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Father's Day Edition



SALUTE TO FATHERS'!

June is the annual month we set aside a special day, Father's Day! It is celebrated annually on the third Sunday of the month. The day is relatively new as it was officially recognized in 1972 when the President made the third Sunday the official day to celebrate Fathers.

Father's Day is considered an important day as it helps us acknowledge the contribution of fathers to individual families and to societies at large. On this day, children have the opportunity to express their love and respect for their fathers. One goal is to express the strengthening father-child relationship and hopefully appreciating the contribution to the emotional development of a child.

There are, unfortunately, those that do not accept the concept of having a Father's Day, as traditionally, only mother is regarded as the sole nurturer of a child. The role of father is often relegated to a secondary status as compared to a mother. It is well known that father is just as important for a child as is a mother. If mothers are the heroes of child rearing, significance of father in the development and emotional well-being of a child is no less. Children depend on their father for spiritual, emotional, physical, financial, and social well-being. For daughters, father is the ideal person in their world and often express a great love to their Dad! Today the cultural changes are helping in strengthening father-child relationships and consequently in emotional development of a child and building of stronger family bond.

So, on this special day in June we offer best wishes, blessings, and continued love to our Fathers'. Some of us will be able to express our love and best wishes on this day and some of us will spiritually offer best wishes to our Dads' who have made the transition to a new life in Resurrection!

Letter from Kathleen Boe – Rector's Warden

Dear St. George's Community,

I just looked back to the last message I wrote to all of you dated March 24, 2020. That feels like a lifetime ago. I am grateful for the opportunity to connect with all of you through our weekly Zoom services and other on-line events during the week. The "coffee hours" have been especially nourishing.

Our Vestry met on Monday evening and discussed the various steps we are taking to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. We all agree that we expect services to continue to be on-line for the foreseeable future. The risk of transmission of the disease is simply too much of a concern for all of us. For those of you that have joined the services – I hope to continue to see you there. For those that have not, please give it a try. It is heartwarming to see familiar faces. If you need help connecting to the service, please let us know.

We also talked about other upcoming events such as the Corn Feed. Unfortunately, we will not have Corn Feed this year. However, look for updates about other ways to connect virtually in addition to our services.

I am so thankful for Sarah Schulte, Jane Sandsmark, Rachel Santos and Laura Harmon. They have begun reaching out to people in care facilities and others with phone calls and cards. They have also started a "birthday card" ministry – sending out birthday wishes to parishioners. (If you get missed, let us know, our list is imperfect.)

Thanks to the attention of Carole Leonard and the Buildings and Grounds Committee our property continues to be cared for. With a gift in memory of Paul Schroeder, we will soon have a new maple tree in the garden area, replacing the aged crabapple that we removed a year ago.

With this June newsletter, we are resuming our monthly newsletters, in addition to the weekly email. Also, if you have not checked out our updated website, please do so (<https://stgeorgesonline.org/>).

Finally – thank you. So many of you responded generously to the letter regarding the CARES act checks and the Angel List. Thank you.

Take care. Be well.

Kathleen Boe
Rector's Warden

JUNE BIRTHDAYS



June 4th Cyprian Troyer

June 8th Carol Peterson

June 9th David Sell

June 10th Nancy Justus

June 11th Jade Carlson

June 17th Ariana Monroe

June 21st Marion D. Miller

June 23rd Bill Altmeyer

June 25th Nathalie Wilcox

June 26th Kristine Kelley

June 27th Kathleen Boe

June 29th Lilly Schulte

Welcome Committee Update

As we find ourselves in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, the focus of the St. George's Welcome Committee has changed course. While we look forward to the day when we can greet visitors with a handshake and a welcome bag, we are currently putting our energy into outreach and communication with *current* parishioners of St. George's. Because St. George's has always made of point of recognizing birthdays during Sunday services, we decided to send birthday cards as a way to stay connected during this unusual time. Thanks to Jane and Mike Sandsmark for donating the cards and supplies for this project! We are attempting to create a complete list of birthdays - please let us know if we missed your special day. Our website continues to be a place to find essential information, including links to Zoom Sunday services, Tuesday evening Compline services, and Gospel-Based Discipleship. We hope that you will consider joining the virtual Coffee Hour after the Sunday service as a way to connect with old friends and to build new relationships. Another way we are reaching out to our parishioners is through phone calls to members who are homebound during the pandemic. Our hope is that people continue to know that they are an important part of this strong and engaged church community that is St. George's.

Update on office hours:

We have moved to summer hours till Labor Day. M-TH 8:30 - 1:30. Friday the office is closed.



Beautiful Crab Apple tree on the east side of the church.
Photo taken by Carol Leonard

If you have anything you want to put in the newsletter, just let the office know by 19th of June.

Have a safe and wonderful month.

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