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TOOLS FOR MINISTRY

By Father Paul Allick

Some are of the opinion that we shouldn't talk about money in the church. After all, money is the root of all evil. I don't believe this exactly. The only power money has is that which we give to it. We say money makes the world go around. I don't really believe that either. The human spirit has a lot to do with how the world operates. Money is the tool we use to get and to give. Unfortunately, more than money, it is the human spirit that is the root of all kinds of evil and mischief.

The church has to talk about money. It is a tool for us to do ministry. The important thing to remember is that it is our mission that should drive our budget. We decide what is most important for us and then put money toward it. We have said that Worship and Hospitality are core to the identity of our parish. As our Finance Committee and Vestry build the budget, we will keep this in mind.

A rector has a wide view of a parish. Being involved in all aspects of a parish's life one gets to see the whole picture. As your rector I see a lot of growth. I see it in attendance, in giving, in relationships (even the difficult ones), in education, in worship, in prayer, and in our understanding of what it means to be the church. When we are faithful to the core mission of the church, we will grow. The mission of the church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ. This is an all encompassing task which involves much effort and there are many ways

to go about it. We at St. George's want to use worship and hospitality as our primary tools for mission.

As we go through this season of stewardship, particularly the fundraising, let's keep in mind how large this whole project of being the church really is: it's about money, it's about leadership, it's about living into our baptismal covenant, and it's about offering excellent worship to God and compassionate hospitality to each other and to strangers.

On Sunday, November 14, we will gather up our pledge cards. We will take those pledge cards and build a budget for 2011. Let's see this ingathering as the moment we gather up important tools to do the important work ahead of us.

UNITING IN WORSHIP, WELCOMING IN GRACE

By Laura Harmon, Rector's Warden



For most of the past summer the Vestry has been working hard at coming up with a new branding statement (for us over the age of 40 think "slogan") for St. George's. We wanted a new statement that tells people who we are and where we are headed.

And who are we? According to the parish profile that was put together last fall, "worship" and "hospitality" are the values that are most important to the members of St. George's. Over many meetings, lots of words and sentences were

suggested, pondered and discerned. But we kept coming back to those same words, worship and hospitality.

Uniting in Worship: According to The Book of Common Prayer: "The mission of the church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ." Powerful words. One of the ways we have of uniting people is through worship. And one of the things we at St. George's do well is worship. Our Liturgy is strong, reverent and comforting. So why "uniting" and not "united?" It was felt, again after much discernment, that united seems to indicate that our mission was done. Uniting on the other hand suggests that we are continuing in our church mission.

Welcoming in Grace: Hospitality as described in the parish profile "is the heart of our practice of Christian faith. We offer a place of safe passage for travelers, actively welcoming the full diversity of humanity into our community and the heart of God's transformative love." And, of course, Grace is the exercise of that transformative love.

I want to thank the Vestry for all the time and energy that was put into creating our new branding statement. I think it truly tells who we are and where we are headed. **Uniting in Worship, Welcoming in Grace.**

EDUCATION CORNER

By Heather Whitesell



Sunday School News

The children have been learning about faith and prayer. We have discussed the idea that with a very small amount of faith, large things can happen. We have also been talking about the importance and impact of prayer.

Several of the children and their parents participated in our annual trip to the Minnetonka Orchard. It was a beautiful day for enjoying the fall festivities. The children had a great time running through the corn maze, riding in the hay wagon and, of course, sampling the apples.

Youth News

Youth are continuing to be active in the congregation. We welcome several of them as new lectors and acolytes. We have been meeting on Sunday mornings and having some thought-provoking discussions on the gospels. It is great to hear their opinions and insights.

In Confirmation Class, we met at St. Edward's where Rev. Betsy Lee led our discussion on baptism and the importance of water. We learned about Jesus' baptism and the early baptismal rituals of the Church.

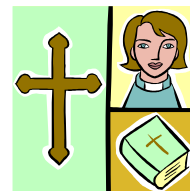
Friday night youth gathering began with a walk to Beek's Pizza. The kids put quarters in the juke box and we all sang and showed off our dance moves. Nate won the prize for most pizza slices eaten (5) and Holden won the cola guzzling contest (I wonder if he slept that night!!)

NOTE: Youth Night for November and December will be the third Friday instead of the second.

ST. GEORGE'S ADULT EDUCATION

By Father Paul Allick

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



A TOPICAL POTLUCK

The remainder of our fall Adult Education Programs will be a potluck of different offerings.

November 7: Can I Become an Angel?

No, you cannot. Come and find out why.

November 14: An Update on Alzheimer's Ministry

The Rev. Dr. Mildred Cox will update us on this Diocesan ministry originating from St. George's.

November 21: Stump the Priest

Please join us with your deepest or longest held questions about the Church and the Christian Faith. There won't be any prizes but it will be fun to try and silence your Rector for a few minutes.

November 28: Annual Advent Wreath Making

*Adults, youth and children are all invited to make Advent
Wreaths for your homes.*

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

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

Income	\$18,326.30	98.1% of budget
Expenses	\$18,773.45	94% of budget
Total for month (\$447.15)		
Year to Date \$5,855.74		
Budgeted year to date (\$2,304.44)		

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.

"BITS & PIECES": Thoughts/Oddities/Commentaries on the World in Which We Live

By Randall Egan



As an ancillary ministry to our Sunday bulletin's FOR THOUGHTS, we have staked out some display space in Fellowship Hall. This space will provide a means to share articles and photographs that are thought-provoking and just plain fun.

Not all of the articles or photos have an intentionally "spiritual" message, but hopefully all will celebrate the engrossing Dance of Life in which we are all engaged!

Do not be only a "reader" of Bits and Pieces: please do feel welcome to submit articles and photos that you find interesting and wish to share with the St. George's community. "Bits and Pieces" is intended to be a provocative public forum for all of us.

Articles and photos should be sent to Patty in the Church office.

We look forward to your participation!

NEW ADDRESS:

Mark and Nina Monroe
12338 69th Lane NE
Otsego, MN 55330



SAFE CHURCH TRAINING

By Kitty Reese



A Safe Church Training session will be held at St. George's on Saturday, November 20, beginning at 8:30 am. Bronwyn Clark Skov, who previously served as the Youth Missioner for the Diocese, will be conducting the training. The first class will be Protecting our Children and Youth.

It is required by the Diocese that every member who either works with the children/youth or has a key to the church building renew their training every five years. The majority of our members were certified in October, 2005, so are up for renewal this year. Because most of the participants are renewing their certification, the class on protecting our children and youth should take only two hours.

After the first class, we plan to take a short snack break and then we will begin the Adult Sexual Harassment Prevention session. If you serve as a Lay Eucharistic Visitor, or are a St. George's clergy or staff member, you will also be required to attend. This will take close to two hours, so we plan on finishing about 12:30 p.m.

St. George's is sponsoring this training to make it as easy as possible for our members. Please make this a high priority in your schedule.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please talk to Kathie Brown, Mary Weekes or Kitty Reese. You may also e-mail Kitty at kittyreese@comcast.net.

SECOND SUNDAY/ SECOND OFFERING

NOVEMBER 14 - Juice Sunday/ 2nd
Offering, all-in-one.



STEP: THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY FOOD PROGRAM

By Camille Schroeder



After having had to suspend its Thanksgiving food distribution last year, STEP is re-instituting the program this year. While in the past St. George's has donated all sorts of holiday food, this year we are being asked to contribute only money for Thanksgiving baskets. This is because STEP will be purchasing the pre-assembled baskets of food from a food source. The baskets cost \$25.00 each and will provide each household with a turkey, fresh produce, a pie and other items. 450 baskets will be given out to those who need assistance and who register in advance.

Registration will begin on Monday, October 25th at STEP at 6812 W. Lake St. Households can register during their scheduled food shelf appointment or without an appointment each Monday from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. In order to register, you should bring a picture ID and a current utility bill or lease. More information about registering should be directed to Allison at 952-925-4899, ext. 11.

So, our job is to provide the \$25.00 it costs to purchase each basket. How many do you think St. George's can buy? Thanks in advance for your generosity.

A BIT OF HISTORY

By Camille Schroeder



You may have noticed the sculpture of St. George and the Dragon which is mounted on the front of the Christian Education building. Just recently the sculpture was moved from the right side to the left side of the building so that it could be better seen. The sculptor was James Young. It was given to St. George's by Betsy Furber in memory of her father, Fred N. Furber. Fred was one of the people who organized the St. George's mission. He was also the first senior warden of St. George's, 1949-1953, and was a vestryman. Some of the early meetings of the church were held in the Furber's home which was across highway 100 from where the church is now located. Betsy grew up at St. George's and remembers seeing

the "fire" which burned down the first Quonset hut structure in February of 1949. Betsy currently is actively involved at the food shelf at STEP.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



- 4 Laura Jester
- 5 Thomas Bauer
- 8 Kendra McGill
Connie Kotula
- 9 Preethy Goonetilleke
- 12 Nathan Harmon
- 14 Doug Gniot
- 15 Dorothy LeBakken
Gladys Williamson
- 17 Colleen Monroe
- 19 Odessa Pamonicutt
- 23 Mary Weekes
Maclain Herbers
- 28 Jina LeBakken
- 29 Milt Hill
- 30 Jake Gysland

THANK YOU TO:

By Patty Dittrich
Parish Administrator



- Bob Wheelock for coming in and trimming the yews in the garden area and for scraping and painting some of the metal in the garden area.
- Carole Leonard for overseeing the playground mulch removal and replacement of the new sidewalk. We are happy it is done!
- Carole Leonard for coming in and scraping, sanding and painting the fascia board on Minnetonka Blvd.
- Bill Stromberg for coming in and opening the building for a Diocesan meeting.
- Tom Zaun for grinding off the rust on the railings on the Toledo Avenue entrance, and then priming and painting them. Nice job!

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.	

Calendar of Events –November 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7 p.m. - All Saints Day Liturgy	2 2:30 pm – Staff Meeting 7 p.m. – Education Committee	3 11:00 a.m. Gospel Based Discipleship (CEB)	4	5 Fr. Allick's day off	6
7 8:00 am – HE, Rite 1 8:30 a.m. – Choir 9:15 am – Education Hour 10:15 am – HE, Rite II	8	9 7 p.m. Finance Committee	10 11:00 a.m. Gospel Based Discipleship (CEB) 7-8:30 p.m. – Youth Confirmation at St. Alban's	11 6:30 pm – AA(LL)	12 Fr. Allick's day off	13
14 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)	15 Newsletter deadline 12 noon – St. Mary's Circle – Parish Hall 7 p.m. - Vestry	16 2:30 pm – Staff Meeting 7 p.m. – Little Flowers Montessori – Parish Hall	17 11:00 a.m. Gospel Based Discipleship (CEB)	18 6:30 pm – AA (LL)	19 Fr. Allick's day off 6:30 p.m. – Youth Group	20 8:30 a.m. Safe Church Training - Parish Hall
21 8:00 am – HE, Rite 1 8:30 am - Choir 9:15 am - Education for all ages 10:15 am – HE, Rite II	22 7 p.m. – Buildings & Grounds – CE Bldg	23	24 11:00 a.m. Gospel Based Discipleship (CEB)	25 HAPPY THANKSGIVING OFFICE CLOSED 6:30 pm – AA (LL)	26 Fr. Allick's day off OFFICE CLOSED	27
28 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	29	30 2:30 pm – Staff Meeting				

Ministers of the Eucharistic Assembly November 2010

	Monday, November 1 All Saints Day	November 7	November 14	November 21	November 28
Readings	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 Psalm 149 Ephesians 1:11-23 Luke 6:20-31	Haggai 1:15b-2:9 Psalm 145:1-5, 18-22 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 Luke 20:27-38	Malachi 4:1-2a Psalm 98 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Psalm 46 Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43	Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 122 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:36-44
Chalice	Laura Harmon Cyprian Troyer	Karen Hurlbert Leslie O'Donnell Laura Harmon	Maraline Keeling John Hagerman Kathie Brown	Karen Hurlbert Eileen Harvala Alan Poulsen	Steve Harvala Laura Harmon John Hagerman
Lectors	Nathan Harmon Cyprian Troyer	Carole Leonard Karen Hurlbert Mark Hartmangruber Nathan Harmon	Mary Kuhfeld Maraline Keeling Nada Hughes Leon Vann	Karen Hurlbert Paul Schroeder Mary Poulsen	Carole Leonard Steve Harvala John Hagerman Mary Weekes
Greeters		Lou & Rosie Michelich	Ron Zaltz Barbara Behrens	Brad & Margaret Heil	Mary & Alan Poulsen
Ushers 8 a.m.	Tom Zaun	Ron Holbach Ron Erickson	Bob Miller Bruce Becker	Ron Holbach Ron Erickson	Bob Miller Bruce Becker
10:15 a.m. Acolyte:	Nathan Harmon	Kitty Reese Bill Stromberg Nathan Harmon	Tom Zaun Leon Vann Abby Smith	Jane Jacobson Bob Jones Holden Hagerman	Tom Zaun Leon Vann Jacob Carlson
Crucifer:		Jacob Carlson		Nathan Harmon	Holden Hagerman
Lay Eucharistic Visitors		No LEV visits	Heather Whitesell Eileen Harvala	Laura Harmon Steve Harvala	No LEV visits
Coffee Hour: 8:00 a.m.	Patti Wales Gwen Gysland Carole Leonard	Ron Holbach Karen Hurlbert	Holbach family	Betty Bauer	Carole Leonard Geri Alberg
10:15 a.m.		John & Sandy Stonhouse	Bob & Bonnie Jones	John & Nancy Taylor	Milt Hill Gladys Williamson

WHAT'S WITH ALL THOSE FLIES?

By Carole Leonard



Many of you, especially those who work on the Altar Guild or who sit next to the windows in the church, may have wondered what's with all the flies that keep appearing each week – both at the windows and on the altar. We had an exterminator come out to look at this issue and were informed that these are “cluster flies.” They tend to be pests in the fall the same as the boxelder bugs and Asian beetles – both of which we have seen swarming around the Minnetonka Boulevard church entrance. It is difficult to keep them out during this time of year as they can enter through any small crack or hole and are looking for a nice warm place to land. Next year, we will consider having the

south side of the church sprayed at the beginning of September to keep the flies and other bugs at bay. We were too late for this year.

About St. George's

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Parish staff:

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

Priests in Residence:

Mildred Cox
Anne Scheible

Wardens and Vestry:

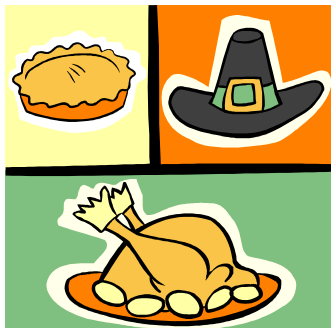
Rector's Warden: Laura Harmon
Parish Warden: Kathie Brown
Vestry: John Carlson, Jeffrey Evans, Gwen Gysland,
John Hagerman, Mark Kraabel, Mary Weekes,
and Tom Zaun

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THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!
**23 pairs of hands made light
work!**

By Carole Leonard



On Saturday, October 23, a large crew of St. George's parishioners arrived at the church to do a fall cleanup. **OUR THANKS TO YOU ALL!**

Who we were: Gladys Williamson, Barb Behrens, Mark Hartmangruber, Geri Alberg, Kathie Brown, Jeffrey Evans, Milt Hill, Mark Kraabel, Bob Wheelock, Gloria Monroe-Johnson & her granddaughter, Alissa; Margaret, Brad and Sophia Heil, Tom Zaun, Nancy and Gordy Justus, Alan and Mary Poulsen, Bill Stromberg, David Sell, Gregg Jacobson and Carole Leonard.

What we did: Washed LOTS of windows, cleaned up garden beds, cut back hosta plants, painted fascia, sanded, primed and painted railings on Toledo Avenue, cut back LOTS of bushes, seal-coated cement block wall on Minnetonka Blvd., cleaned the choir loft, cleaned out tool shed, put

away hoses, and cleaned pine needles off Quonset roof. **WOW!**
