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From Pastor Sue's Pen . . .

Holy Week, April 5th through April 11th, will have some new features this year. As you'll remember, some of our services were altered years ago. This was done to restore the time line of actual events. For example, Palm Sunday stands alone and doesn't include the Passion part. Instead, the Passion and burial are on Good Friday. But I get ahead of myself.

On April 5th we will celebrate Palm Sunday, Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, with singing and the waving of palms. (At the 8 a.m. service, there won't be singing but we hope Rosalie will grace us with her playing on our Ott organ).

Because we have had a Seder for two years in a row, the Great Three Days begins at 7 p.m. on Maundy Thursday this year. However, the liturgy committee has decided that there will not be foot washing, but hand washing. This, they hope, will result in more willing participation, using a modern-day metaphor. The Watch will last until 9 p.m.

On Good Friday there will be two services. Stations of the Cross will be at 12:30. We will walk the Way of the Cross as pilgrims in Jerusalem do, stopping at fourteen points inside our church for prayers. Later, Tenebrae, the service of darkness, will be at 7 p.m.

On Holy Saturday at 7 p.m., we will kindle the new fire, light the Paschal Candle, and process slowly as the congregation light their candles from it. The Exsultet will be chanted, Salvation History read in a series of lessons, with the blessing of the water and renewal of baptismal vows. Following that, we will leave in semi-darkness. There will be no Holy Eucharist at this service.

Easter Sunday, 10 a.m., will begin with joyous hymns of praise (bring your bells!). Of course, Holy Eucharist will be celebrated and all are invited to receive Holy Communion. An Easter Egg hunt, BAKE SALE, and coffee hour will follow the service.

MANY THANKS TO:

Murray & Robin, Sally, Lisa & Jeff, George, Pastor Sue, Susan, and all the others workers who helped make the corned beef and cabbage dinner a success.

Steve, Greg, Sally, Pastor Sue, Jill, Kim, and Jerry for participating in the undercroft clean-up day.

SERVER SCHEDULE

The server schedule may be obtained online at stdavidsofaurora.com. Click on calendar and then on servers on the individual dates.

COUNTERS

Counters signed up for April are:

April 5 Denise, ___?
April 12 Hap, Jill
April 19 Sally, Denise
April 26 Sally, Denise

If you're an authorized counter, *please* check your schedule and sign up for any upcoming dates you're available. The sign up sheet is posted on the office door.

UNDERCROFT FLOOR CLEANING

Starting March 30 and progressing through the whole week, the undercroft floor will be cleaned and resealed. It will therefore be unavailable for meetings March 30 through April 3. Please plan to meet upstairs instead.

PRAYER SHAWL GROUP

The Prayer Shawl Group meets at 7:00 p.m. at the rectory on the first and third Fridays of the month, April 3rd and 17th.

CHRISM MASS - Monday, April 6, 2009

Trinity Episcopal Church, Aurora, will host the Western Region Chrism Mass this year. The Chrism Mass will begin at 12:10 p.m. Bishop Lee will bless Chrism (the oil used for anointing at Baptism and for the sick) for use in congregations throughout the year. A Chrism Mass tradition is for the clergy to renew their ordination vows and because Holy Baptism commissions all Christians as ministers of the Gospel, the laity are invited to renew their commitment to represent and bear witness to Christ and his Church as well.

LENTEN DISCUSSION SERIES

"Holy Habits for the Holy Season of Lent" is the title of this year's Lenten series. We meet for discussion on Wednesday evenings through April 8th at 7:00 p.m. at the rectory.

EASTER FLOWERS

Easter is a special time to remember those we love and to give thanks for God's many blessings in our lives. Your contribution in the form of a memorial or a thank offering to the Altar Guild will help purchase Easter flowers.

Flower envelopes are at the back of church for this purpose. Please note on the envelope if flowers are given to the glory of God, in memory of, in thanksgiving for, etc. If you would like your donation listed on the Easter insert, it must be received by Sunday, April 5th.

EASTER EGG HUNT

The annual Easter egg hunt for all children will follow the 10:00 a.m. Easter service. (Donations of candy may be left by the Vestry mailboxes downstairs.) If weather permits we will hold the hunt outdoors, if not we will be

inside. Contact Sally if you have any questions.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW)

Saint Elizabeth's Guild / ECW will meet at Saint David's on 3rd Sundays of the month, April 19, and May 17 at 9:00 a.m. Every woman over age 16 is invited to join us. We decide on projects to do, how to disperse money from our fundraising, and enjoy fellowship with a short worship experience. If you can't join us, please let one of the officers know projects you are interested in doing as a group. Officers are Kim, Diane, and Sharon.

ECW News

We are supporting the Diocese of Louisiana and Episcopal Relief and Development in their joint venture to build homes in New Orleans. Two activities will help to raise funds for this cause – a quilt raffle and a bake sale. All proceeds from both to go to this cause. First, we will be raffling a handmade quilt (\$5 per ticket, 6 for \$25) – see Kim for tickets. The quilt will be available for viewing beginning March 22 with the drawing on Easter Sunday. Second, on Easter Sunday, we will be having a bake sale. Come purchase cookies, brownies, cakes, pies, etc. with their recipes – so you too can bake them later. See Gail for sign up.

ECW Diocesan Convention – April 18

Women WANTED for fellowship. Come to the ECW Diocesan Convention on April 18 at the Diocesan Center. Join us for food, fellowship, information, Judge Lefcow's presentation, short business meeting, and worship. Meet women from throughout the Diocese who are integral to their individual parish. Find out what programs they support, tell them about ours. This is a wonderful time to meet new people and gather new ideas about how to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ in this world. Contact Kim or Kate or see the bulletin board by the back door for more details. Registration must be received by April 6.

LEADERSHIP AND MINISTRY FAIR

Saturday, April 25

This is a day for everyone, lay as well as clergy, with a rich variety of learning opportunities to inform, encourage, and enliven congregations and to celebrate the variety of ways in which we are serving God in the Diocese of Chicago.

It will be held at the Lutheran School of Theology, 10 E. 55th Street, Chicago. Call the church office if you would like to attend.

BASEMENT SALE

The Saint Elizabeth's Guild / ECW Basement Sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 9 from 9 a.m.–2 p.m. Volunteers are needed for various days. We need strong backs for setting up tables on Sunday, May 3 after the 10 a.m. service. We also need volunteers on Tuesday, May 5, 6:30–8:30 p.m. and Thursday, May 7, noon–3 p.m. to sort and display items. The day of the sale, we need helpers in two shifts from 8:30–11:45 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.–2 p.m. Lastly we need help cleaning up from 2–4 p.m. All left over items get picked up by Wayside Cross the next week. Please note that if you volunteer with setup, you get first pick of anything donated (at "full" price) as opposed to waiting until the sale.

FLOWER & CANDLE SIGN UP

Flower and candle sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board in the parlor. Upcoming dates open for flowers are April 26, May 10 or 31. All dates in April are available for candle sign up. Please sign up for any of these dates you would like reserved.

The cost for donating flowers is \$25 and the candle is \$5. Please make checks payable to Saint David's Altar Guild. Payment may be given to Kay or placed in the offering plate in

an envelope addressed to the Altar Guild. It would be greatly appreciated if payment is made in a timely manner.

KIDS KOLUMN

The Lenten season brings us many changes in the church. The two classes with younger children took a "field trip" to the altar to see what was different. We noticed no gold, no flowers, and purple vestments for Pastor Sue. Lent is a very somber and reflective time. We will tuck our "Alleluias" away until Easter Sunday.

Jesus' period of Lent lasted 40 days, as well. We talked about how, in times of temptation, God is always with us. What are some things we can do when tempted? We can remember the Bible, pray, ask other Christians for help, and avoid people who tempt us.

We will be praying the Stations of the Cross one Sunday during Sunday School. This has always been a good connection to what Jesus went through for us.

We look forward to the Risen Christ on Easter Sunday. (And the egg hunt afterwards!)

The teen Church School class is spending most of the spring learning about other religions. We are exploring Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, and Buddhism. We are looking at the history of these religions and their belief systems, and thinking about our images of these religions in the modern world. We are hoping to take a trip to another place of worship some time in the spring. Also, we continue to think about the life of Paul and to see what the second lesson we read in Church is teaching us.

The Sunday School children will begin their annual drive for "Pennies for Pads" in April. A jar to collect coins will be available for donations during coffee hour. Watch for posters and notices in the bulletin.

MEMORIAL GARDEN HELP

Interested in helping out in the garden? Give Doreen or the church office a call.

KITCHEN RENOVATION

On Sunday, March 8, 2009 the Kitchen Renovation Committee held an all-parish meeting at 9:00 a.m. to discuss the renovations overall and particularly the purchase of a dishwasher. Many parishioners were in attendance and the following points were discussed:

The Committee announced that several parishioners had come forward and agreed to donate toward the purchase of the dishwasher so no church funds would be needed. (If you would like to donate towards this purchase please contact Marie.)

There were several concerns raised regarding the purchase of a dishwasher including:

- With so many other groups using the kitchen area, how would we ensure that the dishwasher was used properly?
- We need to ensure that dirty dishes are not left in the dishwasher for others to clean up.
- How would we wash the dishes needed in time for them to be put away after each event?

There were several points in favor of having a dishwasher including:

- The dishwasher would ensure that dishes were cleaned and sanitary.
- It would be much less work for those cleaning up, especially after large events.

Pastor Sue reiterated that there is a "Use Agreement" for the kitchen facilities, which is currently in place for other groups who use the kitchen facilities. All agreed that the dishwasher proper usage could be included under that agreement.

The Committee agreed to take all points under consideration in order to be most

prudent in the purchase of the dishwasher and in the further kitchen renovations.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

In 1957, on the drawing board, the church building was estimated to cost \$120,000. At the time of completion, parishioners had contributed almost \$60,000. Indeed, the mission's Building Fund would total out at \$62,480.30. Saint David's received a \$12,500 grant from the Bishop and Diocese and took out a \$50,000 loan from the Old Second National Bank. Finally, the National Council and Episcopal Church Foundation gave the church an interest-free loan of \$25,000. (Delayed receipt of that loan was the reason why construction "ran late.")

The cost of the church building, presented by Karl Grube in November 1959, included architect, contractors, and some interior furnishings (pews, altar rail) at \$140,940.01. The cost of the drives and parking lot was an additional \$3,356.46, and the red / black-flecked carpeting, \$2,513.46. Included in the final statement were 100 chairs along with tables for the undercroft, and landscaping...for a grand total of \$148,314.83.

But, when the church opened in March 1959, it was bare bones on the inside. There were no brass altar candlesticks, no bier (pavement) lights, no Christus Rex. There were no stained glass windows—only the yellowish, bumpy glass windows called "amber seedy" that are still present in the undercroft. No pipe organ. In fact, the altar was made of wood—but to the architect's specifications except for the slant of the sides of its tabletop.

In the Easter Sunday bulletin 1959, there was this notice: "MEMORIALS. For nearly a year a special committee on memorials and furnishings has been compiling a list of needed fittings which will be suitable for members of our church and others to offer as gifts or memorials. This will include nearly all the sanctuary and baptistery furnishings, as

well as such things as stained glass windows and pendant lights for the nave."

Father Harvey wrote: "It is our intention these memorials be appropriate and harmonious. To select these furnishings, a committee has worked for nearly two years. We have chosen designs we feel will never go "out of style," knowing how tragic it would be for any memorial at any time to be set aside for poverty of quality or design. These furnishings represent the best, and it is intended each be a permanent memorial."

The list includes the brass candlesticks and vases...and "fine new pipe organ." It took 30 years to get that pipe organ, and this "column" next month will celebrate the 20th anniversary of our instrument's installation and dedication.

Father Harvey described in amusing style an incident regarding the pulpit and lectern: "I cannot forget how Howard Raftery [the church's architect] shocked the man who built and installed the pulpit and lectern when he brought a set of tire chains and "distressed" the pulpit and lectern. The poor guy thought the architect must be out of his head, and so for a moment did I. Fortunately, Stella was not on hand, and even though her pulpit and lectern were aged in artificial fashion, I had to admit that the overall effect was a good one. (Stella Sencenbaugh was the donor of the pulpit, lectern, and altar rail.)

This wooden altar was used to determine if the size was suitable for the space inside the altar rail.

The list is partly completed, and will be published in full in the late spring or early fall."

In reality, the list was published in December 1959.

Kate, Archivist

KNOW OF A PRAYER NEED?

"If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer" Matthew 21:22. Do you or someone you know need prayer? The Prayer Chain of Saint David's responds to all prayer requests. Please call Rogera or the church office to place your request.

HIPAA REGULATIONS AFFECT ALL PARISHIONERS

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996 is designed to protect the privacy of all patients. It is wide reaching in its scope. Did you know if you or a family member is hospitalized the hospital will not automatically tell Saint David's? Even if you indicate you are Episcopalian or are a member of Saint David's, they can't tell us.

Please remember to call the church office, 630-896-7229, when you or a family member is hospitalized. We want to know so we can pray for you and reach out to you in your time of need.

HELP WANTED

We need someone to sweep and wash the floor downstairs every Sunday morning. Pay is \$10. Please contact Pastor Sue or the church office if interested.

NEW DIRECTORY

Work has begun on an updated Saint David's directory. If any of your information has changed please contact the church office.

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WANTED – YOUTH LEADERS

Do you have a desire to lead and direct our senior youth at church sponsored activities? Do you want to become more involved in our church? Mandatory completion of "Keeping God's Children Safe" is required. A driver's license is preferred, but not required. For more information contact Murray or Pastor Sue.

BAPTISM

Holy Baptism is administered on designated Sundays during the service. Holy Baptism is especially appropriate at the Easter Vigil, on the Day of Pentecost, on All Saints' Day (or the Sunday after), the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord (the first Sunday after Epiphany) and the Bishop's visitation. Godparents must be baptized Christians. It is recommended that they be either a confirmed member of this parish or active in their own parish. Please call Pastor Sue to arrange for the baptism and to schedule pre-baptismal instruction.

MARRIAGE

Holy Matrimony is solemnized only after instruction by the Clergy. It is recommended that six months' notice be given, longer in the case of second marriages. The season of Lent is not appropriate for marriages. A pamphlet on getting married at Saint David's is available in the Parish Office.

MUSICIANS WANTED

The Liturgy Committee invites you to share your musical talent. So, dust off that flute, saxophone, violin, or any other instrument that may be in a closet, under a bed, or on a shelf somewhere. Please see Sally to arrange a Sunday for you to make a joyful noise!

VOLUNTEER TAX ASSISTANCE

Volunteer tax assistance is available at the Waubensee campus in downtown Aurora through April 15. Sessions are held on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and Wednesdays from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. (except March 25 & 28). Limits are family income of \$45,000 and individuals of \$20,000. All forms and documents, including 2007 returns should be brought with.

