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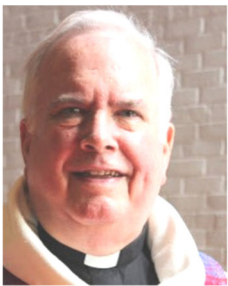
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# WWJD

## (What Would Jesus Do?)

By The Rev. Tom Gehlsen



It appears and feels as if summer is truly upon us!! As usual, most all of us look forward to this time of year to get outside and enjoy the wonderful Minnesota Summer! For all of us there are activities we love to do whether it be lake time, walking, swimming, fishing, golf, meditation in the wilderness, hiking and the like.

Wondering if we have ever taken the time to spiritually examine the life of Jesus in the Summertime? We read and hear, at least weekly, the activities of Jesus as He brings a community together for worship, prayer, justice, fairness, love, compassion, and many more of the basic Christian Principles. Let's, for a moment, ask ourselves a fun question: What would you imagine Jesus did in the Summertime? After all, Jesus is the one who has told us we need to take time and vary our activities!

Let's imagine what it would be like to hang out with the Lord:

Jesus enjoyed the company of fishermen, which makes one wonder if He ever enjoyed flyfishing, an-

gling or even spearfishing. Did he and the twelve ever take the boat out for fun? Go to the beach for a refreshing swim?

Throughout the Gospel accounts there's no indication that Jesus shunned sports. Nor is there any account of him attending a chariot race or challenging Thomas to arm wrestle. Did he play kickball with the teens? Splash in the surf with families? Jog early mornings with Peter and Andrew?

Perhaps He did many of these things to relax and have some fun! After all, the Gospels tell us that there were many other things that Jesus did! If all these things were to be recorded, maybe they were and edited, I suppose that even the world itself could not have room for the books that would be written!

So, who knows!? Take some meditation time and see if you can, from your perspective, determine what Jesus did for fun in the Summertime!



## FROM THE OFFICE

By Marion Hunner,  
Parish Administrator

### Giving statements for Jan.

– **June** will be available in the Narthex July 10, 17, and 24.

Those that do not get picked up will be mailed. If you would prefer to receive yours via email, let Marion know. Please check your statement closely and alert Marion to any concerns.



### Changes in Office Hours

- ◇ **Beginning July 11<sup>th</sup>, the office will be open 8:30-2:30 Tuesday – Thursday.** The office will be closed on Mondays and Fridays. This change is due to the rise in gas costs for both Fr. Tom and Marion. We will re-evaluate the schedule in the fall.
- ◇ **The office will be closed July 25-29.** Fr. Tom will be on vacation. Marion will be running VBS at St. Christopher's in the mornings that week and covering St. Georges in the afternoons/evenings. **Please feel free to leave phone messages and emails, and she will respond promptly.**



**Beginning in September,** we will be sending the weekly news from the office instead of John Hoffacker's gmail account. Please be sure that office@stgeorgesonline is in your address book so that these emails do not go to spam or junk. We will send some test emails in July and August to prepare for this change.

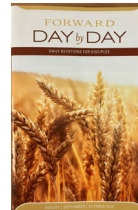
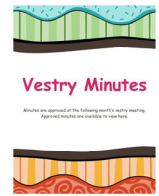
## Altar Flowers

If you would like to contribute to altar flowers in memorial or thanksgiving, please sign up in the Parish Hall or call Marion in the office. Suggested donation is \$38 per week. Please send your donation to the office.



## Vestry Minutes

There is a new binder on the table next to the door in the Parish Hall. In it you will find the approved Vestry Minutes for the current calendar year.



### Forward Day by Day

Forward Day by Day booklets for August—October are in the Narthex.

## SAVE THE DATE Sunday, September 18

### 75th birthday of St. George's Church



by Carole Leonard, Camille Schroeder & Nancy Becker

Please save the date of Sunday, September 18, 9:30 a.m., to join us for a celebration of the 75th birthday of St. George's Episcopal Church. We plan to have a special church service and a fun dessert get-together in the Parish Hall following the service. Watch for more information to come in August. **Invitations will be sent.**

## CAN YOU HELP WITH THE PURCHASE OF A SECOND HANDICAP DOOR OPENER?

By Carole Leonard

Funds have been donated to purchase a second handicap door opener (for the exterior entry door to the hallway to Parish Hall) in the amount of \$1,358 (which is half the cost). Might you be willing to donate some money toward the completion of this project?



If yes, please contact Marion in the office or Connie Kotula.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

By *Connie Kotula*

**May 2022**

*The following financial information has been approved by the Vestry.*

*This information is from May.*

*When June information is approved by the Vestry, we will post that as soon as possible in the weekly email and the monthly newsletter.*



Pledges Received in May	\$8,585
Percent of the Monthly Budget	86%
Total Pledges Received YTD*	\$60,060
Percent of the Annual Budget	42%

Total Net Income (Loss) May	(\$4,597)
Total Net Income (Loss) YTD*	\$2,734
Total Budget Income (Loss) YTD*	(\$1,059)
YTD* Actual to Budget Benefit (Deficit)	\$3,793

\* Year To Date

*Questions? Email Connie Kotula:*  
[connie.kotula@gmail.com](mailto:connie.kotula@gmail.com)

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## ST. LOUIS PARK EMERGENCY PROGRAM (STEP)

By *Camille Schroeder*

There are two ways that you can help the residents of St. Louis Park this month through STEP.

**First of all there is food.** Donations are down and there is tremendous need. Think of donating basics but also think of donating special jams/jellies, condiments, and baking supplies. Of course, toilet paper, paper napkins and paper towels are needed also.



**FEED THE HUNGRY**

**Second, it is the time of year for school supplies.** You may remember when this program was held at

St. George's but when Covid came on the scene the program was moved to another location. But the program has been continuous and it will serve close to 500 students again this year. Any and all school supplies are needed. If you want suggestions for donations please refer to the STEP website.

(Remember it's Ticonderoga pencils.) Many thanks for your generosity. If you would like to volunteer for this project, it's the last two weeks of August, you can contact Mari at STEP 925-4899, or talk to Camille at St. George's.



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## EDUCATION CORNER

By *Heather Whitesell*

As we slide into the relaxing days of summer, I encourage you to give thanks for all that our country has to offer and reflect on what we can provide for those in need.

### **Collect For our Country** (BCP pg. 820)

Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech you that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought here out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in your Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to your law, we may show forth your praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in you to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



# WORKSHOP FOR PRAISE BAND

*By John Hoffacker*

Why does our Praise Band sound so good? One reason might be a workshop we had with renowned guitarist Harry Chalmiers on Saturday, June 18. Chalmiers talked technique with us, listened to and improved our group sound, and ended by jamming with the band on a blues tune.



Harry Kelly and Gregg Jacobson working out, “Just as I am,” with Harry Chalmiers.

Roxy Zaun’s getting ready to play flute after the guitarists work out, “All Are Welcome.”



Harry Kelley takes a solo on the blues.



# Happy July Birthdays!

2 Rachel Santos	15 Jasyn Rousselow
3 Melissa Monroe	16 Kate Hoffacker
3 Tyler Williams	16 Sam Hoffacker
6 Katy Campbell	17 Philip Eschweiler
6 Abiola Kuku	17 Amanda Turgeant
7 Karl Sell	18 Jane Carlson
8 Douglas Krueger	19 Sherryl Hutton
8 Nancy Becker	23 Nolyn Snyders
9 Julie Rousselow	23 Tracy Keeling
10 Elena Schulte	30 Emma Eschweiler
11 Paul Santos	31 Jane Sandsmark



## SAFE CHURCH

*By Sarah Schulte*

As we return to gathering together as a parish, it is imperative that we make certain that St. George's is a safe place for all. ECMN's website states, "In our Baptismal Covenant, we promise to respect the dignity of every human being. One way that we live out that value in ECMN is through the implementation of our Safe Church Policies." Safe Church policies make clear the standards of behavior expected in order to make our faith communities safe places for all of God's people. They include specific guidelines to protect children, youth, and vulnerable adults. At St. George's, we are shoring up our Safe Church

commitments and want to let you know who needs to be trained – it could be YOU!

St. George's will be offering presentations of Safe Church Tier 1 during adult education or coffee hour time this fall.

For Tiers 2 and 3, parishioners will take a three-hour online course through ECMN. You can sign up for the training at <https://schoolforformation.org/workshops/safe-church/>

The trainings are offered monthly, and we are aiming to have everyone up to date with training by September 1, 2022.

### Who needs the trainings?

*(trainings are renewed every 3 years)*

#### Tier 2: Safe Church for God's Children

\*Staff

\*Clergy

\*Vestry members

**\*Anyone with a key to the building**

\*All leaders in ministry with children, youth, or vulnerable adults

#### Tier 3: Safe Church for God's People

\*Staff

\*Clergy

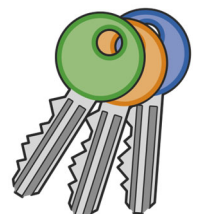
**\*Lay Eucharistic Ministers**

**(chalice bearers & lectors)**

\*Vestry members

If you are unsure as to which training you need, please reach out to Marion Hunner in the church office.

In the interest of safety, we will be rekeying the outside doors to the building soon. If you currently have a key, please watch for announcements to pick up a new one.





## MINISTERS OF THE EUCCHARISTIC ASSEMBLY

	<b>Sunday July 3</b>	<b>Sunday July 10</b>	<b>Sunday July 17</b>	<b>Sunday July 24</b>	<b>Sunday July 31</b>
<b>Readings</b>	Walt Whitman, "Song of Myself"  Psalm 30  Galatians 6:(1-6) 7-16  Luke 10:1-11, 16- 20	Amos 7:7-17  Psalm 82  Colossians 1:1- 14  Luke 10:25-37	Amos 8:1-12  Psalm 52  Colossians 1:15- 28  Luke 10: 38-42	<b>Morning Prayer</b>  Psalm 85  Colossians 2:6- 15 (16-19)  Luke 11: 1-13	<b>Morning Prayer</b>  Psalm 107: 1-9, 43  Colossians 3: 1- 11  Luke 12: 13-21
<b>Lectors</b>	John Rash Sonja Kilberg	Mary Kuhfeld Kathie Brown	Devin Snyders Mary Kuhfeld	Caryl Eschweiler Ron Holbach	Claudia Hoffacker Sonja Kilberg
<b>Chalice Bearers</b>	Cyprian Troyer Kitty Reese	Leslie O'Donnell Amanda Tur- geant	Kathie Brown Bill Stromberg	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Bill Stromberg Bruce Becker	Tom Zaun Lou Michelich	Bob Jones Bruce Wachutka	Tom Harmon Tom Zaun	Sarah Schulte Jane Sandsmark
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Kitty Reese Bill Stromberg	Kathleen Boe Katy Campbell Rachel Santos	Nancy & Bruce Becker Kathie Brown	Jane & Gregg Jacobson	Nancy & Bruce Becker Kathie Brown
<b>Coffee Servers</b>	Ron Holbach	Bob Jones	John & Jane Carlson	Carole Leonard	Ron Holbach

# JULY 2022

Check out the events in July—note that some are online

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Doering/ Manion Wedding
3 9:30 worship	4 Independence Day	5	6 11am GBD (Zoom)	7 6pm AA	8	9
10	11 7pm Finance	12	13 11am GBD (Zoom)  7pm Peer Supp. Group	14 6pm AA	15	16
17	18 7pm Vestry	19	20 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>  11am GBD (Zoom)	21 10:30am  Welcoming Committee (Zoom)	22	23
24	25 12 noon Women of St. George's	26	27 11am GBD (Zoom)  7pm Peer Sup- port	28 6pm AA	29	30
31	<p><b>GBD: GOSPEL-BASED DISCIPLESHIP – 11 A.M. EVERY WEDNESDAY – <a href="https://zoom.us/j/397934453">https://zoom.us/j/397934453</a></b></p> <p><b>Meeting ID: 397 934 453 – You may also join audio by phone: +1 312 626 6799</b></p>					

## About St. George's

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Whitesell

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### ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE:

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 Zaub.

### Clerk of the Vestry:

Laura Harmon

### Parish Treasurer:

Connie Kotula

## ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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

**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 of-  
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