! The campaign this year was approached from a different perspective, that of a Spiritual Journey where we were able to read, reflect, contemplate, discern, and decide our ability to be able to support our community obligation of sharing our gifts, given by God, to our larger community for ministry.

I think a common thought so often is that our weekly worship is all there is. On a daily basis, St. George's is representing each of you as it ministers to our brothers and sisters in need who belong to our community as well as our out-reach to those around us. Our dedicated staff carry much of this ministry in their respective ministerial arenas. This all happens before we can even look at our aged building and be realistic to know that we, as a community, have an obligation to assist in maintaining the campus that has been given to us by our ancestors as well as others who were part of our community.

Let us continue to pray as we move forward that each of us will bear a small piece of total ministry provided by the parish. Indeed, it takes a parish to build a community!

Thanks again and be assured of my prayers and support as we move forward in our journey. Together, in each of our specific Baptismal Ministries, we can make a difference!!

Peace and Best Wishes as we enter 2020!!

Fr. Tom





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

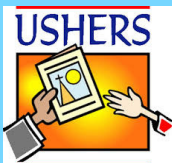
	January 5 Epiphany	January 12 First Sunday after the Epiphany	January 19 Second Sunday after the Epiphany	January 26 Third Sunday after the Epiphany
Readings	Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12	Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 29 Acts 10:34-43 Matthew 3:13-17	Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 40:1-12 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 John 1:29-42	Isaiah 9:1-4 Psalm 27:1, 5-13 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Matthew 4:12-23
Lectors 8 am	Mary Kuhfeld	Carole Leonard Marilyn Clark	Jean Wayne	Tom Harmon
10:30 am	Jessica Olson Cyprian Troyer	Ron Ottsen John Rash	Kathie Brown Darlynn Benjamin	Mark Schulte Mary Weekes
Chalice 8 am	Marilyn Clark	Marilyn Clark	Jean Wayne	Laura Harmon
10:30 am	Jessica Olson Cyprian Troyer	Kris Kelley John Rash	Kathie Brown Amanda Turgeant	Leslie O'Donnell Devin Snyders
Ushers: 8 am	Tom Harmon Gregg Jacobson	Ron Holbach Gregg Jacobson	Tom Harmon Ron Holbach	Mike & Jane Sandmark
10:30 am	Bill Stromberg Sarah Schulte	Tom Zaun Lou Michelich	Bob Jones Mark Schulte	Deb Rash Tom Zaun
Acolytes: 10:30 am	Ian Rash, Sarah Rash	Lilly Schulte, Ian Rash	Calista Snyders, Nolyn Snyders	Calista Snyders, Nolyn Snyders
Altar Guild	Geri Alberg, Barb Behrens	Kitty Reese, Bill Stromberg, Kris Kelley	Kathleen Boe, Katy Campbell, Rachel Santos	Geri Alberg, Barb Behrens
Coffee Hour: 8 am	Ron Holbach	Mary Kuhfeld Mike & Jane Sandmark	Betty Bauer	Carole Leonard Geri Alberg
10:30 am	Alan & Mary Poulsen	Bob & Bonnie Jones	Don & Patricia Janke	John & Jane Carlson





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 JANUARY 27 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.



ST. MARY'S CIRCLE ANNUAL LUNCHEON

by Carole Leonard

St. Mary's Circle had their Christmas Luncheon on Monday, December 16, at the home of Deacon Diane McGowan. The house was so beautifully decorated for the Christmas holiday. It was a lovely time enjoyed by all who attended. There was a holiday "cracker" in front of each place setting which contained the paper crowns we are wearing in this photo. There were 15 ladies in attendance. This photo shows just one of the tables.

From left to right: Carole Leonard, Sonja Kilberg, Suzy Garland, Jan Whipple, Jean Wayne, Gwen Gysland, Nancy Taylor, Geri Alberg and Jill Burns (standing). Also in attendance were Mary Poulsen, Jane Sandsmark, Iris Alexander, Betty Bauer, Barb Behrens and Diane McGowan.

Thank you Diane, for hosting this wonderful event.



Annual reports of committees, wardens and staff are due in the office by Monday, January 14.



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



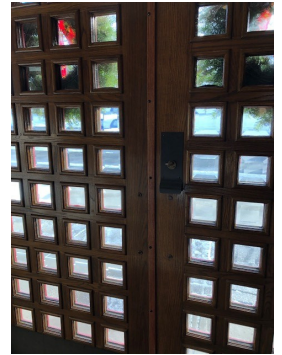
The ANNUAL meeting will take place on February 23, 2020. There will be one service at 9:30am followed by a brunch.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone that helped with the greening of the church. It looks stunning.



Thanks to Tom Zaun for installing the wood strip on the south-facing wood doors in St. George's Narthex. The strip will keep the cold air out. Tom did a great job in staining the strip to match the existing doors.



Thank you to everyone that assists with the Christmas Services. (And every Sunday Service). It is greatly appreciated.



PLEDGE ENVELOPES ARE IN

by Heather Grieger

Pledge envelopes are located in the Parish Hall if you have pledged for 2020 for those that do not have auto withdrawal. If you do not have a box and would like one, please contact the office at office@stgeorgesonline.org.

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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

**ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE
HELD ON FEBRUARY 23,
2020. THERE WILL ONLY BE
ONE SERVICE AT 9AM
FOLLOWED BY BRUNCH**

