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KEEPING TIME

By Fr. Paul Allick

Is it August already? I've noticed when I ask folks how their summer is going the answer is often, "Fast." It seems that way to me as well. In fact it seems like all time is going so fast. I remember as a kid the summers off from school seemed to last forever. As an adult, summer seems like just another three-month period.

To be human is to live in time. We observe it go by. We watch each other grow up and grow older. To be Christian is to honor and keep time. Throughout each year we mark the days with the story of Christ's life. We go from his arrival in Advent/Christmas/Epiphany to his temptation in the desert during Lent to his Passion during Holy Week to his Resurrection and Ascension during Eastertide and then onto the birth of his Body in the World, the Church, at the Feast of Pentecost.

The Church Year is about the passage of time in Jesus' human life. It is also about how our lives mirror Christ's experience. We come into the world and are named. We grow and mature through many testing times. We fall and die little deaths along the way and get back up. And at last we die physically. Then we experience our own resurrection unto eternal life. Our spirits live on in the hearts and minds of our friends, families and communities.

The Church also keeps time by remembering all of the saints that have gone before us. We remember saints not on their birthdays but on the anniversaries

of their deaths. For Christians this is the second birthday, the day we are born into eternal life.

Throughout each month of the year we remember several of our ancestors who have become models of faith and spiritual substance for us. We study the saints to see how they spent their lives going through the growing, the dying and the rising. We remember how their spirits live on in the heart and mind of the Church.

We keep time best by keeping faithful. How we spend our time on this earth is how we leave our legacy. Did we spend our time only working and never playing? Did we spend our time only for ourselves and not for others? How much time did we spend worshipping and praying? What are we leaving behind as memories and models for those who come after us?

How are we honoring and keeping the time God has given us?



WARDEN'S REPORT

By Laura Harmon, Rector's Warden

It takes a lot of work to make a parish work—maintaining our buildings and grounds, keeping track of our finances, running our education programs, coordinating social activities, taking care of our shut-ins, operating our nursery, coordinating our outreach programs, etc. And most of that work is done by committees made up of parishioners.

This month the Vestry will take a break from business as usual and take an evening to discuss the current committee structure at St. George's. Is our committee structure relevant to our current size? Is there a better way to utilize our "people" resources? How do we promote and develop strong leaders? We will be joined at this discussion by Karen Olson from the Minnesota Diocese. It promises to be an interesting evening.

In other news, the Newcomers Committee is working on updating St. George's brochure and some informational pieces regarding what it is to be an Episcopalian.

The Education Committee took the summer off, but will be meeting in August to plan for the fall. Look for more information on this shortly. I'll get in an early plug, however, for anyone who would be interested in being a Sunday school teacher or volunteering in the Children's Chapel or in the nursery. We always need help.

NEWS ABOUT CHILDREN & YOUTH

By Heather Whitesell

Children's News - Can you believe that fall is almost upon us? It has been nice to see so many of our children in church this summer. Our Sunday school schedule as well as Children's Chapel will resume again in September. We are eagerly looking for volunteers with Safe Church training who are willing to help teach in either of these capacities. Please see Laura Harmon or Heather Whitesell if you feel this is your calling.

Youth News - We are excited to once again offer our multi-parish confirmation program beginning this fall. Youth ages 13 and up are invited to participate in the two-year program. Our first annual multi-parish sleepover retreat entitled "Ways of Praying" is scheduled for Friday, August 27 at St. Edward's parish. This event is open to all St. George's youth ages 11-16. Please be sure to RSVP to Heather or Patty before August 4.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

By Fr. Paul Allick

My first year at St. George's we made a bunch of new Episcopalians. We still have some adult members who have not yet become "official" Episcopalians. Being a member of a local parish is one thing; it requires baptism and a desire to be part of the community. Being a member of the Episcopal Church requires either Reception or Confirmation by a Bishop. Those who have already been confirmed by a Bishop in Apostolic Succession (Roman, Orthodox, and some Lutheran) are *received* into the Anglican Communion. Those who have been confirmed in other traditions without Bishops in Apostolic Succession are *confirmed*. Being an Episcopalian, much like being Roman Catholic or Orthodox, means being part of a communion. (*Apostolic Succession* is a theological piece that would take too much space here to explain; you can come to the classes and find out.)

In October we will be offering catechetical instruction for Adults on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. This will be in preparation for our regional Confirmation Service at St. Mark's Cathedral on Saturday, November 6 at 11 a.m.

The Schedule of classes will look like this:
 Wednesdays at 7 p.m.
 October 6: Church History
 October 13: What is the Church? Who are the Ministers of the Church?
 October 20: The Sacraments
 October 27: The Book of Common Prayer

All parishioners are welcome to attend these classes whether you are already confirmed or not. Please call me if you have interest or questions.

WARDEN'S CORNER

By Kathie Brown, Parish Warden

The majority of the July Vestry meeting was spent in conversation with Canon Karen Olson from the Diocese. This came about as Father Paul, Laura and I talked about how we rotate people and leaders off and on committees. Karen was invited by Father Paul and the topic was committee structures, functions and leadership. Karen started by telling us that the way Bishop Prior sees the structure of the diocese is with God's mission at the top. And she reminded us that we are not ultimately in charge. God is!

A number of ideas came out of that meeting. Some of them, and in no particular order, are:

- Committee chairs meet quarterly with the Vestry.
- Membership on and chairing a committee should not be a life commitment and the chair should not do all the work.
- The vestry and priest should ask people to participate in committees (we have done this but need to do more of it).
- Even though a person may not want to be on a committee, a person can be asked to participate in a certain task.
- We need to educate the parish about committees.
- Conduct a gifts survey of members; what do people want, need and have to give?
- How does committee work fit into our core values of worship and hospitality?
- We need idea people, but it will likely be different people who have the skills to actually implement the ideas.

- There are no retired people in the church. (Father Paul shared this idea that came from former Bishop Jelinek).

Father Paul, Laura and I will be talking about where we go from here. So, you will be hearing more about this.

And on a couple of other notes:

Safe Church: Kitty Reese is overseeing the paperwork and training that needs to be done to bring our Safe Church compliance up to date. We asked a number of you who work with children, do pastoral care, serve on the Vestry, have keys to the church, etc. to complete a form so we can update our background checks. We have been advised that we used an incorrect form. So, you will be asked to complete a different form. We are sorry for any inconvenience and appreciate your understanding.

Little Flowers (Montessori School) Lease-The lease needs to be renewed by the end of August. If you have any thoughts on this, please talk to me.

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

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

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

Income	\$23,610.85	103% of budget
Expenses	\$17,470.54	95% of budget
Total for month	\$6,140.31	
Year to Date	\$10,170.71	
Budgeted year to date (\$718.20)		

We are doing well coming into the summer months. We have some large expense months coming up. Thank you to everyone who is contributing so generously to St. George's.

OUTREACH

By Jane Jacobson



“To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.”

Ecclesiastes 3:1

St. George's has always been active in outreach. Over the years many volunteers from St. George's have faithfully served meals and smiles at Loaves and Fishes. Our season of outreach with Loaves and Fishes has concluded. Beth Dodds, our meal coordinator, has accepted a full-time position with Loaves and Fishes. Her transition to a new job gives St. George's the opportunity to explore where the Holy Spirit is leading us in our future outreach ministry. I ask you to prayerfully consider outreach programs that we, as Disciples of Christ, may be called to minister. Please join us on Sunday, August 29, from 9:15 to 10:00 a.m. to discuss ideas regarding our new season of outreach to our neighbors and the greater community.

SUPPER CLUB



FRIDAY, AUGUST 20

Supper club will be held on Friday, August 20, 6:30 p.m., and will be a pool party hosted by Gordy and Nancy Justus. Attendees are asked to bring an appetizer to share. Beverages will be provided. Please note that there are no facilities at the pool to cool or heat food. Please RSVP to Nancy or Gordy at 952-934-7330, and ask for directions to the pool.

JUNE STORM DAMAGE

By Patty Dittrich, Parish Administrator



On June 25th, the city of St. Louis Park received a torrential amount of rain and hail. The roof drain on the Christian Education Building couldn't handle the amount of rain in the length of time it fell. Water leaked into an upstairs office currently used by Mother Mildred. The main damage to the office was the carpeting which was water-logged and wasn't discovered for four days. Servicemaster was called out to clean up the mess, and new carpeting has been ordered for that office. We have filed a claim with our insurance agency to cover the loss. Unfortunately, repair to the roof was not covered and that expense is \$1,723.16. It could have been a much worse experience. I have spent several hours dealing with repairs, filing insurance claims, and making sure things are done in a timely manner.

THANK YOU TO:

By Patty Dittrich

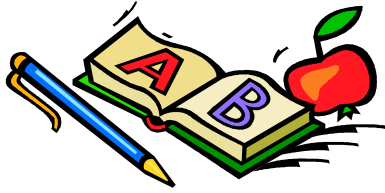


- *Carole Leonard and Geri Alberg for coming in on Thursdays and weeding and watering the flower beds and trimming bushes.
- *Gladys Williamson and Sandy Stonhouse for coming in on Mondays and weeding and watering the flower beds and dead-heading the geraniums.
- *Bill Stromberg for taking care of many other little projects around here.
- *Mary Poulsen and Maurine Bernier for making the latest baptismal banner.
- *St. Mary's Circle for making a couple of baptismal banners.
- *Patti Wales for hosting St. Mary's Circle in her home for their June picnic. A great time was had by

all. Thanks to everyone who brought a delicious salad or dessert to share.

*Mary Weekes, Kitty Reese and Kathie Brown for working together to get our Safe Church records in shape. Please cooperate with them about filling out the needed forms and attend the sessions as are required by the Diocese and our insurance policy.

*Kathie Brown and Laura Harmon for their continued excellent work as Wardens at St. George's. It is truly a pleasure to work with them. They are both very thorough and detail oriented.



ST. LOUIS PARK EMERGENCY PROGRAM BACK TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

By *Camille Schroeder*

The St. Louis Park Emergency Program's Back to School Program is well underway. This is an annual drive which collects and distributes school supplies to over 600 children living in St. Louis Park. This project is headquartered at St. George's church. The children who receive the supplies are from families who are currently receiving assistance from STEP. They are registered and meet the criteria needed for help.

STEP provides school supplies for each registered child according to the request list from each child's teacher. We purchase and need only those supplies that teachers request so we are providing a list of the needed items.

You can help with this program by purchasing and donating the needed supplies, by donating money so that we can purchase supplies, and/or by volunteering your time to help set up, sort the supplies, pack the bags, distribute the bags and, of course, clean-up.

The first volunteer time will be on Sunday, August 15th. On this day we need people from the congregation to help set up the tables for the project. We will do this right after church.

Additional volunteer times are Monday, August 16th through Friday, August 20th, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 to 3 p.m. each of those days. These are the times for sorting supplies and packing the bags. Volunteers for these time slots must be at least 12 years old. The volunteer times for distribution are Monday, August 23rd from 12:30 to 3 p.m. and Monday, August 23rd from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Volunteers for distribution must be at least 18 years old. And then there's clean-up! Tuesday, August 24th from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 3 p.m. are set aside for clean-up. We need a group of volunteers for this time also. To

volunteer, please RSVP to Kate at 952-925-4899, ext. 14, or reply to kate@STEPslp.org. You can also speak with Camille Schroeder.

Most needed items are:

- Three-ring zippered notebook binders
- Binder dividers with either 5 or 8 tabs
- Purple college-ruled notebooks
- Eight-count Crayola washable markers
- Blue ballpoint pens
- Large scissors – Fiskars preferred
- One-inch 3-ring notebook binders
- Two-pocket folders without fasteners
- Twelve-count Crayola colored pencils
- Zippered pencil pouches
- Erasable black pens

Donations can be placed in the red wagon in the Narthex for the first three Sundays in August. Please support this STEP project by donating and volunteering. We do have a lot of fun. See you there and thanks so much.



HAVE YOU NOTICED?

*The doors on the Minnetonka Blvd. side have been sanded, stained and re-varnished. They are looking good again.

*The carpeting in the parish hall and the Christian education building has been cleaned.

*The gardens are looking exceptional this summer, despite the pesky chipmunks and rabbits. Who knew rabbits ate some varieties of hosta?

*The yellow lines on the sidewalk by the Christian education building and the ramp behind the building have been re-painted

*The door to the sacristy from the playground has been replaced.

These are a few of the many projects that we have going on around St. George's. Thank you for your continued support to help make these and other projects possible.

Calendar of Events – August 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00 am – HE, Rite 1 10:15 am – HE, Rite II	2 7 pm – Education Committee	3	4 11:00 a.m. Gospel Based Discipleship (CEB)	5 6:30 pm – AA (LL)	6 Fr. Allick on vacation 8/6-20 OFFICE CLOSED	7 Fr. Allick on vacation 8/6-20
8 8:00 am – HE, Rite 1 10:15 am – HE, Rite II Fr. Allick on vacation 8/6-20	9 Fr. Allick on vacation 8/6-20	10 Fr. Allick on vacation 8/6-20 7 p.m. Finance Committee	11 Fr. Allick on vacation 8/6-20 11:00 a.m. Gospel Based Discipleship (CEB)	12 Fr. Allick on vacation 8/6-20 6:30 pm – AA(LL)	13 Fr. Allick on vacation 8/6-20 OFFICE CLOSED	14 Fr. Allick on vacation 8/6-20
15 8:00 am – HE, Rite 1 10:15 am – HE, Rite II Fr. Allick on vacation 8/6-20 Set up for S.T.E.P. back-to-school program	16 Fr. Allick on vacation 8/6-20 Newsletter deadline 7 p.m. - Vestry	17 Fr. Allick on vacation 8/6-20	18 Fr. Allick on vacation 8/6-20 11:00 a.m. Gospel Based Discipleship (CEB)	19 Fr. Allick on vacation 8/6-20 6:30 pm – AA (LL)	20 Fr. Allick on vacation 8/6-20 OFFICE CLOSED 6:30 pm Supper Club Gordy & Nancy Justus	21
22 8:00 am – HE Rite 1 10:15 am – HE, Rite II	23 Fr. Allick returns to office after vacation	24	25 11:00 a.m. Gospel Based Discipleship (CEB) S.T.E.P. back-to- school program ends	26 6:30 pm – AA (LL)	27 Fr. Allick's day off OFFICE CLOSED	28 CORN FEED – 5 p.m.
29 8:00 a.m. – HE, Rite 1 9:15 am – Brainstorm ideas about outreach possibilities 10:15 am – HE, Rite II	30 7 pm Buildings & Grounds	31				

A THANK YOU FROM MARY WEEKES



Mary Weekes and her sister Ruth Butcher would like to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to all those who prayed, visited, sent cards and flowers, or took her to appointments following Mary's knee replacement surgery on July 6. The surgery went well and Mary is working hard at her physical therapy. Thanks again for all your thoughts, prayers and well wishes.

Ministers of the Eucharistic Assembly

August 2010

	August 1	August 8	August 15	August 22	August 29
Readings	Hosea 11:1-11 Psalm 107:1-9, 43 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40	Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18 Hebrews 11:29-12:2 Luke 12:49-56	Isaiah 58:9b-14 Psalm 103:1-8 Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17	Proverbs 25:6-7 Psalm 81:1, 10-16 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1, 7-14
Chalice	Maraline Keeling Laura Harmon Alan Poulsen	Karen Hurlbert John Hagerman Leslie O'Donnell	Steve Harvala Eileen Harvala Kathie Brown	Maraline Keeling Cyprian Troyer Laura Harmon	Karen Hurlbert Alan Poulsen John Hagerman
Lectors	Maraline Keeling Nada Hughes Mary Weekes	Karen Hurlbert Holden Hagerman Gale Winikoff	Steve Harvala Carole Leonard Kathie Brown Jeffrey Evans	Mary Kuhfeld Maraline Keeling Paul Schroeder Marian Miller	Karen Hurlbert Caryl Eschweiler John Hagerman
Greeters	John & Nancy Taylor	Jim & Jill Burns	Harry & Kris Kelley	Leon & Gayle Vann	Laura & Tom Harmon
Ushers 8 a.m.	Ron Holbach Ron Erickson	Bob Miller Bruce Becker	Ron Holbach Ron Erickson	Bob Miller Bruce Becker	Ron Holbach Ron Erickson
10:15 a.m. Acolyte:	Kitty Reese Bill Stromberg Abby Smith	Tom Zaun Leon Vann Holden Hagerman	Jane Jacobson Bob Jones Jacob Carlson	Tom Zaun Leon Vann Nathan Harmon	Jane Jacobson Bob Jones Abby Smith
Lay Eucharistic Visitors	Carol Peterson Mary Poulsen	No LEV visits	Heather Whitesell Alan Poulsen	Eileen Harvala Steve Harvala	No LEV visits
Coffee Hour: 8:00 a.m.	Ron Holbach Karen Hurlbert	Help needed	Betty Bauer	Carole Leonard Geri Alberg	Carole Leonard Geri Alberg
10:15 a.m.	John & Jane Carlson	Alan & Mary Poulsen	John & Sandy Stonhouse	Bob & Bonnie Jones	John & Nancy Taylor



**AUGUST CORN FEED
COME ONE, COME ALL!**



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 28
5 PM SOCIAL, 6 PM DINNER**

St. George's Annual Corn Feed will be held on Saturday, August 28, with social time and games beginning at 5 p.m., followed by a chicken dinner at 6 p.m. In addition to the chicken, there is always an array of other wonderful side dishes not to mention the fabulous sweet corn that is donated each year by Gwen Gysland's family. And there will be dessert, too! The August corn feed has been a tradition at St. George's where the parish comes together for a fun event for the whole family. Please plan to join us.

Tickets will go on sale in the parish hall early in August. **Tickets will be \$5.00 each with a \$15 maximum per family.** If you have questions, please contact Kris or Harry Kelley at 952-924-9102.



About St. George's

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Parish staff:

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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, Jeffrey Evans, Gwen Gysland,
John Hagerman, Mark Kraabel, Mary Weekes, and Tom
Zaun

Our Mission is to:

Listen, Proclaim, Serve, Celebrate!



SECOND SUNDAY/SECOND OFFERING AUGUST 8 - Juice Sunday/2nd Offering, all-in-one.

On the second Sunday of every month, St. George's church collects bottles of juice for S.T.E.P., the St. Louis Park Emergency Program. Juice donations may be placed in the little red wagon located in the Narthex. Your donations will go to people who are in need who live in St. Louis Park.

PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE: Also collected on the second Sunday of each month is what we call the "Second Offering." A second set of collection plates are passed for parishioners to drop in their loose change and/or dollar bills. During the months of July-December, this offering will be donated to Episcopal Relief and Development. During the months of January-June, the offering will be donated to STEP.

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MEMORY-GROUP ACTIVITIES

By Sandy Stonhouse

Several of us interested in ministry to those who have family and friends who suffer from memory loss meet regularly on the second Sunday of the month. That will be August 8 this month, after the 10:15 a.m. service.

Alzheimer's Memory Walk Saturday, September 25, 2010



The fundraising and fun-gathering activity in the state is the Alzheimer's Memory Walk 2010 on September 25. Join us as we enjoy the early fall beauty at Hyland Lake Park Reserve. Last year, The Rev. Mildred Cox helped us raise \$700 from St. George's for the annual efforts. Talk to Mildred or me, Sandy Stonhouse, for more information.