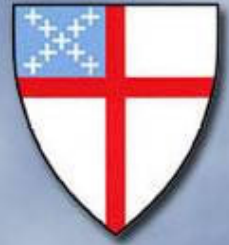


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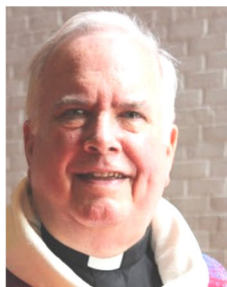
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End of Summer Reflection

By The Rev. Tom Gehlsen



As I look at the calendar, I cannot believe that I see on the horizon the coming of another season. Soon Summer will conclude, and Fall will begin. I'm not very good at predicting what is in store for us as Fall comes with beautiful colors and cooler temps. However, it may be time for us to engage in end of season reflections.

Some people do regular check-ins about their dreams and goals. Some attend therapy, receive coaching, or attend guided groups in which personal inquiry is the goal. Many, on the other hand, go through most of their adult lives without ever considering how their thoughts, behaviors, and patterns affect their lives and the lives of others. Reflecting at the end of a season is particularly significant because it serves as a lesson that can lead to shifts which will influence how one lives out the next season, the remainder of the year, and seasons beyond.

Self-inquiry takes courage. Should you choose to dive into the "why" and "what for" regarding your tendencies and emotional experiences about Summer or any

other time in your life, it is best to be prepared for potential upheaval. If you decide to look inward, seeking transformation, it will take guts! If you have the courage for self-reflection, steel yourself for the repercussions. It's all about change, which is a scary piece of living!



The Rev. Rex McKee will join us on Sunday, August 21st, to preach and lead an Adult Forum about Community Engagement. He has experience guiding ECMN faith communities in working together to help with food distribution, refugee assistance and . . .



Financial Update

By Connie Kotula



June 2022

The following financial information has been approved by Vestry. This information is from June. When July 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 June	\$12,516
Percent of the Monthly Budget	74%
Total Pledges Received YTD*	\$72,576
Percent of the Annual Budget	51%
Total Net Income (Loss) June	(\$9,054)
Total Net Income (Loss) YTD*	(\$6,320)
Total Budget Income (Loss) YTD*	(\$1,259)
YTD* Actual to Budget Benefit (Deficit)	(\$5,061)

* Year To Date

Questions? Email Connie Kotula
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Who needs Safe Church Training? It might be you!

By Sarah Schulte

Tier 2: Safe Church for God's Children

*Staff

*Clergy

*Vestry members

***Lay Eucharistic Ministers**

(Chalice bearers & lectors)

***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

*Vestry members

***Lay Eucharistic Ministers**

(Chalice bearers & lectors)

Safe Church training is offered as 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.

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



Education Update

Submitted by Heather Whitesell

As we enjoy the final days of summer, I offer this prayer in celebration of God's creations.

PRAYER FOR SUMMERTIME

Loving God, Creator of all times and places, we thank you for the gift of summertime, the days of light, warmth and leisure.

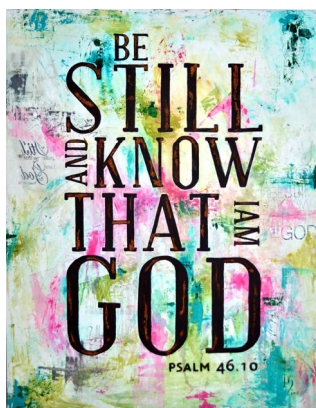
Thank you for the beauty that surrounds us everywhere we look: the multi-colored flowers, the deep blue of the sky, the tranquil surface of lakes, the laughter of children at play, people strolling in parks, families gathered around picnic tables and the more time to spend with family and friends.



As we open our eyes and ears to the landscape of nature and people, open our hearts to receive all as gifts. Give us that insight to see you as the Divine Artist. Help us to realize and appreciate that you are laboring to keep all in existence. Warm our souls with the awareness of your presence.

Let all the gifts we enjoy this summer deepen our awareness of your love so that we may share this with others and enjoy a summertime of re-creation.

AMEN



FROM THE OFFICE

*By Marion Hunner,
Parish Administrator*

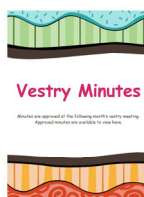


Giving statements for April – June that were not picked up will be mailed on August 3rd. If you would prefer to save a stamp and receive yours via email, please let Marion know ASAP.

The office is now open 8:30-2:30 Tuesday – Thursday. The office will be closed on Mondays and Fridays.

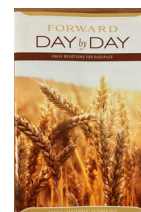
Beginning in September, we will be sending the weekly news from the office instead of John Hoffacker's gmail account. A test email will be sent from the office on August 2. Please check to be sure that you receive that email in your inbox. If it is not there, check your junk or spam box. If you are having trouble finding the email, please call Marion in the office at 952-926-1646. We will send more test emails before launching communication from the office in the fall.

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 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 booklets for August—October are in the Narthex.



Welcoming Committee

By Sarah Schulte

Thank you to Kitty Reese for the generous donation of cards and stamps for the care cards project.

Jane Sandsmark writes cards to parishioners who are ill, recovering from surgery, or who may need a card of care for other reasons. If you happen to have extra unused cards, Welcome Committee would be happy to take them off of your hands! There will soon be a box in the Narthex for card donations. Thank you!



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Park Nicollet Methodist Hospice is now providing training for new volunteers. Our volunteers provide much-needed respite to family caregivers of a terminally ill loved one. They also provide companionship which might include letter writing, active listening, baking, crafts or walks outside. The opportunities are as unique as the people you will be supporting. You may see folks in their own private homes, or in a nursing home or assisted living. We also have an active Veteran visiting Veteran program and are always looking for Veteran volunteers.

Commitment is a maximum of 4 hours per week, and can be less. No worries if you winter away—we can accommodate.

If interested, please call Colleen Hass at 952-234-0594 or email at Colleen.Hass@parknicollet.com



ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH CELEBRATING 75 YEARS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Please plan to join us.

St. George's will celebrate their 75th anniversary this year with a special celebration on Sunday, September 18th. The festivities will begin with a Festival Eucharist at 9:30 a.m. followed by a catered lunch in the Parish Hall followed by a program and a special dessert. There will be special music throughout the morning.

All members of the parish will be receiving an invitation in the mail with instructions to please RSVP to the church office. We will also be inviting former members of St George's, so we are looking forward to a grand reunion to celebrate our milestone. Stay tuned for further details.



STEP

ST. LOUIS PARK EMERGENCY PROGRAM

2022 BACK TO SCHOOL NEEDS

18" BACKPACKS-ANY COLOR
CRAYOLA COLORED PENCILS
(12 COUNT)

TICONDEROGA #2 PENCILS
COLLEGE-RULED LOOSE LEAF
PAPER

COLLEGE-RULED SPIRAL
NOTEBOOKS

JUMBO ELMER'S GLUE STICKS
CRAYOLA WATERCOLOR PAINTS
(16 COLORS)

BLUE TWO-POCKET FOLDERS
WIDE-RULED NOTEBOOK SPIRAL
(100 PGS)

2" THREE-RING BINDERS
ASSORTED HIGHLIGHTERS
BLACK SHARPIES-FINE POINT



August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 11am GBD Zoom	4 6:30pm AA Meeting	5	6
7 9:30am Worship	8 7pm Finance	9	10 11am GBD Zoom 7pm Peer Support	11 6:30pm AA Meeting	12	13
14 9:30am Worship	15 7pm Vestry	16 11am Staff meeting	17 11am GBD Zoom	18 10:30am Welcome Comm. Zoom 6:30pm AA Meeting	19	20 Newsletter Deadline
21 9:30am Worship	22 12pm Women of St. George's Parish Hall	23	24 11am GBD Zoom 7pm Peer Support	25 6:30pm AA Meeting	26	27
28 9:30am Worship	29	30	31 11am GBD Zoom			

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

MINISTERS OF THE EUCCHARISTIC ASSEMBLY



	Sunday August 7	Sunday August 14	Sunday August 21	Sunday August 28
Readings	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 Psalm 50 :1-8,23-24 Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40	Isaiah 5: 1-7 Psalm 80: 1-2, 8-18 Hebrews 11:29-12:2 Luke 12: 49-56	Jeremiah 1: 4-10 Psalm 71: 1-6 Hebrews 12: 18-29 Luke 13: 10-17	Jeremiah 2: 4-13 Psalm 81:1, 10-16 Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16 Luke 14: 1, 7-14
Lectors	Kathie Brown Leslie O'Donnell	Carole Leonard Mark Schulte	John Rash Tom Harmon	Devin Snyders Cyprian Troyer
Chalice Bearers	Leslie O'Donnell Kathie Brown	Laura Harmon Cyprian Troyer	Bill Stromberg Kathleen Boe	Ron Holbach Kris Kelley
Ushers	Bill Stromberg Bruce Becker	Tom Zaun Lou Michelich	Bob Jones Bruce Wachutka	Tom Harmon Tom Zaun
Altar Guild	Kitty Reese Bill Stromberg	Kathleen Boe Katy Campbell Rachel Santos	Nancy & Bruce Becker Kathie Brown	Jane & Gregg Jacobson
Coffee Servers	Ron Holbach	Bob Jones	John & Jane Carl- son	Carole Leonard Geri Alberg

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Alexis Winters, mezzo-soprano

Vanessa Vaughn, Bass

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Bruce Wachutka, Rector's Warden; Sarah Schulte, Parish Warden; Bruce Becker, Jill Burns, Ellen Manion, 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.

Sunday Services

are now in person

and available on St. George's

You Tube Channel

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