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Priest's Corner



Fr. Ed

How exciting it was last Wednesday night when 30 people were present for our Lenten Wednesday night get-together. Starting off with Holy Communion, we ate a delicious meal prepared by Comfort, Augusta, and Doug Brewer (hope I didn't overlook anyone else). Then I gave a short presentation on inner healing followed by an exciting discussion. These Wednesday night meetings have gone so well that there's some interest in continuing them on a once a month basis into Easter season. What do you think?

Palm Sunday and Easter are almost here. Sure hope you'll make a special effort to worship with us on these two days, especially Easter. There will be no Sunday School on either of these days so children will sit with their parents. However, nursery care will be provided on Palm Sunday, but not on Easter.

It is extremely important for Christians to

receive Holy Communion on Easter, so if you know of anyone who is unable to come to the church on Easter, please notify the office so that we may bring the sacrament to them at home or in the hospital.

Is there anyone, you or a member of your family 16 years old or older, who has not been confirmed? If so, please give serious consideration to being confirmed in September when Bishop Jelinek will be at St Andrew's. One of the main reasons for a Bishop's Sunday visit is to confirm, so let's do it. Remember, confirmation is the completion of baptism. It is the opportunity for those who were baptized as infants or small children to publicly declare their faith in Christ.

Don't forget Baptism either! We will be baptizing on Easter Day. See Char in the office if you want to have a baptism on Easter Day. The next scheduled baptism is on Pentecost Sunday, May 31. A good opportunity for babies or others who are not baptized to receive this rite of Christian initiation. If May 31 is not good for

you, we are willing to schedule a convenient other Sunday.

I hope you have had a good Lent and wish for you a glorious Easter and Easter season. Remember, Easter is the most important day of the year for Christians. Please celebrate it in Church on Easter morning with our terrific St Andrew's Congregation.

By Fr. Ed Barnett

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Special points of interest:

- *Members express interest in Lenten style meeting.*
- *Pastoral Support Group is now ready to begin its tasks at St. Andrew's.*
- *Who are the new vestry members?*
- *A note from your Senior Warden.*

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Schedule of Lay Ministers

April 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1 April Fool's Day Last Wednesday Lenten Program	2 10 AM Making of Palm Crosses in the undercroft.	3	4 Altar Guild Anna Larmouth Nae Ngafga Charlotte Poernich
5 Palm Sunday OT Gaynor Gibson NT Albert Cooke Prayers Emmanuel Wilson	6	7	8	9 Maundy Thursday 6 PM Service up- stairs in the Chapel	10 Good Friday a) 12 Noon Service in chapel— Fr. Roger b) 6 PM Station of the Cross— Fr. Ed	11 Altar Guild Callyne Craigie Cindy Miller Charlotte Poernich 2-3 PM Private Confession—Fr. Ed
12 Easter 10 AM Easter Service Baptism Fr. Ed's Birthday OT Otis Gardiner NT Theresa Togba Prayers Mariecus Jarvis	13	14	15	16	17	18 4-6 PM Volleyball Fellowship Night 1:30 AM—2:00PM ECW Food/Bake Sale. Altar Guild Anna Larmouth Mae Ngafga Vant Washington
19 OT Tony Nwonye NT Theresa Woods- Caine Prayers	20	21	22	23	24	25 Altar Guild Callyne Craigie Cindy Miller Charlotte Poernich
26 Vestry Meeting OT Amaechi Okpara NT Mary Young Prayers Irene Gibson	27	28	29	30 Fish a Thorn Dinner at North Heights, Aden Hills, MN	1	2

Birthdays	Altar Flowers & Wine	Prayers
<p>April 6th: Buddy Kpola; April 9th: Catherine Lombel; April 10th: Lyssa Washington; April 12th: Fr. Ed Barnett April 30th: Fr. Roger Sonnesyn</p>	<p>Altar Flowers Are Given By: Gaynor Gibson in thanksgiving for God's blessings on her birthday on April 5th. Altar Wine is Given By: Gaynor Gibson in thanksgiv- ing for God's blessings on her birthday on April 5th, and Jestina & Otis Gardiner in thanksgiving for their 10th wedding anniversary which was on April 4th.</p>	<p>We ask your prayers for the following: Laura Prowd, Ralph Heath, Alfred Andrews, Cindy Miller, Callyne Craigie, Lucy Sherman, Ian Macheel, Merle Munson, John Rennie, Marsha Hultstrand, and Georgetta Wuo.</p>

Notes From Fr. Roger For April Newsletter



Fr. Roger

I have heard it asked “Is building up the Kingdom of God something that I can do too? “ Well now everyone can. Otis Gardiner and Fr Ed and Fr R attended an informative luncheon meeting to hear about the Alpha Program last week. This is an opportunity for each member of our church to get training and support for evangelism later in the fall time. More on this later about how you too might get involved to build up the Kingdom of God in an exciting dinner fellowship.

Are you a fisherman? Doug Brewer and Fr Roger attended the first of the organization sessions for the Fishing for Life program last week that will help St Andrews reach out to the youth and also raise money for our youth program. Periodically over the summer we will be able to join thousands of other kids from the various churches go fishing in lakes around the Twin Cities. Should be loads of fun. Watch for details in the May Newsletter.

The Pastoral Support Groups (PSG) are organized now with leaders and a Vestry contact for each of the

the nine groups. Our nine leaders are listed in this newsletter and are calling now to make contact with everyone as the first step of getting the program moving forward. If you have not been contacted by a group leader, maybe it is because we do not have your correct phone number. Please let Char know if you have not been contacted as yet. Also, remember, that the PSG leaders all connect through a prayer chain now that includes all the members of the parish. If you know of a need for prayer, call your PSG leader and the Prayer Chain starts right away to address the need.

By Fr. Roger

Getting To Know Your PSG Leaders

Group	PSG Leader	Vestry Member
1	Theresa Woods–Caine	Smith Cargeor
2	Anna Larmouth	Comfort Rennie
3	Irene Gibson	Fred Gibson
4	Charlotte Kasor	Kpormah Rennie
5	Paul George	Nehemiah Garley
6	Gaynor Gibson	Jackie Cooke
7	Elijah Combay	Emmanuel Chenoweth
8	Alice Kollie	Emmanuel Wilson
9	Marie Kiawoin	Douglas Brewer

About The Vestry



Augusta Paye & Tenneh

The Vestry of St. Andrew’s is pleased to welcome the three newly elected members: Emmanuel Wilson, Douglas Brewer and Smith Cargeor. In keeping with the by-laws, the newly elected members will serve a term of three years. We are prayerful and hopeful that the new

members will be led by the Holy Spirit as they serve as stewards of the church in performing the work our Lord. The following members also serve on the Vestry: Jackie Cooke, Comfort Rennie, Nehemiah Garley, Otis Gardiner, Fred Gibson, Kpormah Rennie and Emmanuel Chenoweth.

We are also thankful to Mary Young, who is serving her second term as secretary and has continued to provide us

with excellent and timely meeting minutes.

With the ushering in of the new members, we also bid farewell to two of our members: Julia Peal and Tony Nwonye. Though they are no longer vestry members, they have continued to be active in serving the church in other capacities.

By Augusta Paye, Sr. Warden

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A Note From Your Senior Warden

Our series of Lenten Services at St Andrew's Church this year started on March 4th and was concluded on Wednesday, April 1st. The 5 Wednesday evenings together were filled with thoughtful sharing, togetherness, prayerfulness and the power of the Holy Spirit. Although we started out with just a handful, we quickly grew to an average of 27 parishioners attending faithfully each week.

We were blessed to have Fr. Roger Sonnesyn performing the Holy Eucharist, and Fr. Ed Barnett presenting different aspects of Healing ministry as our Lenten theme each week, i.e.

Sacrament of Unction, deliverance prayer, personal case studies, techniques from Fr. McNutt's books (healing), and how to deal with evil spirits. There were lively small group discussions held after each presentation that were guided by the Holy Spirit, so we felt fully engaged to participate in sharing of the Word.

A special thanks to our church coordinator, Charlotte Pocrnich for making all this happen and Comfort Rennie for wholeheartedly volunteering to prepare the "soup and sandwiches" each week.

Due to the overwhelming support and feedback we received from the Lenten program, the parish decided that we should continue each month with an

ingathering of prayerful devotion and discussion on each first Wednesday. The first of this ingathering is scheduled for Wednesday, May 6th at 6 o'clock. More details will be announced.

Summer is upon us---lots of travel plans and family visits, so be safe and keep the spirit.

God Bless you all
Augusta Paye
Senior Warden