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THE HOLY SPIRIT KNOWS

By Fr. Paul Allick

In the newsletter last May, I asked us to try an experiment. Instead of going to one liturgy at 9 a.m. for the summer, we kept our regular 8 & 10:15 a.m. schedule. I wondered if 9 a.m. was too late for some of us and too early for others. Was this why attendance went down in the summer? The other reason was to keep a consistent liturgical schedule for those who are not here yet. The experiment has produced higher attendance for the summer. I have noticed just as many visitors this summer as during the program year.

Here are the numbers:

Summer 2008 (one liturgy): 79

Summer 2009 (one liturgy): 71

Summer 2010 (8 a.m.): 21

Summer 2010 (10:15 a.m.): 75

Summer 2010 (overall average): 95

Overall our attendance is going up if ever so slowly. So far in 2010 we are averaging 101 persons between two services. In both 2008 and 2009 our average was 97.

What makes attendance go up? Who knows?

Ultimately only the Holy Spirit knows. But as I look around the community gathered at the altar each week, I see a web of relationships. Most people who have joined St. George's in the past two years had a connection with us beforehand. Others have been

connected to us through family for years and are now returning on a regular basis.

As I walked in the procession on Rally Sunday at the 10:15 liturgy and saw the sea of 175 faces gathered, I was blown away. Actually, I was choked up. I recognized 99% of the people gathered. I knew why we were there; I have heard the stories. We are all connected. That is the Body of Christ, the Communion of Saints.

We have made a conscious and in many ways subconscious decision to be about solid worship and authentic hospitality. The Holy Spirit calls us together. It is our job to make sure we know how to welcome the stranger. It is our job to provide worship that helps people connect with God through Jesus Christ. This isn't religious rocket science but it is hard work to remain faithful to it. It is hard work to not be about ourselves but to be all about others.

Pray for our parish community that we will have the strength and spiritual maturity to be who God in Christ has called us to be.

WARDEN'S CORNER

By Kathie Brown, Parish Warden

FALL STEWARDSHIP DRIVE

We will not have a gathering for the stewardship drive, but will handle this by letter. Look for a letter in the mail around mid-October. The formal ingathering of pledge cards will be Sunday, November 14.

WE WANT YOUR INPUT

The Building & Grounds Committee (B&G) has been brainstorming about possible uses for the \$23,000 from the generous Chuck Murphy bequest that went into the Equipment & Church Facilities Fund (and maybe some additional church funds as well). We have come up with a list which is included below, although we haven't yet looked into the cost of most of these projects. What other ideas do you have? Which items would you give the highest priority?

If you are interested in joining the discussion, please join us at the Monday, October 25th meeting of the Buildings and Grounds Committee – 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Please come and share your thoughts on which projects you think are most important and why, and listen to the ideas of others. This will help B&G narrow down the list to a few items that we will then research further.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, please feel free to share your thoughts with one of the following members of B&G: Carole Leonard, Bill Stromberg, Tom Zaun, David Sell, Mark Kraabel or Kathie Brown.

The following items are listed in random order, not necessarily in order of priority:

- * Carpeting of Parish Hall
- * Carpeting of Sanctuary
- * Light the cross on telephone pole on Minnetonka Boulevard
- * Expand the size of the chapel
- * Replace windows in coat hall
- * Replace glass around the double entry doors on the south side
- * Replace glass around the double entry doors on the north side
- * Replace windows in library lounge (or remove windows altogether)
- * Kitchen remodeling

- * Remodel kitchen store rooms
- * Carpeting of Sacristy
- * New doors and framework for Library Lounge
- * Replace triangle screens and windows in church
- * Replace or remove south-facing skylight by altar
- * New ceiling tiles for Sunday school room
- * Air conditioning for sanctuary
- * Air conditioning for Parish Hall
- * Banners for outside the building
- * Look into awning or other covering for south entrance of church (being careful that we not look like a funeral home in the process)

EDUCATION CORNER

By Heather Whitesell

Sunday School News:

We started off the year with a festive Rally Sunday. The children loved the balloon procession and bagpiper. In Sunday school we are talking about the different treasures in our lives. Some are physical while others are spiritual. Children's Chapel has also begun. The children enjoy participating in their own interpretation of the gospel and prayers.

Youth News:

Friday night Youth Nights have resumed. These will be held on the second Friday of the month. It was great to be back together as a group and catch up after the summer. Of course, the kids were eager to test their skills with a new game of cops and robbers.

Our joint confirmation program is now in progress. We have four participants from St. George's, and fourteen youth all together. We are looking forward to a very enriching experience in the next two years.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

By Fr. Paul Allick

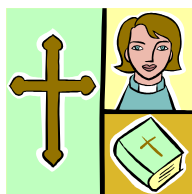
My first year at St. George's we made a bunch of new Episcopalians. We still have some adult members who have not yet become "official" Episcopalians. Being a member of a local parish is one thing; it requires baptism and a desire to be part of the community. Being a member of the Episcopal Church requires 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.

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?



ADULT EDUCATION CLASS OCTOBER 24

STEP has been invited to speak during the Adult Education hour about ways to volunteer with them.

**OCTOBER
 BIRTHDAYS**



- 3 Paul Schroeder
- 4 Gwen Gysland
- 5 Bob Wilcox
- 6 Patrick Reese
- 7 John Hagerman
Evan Troyer
- 12 Charletta Kimber
Chad Eschweiler
- 14 Everett Sherman
Mary Poulsen
Gayle Vann
- 15 Ann Pickler
Heather Whitesell
- 17 Roxy Zaun
- 18 Sandy Stonhouse
Melissa Lonetto
- 20 Yosef Hunter
- 21 Alan Poulsen
Barbara Behrens
- 26 Martha Geiger
- 29 Leon Vann

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

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

Income	\$19,351.36	99.5% of budget
Expenses	\$19,235.09	99% of budget
Total for month	\$116.27	
Year-to-date actual	\$6,302.89	
Budgeted year-to-date	(\$1,905.86)	

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, the treasurer, or Patty Dittrich, the parish administrator.

NEW SIGN

By Kathie Brown



I hope you have noticed the new sign. Please read the messages; they will change weekly. I have heard from a couple of people that the two-line messages are difficult to read. We are just learning the system, so we will see if we can come up with a font that is easier to read. Please note that you will not be able to read two line messages if you are either too close to or too far from the sign. It should certainly be readable by people stopped at the light or walking by. If we only use one line of very large type, it will really limit what we can say. Please let me or Patty Dittrich know if you have ideas for messages to put on the sign. We welcome your input.

THANK YOU TO:

*By Patty Dittrich
Parish Administrator*



- Bob Miller for all his help when I was off recently after Dave’s surgery; answering phones, picking up bank bags, counting a Sunday collection, coming in another Sunday and helping me count.
- Mary Kuhfeld for helping out in the parish office when I was off. Thank you for taking care of the baptismal certificates for me.

- Mary Weekes for coming in and doing the Sunday bulletins, adding music, running them off, folding them and, last but not least, collating them. Thank you!
- Everyone at St. George’s who sent cards, sent prayers and supported Dave and I through this difficult time. He is well on the road to recovery.
- Everyone who donated to the Alzheimer’s Association. We raised \$1,100 and had 12 walkers in the Memory Walk on Saturday, September 25.
- Bill Stromberg who does countless little things that I can never seem to get to – from changing light bulbs to putting water down the “wet” drains. Thank you!

NEW ADDRESS:

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Golden Valley, MN 55422
763-732-1737



BLOOD DRIVE – OCTOBER 13

By Paul Schroeder

“It’s easy to do the right thing.” This is the theme for the 2010 Memorial Blood Center’s fall blood drive. The drive will be on Wednesday, October 13th, from 3:00 to 6:30 P.M., and will be held at Spirit of Christ Church at 5801 Minnetonka Boulevard.

Donor requirements are simple: 1) You must be at least 17 years of age (16 with parental permission) and eat a good meal within a four-hour period before donating. 2) You must be in good health. 3) You must be free from colds and flu for 3 days. 4) You must bring a photo ID with you to the drive.

Each week, 2,700 volunteer donors are needed to help supply blood to patients in our area hospitals. If you haven't given before, maybe this is the year to do so. Call Paul or Camille at 952-470-5730 to sign up for your choice of a time. Give the gift of life by donating your blood.



SUPPER CLUB

A FALL FESTIVAL OF FRIENDSHIP

By Sandy Stonhouse

Please mark the date of Friday, October 8 on your calendar. Supper Club will be at the home of John and Sandy Stonhouse starting at 6:30 pm. You are all invited. More information will follow.

Confirmation Schedule

St. Edward's, St. Alban's, St. George's, St. Nick's

Parents and Confirmands: Please mark your calendars for the confirmation classes listed below:



Date/Time	Topic	Location
September 15 (7-8:30 p.m.)	Why we are here—gathering ourselves together	St. George's St. Louis Park
October 13 (7-8:30 p.m.)	What about Baptism?	St. Edward the Confessor Wayzata
November 10 (7-8:30 p.m.)	What is it about Confirmation?	St. Alban's Edina
December 8 (7-8:30 p.m.)	Why read the Bible?	St. Nicholas' Richfield
January 12 (7-8:30 p.m.)	What's in the Bible anyway?	St. George's St. Louis Park
February 11-12 (Fri.-Sat.) overnight retreat	Ways of praying	St. Edward the Confessor Wayzata
March 16 (Lent)	We plan to participate in the shared Lenten Worship which happens between the churches during the season of Lent	TBD
April 13 (7-8:30 p.m.)	Knowing our history	St. Alban's Edina
May 11 (7-8:30 p.m.)	Wrap up of the year	St. Nicholas' Richfield
Summer 2011 (details to come)	We hope to make a weekend pilgrimage to some significant places that tell the history of the Episcopal church in MN including some stops in the Lower Sioux.	



Thank you to Eileen Harvala for providing the photos below!



Rally Sunday



Bruce Becker
at the Corn Feed



Patrick Kelley
at the Corn Feed



Rally Sunday

Calendar of Events –October 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Fr. Allick's day off	2
3 8:00 am – HE, Rite 1 8:30 a.m. – Choir 9:15 am – Education Hour 10:15 am – HE, Rite II	4 7 p.m. – Education Committee	5	6 11:00 a.m. Gospel Based Discipleship (CEB) 7 p.m. Adult Confirmation Class	7 6:30 pm – AA(LL)	8 Fr. Allick's day off 6:30pm – Youth Group 6:30 p.m. – Supper Club – Stonhouse's	9
10 8:00 am – HE, Rite 1 8:30 a.m. – Choir 9:15 am – Education Hour 10:15 am – HE, Rite II 11:30 a.m. – Memory Loss Support Group(LL)	11	12 7 p.m. Finance Committee	13 11:00 a.m. Gospel Based Discipleship (CEB) 7-8:30 p.m. - Youth Confirmation Class at St. Edward's, Wayzata 7 p.m. Adult Confirmation Class	14 6:30 pm – AA (LL)	15 Fr. Allick's day off Newsletter deadline	16
17 8:00 am – HE Rite 1 8:30 am - Choir 9:15 am - Education for all ages 10:15 am – HE, Rite II	18 12 noon – St. Mary's Circle – Parish Hall 7 pm - Vestry	19	20 11:00 a.m. Gospel Based Discipleship (CEB) 7 p.m. Adult Confirmation Class	21 OFFICE CLOSED 6:30 pm – AA (LL)	22 Fr. Allick's day off OFFICE CLOSED	23 9 a.m. – 12 noon FALL CLEANUP DAY
24 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	25 7 pm Buildings & Grounds – Parish invited to attend (Parish Hall)	26	27 11:00 a.m. Gospel Based Discipleship CEB) 7 p.m. Adult Confirmation Class	28 6:30 pm—AA (LL)	29 Fr. Allick's day off	30
31 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						

SECOND SUNDAY/SECOND OFFERING
OCTOBER 10 - *Juice Sunday/2nd Offering, all-in-one.*



Ministers of the Eucharistic Assembly October 2010

	October 3	October 10	October 17	October 24	October 31
Readings	Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 Psalm 37:1-10 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 Psalm 66:1-11 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19	Jeremiah 31:27-34 Psalm 119:97-104 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Luke 18:1-8	Jeremiah 14:(1-6) 7-10 Psalm 84:1-6 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14	Isaiah 1:10-18 Psalm 32:1-8 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4 Luke 19:1-10
Chalice	Maraline Keeling Kathie Brown John Hagerman	Karen Hurlbert Eileen Harvala Alan Poulsen	Steve Harvala Laura Harmon Leslie O'Donnell	Maraline Keeling Kathie Brown John Hagerman	Karen Hurlbert Alan Poulsen Eileen Harvala
Lectors	Mary Kuhfeld Maraline Keeling Gale Winikoff Holden Hagerman	Karen Hurlbert Eileen Harvala Paul Schroeder	Carole Leonard Steve Harvala Jeffrey Evans Abby Smith	Maraline Keeling Kathie Brown Caryl Eschweiler	Karen Hurlbert Marion D. Miller John Stonhouse
Greeters	John & Nancy Taylor	Jim & Jill Burns	Kris & Harry Kelley	Gayle & Leon 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 Holden Hagerman	Tom Zaun Leon Vann Jacob Carlson	Jane Jacobson Bob Jones Jade Carlson Abby Smith	Tom Zaun Leon Vann Nathan Harmon	Kitty Reese Bill Stromberg Holden Hagerman
Crucifer:					
Lay Eucharistic Visitors	Heather Whitesell Laura Harmon	Carol Peterson Eileen Harvala	No LEV visits	Alan & Mary Poulsen	Carol Peterson Laura Harmon
Coffee Hour: 8:00 a.m.	Ron Holbach Karen Hurlbert	Holbach family	Betty Bauer	Carole Leonard Geri Alberg	Holbach family
10:15 a.m.	Bob & Bonnie Jones	John & Nancy Taylor	Milt Hill Gladys Williamson	John & Jane Carlson	Alan & Mary Poulsen

INSTALLATION OF NEW PLAYGROUND SURFACE

By Carole Leonard



Starting October 11, you might notice some work being done in the playground area. The Buildings and Grounds committee voted to hire Custom Construction Services to remove the current wood chips along with additional soil in order to make room for 12 inches of new wood chips, which is the depth needed to meet safety requirements. In addition to the wood chips, depending on what they find when digging to the proper level, it may be that river rock and/or drain tile may need to be installed under the wood chips for proper drainage. This playground gets a lot of use. In addition to the children attending St. George's church, the playground is used daily by our renters, Little Flowers Montessori, and at other times during the week by our other renters, Darchei Noam.

About St. George's

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Patty Dittrich, Parish Administrator
Heather Whitesell, Children and Youth Coordinator
Randy Egan, Organist/Choirmaster

Priests in Residence:

Mildred Cox
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 Zau

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SAFE CHURCH



Everyone who has a key to St. George's who works with the youth and/or children of St. George's, or who is a Lay Eucharistic Visitor, are required to attend Safe Church training. In looking over the records at St. George's, we discovered that most people had attended the class here five years ago and their certificates are up for renewal this year.

St. George's will sponsor a Safe Church training event on Saturday, November 20th. Please mark this date down on your calendars. More information will be in the November newsletter and in the Sunday bulletins leading up to the training.

For those required to attend both sessions, we will have a break, and then continue on to the afternoon session. For more information, please talk to Kitty Reese, Kathie Brown or Mary Weekes.

FALL CLEANUP DAY SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

By Carole Leonard



Please plan to join us on Saturday, October 23rd, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon, for our Fall Cleanup Day. We plan to clean up the gardens, wash windows, do a little painting here and there, sand and paint the rusted railings, cut back some of the bushes, etc. There will be a poster in the parish hall with a sign-up sheet, so you can indicate where you would like to be of help.

Hot coffee and sweet rolls will be waiting for you. We hope you will join us.

Remember, many hands make light work.

