

# Saint David's Episcopal Church

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## THE LEEK

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### *From Pastor Sue's Pen . . .*

The New Year is upon us! How did it get to be 2012 already?!

I remember when, in 1970, my resolution was to eat enough to top 110 pounds so I would be able to donate blood for my step-son, a hemophiliac. The New Years that followed chalked up a host of self-improvement ideas. This year my resolve is to stop eating enough to get my cholesterol under control.

I would be interested to know what resolution each of you is making for the coming year. I'll bet a good percentage of you (more than half) intend to

- ◆ go on a new diet to lose or gain weight
- ◆ exercise more
- ◆ get more sleep

How many will actually choose to do something to develop your spirituality? May I commend to you one or more of the following?

- ◆ attend church regularly
- ◆ give alms for the poor (discretionary fund)
- ◆ work at Hesus House or the Sandwich Board
- ◆ listen to kids read at McCleery
- ◆ read spiritual literature
- ◆ attend or teach a Bible study
- ◆ join the Daughters of the King

Some of you could add to that list with no trouble; some pray more or less daily; and some rarely give a thought to their soul life. Why not make a resolution for spiritual growth in 2012? It may be the best thing(s) you've done for yourself in a long, long time.

## **MANY THANKS TO:**

Everyone who donated towards the purchase of books as gifts to each of McCleery's first graders, all who helped wrap the books, and to Kate and Sally for delivering them to the children at their school holiday parties.

Kim and Gail for leading this year's Advent study.

Jill for hosting the wonderful Christmas Tea.

The many members of Saint David's who contributed towards the lovely display of Christmas flowers.

The Altar Guild: Carol, Lee, Monique, Marilyn, Sue, Allison, Danielle, and Susan who so lovingly prepared our church for Christmas services.

Rosalie and Saint David's Choir for the glorious Christmas music they provided.

## **ANNUAL REPORTS**

If you are the head of a committee or organization and haven't yet turned in a report for the Annual Meeting booklet, please turn it in to the church office or email it to [saint\\_davids03@yahoo.com](mailto:saint_davids03@yahoo.com) immediately.

## **CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**

Christmas decorations in the church will be taken down on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, following second service. Anyone that can stay and help would be greatly appreciated.

## **WEEKDAY HOLY EUCHARIST**

Weekday Holy Eucharist will be celebrated on Wednesdays, January 4, 18, and 25 at noon. Please call Pastor Sue if you need a ride. We'll go out for lunch afterwards. Everyone pays their own way.

## **PRAYER SHAWL GROUP**

The Prayer Shawl Group meets at the rectory on first and third Thursday evenings of the month from 7 – 9 p.m.

## **KEEPING GOD'S PEOPLE SAFE**

Those of us who attended Diocesan Convention were adjured by the Chancellor (chief attorney) of the diocese to make sure the diocesan policies of sexual abuse prevention are being observed in our congregations. Saint David's vestry noted that we have become lax about enforcing the "two adults at all times" rule for those who transport or offer services to youth and the vulnerable among us, including disabled persons.

The vestry believes it is in the best interest of our congregation to inform the greatest number of our members about what isn't proper/allowed amongst us so please plan to attend one of two workshops that will be offered in January. One will be Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> starting at 10 a.m. The other will be Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> following the second service (approximately 11:30 a.m.). All mandated reporters and church workers are required to attend: clergy, vestry members, teachers, musicians, and our administrative assistant. Further info will follow.

**ANNUAL MEETING**  
**Sunday, January 29, 2012**  
One worship service at 10:00 a.m.  
Potluck & Annual Meeting follows

## **OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

2012 offertory envelopes are at the back of church. If you need envelopes and don't see a box with your name on it, please contact the church office.

## **SERVER SCHEDULE**

The server schedule may be obtained online at [stdavidsofaurora.com](http://stdavidsofaurora.com). Click on calendar and then on servers on the individual dates.

## **FLOWER & CANDLE SIGN UP**

Flower and candle sign up charts for 2012 are posted on the bulletin board in the parlor. Sign up soon for dates you would like reserved. Flower donation is \$25, candle is \$6. Payments may be placed in the offering plate in an envelope addressed to the Altar Guild. Checks should be made payable to the Altar Guild with a note in the byline to indicate payment for flowers, candle, or donation to the Altar Guild. It is greatly appreciated if payment is made in advance.

## **NEW BEGINNINGS** by Gail

The next Diocese of Chicago retreat for middle school students, called New Beginnings, will be held February 3-5. It will be held at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in LaGrange. The cost is \$65 if paid before January 20 and \$75 if paid

after January 20. The registration form and brochure can be downloaded at this page: <http://www.episcopalchicago.org/our-work/at-work-in-the-church/youth-ministry/new-beginnings/>.

If the cost would be too difficult for your family to manage, please let me or Kim or Eric or Pastor Sue know. We want to make sure that none of our students are left out due just to the fee.

Either Kim or Eric will attend with those students from Saint David's who will go.

Please let me know if your student will attend. And if you need any help at all with registration. Or if you have any questions at all. I will be happy to help you!

## **HAPPENING** by Gail

The next Diocese of Chicago retreat for high school students, called Happening, will be held March 2-4. It will be held at Annunciation Episcopal Church in LaGrange. The cost is \$65 if paid before February 10 and \$75 if paid after February 10. The registration form and brochure can be downloaded at this page: <http://www.episcopalchicago.org/our-work/at-work-in-the-church/youth-ministry/happening/>. The March retreat is included in the 2011 Happening Application Form under Resources.

If the cost would be too difficult for your family to manage, please let me or Kim or Eric or Pastor Sue know. We want to make sure that none of our students are left out due just to the fee.

Please let me know if your student will attend. And if you need any help at all with registration. Or if you have any questions at all. I will be happy to help you!

## **SUMMER CAMP** by Gail

You may want to get summer camp dates on your calendar because there is an Early Bird Rate if paid by February 15, which is not too terribly far away! Since there are different sessions for students entering different grades, please take a look at the brochure and/or registration form that can be found at this link: <http://www.episcopalchicago.org/our-work/at-work-in-the-church/youth-ministry/camp-chicago/>.

Regular rates are due before May 15.

Please let me or Kim or Eric or Pastor Sue know if you have any questions at all about camp. Or if you need any help with the application. And I'll be happy to help coordinate transportation. Just let me know if your student is interested!

## **LOST AND FOUND**

A ring was found in the choir loft. If you think it might belong to you, please call the church office to identify and claim.

## **COLD SEASON ETIQUETTE**

When you have a cough, cold, flu, runny, nose, etc. please refrain from receiving the Precious Blood at communion. The Church teaches us that Jesus is fully present in both the consecrated bread and wine. Therefore, skipping the cup when you are sick does not deprive you of receiving the complete sacrament, but it does help avoid spreading your cold or flu to others.

## **ANALYZING SYSTEMIC RACISM WORKSHOP**

Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Racial Justice, the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago's Anti-Racism Commission, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Metro Chicago Synod's Anti-Racism Team.

**Date:** TBA (late February or early March)

**Description:** Presented by Crossroads Anti-Racism Organizing and Training, this 2½ day (Thursday, 6:00 p.m.– 9:00 p.m.; Friday 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.; Saturday 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. workshop) explores the historical development of racism in the U.S.; how it is perpetuated in institutions and how it continues to manifest itself in our culture; and how it affects both people of color and white people. Anyone who is open to learning about these facets of historical and institutional racism is welcome to attend.

**Credit:** Credit for attendance is granted only to participants who attend all three sessions.

**Fees:** Fees include all workshop materials, continental breakfast and lunch on Friday and Saturday, snacks at all sessions. Overnight lodging is not provided.  
\$70/person – for those affiliated with the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago.  
\$225/person – for those not affiliated with the Diocese of Chicago.

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## **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.

## SUNDAYS

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

## LAYING ON OF HANDS

Usually the first Sunday of the month during services

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

### January

Jan. 1, Sunday	During Services	Laying on of Hands Annual Reports due
Jan. 4,18,25, Wednesdays	Noon	Holy Eucharist
Jan. 5,19, Thursdays	7 – 9 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry Group
Jan. 10,17,24,31, Tues.	3 – 5:30 p.m.	Bible Club (1 <sup>st</sup> Bapt.)
Jan. 12,19,26, Thurs.	12 – 2 p.m.	Ladies' Teatime (1 <sup>st</sup> Bapt.)
Jan. 13,20,27, Fridays	12 – 2 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (1 <sup>st</sup> Bapt.)
Jan. 15, Sunday		February Leek articles due
Jan. 17, Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Vestry
Jan. 21, Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Keeping God's People Safe
Jan. 22, Sunday	11:30 a.m.	Keeping God's People Safe
Jan. 29, Sunday	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>One Service followed by Annual Mtg.</b>

