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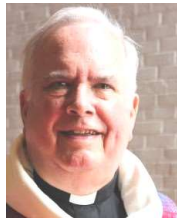
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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

By The Rev. Tom Gehlsen



Holy Week is most definitely a very sacred time of the year, for it is now that we will commemorate and remember the last week of Jesus' life on this earth. These are the days leading up to the great Easter Feast. The Lenten season of sacrifice and self-denial is about to come to an end, but the coming of Holy Week is extremely important for all Christians. The greatest focus of the week is the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus and the events that led up to it.

Historical documents tell us that as early as the fourth century the Church celebrated this "Great Week" with a feeling of profound sanctity. It begins with Palm Sunday, which marks Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The central feature of the service proper to this day, as it was in the earliest times, is the procession of palms. The palms are blessed and are then borne in procession to the church, where an entry is made with a certain amount of ceremony, after which the Eucharist is celebrated. The other notable and very ancient feature of the present Palm Sunday service is the reading of the Gospel of the Passion.

Especially important for us is the Easter Triduum. This is the three days just before Easter. On Holy Thursday, we reenact the Lord's Last Supper, which He shared with His apostles on the night He was betrayed and arrested. This is one of the most beautiful liturgies of the entire liturgical year.

Those who engage themselves wholeheartedly in living the entire paschal cycle (Lent, Triduum and

Easter's Fifty Days) discover that it can change them forever. This is especially so of the Triduum which, standing at the heart of the Easter season, is an intense immersion in the fundamental mystery of what it is to be Christian. During these days, we suffer with Christ so that we might rise with Him at His glorious Resurrection.

LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

By The Rev. Diane McGowan



Would you be interested in proclaiming the Word of God at worship services? We are looking for additional members of the LEM team. If you would also like to assist with the wine distribution, just let me know. You would be scheduled to serve one or two times a quarter.

The schedule goes out in plenty of time to find a substitute if you have a conflict with the date.

Lectors and Chalice Bearers need to be licensed by the Diocese of Minnesota, so there will be a short training at a date and time that is convenient for you.

I will provide anyone who is interested with an application and detailed description of the ministry.

Please let me know if this interests you. Thank you!

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EDUCATION UPDATE

By Heather Whitesell,
Children & Youth Coordinator

In Children's Chapel, the kids have been reflecting on Jesus' temptation in the desert, and ways to make commitments of adding or subtracting parts of their lives and behaviors during Lent.

The Youth Group made a shopping trip to Cub where they were charged with coming up with breakfast, lunch and dinner for a family of four. They were able to accomplish this for under \$30! The staples will go to St. George's contribution to STEP.



Nolyn Snyders and Lilly Schulte
with their STEP contributions.

A THANK YOU

From Deacon Diane



Thank you so much for reaching out to us with your cards and prayers following the death of my brother Robert. The St. George's Community, once again, made such a difference.

Humbly,
Deacon Diane

FROM THE OFFICE

By Marion Hunner,
Parish Administrator



Giving statements: First quarter of 2022 (Jan.-March) giving statements will be available beginning on Palm Sunday. They will be in the Narthex for pick up for three weeks, and those which are not picked up will be mailed.

Calendar: If you see concerns with our parish calendar, or you need to add or remove an event, please contact Marion in the office – 952-926-1646.

Bookkeeping help: When contributing checks to the Rector's Discretionary Fund, please write a separate check from your pledge check. These are different bank accounts, and it helps us tremendously when we do not have to split the check.

Change of address or phone number: If your address and/or telephone number changes, please contact Marion in the office so we can change our records.

Office will be closed and staff will not be present April 18-23.

ST. LOUIS PARK EMERGENCY PROGRAM

By Camille Schroeder



The Minnesota FoodShare project will end on April 10. As of March 17th, St. George's has donated 136 pounds of food to STEP. The need continues to be great and much food is needed.

Think of donating some special foods that you like, baking supplies, condiments or just anything will be a help.

Many thanks for your support.

PARISHIONER PROFILE of the month

MARION DWYER MILLER



Marion Dwyer Miller was born in Duluth, Minnesota in 1930, and she proudly states that that makes her 91½ years old. She lived in Duluth for 16 years until her family moved to Pennsylvania.

Marion has loved music all of her life and studied music at Carnegie in Pittsburgh. She has always been very active, physically and in music. As a young woman, Marion was a professional ice skater. She met her first husband, Lynn, in the ice skating community, and they traveled from one side of the country to the other, as well as through Canada, doing Ice Capades shows from 1952-1954. She and Lynn had two sons together – Keith and Loren.

Marion feels like she has “always been a member of St. George’s” and has been since she stopped skating. She directed the church choir until she was 80 and sang in the choir in more recent years.

Marion’s favorite instrument is the violin, which she played throughout junior high and high school. When asked if she has ever met anyone famous, she replied, “My husband, Roundhouse Rodney!” Her husband Lynn was on the railroad-themed 1950s TV program Noontime Express and was known for his humorous antics and jokes.

When asked what advice she would give others, Marion exclaimed, “Hallelujah, I’ve gotten this far! I believe in keeping going and trying. Keep believing that you can handle something and you probably can, especially if you believe in Jesus Christ and what he stands for.”

WELCOMING COMMITTEE

By Sarah Schulte



If you have a request for a “care card” for someone, Jane Sandsmark continues to write our cards of support to parishioners. Please contact Jane at 952-221-4004 or mjsandsmark@gmail.com

A LETTER TO THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. GEORGE’S

*From Bruce Wachutka,
Rector’s Warden*




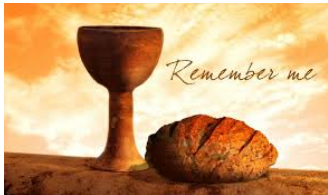


It is an honor and a blessing for me to serve as a warden with Sarah Schulte on the Vestry. I have been on the Vestry for a year, participate on the Buildings and Grounds Committee, and help with the usher rotation. I have learned much and value many mentors. I welcome any of your thoughts and want to help in any manner. I’m retired now so I have a lot of extra time!!

Not knowing what to expect, I walked into St. George’s a couple of years ago on a beautiful fall morning right before the pandemic hit us. Since then, I have found a wonderful, Christ-based ministry that fosters spiritual growth and encourages reflection. I look forward to further growth of my faith and more involvement in our community. If more of the public knew what really happens in our church, the pews would be packed, and we’d have capacity issues! Also, I have observed a church community filled with talented, compassionate, and caring individuals. It is very impressive to see so many people give their time, energy, and love to improving our community. They are great role models for me and should inspire all of us to enhance our own involvement. Thank you, and your work is very much appreciated.

Communications and relationships are crucial to the health of our congregation. All of us should feel empowered to share feedback or propose new ideas. A few recent examples of this include frequent Facebook entries, website enhancements (includes bylaws, vestry meeting minutes, annual report), an enhanced weekly email and the Ukraine fundraiser. All of us should feel comfortable sharing our ideas as we do have a caring environment where all input is valued and appreciated. The more ways we can foster relationships and have open discussions, our ministry will flourish. I know Father Tom has an open-door policy and he sets a good example for all of us to aim for trusting one another, having honest discussions, and placing sincere value on each other’s thoughts.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2022

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| <p>April 10: Palm Sunday</p> <p><i>Liturgy of the Palms and the Reading of the Passion at 9:30 a.m.</i></p> |  |
| <p>April 14: Maundy Thursday</p> <p><i>7 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar</i></p> |  |
| <p>April 15: Good Friday</p> <p><i>12 Noon</i></p> |  |
| <p>April 17: Easter Sunday</p> <p><i>9:30 a.m. Choir and Praise Group</i></p> |  |

ANGEL LIST FOR ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

It has been proposed that St. George's Episcopal Church create what is named: AN ANGEL LIST. This list has been suggested in discussions primarily for the purpose of raising funds for non-budgeted items or projects that need to be completed at the church. The church building is an older structure, and many areas and items need or will need to be repaired or replaced. Some of these items will be costly and may not be able to be part of a church budget. By listing these items and projects, it is hoped that some or many parishioners would take an interest in contributing to the cost or repair of projects outside the church budget and the annual pledge.

ITEMS NEEDING ATTENTION:

- \$1,000 – Update the signage around the interior and exterior of the building.
- \$1,500 - \$2,000 – Tile the cement floor in the Sanctuary located between the front pews and the altar rail – all the way across from the north side to the south side.
- \$400 scrape, prime and paint the metal exhaust pipe on the north side of the new church roof.
- \$3,500 – WiFi Project Phase 3: estimated cost was \$3,500 to put large monitors in Conference Room or Parish Hall.
- Handicap door openers:
 - \$2,575 + \$800 electrical - Door opener for new handicap restroom
 - \$2,575 + \$800 electrical – Door opener for exterior entry door to hallway to parish hall
 - \$2,575 + \$800 electrical – Door opener for interior door from hallway to parish hall
- \$300 – Cover for the piano in the Sanctuary
- \$1,500 – Install heat tape in drainpipe on north side of Quonset building to prevent future spalling of the bricks.
- \$1,000 – Install new concrete around the 10 metal posts under the garden walkway. Current concrete has broken away.
- \$1,800 – Professional to paint the upper half of the north side of the Quonset building.
- \$10,000 – Replace 11 thermostats and remove 6 that do not control anything. This would extend the life of the boiler as each can be programmed so the boiler will not be running 24/7 as it is now.

Revised 3/24/22



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARISTIC ASSEMBLY

| | Sunday April 3 | Palm Sunday April 10 | Maundy Thursday April 14 (7 p.m.) | Good Friday April 15 (12 noon) | Easter Sunday April 17 | Second Sunday of Easter April 24 |
|---------------------------|--|--|---|--|--|--|
| Readings | Philippians 3:4b-14 Psalm 126 John 12:1-8 | Philippians 2:5-11 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Luke 19:28-40 | 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 Psalm 116:1, 10-17 John 13:1-17, 31b-35 | Hebrews 10:16-25 Psalm 22 John 18:1-19, 42 | 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 John 20:1-18 | Revelation 1:4-8 Psalm 118:14-29 John 20:19-31 |
| Lectors | Tom Harmon | John Rash | Sarah Schulte | Caryl Eschweiler | Cyprian Troyer | Claudia Hoffacker |
| Ushers | Bill Stromberg Bruce Becker | Tom Zaun Lou Michelich | Tom Zaun | Tom Zaun | Bob Jones Bruce Wachutka | Tom Harmon Tom Zaun |
| Altar Guild | Bill Stromberg Kitty Reese | Jane & Gregg Jacobson | Jane & Gregg Jacobson, Kathie Brown, Bill Stromberg | NA | Nancy Becker Bruce Becker Kathie Brown | Kathleen Boe Katy Campbell Rachel Santos |
| Coffee Servers | Ron Holbach | Bob Jones | NA | NA | John & Jane Carlson | Carole Leonard |

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



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| April 2 | Gregg Jacobson |
| 6 | Ed Altmeyer |
| 7 | John Carlson |
| 15 | Mark Schulte |
| 21 | Geri Alberg |
| 22 | Amanda Swartwood |
| 23 | Sonja Kilberg |



CHECK OUT THE EVENTS IN APRIL

SOME EVENTS ARE ONLINE

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal | 4 | 5 | 6 No GBD today 7 pm – Lenten Book Club “Inspired” | 7 6 p.m. AA | 8 | 9 |
| 10 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal | 11 11 a.m. Staff meeting 7 p.m. Finance (Zoom) | 12 | 13 No GBD today 7 pm – Peer Support Group–closed (PH) 7 pm – Lenten Book Club “Inspired” (Zoom) | 14 Maundy Thursday 6 p.m. AA 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday service | 15 Good Friday 12 p.m. Good Friday service | 16 |
| 17 Easter Sunday 9:30 a.m. Worship Service | 18 7 p.m. Vestry (Zoom) | 19 | 20 No GBD today Newsletter deadline | 21 10:30 a.m. Welcoming Committee (Zoom) 6 p.m. AA | 22 | 23 |
| 24 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal | 25 12 noon Women of St. George’s | 26 | 27 11 a.m.- GBD (Zoom) 7 pm – Peer Support Group–closed (PH) (Zoom) | 28 6 p.m. AA | 29 | 30 |

GBD: 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

About St. George's

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Cristina Czaia, soprano

Alexis Winters, mezzo-soprano

Vanessa Vaughn, Bass

VESTRY:

Bruce Wachutka, Rector's Warden; Sarah Schulte,

Parish Warden; Bruce Becker, Jill Burns, Ellen

Doering, Suzy Garland, Charles Hample, Gregg

Jacobson, Rachel Santos, and Roxy Zaun.

Clerk of the Vestry:

Laura Harmon

Parish Treasurer:

Connie Kotula

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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

Holy Week Services
will be streamed

Sunday Services
are now in person
and available on St. George's
You Tube Channel

NOTE: If you would like to receive
a print copy of the church newsletter,
please contact Marion in the office.