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CHRISTIAN VOCATION

By Fr. Paul Allick

Jesus told us that he came to serve not to be served.
(Mark 10:45)

To serve is at the heart of Christian Vocation. We aren't called to be subservient but to discern how we can serve as members of Christ's Body. In our cultural context "Church" is seen as a place you go to get things. We get our spiritual needs met. We hope that the music and sermon will be engaging. We hope to experience a good fellowship experience if we are an outgoing person. If we are shy, we hope that people will let us be.

All of these hopes and needs are absolutely valid. But they are only part of the story. If all of the prayer support, preaching, and listening to wonderful music aren't leading us toward our Christian Vocation, then we are not really being the Church. We are Christ's Body in the world now. We are his hands, his feet, his head and his heart.

This fall we will offer a course called, "Christian Vocation." We will explore how each Christian disciple can discern their ministry.

St. George's needs more servants. Particularly we need more servant leaders. Your Vestry and priest will be spending time discerning what we need and who might have the gifts to help us meet those needs. This isn't about plugging holes. We don't want

disciples at St. George's serving where they have no interest or gifts. This is about discerning our

gifts and matching them with what we want to do and be. We want to find out how each disciple can help us live into our vision of offering excellent worship and authentic hospitality.

We all have gifts to offer. Some of us are good at generating ideas and not so good at doing the details to make them happen. That is absolutely fine...if we can let others do the follow-up and trust their judgment. Others of us aren't so good at the ideas part but are amazing at follow through. We all have gifts: cooking, praying, sewing, keeping track of money, hosting, serving, keeping vigil, loving and on and on.

I invite each disciple to begin to wonder and imagine what you have been offering and what you might yet offer to our parish, our community and the world around us in the Name of Jesus Christ.

WARDEN'S REPORT

By Laura Harmon, Rector's Warden

Here we are at September again. Everyone is back from summer vacations and school is starting. And it's back to school for St. George's, too!

Rally Sunday on September 12 will start us off. I know that Randy Egan has a big celebration planned for us. So plan on being there to help make a joyous

noise unto the Lord! All the education programs will begin on the following Sunday, September 19.

Father Paul will start the adult education series off with a focus on Christian vocation and lay ministry. As always, it promises to be interesting.

Sunday school and Children's Chapel will also start on the 19th. Heather Whitesell has been busy preparing the curriculum for our children. As always, we can use more volunteers to help out in both the Sunday school and Children's Chapel. If you have any interest in working with our children, please contact Heather. Remember, that you do have to have gone through the safe church program to volunteer in this area.

An item of note regarding the Lay Eucharistic Visitors: We at St. George's can take pride in the fact that we have a very committed group of volunteers who bring communion to our fellow parishioners who are not able to worship with us on Sunday mornings. We want to get the word out that in addition to visiting shut-ins, we are also available to bring communion to anyone who is recuperating from surgery or a long illness. If you or anyone you know would like to receive a visit, you can contact the church office or call me directly.

And lastly, a few words about the healing station. Over the last month or so, we've been trying to incorporate some of our laity in the healing station at the 10:15 service. Our intention was to try to make sure the station was available when the Rev. Yoseph Hunter was not able to be with us. Seemed like an easy thing to do, but has proven to be somewhat difficult to execute. We still want to make sure healing is available as this has become an important part of our ministry to each other. So we're going to try Plan B. The healing station will be available on Sundays when the Rev. Yoseph Hunter is with us. When he's not able to be here on Sundays, there won't be a healing station. However, we are going to add a healing service on the fourth Sunday of each month following the 10:15 service. That service will be held in the Chapel and will be lead by the laity.



NEWS ABOUT CHILDREN & YOUTH

By Heather Whitesell

Sunday School News:

I am excited to begin another year of Christian education for our children! We will start it off on September 12th with Rally Sunday. Children will process with balloons to help make it a festive service. Our first day of Sunday School and Children's Chapel will be September 19. We will continue to follow the Living the Good News lectionary-based curriculum.

Youth News:

It has been great to see our youth participating in the services this summer. We will be resuming our Friday night Youth Nights on the second Friday of each month beginning on Friday, September 10 at 6:30 p.m. Youth are also encouraged to come on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. for the opportunity to indulge their literary interests. I am happy to share that we will once again be participating with St. Alban's, St. Edward's and St. Nicholas' parishes for a two-year joint confirmation program. It promises to be an enriching experience for us all.

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.

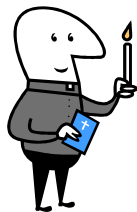
The schedule of classes will look like this:
 Wednesdays at 7 p.m.
 October 6: Church History
 October 13: What is the Church? Who are the Ministers of the Church?
 October 20: The Sacraments
 October 27: The Book of Common Prayer

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

**ST. GEORGE'S
 ADULT EDUCATION**

By Father Paul Allick

Sundays 9:15-10:00 a.m.
 (Parish Hall)



CHRISTIAN VOCATION

*Who does the ministry of the Church?
 Who are the ministers of the Church?
 How do we discern our calling?*

In the past few decades within the institutional Church we have talked a lot about Lay Ministry. What does this mean? How do lay persons know what their ministry is? Is it simply to sit on committees or does it go deeper than that? In these sessions we will explore all of these questions and more.

September 19: Vocation & Ministry

What can we learn about these in Holy Scripture and The Book of Common Prayer?

September 26: Ordained and "Official" Ministry

Bishops, Priests, Deacons, Monks and Nuns are called to very specific and limited ministries.

October 3: Lay Ministry

Becoming who God has made you to be; Embracing what the Tradition calls you to do.

October 10: Discernment: The 11-Letter Word
The most needed and least understood and practiced spiritual discipline in the Church.

October 17: Types of Lay Ministry at St. George's
Are we ready to get more engaged and grow into God's Kingdom?



**SEPTEMBER
 BIRTHDAYS**

- 7 Katherine Bloomquist
- 8 Owen Monroe
- 9 Steve Mangold
- 10 Mike Milligan
- 11 Camille Schroeder
Mary Shipman
- 12 Sophia Heil
- 13 Harold Morgan
- 16 Kathie Brown
- 17 Brianna Rousselow
- 19 Nancy Taylor
- 20 Christy Eckenrode
- 21 Gloria Johnson
- 23 Katherine Drivas
- 24 Evelyn Sherman
- 25 Julian Mejia
- 27 Jill Burns
- 30 Elizabeth Bloomquist

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

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

Income	\$17,322.54	101% of budget
Expenses	\$21,306.63	95% of budget
Total for month	(\$3,984.09)	
Year to Date	\$6,186.62	
Budgeted year to date	(\$2,687.28)	

We are doing well during the mid-summer stretch. Please keep your pledges current to help us into the final months of the year. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Ron Holbach, Treasurer, or Patty Dittrich, Parish Administrator.

THANK YOU TO:

By Patty Dittrich

Parish Administrator



- a very generous parishioner who donated the money to repair the roof in the Christian Education Building.
- Nick Dittrich and Bill Stromberg for moving a very heavy fireproof file cabinet up from the undercroft into the parish office on a hot Saturday morning.
- Carole Leonard for joining me on a Wednesday evening and cleaning out the small office upstairs in the Christian Education Building.
- Bill Stromberg for dismantling the furniture from that office in preparation for new carpeting.
- Geri Alberg, Carole Leonard, Sandy Stonhouse, and Gladys Williamson for taking care of the gardens each and every week. They are looking wonderful!
- Carole Leonard for trimming the bushes in the back of the Christian Education Building – they look great.
- Camille Schroeder for arranging the Back to School program for STEP – what a wonderful outreach to the community.
- Kathie Brown, Carole Leonard, Bill Stromberg, Bob Wheelock and Tom Zaun for cutting back bushes and trimming the trees by the parking lot – our sign is actually visible now. Did you have to pick the HOTTEST day to do it?
- Harry and Kris Kelley, Jane Jacobson, Carole Leonard, Kitty Reese, Bill Stromberg, and Tom Zaun for all their hard work on the corn feed.
- A special thank you to Gwen Gysland and her family for donating the corn and tomatoes and other veggies for the corn feed!!!
- Kathie Brown for her work in washing the albs the lectors/chalice bearers use on Sunday morning – they were looking pretty bad.

In my 16 years working at St. George's I have come to appreciate all the wonderful people who make things happen around here, also to those volunteers who are willing to step forward to help out in times of need. Whether it's a project around the church, or taking a parishioner to a doctor appointment or giving someone

a ride to the grocer – I can always count on someone stepping forward to help out. To this I say a huge “thank you”!!

MEMORY GROUP ACTIVITIES

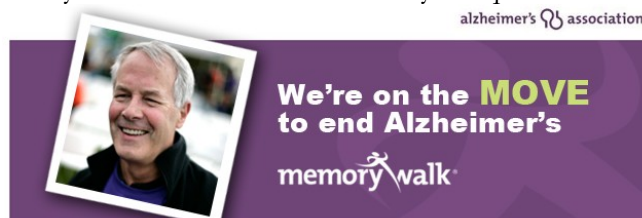
by Sandy Stonhouse

Our group is planning to support the annual fundraising activity called ALZHEIMER'S MEMORY WALK on Saturday, September 25. Last year several of us enjoyed the beauty of the early fall at Hyland Park Reserve. Again we will join the fun and you can join with us. No membership required. If you are interested in walking and would like to car pool, please meet in the parking lot at 8:15 a.m.

Also, we will be asking you to support us as we walk with your donation to the organization. The need is great as we all know someone whose personal history has been taken away from them.

On Sundays in September we will have an information table in the parish hall after the 10:15 a.m. service. You can then get information and make a donation. Sandy and Mildred Cox welcome your questions.

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HELP NEEDED FOR UNDERCROFT PROJECT



We are wondering if there are a couple of people in the parish who have experience and interest in installing a new suspended ceiling in the Sunday school room located in the undercroft. The current one is in need of repairs, and we would like to have the room look as nice as possible for the children who use this room each Sunday. If you are interested, please contact Patty Dittrich in the church office – 952-926-1646.

HAVE YOU NOTICED?

- The wonderful new sign in front of the Christian Education Building? This sign is a donation by Kathie Brown and Leslie O'Donnell in memory of their parents, Cy and Shirley Brown. After months of planning and designing, we have a sign to be proud of that incorporates the architecture of the old sign and adds the wonderful feature of putting messages on the sign announcing events happening at St. George's. It is also lit from within, so no more broken light fixtures on the lawn. What a wonderful memorial to a couple who cared so much about St. George's! Thanks to Kathie and Leslie!!! The sign has a double memorial – the basic structure of the sign is in Memory of Robert and Leonard Tupper.
- Did you notice how nice the east side of the parking lot looks? A dedicated group of St. George's members were out there one hot and humid Sunday afternoon, cutting, trimming and hauling branches away. There was a lot of buckthorn growing out there.
- The small office in the upper level of the Christian Education Building has new carpeting in it and is now ready for use. This is the office that was damaged with the roof drainage issue in June.
- The roof stacks on the church, the ones by the garden area. They have recently been painted. Aren't they looking good?

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.

LECTORS/CHALICE ALBS

By Patty Dittrich, Parish Administrator

How do these get cleaned? We have had this problem since Glennis Williams resigned from the Altar Guild, after a long and dedicated run as Directress. I have taken the Albs home on occasion when I have noticed that they are dirty – that would be when I went in the cupboard to check on candles or something else stored in there. Betty Bauer has taken them home on occasion also. But, it came to my attention recently that they were very dirty, thinking the person using the robe would take it home to be washed wasn't very practical,

because then we have the issue of when will it be returned and we do need it for the next Sunday service. Parish Warden Kathie Brown and I sat down and brainstormed ideas for dealing with this. There were several suggestions on the table, but truthfully our altar guild members are strained as it is dealing with the services, the funerals and other responsibilities that they have and it's not fair to add one more thing to their list. So, we have decided to take the albs to a laundry to be taken care of. I will drop them off on my way home from work and pick them up when they are done on my way into work.

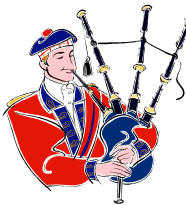
So, we are asking the following:

All Chalice/Lectors at both services, if you notice your robe is dirty, please leave it on the counter and it will be taken to a laundry to be washed and then picked up and hung back up. Also, if you would please empty out the pockets and hang the alb back up carefully in the closet we would appreciate it.

THE BAGPIPER RETURNETH

**Rally Day at St. George's
September 12, 10:15 a.m.**

By Randy Egan, Organist/Choirmaster



It is party time at St. George's as our "rhythm" shifts in September. We mark the beginning of a new church year with a major, joyous celebration of life together. There will be balloons, banners, trumpets, children, choir--and a kilted bagpiper to lead our motley procession of humanity into God's house. The skirl of the pipes will resound through the neighborhood; we will raise the roof with majestic song! Our joy as redeemed Children of the Creator will be made manifest in this little outpost of the Kingdom.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this special Festival Rally Sunday Service. Might this not be an occasion to invite a friend or relative to join you at church?? After all, we exist to serve those who are not yet here!

Calendar of Events – September 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 11:00 a.m. Gospel Based Discipleship (CEB)	2 6:30 pm – AA (LL)	3 Fr. Allick's day off OFFICE CLOSED	4
5 8:00 am – HE, Rite 1 10:15 am – HE, Rite II	6 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED	7	8 11:00 a.m. Gospel Based Discipleship (CEB)	9 6:30 pm – AA(LL)	10 Fr. Allick's day off OFFICE CLOSED	11
12 8:00 am – HE, Rite 1 RALLY SUNDAY Bagpiper for 10:15 am service 10:15 am – HE, Rite II 11:30a.m. – Memory Loss Support Group(LL)	13 7 p.m. – Education Committee	14 7 p.m. Finance Committee	15 Newsletter deadline 11:00 a.m. Gospel Based Discipleship (CEB)	16 6:30 pm – AA (LL)	17 Fr. Allick's day off OFFICE CLOSED	18
19 8:00 am – HE Rite 1 8:30 am - Choir 9:15 am - Education for all ages 10:15 am – HE, Rite II	20 12 noon – St. Mary's Circle – Parish Hall 7 pm - Vestry	21	22 11:00 a.m. Gospel Based Discipleship (CEB)	23 6:30 pm – AA (LL)	24 Fr. Allick's day off OFFICE CLOSED	25 9 a.m. Cursillo Meeting in Parish Hall
26 8:00 am – HE, Rite 1 8:30 am – Choir 9:15 am – Education Hour 10:15 am – HE, Rite II 11:30am- Healing Service - Chapel	27 7 pm Buildings & Grounds	28	29 11:00 a.m. Gospel Based Discipleship (CEB) 7 pm - St. Michael & All Angels – Service of Holy Eucharist	30		

Ministers of the Eucharistic Assembly

September 2010

	September 5	September 12	September 19	September 26	Wednesday, September 29, <i>St. Michael & All Angels</i>
Readings	Jeremiah 18:1-11 Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14:25-33	Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 Psalm 14 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10	Amos 8:4-7 Psalm 113 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13	Amos 6:1a, 4-7 Psalm 146 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-31	Genesis 28:10-17 Psalm 103 Revelation 12:7-12 John 1:47-51
Chalice	Steve Harvala Eileen Harvala Leslie O'Donnell	Maraline Keeling Laura Harmon Kathie Brown	Karen Hurlbert Alan Poulsen Eileen Harvala	Steve Harvala Leslie O'Donnell Laura Harmon	John Hagerman Cyprian Troyer
Lectors	Carole Leonard Steve Harvala John Stonhouse Eileen Harvala	Mary Kuhfeld Maraline Keeling Leon Vann Kathie Brown	Karen Hurlbert Mary Poulsen Mark Hartmangruber	Steve Harvala Mary Weekes Nada Hughes	John Hagerman Holden Hagerman
Greeters	Lou & Rosie Michelich	Ron Zaltz Barbara Behrens	Brad & Margaret Heil	Mary & Alan Poulsen	TBD
Ushers 8 a.m.	Ron Holbach Ron Erickson	Bob Miller Bruce Becker	Ron Holbach Ron Erickson	Bob Miller Bruce Becker	TBD
10:15 a.m. Acolyte: Crucifer:	Kitty Reese Bill Stromberg Holden Hagerman	Tom Zaun Leon Vann Abby Smith Jacob Carlson	Jane Jacobson Bob Jones Abby Smith	Tom Zaun Leon Vann Nathan Harmon	Holden Hagerman
Lay Eucharistic Visitors	No LEV visits	Alan Poulsen Mary Poulsen	Mary Kuhfeld Steve Harvala	No LEV visits	
Coffee Hour: 8:00 a.m.	Ron Holbach Karen Hurlbert	Holbach family	Betty Bauer	Carole Leonard Geri Alberg	
10:15 a.m.	Milt Hill Gladys Williamson	John & Jane Carlson	Alan & Mary Poulsen	John & Sandy Stonhouse	

STEP'S BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE A BIG THANK YOU!

By Camille Schroeder



A standing ovation is indicated for the many people who helped with the **St. Louis Park Emergency Program's Back to School Drive** held at St. George's. The drive provided 658 students with their needed school supplies for the coming school year.

Thanks to all who helped move the tables and supplies to the appropriate places at the beginning of the drive. Thanks to those who worked a shift or two or three to help sort and bag the schools supplies. Thanks to those who helped with the repacking of the excess supplies for storage for next year. Thanks to all of those who donated school supplies or money to purchase them. Thanks to those who contributed treats for the workers. But most of all thanks to St. George's for providing the site for the project and for providing continuing storage for the school supplies. We are indeed a valuable partner for **STEP**.

About St. George's

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Anne Scheible

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 SEPTEMBER 12 - *Juice Sunday/2nd Offering, all-in-one.*

On the second Sunday of every month, St. George's church collects bottles of juice for STEP, 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.

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.

SEEKING CHOIR SINGERS

*By Randy Egan,
Organist/Choirmaster*



St. George's Choir will resume rehearsals and worship leadership beginning Sunday, September 12th—Rally Day. To avoid a mid-week rehearsal, the choir meets at 8:30 a.m. Sunday morning, preceding the 10:15 a.m. service. Admittedly, it can be a little hard to roll out of the sack on a cold winter's morning—but our committed singers say it's worth it!

A church choir is one of the few places where you can sing your head off, emote, express, and be altogether a little odd—and be considered "An Artist." Singing is beneficial for the head, the heart and the body.

We would love to have some new singers join our little band! We do have our spats (as do most families), but we have a lot of fun and "loyal friendship," too.

Hope to see some new faces on September 12th!