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Again We Begin

August is still summertime but we will slowly begin to emerge from the slower pace of the season. On Wednesday, August 5, we will again gather for Gospel Based Discipleship. The first gathering of the day will be at 11 am and the next at 7 pm. The late morning session will be in the Conference Room in the Education Building and the evening session in the Parish Hall. You can select which one works best for you.

We gather for Gospel Based Discipleship to renew our energy for mission. In these sessions we hope to discover what Jesus is calling us to do as individual disciples and as a community of disciples. Disciples are at once students and teachers. We gather to learn together and then we are sent out to share what we've learned with others.

Developing as a community of disciples goes beyond our Gospel Based Discipleship circles. We take the Good News with us. We find nuggets of that Good News in all the insights we come upon in ourselves and those lessons taught to us by our sisters and brothers in the circle. We take that Gospel message out into our parish life and to our family and friends. Sometimes this Good News is shared in words but more often it is shared through transformed attitudes.

Our life in Christ isn't so much about "correct behavior" as it is about a transformed outlook on life. This transformation is lived out in the way that we

interact with others; it is lived out in the hope and gratitude we express.

And our discipleship moves into other circles of learning. Gospel Based Discipleship is a beginning point. Those who participated in the Adult Catechism program last spring expanded their discipleship to broader areas of study and contemplation. This fall on Sunday mornings (9:15 am) and Wednesday evenings (7:00 pm) for six weeks we will offer classes on the Book of Common Prayer. (Stay tuned for the schedule in September.)

There is no other fundamental reason to be here at this parish church than to develop as disciples of Jesus Christ in the Episcopal/Anglican Tradition. Everything else we do and are flows from that effort.

In the Transformed Attitude of Jesus Christ,
Fr. Paul Allick

WARDENS' CORNER

By Kathie Brown, Parish Warden

Here are some of the things the Vestry and church committees are working on or are on a "To Do" list:

- The Finance and Personnel Committee has been split into two separate committees, as there was too much work to be done by one committee. The Finance Committee is seeking advice from professionals in regard to what to do with the money that was withdrawn from the diocesan Pooled Investment Fund and is

now in CDs. We will be doing an exchange with another parish where they will audit our books and we will audit theirs. The Personnel Committee will be conducting staff performance appraisals and will be updating the Employee Handbook.

- Starting to plan for the fall Every Member Canvas
- Considering new carpet for the hallway leading to the Library Lounge
- Structure and content of Christian Education starting again in the fall for adults, youth and children
- Additional space requested by Darchei Noam Jewish Community. If this goes forward, it might mean reconfiguring the church office space (this would be paid for by Darchei Noam) and would mean additional rental income.
- An addition to the current St. George's sign that would allow several lines for a changeable message (manual or electronic, still to be determined). The cost of this would be paid for as a gift from Leslie O'Donnell and Kathie Brown from the estate of their dad, Cy Brown.
- Someone to serve as Safe Church Coordinator.
- Coming up with a system for term limits on committee membership and selection of committee chairpersons
- Newcomer Committee
- Parish brochure
- Guidelines for new Wardens

And we can't forget the hard working Discernment Committee! You will soon be hearing more about the survey that each member of the congregation will be asked to complete. Please make sure your voice is heard.

Youth News

By Heather Whitesell

Praise to the Acolytes

On a wonderful Saturday afternoon, Addia, Abby and several adults (including Father Paul, Randy, Heather, Camille and Cyprian) took a paddleboat ride down the Mississippi river. We learned about the sights, the

history, and even got to go through the lock system where the water level changes. It was great fun. We appreciate the way our acolytes contribute to the service, and many thanks to Camille and Randy for helping things to run smoothly!

Loaves and Fishes

Youth are invited to meet at the church at 4:15 on Thursday, July 30, to help with Loaves and Fishes. We will come back to St. George's for food and fellowship after. See you there!

Rally Sunday/Parish Quarterly Meeting, September 13

By: Laura Harmon, Rector's Warden

Mark your calendars and plan on attending Church on Sunday, September 13. This will be the last combined 9:00 am service before we move into the fall schedule. The festivities will begin with a brunch following the 9:00 am service. More details on the brunch will follow in future publications. The education committee has been working hard putting together the fall education programs for adults, youth and children. This will be a time to come and learn what these programs will look like for the next year. There will be something for everyone. Additionally, the Finance Committee will update the congregation on where we are with our finances and the budget deficit.

ST. LOUIS PARK EMERGENCY PROGRAM

By Camille Schroeder

"Thanks for helping our kids!"

Again and again I heard this comment from school personnel as I contacted the St. Louis Park schools to obtain the desired supply lists for their students. What STEP does in the area of providing school supplies is greatly appreciated by the schools as well as by the parents and students. Last year, 729 students received the appropriate school supplies and it is yet to be

determined how many will be served this year. The need continues, is growing, and you can help.

STEP provides each registered student with the supplies that his/her teacher requests. The student will also receive a backpack, if needed.

There are a couple of ways that you can help STEP obtain the needed school supplies. One is to donate a monetary gift. A cash donation of \$40 will provide all the supplies for one child. Another way to help is to purchase and donate the supplies. The following shopping list will help you in choosing the items that are needed. Donations can be put in the red wagon in the Narthex. All donations should be made by Sunday, August 16, 2009.

By participating in this project you can be assured that you have helped a child start school with the supplies that his/her teacher has requested and that that child will be beginning the new school year with a positive feeling. Thanks for your help.

We **DO** need these school supplies:

- Backpacks for all ages (no wheels)
- Zippered 3-ring binders
- Scissors, Fiskars pointed
- #2 pencils, Ticonderoga brand preferred
- Pencil pouches, 3-hole punched
- Pencil boxes
- Crayola brand washable markers, 8 count
- Crayola brand colored pencils, 12 count
- Dry-erase markers
- Wide-ruled spiral notebooks, YELLOW only
- 12" plastic rulers – standard & metric measures
- Glue bottles
- Glue sticks
- Binder dividers
- Sharpie black pens

We **DO NOT** need these school supplies:

- Crayons
- Wide-ruled loose-leaf paper
- College-ruled loose-leaf paper
- Mead composition notebooks
- Highlighters
- Pocket folders with or without prongs
- Black, blue or red ballpoint pens

Wide-ruled spiral notebooks, except for yellow

The project will be held here at St. George's with sorting and bag filling from Monday, August 17, through Monday, August 24. Distribution of the supplies will be on Wednesday, August 26. Volunteers are needed on Sunday, August 16, after church to help set up tables, from the 17th through the 24th to work with the supplies and on Wednesday, August 26, to help distribute the bags. Talk to Camille about the Sunday need and call Kate at 952-925-4899 to sign up for the other days. This is a wonderful project and a great way for St. George's to support the community through the St. Louis Park Emergency Program. See you there.

In Search for a New Rector – Discernment Team at Work

By Jane Jacobson, Chair

In August, the Discernment Team will be distributing a survey to everyone in our parish over the age of 15. The survey will be available in both online and paper versions. If you would prefer taking the survey online, and your email address is not currently listed with St. George's Grapevine, please contact Patty Dittrich in the church office at 952-926-1646. We will need separate email addresses for all qualified family members. The survey will be available online August 6th. If you prefer a paper version, copies will be available following the 9 a.m. church service on August 9th. If we miss you on August 9th, copies will be mailed to your home. All survey responses are confidential and untraceable. We, as a congregation, need to put forth our best effort to answer the survey and have our voices heard. The future of St. George's Church deserves no less.

Some more information about this is below:

The first article was written by Fr. Paul Allick

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.

The next sentence is from an article written by Eileen Harvala and Carole Leonard in November, 2008

Vestry Decision

The Reverend Paul DeLain Allick has been selected to be the *priest in charge** at St. George's for a period of up to 24 months, beginning **Monday, October 20, 2008.**

Financial Update

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

Income	\$18,921.27	101.62% of budget
Expenses	\$17,280.70	94.74% of budget
Total for month	\$1,640.57	
Year to Date (\$1,409.09)		
Budgeted year to date (\$10,301.79)		

In June, \$767 was donated to the Deficit Reduction Fund.

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." As

you can see, we have done an excellent job of cutting the deficit without affecting programming or staff. With everyone pitching in together, we can keep the deficit at a lower level and keep our programming and staff intact. Thank you for being good stewards of St. George's. So far, we have collected over \$6,500 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.



August Birthdays:

- 1 Harry Kelley
- 2 Max Kotula
Lillian Friesen
- 4 Jean Hurlbert
- 6 Jim Eastes
- 7 Ted Eckstrom
Sophia Jester
David Shipman
- 8 Sarah Winikoff
Allie Cannon
- 9 Neal Gysland
- 11 Patrick Kelley
- 14 Michael Gniot
- 15 John Taylor
Caryl Eschweiler
- 16 Steve Jester
- 19 Joan Kimble
Holden Hagerman
- 20 Mike Paulsen
- 22 Megan Jester

- Jacob Carlson
- 27 Randy Egan
- 28 Jean Nienaber
- 29 Jessica Monroe
- Andrew Sell
- 30 Jill Peterson
- 31 Maraline Keeling

Thank you to:

- ◆Carole Leonard for coming in and helping with the reception after the funeral for Audrey Hallaway, and also to everyone else who helped.
- ◆Bill Stromberg and Kitty Reese for getting the altar guild set up for the funeral.
- ◆Jane Jacobson for coming in and helping with the take down and set up for the recent funerals.
- ◆Glennis Williams for her help in setting up for funerals and taking down.
- ◆Kathie Brown, Carole Leonard and members of the Eastern Star who worked so hard on the reception following Jean Anthony's funeral.
- ◆Carole Leonard and Geri Alberg for watering the plants and weeding every Thursday.
- ◆Bill Stromberg for all the things he does around St. George's, but especially for the weeding and deadheading of geraniums (not a fun job).
- ◆Everyone who ushers, serves coffee, lectors, chalices, acolytes, Lay Eucharistic Visitor, altar guild and the numerous other groups that work so hard in front and behind the scenes to make worship happen at St. George's.
- ◆Geri Alberg, Jessica Monroe, Bob Miller and Mary Weekes who volunteered in the church office when Patty was on vacation. It was wonderful knowing that the office was covered.

Sympathy to:

The family of Audrey Hallaway . Audrey was a long-time member of St. George's. Audrey was a person who knit mittens and hats for the Children's Home Society for many years. She most recently lived at

Parkwood in St. Louis Park. Audrey's service was held here at St. George's on Wednesday, July 22.

The family of Jean Anthony. Jean was a founding member of St. George's. Her husband, Buzz, died just a year ago. Our sympathy to Karen Hurlbert, Maraline Keeling, Tracy Keeling and Jean Hurlbert on the loss of their mother/grandmother. Jean's service was held at St. George's on Monday, July 27.

Beginning in September we will celebrate the second Sunday of the month. Our juice donations to STEP will happen on that Sunday and our Noisy Offering will also take place on that Sunday. So, remember second Sunday coming in September.

Break – in

It was discovered on Monday, July 27, that a person/persons had gotten into the church office and pried open the door to the Rector's office open. Approximately \$70 in cash was stolen. We are looking at new policies regarding the safekeeping of money coming in through the week. If you are at St. George's and see someone in the Church/Parish Hall area that you do not know, and you are alone, please leave the building and call the police. With the use of our building there are people not known to us around. Especially the Christian Education Building on Saturdays. But members of Darchei Noam would not be in the Sanctuary, or the Narthex or the Parish Hall. So, if someone is in those areas, please use caution. There has been an increase in break-ins in churches during this hard financial time, so we all have to be more aware of our surroundings and who is in the building.

Calendar of Events August 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday 1
2 9:00 am – HE, Rite 2	3	4	5 11:00 a.m. Gospel Based Discipleship (CEB) 7:00-8:30 pm – Discernment Team (CEB) 7:00 pm- Gospel Based Discipleship	6 6:30 pm – AA(LL)	7 Office Closed Fr. Allick's day off	8
9 9:00 am – HE, Rite I	10	11 7:00 pm – Personnel Committee 7:00 pm – Finance Committee	12 11:00 a.m. Gospel Based Discipleship (CEB) 7:00-8:30 pm – Discernment Team (CEB) 7:00 pm- Gospel Based Discipleship	13 6:30 pm – AA(LL)	14 Office Closed Fr. Allick's day off	15
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23 9:00 am – HE, Rite I	24	25	26 11:00 a.m. Gospel Based Discipleship (CEB) 7:00-8:30 pm – Discernment Team (CEB) 7:00 pm- Gospel Based Discipleship	27 6:30 pm - AA	28 Office Closed Fr. Allick's day off	29 5:00 pm – Corn Feed
30 9:00 am – HE, Rite I	31			PH- Parish Hall L/L – Library Lounge	CEB – Christian Education Building	

Ministers of the Eucharistic Assembly August 2009

	August 2 Proper 13	August 9 Proper 14	August 16 Proper 15	August 23 Proper 16	August 30 Proper 17
Readings	2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a Psalm 51:1-13 Ephesians 4:1-16 John 6:24-35	2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 Psalm 130 Ephesians 4:25-5:2 John 6:35,41-51	I Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14 Psalm 111 Ephesians 5:15-20 John 6:51-58	1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43 Psalm 84 Ephesians 6:10-20 John 6:56-69	Song of Solomon 2:8-13 Psalm 45:1-2,7-10 1 Corinthians 4:9-15 Luke 22:24-30
Chalice	John Hagerman Laura Harmon	Steve Harvala Leslie O'Donnell	Cyprian Troyer Kathie Brown	Alan Poulsen Eileen Harvala	John Hagerman Laura Harmon
Lectors	Marion Miller John Stonhouse	Caryl Eschweiler Leon Vann	Mary Kuhfeld Julian Mejia	Paul Schroeder Eileen Harvala	John Hagerman Mary Poulsen
Greeters	Leon & Gayle Vann	Laura, Tom and Nathan Harmon	Nina & Mark Monroe Gage & Owen	Margaret, Brad, & Sophia Heil	Mary & Alan Poulsen
Ushers	Bill Stromberg & Kitty Reese	Bob Miller & Leon Vann	Ron Erickson & Jane Jacobson	Bruce Becker & Tom Zaun	Bob Miller & Bob Jones
Lay Eucharistic Visitors	Laura Harmon Mary Kuhfeld	Eileen Harvala Heather Whitesell	Mary Poulsen Alan Poulsen	Laura Harmon Carol Peterson	Steve Harvala Eileen Harvala
Coffee Hour Prepare	Ron Holbach/Karen Hurlbert	Help Wanted	Betty Bauer	Carole Leonard	Carole Leonard
Serve/clean up	John & Nancy Taylor	John & Sandy Stonhouse	Alan & Mary Poulsen	Alan & Mary Poulsen	Bob & Bonnie Jones

About St. George's

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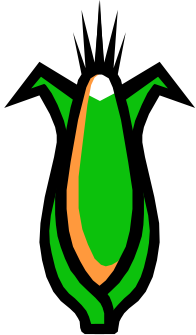
Paul Allick, Priest-in-Charge
Mildred Cox, Associate Priest
Patty Dittrich, Parish Administrator
Heather Whitesell, Children and Youth Coordinator
Randy Egan, Organist/Choirmaster

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!



Corn Feed – Mark your calendars

The Corn Feed will be held on Saturday, August 29, at 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Tickets are on sale NOW. Plan to join your parish family at this fun event.

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Fall Schedule:

Sunday, September 13 – Rally

Sunday – One service at 9:00 a.m. –
Brunch and Parish Meeting
following the service.

Sunday, September 20 –

8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:15 a.m.—Sunday School

Youth Group

Adult Formation

10:15 a.m.—Holy Eucharist, Rite II