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GETTING INSTALLED

By Fr. Paul Allick



Every time I think of my upcoming installation as your new Rector, I giggle. The term "installation" makes me think of a refrigerator or stove. I imagine the bishop coming to plug me into St. George's and get me all set up for service.

The actual title in the Book of Common Prayer for this liturgy is, "Celebration of a New Ministry." The temptation is to think of this liturgy as all about the new Rector. But it is really about all of us. The "new" ministry will be about our life together as parish and priest. I am not at all interested in having the ministry of St. George's revolve solely around me, my attitudes and my personality. I am excited to continue what we have already begun: a yoked ministry of clergy and laity. I want to serve you, not to be served. I hope you each feel that way toward one another as well. (I know you do.)

Yes, it is important who the Rector is in a parish but it is just important who the other disciples are as well. A priest cannot and should not define a parish. A parish should define itself and then find a priest who matches that vision. I think this is what we did in our parish discernment process.

Yes, the Celebration of a New Ministry on March 25th will be focused on celebrating my being among you as priest, pastor and leader but it will also

highlight how well we work together and enjoy each other. That is a lot to celebrate.

The Catechism teaches that the ministry of a priest is "to represent Christ and his Church, particularly as pastor to the people; to share with the bishop in the overseeing of the Church; to proclaim the Gospel; to administer the sacraments; and to bless and declare pardon in the name of God." (Book of Common Prayer, p. 856)

The ministry of the laity is "to represent Christ and his Church; to bear witness to him wherever they may be; and, according to the gifts given them, to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world; and to take their place in the life, worship, and governance of the Church." (Book of Common Prayer, p. 855)

Put those two missions together and you have a powerful combination! That is what we will celebrate on March 25th.

WARDEN'S CORNER

By Laura Harmon, Rector's Warden

St. George's Vestry held their first meeting of 2010 on Monday, February 15. Continuing on the Vestry from last year are John Carlson, John Hagerman, and Kathie Brown. Three people were elected at the annual meeting to a second term; Tom Zaun, Mary Weekes and Laura Harmon. And three people were elected to serve a two-year term;

Mark Kraabel, Gwen Gysland and Jeff Evans. And we are extremely grateful to have Bill Stromberg offer to serve again as Vestry clerk.

Father Paul asked to have Laura Harmon appointed as Rector's Warden for a second year and the Vestry accepted the appointment. The Vestry selected Kathie Brown to a second year as Parish Warden.

It's our custom at St. George's for the Vestry to hold a retreat at the start of each year, usually in early February. Due to all the activities happening during the start of this year, the Vestry retreat has been scheduled for April 10. At this year's retreat we will be focusing our attention on the work the Discernment Team did last year. We've asked any members of the Discernment Team to join us as we delve into the Parish Profile and discuss what it says about us as a parish—who we are and why we worship at St. George's. Using this Profile, we hope to answer the following questions: (1) What do we feel God calling us to do as a Parish?, and (2) Is our current Mission Statement still relevant?

I think we have a very strong Vestry in place and I am looking forward to an exciting and productive year.

RT. REV. BRIAN N. PRIOR CONSECRATED AS NINTH BISHOP OF MINNESOTA

*By The Rev. Pat McCaughan, an
Episcopal News Service correspondent*

Several thousand well-wishers packed the Minneapolis Convention Center February 13 mid-way into a three-day celebration of the Rt. Rev. Brian N. Prior's consecration as the ninth bishop of the Diocese of Minnesota, in a ceremony rich with diversity and rife with history.

Fragrant smoldering sage filled the convention center as Ojibwe and Dakota Native Americans drummed and danced. A variety of musical



traditions were represented, including Hmong choristers, Fran McKendree's four-piece folk rock ensemble, and a 200-voice "Massed Intergenerational" choir as well as a hand-bell choir from local congregations.

Prior, 50, paid tribute to that history and diversity. "I know I stand on the shoulders" of many who preceded him, he told the joyous gathering. At his request, the service was crafted as a celebration of the diocese's next chapter, not just of its next bishop.

Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori presided over the consecration. During the service, retiring Bishop James Jelinek placed the Bishop Whipple pectoral cross, named after Henry Whipple, Minnesota's first Episcopal bishop, on Prior.

"Every bishop since the 1860s has worn that cross," Prior had said in an earlier interview. "I feel incredibly blessed to be able to serve here. It's a phenomenal place. It's got such a richness of diversity, and the history is amazing."

Retired Bishop Robert Anderson, one of the longest-serving bishops in the Anglican Communion and bishop of Minnesota from 1978-1993, was among a delegation of bishops who participated in the consecration. Retired Assisting Bishop Daniel Swenson of Minnesota also joined the celebration, which included numerous ecumenical guests and local dignitaries.

A Spokane native and "the first bishop to be elected out of there," Prior most recently served as rector of Church of the Resurrection, a congregation he founded in 1996 in that diocese. He was elected Oct. 31, 2009, on the fifth ballot to become the ninth bishop of the Minnesota diocese, which was founded in 1857. He succeeds Jelinek, who is retiring after 17 years in the post.

Prior received his M.Div. from the Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, California in 1987. He has been married to Staci Hubbard Prior for 23 years. They have two teenage sons.

INVITATION TO ST. GEORGE'S SINGERS AND MUSICAL FRIENDS

By Randall Egan
Organist/Choir Director/
Liturgy Coordinator



Through Holy Week, Easter and Pentecost, our St. George's Choir will be working on some quite wonderful repertoire, including Handel's HALLELUJAH CHORUS and WORTHY IS THE LAMB, J.S. Bach's HERE BIDE WE STILL from the St. Matthew Passion; and for Pentecost (May 23rd) we will offer the larger community an afternoon Choral Evensong featuring Franz Schubert's MASS IN G MAJOR. There is nothing more engaging and indeed therapeutic than raising one's voice in such glorious music. We tend to overreach--but the power of the Holy Spirit does seem to multiply our efforts! (On this we count!)

Our St. George's Choir is feisty and faithful--but small. We would love to have some seasonal singers join us. If you or a friend outside our immediate St. George's family feel moved to accept a musical challenge, we would be delighted to hear from you. We rehearse weekly on Sunday mornings at 8:30 in the choir room. How wonderful it would be to be surprised by some new faces! Contact: Randy @ 612-377-4450.

SEEKING A BELL RINGER

By Randall Egan

At St. George's, it is our tradition to mark the beginning of worship with the ringing of the church bell. This ritual has always been done by a choir member--who then scoots to get into the entrance procession. We would like to assign this job to another person or family, ON A REGULAR BASIS. There is a certain knack to ringing the bell with aplomb--and it only comes by doing the job regularly.

Could YOU become St. George's Official Bell-Ringer?? We would love to hear from you and just as soon as possible. Please contact Randy (612-377-4450) or the church office.

MINNESOTA FOODSHARE:

"BE A SUPERHERO" IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HUNGER

By Camille Schroeder

Minnesota FoodShare is celebrating their 28th year with their campaign this March. The slogan is "Be a SUPERHERO in the Minnesota fight against hunger." St. George's will be participating by donating food and dollars toward the campaign's 2010 goal of 12 million pounds and dollars. Statewide, 2009 had an overall increase of 25% in food shelf visits which translates into over 500,000 more visits or close to 2.8 million visits. Locally the St. Louis Park Emergency Program, the agency where we donate our food and dollars, has had an average of 35 visits each day. STEP's goal for this campaign is 110,000 pounds and dollars.

You can help by donating food. Suggestions for food donations that are needed by STEP are canned meats, jams and jellies, rice, canned fruit, toilet paper, cereal, coffee, tea and hot cocoa, boxed meals, and oil and baking supplies. Most of these items cannot be purchased at bargain prices by STEP. Please go to www.stepslp.org and click on "Donate food" to see more on why these items are needed.

You can help by donating dollars. STEP can purchase basic food items from Second Harvest and can increase the purchasing power of your \$1.00 to \$9.00.

The need is great and does not seem to be diminishing. Please consider carefully how you can help your neighbors in need. Donations to the campaign will be taken to STEP each Monday in March. Be a SUPERHERO!

NEWS ABOUT YOUTH & CHILDREN

By Heather Whitesell



Sunday School News

The kids have been talking about St. George's as a community and the many different facets to our functioning as a whole. They listed the different

jobs in the church and why they are important. We even played the Episcopal Hokey Pokey! Many of the kids had a great time at our bowling event. Even the young children are pretty good at swinging the bowling ball!

Be sure to check the bulletin board in the parish hall as the Sunday School children have been helping to update it each month.

Children's Chapel

Thanks to Laura Harmon we now have adopted a children's prayer service to be used in Children's chapel. The format is similar to what occurs during the regular service while allowing for gospel discussion opportunities. Please feel free to stop in and have a look at the new Children's Chapel bulletin.

Youth News

Just a reminder that we are once again meeting in the youth room on Sunday mornings during Adult education. We have been following the Gospel readings and having some very good discussions around this. Thanks to Abby Smith for her help with the Sunday School activities this past month.

Things are in the works for us to participate in a pilgrimage this summer. More info to come!

COME AND FIND OUT ABOUT UNIVERSITY EPISCOPAL COMMUNITY

By Fr. Paul Allick

On Sunday, March 7, after the 10:15 Holy Eucharist, representatives from the University Episcopal Community will join us for a conversation. We will find out about their ministry on the University of Minnesota campus. We will explore how St. George's might reach out to and with them to serve the collegiate community in the name of Christ. I encourage any disciples at St. George's with a heart for outreach to the wider community to come and join this conversation. If you have any questions please ask me.

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS



Bill Stromberg
3 Molly Jacobson
5 Anjela Williams
6 Betty Dibble
10 Loretta Herbers
13 Gage Monroe
14 Mark Kraabel
15 Cami Gysland
16 Audrey Smith
22 Reid Gysland
25 John Karwacki
Benjamin Voorhees
26 Laura Reese
27 Cherie Bodene
Bob Alberg
Emma Rousselow

THANK YOU TO.....

- Alan Poulsen for coming in and chopping the ice away from the doorway of the Christian Education Building.
- Bill Stromberg for spending a Saturday airing out the Christian Education Building and dealing with all kinds of issues.
- Carole Leonard for arranging for the volunteer painters for the coat hallway – look for big improvements in that area soon.
- Tom Zaun and his brother Art for taking off the doors in the Library/Lounge and re-staining them – they look great.

ALTAR FLOWERS

For most of the liturgical year we have beautiful fresh flowers gracing our Sanctuary. If you would like to donate toward flowers in memory of someone you have lost, or if you want them to honor someone special in your life, or give thanks for a wedding anniversary, birth of a grandchild, or child, or just to praise God, please contact Patty in the Parish Office with the date you would like flowers on the altar. We suggest a donation of at least \$35.00 – the flowers cost us \$50 per week.

FARE FOR ALL

By Camille Schroeder

Imagine being able to buy groceries for half price. You can come close to that by purchasing food at FARE FOR ALL on Tuesday, March 2, 2010, from 4 P.M. to 6 P.M., at Lenox Community Center, 6715 Minnetonka Blvd in St. Louis Park. Packages may contain frozen meat items, fruits, vegetables and other fresh, quality food items. This project is open to everyone, regardless of income. This program is for everyone and the more people who participate, the better. Each additional participant adds to the program's buying-power. Fare For All accepts cash, credit and debit cards as well as food stamps. Just stop in, check it out, buy and save.

ENDOWMENT FUND CONTRIBUTIONS

By John Stonhouse

How can we make a contribution to the St. George's Endowment Fund? There are several ways:

- Outright gifts of money are the most direct. For instance, after receiving a significant gift, or possibly a very generous bonus, this could be time to consider such a contribution.
- A life insurance policy, making the church the owner and beneficiary, becomes a future gift. Premiums paid can be claimed as tax deductible

contributions to the church. Contact your life insurance company to do so.

- Dedicating a portion or percentage of your estate is also a form of future gift. If you like, you can treat this as a tithing of whatever percentage you think appropriate. For this, you will want to talk with the attorney with whom you plan your will.
- There are certainly other methods of contributing, but these might be the simplest to do. Stay tuned for more next month.

ST. GEORGE'S WINTER 2010 ADULT EDUCATION SCHEDULE Sundays 9:15-10:00 AM (Parish Hall)

February 21 – March 21: Exploring the Catechism

For the Season of Lent we will dig deep into the teachings of the Catechism of the Book of Common Prayer. In this exploration we will seek to find how the teachings of our faith play out in our everyday lives.

Presented by the Rev. Paul D. Allick

Please note: The following classes will be offered at Adult Education on Sunday mornings and also on Wednesday evenings (7 p.m.)

Sun., Feb 28/Wed., March 3: Sin and Redemption

Sun., March 7/Wed., March 10: The Creeds

Sun., March 14/Wed., March 17: The Church

Sun., March 21/Wed., March 24: The Christian Hope

EMPTY BOWLS EVENT

Thursday, March 4, 2010
St. Louis Park Recreation
Center
3700 Monterey Drive,
St. Louis Park



This event works to increase awareness about the empty bowls in our own community and raise funds to help fill them by supporting STEP, St. Louis Park's Food Shelf. For more information or to volunteer at the event, contact STEP at 952-925-4899.

- Great music line-up!
- Silent Auction & Raffle!
- Choose a ceramic bowl to take home with you!

HAVE BOOKS TO DONATE?

Priscilla Hagerman would like to ask you for your help. Her school, Groveland in Minnetonka, is having a book sale on March 30th and 31st to build a new playground at the school. Priscilla will be collecting books for the sale until March 28th. If you have paperbacks or hardcover books of any sort that you would like to donate, please bring them to the church any Sunday now through March 28th. Please mark them "Priscilla" and leave them by the mailboxes in the Parish Hall. Priscilla will pick them up (with some help from her family). Also, if you are in need of reading material, plan to visit the sale. No textbooks or encyclopedias, please!

Calendar of Events –March 2010

Sunday	Monday 1	Tuesday 2	Wednesday 3	Thursday 4	Friday 5	Saturday 6
			11:00 a.m. Gospel Based Discipleship (CEB) 6:30 pm – Evening Prayer 7:00 Adult Education – Sin and Redemption	6:30 p.m. AA (LL)	Fr. Allick's day off OFFICE CLOSED	
7 8:00 am – HE, Rite 1 8:30 am – Choir 9:15 am – Adult Education, Sunday School, & Youth 10:15 am – HE, Rite II	8	9 2:30 p.m. Staff Meeting 6 p.m. Personnel Committee 7 p.m. Finance Committee	10 11:00 a.m. Gospel Based Discipleship (CEB) 6:30 pm – Evening Prayer 7:00 Adult Education – The Creeds	11 6:30 pm – AA (LL)	12 Fr. Allick's day off 6:30 p.m. – Youth Group	13
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28 Palm Sunday 8:00 am – HE Rite 1 8:30 am – Choir 9:15 am – Adult Education, Sunday School, & Youth 10:15 am – HE, Rite II	29 7 pm Buildings & Grounds	30	31			

PH = Parish Hall
LL = Library Lounge
CEB = Christian Education Building

Ministers of the Eucharistic Assembly

March 2010

	March 7	March 14	March 21	March 28 Palm Sunday	
Readings	Exodus 3:1-15 Psalm 63:1-8 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9	Joshua 5:9-12 Psalm 32 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32	Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 126 Philippians 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Luke 19:28-40	
Chalice	Maraline Keeling Kathie Brown Alan Poulsen	Karen Hurlbert Eileen Harvala Cyprian Troyer	Steve Harvala John Hagerman Laura Harmon	Maraline Keeling Leslie O'Donnell Alan Poulsen	
Lectors	Mary Kuhfeld Maraline Keeling Marion Miller John Stonhouse	Karen Hurlbert Emma Eschweiler Julian Mejia	Carole Leonard Steve Harvala Holden Hagerman Mary Poulsen	Maraline Keeling Nada Hughes Leon Vann	
Greeters	Lou & Rosie Michelich	Barbara Behrens Ron Zaltz	Brad & Margaret Heil	Mary & Alan Poulsen	
Ushers 8 a.m.	Bob Miller Bruce Becker	Ron Holbach Ron Erickson	Bob Miller Bruce Becker	Ron Holbach Ron Erickson	
10:15 a.m. Acolyte: Crucifer:	Kitty Reese Bill Stromberg Nathan Harmon Abby Smith	Tom Zaun Leon Vann Patrick Kelley Holden Hagerman	Jane Jacobson Bob Jones Abby Smith Jacob Carlson	Tom Zaun Leon Vann Holden Hagerman Nathan Harmon	
Lay Eucharistic Visitors	Alan Poulsen Laura Harmon	LEV MEETING	Julie Milligan Carol Peterson	Mary Kuhfeld Heather Whitesell	
Coffee Hour: 8:00 a.m.	Ron Holbach Karen Hurlbert	Help needed	Betty Bauer	Carole Leonard Geri Alberg	
10:15 a.m.	John & Sandy Stonhouse	Bob & Bonnie Jones	Milt Hill Gladys Williamson	John & Nancy Taylor	

LIGHTS, AND THERMOSTATS AND DOORS, OH MY!

These are things that we should all be aware of. If you turn on lights, turn them off; if you find lights on and there is no one around, shut them off (except for the Christian Education building on Saturdays). Heat is an expensive proposition for our buildings, so if you turn up the thermostat in the Library Lounge, please remember to press the button marked "Use Schedule" to have it go back to the programmed temperature. If you turn up any other thermostats and press the "Hold" button, you have to press the button "Run Program" to get it to go to the scheduled times.

Last, but not least, please make sure the outside doors latch behind you when you leave the building. The door on Toledo Avenue has been having an issue closing lately, so please check that door. If we are all aware of these things, we should be fine.

THE TALE OF THE MISSING TABLECLOTHS

We are missing some of the round and long white tablecloths we use for events in the parish hall. If you were kind enough and took them home to wash, we would appreciate if you would please return them. We thank you for your help.

About St. George's

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Rector's Warden: Laura Harmon
Parish Warden: Kathie Brown
Vestry: John Carlson, Jeff Evans, Gwen Gysland, John Hagerman, Mark Kraabel, Mary Weekes, and Tom Zaun

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Listen, Proclaim, Serve, Celebrate!

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COME CELEBRATE WITH US

On **Thursday, March 25th at 7:00 p.m.** The Rev. Paul Allick will be installed as Rector of St. George's Episcopal Church. Our new Diocesan Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Brian Prior, will be here, making his first of many visits to St. George's. There will be a reception following in the Parish Hall.

SECOND SUNDAY/ SECOND OFFERING - March 14

Juice Sunday/2nd Offering, all-in-one



NOTE: STEP also needs paper grocery bags and empty egg cartons.

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

Please join us for Evening Prayer at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in Lent. This liturgy will precede the Catechism course at 7 p.m.

PLANNING AHEAD!! WHERE'S PATTY?

Patty Dittrich, our Parish Administrator, will be out of the parish office during the month of May. However, Patty will be checking up on things via e-mail and weekend visits to the office. She is taking this time off to take care of her new grandson, Sam, and is really looking forward to the break.

We are looking for volunteers who would be available to answer phones in the office from 9 a.m. to 12 noon Monday through Thursday during the month of May. Any help you can give us during this time period would be appreciated. A sign-up sheet for volunteers will be posted in the Parish Hall in April.