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Where everyone has a place at Christ's table



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Ongoing Devotion

Many folks have asked me if we are going to do any special services for Lent. We won't be doing anything more than what we have already begun. We have been practicing Gospel Based Discipleship twice a day each Wednesday. This will continue through Lent, Easter and onward. What happens in GBD circles during seasons like Lent is that as we follow the Daily Office Lectionary, the Gospel lessons are indeed Lenten focused. We will continue with an ongoing spiritual discipline rather than adding on to it.

I am offering these circles as a vehicle for discernment. I have come here to discern with you the future direction of this parish. In that effort, I am inviting all of us to find ways to listen for the Holy Spirit. In the discipline of Gospel Based Discipleship we gather in a circle of fellowship to hear what the Gospel is saying to us as individuals and what it is calling us to do as a community.

Some days I get the sense that we as a community may feel ready to "just move on." We have some energy and are tempted to move forward as if we weren't discerning the calling of a permanent Rector. We as parish and priest are in what is called a "honey-moon" period. We are getting along famously and are excited to try new things. The problem is that if we do too much of that, we will not make room for discernment.

We make room for discernment by taking time to create spaces to listen to each other, to listen to Holy

Scripture, to engage the Book of Common Prayer, and to sometimes just be silent.

Activities and programs are good. They are signs of life for a parish. But in a time of deep discernment we must be careful to not avoid the listening by adding more "stuff to do."

I invite you again to the Gospel discussion/reflection circles. Lent is a good time to start a new devotion or spiritual habit. If Wednesdays at 9 am or 7 pm don't work for you, I am open to adding a third circle during the week. Another avenue for Lenten devotion would be to attend the Adult Forum on Sunday mornings at 9am. During most of March, we will be covering topics from the Catechism at the Adult Forum. These classes will be a great opportunity for any adults wishing to prepare for reception/confirmation in the Episcopal Church.

Every time we gather as sisters and brothers in Christ, it is a special event; it is a circle of devotion.

In Christ,
Fr. Paul Allick

Adult Confirmation

Four Sundays during Lent we will be offering catechetical instruction for Adults at the 9 am Adult Forum (March 8, 15, 22, 29). We will cover these topics: The Sacraments, Holy Baptism, Holy Eucharist, The Church and The Ministry. Any adults interested in being received into the Church or confirmed are

encouraged to attend these four sessions. After these sessions I can follow up with whoever is interested in doing further preparation. It will involve two or three more sessions of instruction.

We will provide a sign-up sheet in the Narthex in February.

Please call me if you have interest or questions.

Peace, Fr. Paul

STEP News

STEP (St. Louis Park Emergency Program) will soon be moving to a temporary location. They will be building a new building at Lutheran Church of the Reformation breaking ground in April. Until that building is completed, they need places to store things. We have been contacted about letting them use space to store supplies for their Back to School Drive, which is co-chaired by Camille Schroeder. We have agreed this is a good community outreach and something that we can handle. St. George's will let STEP use the old Rummage Room off the coat hallway until late August, when they have the distribution. If their building is done sooner, the supplies will be moved out before then. This is a wonderful way for St. George's to help out the community that we have called home for over 60 years.

Environmental Stewardship

By Kathie Brown

The following classes are being offered through the Minneapolis Community Education, and I think they sound interesting. Anyone can attend, regardless of where you live.

“Reduce, Don't Just Recycle”

Find effective ways to lower all kinds of consumption without sacrificing your quality of life. Come share your tips and successes and leave with new ideas for change and follow-through in your own consumption patterns. Wednesday, February 11 – 6:30-8:30 pm – Washburn High School. \$15.00 register at www.mplscommunityed.com or call 612-668-3450

“What's in Your Cosmetic, Drugs, Toiletries & Food and Organic Options” – Monday, March 9 – 7:00-8:30 pm – Southwest High School. Free. Call 612-668-3100 to register.

“Energy Issues, Recycling and Waste Reduction” – Monday, March 23, 7:00-8:30 pm – Southwest High School. Free. Call 612-668-3100 to register.

Christian Education

by Heather Whitesell

Sunday School News

The children had a very successful pageant this year. They practiced hard and it really paid off! I think their favorite part was singing the Fa la la la song. In Sunday school we are learning about baptism and its importance for us. We learned about John the Baptist baptizing many people and even Jesus. We thought he was cool but eating bugs sounded gross! We look forward to Children's Chapel during the church service beginning January 25.

Youth News

The youth met last Friday for food and fellowship. We also talked about baptism. We looked over the words to the Apostle's Creed and talked about what it means for us to be baptized and how to live out that responsibility. We are learning how to navigate through the Book of Common Prayer. Of course there was time for a game of Cops and Robbers as well as sampling of sushi. Patrick enjoyed taking pictures of his friends' faces biting into the seaweed~ !Thank you to Jason Lian and his father Kevin for providing us with the tantalizing treat!

Confirmation- Youth 14 and older who are interested in confirmation - please turn in registration forms to either Heather, Patty or Father Paul ASAP!! Classes begin on Feb. 11 .

Advent Rings: Please place returned advent rings in the box in the parish hall to be used for next year.

Adult Forum- February Sessions

February 1 – Intergenerational - Elders to share stories with children – Heather Whitesell & Mildred Cox
 February 8 – Grandparenting with Mildred Cox
 February 15 – Somali speaker or cultural understandings.
 February 22 – Little known facts about cultural icons from a gay perspective – Randy Egan

Financial Update

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

Income	\$22,904.77	97% of budget
Expenses	\$23,583.69	93 % of budget
Total for month (\$678.92)		
Year to Date \$577.36		



JUICE SUNDAY is still the first Sunday in the month.

Notices



February Birthdays:

- 3 Phyllis Watson
- 7 Julie Milligan
Sara Friesen
- 8 Betty Bauer

- Steve Monroe
- 9 Bob Jones
Eileen Harvala
- 10 Kitty Reese
- 11 Page Appelbaum
- 14 Gretchen Hetland
Thayer Porter
Amanda Seifert
- 15 Jonathan Gregornik
Rachelle Troyer
- 21 Glen Wilson
Aidan Nancarrow
- 22 Pat Kojis
Elizabeth Jester
- 23 Will Knight
- 26 Jan Hagerman
- 29 Jane Jacobson

Thank you to:

- ◆ Harry Kelley, Bill Stromberg and Patty Dittrich for coming in on Thursday, Jan. 8th and de-greening the church.
- ◆ Tom Zaun, Bill Stromberg, Harry Kelley, Carole Leonard and Patty Dittrich for hanging the banners in the Narthex. (over the stairwell in case you haven't noticed)
- ◆ Bob Miller, Bob Jones, Jane Carlson, John Carlson, Rachelle Troyer, Cyprian Troyer, Carole Leonard, and Sandy Stonhouse for all their help at the Annual Meeting Breakfast.
- ◆ The Youth who helped at the Breakfast: Jacob, Jon, Jason, Addia, Abby, and Jade – without you there couldn't have been a breakfast – from cracking eggs, whisking eggs, mixing fruit, filling fruit cups, setting the tables and so many other things. You were all terrific!!!
- ◆ Everyone who help make St. George's such a special place!

For Your Information:

Patty, the Parish Administrator, will be out of the office January 29th through February 6th. I will be checking emails from home.

Supper Club – Saturday, Feb. 14th at 6:30 pm at 3600 Wooddale Ave., St. Louis Park.

Calendar of Events February, 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00 am – HE, Rite I 8:30 am – Choir 9:00 am – Sunday School for all ages 10:00am – HE, Rite II	2	3 2:15 3:15 pm – Staff Meeting	4 9:00 am – Gospel Based Discipleship CEB 7:00 pm – Gospel Based Discipleship L/L	5 7 pm – Liturgy Committee	6 Fr. Allick's day off	7
8 8:00 am – HE, Rite I 8:30 am – Choir 9:00 am – Sunday School for all ages 10:00am – HE, Rite II	9	10 2:15 3:15 pm – Staff Meeting 7:00 pm- Mothers & More (L/L)	11 9:00 am – Gospel Based Discipleship CEB 7:00 pm – Gospel Based Discipleship L/L 7:00 pm Confirmation	12 6:30 pm – AA(LL)	13 Fr. Allick's day off 6:30 pm – Youth Group	14 10-3 Vestry Retreat at St. Paul's, Minneapolis 6:30 pm – Supper Club at the Alberg's
15 8:00 am – HE, Rite I 8:30 am – Choir 9:00 am- Sunday School for all ages 10:00am – HE, Rite II Newsletter Deadline	16 Noon – St. Mary's Circle	17 2:15-3:15 pm – Staff Meeting 7:00 pm - Finance & Personnel (CEB)	18 9:00 am – Gospel Based Discipleship (CEB) 7:00 pm – Gospel Based Discipleship L/L 7:00 pm – Education Committee	19 6:30 pm – AA	20 Fr. Allick's day off	21
22 8:00 am – HE, Rite I 8:30 am – Choir 9:00 am – Sunday School for all ages 10:00am – HE, Rite II	23 9am- 5 pm – Lifeline screening in Parish Hall 7:00 pm Buildings & Grounds Mtg.	24 2:15-3:15 pm – Staff Meeting	25 9:00 am – Gospel Based Discipleship (CEB) 7:00 pm – Gospel Based Discipleship L/L	26 6:30 pm - AA	27 Fr. Allick's day off	28
				PH- Parish Hall L/L – Library Lounge CEB – Christian Education Building		

Ministers of the Eucharistic Assembly

February, 2009

	February 1 Fourth Sunday After Epiphany	February 8 Fifth Sunday After Epiphany	February 15 Sixth Sunday After Epiphany	February 22 Last Sunday After Epiphany	Feb. 25 Ash Wednesday 7:00 pm
Readings	Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm 111 I Corinthians 8:1-13 Mark 1:21-28	Isaiah 41:21-31 Psalm 147:1-12, 21c I Corinthians 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39	2 Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30 I Corinthians 9:24-27 Mark 1:40-45	2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50:1-6 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Mark 9:2-9	Isaiah 58:1-12 Psalm 103:8-14 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 Matthew 6:1-6,16-21
Chalice	Steve Harvala Alan Poulsen Leslie Olufson	Karen Hurlbert Kathie Brown Steve Harvala	Maraline Keeling Laura Harmon John Hagerman	Steve Harvala Cyprian Troyer Alan Poulsen	Steve Harvala Kathie Brown
Lectors	Karen Hurlbert Steve Harvala Paul Schroeder Leslie Olufson	Karen Hurlbert Jeff Evans Emma Eschweiler	Mary Pulver Maraline Keeling John Stonhouse Marion Miller	Steve Harvala Cyprian Troyer Mary Poulsen	Steve Harvala Caryl Eschweiler
Lay Eucharist Visitors	Alan Poulsen Julie Milligan	Steve Harvala Dawn Bacon	Laura Harmon Mary Poulsen	Heather Whitesell Mary Kuhfeld	
Greeters	Maurine Bernier	Gwen Gysland	Harry & Kris Kelley	Leon & Gayle Vann	
Ushers	Bruce Becker Ron Holbach Bill Stromberg Kitty Reese	Bob Miller Chuck Murphy Tom Zaun Leon Vann	Ron Erickson Ron Holbach Tom Zaun Jane Jacobson	Bob Miller Ron Holbach Bob Jones Lou Michelich	Bob Miller Bill Stromberg
Coffee Hour	Ron Holbach Karen Hurlbert John and Jane Carlson	Help Needed Barb Behrens	Betty Bauer Alan and Mary Poulsen	Carole Leonard John and Sandy Stonhouse	



About St. George's

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Parish staff:

Paul Allick, Priest-in-Charge
Mildred Cox, Associate Priest
Patty Dittrich, Parish Administrator
Heather Whitesell, Children and Youth Coordinator
Randy Egan, Organist/Choirmaster

Wardens and Vestry:

Rector's Warden
Parish Warden
Kathie Brown, John Carlson, John Hagerman, Laura
Harmon, Harry Kelley, Mary Poulsen, Cyprian Troyer,
Mary Weekes, Tom Zaun

Our Mission is to:

Listen, Proclaim, Serve, Celebrate!



February Dates to Remember:

Confirmation Class begins on Feb. 11th –
at 7:00 pm.

Vestry Retreat – Saturday, Feb. 14th 10am
– 3 pm – at St. Paul's in Minneapolis

Supper Club on Saturday, Feb. 14th at 6:30
pm

Finance & Personnel will meet on Feb.
17th at 7:00 pm

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Life Line Screening will be using our
building on Monday, Feb. 23rd

**Ash Wednesday on Feb. 25th – Services
and imposition of Ashes at 9:00 am
and 7:00 pm.**