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The Power Source

God in Christ has provided a power source for the Church. Jesus promised the Church an Advocate that would teach us and empower us for our mission in the world. Jesus at his own baptism, according to all four Gospels, was himself empowered and anointed by the Holy Spirit as he rose out of the water.

Each of us who are baptized into the death and resurrection of Christ are, like he was, then filled with the Holy Spirit. It is the source of our divine power to proclaim the ministry of reconciliation to the whole world to the end of time. The Catechism teaches us that we are One because we live under one head, Jesus Christ. We are Holy because we are sanctified by and filled with the Holy Spirit. We are Catholic because we proclaim the whole faith to all people. We can't be very good at being the Church Catholic until we work at the one-ness and the tapping into the power of the Holy Spirit. This is true for us as a body as well as individual disciples.

We are taught in the Catechism that the Holy Spirit is "the Third Person of the Trinity, God at work in the world and in the Church even now." In my discipleship walk I keep reminding myself to look for the Holy Spirit in my life and in the Church. What is God up to? What work is the Holy Spirit doing that I am not seeing?

And how is that we tap into this source of power and discernment? We start by asking for it. There are good collects in the Book of Common Prayer (pages 227, 251) and I have seen Novenas to the Holy Spirit in both Anglican and Roman resources.

When we pray for the Holy Spirit to enlighten and energize us for mission how will we know if it worked? We will know the presence of the Holy Spirit if we change, if we can sense some kind of transformation in our lives. The Catechism states that, "We recognize the presence of the Holy Spirit when we confess Jesus Christ as Lord and are brought into love and harmony with God, with ourselves, with our neighbors, and with all creation."

In other words, we will know that God has answered our call for the power of the Advocate when we can see that Jesus is indeed who he says that he is and when we decide to follow him as our Lord. Then we become reconcilers in the world just as Christ reconciled us to God. We fall in love with God and feel at peace with him, with ourselves, with others and with the whole created world.

But we must also be aware that calling upon the Holy Spirit means that we are asking to go on a mission of reconciliation. Living in harmony with the Creator and all that he creates is no easy task. At times it will be painful to step out of our own way to see where God the Holy Spirit is at work. The Holy Spirit sent Jesus out into the wilderness to fast, pray and be tempted right after his baptism. (Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22, 4:1-2; Matthew 3:13-17).

So it isn't that the Holy Spirit comes upon us only for comfort but also to challenge us and lead us out to do the work God has given us to do. The Holy Spirit at once sends us and gives us the power and grace to accomplish our mission.

Fr. Paul Allick

WARDENS' CORNER

By Kathie Brown, Parish Warden

STEWARDSHIP AND PLEDGE CAMPAIGNS WORKSHOP

On Saturday, April 25, Carole Leonard and I attended this workshop put on by the Diocese of Minnesota. The workshop was very well done, and we came away with a number of ideas. One I will mention here, and you will likely hear about others later. "In all aspects of church stewardship, the money and resources (or lack thereof) is nothing more than a symptom of our engagement with, and care for, each other." If you build it, they will, come. Is St. George's offering programs that keep you involved and that will bring others here? Margaret Heil is interested in regular gatherings for families in the parish who have young children. Is there someone who is willing to work with her on this? The Prayer Shawl Ministry was started by Mary Poulsen and quickly caught on. I saw a survey on the National Church website that indicated that people who live in the area of St. George's would be most interested in recreational activities sponsored by a church. What ideas do you have? I am sure the Transition Committee will be taking a more formal approach to solicit your input, but in the meantime, please feel to share your ideas with any member of the vestry.

WORSHIP AND EUCHARIST WITH THE MOST REV. DR. KATHARINE JEFFERTS SCHORI, PRESIDING BISHOP OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF OUR MERCIFUL SAVIOR IN FARIBAUT ON SATURDAY, MAY 16

My sister, Leslie, and I went to Faribault for this event. The service was filled with all familiar and many of my favorite hymns. The Presiding Bishop spoke about the church (all of us) being there for people who are alone or left out. That care for each other ties into what I just mentioned above. And when we care for people, is

that not one way we bring people to Christ? The Presiding Bishop only spoke for about 10 minutes-we wished it had been longer! Leslie and I felt very honored to receive the bread of Eucharist from the Presiding Bishop. She is quite young, only 55 years old (at least that seems young to me!). She is very educated woman and has only been ordained since 1994. To me it says a lot about the type of person she is to have reached this position in such a short amount of time. I found out from Laura Harmon that the Episcopal Church Katharine served at in Oregon, before becoming Bishop of Nevada, was the church attended by Laura's parents. Katharine was the one who got the Lay Eucharist Visitor program established at that parish. Wow!

Leslie and I had never been to the cathedral in Faribault. It is a beautiful place with many special stained glass windows and a bell tower. We had about a 45-minute tour, but could have spent so much more time there. The cathedral is where the first Episcopal Bishop in the United States, Henry Whipple, served from 1859 to 1901. We saw the crypt where he is buried in the cathedral. We also got a chance to play a song on the bell tower bells. The current Dean of the Cathedral, James Zotalis, is an artist, and we saw an exhibit of his work. I would love to spend more time there. If you ever get a chance to visit the cathedral, we highly recommend it.

Faithfully,
Kathie Brown
Parish Warden

Christian Education

by Heather Whitesell

Sunday School Fun

We are wrapping up our Sunday School year by talking about the gospel lessons. We talked last week about Jesus being the vine and we the branches. We learned the meaning of the word "abide", and what it means for Jesus to abide in us. Thanks to all the children for participating this year. Please stay after the service on June 7 for a celebratory potluck!

Thanks to all the adults who volunteered in the Children's Chapel this year. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Youth News

Addia, Abby, Neal and I (and Nancy Gysland) had a very enjoyable time at the Children's Theater production of the play "Ramona Quimby" which are very own Holden Hagerman is in. We had third row seats so it wasn't hard to pick him out. He even gave us a backstage tour after the performance. He showed us all the moving furniture and where they did their quick costume changes. Thanks and great performance Holden!

Confirmation class: The older youth and I traveled to St. Edwards this month for confirmation class. Our topic this time was Eucharist. We talked about how food and special meals can have significance for us. We celebrated our own Eucharist using many different types of bread. I think the favorite was the gingerbread! We will go to St. Nicholas parish next and then be off for the summer, resuming again in September.

Mission Trip---- Youth still interested in the Mission Trip in June need to send your registration in ASAP!!!

scholarships are available. Please call Heather, or Patty if interested. **Deadline is May 1st!**

Transition Committee is Up and Running

By Laura Harmon, Rector's Warden

The Transition Committee held its first meeting with Sharon Garland, Search Consultant from the Diocese, on April 14, and has been holding weekly meetings. The Transition Committee consists of the following individuals: Dawn Bacon, Gwen Gysland, John Hagerman, Jane Jacobson, Carole Leonard, Alan

Poulsen, Cyprian Troyer, Leon Vann and Roxy Zaun. The committee will keep the parish informed as to its progress. However, feel free to contact any member of the committee if you have specific questions or concerns.

Financial Update

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

Income	\$22,584.37	97.66% of budget
Expenses	\$21,123.75	96.07% of budget
Total for month	\$460.62	
Year to Date	(\$6,700.72)	
Budgeted year to date	(\$10,068.43)	

Remember - St. George's bills continue on throughout the summer, if you are gone for a period of time, please keep your pledge up-to-date.

If you want to give funds towards the deficit reduction, please do so, and mark the memo "budget deficit". So far, we have collected over \$6,000 to help reduce the deficit. Every dollar helps. If we all could give an extra few dollars a month, we could go a long way towards reducing the deficit. Thank you!



JUICE SUNDAY is still the first Sunday in the month.

Summer Vacation – office help needed

By Patty Dittrich

I will be out of the office July 9 through July 16. I would like to get volunteer to answer the phones on the mornings of July 9, 13, 14, 15 and 16. Please call the church office, 951-926-1646 if you are able to help out.

Summer Worship Schedule at St. George's

Beginning on **Sunday, June 7** we will have 1 service at 9:00 a.m.. So, come and join us at 9:00 a.m. during the months of June, July and August. We will go back to our regular schedule on **Sunday, Sept. 13th**.

Voice Recital at St. George's

By Caryl Eschweiler

You are cordially invited to Emma Eschweiler's Junior Voice Recital to be held Monday June 1, 2009 at 7:30 pm at St. George's. Please join our family and friends in a musical evening! Light refreshments will follow.

Join in welcoming new members to St. George's

By Laura Harmon

On Sunday, June 7, we will formally recognize new members of St. George's with special prayers during the 9:00 a.m. service. Following the service there will be a brunch potluck, at that time we will recognize the people who are new to our faith community, celebrate the end of the Sunday School year, recognize people who have helped in Children's Chapel, and celebrate the beginning of summer and the summer schedule. A sign up sheet will go up in May, so be sure to sign up to bring something. If you want to help organize, set up, clean up or plan, see Laura Harmon.

Lay Eucharist Visitor (LEV) Training on Saturday, June 6 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

By Laura Harmon

We who are many are one body, because we all share in the one bread.

Like many faith communities, St. George's has a number of parishioners who are homebound due to illness or mobility problems. Though they cannot be physically present with us in worship, it is important that they share with us in the Eucharist.

A Lay Eucharist Visitor is a person who brings the consecrated elements of the Eucharist to those who are not able to join our faith community on Sundays. Parishioners who volunteer for this ministry are trained and licensed by the Diocese of Minnesota. Following the Sunday service, a LEV team visits with a parishioner in her or his home or at the hospital or extended care facility. Visits are usually 30 minutes or less.

If you are interested in being part of this valuable pastoral ministry, please contact Laura Harmon (612-920-3506). There will also be a sign up sheet in the parish hall. Additionally, if you know of anyone in need of a visit, contact either Laura or the parish office.

Notices:



June Birthdays:

- 2 Margaret Bloomquist
- 4 Cyprian Troyer
- 8 Carol Peterson
Margaret Nancarrow
- 9 David Sell
Abigail Johnson
- 10 Katie Kelley
Nancy Justus
- 11 Barb Davis
- 14 Joan Weisbeck
Joie Kraabel
Chardae Kimber
- 17 Jennifer Voorhees
- 18 Donna Murphy
- 20 Rosalie Michelich
- 21 Marion D. Miller
Edith Ward
- 23 Jeff Evans
- 24 A.J. McFarlin

Michele Kimber
James Harvala
25 Nathalie Wilcox
Patty Dittrich
26 Kris Kelley
27 Lois Dietrich
28 Kathy Swanson

Thank you to:

- ◆Buildings and Grounds for spending a beautiful Saturday digging up flower beds, adding compost to the soil and getting the gardens ready for planting.
- ◆Carole Leonard and Camille Schroeder for their hard work in setting up tables in the Parish Hall for the Bishop's visit and also to all of those who helped with serving and doing the clean up afterwards. Especially to those "volunteer dishwashers".

Congratulations to:

Emma Eschweiler, who this May, was been named to the Minnesota All State Choir for the second time, and recently received a Superior rating at the Minnesota State High School League Solo Ensemble competition. When she isn't singing or in a play, she's studying and was just inducted into the National Honor Society.

Sally Cummings, daughter of the late John and Ruth Mangold was ordained a transitional diaconate on Sunday, May 31st at Christ Church, in Grand Rapids.

Networking, Outreach & Fun, All Rolled Into One!

Some people think of FaceBook, MySpace as networks, and they are, but the best networks are the ones built face-to-face. Face-to-face is where there's energy, the strongest relationships, and where the most possibilities for action can be found. Episcopalians love face-to-face networking, and on June 20th, they'll have a chance to participate in one of the most unique, fun, and powerful networking events to come along in a good while.

EpiscoBuilders, a network of 8 West side Episcopal parishes, is putting on a BBQ, family fun, and music fest to build awareness of Habitat for Humanity, and to kickoff fundraising to build a Habitat house for a family in our community. The event will be Saturday, June 20, 2009, at Excelsior Commons in downtown Excelsior from 3 to 9 pm. Food sales will be from 4 to 8 pm, children's games will operate from 3 to 8 pm, and live bands will play from 4 to 8:45 pm.

The food will be heavenly, and feature Rector's BBQ – genuine Alabama-style pulled pork BBQ with four levels of heat to keep you deep in prayer, from Alabama native Andrew Waldo's secret recipe:

- *Paradise (mild, for Minnesota palates)*
- *Penitence (warm, for daring Minnesotans)*
- *Hellfire & Damnation (for people who like it "hot")*
- *Rector's Revenge (for weeping and gnashing of teeth)*

Add bread, baked beans cooked by the Brothers of St. Martin's, coleslaw, dessert, and a beverage, and you have a meal that sizzles. Hot dogs, for kids, and veggie burgers, will be available. (Beverages, will be available throughout the event).

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for kids 6-12, (kids 5 & under free), or \$50 per family. Please make your checks out to: St. Martin's By The Lake – EpiscoBuilders. The event is limited to 500 people, so you want to reserve your tickets now. Tickets will be sold at each church or by sending a check to: Barb Pitcher, EpiscoBuilders, 13000 St. David's Rd., Minnetonka, MN 55305. Make checks payable to: St. Martin's – EpiscoBuilders & Please indicate what type of tickets you need, (single, kids, family – if family, please specify how many adults and how many kids, over 6 and under 6, will be attending). Detailed information will be emailed to all ticket purchasers, available at www.EpiscoBuilders.com. If you can't attend, make a donation to support the cause!

EpiscoBuilders, Building Connections, Building Hope, Building a Home.

See you at the BBQ!

Calendar of Events June, 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00 pm – Education Committee 7:30 pm – Emma Eschweiler voice recital	2 2:15-3:30 pm – Staff Meeting	3 7:00-8:30 pm – Transition Team (CEB)	4	5 Fr. Allick’s Day off Office Closed	6
7 Summer schedule begins New member welcome! 9:00 am – HE, Rite 2 10:30 am – Brunch pot luck	8	9 7:00 pm - Finance & Personnel (CEB)	10 7:00-8:30 pm – Transition Team (CEB)	11 6:30 pm – AA(LL) Fr. Paul Allick	12 Office Closed on vacation	13 -----
14 9:00 am – HE, Rite 2 Fr. Paul Allick on vacation	15 Noon – St. Mary’s Circle- Picnic at Patti Wales’ 7:00 pm - Vestry Newsletter Deadline	16 Fr. Allick	17 7:00-8:30 pm – Transition Team (CEB) on	18 6:30 pm – AA(LL) vacation-----	19 Office Closed 7:00 pm – Supper Club at Patti Wales’ -----	20
21 Happy Father’s Day! 9:00 am – HE, Rite 2	22 Fr. Allick	23 on	24 7:00-8:30 pm – Transition Team (CEB) vacation-----	25 Fr. Allick back in the office 6:30 pm – AA	26 Office Closed Fr. Allick’s day off	27
28 9:00 am – HE, Rite 2	29	26	27 7:00-8:30 pm – Transition Team (CEB)	28 6:30 pm - AA	29 Office Closed Fr. Allick’s day off	30
				PH- Parish Hall L/L – Library Lounge	CEB – Christian Education Building	

Ministers of the Eucharistic Assembly

June, 2009

	June 7 Trinity Sunday	June 14 Second Sunday After Pentecost	June 21 Third Sunday After Pentecost	June 28 Fourth Sunday After Pentecost	
Readings	Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 29 Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17	1 Samuel 15:34-16:13 Psalm 20 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17 Mark 4:26-34	1 Samuel 17:32-49 Psalm 9:9-20 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Mark 4:35-41	2 Samuel 1:1,7-27 Psalm 130 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Mark 5:21-43	
Chalice	Laura Harmon John Hagerman	Steve Harvala Eileen Harvala	Leslie Olufson Cyprian Troyer	Kathie Brown Alan Poulsen	
Lectors	Leon Vann Mary Kuhfeld	Mary Poulsen Holden Hagerman	Julian Mejia Gale Winikoff	Kathie Brown Paul Schroeder	
Lay Eucharist Visitors	Mary Kuhlfield Laura Harmon	LEV Meeting	Alan Poulsen Julie Milligan	Eileen Harvala Carol Peterson	
Greeters	Nancy & Neal Gysland	Margaret, Brad & Sophia Heil	Mary & Alan Poulsen	Rosie & Lou Michelich	
Ushers	Bill Stromberg Kitty Reese	Bob Miller Leon Vann	Bruce Becker Jane Jacobson	Chuck Murphy Bob Jones	
Coffee Hour Prepare	Ron Holbach Karen Hurlbert	Help Needed	Betty Bauer	Carole Leonard	
Serve/clean up	John & Sandy Stonhouse	Alan & Mary Poulsen	John & Jane Carlson	Bob & Bonnie Jones	

About St. George's

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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!

**Come join us on Sunday, June
7 at 9:00 a.m.**

We will be honoring our new members and celebrating the end of the Sunday School year and the beginning of summer.

Join your parish family for a "brunch" potluck after the service. There will be activities for the children, and plenty of food. A sign up is in the Parish Hall.

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Summer Schedule:

We will have one service at 9:00 a.m. beginning on Sunday, June 7 and continuing through September 6.