



Saint David's Episcopal Church

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The Leek

APRIL 2011

From Pastor Sue's Pen . . .

As I begin contemplating spring, the Prologue to the Canterbury Tales (Geoffrey Chaucer) is on the tip of my tongue. I'll paraphrase it as, "When April, with its sweet showers, the drought of March has pierced to the root and bathed every rootlet in such liquor from which spring the flowers . . . then people long to go on pilgrimages and to seek strange shores."

The crocuses bloom yellow at my very doorstep and I'm reminded that Lent is half over already! I ask myself, Will I be ready by April 17 to make the pilgrimage with Christ from Palm Sunday, through Holy Week, to Easter? I recently encountered a set of questions that I have found helpful in self-evaluation. Written by Ken Carter, based on Stephen Covey's *Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*, here are

Seven Questions for the Christian Spiritual Journey

Do I believe that God has placed unique gifts within me that might be used to help others and that my primary fulfillment in life will come through the expression of these gifts?

Do I believe that I have been created in the image of God and that my highest goal in life is to reclaim or recover my true identity as a child of God?

Do I understand that the implications of questions one and two above lead toward a life of discipline (question one) and discernment (question two)?

Do I understand that my well-being is linked to the well-being of others, that my salvation, healing and growth are connected to the salvation, healing and growth of others, especially those closest to me?

Do I understand that my life will be enriched by a willingness to be open to the different perspectives of others?

Do I recognize that my understanding and expression of the Christian life is but one part of a whole and that it is in the whole that Jesus Christ is glorified?

Do I recognize that I am called to grow into the likeness of Christ and that my response to God's grace includes a disciplined personal life and a deepening relationship with His body, the church?

Having found them helpful, I offer them to you for your pilgrimage and joy.

MANY THANKS TO:

Carol, Mary, Marilyn, Sue, Emily, Allison, Kim, Rogera, Susan, Debbie S. and all others who brought a dish to share for the Saint David's Day Brunch.

All who helped with the corned beef and cabbage dinner - Sally, Greg & Denise, Ed, George, Pastor Sue, Joe, Morgan, Susan, Robin, and Debbie S.

CHRISM MASS

A gathering of all God's people, young and old, ordained and non-ordained. Saturday, April 2, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. St. James Commons and St. James Cathedral, 65 E. Huron St., Chicago. For more information contact Barbara Rasero brasero@episcopalchicago.org or 312-751-4206 or Canon Vicki Garvey vgarvey@episcoalchicago.org or 312-751-4204.

PRAYER SHAWL GROUP

The Prayer Shawl Group will meet at the rectory only the first Thursday, April 7, this month from 7 – 9 p.m. (Third Thursday is Maundy Thursday.)

FOX VALLEY ORCHESTRA PRESENTS:

Requiem – Sunday, April 10, 3:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 60 S. Lincoln Avenue, Aurora. Rosalie and several members of Saint David's choir will be participating. Order tickets by calling 630-891-2525 or online at www.foxvalleyorchestra.org. Prices: \$12 at the door, \$10 Students, Seniors and Advanced Purchase.

UTO OFFERINGS TO BE COLLECTED SUNDAY, APRIL 10

Giving thanks to God is the basis of the United Thank Offering. In UTO, Episcopalians thank the Lord for their blessings first in prayer and then with an offering that is shared with others, to answer their prayers.

Some suggestions for daily prayers of THANKS are:

a **T**hing provided,
a **H**elp received,
 Another's company,
a **N**ice moment,
a **K**indness received,
a **S**urprise enjoyed.

UTO offerings are combined with those of other Episcopal churches to fund UTO grants. The grants expand the mission and ministry of the Episcopal Church in America and throughout the world, provide for renovations and improvements of Episcopal churches to better serve the needs of their congregations and communities, and to address human needs such as for health, safe drinking water, and for dignity and self-esteem.

The UTO ingathering at Saint David's will be April 10th. Please make your check, equivalent to your offering, payable to Saint David's and note UTO on the memo line. There will be envelopes in the pews to use for cash donations.

If you wish to use the traditional UTO Blue Boxes during the year, they can be found in the narthex. Please take one or two home.

COUNTERS

Authorized counters please remember to sign up on the sheet posted on the office door for dates you're available.

LADIES' NIGHT OUT

The next Ladies' Night Out will be held on Tuesday, April 12th at Sweet Tomatoes, 986 N. Rt. 59, in Aurora (630-978-4017). They are located on the north end of Rt. 59 before you get into Naperville, on the west side of the street.

Sweet Tomatoes is a buffet restaurant with wonderful soups, salads, assorted entrees, along with desserts for your sweet tooth. A special rate is offered for senior citizens.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend; it's a great way to get to know some of the wonderful women that attend Saint David's. If you have any questions, please contact Evelyn.

PERCUSSIONIST NEEDED

We are in need of a percussionist for Easter Sunday. Please contact Rosalie or the office if you can help.

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 for this purpose are in Sunday bulletins and at the back of church. 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 17th.

IMMIGRATION FOCUS OF DIOCESAN ECW MEETING

Immigration lawyer Barbara Susman will be the keynote speaker at the ECW Diocesan Annual Meeting and Convention, Saturday, April 30 at the Church of the Redeemer in Elgin. All Episcopal women are invited to attend the event.

The focus of Barbara's presentation will be the many levels on which immigration issues affect our lives and the policies of U.S. businesses. There will be a question and answer period.

The ECW Diocesan event opens with registration at 9:00 a.m. There will be a business meeting and Eucharist with The Rt. Rev. Victor Scantlebury, the diocese's retiring assistant bishop. Marcia Scantlebury will be honored during the day for her contributions to the outreach of the diocesan ECW.

The cost of the event is \$25, which includes lunch. Registration forms are on the shelf in the narthex and must be received by April 20, 2011. If you have questions, please contact either Kim or Kate.

BASEMENT SALE

The Basement Sale fundraiser will be held May 21st. As you are spring cleaning, please remember to put aside gently used clothing and household items. Kim is heading the committee - please see her for any new ideas about the sale. There will be a meeting on Monday, April 11, from 7 to 8 p.m. to discuss the basement sale. Interested individuals are encouraged to attend.

EASTER EGG HUNT DONATIONS

Donations of candy for the annual Easter egg hunt may be left by the Vestry mailboxes downstairs. Children of all ages are welcome to participate in the egg hunt on Easter Sunday.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

The Holy Week schedule will be determined at the Liturgy Committee meeting on Sunday, April 3. Please watch Sunday bulletins for details.

SERVER SCHEDULE

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

CANAPES & CONVERSATION

With the Easter promise of renewal and rebirth, we welcome warmer weather and longer sunlit days. So it is the season for Saint David's to look forward to fellowship and fun food to share. "Canapes & Conversation" is an opportunity to get to know each other better. I am looking for volunteers to open their home to host a C&C on a Saturday evening of your convenience. We come together from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., each bringing an appetizer and drink of choice. Please contact Susan to claim a date during the Spring and Summer months.

QUARTERLY STATEMENTS

Quarterly statements will be coming out soon. If you do not receive one please contact the church office.

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.

"TELL ME"

By Audrey

O, Lord, all night, all day I pray,
For You to help me, to show me the way...

What is Right and what is Wrong?
What is my job, where do I belong?
What is Doing and what is Dreaming?
What is Being and what is Seeming?
Why do You take those that are dear?
Why do You leave the wicked here?
What is the goal we're working for?
Is it true Death's only a door?
What is the difference between Laughing
and Crying?
What is Living and what is Dying?
Is there an end to Time and Space?
Or is there no end for souls to face?

These are the thoughts that night and day
Haunt me and keep my sleep away.
My thoughts are the reason to You I pray,
To help me, to tell me, to show me the way.

WEST AURORA SCHOOL DISTRICT 129 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Thursday, April 7, from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. at your local elementary school. Bring your child, your child's birth certificate, and two proofs of residency. Child must be five on or before September 1, 2011.

FLOWER & CANDLE SIGN UP

Flower and candle sign up charts for 2011 are on the bulletin board in the parlor. Please sign up for dates you would like reserved.

The cost for donating flowers is \$25, the candle is \$6. Payments may be placed in the offering plate in an envelope addressed to the Altar Guild or mailed to Saint David's, 701 N. Randall Road, Aurora, IL 60506. Checks should be made payable to the Altar Guild with a note in the byline to indicate the check represents payment for flowers, candle, or a donation to the Altar Guild. It is greatly appreciated if payment is made in advance.

LOST AND FOUND

A cane and large blue water bottle were found in the church. Please call the office, 630-896-7229, if either belongs to you.

PILGRIMAGE 2011

July 26 thru August 8, 2011

Join Bishop Lee and Lisa Lee on a spiritual pilgrimage to the Palestine of Jesus. Travel throughout the Holy Land guided by distinguished faculty of Saint George's College, Jerusalem. For more information regarding costs, itinerary and travel issues contact Elizabeth Nelson, enelson@episcopalchicago.org or 312-751-4215.

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SUMMER CAMP

The Episcopal Diocese of Chicago Summer Camp provides an opportunity for children and youth to learn about God, themselves, others, and the Episcopal Church through the adventure of outdoor camp. A variety of programs are offered for children entering grades two through high school. Installment payment plans and scholarships are offered. Brochures with more information are available at the back of church.

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Who hasn't uttered the word, "I wish there was something I could do to help?" Now you can. Start shopping! You can buy the items you've always wanted without the guilt at www.iGive.com/StDavidsEpiscopalofAurora.

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SUNDAYS

Holy Eucharist	8:00 a.m.
Christian Education	9:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist	10:00 a.m.
Coffee Hour	Following 10:00 a.m. service

LAYING ON OF HANDS

Usually the first Sunday of the month during services

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

April

April 2, Saturday	9a.m.–1p.m.	Chrism Mass, St. James Cathedral
April 3, Sunday		Laying on of Hands
	11:00 a.m.	Pancakes served by Men's Group
	After 2 nd Service	Liturgy Committee Meeting
April 5,12,19,26, Tuesdays	3–5 p.m.	Bible Club (First Baptist)
April 6,13, Wed.	6–7:30 p.m.	Lenten Series, St. Andrews, Downers Grove
April 6,13,20,27, Wed.	6:30 p.m.	World Relief H.S. students meet for IMSA
April 7,14,21, Thurs.	11a.m.–12:30p.m.	Lenten Study / Meal, Saint David's
April 7,14,21,28, Thurs.	4:30 p.m.	World Relief Reading Club
April 7, Thursday	7–9 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry Group
April 8,15,22, Fridays		Women's Prayer / Bible Time (First Baptist)
April 10, Sunday		United Thank Offerings Collected
	3:00 p.m.	<i>Requiem</i> at First United Methodist, Aurora
April 11, Monday	7–8 p.m.	Basement Sale Meeting
April 12, Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Ladies' Night Out
April 15, Friday		May Leek articles due
April 16, Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Stripping Palms & Altar Guild Mtg., Rectory Yard Clean-up
April 17, Palm Sunday		
April 19, Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Vestry
April 21, Maundy Thursday		
April 22, Good Friday		
April 24, Easter Sunday		
April 28-May 1, Thurs.-Sun.		Cursillo
April 30, Saturday		ECW Diocesan Annual Meeting, Elgin

