



# St. George's Episcopal Church

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## Institutional Vocabulary

Institutions have their own language. Groups tend to use "insider" language; terminology that we are not accustomed to hearing. No matter how many different ways we communicate information within the Institutional Church it doesn't always stick. I don't think this is a problem; it's just the way it goes. There are some terms floating around our parish whose meaning may not always be clear. I'd like to give you some of them to study. There may be a pop quiz, so study hard.

**Priest-in-Charge:** This clergy person serves on an interim basis with a parish. This priest is recommended by the bishop to help a congregation discern its future. In this discernment the parish works on closure with its past, identifies new leaders, works on its connection with its denomination, explores and explains its own current identity and then profiles the type of priest it wishes to have in place as a permanent Rector. The Priest-in-Charge is eligible to be the first candidate for the permanent position. If the priest and parish decide that their working together isn't a good match then the parish will search for a better fit. In the past a parish getting a "priest-in-charge" meant that the parish didn't have the resources to do a full search. This is not the case any longer. Many parishes with ample resources and energy are opting for this model as an alternative for a variety of reasons.

**An Interim Priest:** This clergy person leads the parish through all the discernment pieces that a Priest-in-Charge does. The difference is that an intentional

Interim Priest will not be eligible to stay on. This happens in situations where a parish is either experiencing significant crisis, a need for really sorting out its identity apart from the identity of clergy leadership, or feels a need to do a more expansive search process.

**Rector's Warden:** The priest selects this warden from among the Vestry. This warden's role is to represent the priest's concerns to the Vestry and Parish. This Warden works with the priest on areas of pastoral care, liturgy, and education.

**Parish Warden:** This Warden is selected from among the Vestry by the Vestry. This Warden's role is to represent the concerns of the parish to the Vestry and the Priest. This Warden works on financial matters and matters concerning property and building management.

**Transition/Discernment Committee:** This is the group that will be formed by the Vestry to profile the parish and to create a profile for the next permanent Rector of St. George's. This group will work with our Diocesan Consultant, Sharon Garland. They will meet as much as once per week for as long as up to six months. You should expect to see a profile survey from this group. They will use that information to discern the next clergy leadership. In our circumstance, if we decide that the current Priest-in-Charge is not to become the Rector this group will end and a Search Committee will be formed. The Search Committee may consist of some of the same members.

Peace, Fr. Paul Allick

devouring heart shaped pizza (in honor of St. Valentine), he and Patty took the kids to see the Pink Panther movie. Lots of laughs!!

### **Intergenerational Activity**

Last month we met in the Library Lounge for some fellowship and talk of the old days. Maurine Bernier shared her stories of growing up as an Episcopalian at St. Andrew's Church in Minneapolis. As a closing activity, we all wrote down a memory on a strip of paper and the papers were linked to make a memory chain. It was fun to read about then memories and most cherished by everyone!

### **Adult Forum- March Sessions**

- March 1 – An Intergenerational event
- March 8 – The Sacraments
- March 15 – The Holy Eucharist
- March 22 – Holy Baptism
- March 29 – The Church, The Ministry

Wednesday Evenings (7 pm)

- April 29 – Church History I
- May 6 – Church History II
- May 13 – The Book of Common Prayer

### **Financial Update**

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

<b>Income</b>	\$17,646.50	84% of budget
<b>Expenses</b>	\$23,231.58	90% of budget
<b>Total for month (\$5,585.08)</b>		
<b>Year to Date (\$5,585.08)</b>		

January is traditionally lower in income, but if you could please keep your pledges current it would help us out tremendously.

If you want to give funds towards the deficit reduction, please do so, and mark the memo "budget deficit". If we all could give an extra few dollars a month, we

## **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.

There are sheets describing what each session will be about in the Narthex, and a sign up sheet in the Parish Hall.

Please call me if you have interest or questions.

Peace, Fr. Paul

## **Christian Education**

*by Heather Whitesell*

### **Sunday School News**

The children have begun work on their Baptismal books. When finished, the books will have the words to the Apostle's Creed in them. It will be a fun way to practice remembering the words to the creed.

Children's Chapel has been going well. The children are practicing the Apostle's Creed there as well, along with the Lord's Prayer. It is also an opportunity for them to offer their own personal prayers for others. Thanks to the many adults who have volunteered to help with this ministry!

### **Youth News**

St. George's was host to the first multi-parish confirmation class. It was a fun way to come together as Episcopalians and learn more about our faith. Our old pal, Al Kotula, was back for movie night. After

could go a long way towards reducing the deficit.  
Thank you!



**JUICE SUNDAY is still the first Sunday in the month. Juice and Food donations to STEP during the first two weeks of February were 132 pounds which included 20 bottles of juice. Thank you!**

## **Discerning vs. Searching**

By Cyprian Troyer

What is the point of a 'Discernment' committee? Why can't we just start a search committee? What is our new Vestry up to? What are we supposed to be discerning anyway?

Hopefully, these are questions on everyone's minds. This new Vestry has just completed our retreat, and one piece of business was to keep the ball rolling on our search for a new rector. We continue to work with Sharon Garland, our Diocesan Search Consultant, and the step before us now is to build a representative group of parishioners to do the spiritual heavy lifting of discernment. The following step will be to take the results of that work, and define very clearly what we seek in a new rector. Then we will be able to begin the earthly work of the search process.

Right now, we need to focus on the spiritual side of that process. We have an opportunity before us to engage the spirit of St. George's very deeply in answering the question of how we want to grow forward into our Baptismal covenant. That will take much prayer, much work, and some very honest soul searching. We are called to step out of our comfort zones, physical and spiritual, to engage each other and the Holy Spirit; to listen for the still small voice that calls us to follow Jesus on the way. Those who volunteer for this process need to know that this will mean a significant commitment of time and energy. Sharon Garland tells us that it would be best if the group met weekly, and that the process could take anywhere from a few to 6 months. The Vestry feels

that the number in this group should be large enough to be representative of the parish, but not so large as to make meetings unwieldy. Sharon's recommendation is between 6 and 10 persons. The members of the discernment group will be given the task of understanding the personality of St. George's Parish- as distinct from the personalities of our clergy. They will also be charged with seeking a hopeful vision of our future ministries. We have no doubt that God has work to share with us here, and it is always a prudent strategy to cooperate with the Lord.

With that thought in our minds, and that prayer in our hearts, the members of the Vestry ask you to seriously, prayerfully consider a call to this momentous ministry. With the right mix of people in the group, I am confident that the Future of St. George's will be in good hands. Heck, it might even be fun.

Please if you feel a call to this ministry, or simply have questions, speak to a member of the Vestry, the Wardens, or drop a note on a prayer card in the offertory and it will be directed to the Wardens.

## **IMAGINE**

### **If every Minnesotan shared with their local food shelf.....**

This is the theme of the 2009 Minnesota Food Share Drive and what a vision it invokes. No one hungry, no one with empty food shelves, no one worrying about where their next meal will be coming from. WOW!!!! And we have a chance to help make that happen. St. George's will participate in the March Drive and we will give our donations to the St. Louis Park Emergency Program (STEP).

We will have a goal of specific items for the Sundays in March although you may bring anything anytime. All contributions are welcome and will be used.

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| Sunday, March 1  | Juice, jams and jellies                       |
| Sunday, March 8  | Canned meats, such as tuna, chicken and SPAM. |
| Sunday, March 15 | Rice – any kind, white brown, mixed.          |
| Sunday, March 22 | Canned fruits – any kind                      |

Sunday, March 29 Baking supplies such as flour, sugar, chocolate chips, soda, ???

A question has been raised regarding gifts of money versus gifts of food items. STEP can purchase many basic items through agencies for far less than we can so donations of money are very welcome and needed. On the other hand, many items are not available through these agencies and they are welcome donations. That is the reason for the items listed above. These items are unable to be purchased at "bargain prices" so they are the perfect food donations from us. Whatever you are able to do is most welcome. Food donations can be placed in the Narthex. They will be taken to STEP at various times during the month. Money donations can be sent to the church or place in the offering on Sundays. Checks should be made out to STEP. Thank you for your participation in this Outreach project.

## Notices



### March Birthdays:

- 2 Bill Stromberg
- 3 Molly Jacobson
- 5 Anjela Williams
- 6 Betty Dibble
- 10 Loretta Herbers
- 13 Gage Monroe
- 14 Mark Kraabel
- 15 Cami Gysland
- 16 Trish Burnison
- 24 Michael Johnson
- 25 John Karwacki  
Benjamin Voorhees
- 26 Laura Reese
- 27 Cherie Bodene  
Bob Alberg  
Emma Rousselow

## Thank you to:

- ◆ Al Kotula for coming in on Friday, Feb. 13 and helping with the Youth Group when Heather was out of town.
- ◆ Camille Schroeder for organizing the moving of the Back to School materials to our building for STEP.
- ◆ Everyone who helped at the funeral for Cy Brown, a special thank you to Maraline Keeling and Patti Wales for organizing the kitchen.
- ◆ Patti Wales for providing lunch for the Vestry at their retreat.

## Recent Baptisms at St. George's

Allie Rebekka Cannon, daughter of Jeff and Sarah Cannon. Jeff and Sarah were married at St. George's. Sarah has a long history with St. George's her grandmother was Kay Gould.

Benjamin Voorhees, son of Daniel and Jennifer Voorhees. Daniel and Jennifer have transferred to St. George's from St. David's. Welcome!!

## Sympathy to:

\*Ron Holbach on the death of his uncle.

\*Kathie Brown, Leslie Olufson and Curtis Olufson on the death of Cy Brown on February 15<sup>th</sup>. Cy's service was held here at St. George's on Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>.

## New Members:

Bob Christensen  
3401 Sheridan Ave. N.  
Minneapolis, MN 55412

Shannon and David Starr  
Alyssa and Madelyn  
333 Herman Terrace  
Hopkins, MN 55343  
952-935-6011

Daniel and Jennifer Voorhees  
Jack and Benjamin  
3841 Orchard Ave. N.  
Robbinsdale, MN 55422  
763-537-0628

Carrie Smith  
Abby  
2210 Plymouth Rd. #113  
Minnetonka, MN 55305  
952-686-1254

Jeff and Sarah Cannon  
Rebekka  
2725 Dakota Ave. S.  
St. Louis Park, MN 55416



## St. Louis Park Emergency Program (STEP)

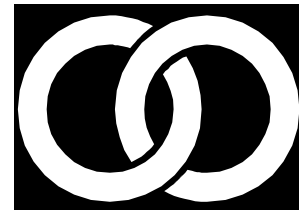
By Camille Schroeder

Enclosed with this Newsletter is a page devoted to STEP. It calls your attention to the Empty Bowls event on March 5, 2009, the current needs of STEP and a request for volunteers to help with STEP's move to a temporary location.

Many of you already know of STEP's need to move and their decision to build their own home. STEP has been looking for a home in St. Louis Park for 5 years. The Board has looked into rentals and purchases but nothing has surfaced that would work. As a result, the Board decided to build its own building and is now beginning the process of raising funds for its construction. The building will be on the site of

Reformation Lutheran Church and will be started this spring. There is a Capital Funds Campaign that you will be hearing about in the near future. This non-profit organization is a much needed one in St. Louis Park and it needs and will have a permanent home. Thus the need for moving help which is outlined on the enclosed STEP information sheet. If you can help, please call Kate at 952-925-4899. Information about the Capital Campaign can be obtained from STEP or from Camille Schroeder.

**Aldersgate United Methodist Church** Theatre of the Spirit is presenting the musical *Godspell*. Performances are Fridays, March 13 and 20 at 7:00 p.m., Saturdays, March 14 and 21 at 7:00 p.m., and Sundays March 15 and 22 at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are not required but donations will gladly be accepted to help offset the costs of production. Seating is on a first come first served basis. Refreshments will be available following the evening shows and a spaghetti dinner for \$7 will be offered following the Sunday shows. Aldersgate UMC is located at 3801 Wooddale Ave. in St. Louis Park. If you have questions or need directions please call 952-929-6725.



## Marriage Encounter Weekend

Want to get closer to the one you love? That's what Marriage Encounter is all about! Marriage Encounter is forty-four hours where the two of you can focus on each other, away from all the distractions of daily life. For a richer, deeper, more vibrant marriage, try a Marriage Encounter weekend! The next Episcopal Marriage Encounter weekend in the Twin Cities area will be March 20-22. Contact Richard and Catherine Lemons by phone at 952-944-8220 or by email at [richncath@aol.com](mailto:richncath@aol.com) for more information, or go to [www.episcopalmne.com](http://www.episcopalmne.com) to register on-line. Registration is limited so a quick response is encouraged.

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# Calendar of Events March, 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 8:00 am – HE, Rite I 8:30 am – Choir 9:00 am – Sunday School for all ages 10:00am – HE, Rite II	<b>2</b> 7:00 pm – Education Committee	<b>3</b> 2:15 3:15 pm – Staff Meeting	<b>4</b> 9:00 am – Gospel Based Discipleship 7:00 pm – Gospel Based Discipleship L/L 7:00 pm – Confirmation – at St. Nicholas’, Richfield	<b>5</b> 6:30 pm – AA(LL)  Empty Bowls Event	<b>6</b> Fr. Allick’s day off	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 8:00 am – HE, Rite I 8:30 am – Choir 9:00 am – Sunday School for all ages 10:00am – HE, Rite II	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  7:00 pm - Finance & Personnel (CEB)  7:00 pm- Mothers & More (L/L)	<b>11</b> 9:00 am – Gospel Based Discipleship CEB  7:00 pm – Gospel Based Discipleship L/L	<b>12</b> 6:30 pm – AA(LL)	<b>13</b> Fr. Allick’s day off  6:30 pm – Youth Group	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 8:00 am – HE, Rite I 8:30 am – Choir 9:00 am- Sunday School for all ages 10:00am – HE, Rite II  <b>Newsletter            Deadline</b>	<b>16</b> Noon – St. Mary’s Circle  7:00 pm - Vestry	<b>17</b> 2:15-3:15 pm – Staff Meeting	<b>18</b> 9:00 am – Gospel Based Discipleship (CEB)  7:00 pm – Gospel Based Discipleship L/L  7:00 pm – Confirmation at St. Edward’s	<b>19</b> 6:30 pm – AA	<b>20</b> Fr. Allick’s day off	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 8:00 am – HE, Rite I 8:30 am – Choir 9:00 am – Sunday School for all ages 10:00am – HE, Rite II	7:00 pm Buildings & Grounds Mtg.	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9:00 am – Gospel Based Discipleship (CEB)  7:00 pm – Feast of the Annunciation Service	<b>26</b> 6:30 pm - AA	<b>27</b> Fr. Allick’s day off	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		<b>PH-</b> Parish Hall <b>L/L</b> – Library Lounge <b>CEB</b> – Christian Education Building		

# Ministers of the Eucharistic Assembly March, 2009

	March 1 First Sunday in Lent	March 8 Second Sunday in Lent	March 15 Third Sunday in Lent	March 22 Fourth Sunday in Lent	March 29 Fifth Sunday in Lent
<b>Readings</b>	Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-9 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-15	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Psalm 22;22-30 Romans 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38	Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19 1 Corinthian 1:18-25 John 2:13-22	Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Ephesians 2:1-10 John 3:14-21	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 51:1-13 Hebrews 5:5-10 John 12:20-33
<b>Chalice</b>	Karen Hurlbert  Leslie Olufson Cyprian Troyer	Maraline Keeling  Laura Harmon John Hagerman	Steve Harvala  Alan Poulsen Eileen Harvala	Karen Hurlbert  Kathie Brown Cyprian Troyer	Maraline Keeling  Leslie Olufson Laura Harmon
<b>Lectors</b>	Karen Hurlbert  Leon Vann Gale Winikoff	Maraline Keeling  John Hagerman Holden Hagerman	Mary Kuhfeld Steve Harvala  Mary Weekes Julian Mejia	Karen Hurlbert  Kathie Brown Paul Schroeder	Maraline Keeling  Pat Sturcken Jeff Evans
<b>Lay Eucharist Visitors</b>	Steve Harvala Alan Poulsen	Laura Harmon Heather Whitesell	No Visits LEV Meeting	Julie Milligan Mary Poulsen	Alan Poulsen Mary Kuhfeld
<b>Acolyte/Crucifer</b>	Abby Smith	Abby Smith	Abby Smith	Jacob Carlson	Jacob Carlson
<b>Greeters</b>	Laura, Tom and Nathan Harmon	Nina, Mark, Gage and Owen Monroe	Nancy and Neal Gysland	Caryl and Emma Eschweiler	Margaret, Brad and Sophia Heil
<b>Ushers</b>	Bruce Becker Ron Erickson  Bill Stromberg Kitty Reese	Ron Holbach Chuck Murphy  Tom Zaun Leon Vann	Bob Miller Bruce Becker  Tom Zaun Jane Jacobson	Ron Holbach Chuck Murphy  Bob Jones Lou Michelich	Bruce Becker Ron Erickson  Bill Stromberg Kitty Reese
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Ron Holbach Karen Hurlbert	Betty Bauer	Betty Bauer	Carole Leonard	Ron Holbach Karen Hurlbert

# About St. George's

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#### Parish staff:

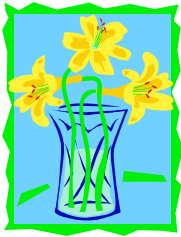
Paul Allick, Priest-in-Charge  
Mildred Cox, Associate Priest  
Patty Dittrich, Parish Administrator  
Heather Whitesell, Children and Youth Coordinator  
Randy Egan, Organist/Choirmaster

#### Wardens and Vestry:

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

#### Our Mission is to:

Listen, Proclaim, Serve, Celebrate!



If you would like to contribute to the decorations that make St. George's so very beautiful at Easter time, please indicate your wishes below:

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Please return this sheet to either the collection plate or mail to the Church Office. The deadline is Sunday, March 29, 200.

