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THE LEEK

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From Pastor Sue's Pen...

There are many stories at Saint David's Church and this is one of them:

In the Spring of 2008 several of the tutors at the After School Club expressed the opinion that there wasn't enough learning going on with the format we were using. In response, Jessica, World Relief Family Services Director, and Marilyn of Saint David's, a long-time elementary school teacher in Aurora, designed a reading program that teaches word recognition, reading, and composition. Each dimension of reading has its own station, staffed by volunteer tutors.

Fall of 2008 saw the elementary school children divided into first through third and fourth through fifth grades with each group attending every other week. The children moved from station to station week after week as we wondered, "Will this work? Will this help children from many different lands learn to read and write English?"

About half way through the school year, we got an answer when one of the mothers approached Jessica at the beginning of a session. Since I was speaking with Jessica at that moment, I was privileged to hear the mother's enthusiastic praise.

As her son sped off to find his seat, she told us that he, a fifth grader, had been struggling a great deal with English. He (let's call him Johnny) had been refusing to write compositions at school and persisted in reading the simplest of books. She had feared that he would need to repeat fifth grade, further undermining his self-confidence.

But what a difference there was now! Suddenly, Johnny was writing terrific stories. They weren't always grammatically correct but he was expressing himself openly. He had also begun reading for enjoyment and was drawing ever-nearer to reading at grade level! Johnny was transformed from a non-participating, withdrawn child to one who enthusiastically took an active part in learning.

Hundreds of children who came to the United States speaking little or no English have been helped in the years Saint David's has been hosting After School/Heroes'/Reading Clubs. Johnny's story is representative of many success stories. It is one of the important ways Saint David's is making a difference in our neighborhood and the larger community.

MANY THANKS TO:

Jim for continuing to fill in on the Thursday morning cleaning crew.

DANCE LESSONS

Salsa and Merengue dance classes will be offered at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Aurora on Thursday evenings (dates to be determined). Cost is \$5 per person per class. Please let Denise know by July 5 if you are interested in attending.

FESTIVAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Fine Arts Festival Planning Committee will meet in the church undercroft on Sunday, July 12 at 8:00 a.m.

OUTDOOR CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday, July 18 beginning at 8:00 a.m. Please bring yard waste bags, gloves, rakes, shovels, pruners, etc.

CANAPES & CONVERSATION

All adults of the parish are invited to attend Canapés & Conversation events. These evenings are a great opportunity to spend time with your Saint David's friends in a casual atmosphere. Please bring finger food and a beverage of your choice.

Jill will host Canapés & Conversation on Saturday, July 25 beginning at 5:00 p.m.

If you are interested in hosting a Canapés & Conversation event in September or October please call Susan.

FRONT DOORS RENOVATION

Those interested in serving on this committee please call the office or talk with one of the wardens before August 1.

DIOCESAN NEWSPAPER, *THE ADVANCE*

If you do not receive this publication and would like to be added to the mailing list, please contact the church office.

SERVER SCHEDULE

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

MEMORIAL GARDEN HELP

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

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 July 26, and August 16.

Dates available for candle sign up are July 5, 12, 19, and August 16, 23, 30.

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.

TREASURER'S UPDATE

The people of Saint David's continue to show their strong support for their church. Pledges have continued to come in each week, which enables us to meet our expenses. Keeping pledges current helps not only Saint David's, but the work of the Diocese, as well.

We have received donations from the ECW / St. Elizabeth's Guild. Our fund-raisers thus far have brought us half way to our budgeted income in that category. But, the church will rely heavily on our remaining fund-raisers for 2009 to help with our deficit.

One of the most noted changes is that of Pastor Sue's health insurance plan. Pastor Sue and Rick have chosen to take a different health package in order to reduce our insurance costs. With this change, Saint David's will see a reduction of roughly \$6,000 in our current deficit for 2009.

The kitchen remodeling is taking shape. The entire project so far has been funded *solely* by memorial money.

Saint David's Endowment Fund est. 2008 has a current balance of \$1,024.96. This money must have vestry approval before funds can be used for any reason.

Flowers and candles for the altar each week are paid for by donations to the Altar Guild.

Our vestry meets the third Tuesday of each month. Meetings are open to everyone. Parishioners are welcome to come and listen, and to give input and ideas.

The monthly Treasurer's Reports are available to anyone at anytime. Call the office to request a copy.

Thank you,
Sheila

RESERVE THE DATE!

Saint David's will be holding the Fall Fine Arts Festival and Fundraiser on **Saturday, November 7**. We're seeking works of art created or donated by parishioners for a silent auction. We are inviting musicians and dancers to share their talents at the event also. Please consider creating, donating or sharing your talents with us to benefit Saint David's. Contact Denise with any questions or to join in the planning. Thanks.

BENEFIT FOR DAN KENNEAVY

Audrey's grandson, Dan, has been battling a rare childhood bone cancer since his diagnosis in the summer of 2006, shortly after his 17th birthday. A benefit in his honor and to help the family offset medical expenses will be held on Saturday, August 22 at the Timber Rattlers game in Appleton, WI. A flier with more information on how to purchase tickets or to send a donation is posted on the bulletin board at the back of church.

ADOPT-A-PLOT

A copy of Saint David's grounds with areas that need attention throughout the growing season is in the narthex. Please sign up at the back of church to care for one of these "plots." Weeding, raking, trimming, etc. can be done whenever it is convenient for you.

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.

TAX DEDUCTION INFORMATION

Did you know that in *addition* to your pledge, other donations to Saint David's Church can be deducted for tax purposes? Receipts for purchases made for Saint David's benefit can be turned in to the office. Donations will be recorded throughout the year on your quarterly statements as a *donation* that is *in addition* to your annual pledge.

iGive.com

Who hasn't uttered the word, "I wish there was something I could do to help?" Now you can. Start shopping!

At www.iGive.com/StDavidsEpiscopalofAurora you can buy the items you've always wanted only without the guilt.

It's FREE, no invisible costs or tricky obligations. Shop for everyday items at the over 650 stores at the Mall at iGive.com, like Barnes & Noble, Lands' End, Best Buy, and Neiman Marcus. Up to 26% or more of each purchase is donated to Saint David's.

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www.goodsearch.com

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.

DIOCESAN CONVENTION

November 20 & 21, 2009
Westin Hotel, 70 Yorktown Center, Lombard
Early bird registration \$30 before September 18, after that date \$55. Online registration www.episcopalchicago.org

FEAST OF ST. ANNE OPEN HOUSE

The Order of St. Anne will hold an open house reception on Sunday, July 26, 2009, from 12:30 – 3:30 p.m. at the Convent of St.

Anne, 1125 N. LaSalle St, Chicago (parking in church lot).

E-mail: orderofstanne@gmail.com

ONE SMALL CHURCH

By Audrey

One small church
T'aint hardly worth countin'
Way out there
In the shadow of the mountain.

One small church
By the rushin' water
Stand o' trees
River birch, sez my daughter.

Columbine
Stony path with ivy
Dappled light
And ramblin' roses lively.

Well, they come
Folks from all the valley
From the hills . . .
To this one small church they rally.

Help they give
If whenever needed
With their love
To plow a field or seed it.

God's love lives
In this less perfect place
Where bein' kind
To neighbor brings HIS special grace.

One small church
Of love there's a fountain.
The Word alive
In the shadow of the mountain.

"FOX VALLEY KIDS" COUPON BOOKS

The Fox Valley Park District offers discount coupon booklets to Fox Valley Park District youth that may be experiencing economic hardship. "Fox Valley Kids" booklets are available at 712 S. River St. in Aurora. They cost \$10 and offer free admission coupons to the Aurora water parks and Blackberry Farm

anytime this summer. Talk to Pastor Sue if you have questions or call 630 897-0516 for more information.

GOLDEN DINER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to deliver senior meals in the West Aurora area. Route time involved is normally one to two hours. Meals are picked up between 10:00 and 10:30, Monday through Friday. Please call Barbara after 1:00 p.m. at 630-232-6676 if you can help.

REP. FOSTER NEIGHBORHOOD HOURS

Representative Bill Foster will have staff members visit communities throughout the 14th Congressional District to assist residents with problems they may be having with the federal government or to answer questions about important issues. The location for this area is the West Branch of the Aurora Public Library at 233 South Constitution Drive, from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month from July through December. A Spanish speaking staff member will be available.

CITY WIDE WORSHIP GATHERING

Churches in the Fox Valley area will "Celebrate Jesus Together" on Sunday, August 16, 2009 in Aurora's McCarty Park, from 4:00- 6:00 p.m.

FOSTER FAMILIES NEEDED

Illinois Department of Children & Family Services is seeking foster families willing to open their homes to sibling groups of three or more, teenagers and Spanish speaking children. Please contact foster parent licensing representatives, Richard at 630-844-8962 or Lydia at 630-844-8961.

14th ANNUAL SENIOR LIFESTYLE EXPO

Working harder to make aging easier! A great opportunity for a fun and informative outing. Wednesday, September 2 and Thursday, September 3, 2009 – 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Drury Lane Oakbrook Terrace. New and exciting happenings at this year's Expo include the 4th Annual "Senior Idol" competition and bargain Expo pricing of Drury Lane's production of "*Cabaret*" on Wednesday, September 2 at 1:30 p.m. For more information call 630-293-5990 or visit their website at www.SeniorLifestyleExpo.org.

SUNDAYS

Holy Eucharist	8:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist	9:15 a.m.
Coffee Hour	Following 9:15 a.m. service

LAYING ON OF HANDS

Usually the first Sunday of
the month after each service

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

July

July 1,2,3, Wednesday-Friday		Vacation Bible School (First Baptist)
July 1, 29, Wednesdays	6:30 p.m.	Daughters of the King, rectory
July 3, Friday	5-6 p.m.	Family Time VBS (First Baptist)
July 5, Sunday	After Services	Laying on of Hands
July 7,14,21, Tuesdays	12-6 p.m.	World Relief Elementary Summer Club
July 8,15,22,29, Wednesdays	6:30-8:30 p.m.	World Relief High School Summer Club
July 9,16,23, Thursdays	12-5 p.m.	World Relief Middle School Summer Club
July 12, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Fine Arts Festival Planning Meeting, undercroft
July 15, Wednesday		August Leek articles due
July 18, Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Outdoor Clean Up Day
July 21, Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Vestry
July 23, Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Liturgy Meeting at Sally's
July 25, Saturday	5-8 p.m.	Canapés & Conversation at Jill's
July 28, Tuesday	12-6 p.m.	World Relief Elem. & Middle School (Field Trip)
July 30, Thursday	10 a.m.-noon	Sandwich Board set-up
	Noon - 2 p.m.	Sandwich Board serve & clean-up

WORLD RELIEF SUMMER CLUBS – How Can I Help?

- ❑ Volunteer during at least 2 summer club sessions. Many helpers needed! (Required volunteer meeting Tuesday, June 30, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Saint David's)
- ❑ Drive World Relief or personal vehicle to provide transportation to / from clubs (70% of refugee students need transportation).
- ❑ Help plan and create crafts and recreational activities for elementary clubs.
- ❑ Make a donation to World Relief Aurora to support the cost of summer programming (we need about \$3,000!).
- ❑ Provide snacks (one day of summer club = 50-60 individual snacks & Juice boxes).

Contact Jessica if you have questions, 630-906-9546 or jdelp@wr.org

