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VISITORS

by Fr. Paul Allick



Nearly every Sunday I am pleased to see visitors at one or both of our services. I am grateful that we have a Newcomer Committee that helps me track our visitors. They also provide welcome bags and formal receptions to welcome our new people. In the welcome bags are pamphlets describing the Anglican Tradition, information about our parish, a coffee mug, a newsletter and a music CD. Any visitor who receives one of these bags won't soon forget that they were at St. George's. One new couple told me that it was the best welcome material they had ever received while visiting a church.

Another reason a visitor won't forget that they were at St. George's is because of the way they are welcomed. We have designated greeters which make sure that each person is welcomed. But I also see ushers and many of you in the pews welcoming people. We are a very friendly church; very open to the stranger.

A final reason a visitor will remember us is that we work hard to provide solid, engaging liturgy. If someone likes a liturgy with a good variety of music, they will remember the 10:15 am Holy Eucharist. If they prefer a meditative and traditional liturgy, we have the 8:00 am Holy Eucharist to offer them. I have been told by many visitors, including clergy who attend in disguise (civilian clothes), that there is a good spirit among us. They feel it when they walk

through the door; they experience it while they pray with us.

Some visitors will become members. Some visitors will remember us fondly but never come back. And, yes, we will turn some people off. Maybe we were too friendly, coming on too strong. Maybe our worship was *too* traditional.

Who returns and who disappears is not ultimately in our control. The Holy Spirit does his work and things fall into place where they may. Our responsibility is to be authentic to ourselves and welcome others to this altar to encounter the transformative love of God in Jesus Christ.

Something good is happening. Our weekly attendance is slowly creeping up. In 2008 our average attendance at both liturgies was 97; today it is 109. That same year the average attendance at the 8 am was 19 and it is now 21.8. The average attendance at the later service was 70, today it is 87.

While we celebrate that our efforts at hospitality and worship are showing growth in numbers, we still have a lot of work to do.

The mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other through Christ. That is a big order. Our mission will never be over. Our mission is not to fill pews but to bring others into an authentic relationship with God through Christ.

How can we bring even more people to our altar to meet Christ? How many others are in our neighborhoods or families that have not yet heard the Good News? How is our worship providing not only

comfort for the people of God but also transforming us into the royal priesthood of all believers?

We are in a good place in our efforts to become a dynamic community of disciples. The journey ahead will be full of joy, false starts, failures, accomplishments, confusion and clarity. If we continue to keep Christ at the center of all we do, we will continue to grow both in numbers and in spirit.

WARDEN'S CORNER

By Jane Jacobson, Rector's Warden



On Saturday, May 7, Fr. Paul and the vestry held its annual vestry retreat. This year, the retreat was at STEP. Thank you to Camille Schroeder for arranging the meeting room, as well as a tour, and to everyone at STEP for the use of their facility.

Fr. Paul led us in a process much like Gospel Based Discipleship, using the Catechism. We focused on the section of Ministry. The two questions in this section that stood out for me were: Who are the ministers of the church, and what is the ministry of the laity?

The answer to the first question includes lay persons, bishops, priests and deacons. However, the answer to the second question contains a challenge for me. Our Catechism states, in part, that it is the mission of the lay persons to represent Christ and his church. We are to do so by bearing witness to him, and according to gifts given us, carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world. Wow... lots to absorb and reflect upon.

It is my prayer that our faith-filled community of St. George's continues to live into our Catechism of Ministry. We have the tools to do so. The Holy Spirit is always with us.

WELCOME TO ST. GEORGE'S

We welcome new members Tom and Kathleen Boe.

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

- * Kitty Reese on the death of her sister Mary Lou.
- * Pat Markgraf, our neighbor on Toledo, on the death of her husband Dick.
- * Gayle Vann on the death of her husband Leon.



Thanks to Heather Whitesell for her hard work in coordinating the Sunday school and youth programs this past year.

Thanks to Sunday school teachers Kris Kelly, Jessica Monroe and Laura Harmon.

And thanks to those who assisted throughout the year with the Children's Chapel—Sandy Stonhouse, Mary Poulsen, Steve Harvala, John Hagerman, Jan Hagerman, Cyprian Troyer, Carrie Thompson, Wendy Walker, Wendy Herbers, Tom Harmon and Laura Harmon.



ST. GEORGE'S ADULT EDUCATION

Note: There will be no adult education classes in the month of June.

A Summer Rerun
Sundays 9:15-10:00 AM (Parish Hall)

These Holy Mysteries:
Anglican Eucharist Theology
Presented by Fr. Paul Allick

Many people have asked me to repeat this class. So here it is. If you attended the original classes, you are welcome to come again. The conversation is always new as others come into the circle of learning.

July 10: The Mystery of Presence

Why do we call the Holy Eucharist a mystery? How is Christ really present in the Holy Eucharist?

July 17: The Mystery of Sacrifice

Why do we call the Holy Eucharist a sacrifice?

July 24: The Mystery of Inclusion

How do we decide who is allowed to receive the Holy Eucharist?

What are the boundaries around the gift?



JUNE BIRTHDAYS:

- 3 Prince Yeakehson
- 4 Cyprian Troyer
- 8 Carol Peterson
Margaret Nancarrow
- 9 David Sell
- 10 Katie Kelley
Nancy Justus
- 11 Jade Carlson
- 14 Joan Weisbeck
Joie Kraabel
- 17 Jennifer Voorhees
Ariana Monroe
Prince Yeakehson, Jr.
- 18 Donna Murphy
- 20 Rosalie Michelich
- 21 Marion D. Miller
Edith Ward
- 24 A.J. McFarlin
James Harvala
- 25 Nathalie Wilcox
Patty Dittrich
- 26 Kris Kelley
- 27 Lois Dietrich
- 28 Kathy Swanson

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Kendra Karwacki
- 3 Tyler Williams
Melissa Monroe
- 4 Jan Whipple
- 7 Karl Sell
- 8 Nancy Becker
- 9 Julie Rousselow
- 11 Nina Monroe
- 15 Jasyn Rousselow
- 16 Kevin Milligan
- 17 Amanda Jones
Phillip Eschweiler
Hazen Enockson
Bob Herbers
- 18 Angela Orsburne
Jane Carlson
- 20 Curtis Olufson
- 21 Marj Schneck
- 23 Tracy Keeling
- 24 Janet Anderson
- 26 Ron Lonetto III
- 28 Gale Winikoff
Andrea Winikoff
- 30 Emma Eschweiler

A BIT OF HISTORY



STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

Fifty-one years ago, in the spring of 1960, the stained glass windows in the sanctuary were installed. They were made in West Germany having been designed by Ludwig Schermer, a St. Paul artist who had been trained there. Why not take some time and check them out?

The window closest to the front of the church is representative of the Sacrament of Holy Communion and was described in detail in the March newsletter. The next window or the second one is placed near the baptismal font. "The gray and white bird at the top points downward from heaven to us and represents the Holy Spirit as a dove from Heaven to Jesus at His Baptism. The twelve red objects represent fire and power recalling the tongues of fire which appeared above the heads of the twelve Apostles at Pentecost. Fire suggests burning and cleansing, just as at Baptism we are made clean. At the top of the window are three stones showing that the dove comes from the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. At the bottom under the flames there are colors of green and blue. Green signifies life and earth. The blue signifies Heaven and water. The Holy Spirit comes to us uniting Heaven with earth, washing us with water and giving us life." This information is from the Dragon (newsletter) which celebrated St. George's 40th anniversary in 1987. The editor was Charles J. Sargeant, a longtime member of St. George's.

SUMMER ICE CREAM SOCIAL

By Laura Harmon



On Sunday, July 31, following the 10:15 a.m. service, we will be having an ice cream social to welcome and recognize new members at St. George's. Chip Whitacre (and hopefully a few others) will be providing homemade ice cream.

Following the Ice Cream Social will be a tour of St. George's for anyone who is interested.

Please contact Chip if you are interested in helping make ice cream or assisting with the Social.

Calendar of Events – June 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 11:00 a.m. Gospel Based Discipleship (CEB) Fr. Allick on vacation	2 ASCENSION DAY – Service of Holy Eucharist at 7 pm 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	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 10:15 am – HE, Rite II 11:30 a.m. Alzheimer's Memory Group 2 nd Sunday – 2 nd offering	13	14 7:00 p.m. - Finance	15 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 10:15 am – HE, Rite II	20 12 noon – St. Mary's Circle at Patti Wales' house. 7:00 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 7:00 pm – Supper Club at St. George's	25
26 8:00 am – HE, Rite 1 9:15 am – Altar Guild meeting in Library Lounge 10:15 am – HE, Rite II	27 7 p.m. Buildings & Grounds	28	29 11:00 a.m. Gospel Based Discipleship (CEB)	30 6:30 pm – AA (LL)		

Key: HE – Holy Eucharist
 CEB – Christian Education Building
 LL – Library Lounge

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24/31 8:00 am – HE, Rite 1 9:15 am – Adult Education Class (July 24 only) 10:15 am – HE, Rite II July 31: Ice Cream Social - (Following 10:15 am service)	25 7 p.m. Buildings & Grounds	26	27 11:00 a.m. Gospel Based Discipleship (CEB)	28 6:30 pm – AA (LL)	29 Fr. Allick's day off Office Closed	30

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* Patty Dittrich, Parish Administrator, will be on vacation July 14 – July 24, returning to the office on July 25.

Ministers of the Eucharistic Assembly June 2011

	ASCENSION DAY Thursday, June 2	7th Sunday of Easter June 5	The Day of Pentecost June 12	Trinity Sunday June 19	2nd Sunday after Pentecost June 26
Readings	Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 24:44-53	Acts 1:6-14 Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 John 17:1-11	Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:25-35, 37 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 John 20:19-23	Genesis 1:1-2-4a Psalm 8 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Matthew 28:16-20	Jeremiah 28:5-9 Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18 Romans 6:12-23 Matthew 10:40-42
Chalice	Laura Harmon Cyprian Troyer	Chip Whitacre Kathie Brown John Hagerman	Steve Harvala Leslie O'Donnell Chip Whitacre	Karen Hurlbert Eileen Harvala Alan Poulsen	Maraline Keeling John Hagerman Laura Harmon
Lectors	Cyprian Troyer Nathan Harmon	Carole Leonard Chip Whitacre Kathie Brown Paul Schroeder	Steve Harvala Chip Whitacre Caryl Eschweiler	Karen Hurlbert Eileen Harvala Mary Poulsen	Maraline Keeling Marion Miller John Hagerman
Greeters					
Ushers 8 a.m.		Bob Miller Bruce Becker	Ron Holbach Ron Erickson	Bob Miller Bruce Becker	Ron Holbach Ron Erickson
10:15 a.m. Acolyte:	Nathan Harmon	Kitty Reese Bill Stromberg	Tom Zaun	Jane Jacobson Bob Jones	Tom Zaun
Crucifer:		Jade Carlson	Holden Hagerman	Abby Smith Korpo Yeakehson	Nathan Harmon
Lay Eucharistic Visitors		Eileen Harvala Steve Harvala	Heather Whitesell Carol Peterson	NO LEV VISITS	Laura Harmon Alan Poulsen
Coffee Hour: 8:00 a.m.		Holbach family	Holbach family	Betty Bauer	Carole Leonard Geri Alberg
10:15 a.m.		Milt Hill Gladys Williamson	John & Jane Carlson	Alan & Mary Poulsen	Bob & Bonnie Jones

SUPPER CLUB June 24 – 7 p.m.



Supper Club will be meeting on Friday, June 24, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the parish hall at St George's. This will be the annual bratwurst and hot dog event.

Attendees will be asked to bring an appetizer, salad or dessert. Coffee and lemonade will be provided. If desired, beer or wine may be brought.

Please **RSVP** to Nancy Becker at 952-475-3320 or Rosalie Michelich at 763-553-1506 by Sunday, June 19.

Ministers of the Eucharistic Assembly July 2011

	3rd Sunday after Pentecost July 3	4th Sunday after Pentecost July 10	5th Sunday after Pentecost July 17	6th Sunday after Pentecost July 24	7th Sunday after Pentecost July 31
Readings	Zechariah 9:9-12 Psalm 145:8-15 Romans 7:15-25a Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30	Isaiah 55:10-13 Psalm 65:1-8, 9-14 Romans 8:1-11 Matthew 13:1-9, 18- 23	Isaiah 44:6-8 Psalm 86:11-17 Romans 8:12-25 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	1Kings 3:5-12 Psalm 128 Romans 8:26-39 Matthew 13:31-33, 44- 52	Isaiah 55:1-5 Psalm 145:8-9, 15-22 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:13-21
Chalice	Chip Whitacre Leslie O'Donnell Alan Poulsen	Steve Harvala John Hagerman Eileen Harvala	Karen Hurlbert Kathie Brown Laura Harmon	Maraline Keeling Chip Whitacre Leslie O'Donnell	Chip Whitacre Alan Poulsen Eileen Harvala
Lectors	Chip Whitacre Mark Hartmangruber Gloria Monroe- Johnson	Carole Leonard Steve Harvala Cyprian Troyer Mary Weekes	Karen Hurlbert Paul Schroder Gale Winkoff	Maraline Keeling Nathan Harmon Kathie Brown	Chip Whitacre Abby Smith Chip Whitacre
Greeters					
Ushers 8 a.m. 10:15 a.m. Acolyte: Crucifer:	Bob Miller Bruce Becker Kitty Reese Bill Stromberg Abby Smith	Ron Holbach Ron Erickson Tom Zaun Jade Carlson	Bob Miller Bruce Becker Jane Jacobson Bob Jones Korpo Yeakehson	Ron Holbach Ron Erickson Tom Zaun Nathan Harmon	Bob Miller Bruce Becker Kitty Reese Bill Stromberg Abby Smith
Lay Eucharistic Visitors Coffee Hour: 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	NO LEV VISITS Ron Holbach Karen Hurlbert John & Jane Carlson	Chip Whitacre Mary Kuhfeld Holbach family Alan & Mary Poulsen	Laura Harmon Steve Harvala Betty Bauer Bob & Bonnie Jones	Eileen Harvala Carol Peterson Carole Leonard Geri Alberg John & Nancy Taylor	NO LEV VISITS Betty Bauer Gloria Monroe- Johnson Iris Alexander

STEWARDSHIP & SUMMER VACATIONS: We all look forward to those weekends away over the summer when we are visiting family and using those cabins. Please try and keep your pledges current. Thank you, and have a safe and fun summer. It's all too brief in Minnesota.

THANKS TO:

- * Mary Weekes for coming in and cutting up the fresh fruit for the Sunday coffee hour.
- * St. George's choir for their wonderful gift of music this past season.
- * Carole Leonard and Patty Dittrich for trimming the many bushes on Toledo Ave.
- * Bill Stromberg for keeping on top of the many maintenance things around St. George's.
- * Buildings & Grounds Committee for their hard work in making sure projects get done around St. George's.
- * The **GREAT** crew who showed up for the cleanup and planting day on May 22. The rain kept us from planting, but we were able to get a lot of other chores accomplished.

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

Deacon in Training

Chip Whitacre

Wardens and Vestry:

Rector's Warden: Jane Jacobson
Parish Warden: Mary Weekes
Parish Treasurer: Ron Holbach
Vestry: Ryan Anderson, Jeffrey Evans, Gwen Gysland,
Jan Hagerman, Laura Harmon, Mark Kraabel, and Tom
Zaun. Clerk of the Vestry: Bill Stromberg

STEP BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE

It seems like it's too soon to be thinking about school supplies and it probably is. But in August, St. George's will again host the **St. Louis Park Emergency Program's Back to School Drive** and we will need your donations of supplies.

The reality is that some of the best sales on school supplies occur in the middle of summer and who doesn't like a bargain! We find that both Target and Walgreen's have bargain prices in July on many of the supplies that we need.

Most needed supplies this year are: 3-ring zipper binders, wide-lined and college-lined spiral notebooks, 12-count Crayola colored pencils, glue sticks, 8-count Crayola washable markers, pencil pouches, large scissors, and, of course, we always need backpacks.

Backpacks are needed during June and July as they are given out at STEP as the students register.

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Supplies, with the exception of backpacks, can be brought to the church anytime, but no later than Sunday, August 14.

Please consider donating to this project. If you prefer to donate money, make out a check payable to St. George's with "STEP school supplies" on the memo line. Many thanks from the students.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Chip Whitacre on his retirement from Medtronics.
- Mari Mejia on her graduation from Macalester.
- Aidan Nancarrow on his graduation from Augsburg.

AUGUST CORN FEED: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



It has been the tradition at St. George's to have a corn feed in August where the parish comes together for a fun event for the whole family. If this is something you would be interested in

working on, please speak to Jane Jacobson or call her at 952-938-4194. Date set for August 27.