



THE GOOD NEWS AT ST. GEORGE'S

MARCH 2024

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LOOKING FOR LIFE

Often I will get asked, "What do bunnies and eggs have to do with Easter?" That's a fair question because the real reason for Easter, of course, is the resurrection of Jesus. The cute, cheerful images of cuddly bunnies and colorful eggs don't seem to quite convey the full import of crucifixion and resurrection. The simple answer is that both are symbols of new life: rabbits are famous for their ability to create new rabbits and hard-shelled eggs produce fluffy chicks.

When I was kid, after attending church on Easter, my parents would have an Easter egg hunt for my sister and me. They always got chocolate covered marshmallow eggs which they would hide around our living room and then let my sister and I find them. Some would be easy to locate, others would be more carefully hidden. Often the trickiest ones to find were those that were right under our noses, almost in plain sight.

To me that seems like a very appropriate symbol for the reality of Easter. All of Jerusalem and Jesus' disciples saw him die a very public death, but no one witnessed the moment he came out of the tomb. And even then Jesus didn't appear in some very flashy, public arena. Instead, he showed up for his followers right under their noses, so to speak. In the garden he came to Mary and she thought he was just the gardener. On the road to Emmaus, he came to two disciples who

didn't recognize him until he broke bread with them. When the discouraged disciples went back to fishing because they didn't know where Jesus was, he simply showed up on the beach to serve them breakfast. Finally, at the end of Matthew he appears to the women to tell them that the disciples should return back to their homes in Galilee where they will find him again in their ordinary lives.

As we celebrate the new life of Easter this year, may our eyes be opened to see Jesus right under our noses, in the ordinary miracles of this wonderful life that has been given us.



Pastor Steve Sathre

Be a Part of Holy Week - Participate and be Filled

Palm Sunday - March 24, 10 AM Palm Procession

Dramatic Reading of the Gospel

Holy Eucharist

Wednesday - March 27, 5:30 PM

We will use the Maundy Thursday service and scriptures this evening.

Good Friday - March 29, Noon

"Women of the Passion" including Holy Eucharist from the reserve sacrament.

Holy Saturday - March 30, Easter Vigil

The joint Easter Vigil with our friends from UCC, McCabe Methodist, and three Lutheran churches is hosted by Lord of Life Lutheran church this year. 1143 N 26th Street—Join the celebration of Darkness to Light with this one hour service beginning at 7 PM

Easter Sunday - March 31

10 am Holy Eucharist



Attention Quilters

Bring your fingers to Rita Murphy Hall at 630 PM March 19 to finish tying the quilts for Elks Camp Grassick, which serves children and adults with special needs. We have just a few to finish before they are blessed and go to their new home for summer camp sessions.

Thanks to everyone who attended the first "tie-in"! Please come again and bring your friends- many fingers make light work! If you have questions talk to Shirel or Andrea.



Book Study: Join the Discussion

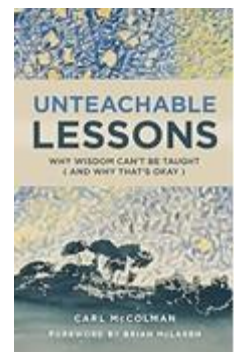
April 8th 2 PM at St. George's Rita Murphy Hall

Why Christian spirituality must be "caught" rather than "taught."

We speak of spirituality as a "journey," which implies not only a destination toward which we travel, but countless adventures encountered along the way. The journey is the destination—both at once. We may all be trying to get to the heart of God, but there are infinite ways to get there.

Using engaging and disarming stories from his own life, Carl McColman, a leading author of books in spirituality, gently leads readers toward a recognition that although the wisdom of the past is worth reading, hearing or reading others' experience of God is ultimately no substitute for opening our own eyes, ears, and hearts to God.

All are welcome.





Book of Job with Pastor Steve

Pastor Steve is offering a class on the Book of Job at 9 am on Sunday's, March 3, March 10 and March 24. Grab a cup of coffee and enjoy the class!

Ash Wednesday at St. George's

Photos by Dan Dailey



Bishop Provisional Brian Thom
joined St. George's for Ash
Wednesday service.



Update from Search Committee

We are waiting patiently for the new deadline for applications to close for the open rector position. In March, the Search Committee is hopeful we will have news to report on a path forward with more specifics. We have also discussed that even other faiths in the Midwest are encountering more open positions than candidates to fill for pastoral jobs. It is a good reminder that if anyone has ever thought about becoming a deacon or rector, please reach out to the Vestry. Leaders are all levels and ages are encouraged for a successful path in the future.

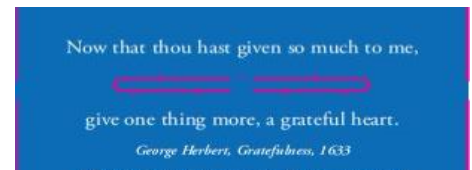
Respectfully submitted, Jannelle Comb, Chair of Search Committees

United Thank Offering from St. George's

The United Thank Offering is a ministry of the Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. We are invited to a discipline of daily gratitude, and to give an offering to this mission in recognition of the things for which we are grateful: a sunrise and a warm cup of coffee, a friendly greeting, a call from a child living far away, a roof over our heads and enough to eat!

Since January of 2022, St. George's little Blue Boxes have yielded over \$1000- representing the combined gratitude of our parishioners! Grants given by the United Thank Offering in 2022 (the most recent report available) totaled \$1,051,154 to 22 grant recipients. These grants went to applicants in places as varied as South Dakota, Montana, Alabama, Ecuador and South Africa, and addressed water and food insecurity, soil erosion, as well as coordinating with Episcopal Migration Ministries. Your pennies, dimes and quarters reach needs close and far.

The United Thank Offering has been a program of the Episcopal Church for 140 years. Make sure you have a Blue Box handy as you give thanks for small- or big- blessings each day. St. George's ingathering will be this fall. We look forward to celebrating another year of gratitude!



Bismarck Global Neighbors

The donation from last fall has been used for the wages of a coordinator to assist New Americans being matched with community members willing to mentor them. You can always apply to become a mentor here: <https://www.bismarckglobalneighbors.org/mentor-application> They had some technical issues awhile back, so if you did sign up but did not get a response, please let me know and I will assist in getting you to the right person.

In addition, a need right now is with rides for New Americans to the grocery store, library, and medical appointments. They have 30 individuals that arrived in two months. That is 50% of the typical annual total that arrived in 1/6th the amount of time. If you would like to assist, please either reach out to me or you can contact BGN at office@bismarckglobalneighbors.org or (701) 428-7785.



Dear St. George's

Thanks so much for your generous Giving Hearts Day donation to Furry Friends. Your gift means so much to us. With your support, we can find/rescue, love and find forever homes for more animals. You are truly making a difference. You Rock!

Gratefully, Elyse Puklich, Volunteer and Furry Friends Rockin' Rescue

January 11, 2024

Dear friends at St. Georges,

Please accept this letter to all of you there who sent condolences at the loss of my daughter Dolly (my "go to" person for doing this stuff is the one who is gone) But I do really appreciate that you remembered me at this difficult time so please forgive me for not sending individual "thank yous". I just cannot do it. Your continued prayers will be so much appreciated.

Most Sincerely,
Virginia Luger



Vestry Retreat

On behalf of Vestry, I want to share several points of interest.

The Vestry met for our annual retreat Friday night, February 23, from 5:30 to 9 pm. Led again this year by Steve Godfrey, we opened with bible study, and then, over supper (catered by Bruno's Pizza), we shared

What brought you to St. George's?

What keeps you at St. George's?

Why did you say "yes" to Vestry?

A nice way to get to know each other and declare our desire to serve on Vestry.

Steve reviewed Vestry's roles and responsibilities as part of orientation to new members and perhaps a bit of a review for the seasoned members. We strategized goals, values, and vision for 2024 and beyond and we have that list for all to view in the basement – please contact Vestry members if you have any questions, thoughts, or comments to help keep St. George's growing and thriving! The retreat was a time of renewal, connection, and inspiration. I am very grateful for the leadership team formed to navigate unprecedented challenges, uncertainties, and, most importantly, opportunities.

While the Vestry has a busy year ahead, we will not lose sight of participating in several community events, much like the last several years, sporting our red St. Georgians t-shirts.

Please keep the Vestry and the Search Committee in your prayers.

Love Out Loud,

Joanne Lassiter, Senior Warden



Vestry Members: Pastor Steve Sathre, Sr Warden – Joanne Lassiter, Jr Warden – Dan Dailey, Parish Treasurer – David Martin, Investment Fund Treasurer – Steve Tillotson, Tom Hopkins, Jacinda Simmons, Jannelle Combs, Tammy Enockson, Alison Hiatt, Jane White,

Photo by Joanne Lassiter

Join Us to Hear about Tanzania!

After church on Sunday March 17, Andrea Stomberg and David Martin will describe their recent experience joining Episcopal Relief & Development's pilgrimage to economic and climate resiliency development sites in rural Tanzania.



The Story of Abraham & Isaac



A large group gathered following services on the 25th to learn more about the story of Abraham and Isaac. Thank you to Jane White and Tammy Enockson for sharing how the Hebrew translation gives new life to the familiar story.

The Holy Eucharist: The Sacred Vessels and the Church Linens

The service of The Holy Eucharist is in two parts: The Word of God and The Holy Communion.

The Holy Communion begins with the Offertory, followed by The Great Thanksgiving. During or following the Offertory, the celebrant, assisted by a deacon and/or an acolyte, prepares the Altar for the consecration of the elements of the Holy Communion-- the bread (wafers) and the wine.

This preparation will include these sacred vessels:



A chalice. This is the cup used to hold and distribute the consecrated wine.

A ciborium. This is a chalice-like vessel, with a lid, used to hold consecrated wafers remaining after the communion.

A paten. A plate which holds the bread to be distributed to the communicants.

Cruets, or flagons. These vessels hold the wine and the water. Flagons are larger than cruets and are used at services where more wine may be needed.

A bread box. This box contains the bread to be consecrated.

A lavabo. This is a small bowl over which the celebrant washes his or her fingers

Also, these church linens are used at the Altar during The Holy Communion:

A burse and veil. Used to cover the chalice at the beginning of the service. The veil is draped over the chalice and the burse is placed over the top. The burse may contain an extra corporal and purificator.

A corporal. A piece of fair linen placed under the chalice.

A credence cloth. A linen cloth used to cover the credence table.

A fair linen. This covers the top of the Altar, hanging down at the sides.

A frontal. A frontal is a heavy cloth covering which covers the front of the Altar.

A pall. A piece of linen sewn tightly over a piece of cardboard, placed on the chalice under the veil.

A protector or dust cover. St. George's uses a rectangular plastic covering to protect the fair linen.



March Birthdays: Kayla Neigum, Jane White, Jody Simmons, Josef Wentz, Joanne Lassiter, Shawn Nelson, Eliza Fox, Terry Ness, Addyson Ozbun, Elton Lassiter, Beth Johnson, Sarah Rath

There are no March Anniversaries

Wish them a Happy Birthday !

St. George's Divine Purpose Statement

WE BELIEVE that through Jesus Christ we are meant to faithfully and joyfully serve God and our neighbors.

WE WORSHIP as a community of believers who make people feel welcome from every walk of life. We value and welcome the diversity of all people.

WE SERVE seekers inside and outside the church to live in accordance with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Our diocese includes traditional homelands of Dakota, Lakota, Nakota, Turtle Mountain Chippewa, Mandan, Hidatsa, & Arikara tribes. We acknowledge & understand this land was stewarded by people who lived here for thousands of years before the arrival of Europeans & express our appreciation for their continued faithful stewardship of this land.

St Georges Episcopal Memorial Church

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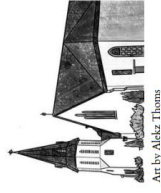
Let's Get Social

Facebook page: [St.Georges.Episcopal.Bismarck](https://www.facebook.com/St.Georges.Episcopal.Bismarck)

YouTube Channel: St Georges Memorial Church

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| 3 Season of Lent 9a Book of Job Class 10 a Holy Eucharist 11a Coffee Fellowship | 4 | 5 11a Centering Prayer | 6 5:30p Holy Eucharist 6p Potluck Choir Rehearsal | 7 5p Executive Committee | 8 10a St. Georges Delivers Sr. Meals | 9 |
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| 24 Season of Lent 10 a Holy Eucharist 11a Coffee Fellowship | 25 Newsletter Items Due | 26 | 27 Maundy Thursday 5:30 Holy Eucharist 6pm Potluck 6::45p Choir Rehearsal | 28 | 29 Good Friday 12 A reading : Women of the Passion 12p Prayers and Reserve | 30 7p Easter Vigil at Lord of Life Lutheran |
| 31 Easter Sunday 10 a Holy Eucharist 11a Coffee Fellowship | | | | | | |