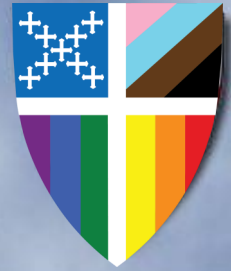


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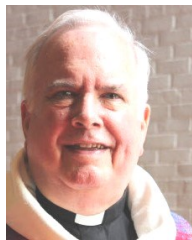
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A Fall Meditation

By Fr. Tom Gehlsen



Each of the seasons has its own particular energy that represents where nature is in its recurring cycle of birth, transformation, and death. As a being who is closely connected to and directly affected by the rhythms of nature, you can capture and use the energy of the season by moving through your own seasonal process.

In the months when summer transitions to fall, nature prepares for the coming changes by shedding what it no longer needs. In many ways, the energy of winter is synonymous with death - as foliage appears to die, the ground freezes over, and the days become darker.

However, winter is really about hibernation and the incubation of what will be renewed again with the coming of spring. There is no death - just a long, deep sleep as nature's energy changes form.

Fall is the season that prepared nature for the pruning process which will ultimately result in seeds being planted for the next chapter. It's a

great time to take an inventory of what you need to trim back or tend to differently as you settle inward for the coming months.



Vestry Meeting Update

Vestry meetings have been moved to the 3rd Sunday of the month at 11:15 am. The Vestry will meet in the conference room in the Christian Education Building.

From the Office

By Marion Hunner,
Parish Administrator



Links in the Newsletter - To follow links in the newsletter, hold down the Ctrl key and click on the link.

Giving Statements - During the first week in October you should receive your updated giving statement via email. If the office does not have your email, or if you requested a paper copy, those will go in the mail. If you do not receive your statement or if you have questions, please contact the office.

Welcoming Visitors - If you are welcoming a visitor or newcomer, please suggest that they fill out the Welcome form on the first page of the bulletin. This allows us to follow up with them.

Vacation Time - Marion will be out of the office October 22-23.



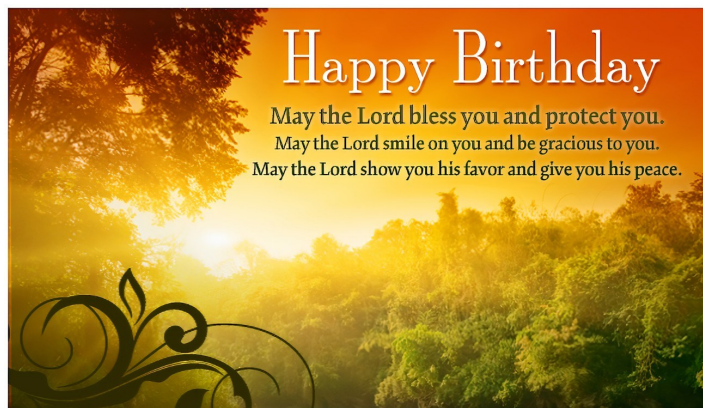
Fall Cleanup Day - October 12th

By Charlie Hample

October 12th is designated as Fall Cleanup Day. We will work from 9:00 am - noon. Tasks to do include: wash windows, garden cleanup, cut back hostas, trim spirea bushes, unhook & store hoses, wipe down pews, and organize the tool shed.

There will be a signup sheet in the Parish Hall for volunteering for one (or more) of these tasks.

Coffee and rolls will be available.



October Birthdays

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| 14 - Mary Poulsen | 17 - Roxy Zaun |
| 15 - Heather Whitesell | 21 - Alan Poulsen |
| 17—Katharine Owens | 27 - Bruce Alexander |

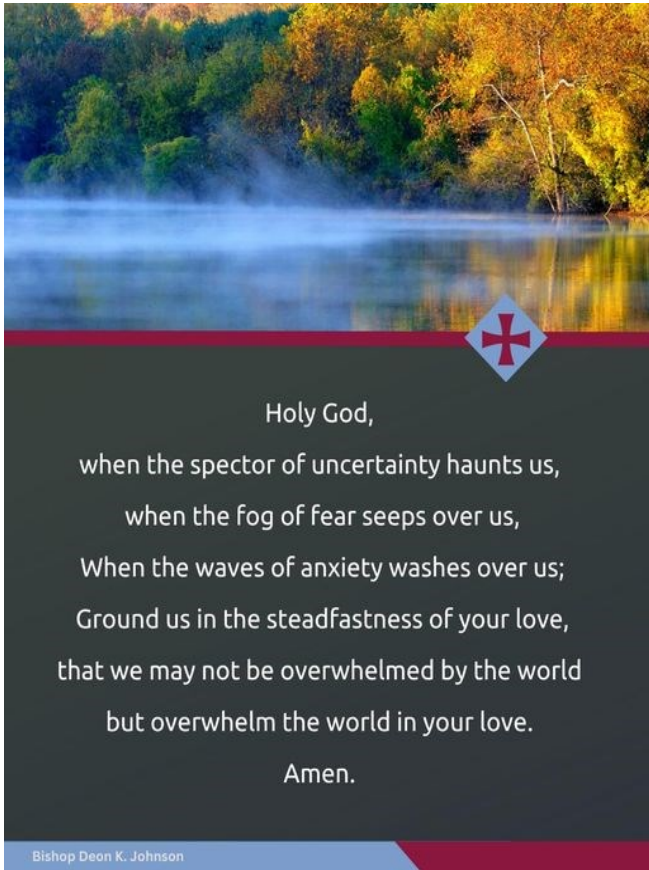


Blessing of Our Animal Companions: Sunday, October 6 at 4 pm

By John Hoffacker

We celebrate the love among our families and our animal companions with a brief prayer service at St. George's. Bring friends — furry or otherwise.





Financial Updates

By Kathie Brown, Treasurer



The following financial information is through August. When September information is approved at the October Vestry meeting, we will post it in the November monthly newsletter.

Net Income = Income minus expenses

YTD = Year to date

Numbers in parentheses are negative

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| Pledges Received in August | \$11,921 |
| Percent of the Monthly Budget | 101% |
| Total Pledges Received YTD | \$ 92,081 |
| Percent of the Annual Budget | 65.1% |

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|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Net Income for August | \$ (7,615) |
| Net Income YTD | \$ (23,703) |
| Budget Net Income YTD | \$ (27,475) |
| Actual Net Income compared to Budgeted Net Income YTD | \$ 3,772 |

Tech Help

By Sarah Schulte



We are looking for some extra hands to cover the YouTube online service so that Tom and Cyprian have a couple back-ups to share the work. The online service has become a valuable option for parishioners that are ill, homebound, traveling, or working on Sundays. It is also an important way for people to discover St. George's and learn what we're all about. We average over 15 views per week. You do not need to be a "techie" to learn how to run the online service, as there is a program that makes it fairly simple. Please let Marion know if you are able to assist in this ministry and we will teach you all you need to know.

Adult Forum

Following the 10:00 am service

- ♦ *What Does Your Soul Love?* Presented by The Rev. Jeckonia Okoth, continues on October 6 and 13.
- ♦ *Elderly Health Care and End of Life* presented by The Rev. Mary Ellen Garnier, November 3, 10
- ♦ *Advent and the Liturgical Year* presented by Fr. Tom Gehlsen, December 1, 8.

Parish Calendar



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 | 2 10 am Bible Study | 3 6:30 pm AA | 4 | 5 |
| 6 10 am Holy Eucharist Adult Forum <i>What Does Your Soul Love?</i> 4 pm Animal Blessing | 7 | 8 9 am Staff Liturgy Meeting | 9 10 am Bible Study | 10 6:30 pm AA | 11 | 12 |
| 13 10 am Holy Eucharist Adult Forum <i>What Does Your Soul Love?</i> | 14 | 15 | 16 10 am Bible Study 7 pm Finance | 17 6:30 pm AA | 18 | 19 |
| 20 10 am Holy Eucharist 11:15 am Vestry | 21 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE | 22 Marion out of office | 23 10 am Bible Study | 24 6:30 pm AA | 25 | 26 |
| 27 10 am Holy Eucharist | 28 11:30am Women of St. George's | 29 | 30 10 am Bible Study | 31 Happy Halloween 6:30 pm AA | | |

Sunday Ministries



| | Sunday October 6 | Sunday October 13 | Sunday October 20 | Sunday October 27 |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | 20th Sunday after Pentecost | 21st Sunday after Pentecost | 22nd Sunday after Pentecost | 23rd Sunday after Pentecost |
| Lectionary Readings | Genesis 2:18-24 Psalm 8 Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16 | Amos 5:6-7,10-15 Psalm 90:12-17 Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 10:17-31 | Isaiah 53:4-12 Psalm 91:9-16 Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45 | Jeremiah 31:7-9 Psalm 126 Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 10:46-52 |
| Lectors | Charlie Hample Tom Harmon | Claudia Hoffacker Mark Schulte | Sarah Schulte Leslie O'Donnell | Mary Weekes Devin Snyders |
| Chalice Bearers | Rachel Santos Cyprian Troyer | Adele Cormier Jane Jacobson | Kathie Brown Leslie O'Donnell | Kris Kelley Laura Harmon |
| Acolytes | Lilly & Elena Schulte | None | Jayden Odiambo | Lilly & Elena Schulte |
| Ushers | Jane Jacobson | Tom Harmon | Tom Zaun | Bob Jones |
| Altar Guild | Jane Jacobson Rachel Santos | Heather Whitesell Laura Harmon | Kris Kelley Jane Jacobson | Jane and Gregg Jacobson |
| Coffee Servers | Bob Jones | Bruce & Iris Alexander | John & Jane Carlson | Betty Bauer Carole Leonard |

Winter Greenery Fundraiser

By Alice Otieno

Jayden and Jermaine are selling winter greenery and gift cards as a fundraiser for their school, Holy Family Academy. Items include wreaths, garlands, swags, tabletop arrangements, spruce tip pots, poinsettias, plant gift cards, and more! All orders will be placed online through the Gertens website. Please [click here](#) to go directly to the website, or go to www.gertensfundraising.com and use the ID 186 for Holy Family Academy. The family will arrange delivery to your home sometime after



December 5th. Orders must be placed by 10 pm Thursday, October 24. When you place your order they will ask for the sellers name - please use Otieno Family.

Being a Christian is like being a Pumpkin:



God picks you from the patch and brings you in. (John 15:16)

Then He washes all the dirt off of you. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

He opens you up and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, fear, hate, and greed. (Romans 6:6)

He carves you a new smiling face. (Psalm 71:23)

And He puts his light inside of you to shine for all the world to see. (Matthew 5:16)

Church Sign

By Leslie O'Donnell

As most of you have probably noticed, the message board on the sign in front of the church hasn't been working for the last few months.

In 2010, my sister Kathie and I donated the electronic sign to the church in memory of our parents, Cy and Shirley Brown. It was incorporated into the sign already there, which was donated by Eleanor Tupper's family.

We've had various challenges over the years programming the sign, which Kathie and I have changed monthly. Thankfully, with some minor fixes, it has worked pretty well over the last several years. For close to 15 years, we have been able to draw attention to our church and send out positive messages to promote Christian values and highlight important events.

Unfortunately, it will no longer hold the messages on the sign, and when we consulted the company, they said that the sign is now obsolete and there are no parts available to fix it anymore.

The name of the church still lights up at night and shows the service times, but we can't put on any messages. The financial commitment to replace the message board would be significant, and at this time, the church has more important things to focus on.





Convention 2024

November 7-9, 2024 | Sanford Convention Center, Bemidji

Three of the four gospels recount a decisive moment when Jesus asks his disciples a critical question - "Who do you say that I am?" This year at convention, we will be focused on how we are answering this question in our own day. Who do we say Jesus is by our lives as individuals, as congregations, and as a diocese? In every generation, in every context, the church of Jesus thrives when it looks and acts like Jesus. How can we most faithfully confess, follow, and bear witness to this Messiah in our own unique moment?

Find more details about the Convention

[here](#), including hotel and accommodation information.



Altar Flowers

By Marion Hunner

If you would like to contribute to altar flowers in thanksgiving or in memorial, please call or email Marion in the office (see back of newsletter).

Suggested donation is \$40 per week. Please send your donation to the office.



Episcopal Church
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Youth Events

DYE: Diocesan Youth Event

October 18-20, Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour, Faribault

[Register here](#).

DYE is ECMN's twice-annual retreat for senior high school students to come together to play, pray, grow, encounter the resurrected Christ, and learn more about living as disciples. Open to high school students.

Pre-YE

February 24-25 | St. Mark's Cathedral, Minneapolis

Pre-YE is ECMN's new, annual retreat for junior high school students to come together to play, pray, grow, encounter the resurrected Christ, and learn more about living as disciples.

Mark your calendars now, and more information will come when it is available.

More Upcoming Events

- **B4 Confirmation** - January 5, February 2, March 2, April 5, 7:00pm - Zoom
- **DYE #4** - April 4-6, Twin Cities
- **Service of Confirmation** at St. Mark's - April 26 at 2pm

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Luke Slivinski, tenor

Vanessa Vaughn, bass

INTERIM WARDEN:

Jane Jacobson

VESTRY:

Members at Large: Iris Alexander, Suzy Garland,
Charles Hample, Camille Schroeder, and Roxy
Zaun

PARISH TREASURER:

Kathie Brown

LINKS IN THIS NEWSLETTER

To access the Convention and Youth Event information, go to www.EpiscopalMN.org (the ECMN website) and click on Events. Then scroll down to the event and click on that.

**Sunday Worship at
St. George's 10:00 am**

**Sunday Services
are offered in person
and available on St. George's
YouTube Channel**

**NOTE: If you would like to receive
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