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Together Met, Together Bound, We'll Go Our Different Ways

by the Rev. Canon Paul S. Nancarrow, PhD

A long time ago, someone asked me what I thought were the most important parts of my call to the priesthood. I thought for a bit and said "The two most important things to me are theology and liturgy: preaching and praying: talking *about* God and talking *to* God."

As I've been looking back over nine years at St George's, and thinking ahead to new years at Trinity, I've been remembering that exchange—and I've realized it is just as true now as it was back then. If anything, my time with you here at St George's has helped me realize more deeply than ever how the twin poles around which my ministry orbits are theology and prayer. So I'd like to leave you now with a few theological thoughts about prayer, and praying, and what it means to be pray-ers together.

Marjorie Suchocki, one of my favorite process theologians, writes that in prayer, "we meet in God." God's gracious will, Suchocki writes, is such that God wills for every moment in the universe the greatest degree of well-being that is possible for that moment. The moments that make up our lives are no exception: God wills for every moment of *our* lives the greatest degree of well-being that is genuinely possible for us. What is "genuinely possible" depends to some extent on us: on our willingness to receive God's grace, on our ability to be open to new possibilities, on our faithfulness to the guidance that God has given us in our pasts. What is "genuinely possible" depends, also, to some

extent on our environment, on the resources or opportunities for well-being that our real circumstances and concrete situations afford. God weaves the actualities of our selves and our circumstances together with the potentials of God's own creative grace, and from this weaving presents to each moment of our lives the possibility for its greatest well-being. God is doing this all the time, of course; but we become more aware of it, we become participants in it, when we *pray*. In prayer, we open ourselves to God, we strive to conform our wills to God's will, we join with God in willing and working for the greatest well-being that is possible. In prayer, we allow God's loving will to touch our lives.

But our prayers touch God's life as well. According to process theology, God feels the experiences of every moment, every creature, in the universe. All these feelings become part of the real circumstances, the concrete situations, out of which God fashions the "best possible" for every new moment of life. What we do—or fail to do—with our moments of experience contributes—or fails to contribute—to what God can do with the world for the greatest well-being of all. When we pray, when we lift up our thoughts and feelings and intentions and spirits toward God in intercession and thanksgiving and praise and petition, then God receives our prayers and makes them part of the potential out of which new moments can be made. When we pray for each other, God can take the feelings of goodwill, of compassion, of *shalom*, of love that we intend in our prayers, and God can make those feelings part of the real world out of which the other's new moment of life is made. Suchocki writes, "Praying for another's well-being allows God to weave us into that other's well-being. In this manner we become

part of those for whom we pray, and they become part of us.” Because our prayers become, in God, part of the feelings out of which each other’s lives are literally made, praying together gives us life together.

And this togetherness in God transcends the boundaries of time and space. Because God is present to all times and all places, God can weave together the feelings of “pray-ers” and “pray-ees” even though they may be miles apart, even though they may not have seen each other for years, even though they may never know they’re being prayed for. In prayer “we meet in God,” and that meeting makes us part of each other in ways that are deeper than distance and truer than time.

Over the past nine years we at St George’s Parish have “met in God” in this way in our prayers. As we have worshiped together, as we have broken bread and poured out wine together, as we have lifted up our intercessions and petitions together, as we have shared sorrows and celebrated joys together, as we have talked about God and talked to God, as we have lived our lives and prayed our prayers together, we have been woven into each other’s lives and have become a part of each other. St George’s has shaped who I am now, and who Lee is—and we have helped to shape something of who you are as St George’s now, too. And we will continue to be a part of each other, because in God our prayers cross boundaries of time and place, in prayer “we meet in God” and by God’s grace there is no end to the blessing of such meeting.

There is a communion hymn in our Hymnal whose final stanza reads:

*Together met, together bound,
We’ll go our different ways,
And as Christ’s people in the world
We’ll live and speak his praise.*

Over the past nine years we have met together and we have been bound together in our prayer. And now we prepare to “go our different ways,” as St George’s enters a time of transition and discovery in its mission and Lee and I begin to get to know a new congregation. But what is most important to me is the final lines of the stanza: the grace to know

that we are all together Christ’s people, and that in Christ our togetherness is never-ending, and that in his praise our living and speaking will always be woven into one. I will always hold St George’s in my prayers, and I pray that you will hold us in your prayers as well, because it is through prayer that we may always and everywhere meet in God.

What’s Next for St. George’s?

By Eileen Harvala, Rector’s Warden and Carole Leonard, Parish Warden

The Wardens and Vestry wanted you to know that Eileen and Carole recently met with Gary Gleason, Canon to the Ordinary, who will be helping us through the next steps for St. George’s. Very soon, Canon Gleason will be recommending one or two names of priests whom we might consider as a short-term interim. We hope to have the short-term interim in place to begin service on August 17th. This person will be with us on Sunday mornings, and available for pastoral needs and concerns of the congregation.

Canon Gleason will be meeting with the Vestry, Wednesday, September 10 to help us discern whether we will undertake a search process for a new rector. Canon Gleason feels that there is no reason why St. George’s shouldn’t do that. The Diocese views St. George’s as a vibrant, thriving parish, with a great reputation that will be attractive to a new rector. Sometime after September 10, the Diocese will probably recommend a long-term interim and once that person is in place, we will likely begin the search process.

We promise to keep you informed and to provide you with updates in as many ways as we can.

Other members of the Vestry include John Carlson, Jeff Evans, Laura Harmon, Karen Hurlbert, Harry Kelley, Mary Poulsen, Bill Stromberg, Mary Weekes and Tom Zaun. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call anyone of us.

Christian Education

by Heather Whitesell

Greetings from Heather! As most of you know, Rachele has stepped down from her position as Sunday School Coordinator. That means that I will be assuming the position of Children and Youth Coordinator. I am really looking forward to a fun and exciting year with the children, as well as the youth. We have a curriculum with a good balance between education and fun, as well as some great intergenerational activities planned. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or suggestions to offer. Looking forward to a wonderful year!!

Financial Update

In June (the most recent month for which we have completed records as of press time) we had:

Income	\$21,334.80	93.03% of budget
Expenses	\$18,035.57	99.74% of budget

Please remember to keep your pledges current during this last month of summer. Thank you!

If you haven't made a pledge, and would like to, please contact Patty in the Parish Office for a pledge card.

Juice Sunday

by Camille Schroeder

On the Fourth of July weekend we collected 14 large juice bottles and 72 juice boxes. Thanks to all who participated in this drive. Sunday, August 3, 2008, is our next JUICE SUNDAY. Please consider purchasing a bottle or two of your favorite juice to donate this month. All donations are delivered to the St. Louis Park Emergency Program food shelf. The clients thank you for your generosity.

CornFeed – Saturday, August 23rd

by Harry Kelley

Come join your St. George's Family for our annual "end of summer" cornfeed. I can already taste the sweet goodness of the Gysland family home-grown corn, the tasty fried chicken, and all the farm fresh vegetables. The date is **Saturday, August 23rd from 5:00 p.m. - ????** If you want to help with this event, contact either Harry Kelley, or Carole Leonard. Ticket prices are \$5.00 for adults, Children \$3.00 and a Family Max of \$15.00.

Parktacular Parade and Booth

by Kathie Brown

On Saturday, June 14, St. George's had a bike unit in the Parktacular parade as well as a table at the community fair in Wolff Park. At the table, we took a short environmental survey and gave out reusable cloth grocery bags imprinted with Congregations Caring for Creation and St. George's Episcopal Church. The bags were a big hit! We gave out about 150 bags.

Open Meeting Notices

by John Stonhouse

Here's a reminder request to those holding committee meetings at StG. Please continue to include locations, dates, and times in the "Today" and online. That way, those interested in the subject of your meeting will be able to join you. During deliberation that requires confidentiality, outside attendees may be asked to leave the room. By far most of what "business" we do at StG isn't of the confidential nature and could benefit from both observations and enthusiasm from those not on the committees.

Notices



August Birthdays:

1	Harry Kelley
2	Max Kotula Lillian Friesen
4	Jean Hurlbert
6	Jim Eastes
7	Ted Eckstrom Sophia Jester David Shipman
8	Sarah Winikoff
9	Neal Gysland
11	Patrick Kelley
14	Michael Gniot
15	John Taylor Caryl Eschweiler
16	Steve Jester
19	Joan Kimble Holden Hagerman
20	Mike Paulsen
22	Megan Jester
27	Randy Egan
28	Jean Nienaber
29	Jessica Monroe Andrew Sell
30	Jill Peterson
31	Maraline Keeling

Thank you to:

- ◆ Sandy Stonhouse, Bob Miller and Jill Burns who filled in the parish office while Patty was on vacation.
- ◆ Tom Zaun for taking down the shelves in the Montessori Hallway
- ◆ Carole Leonard, Tom Zaun, and Bill Stromberg for trimming trees and bushes in the front of the building. It is a wonderful start. Do you know St. George's has a lot of trees on our property?
- ◆ Bill Stromberg for coming over and watering during these dry spells.
- ◆ Julie Milligan, Bill Stromberg, Kitty Reese, Leslie Olufson, Barb Behrens and Kathie Brown for doing our section of Minnetonka Blvd. On Sunday, June 22 for our Adopt-A-Highway. Look for the date and time in the Fall when we once again will tackle the job.

Calendar of Events August, 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Office Closed	2
3 9:00am – HE, Rite II 10:15 am- Dwelling in the Word	4 5:30-8:00 p.m. End of season Project Access Party (PH)	5	6 7:00 p.m. - Summer Jam	7 6:30 pm – AA(L/L)	8 Office Closed	9
10 9:00am – HE, Rite II Reception for Fr. Paul and Lee after the service.	11	12 7:00 pm- Finance and Personnel 7:00 pm- Mothers & More (L/L)	13 7:00 pm - Vestry(CEB)	14 6:30 pm – AA (L/L)	15 Office Closed 7:00 pm – Supper Club at Gordy and Nancy Justus’s house	16
17 9:00am – HE, Rite II	18	19	20 7:00 pm – Education Committee	21	22 Office Closed	23 5:00pm Corn Feed
24 9:00am – HE, Rite II 10:30 am – Pastoral Care Team Meeting	25 7:00 pm - Buildings & Grounds (CEB)	26 Noon – Housemeeting	27 All committee Meetings are open to the congregation	28	29 Office Closed HE- Holy Eucharist	30 PH- Parish Hall LL – Library Lounge CEB – Conference Room Christian Ed. Building

Ministers of the Eucharistic Assembly August, 2008

	August 3 Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost	August 10 Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost	August 17 Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost	August 24 Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost	August 31 Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Readings	Genesis 33:22-31 Psalm 12:1-7, 16 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:13-21	Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 Psalm 105:1-6 Romans 10:5-15 Matthew 14:22-33	Genesis 45:1-5 Psalm 133 Romans 11:1-2A, 29-32 Matthew 15:21-28	Exodus 1:8-2:10 Psalm 124 Romans 12:1-8 Matthew 16:13-20	Exodus 3:1-15 Psalm 105:1-6,23-26, 45c Romans 12:9-21 Matthew 16:21-28
Chalice	Kathie Brown Alan Poulsen	Steve Harvala Leslie Olufson	John Hagerman Laura Harmon	Cyprian Troyer Glen Wilson	Alan Poulsen Kathie Brown
Lectors	Pat Sturcken Philip Eschweiler	Mary Weekes Julian Mejia	Carole Leonard Paul Schroeder	Cyprian Troyer Glen Wilson	Emma Eschweiler Kathie Brown
Lay Eucharist Visitors	Eileen Harvala Steve Harvala	Julie Milligan Alan Poulsen	Laura Harmon Mary Poulsen	Heather Whitesell Carol Peterson	NO LEV visits – Labor Day weekend
Greeters	Laura, Tom and Nathan Harmon	Madeline Kerr	Nancy, Cami and Neal Gysland	Caryl and Emma Eschweiler	Carol Hartsock
Ushers	Ron Erickson Bob Jones	Bob Miller Tom Zaun	Bruce Becker Jane Jacobson	Bill Stromberg Kitty Reese	Ron Erickson Bob Jones
Coffee Hour	Make – Ron Holbach/Karen Hurlbert Serve, Clean up – Barb Behrens From June 8 – until after Labor Day there will be one service at 9:00 a.m.	Make – Katherine Cady Serve,Clean up – Alan and Mary Poulsen	Make – Betty Bauer Serve, Clean up – John and Sandy Stonhouse	Make – Carole Leonard Serve/Clean up – Bob and Bonnie Jones	No coffee Labor Day weekend.

Address Changes

Beth, Hannah and Zachary Dodds new address is 301 Shelard Parkway #203, St. Louis Park, MN 55426.

The Rev. Mary Phelps, 7350 Bristol Village Dr., Apt. 327, Bloomington, MN 55438.

Beginning September 1st:

The Rev. Canon Paul and Mrs. Lee Nancarrow
25 Church St.
Staunton, VA 24401

New Member

Please welcome Mary Pulver Kuhfeld to our parish !! Mary's address is 8200 W. 33rd St. Apt. 326, St. Louis Park, MN 555426 and her phone number is 952-541-9827.

Host Families Needed:

There is a need for host families for Korean Exchange Students, who will be attending Benilde St. Margaret's High School. This is a wonderful ministry. Host families provide room and board. Students pay for all their own expenses. They speak English and have medical insurance. Host families receive a monthly stipend of \$550.00. For more information please contact Amy: flowrbyrd@aol.com or call 404-277-5175.

Seo Young is a 16 year old girl all of the sports she has tried she has truly enjoyed, however, swimming, tennis, track and racquet ball are her most favorites. She also has a love for Art and music. She plays the piano as well has been an accompanist. She enjoys drawing nature scenes or architectures with reference pictures. She is an avid reader.

Dong Hyeon is a 16 year old boy from Korea who enjoys all sports and is a very avid reader. He also enjoys spending time with family and friends and watching movies too.

Our Sympathy

To Phyllis Watson and her family on the death of Don, in mid – June.

To Harry, Kris, Katie and Patrick Kelley on the death of Harry's dad on July 4th.

To Jean Anthony, Karen Hurlbert, Ron Holbach, and Maraline Keeling, on the death of Buzz Anthony on July 17th. Buzz's service was held here at St. George's on Friday, July 25 at 1:30 p.m.

*Cindy Bloomquist on the birth of her first grandchild, Oak Denise Hudson on June 29th in British Columbia, Canada. This is Margaret's first child.

*Cindy Bloomquist on the marriage of her daughter, Elizabeth (EB), in May in North Carolina.

*Bob Miller, his grandson, Sean, is graduating from Navy Boot Camp, and will be entering the SEALS program shortly.

About St. George's

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Eileen Harvala, Rector's Warden
Carole Leonard, Parish Warden
John Carlson, Jeff Evans, Laura Harmon, Karen
Hurlbert, Harry Kelley, Mary Poulsen, Bill Stromberg,
Mary Weekes, Tom Zaub

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Wednesday, August 6

7:00 p.m. Summer Jam session
in the Parish Hall. Questions, Call
Harry Kelley, 952-924-9102. Even if you
don't play an instrument, come and
join in the fun!

Sunday, August 10th

Farewell Reception for Fr. Paul and
Lee on Sunday, August 10th after the
9:00 a.m. Service.

Plan to be here for a look back on the
nine years of Fr. Paul's Ministry here
at St. George's.

Saturday, August 23rd

Our Annual Corn Feed. Plan to come
at 5:00 p.m. For the fun to begin!
There will be chicken, corn, fresh
vegies, and of course ice cream
sundaes!

Tell your neighbors, bring your
friends, tickets will be on sale in
August.

