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G.U.S.S. (Grown up Sunday School) Sessions for this Fall

We've put together some exciting classes for adults this Fall. Classes start at 9:00 am., so grab a cup of coffee and maybe a donut and sit down and participate in these wonderful opportunities.

- Sept. 7 Intergenerational Event – come join our Sunday School classes in a fun activity for all ages.
- Sept. 14 Alzheimer's Ministry by The Rev. Dr. Mildred Cox.
- Sept. 21 Alzheimer's Ministry continued by Mildred.
- Sept. 28 Feed My Starving Children – come and hear about this fantastic program in the Twin Cities.
- Oct. 5 St. Francis and Creation – another intergenerational event for all to enjoy.
- Oct. 12 General Convention by the Rev. Devon Anderson
- Oct. 19 Gordy Justus will speak on his family church.
- Oct. 26 To be announced
- Nov. 2 All Saints Sunday – another intergenerational event.
- Nov. 9 Grand parenting – by The Rev. Dr. Mildred Cox
- Nov. 16 ISALAH health care roadshow. Come learn how you can help with the health care insurance crisis.
- Nov. 23 Alzheimer's and Grief – Ted Bowman
- Nov. 30 Intergenerational Event – Advent Wreath making.
- Dec. 7 Sustainability – Terry Gips

- Dec. 14 Christmas Customs by Mary Poulsen
- Dec. 21 No GUSS – stay or come early to watch the Christmas Pageant.
- Dec. 28 No GUSS – Christmas break.

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 The Rev. Canon Charles Vogt will be at St. George's as a short-term interim. Fr. Vogt is a retired priest in the Diocese and was formerly at St. Alban's for 25 years. He is an honorary Canon at the Cathedral of St. Mark. Fr. Vogt started with us on Sunday, August 24 and 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

Welcome back to a new year of learning at St. George's! We are excited to continue on with our new curriculum. It is nice for the kids to be able to follow what is happening in the service since we are learning the same lessons in Sunday School. We look forward to joining people of all ages for our intergenerational activities once a month. For September "SHOE" is the word! Join us in gathering gently worn, but still wearable shoes to donate to those in need.

Youth News

We had good crowd of young (and some young in spirit!) people to help with Loaves and Fishes at the end of July. Thanks to Patty for setting that up and driving. The youth will meet on the second Friday of every month for fun and spiritual growth. We will also have acolytes back in business. Look for more info in your mailbox.

*Interested in teaching? We need you!!!
Commitment is only 3 weeks in a row!! Please call Heather Whitesell, 763-377-9551, if interested.

Financial Update

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

Income	\$21,416.93	94.23% of budget
Expenses	\$18,265.51	96.30% of budget

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

A total of 131 pounds of juice was donated on Juice Sunday in August. That's a total of 22 bottles. Our donations came at a great time because there was NO juice on the shelves when ours was delivered. The food crunch is not getting better and, in fact, is getting worse. Let's see what we can donate on JUICE SUNDAY in September. And remember, food is always welcome. Our donations will be delivered weekly to STEP. Thanks so much.

Spotlight on the Youth: Julian Mejia

Julian Mejia Did you know that Julian, lives and breathes skateboarding? Over the summer Julian taught skateboarding at the Skateboard Park in St. Louis Park. In October he is going out to a competition in Arizona. On top of all of that Julian works in the dining room at Covenant Village, and is a good student at St. Louis Park High School. Julian is also a Lector here at St. George's.

Fall Painting/Clean up Day

by Bill Stromberg

We are doing a fall clean up day on **Saturday, September 6**. We have indoor and outdoor chores to do, especially some painting. If you are ready for a little work and some great spirit, please join us. Donuts and coffee and great weather on order. Please see or call Bill Stromberg with any questions.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

by Mary Poulsen

The Prayer Shawl Ministry has taken a break over the summer, but is ready to begin knitting and praying again on the third Thursdays of the month. Our first meeting will be on September 18 at 6:30 pm. in the Parish Hall. We would love to have new members and hope that you will consider joining us.

Shepherding Updated – Summer 2008

by Sandy Stonhouse

Beginning in June, 2007 our StG Shepherds have been watching their flock. Each of the 17 official shepherds have four or five households they watch over. On any Sunday morning, if the shepherds haven't seen their special people for a while, they will call or send a postcard to say that our friends were missed.

With our top shepherd, Father Paul, moving on to meet his new challenges, we are also going to have challenges caring for one another. If you have any ideas or questions as a shepherd or a "non-designated" shepherd about this service, Sandy Stonhouse or Kathie Brown welcome your comments.

Address Changes

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

Congratulations:

John Ann Baldwin are now grandparents. Ashley gave birth to a son, Landon Matthew Propst, on July 15th. He is doing very well. Ashley and her husband Kyle are close by, so they see quite a bit of their grandson.

Do you like youth? Do you have a spare Friday evening every once in a while?

The youth are going to be meeting the 2nd Friday of the month, to make that work we need volunteers to help out. If are interested in this opportunity, please contact Heather Whitesell, 763-377-9551.

Notices



September Birthdays:

4	Eleanor Tupper
6	Audrey Hallaway Aprille LoPac
7	Katherine Bloomquist
9	Steve Mangold
10	Mike Milligan
11	Camille Schroeder Mary Shipman
13	Harold Morgan
16	Kathie Brown Pat Fitzsimons
17	Suzan Faus Brianna Rousselow
19	Nancy Taylor
20	Christy Eckenrode
21	Gloria Monroe
23	Katherine Drivas
24	Evelyn Sherman
25	Julian Mejia
30	Elizabeth Bloomquist

Sympathy to:

- Katherine Cady and her family on the death of Gerry on July 28th. A wonderful memorial service was held here, with many people attesting to Gerry's faith and his willingness to help those in need.
- The Family of Glen Wilson, a long time member of St. George's Choir and the Minnetonka Choral Society. Glen's service was a tribute to the music she loved and the church home she loved.

Thank you to:

- ◆ Camille and Paul Schroeder for taking care of the receptions after the Gerry Cady Memorial Service and the Glen Wilson Service.
- ◆ Dave Dittrich for being willing to come in and open up niches in the columbarium and to help in whatever way he can.
- ◆ Bill Stromberg for weeding the garden area before these memorial services and for the countless things he does around StG's.
- ◆ Bob Miller and Bob Wheelock for ushering for the Memorial Service for Buzz Anthony.
- ◆ Gordy Justus, Ron Holbach, Tom Zaun and Art Zaun for ushering at the service for Gerry Cady.
- ◆ I have to especially thank the above named group for coming in in the HOT weather and doing what needs to be done. I do appreciate it.
- ◆ The family of Katherine Cady, for coming in and setting up tables, taking down tables, moving things to get them ready for the memorial service for Gerry and for putting everything back in order afterwards. Kudos to you! Gerry would have been so proud.
- ◆ Carole Leonard and Eileen Harvala for all of their hard work in getting the reception for Fr. Paul pulled together.
- ◆ Bob Wheelock for coming in and trimming some of the bushes in the courtyard.
- ◆ Everyone who has helped with services, events, planning, the last month – it was fantastic and a huge job around here.

150 Days of Mission

through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Christian Church is defined by mission, centered on mission and continuously called into new mission. Honoring the 150th anniversary of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota, congregations and organizations around the diocese are engaging in 150 Days of Mission.

A Pair of Shoes Can Change A World

Right now, more than 300 million children are without basic footwear. That's roughly the same number of American shoes that clogged our landfills last year alone. Donating shoes for re-use is an environmentally sustainable alternative to our throw-away society. And, while shoes don't cure cancer or alleviate hunger, having a pair of shoes can play a part in lifting the spirits of people struggling to improve their lives. Wearing shoes also prevent simple cuts and infections that without adequate medication can easily spiral into debilitating injuries.

Owning a pair of shoes is a simple yet effective way to erase the stigma of povers. Yet, for most of us, shoes are something we all have in abundance, lying around in our closets.

Power of 150 MN Episcopal Congregations and Organizations Working Together.

Imagine the impact if each of us donates just one pair of shoes.

The Diocese is partnering with Soles4Souls, an international non-profit organization that collects and redistributes new and gently used shoes, to establish 150 collection sites in congregations and organizations throughout the state.

The shoes will be taken to the Ingathering Eucharist at the Diocesan Convention in late October.

Our collection box is located in the Narthex, please help the Diocese meet this goal. If you can afford to and find athletic shoes on sale, buy a pair and donate them to this worthy cause.

Working together the Diocese can make a difference in the world around us.

Calendar of Events September, 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day Parish Office Closed	2	3	4	5 Office Closed	6 9:00 am Clean-up Painting Day
7 8:00 am – HE, Rite I 8:30 am – Choir 9:00am Intergenerational Event (PH) 10:00am – HE, Rite II	8	9	10	11 6:30 pm – AA(L/L)	12 Office Closed 6:00 pm – Youth in Parish Hall	13
14 8:00 am – HE, Rite I 8:30 am – Choir 9:00am Sunday School for All Ages 10:00am – HE, Rite II	15 Newsletter Deadline	16 7:00 pm- Finance and Personnel 7:00 pm- Mothers & More (L/L)	17 7:00 pm - Vestry(CEB)	18 6:30 pm – AA (L/L) 6:30 pm – Prayer Shawl Ministry (PH)	19 Office Closed	20
21 8:00 am – HE, Rite I 8:30 am – Choir 9:00am Sunday School for All Ages 10:00am – HE, Rite II 11:30 am – BeFriender Training	22 Noon – St. Mary's Circle	23	24	25 6:30 pm – AA (L/L)	26 Office Closed	27
28 8:00 am – HE, Rite I 8:30 am – Choir 9:00am Sunday School for All Ages 10:00am – HE, Rite II 10:30 am – Pastoral Care Team Meeting	29 7:00 pm - Buildings & Grounds (CEB)	30 Noon – Housemeeting				
I			All committee Meetings are open to the congregation		HE- Holy Eucharist	PH- Parish Hall LL – Library Lounge CEB – Conference Room Christian Ed. Building

Ministers of the Eucharistic Assembly September, 2008

	September 7 Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost	September 14 Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost	September 21 Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost	September 28 Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost	
Readings	Exodus 12:1-14 Psalm 149 Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 18:15-20	Exodus 14:19-31 Psalm 114 Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35	Exodus 16:2-15 Psalm 105:1-6,37-45 Philippians 1:21-30 Matthew 20:1-16	Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 78:1-4,12-16 Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32	
Chalice	Maraline Keeling Eileen Harvala John Hagerman	Karen Hurlbert Leslie Olufson Laura Harmon	Steve Harvala Kathie Brown Cyprian Troyer	Maraline Keeling Alan Poulsen Leslie Olufson	
Lectors	Maraline Keeling Eileen Harvala John Hagerman	Carole Leonard Caryl Eschweiler John Stonhouse	Steve Harvala Jeff Evans Mary Poulsen	Maraline Keeling Marion Miller Leon Vann	
Lay Eucharist Visitors	Eileen Harvala Steve Harvala	Julie Milligan Heather Whitesell	No Visits LEV Meeting	Laura Harmon Carol Peterson	
Greeters	 Mary & Alan Poulsen	 Rosie & Lou Michelich	 John & Nancy Taylor	 Nina, Mark, Gage Monroe	
Ushers	Bob Miller Bill Stromberg Kitty Reese	Ron Erickson Ron Holbach Tom Zaun Leon Vann	Chuck Murphy Bruce Becker Tom Zaun Jane Jacobson	Bob Miller Ron Holbach Bob Jones Lou Michelich	
Coffee Hour	Ron Holbach/Karen Hurlbert John and Jane Carlson	Katherine Cady Barb Behrens	Betty Bauer Alan and Mary Poulsen	Carole Leonard John and Sandy Stonhouse	

Community Volunteers Opportunities

Methodist Hospital Hospice will be providing training sessions this fall for new volunteers. Our volunteers give respite care to caregivers who are caring for terminally ill loved ones in their own private homes. Commitment is a maximum of 4 hours per week, and training is 4 sessions. If interested, please call Libby Swanson at 952-993-5381. Thank you for your interest.

St. Louis Park Schools:

the St. Louis Park Schools are looking for adults who are interested in volunteering in the schools for a wide variety of programs. Help is needed in math, literacy, media centers, clerical and other areas including one time events. If you have 1 or more hours a week, we can use you! If you would like to volunteer or receive more information, please contact Sarah Krzesowiak in the Volunteer Office at 952-928-6025 or krzesowiak.sarah@slpschools.org.

Children First celebrates 15th anniversary with event featuring Dr. Peter Benson, Search Institute

Attend this special gathering that will:

- Bring together those in St. Louis Park committed to the healthy development of our young people.
- Inform attendees about the new "Sparks" research Search Institute.
- Share what Children First has been up to with the Asset Champions Network.

Come hear Dr. Peter L. Benson. President of Search Institute and author of the soon-to-be released book, *Sparks! How parents can help ignite the hidden strengths of teenagers*.

While building Developmental Assets focuses on activating the community around young people

to ensure that all kids get what they need to succeed through asset building, igniting a young person's Sparks focuses on the uniqueness of each child, her or his passion and ability to contribute to the world.

Dr. Benson, a leading authority on childhood and adolescence development, will describe a simple yet powerful plan for awakening the spark that lives inside each and every young person. Sparks, when illuminated and nurtured, give young people joy, energy, and direction. They have the power to change a young person's life from one of "surviving" to "thriving." Grounded in new research with thousands of teenagers and their parents, "Sparks" offers a step-by-step approach to helping teenagers discover their unique gifts, and works for all families, no matter their economic status, parenting situation or ethnic background.

The registration fee is \$10 per adult and \$5 per young person. Reservations can be made online at: www.slpcommunityed.com

For those interested having the chance to meet in a smaller group with Dr. Benson, a dinner and conversation will be held at 5 p.m. The cost to attend is \$100, with a portion of it benefiting Children First. For information about the dinner call Karen Atkinson, (952) 928-6075.

About St. George's

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Mary Weekes, Tom Zaun

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Listen, Proclaim, Serve, Celebrate!

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Sunday School sign up

Join us on Sunday, September 7th for
an intergenerational event and sign up
for Sunday School and Youth Group.

Meet in the Parish Hall at 9:00 am.

Clean up – Painting Day

Saturday, September 6th join us for a
painting/clean up day at StG's – we
will have painting projects, outside
projects. Even easy painting of posts
along the walkway – so who can't do a
post – we provide the little rollers and
paint. All you supply is the time and
energy.

Join your StG's church family and lets
get this painting done before fall
comes.

