



The Lampstand

JUNE 2015

It's Patio Month at St. Ed's!

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Dates to Remember: *Learn more about these and other events inside*

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Sept. 18-19 (Fri.-Sat.)	ECMN Convention (p. 10)



We're washing the bricks and getting ready to create our new patio!
Many hands will be needed for this project — watch for announcements.

FROM THE PRIEST IN CHARGE



Brothers and Sisters,

What a program year we have had!! My first year as your Priest in Charge has been a wonderful journey. We have seen a new Spirit in St. Edward the Confessor Episcopal Church, and now we are continuing into the summer with excitement and joy as a project that the community has look forward to for ten years is coming to fruition. We have a vision of seeing our community as a community that not only is in the midst of our building but also outside our building. You all have done amazing work and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

As with most things we have only begun the work. We enter the next program year looking at expanding and discerning the MAP work that was done last year. We will be having several Education Hours for All where we will make statements of who and exactly what we want to be and then looking to see what is needed to get to that place. This will take commitment not only from all of the community but from myself. When we come together as a community and discern where the Holy Spirit is leading us we need to open our hearts and ears about where we are being led. This is often uncomfortable because it is risky. We think to ourselves, "Will what I loved about St. Edward's go away?" "What if the Spirit is saying we need to change some things that I have worked on personally?"

These questions are very real. We should not ignore them, but rather we should explore them and see how we might be able to work with them as the Holy Spirit calls us.



Having a wonderful time at the Plant Sale

I have seen the dedication and love this community has and I know that we will enter the next part of our journey together willing to open our hearts and minds to allowing the Holy Spirit to continue the wonderful work that has been happening in St. Edward's.

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SERVERS: JUNE 2015

	June 7	June 14	June 21	June 28
Lesson 1	Paul Nancarrow	Brian Parsons	Rachel Svihel	Paul Nancarrow
Lesson 2	Deb Achenbach	Carol Parsons	Amy Lounsbury	Debbie Nancarrow
Chalice	Deb Achenbach Debbie Nancarrow	Carol Parsons Hollie Yeager	Lese Wright Amy Lounsbury	Carol Parsons Hollie Yeager
Acolyte(s)	Achenbach	Brendan Wright	TBD	TBD
Usher	Fritz Wright	Jeff Dow	Jeff Kennedy	Jeff Dow
Teller	Deb Achenbach	Jeff Dow	Rachel Svihel	Jeff Dow
Altar	Trish Martin Cassandra Lynch	Trish Martin Cassandra Lynch	Carol Parsons Ruth Bragstad	Carol Parsons Ruth Bragstad
Bread	Diane Kennedy	Diane Kennedy	Diane Kennedy	Diane Kennedy
Treats	Joan Dow	Lynne Whitacre	TBD	Hollie Yeager



**St. Edward's
Episcopal Church**

St. Edward's exists to spread the Gospel by feeding the community spiritually, physically, and artistically.

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Deacon: The Rev. Morris Goodwin, Jr.

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SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

(through August)

Monday CLOSED
 Tuesday~Wednesday 8 am - noon
 Thursday~Friday CLOSED

VESTRY 2015

Co-Wardens Fritz Wright 763-535-5450
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All vestry meetings are open. Contact a Co-Warden if you plan to come to a meeting.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ~ James 5:16

We will include these names within our liturgy in Prayers of the People, but it is our hope that you will use this list to pray for each other all month long. To add or update the prayer list, please contact the church office: 952.473.2262 or office@stedwards-mn.org.

NOTE: A person's name will be removed from the Prayers of the People after 30 days, unless renewed at that time.

For the departed: Steve Anderson, The Rev. Edwin Eilertson, The Rev. Dcn. Barbara Hill

Keith Boudrie
Fran Christianson
Cramer/Anderson Family
(for Steve Anderson)
Paul & Mary Felton
Jane Gjerstad
Grace
Hill/Van Syckle family
(for the Rev. Dcn. Barbara Hill)
Jennifer
Joanie Lane
Tom Moore

Doris Rowe
Georgi Ruggieri
Chris Saunderson
Mary Scheig
Pat Stanforth
Al Starkey
Marion Taylor
Susan Whitehead
Matthew Wilson
Jesus Yanez
Trini Yanez
Dave Yeager

Prayer for St. Edward's MAP Team

Loving God, we are grateful for so many things: for the St. Edward's community, for our beautiful worship space, for our commitment to outreach, and most of all for your presence here with us as we discern what you are calling us to do. You know we are a resilient community. Help us to be open to the Holy Spirit and each other during this important time. We ask your blessing as we continue to discern your will for us. **Amen.**

- by Joanie Broughton

Save the Date: ECMN Convention 2015

Mark your calendars! The 158th Convention of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota will take place Friday, September 18 through Saturday, September 19 at River's Edge Convention Center in St. Cloud. Look for registration information in the coming months. We look forward to seeing you at ECMN Convention 2015!



Blood drive with St. Edward's and UUCM

Sunday, June 7, 11:00 -2:00 pm
St. Edward's parking lot

To sign up:

- Sign up on online at mbc.org/searchdrives with sponsor code 3633
- Contact Julia at MBC: 651-332-7164
- Contact Lynne Whitacre

From the Priest in Charge (from opposite page)

May this be our prayer through this summer and through the next program year:

Walk with me, good and loving God,
as I journey through life.
May I take Your hand and be led
by Your Holy Spirit.
Fill me, inspire me, free me to respond generously
to Your call.
For I believe You desire my deepest joy,
And it is only in Your company
That my soul will be satisfied
And my life will find its meaning and purpose.
Amen.

--Sisters of Notre Dame

In Christ's Peace,

The Rev. Jason B. Lucas
Priest in Charge

A festive windup



Sunday, May 31, was a joyous day at St. Edward's, as the congregation joined to celebrate the end of the program year. The day's events included the blessing of the new center island, bikes, and bikers. It culminated in a delicious potluck dinner.

Summer Choir

Choir practice during the summer months is at 11:15 am after church service. All are welcome!!!

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OUTREACH

We did our usual dinner at Vicksburg Commons in May and grilled hamburgers and hotdogs which were very well received. It's always gratifying to see how much the families appreciate the food and community. Jason did his usual good job of entertaining the group!

St. Philip's Church down the road asked us again to provide a breakfast for their Families Moving Forward group in May. They take in homeless families for a week; we came in on Saturday and cooked a nice hot breakfast for them.

We are still helping out down at St. Mark's Cathedral by making sandwiches and putting together bag lunches for the homeless. The number that are distributed has gone up considerably, as they are now giving the bag lunches to the vet center as well as to homeless students at Minneapolis Community College. We also help distribute them at St. Mark's.

We were short-handed last time at Loaves & Fishes, so please consider helping us out next time, which will be July 29. It is gratifying to see how much the approximately 250 homeless people appreciate this hot meal.

Also, Loaves & Fishes has opened a new location in Hopkins and is looking for people to help out there. Since this is much closer than the location we have been going to in the past, we are thinking of trying to get a group to go there instead. Let us know if you are interested to participating in this. You can talk to Jeff or Lynne.

We are going to have the Bloodmobile at our church again this year on Sunday, June 7, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, so please sign up to give blood. There is a real shortage of blood at this time so they need your help. You can sign up online at mbc.org/searchdrives and enter sponsor code 3633 or you can call Julia at MBC at 651-332-7164 or talk to Lynne at church.

Last year we helped the LDA program of providing books for children and it was a great success so we are talking about doing this again. Watch for info on this soon.

EpiscoBuilders

EpiscoBuilders has two projects that are happening during the summer months. Please consider working at one of these builds either as a "worker" or as a provider of a meal. Talk with Lynne for more details.



- **June 24:** A one-day project in Hanover – This is a Brush with Kindness project which means that the house is currently lived in but needs paint and/or other repairs.
- **August 5 - 7:** A three-day project in Robbinsdale – This is a new build that is week 9 of a 10-week project. Most likely this will be painting and finishing work.

June Milestones Birthdays

- 1 Rodney Achenbach
- 7 Nancy Zimmerman
- 9 Kate Achenbach
- 18 Carol Parsons
- 20 Fritz Wright
- 24 Brendan Wright
- 26 Roy Goslin

Anniversaries

- 8 Judy & Al Starkey
- 12 Joan & Jeff Dow
- 14 Heidi & David Samuels
- 15 Nancy & Earl Zimmerman
- 21 Lynne & Chip Whitacre
- 23 Mary & Gene Hess

NOTE: To learn more about these events, and to see timely updates, visit the online calendar on St. Edward's website: <http://stedwards-mn.org/>

June 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		8:00 am GBD	9:30 am Intercessory Prayer*	6:00 pm Men's group @ Lunds/Byerlys in Wayzata		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Social Hour <u>11 - 2:00 BLOOD BANK</u>		8:00 am GBD	9:30 am Intercessory Prayer*	9:30 am Spiritual Directors in Library		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Social Hour		8:00 am GBD 7:00 pm Women's Group @ Whitacres	9:30 am Intercessory Prayer*	6:00 pm Men's group @ Lunds/Byerlys in Wayzata		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		8:00 am GBD	9:30 am Intercessory Prayer* 5:00 pm Dinner served @ Vicksburg			
28	29	30				
9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Social Hour		8:00 am GBD		7:00 pm HOUSE MASS @ PARSONS		
			Notes:			

* This group normally meets at the Starkey home

Treasurer's Report for April 2015

Total Annual Pledges: \$ 111,525.03

Financial Summary: Apr-15	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget	Full Year Budget
Total Income	\$ 73,309.74	\$ 70,960.88	\$ 152,025.03
Total Expenses	\$ 46,849.11	\$ 56,389.79	\$ 158,682.00
Net Income/(Expense)	\$ 26,460.63	\$ 14,571.09	\$ (6,656.97)
General Cash on hand:	\$ 58,767.04	-	-

* The cash at end of period balance can be summarized as follows:

Dedicated Accounts:	\$ 16,551.22
General Account:	\$ <u>58,767.04</u>
	\$ 75,318.26

Thanks for a great Plant Sale!



**Watch
for a final
report,
coming up
soon**



Everybody enjoys St. Edward's Plant Sale!

OUTREACH

Thank you notes

Plants and flowers

The plant sale gave flowers to Episcopal Group Homes for their window boxes, gardens, etc.

Dear St. Edward's Church family,

Thanks for the generous donation of all those beautiful flowers. The houses look cheery and inviting. You have taken the biblical command "to love your neighbor as yourself" very seriously. We see many of your kind actions and are thankful for God's work among you here at st. Ed's.

May he make himself known to you and bless your efforts to make him known to others.

EGH

St. Edward's also gave plants left over from the plant sale to Episcopal Homes in St. Paul. There are now several garden clubs there who happily plant these flowers around the various buildings on this campus.

Dear St. Edward's Episcopal Church,

Thank you so much for your generous donation of plants and flowers! Our residents, as well as the staff, really enjoy this and appreciate it so much! Thank you for thinking of us!!

Fondly,

Kiry & Lindsay
Housing Managers
Seabury & Midway Pointe
Episcopal Homes

OUTREACH

A new bike

St. Edward's Outreach Committee bought a bike for a child at Kimberly Lane Elementary School. Here is the thank you note from the teacher – below that is the handwritten note from the child.

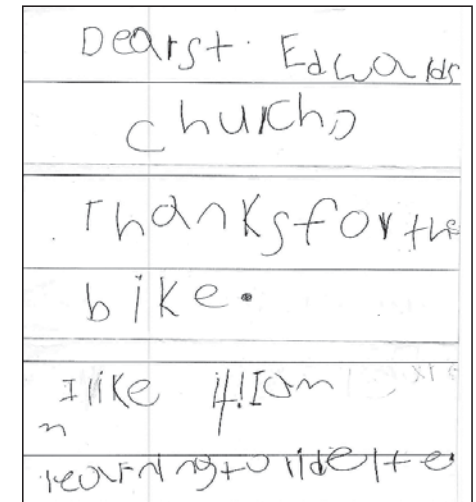
Dear St. Edward's Church,

Thank you so much for the bike and training wheels! I appreciate that Jeff Dow was able to deliver everything to us at Kimberly Lane Elementary! The bike was a huge hit with my student and he has been practicing riding it ever since!

All of the 2nd grade classes at Kimberly Lane go on a bike hike on May 29th. Our students are excited to go on this field trip with their friends, parents and teachers. Donating this bike to us will make it possible for this student to attend and feel a part of this fun day!

Thank you again for your kindness and generosity.

Angie Kaphers
Special Education Teacher
Kimberly Lane Elementary



ST. EDWARD'S VESTRY MEETING MINUTES

Sunday, April 19, 2015

Meeting called to order at 11:30 a.m.

In attendance: Father Jason Lucas, Deacon Morris Goodwin, Jr., Joan Dow, Fritz Wright, Diane Kennedy, Fran Christianson, and Amy Lounsbury

Absent: Al Starkey and Rachel Svihel

APPROVAL OF APRIL MINUTES

Joan made a motion to approve the April minutes with the edit of adding the approval of the audit. Diane seconded. Approval was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MARCH FINANCIAL REPORT

Fritz made a motion to approve the Financial Report through March. Joan seconded. Approval was unanimous. A question was raised with how we can cash stock donated to the church. Deacon Morris suggested that Michael Pipkin be contacted.

CO-WARDEN REPORT – FRITZ WRIGHT

- **Patio Committee Update**
Brick cleaning will occur on Saturday, May 23, 2014. Fundraising is going well. Approximately \$1000 is needed to reach the goal of \$6000 for the patio.
- **Building matters**
No major issues to report
- **Grounds Report**
Branch fell – no damage done to the church building or property. There is concern that the tree is dying.
- **Center Island Project**
We would like to schedule a blessing of the island – possibly 31 May 2015. We will check the calendar and are considering Pentecost.
- **Tents from the Plant Sale**
Plans to take down the tents are scheduled for Saturday, May 30th or Saturday, June 6th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – NONE

PRIEST IN CHARGE REPORT – FATHER JASON

1. **Plant Sale**
Father Jason enjoyed participating in the plant sale. He was proud of what we were able to accomplish as a community.

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78th General Convention of the Episcopal Church

June 25-July 3, 2015

The 78th General Convention of the Episcopal Church will take place June 25-July 3 in Salt Lake City Utah.

Go to <http://www.generalconvention.org/> to view the General Convention website where you can find helpful resources ,including an Introduction to the 78th General Convention for Bishops and Deputies, the 2015 General Convention Schedule, and much more!

The Minnesota Deputation

Deputies

The Rev. Devon Anderson
The Rev. LeeAnne Watkins
The Rev. Dr. Douglas Sparks
The Rev. John Dwyer

Mr. James Huber
Ms. Sally Johnson
Ms. Gail Sheddy
Ms. Amanda Ziebell-Finley

Alternates

The Rev. Janet MacNally
Ms. Susan Triebenbach
Ms. Minnie Steele

Learn more at <http://episcopalmn.org/events/78th-general-convention-of-the-episcopal-church/>

The Deputation will be blogging at <https://mndeputation2015.wordpress.com/> about their experience at General Convention.

Vestry Minutes, *continued*

2. **Adopted couple**
Father Jason met with a couple who moved into the area recently. We will be assisting them as a church with meals.
3. **Michael Pipkin**
Michael Pipkin will be our point of contact at ECMN.
4. **Storage Room Clean-out**
Father Jason will talk to Lynne and Judy about setting a date to clean out the storage room.
5. **Upcoming vacation and continuing education plans**
Father Jason will be on vacation from July 20th through August 2nd. He will need supply priests for Sunday, July 26th and Sunday, August 2nd. [These dates were later updated in an e-mail from Father Jason to the Vestry dated 20 May 2015. He will also be on vacation on Sunday, July 19th.] Father Jason will be attending a conference for continuing education and will be gone August 9th through August 16th. He will find supply priests to cover the time that he is away.
Diane made a motion to approve the vacation as originally stated. Fritz seconded. Approval was unanimous.
6. **Summer hours for Father Jason**
Father Jason will be at St. Edward's on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. during the months of June, July, and August.

NEW BUSINESS – NONE

Meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Lounsbury
Clerk