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"Together as One!"

Stewardship Campaign 2009

*by Eileen Harvala, Rector's Warden
Carole Leonard, Parish Warden*

Sunday, October 12

Stewardship Campaign Kickoff

- 8 a.m. service – Coffee 'n treats will be served following the service
- 10 a.m. service – Brunch will be served following the service. (Everyone from both services is invited to attend.)

Sunday, November 2 – Ingathering of pledges and a celebration of God's grace

"Together as One" is this year's stewardship campaign theme at St. George's Church. This theme examines our collective involvement at St. George's where we pray together, work together, and play together.

We pray together – We find joy and comfort in prayer both individually and collectively as members of St. George's and together we breathe life into our

mission statement which clearly states "Our Mission is to Listen, Proclaim, Serve and Celebrate."

We work together – Individually, those of us who are able, work in some manner at St. George's. It may be a simple, but necessary, task such as stuffing envelopes or preparing newsletters for mailing, or as personally satisfying as serving on the Vestry.

We play together – Many of us play at St. George's in a variety of ways. We might attend any number of scheduled activities from brunches to special events to the companionship we enjoy following Sunday services at coffee hours. For many, supper club and house meetings offer a unique opportunity to get together with fellow members away from church.

During our fall stewardship campaign, you will have the opportunity to reflect upon and act upon what "Together as One" means to you as an individual. As a part of "One," what have you received as a result of your participation in life at St. George's? What have you contributed to "One" while a part of our church family? What do you see as the future of "One" and in what ways will you commit to that future?

"Together as One" we rejoice in the long history of St. George's and, with God's spirit to guide us, look forward with excitement and enthusiasm to the journey before us.



Christian Education

by Heather Whitesell

Intergenerational Fun-Soles 4 Souls: We had great fun at our first intergenerational event of the year. People of all ages were doing word-search puzzles, answering questions (how do you say shoe in Spanish?), and even tracing each other's feet. I think there is a tie between who has the largest foot print – Cyprian Troyer or Father Vogt!!! Check out the bulletin board in the Parish Hall and make your guess. Remember to keep those new and gently used shoes coming through October.

Sunday School – Welcome back to the new year! We have been talking about God's love through forgiveness and mercy. It is nice for the children to work together as we have older and younger ones learning from each other. We are gearing up for the Goblin March at the St. Louis Park Rec Center on Friday, Oct. 24th. I can't wait to see the costumes!!

Youth News

By Heather Whitesell

Pizza and fellowship were part of our first youth gathering of the year. It is fun to see some new young faces joining the group! We also were learning about forgiveness, and what makes us as Episcopalians similar and different to other Christians. We'll be meeting the second Friday of every month and would love to have adult helpers (safe church please) to join the fun.

GUSS Schedule

by Laura Harmon

Your help is needed. We need two or three individuals to help with planning the GUSS schedule for the second half of the year. We have lots of good suggestions for speakers and/or subjects. Kathie Brown has volunteered to help with this project, but we still need a couple more people. Please give Kathie, 612-827-5760, or Laura Harmon, 612-920-3506, a call if you can help out.

We also need people to help plan for the upcoming intergenerational Sunday activities. The first Sunday

in October we will be celebrating St. Francis. The first Sunday in November will be All Saints Sunday. And the last Sunday in November will be what has become our annual Advent wreath-making event. We need people with ideas for activities for these special Sundays that can include the whole church. Please call Heather Whitesell, 763-377-9551, or Laura Harmon, 612-920-3506, if you can help or if you have some ideas for activities on these days.

Financial Update

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

Income	\$19,077	94.62% of budget
Expenses	\$19,187	96.68% of budget
Total for month (\$110.13)		
Year to Date (\$6,407)		

Safe Church

by Eileen Harvala

What:

Safe Church Training

When:

6:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 5

Where:

Parish Hall

Cost:

Free

Focus:

Children (the adult curriculum currently is being revised and that training will be offered later)

Who should participate?

Anyone, paid staff or volunteer, who is teaching, mentoring, or care giving our children or youth, including nursery, Sunday School, and youth volunteers and mentors, or anyone who is interested in the safety of the children and youth at St. George's. The training includes practical procedures, advice, think-about's, and must-dos for ensuring that we provide a safe environment for our children and young people. Anyone who has not taken Safe Church Training in the past, or who needs to renew that training, is encouraged to attend.

Why

Safe Church Training is required by policies adopted by the Episcopal Diocese of Minnesota and St. George's Episcopal Church.

How to:

St. George's is offering this training for free; however, there is a cost to the parish. Please plan to attend. **A signup sheet is available in the Parish Hall.**

Juice Sunday

by Camille Schroeder

The first Sunday of the month, October 5, 2008, is JUICE SUNDAY. September's total for juice was just 55 pounds. Let's see if we can double this for October. As we all know, the economy is pinching almost everyone but for those on very limited incomes it is even more difficult. Food is a way that we can help. Look for coupons or buy one – get one free offers and donate what you can to the STEP food shelf. The recipients are very appreciative.

Back to School Drive

The annual drive for school supplies for the STEP Back-To-School project is concluded. This year the goal was to limit the number of signups to 700, but that was just not possible. The total number of students served was 729. Approximately 15% of St. Louis Park's school population received assistance from STEP with their school supplies. St. George's helped this effort by providing \$805, several bags of school supplies and several volunteers who helped with the sorting and bag filling. It's a job well done! Thank you so much.

Blood Drive

St. George's semi-annual BLOOD DRIVE will be on Wednesday, October 15, 2008, from 3:30 to 7:00 pm. The Blood Mobile will be located at First Lutheran Church at 5801 Minnetonka Blvd. If you haven't donated before, please consider this your year to begin donating. Blood is always needed and gives life to the receiver. There will be a signup sheet on the bulletin board by the kitchen for you to designate your preferred time. You may also sign up

by calling Paul Schroeder at 952-470-5730. Please sign up by October 8, 2008.

Spotlight on the Youth: Patrick Kelley

Patrick Kelley was baptized here at St. George's by Fr. John Baldwin. He has been around St G's his whole life. Patrick is into video games, computers and just hanging around with his friends. Patrick is a sophomore at St. Louis Park High School. Patrick is going to be our new paid Nursery Aide. Patrick is an active part of our youth group.

A Tradition Returns:

by Carole Leonard

We plan to return to an old tradition at St. George's of placing a rose on the altar when a baby has been born to a parish member. Mention of the parents, the new baby's name and birth date will be printed in that Sunday's bulletin. If the parent or parents are in church that Sunday, the rose will be given to them following the service. If you know of a new baby being born, please call the Church Office, 952-926-1646 and tell Patty the information and she will arrange for a rose for the next Sunday. If it is later in the week, after the bulletin has gone to print, it will be done the following Sunday. Thank you.

Clean-up Day

by Bill Stromberg

We are doing a fall clean-up day on **Saturday, October 25**. We will be concentrating on getting our gardens ready for winter; cutting back perennials, putting mulch on plants and pulling out the annuals. We will also have a few indoor projects for those who don't want to get their hands dirty. Please plan to join us and "play in the dirt." Donuts and coffee and great weather are on order. Please see or call Bill Stromberg with any questions.

Tree work at St. George's

by Bill Stromberg

We have many lovely trees gracing our church property. Occasionally they do need some professional work to keep them looking their best and to maintain their good health. We consulted a professional arborist this summer, and needed work was done the second week of September.

Almost all our trees were trimmed. This is to give them better shape, to keep branches off the building walls and roofs, and to keep sidewalks safe for pedestrians. Some trees had some minor root work done.

Sadly, two trees were discovered to be dying and they have been removed. These were the large green maple in front of the Education Building and the medium size maple on the Toledo Avenue side. The Buildings and Grounds committee does not intend to replace these trees at this time. The thought is that our mature trees, while beautiful, obscure the sight of our lovely church. We think it more important right now to have the church more visible to the public.

We invite you to stroll around the church some Sunday morning and enjoy the new look of our grounds. The tree work is well done and we paid a very reasonable price for it. If you have comments or questions, please feel free to contact Bill Stromberg or any other Building and Grounds committee member.

Supper Club

by Sandy Stonhouse

On October 17 the Supper Club of St. George's will meet at Sandy and John Stonhouse's. Many friends have been gathering in homes every other month through the years. Fun is the main feature, yet some would claim the meal is the main attraction.

Cooking is one of our community talents as demonstrated at these pot luck gatherings. Call Sandy or John for more information at 952-920-4024 or talk with us on Sunday morning. Please come and join us.

Environmental Stewardship

by Kathie Brown

1. Buy items in concentrated form or bulk to reduce the amount of packaging that becomes trash, e.g., buy frozen concentrate juice rather than juice in large bottles or half gallon containers.
2. You can refill cat litter pails at Petco and possibly other places. That saves putting all those empty pails into your trash.
3. Buy a cloth shower curtain liner that is washable. It will last much longer than the vinyl ones which at best can be washed only a few times before they have to be replaced.

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

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



October Birthdays:

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| 3 | Paul Schroeder |
| 4 | Gwen Gysland |
| 5 | Bob Wilcox |
| 6 | Jean Anthony
Patrick Reese |
| 7 | John Hagerman
Evan Troyer |
| 8 | David Appelbaum |
| 12 | Charletta Kimber
Chad Eschweiler |
| 13 | Rosemarie Konkol |
| 14 | Everett Sherman |

Mary Poulsen
 Gayle Vann
 15 Ann Pickler
 Heather Whitesell
 17 Roxy Zaun
 18 Sandy Stonhouse
 Melissa Lonetto
 Dan Nulsen
 21 Alan Poulsen
 Barbara Behrens
 26 Martha Geiger
 29 Leon Vann
 30 Marj Paulsen
 Russ Burnison

From Buildings and Grounds

Thanks to John and Sandy Stonhouse, Kathie Brown, Mary Poulsen, Harry Kelley, Bill Stromberg and Carole Leonard for their help in painting posts and window frames on Saturday, September 6. Thanks, too, to Kathie Brown for researching, purchasing and overseeing the installation of the new “Episcopal Church Welcomes You” sign located at the corner of Toledo Avenue and Minnetonka Blvd.

Special thanks to Art Zaun and Tom Zaun for installing the ceramic tile floor in the Toledo entrance by the nursery.

Congratulations to:

Bob Jones who recently retired!

Mark, Nina, and Gage Monroe on the birth of their new son, Owen, who was born on September 8th.

Brad and Margaret Heil on the birth of their daughter, Sophia Marilyn, on September 12th.

Thank you:

Dear People of St. George’s – Thank you so much for the wonderful sendoff on August 10 and for all

the gifts of these last nine years. We treasure the St. George icon, the memory book, and the farewell purse as signs of the love and fellowship you all have shared with us. We send you our prayers and God’s blessings, as we each begin our new journeys of faith.

In Christ’s love,

Paul and Lee

Address Changes

Nila Poole
 4020 Lakeland Ave. N. Apt. 355
 Minneapolis, MN 55422-5805

Mary Weekes’ new phone number: 952-938-1156

Sympathy to:

- Heather Whitesell and her family on the death of Heather’s grandmother in early September.

Thank you to:

- ◆ Gregg Jacobson, Jane Jacobson, John Stonhouse, Harry Kelley and Patty Dittrich for helping Nila Poole move on Friday, August 29. Nila’s two sons, Sam and William, were a huge help and it was great to meet some of Nila’s family.
- ◆ Bill Stromberg for coming over and doing the “little things” that fall between the cracks.
- ◆ Carole Leonard for opening up and closing down the building for three weeks in late August. All those pesky little light switches.
- ◆ Randy Egan for helping to choose music for the Sunday Services.
- ◆ Altar Guild – as always – for stepping up and making sure things are done for Sunday morning worship.
- ◆ To John and Sandy Stonhouse for purchasing the beautiful mums to put in the garden area.

Remember Loaves & Fishes on October 30th!

Calendar of Events October 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Office Closed – Patty on vacation	3 Office Closed – Patty on vacation	4
5 8:00 am – HE, Rite I 8:30 am – Choir 9:00am Intergenerational Event (PH) 10:00am – HE, Rite II	6	7	8 7:00 pm - Vestry(CEB)	9 6:30 pm – AA(L/L)	10 6:30 pm – Youth in Parish Hall	11
12 8:00 am – HE, Rite I 8:30 am – Choir 9:00am Sunday School for All Ages 10:00am – HE, Rite II Stewardship Kickoff	13	14 7:00 pm- Finance and Personnel 7:00 pm- Mothers & More (L/L)	15 Newsletter Deadline	16 6:30 pm – AA (L/L) 6:30 pm – Prayer Shawl Ministry (PH)	17 7:00 pm – Supper Club at Stonhouses’s	18
19 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	20 Noon – St. Mary’s Circle	21	22	23 6:30 pm – AA (L/L)	24 Goblin March at St. Louis Park Rec Center.	25
26 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	27 7:00 pm - Buildings & Grounds (CEB)	28 Noon – Housemeeting	29	30 Loaves & Fishes	31 Happy Halloween! HE- Holy Eucharist	PH- Parish Hall LL – Library Lounge CEB – Conference Room Christian Education Building

Ministers of the Eucharistic Assembly October 2008

	October 5 Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost	October 12 Twenty-second Sunday After Pentecost	October 19 Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost	October 26 Twenty-fourth Sunday After Pentecost
Readings	Exodus 12:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Psalm 19 Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46	Exodus 32:1-14 Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14	Exodus 33:12-23 Psalm 99 I Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22	Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 I Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-46
Chalice	Karen Hurlbert Eileen Harvala John Hagerman	Steve Harvala Leslie Olufson Laura Harmon	Maraline Keeling Kathie Brown Cyprian Troyer	Mary Pulver Kuhfeld Alan Poulsen Leslie Olufson
Lectors	Karen Hurlbert Eileen Harvala John Hagerman	Carole Leonard Steve Harvala Caryl Eschweiler John Stonhouse	Maraline Keeling Jeff Evans Mary Poulsen	Mary Pulver Kuhfeld Marion Miller Leon Vann
Lay Eucharist Visitors			No Visits LEV Meeting	
Greeters	John & Nancy Taylor	Madeline Kerr	Maurine Bernier	Gwen Gysland
Ushers	Bruce Becker Ron Holbach Bill Stromberg Kitty Reese	Bob Miller Bruce Becker Tom Zaun Leon Vann	Chuck Murphy Ron Holbach Tom Zaun Jane Jacobsom	Bob Miller Ron Er02ickson Bob Jones Lou Michelich
Coffee Hour	Ron Holbach/Karen Hurlbert	Katherine Cady	Betty Bauer	Carole Leonard

About St. George's

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Carole Leonard, Parish Warden
John Carlson, Jeff Evans, Laura Harmon, Karen
Hurlbert, Harry Kelley, Mary Poulsen, Bill Stromberg,
Mary Weekes, Tom Zaun

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Dates to remember:

Sunday, Oct. 5 – 9:00 a.m. –
Intergenerational Event – Parish
Hall
Friday, Oct. 10 – 6:30 p.m. – Youth
Group
Sunday, Oct. 12 – Stewardship Drive
Begins
Sunday, Oct. 19 – No Sunday School
MEA Weekend.
Saturday, Oct. 25 – 9:00 a.m. – Fall
Yard Clean up – St. George's
Thursday, Oct. 30 – 2:00 pm – 6:00
p.m. – Loaves and Fishes at Holy
Rosary Church.

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