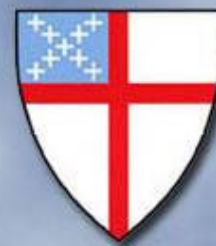


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BEING GRATEFUL THIS THANKSGIVING DAY!



By The Rev. Tom Gehlsen

I AM GRATEFUL FOR.....!

The following reflection guides us to making gratitude an active part of our lives:

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this for this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go your way; your faith has made you well." --- Luke 17:11-19

Examine your heart. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you any attitudes taking God's benefits for granted: for example, discontentment, holding on to your own agenda, complacency. These things blind you to

God's blessings and block you from experiencing and expressing gratitude. What could you do to overcome such hindrances and change your outlook? How can you make giving thanks to God a more conscious and active part of your life?

Help Me (Thanksgiving Day Prayer)

O God, when I have food,
help me to remember the hungry;
When I have work,
help me to remember the jobless;
When I have a home,
help me to remember those
who have no home at all;
When I am without pain,
help me to remember those who suffer,
And remembering,
help me to destroy my complacency;
bestir my compassion,
and be concerned enough to help;
By word and deed,
those who cry out for what we take
for granted.
Amen.



-Samuel F. Pugh

Financial Update

By Connie Kotula, Treasurer

September 2022



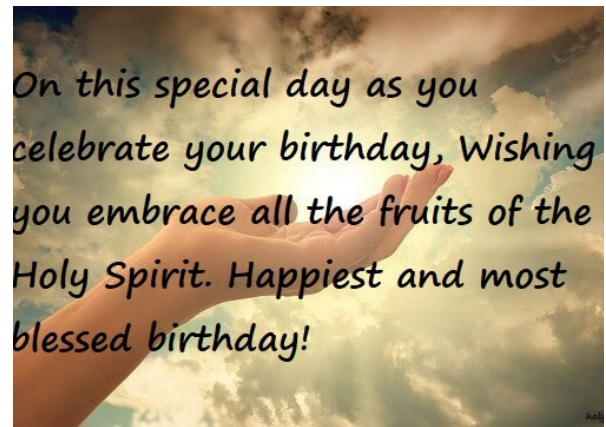
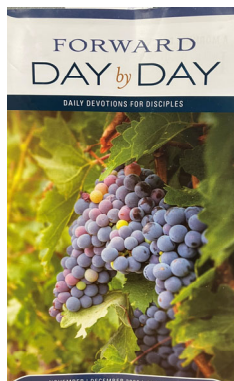
The following financial information has been approved by Vestry. This information is from September. When October information is approved by the Vestry, we will post that as soon as possible in the weekly email and the monthly newsletter.

Pledges Received in September	\$8,485
Percent of the Monthly Budget	100%
Total Pledges Received YTD*	\$105,826
Percent of the Annual Budget	75%
Total Net Income (Loss) Sept.	(\$ 4,391)
Total Net Income (Loss) YTD*	(\$18,040)
Total Budget Income (Loss) YTD*	(\$13,004)
YTD* Actual to Budget Benefit (Deficit)	(\$ 5,036)
* Year To Date	

Questions? Email Connie Kotula:
connie.kotula@gmail.com



Forward Day by Day books for November—January are in the Narthex. Both sizes are available.



November Birthdays

8 Connie Kotula	17 Colleen Monroe
8 Kendra McGill	19 Odessa Pamonicutt
9 Preethy Goonetilleke	23 Mary Weekes
12 Nathan Harmon	23 Maclain Herbers
14 Doug Gniot	28 Jina LeBakken



Opportunity Knocks!

By Marion Hunner, Parish Administrator

There is a recently settled Afghan family (6 women) in St. Louis Park. St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Roseville is working with them regularly, but some local involvement is greatly needed. This family is enrolled in ESL classes just 2 miles from their home near Louisiana & Cedar Lake Rd. However, the 2 mile bus ride requires transfers and takes 1 1/2 hours! If you would be interested in helping these lovely ladies get to and/or from their ESL classes during the day, please contact Fr. Tom or call the office.



STEP NEWS

By Camille Schroeder

Thank you to all who donated to STEP in October. Twenty-two coats, several bags of accessories and 49 pounds of food were donated. Plan on donating to the Toy Shop in December. Details will follow shortly.

The Women of St. George's are sponsoring a food collection project for the St. Louis Park Emergency Program. On Sunday, November 6, 2022, you will be given a grocery bag with a list of needed items for the STEP food shelves. Your job is to fill the bag with items of your choice and bring the bag back to church on Sunday, November 13, 2022. We hope to fill the Narthex with bags of food. If you are unable to attend church and would like to participate in this project, a donation of money is very welcome. You can send a donation to the church with STEP written in the memo line. Many thanks for participating in this worthy cause.

All Saints Activity

By Heather Whitesell

On October 30 and November 6, our annual paper chain All Saints activity will be offered in the parish hall following the service. You are encouraged to write the names of people who are saintly to you on strips of paper. The strips will be joined together into a chain and displayed through the season of Advent.

Would You Be an Angel?

By Carole Leonard

Please check out the poster in the Parish Hall to see photos of some items on St. George's "Angel List." These are items that need to be repaired or replaced, but due to their cost are not able to be part of our church's annual 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.

We already have two angels who donated funds to install one handicap door opener as well as the electricity for three handicap door openers; and one more angel who donated funds toward one half of the cost of another handicap door opener.

Would you be an angel and donate toward one of these items? If so, please contact St. George's Parish Administrator, Marion Hunner, in the church office, 952-926-1646.

From the Office

*By Marion Hunner,
Parish Administrator*



Marion will be out of the office on November 2-3

Education Update

By Heather Whitesell

Youth are back in the swing of things and enjoyed spending time with each other last month. As we approach Advent, we'll be thinking about a service project for this year.

Ideas on how to move forward with adult Ed are being addressed. Look for more information to come.

In the season of Thanksgiving, I offer this Traditional Navajo Chant.

Refrain: We are grateful for the gift of life received from the food we eat. May we honor them in how we live our lives and share this food, may it be with great love. AMEN

Sunday: May beauty be before me

Extend hands in front while offering refrain

Monday: May beauty be behind me

Extend hands behind while offering refrain

Tuesday: May beauty be below me

Extend hands downward while offering refrain

Wednesday: May beauty be above me

Extend hands toward sky while offering refrain

Thursday: May beauty be all around me

Extend hands arc a circle while offering refrain

Friday: In beauty it was begun

Hug yourself while offering refrain

Saturday: In beauty it is finished

Hands outstretched while offering refrain

A Message

About the Fall Pledge Drive

By Laura Harmon



Fall is in the air, leaves turning color, crisp evening walks, the start of a new school year. A time to reflect on the last year and prepare for winter. At St. George's it's time to take stock of where we are financially and start working on the budget for 2023.

So, how are we doing so far this year? I am very happy to report that pledged offerings received so far in 2022 are on pace with the amount budgeted. We can all pat ourselves on the back for a job well done. With all the turmoil of 2022--the increased expenses to food, gas, etc., that everyone is dealing with, it shows how very devoted our members are to keeping up on pledges.

You should have already received a pledge card for the 2023 year. Please take some time to consider your pledge for the coming year. While it's been wonderful to be back to in-person worship, having the building open again has meant increased expenses (utilities, printed Sunday bulletins). If you are able, I would urge you to increase your pledge from last year.

For your past pledge information, to receive a pledge card, or electronic giving information, please contact Marion Hunner in the office. [Here](#) is a link to the electronic authorization form.

You can mail your pledge card into the office or drop it in the basket in the narthex.



THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

Many hands made light work!

By Carole Leonard,

On Saturday, October 22, a hard working crew of St. George's parishioners arrived at the church to do a fall cleanup. OUR THANKS TO ALL OF THEM!

Who we were: Fran Bly, John Hoffacker, Sherryl & Tom Hutton, Jane & Gregg Jacobson, Kris & Harry Kelley, Douglas Krueger, Carole Leonard, Alan Poulsen, Mike & Jane Sandsmark, Bill Stromberg, Bruce Wachutka and Tom Zaun.

What we did in three hours: Washed a lot of windows, cleaned up garden beds, cut back a lot of hosta plants, trimmed a lot of bushes, seal-coated the cement block walls on Minnetonka Boulevard, cleaned the coat hall and Library Lounge, wiped down the pews in the Sanctuary, cleaned out the tool shed, and took down the two 75th celebration red feather flags and stored them for the winter. WHEW!



Hardworking Bruce Wachutka and Tom Zaun took a short break from the back-breaking job of seal coating the cement block walls on Minnetonka Boulevard to prevent damage from winter salt spray .

Many bags were filled from the garden cleanup by Fran Bly and Carole Leonard (pictured), and Jane Jacobson (photographer), along with help from Kris Kelley, Gregg Jacobson, and Bill Stromberg



Parish Profile

David Sell

Although I have lived in 4 states outside of Minnesota, I was born, grew up in, and have always returned to the MSP area. I have been interested in people from other areas and backgrounds since an early age, and in my college years I volunteered a lot of time with international programs. In my work history, I have been a college instructor and worked on an archaeological project, in government, and in a large corporation. My longest position, overlapping my time at St Georges, was in IT for a health insurance organization.


I was raised and first confirmed in a Lutheran congregation. I also had an early interest in the Episcopal church, attending services at an Episcopal church in Oshkosh when I was living there. When I met Pam, and we were planning our marriage, it was natural to seek the guidance of her family's friend, Fr Ron Campbell, and he married us at St. James on the Parkway. A few years later, when we had 2 young sons, we bought a house on Quentin Av S. and we joined St. George's. It has been an anchor and home for us ever since.

- ◇ **Favorite bible verse:** "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." (Matthew 6:34)
- ◇ **Hobby/Past time:** Genealogy / Family History
- ◇ **Best piece of advice** (from my father): Values are hypothetical, until a sale. Something is worth what someone will pay for it at any particular time.



Parish Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 11am GBD	3 6:30pm AA	4	5 
6 9:30 am Morning Prayer 10:30 Choir	7	8 Noon Staff Mtg	9 11am GBD	10 10am Liturgy Comm. 6:30pm AA	11	12
13 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 Choir 10:30 Youth	14 7pm Finance	15	16 11am GBD	17 10:30am Welcome Comm 6:30pm AA	18	19
20 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 Choir	21 7pm Vestry	22	23 11am GBD	24  6:30 AA	25	26
27 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 Choir	28 12pm Women of St. George's	29	30 11am GBD	Newsletter Deadline November 20		

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 November 6 Morning Prayer	Sunday November 13	Sunday November 20	Sunday November 27 Advent 1
Readings	Haggai 1:15b-2:9 Psalm 98 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 Luke 20:27-38	Isaiah 65:17-25 Canticle 9 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Canticle 16 Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43	Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 122 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:36-44
Lectors	Leslie O'Donnell Kathie Brown	Tom Harmon Mary Kuhfeld	Devin Snyders Sonja Kilberg	Mary Weekes Sarah Schulte
Chalice Bearers	Morning Prayer	Kris Kelley Cyprian Troyer	Leslie O'Donnell Kathleen Boe	Kitty Reese Ron Holbach
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	John & Jane Carlson	Bob Jones	Ron Holbach	Carole Leonard Geri Alberg Mary Kuhfeld

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Clerk of the Vestry:

Laura Harmon

Parish Treasurer:

Connie Kotula

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Sunday Worship at St. George's

9:30 a.m.

Sunday Services

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You Tube Channel

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