



# St. George's Episcopal Church

Where everyone has a place at Christ's table



St. George's Episcopal Church  
This is a free publication for members and friends

[www.StGeorgesonline.org](http://www.StGeorgesonline.org)

April 2010  
Volume 16, No. 4

## ***THE INTEREST AND THE HUNGER***

*by Fr. Paul Allick*

This Lenten Season I have been so pleased with the turnout we have had for our Catechism classes. I love to teach and when the response is so strong it feeds me. But I am mostly pleased because it means that a good number of our parishioners are actually interested in learning more about our Anglican and Christian Tradition. Between Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings we have had an attendance of around fifty people.

I sense a strong interest in this community in delving deeper into who we say we are as a people in Christ. I think I am also noticing a spiritual hunger: We really want to make these Creeds and teachings part of our lives.

In our classes on the Catechism I have been inviting you to reflect on the teachings with me. In this way I am learning new things as well. As I keep telling those at the classes: You are all theologians. Every time you reflect on and speak of the things of God and the Church, you are doing theology.

Now I am developing my own interest and hunger. I want to know more about your experiences of living out Christianity in your life. Of course, I have always been interested in your stories, but studying in this way together is bringing us to a deeper place in our relationships.

I am humbled by the things I have learned from all of you this Lenten Season. I have seen the

struggles, the celebrations and the ongoing mystery of living in Christ through your experiences and observations. Thank you.

As we open our hearts and minds up to the events of Holy Week and Easter we will again re-live with Jesus the human story: we fall or we suffer and we get back up again. We arise from the tombs of life stronger and more grounded than when we began. These are exactly the stories we share in our studies together which binds us more closely to one another and to our Lord.

## **WARDEN'S CORNER**

*by Kathie Brown, Parish Warden*

It was a great honor to participate in the installation service for Father Paul. I hope all the participants felt that way and that all who attended enjoyed the service. What a wonderful family of God we have! If you didn't attend the classes on the Catechism, you missed out. I am a life-long Episcopalian and have learned a lot. Father Paul is such a good teacher and is always interesting to listen to. It has helped me think about how I can do a better job living out my faith. Please consider about attending the classes the next time they are offered.

The Finance Committee has been spending a lot of time getting things in place with the financial advisor we recently hired. All of the endowment money (over \$300,000) is now with the new

company. Our next task is to determine how much money needs to be liquid in the short term, so that we can determine how much of the money that is currently in savings and CDs can be invested with our advisor in order to try and earn a better return.

I hope by now you have seen the new carpeting in the coat hall and in the hallway by the choir room. It's a great improvement. This was made possible by a special gift from a parishioner for this purpose. Prior to installing the carpet, you probably noticed the painting that was done. Special thanks to Carole Leonard for overseeing the whole project. This was no small task. A big thank you also goes to Tom Zaun and his brother, Art, for taking down the shelf and short wall on one side of the coat hall, patching the wall, repairing a large crack in the brick and putting new stain on the doors and trim. And thanks to all the people who helped with painting and prep work: Ron Holbach, Karen Hurlbert, Bill Stromberg, Margaret Heil, Brad Heil's father, Al; Gladys Williamson, Alan Poulsen, Tom Zaun and Carole Leonard. Please make sure to admire the work.

Several months ago in one of these columns, I mentioned that we were looking at upgrading our church sign to allow for a changeable message. We have been having a difficult time coming to agreement on a design. Mary Poulsen has a neighbor who is a sign designer – Richard Lang from Visual Communications. She contacted him and he was nice enough to lend his expertise (at no charge) to come up with another design possibility. The Vestry enthusiastically approved the design at their March 15 meeting. The design allows for back lighting of the name of the church and for an electronic message line. We are now waiting on a price quote from the company that would actually make and install the sign. My sister, Leslie O'Donnell, and I are planning to pay for the new sign with money from our parents' estate.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

*by Heather Whitesell*

The children have been learning about the religious significance behind some of our holidays. We have studied St. Valentine, St. Patrick and learned about the Annunciation of Mary. We discussed the

meaning of Lent and the children helped to promote a service project. We are helping the Episcopal Community Services to fill a basket of household items for a family in need. Last month we met at the Roller Garden for a couple hours of roller skating fun!! We had skaters of all abilities – those who were first-timers and some who could skate quickly. Luckily we all managed to leave the place with all bones intact!! Thanks to the Zaun clan for helping out.

## Youth News:

The youth are quite a lively bunch. We have been meeting on the second Friday of every month as well as each Sunday morning at education time. This month Father Paul came to visit us. He filled us in on the different positions within the church and what their roles are. The kids were surprised to learn that they are also ministers and play an important role in the life of our parish.

**Our Year in Pictures:** While you're having your donut in the parish hall, have a look at the collage of pictures that is displayed there. You can see an overview of some of the things the kids and youth have been up to. If you would like a copy of any of the pictures, please let Heather or Patty know.

## OUR SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:

- \* Blossom and the Tsang family on Alfred's death
- \* Patti Wales on the death of her brother

## FINANCIAL UPDATE:

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

Income	\$21,163.67	97.7% of budget
Expenses	\$22,087.36	100% of budget
Total for month	(\$923.69)	
Year-to-date	(\$3,344.89)	
Budgeted year-to-date	(\$1,863.38)	

## A THANK YOU FROM RON ZALTZ

My one-year anniversary of being baptized is April 11<sup>th</sup>. I would like to thank Fr. Paul for baptizing me and Mary and Alan Poulsen for standing up for me. I would also like to thank the best congregation in the world, the best praise group in the world and the absolute best choir I have ever heard. Also,

I would like to say a special thanks to Barb Behrens for introducing me to the best church in the world.

**ENDOWMENT FUND:  
GROWING THE CHURCH**

*by John Stonhouse*

How many ways are there to grow the church? Many ways of course, one being spiritual. Take, for example, the way Father Paul is teaching and guiding us towards an increasingly more vital spiritual quality in our common worship. As others come and visit, they may recognize this quality and want to become a part of our Christian community. Another is contributing from our own financial resources to our annual operating needs, special gifts to support specific areas of our ministry, and gifts to our Endowment Fund. All of these three provide the financial support to carry out our ministry and even expand or grow it. For the Endowment Fund in particular, as we enlarge the fund, we add to the annual distribution St. George's receives from the fund's appreciated value. As the fund grows, so does the distribution. This distribution can be used to augment our operating budget which, in turn, supports and can help expand all components of our mission.

**APRIL  
BIRTHDAYS**



- 2 Gregg Jacobson
- 5 Ron Zaltz
- 6 Ed Altmeyer  
Ryan Anderson
- 7 John Carlson
- 8 Nancy Gysland
- 9 Noah Friesen
- 10 Bob Wheelock
- 12 Alex Kotula
- 13 Jane Gratton
- 15 Geoff Eckenrode
- 17 Cindy Bloomquist
- 18 Nicholas Jones
- 19 Kristin Hauser
- 20 Myrt Monroe  
Dawn Bacon  
Jack Voorhees
- 21 Geri Alberg
- 22 Maurine Bernier
- 23 Gordy Justus
- 27 Pat Sturcken

Ev Mejia

**THANK YOU TO:**

- Bill Stromberg for coming in and doing all the little things that need doing around our church.
- Tom Zaun and his brother, Art Zaun, for all the hard work in staining, sanding, and patching in the coat hallway. Also for painting the doors to the parish hall and the choir room.
- Carole Leonard for organizing the painting of the hallways and the prep days to get it ready for painting. Also for organizing to get the paint at a lower cost.
- Ron Holbach, Karen Hurlbert, Margaret Heil, Brad Heil's father, Al Heil; Kathie Brown, Alan Poulsen, Bill Stromberg, Gladys Williamson and Carole Leonard for prepping and painting the coat hall and hallway by the parish hall.
- Everyone who has helped in moving furniture, etc. for this renovation project.
- Buildings and Grounds for their overseeing of this project and all the hours that went into deciding on carpet, paint, etc. Thank you!!
- Gwen Gysland, Jane Jacobson, Carole Leonard, Camille Schroeder and Patti Wales for planning the reception for Father Paul's installation as rector.
- Fr. Paul for attending the Youth Group in March and telling the youth all about the installation.

## **ADULT EDUCATION SCHEDULE**

**Sundays 9:15-10:00 AM (Parish Hall)**

*by Fr. Paul Allick*

Beginning Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, we will be offering a course called "Ways of Praying" at the Sunday Morning Adult Education Hour. We will learn about daily prayer practices, different ways of praying the Rosary, contemplative prayer, Labyrinths, and praying with Scripture. Stay tuned for a full schedule.

### **SUPPER CLUB – FRIDAY, APRIL 9<sup>th</sup>**

Supper Club will be held on Friday, April 9, at 7:00 p.m., at the home of Lou and Rosie Michelich, 11545 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue N., Plymouth. Please call Lou or Rosie at 763-553-1506 to RSVP and sign up for a dish to share.

# Calendar of Events –April 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> <b>Maundy Thursday</b> 6:30 p.m. AA (LL) 7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist	<b>2</b> <b>Good Friday</b> 12:00 noon – Good Friday Liturgy 7:00 p.m. – Good Friday Liturgy  OFFICE CLOSED	<b>3</b> 9 a.m. Alter Guild  <b>7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil</b>
<b>4</b> <b>Easter Sunday</b>  8:00 am – HE, Rite I  10:15 am – HE, Rite II	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  11:00 a.m. Gospel Based Discipleship (CEB)	<b>8</b>  6:30 pm – AA (LL)	<b>9</b>  Fr. Allick's day off  6:30 p.m. – Youth Group  7:00 p.m. Supper Club @ Lou & Rosie Michelich's	<b>10</b>  VESTRY RETREAT
<b>11</b> 8:00 am – HE, Rite I 8:30 am – Choir 9:15 am – Adult Education, Sunday School, & Youth 10:15 am – HE, Rite II	<b>12</b>  12 noon St. Mary's Circle	<b>13</b>  2:30 p.m. Staff Meeting  7 p.m. Finance Committee	<b>14</b>  11:00 a.m. Gospel Based Discipleship (CEB)	<b>15</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>  6:30 pm – AA(LL)	<b>16</b> Fr. Allick's day off	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 8:00 am – HE, Rite I 8:30 am – Choir 9:15 am – Adult Education, Sunday School, & Youth 10:15 am – HE, Rite II	<b>19</b>  7:00 p.m. Vestry Mtg	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  11:00 a.m. Gospel Based Discipleship (CEB)	<b>22</b>  6:30 pm – AA (LL)	<b>23</b> Fr. Allick's day off	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 8:00 am – HE Rite I 8:30 am – Choir 9:15 am – Adult Education, Sunday School, & Youth 10:15 am – HE, Rite II	<b>26</b>  7 pm Buildings & Grounds	<b>27</b>  2:30 p.m. Staff Meeting	<b>28</b>  11:00 a.m. Gospel Based Discipleship (CEB)	<b>29</b>  6:30 pm – AA (LL)	<b>30</b> Fr. Allick's day off	

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

# Ministers of the Eucharistic Assembly

## April 2010

	<b>April 4 Easter Sunday</b>	<b>April 11</b>	<b>April 18</b>	<b>April 25</b>	
<b>Readings</b>	Isaiah 65:17-25 Psalm 114 Acts 10:34-43 Luke 24:1-12	Acts 5:27-32 Psalm 150 Revelation 1:4-8 John 20:19-31	Acts 9:1-6 Psalm 30 Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:1-19	Acts 9:36-43 Psalm 23 Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30	
<b>Chalice</b>	Steve Harvala  Eileen Harvala Kathie Brown	Karen Hurlbert  Cyprian Troyer Laura Harmon	Maralinie Keeling  John Hagerman Kathie Brown	Karen Hurlbert  Alan Poulsen Leslie O'Donnell	
<b>Lectors</b>	Steve Harvala  Eileen Harvala Kathie Brown	Carole Leonard Karen Hurlbert  Cyprian Troyer Gale Winikoff	Mary Kuhfeld Maraline Keeling  Paul Schroeder Mary Weekes	Karen Hurlbert  Caryl Eschweiler Jeff Evans	
<b>Greeters</b>					
<b>Ushers</b> 8 a.m.	Bob Miller Bruce Becker	Ron Holbach Ron Erickson	Bob Miller Bruce Becker	Ron Holbach Ron Erickson	
10:15 a.m. <b>Acolyte:</b> <b>Crucifer:</b>	Kitty Reese Bill Stromberg All All	Tom Zaun Leon Vann Jacob Carlson Abby Smith	Jane Jacobson Bob Jones Nathan Harmon Jacob Carlson	Tom Zaun Lou Michelich Patrick Kelley Holden Hagerman	
<b>Lay Eucharistic Visitors</b>	None				
<b>Coffee Hour:</b> 8:00 a.m.	No coffee hour	Help needed	Betty Bauer	Carole Leonard Geri Alberg	
10:15 a.m.	No coffee hour	Alan & Mary Poulsen	John & Sandy Stonhouse	Bob & Bonnie Jones	

### **SPRING FUNDRAISER**

*By Bill Stromberg*



The Buildings and Grounds Committee is holding a spring fundraiser. We would like to raise a little extra money for some special projects. For example, we would like to replace the bushes along Minnetonka Boulevard and repair the stonework by the front steps.

We will be selling Butter Braid pastries. We will take orders in the parish hall on Sundays March 21, March 28, and April 11. The pastries will be available for pickup on Sunday, May 2, one week before Mother's Day.

Each pastry costs \$10 and is a hand-braided treat filled with your choice of six delicious flavors: Strawberry/Cream Cheese, Apple, Cinnamon, Blueberry/Cream Cheese, Bavarian Crème, and Raspberry. **NOTE? The pastries are frozen and will need to stay frozen until used.**

We sold these a few years ago and they were quite good and were well received. Please look for committee members in the parish hall to place your orders. Enjoy!

## About St. George's

5224 Minnetonka Boulevard  
St. Louis Park, MN 55416  
952-926-1646

[www.StGeorgesOnline.org](http://www.StGeorgesOnline.org)

or

[www.SaintG.org](http://www.SaintG.org)

### Parish staff:

Paul Allick, Rector  
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  
Vestry: John Carlson, Jeff Evans, Gwen Gysland, John Hagerman, Mark Kraabel, Mary Weekes, and Tom Zaun

### Our Mission is to:

**Listen, Proclaim, Serve, Celebrate!**



**We are approaching the most important three days in the Christian Calendar.** Beginning with Jesus arriving on a donkey, with palms spread out and continuing on to celebrate the Last Supper with his Disciples and the day of his crucifixion, and then the glorious celebration of the Easter Vigil, the first light – beginning the celebration of his resurrection. At some point, every Christian should celebrate the “Great Three Days.” Plan this year to join your parish family in this great celebration.



NONPROFIT ORG  
US POSTAGE PAID  
MINNEAPOLIS, MN  
PERMIT NO. 152

**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

### HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

#### **Palm Sunday, March 28**

8:00 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
10:15 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite II

#### **Maundy Thursday, April 1**

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist, Stripping of the Altar

#### **Good Friday, April 2**

12:00 noon – Good Friday Liturgy  
7:00 p.m. – Good Friday Liturgy

#### **Easter Vigil, April 3**

7:00 p.m. – First Eucharist of Easter

#### **Easter Sunday, April 4**

8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite I, with choir  
10:15 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II, with choir