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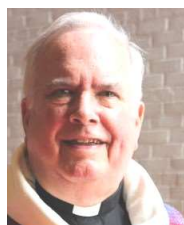
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TIME FOR BASICS!

by The Rev. Tom Gehlsen



I have a friend who likes to say "Christianity is always personal, but never individual." It's true: While each of us has his/her own destiny to fulfill, God calls us to live together, work together, and worship together in community to the glory of His name. As we do, the spark of faith within us is rekindled and spread to warm and enlighten others.

Well, just as God poured out his Spirit on the disciples on the day of Pentecost, God comes to us in wind and flames. Yet, from time to time, the fire grows cold. When it does, we need to break the cycle and get out of the rut we're in; go back to the basics of Bible study, prayer and most of all service. We need to stay connected and work together. As we are reminded:

"Breathe on me, breath of God;
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what you love,
And do what you would do.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
Till I am wholly yours,
Till all this earthly part of me
Glows with your fire divine!"

TELL ME SOMETHING GOOD!!

by Rachel Santos

If you are interested in a source for good news, positive ideas and moving forward, take a moment to check out the web series "[Tell Me Something Good](#)" by the Episcopal Church. TMSG features Episcopalians from across the country and all walks of life sharing what inspires, motivates and keeps them strong during both peaceful and challenging times. It moves into its second season this year and broadcasts from the first and second season available on the website.

The June episode featured Rachel Friedland who lives in "Circle of the Beloved" intentional community in North Minneapolis and Denise Graber the director of the program. COTB is the Minnesota chapters of the Episcopal Services Corps, a national network of intentional communities for young adults.

Another episode featured the Rev. Nurya Love Parish, of Plainsong Farm, Rockford, Mich., and Katie Forsyth, canon for evangelism and networking with the Episcopal dioceses of Eastern and Western Michigan, who talk about the healing nature of getting one's hands dirty in the garden and the gifts their dioceses have experienced by joining the Good News Gardens movement as a community of communities. Listen in to the good that people in the world are doing today!



PARISHIONER PROFILE

Parishioner Profile
of the month: Ellen Doering



Our Parishioner Profile this month is Ellen Doering. Ellen and Dan started attending St. George's in 2019. Ellen grew up in Dayton, MN with her parents and older sister. Ellen completed her undergraduate degree at Hamline University in Sociology in 2014. Then, Ellen moved to Madagascar for a year of missionary service with the ELCA. While Ellen was there to teach English, the bigger goal was to learn with others, build global community and accompany her Malagasy community in their life. When Ellen returned in 2015, she began graduate school at the University of Minnesota for Social Work. Ellen is now a family therapist working with kids and families to help kids be able to keep living at home instead of being placed in a treatment center. Ellen and Dan also have a cat, Mikko.

Ellen enjoys cooking and baking - especially making homemade pizza! She also enjoys any time that she gets to cook for others. Sewing, painting and thrifting are also favorite hobbies. Dan and Ellen bought a house in Plymouth in May 2021, so lots of time will now be spent on gardening and preserving (canning and freezing) once they have settled in enough to plant a vegetable garden!

Ellen loves that the community at St. George's is welcoming, inclusive and people are authentic. She values that it's okay to ask questions, have doubts and share your perspective. She's excited for when the choir can sing together again on Sunday mornings.

We asked Ellen a few more fun questions to learn even more about her.

- 1) What would your superpower be and why? - I think I would want to read minds - but have the choice of when I want to read them, it would be great to know what people are thinking, but I wouldn't always want to know!
- 2) What is the weirdest food you've ever eaten? - Cow foot soup when I lived in Madagascar - I had only been there for a few weeks and my friend invited me for dinner - I didn't realize what was for dinner until it was too late! The flavor wasn't bad but the texture was a different story.
- 3) Coffee or tea? - Both! Cold brew or iced chai lattes are my favorite for summer. Earl grey is my favorite when it's cold!

A BIT OF HISTORY

by Camille Schroeder

One of many memorials donated to St. George's in the early days was the Memorial Garden and the covered walkway on the north side of the church. The large boulder in the garden has a plaque on it stating that the garden was given in memory of the family of Frank Kiewel.

The family also donated the sculpture of the kneeling boy. The statue was placed in the garden with the boy looking over the roof of the church at the telephone pole cross which was on the Minnetonka Blvd. side of the church. You may remember that the cross came down during a storm not so many years ago. The American flag was also given by the family in thanksgiving for church and country.

Frank was one of the original 15 families that approached Bishop Stephen Keeler suggesting that St. Louis Park would be an excellent location for an Episcopal church. The year was 1945 and St. George's was born. Frank was the president of Grain Belt Brewery and made it possible for the church Men's Group to have a lunch or a dinner at the brewery several times – sampling all kinds of beer, playing a few card games and snacking. It was a great way to build community among the men. Obviously, Frank was way ahead of the times with his brewery events.



Kiewell family
memorial stone.



Statue of boy in the
garden court donated
by the Kiewell family.

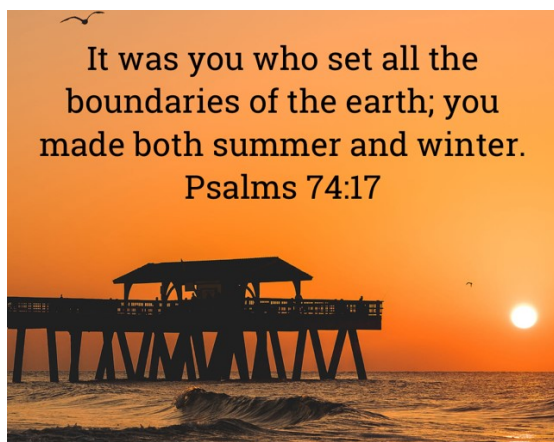


Education Update

Submitted by Heather Whitesell

As we ease (or blast) into summer, it is exciting to be able to meet face to face and enjoy the personal human contact. It's so important for people of all ages. In this time of racial tension and political unrest, I offer this prayer from the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council.

"God grant that violence be overcome by the power of love, that opposition give way to reconciliation and that the desire to oppress be transformed into the desire for forgiveness, justice and peace... May peace be in our hearts so that they are open to the action of God's grace... May all members of the family community, especially children, the elderly, the weakest, feel the warmth of this feast, and may it extend subsequently to all the days in the year. Amen"



COVID REOPENING UPDATE

The COVID Reopening Committee reviews the COVID safety situation at church on a regular basis and will make changes as deemed in the best interest of the church. The Vestry discussed current COVID safety and reopening protocols at their June meeting and acknowledged the challenges of the new model. The Vestry also feels that we need to continue our current model through at least July 4. Thank you for your patience with this process and for your flexibility in working within our guidelines. We are so glad to be able to gather in person at this time and look forward to the eventual easing of in-person attendance guidelines.

ST. LOUIS PARK EMERGENCY PROGRAM

by Camille Schroeder



A STEP Fundraiser: Get your friends and families together and join the crowd at the Steel Toe Brewery on Thursday, July 22, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm for a STEP fundraiser. The cost is \$20 per person and includes a pint of beer. There will, most likely, be a food truck. The funds from this event will be used for STEP's Homelessness Prevention Program. The event will be held outside on the brewery's patio. Steel Toe Brewery is located at 4848 W. 35th Street in St. Louis Park.

Donations needed. Now that St. George's is open for services, we can resume donating food, etc. to STEP. Just take your donations to the church and put them in the red wagon in the Narthex. They will be picked up and taken to STEP.

Back to School Project: Also, it's time for STEP's annual Back to School project. Donations of school supplies are needed. You might consider donating black fine-tip dry-erase markers. Kids use white boards now and they need several of the dry-erase markers. Ticonderoga pencils are always needed as are spiral notebooks, and composition notebooks. Crayola 8 watercolor paints and Crayola washable markers are also needed. If you're wondering what to donate, you can always check with Camille Schroeder at 952-470-5730 or email at camillesschroeder1@gmail.com. Many thanks for all you do for the St. Louis Park children and their families





A NEW ROOF AND FASCIA FOR ST. GEORGE'S A-FRAME CHURCH

by Carole Leonard, Buildings & Grounds Chair

First, the fascia: Last fall, as one of the secondary projects of the Renew the Dragon Capital Campaign, St. George's hired Armor Construction to cover the fascia of the east- and west-facing A-frame church with white aluminum. The current wood fascia had become almost devoid of paint. This project was to be completed last fall, but due to an early snowfall, it was moved to 2021.

And then the roof: When Armor Construction was inspecting the fascia, they noticed that the roof of the A-frame church had serious hail damage, so they offered to contact the church's insurance company. The insurance company sent out an estimator who decided that indeed St. George's had serious hail damage and they would pay for a new roof. A check was received from The Church Insurance Company for the replacement cost value minus depreciation. Once the work has been completed, and invoices and photos are presented to the insurance company for the work completed, the insurance company will pay the balance due. The only cost to St. George's will be the \$2,500 deductible on the insurance policy.

Camille Schroeder, Nancy Becker and Carole Leonard worked to get samples of roofing shingles and paint colors in order to offer a recommendation first to the Buildings & Grounds Committee, and then to the Vestry. After working through a couple different color scenarios, the decision was approved by both committees to go with Timberline's Pewter Gray shingles (see sample color below). The Episcopal Church of Minnesota also approved the project. They weren't concerned about the color; they just needed to approve the project itself.

Timing of the roofing project: On June 15, Fr. Tom signed the contract for the roof and we presented a down payment check to Armor Construction, and they have ordered the materials. Weather permitting, the project will take five days to complete and is scheduled to begin on Monday, June 28.

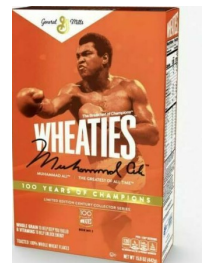
Going forward: Once the roofing project has been completed, the Buildings & Grounds Committee will look at the possibility of having the building painted. Currently there are not funds available to cover that part of the project, so stay tuned.



Timberline Pewter Gray shingle.

WHEATIES TURNS 100

This Minnesota-based story was shared by St. George's parishioner and General Mills insider Harry Kelley.



Wheaties celebrated its 100th anniversary this past June with a special Mohamed Ali edition.

In 1921, a health clinician in Minneapolis accidentally spilled wheat bran gruel onto a hot stove, and the result was a delicious crispy flake. She brought the result to our Washburn Crosby (WCCO) research lab, and the rest is history.

It would be three more years before the brand acquired its iconic orange box, another three years (1927) before it showcased the first singing radio commercial, and another seven years (1934) before it featured its first sports champion, Lou Gehrig. And it all started by accident.





Check out the events in July!

SOME EVENTS ARE ONLINE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 Independence Day 9:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist	5	6	7 11 am- GBD (Zoom))	8	9	10
11 9:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist	12 10 a.m. COVID Response Team (Zoom) 7 pm Finance (Zoom)	13	14 11 am- GBD (Zoom)) 7 pm – Peer Support Group–closed (PH)	15 10:30 am Welcoming Committee (Zoom)	16	17
18 9:30 a.m.- Holy Eucharist	19 12 pm – Women of St. George (Zoom) 7 pm – Vestry (Zoom)	20	21 11 am – GBD (Zoom)	22)	23	24
25 9:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist	26 10 a.m. COVID Response Team (Zoom)	27	28 11 am – GBD (Zoom) 7 pm – Peer Support Group–closed (PH)	29	30	31
GOSPEL-BASED DISCIPLESHIP – 11 A.M. EVERY WEDNESDAY – https://zoom.us/j/397934453 Meeting ID: 397 934 453 – You may also join audio by phone: +1 312 626 6799						
KEY: GBD – Gospel-based Discipleship HE – Holy Eucharist CEB – Christian Education Building LL – Library Lounge G – Garden PH – Parish Hall						



MINISTERS OF THE EUCCHARISTIC ASSEMBLY

	July 4 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	July 11 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	July 18 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	July 25 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Readings	Hebrews 11:8-16 Psalm 145 Matthew 5:43-48	Ephesians 1:3-14 Psalm 24 Mark 6:14-29	Ephesians 2:11-2 Psalm 89:20-27 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56	Ephesians 3:14-21 Psalm 14 John 6:1-21
Lectors	Caryl Eschweiler	Jean Wayne	Kathie Brown	Sarah Schulte

JULY BIRTHDAYS

2 Rachel Santos
 3 Tyler Williams
 Melissa Monroe
 4 Jan Whipple
 6 Katy Campbell
 Abiola Kuku
 7 Karl Sell
 8 Nancy Becker
 Douglas Krueger
 9 Julie Rousselow
 10 Elena Schulte
 11 Paul Santos

15 Jasyn Rousselow
 16 Sam Hoffacker
 Kate Hoffacker
 17 Amanda Turgeant
 Phillip Eschweiler
 18 Jane Carlson
 19 Sherryl Hutton
 23 Tracy Keeling
 Nolyn Snyders
 25 Sue Gehlsen
 30 Emma Eschweiler
 31 Jane Sandsmark



RALPH WALDO EMERSON

He said, "Write it on your heart that every day is the best day of the year. He is rich who owns the day, and no one owns the day who allows it to be invaded with fret and anxiety. Finish every day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities, no doubt crept in. Forget them as soon as you can, tomorrow is a new day; begin it well and serenely with too high a spirit to be cumbered with your old nonsense. This new day is too dear, with its hopes and invitations, to waste a moment on the yesterdays."



About St. George's

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Schulte, Parish Warden; Bruce Becker,
Jill Burns, Gregg Jacobson, Jane
Sandsmark, Rachel Santos, Cyprian
Troyer, and Bruce Wachutka.

Clerk of the Vestry:

Laura Harmon

Parish Treasurer:

Connie Kotula

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SUNDAY SERVICES ARE NOW IN PERSON AND ONLINE WITH ZOOM

Sunday Worship at St. George's
9:30 a.m.

Services to be held in the church. Please
register in advance. Arrive early to be seated
with social distancing in mind.

Register at StGeorgesOnline.org

If you are unable to access the link on the
internet, please call Sarah Schulte at
612-201-5731 (call or text) and she will register
you for the service.

Sunday Worship Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/141788041>

You may also join audio by phone:

+1 312 626 6799, Meeting ID: 141-788-041