

# Saint David's Episcopal Church

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

Saint David's will be hosting a health fair on June 6<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 to 5:00 p.m.

What an exciting opportunity to serve the Aurora community and bring others into our church!

Various organizations will set up to distribute information on topics like heart health, aging issues, nutrition, and many more.

There will be wellness check-ups such as blood pressure readings, diabetes tests, dental and eye exams.

Three talks will be given during the course of the afternoon (times have not yet been set): Nutrition for vegetarians, nutrition for omnivores, and immigration issues.

The new pastor of Getsemani Congregation, Pastor Archie, shares my excitement. Our two congregations will be working together to make this new venture a success.

Best of all, everything will be FREE.

Healthy refreshments like real fruit juice and turkey hot dogs will be available at a reasonable price.

Mark your calendars for June 6<sup>th</sup> and plan to spend at least part of the afternoon learning about how you can be more healthy!

The following poem was shared by The Rev. Dr. John Moulton when he visited Saint David's representing Food for the Poor. The gentleman that wrote the poem lives at St. Monica's House, a home for people with Hansen's Disease (modern term for leprosy), supported by Food for the Poor, Inc. He is mostly blind, needs help walking, doesn't have all his fingers or toes, and has many skin lesions all over his body. Yet, he can still write a poem like this.

### **Drinking from My Saucer**

I have never made a fortune, and it's probably too late now.  
I don't worry about it much, I'm happy anyhow.  
As I go along life's journey, reaping more than I have sowed,  
I'm drinking from my saucer 'cause my cup has overflowed.

I don't have a lot of riches, and sometimes the going is tough.  
I have a family that loves me, and that is quite enough.  
I thank God for His blessings and His mercies He's bestowed.  
I'm drinking from my saucer, 'cause my cup has overflowed.

I remember times when things went wrong, my faith got a little thin.  
Then all at once the dark clouds broke, and the sun peeked through again.  
Lord, please help me not to gripe about the tough rows I have hoed.  
I'm drinking from my saucer, 'cause my cup has overflowed.

If God gives me strength and courage when my way grows steep and tough,  
I'll not ask for other blessings. I'm already blessed enough.  
May I never be too busy to help another bear his load.  
I'll keep drinking from a saucer, 'cause my cup has overflowed.

#### **MANY THANKS TO:**

Maryellen for making the beautiful quilt for Saint Elizabeth's Guild / ECW to raffle off last month.

All who provided the scrumptious items for the Saint Elizabeth's Guild / ECW Bake Sale on Easter Sunday and to those who bought them.

Saint David's Altar Guild and Liturgy Committee for their extra hours of service during Lent, Holy Week, and Easter.

Sally and helpers for coordinating the Easter egg hunt.

George & Greg, Jill, Rick & Pastor Sue, Jeff N., and Murray for felling the dead tree in the church's side yard.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

Ange, Allison, Jillian n, Amanda, Megan, and Elois who made their First Communion on Easter Sunday.

#### **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, May 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **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.

## **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 are 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. Sign-up sheets to volunteer are in the narthex and undercroft.

## **PENNIES FOR PADS**

The Sunday school children will collect "Pennies for Pads" through May 10<sup>th</sup>. Their goal is to collect \$90.00, which will enable Hesus House to purchase one mattress, or several sets of sheets. A coin jar will be available for donations during coffee hour or you may place an envelope marked "Pennies for Pads" in the offertory plate.

## **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 May 10 and 31, or June 14. Dates available for candle sign up are June 14 and 28.

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.

## **EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW)**

Saint Elizabeth's Guild / ECW will meet at Saint David's on Sunday, 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.

## **UNITED THANK OFFERING**

Our spring United Thank Offering (UTO) will be taken on May 17 at both services. Every day when you say your prayers and are thankful for the blessings of your life put a few coins into a UTO box. Then bring the offering in. Money is distributed in grants throughout the world.

## **SUMMER SCHEDULE**

The summer schedule will begin on Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. One service at 9:00 a.m. with coffee hour following and no Christian Education classes on Sundays during the summer. Laying on of Hands will follow the 9:00 a.m. service on the first Sunday of each summer month.

## **ARTISTS, ARTISANS, & ART LOVERS!**

Saint David's will be holding the Fall Fine Arts Festival and Fundraiser in October. (Date not yet finalized.) 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.

### **“HEAR WHAT GOD IS UP TO TODAY, IN THE HOLY LAND”**

Come find out what Christians are doing in Jerusalem. Please join us on Friday, May 8 at 6:30 p.m. for dinner and program at Grace Episcopal Church in Oak Park. Suggested donation is \$10. RSVP by May 1 to Rev. Jackie Lynn at [jlynn@saintjamescathedral.org](mailto:jlynn@saintjamescathedral.org)

Phoebe Griswold, president-elect of American Friends, will talk about the ways in which the Diocese of Jerusalem is reaching out to those in need and making connections for a lasting peace. The Rev. Dr. Donald Wagner, professor and director for the Center of Middle Eastern Studies, North Park University, will talk about the role of the church in peacemaking in the Holy Land and the Christian voice there.

### **FROM THE ARCHIVES**

Twenty years ago this spring, the pipe organ at Saint David's was installed. It was dedicated May 21, 1989, during a recital by Dr. Robert Reeves, professor of organ and music literature at Northern Illinois University. About 200 attended the recital. A reception in the undercroft, sponsored by Saint Elizabeth's Guild, followed the recital.

A pipe organ fund had been started at Saint David's early on and, by 1986, it had grown to more than \$15,000 through contributions and memorials. In April 1986, when an anonymous donor pledged substantial support, Father McAdams reported the parish had an opportunity to obtain a new, custom-designed organ. Paul M., who for years had represented the pipe organ builder, Casavant Freres of Montreal, contacted tracker organ

builders for bids on a “basic” ten-stop instrument. The bid from Martin Ott of St. Louis seemed most reasonable at \$85,000. Unfortunately, within a period of weeks, the initial pledge dissolved. However, two other parishioners came forward with pledges of significant memorial gifts and the minimum goal of \$85,000 for the ten-stop organ was again met. Then, a third donor offered to match, dollar-for-dollar, contributions up to \$10,000 and so \$20,000 in donations from Saint David's parishioners was actively sought to “finish” the organ with additional stops.

To help in soliciting funds in the organ drive, a six-page booklet was produced that answered questions about pipe organs in general, described the proposed new organ, and contained information about the builder. Audrey R. sketched the organ pictured on the booklet's cover. In addition to the three donations mentioned above, 22 parish families and friends donated \$23,000. To curtail some installation costs, Paul M. worked with the organ builder for two weeks. The memorials and donors to the organ drive, and donors to the original pipe organ fund, are given on plaques that hang on the rear wall of the nave.

The organ consists of two manuals and a pedal division; it has 17 stops and 20 ranks, and a total of 962 pipes. The façade pipes are of polished tin and the organ's red oak case, designed by the builder, is finished in a light stain to blend with the furniture of the church but to be “visible” in the darker balcony. The organ's tonal design is based on Germanic principles.

In the bottom manual (the Hauptwerk) are 476 pipes: Prinzipal, Rohrflöte, Oktave, Waldflöte, Mixtur, and Trompete. In the top manual (the Hinterwerk) are 336 pipes: Holzgedackt, Blockflöte, Prinzipal, Terz, Quinte, and Krummhorn. One hundred fifty pipes are in the pedal division: Subbass, Spitzprinzipal, Choralbass, Flöte, and Fagott. There is a tremulant affecting the entire organ. Couplers couple the top to the

bottom manual and both the top and bottom manuals to the pedal division. The top manual has louvers, operated by the organist, to soften the tonal volume. The organ is also equipped with a cymbalstern (little bells).

Kate

### **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.

### **EUCHRE TOURNAMENT A SUCCESS**

The Euchre night brought in **\$328.00** for our church’s general fund. Thank you to every person who helped in any way . . . whether it be donating food, door prizes or time.

A good time was had by all. We even had two of our youth join in with each of them having as much fun as the adults!

Thanks again for your support.

Sheila & Sam

### **MEMORIAL GARDEN HELP**

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

### **KIDS KOLUMN**

The children prayed the Stations of the Cross to help us connect to Jesus’ last day of life. We had a good discussion afterwards as to how Jesus is also very human—and did definitely feel the pain and agony while carrying the cross. And, especially being crucified! God’s plan for Jesus was to die for us. We talked about the range of emotions that we go through during Holy Week, from

very happy on Palm Sunday, to being sad on Good Friday, and then thankful and joyful on Easter!

Mr. R. helped us make rosaries during the month of April. We have learned yet another way to pray. Thank you to Mr. R. for his time with this project.

Our last day of Sunday School will be May 17<sup>th</sup>. We will end the year with our ice cream social. We hope you will all come down to the church basement after the 10:00 service to help us celebrate another fantastic year.

The teachers of Saint David’s would like to thank everyone for their continued support of our children. These children are the future of this church!

Thank you. And God Bless.

Karen, Eric, Marie, Sally, and Sheila

### **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.

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purchase is donated to Saint David's.

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## **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.

## **NEED HELP GOING GREEN?**

The Sugar Grove Chamber of Commerce is  
presenting a series of seminars focusing on  
Living Green. Registration may be done  
online at [info@sugargrovehamber.org](mailto:info@sugargrovehamber.org) or by  
calling the Chamber office 630-466-7895.  
The May 7 seminar takes place at the Fox  
Club Restaurant at Bliss Creek Golf Club 1  
Golfview Lane, Sugar Grove, IL 60554 and  
the May 14 seminar is a tour of a \$5 Million  
"Green" house in St. Charles, Illinois, 6N558  
Kim Lane, St. Charles, IL 60175. Please join  
us for:

- May 7, 2009 Going Green at your  
Business
- May 14, 2009 The Ultimate Green  
Mansion

Registration and Breakfast is 7:30am to  
8:00am, 8:00am to 9:30am speech, and if you  
want to stick around there are question and  
answer times from 9:30am to 10:00am.

The fee for attending is \$15 for one seminar,  
\$25 for two seminars or for 2 people to attend  
one seminar. Continental breakfast is  
included in the entry fee.

The speakers are exceptional and will help  
with whatever questions you may have about  
the HOT topic of Going Green. The experts  
will even address the cost of going green.

## **TEA PARTY SUPPORTS MUTUAL GROUND**

All ladies are invited to attend the Mad  
Hatter's Tea Party at Calvary Episcopal  
Church, Batavia on Saturday, May 9 at 3 p.m.  
Prizes awarded for best hats in a variety of  
categories! Proceeds support Calvary's  
outreach to Mutual Ground, a shelter for  
victims of domestic violence & sexual assault.  
Suggested donation for the event is \$10, and  
advance registration is required. Register by  
calling 630-879-3378 or at [www.calvary-episcopal.org](http://www.calvary-episcopal.org)  
under "special events"

## **FOOD PANTRY BENEFIT FASHION SHOW**

The Aurora Area Interfaith Food Pantry will  
present "Lookin' Fine in 2009" luncheon and

fashion show on Saturday, May 16, 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the Fox Valley Country Club, 2500 N. Route 25, North Aurora. Reservations are \$35 per person or \$315 to host a table of ten and can be made by calling the Pantry at 630-897-2127.

## SUNDAYS

Holy Eucharist	8:00 a.m. (through May 24)
Christian Education	9:00 a.m. (through May 17)
Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m. (beginning May 31)
Holy Eucharist	10:00 a.m. (through May 24)

## LAYING ON OF HANDS

Usually the first Sunday of  
the month after each service

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

### May

May 1, 15, Fridays	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Group
May 3, Sunday	After Services	Laying on of Hands
	After 2 <sup>nd</sup> Service	Pancake Breakfast
May 5, Tuesday	6:30–8:30 p.m.	Basement Sale set up
May 5,12,19,26, Tuesdays	3:00 p.m.	Children's Bible study class
May 6, Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Liturgy Committee meets at Sally's
May 6,13,20,27, Wednesdays	6:30 p.m.	W.R. High School students meet to go to IMSA
May 7,14,21,28, Thursdays	11:30 a.m.	Ladies' Tea Time (5/7 at rectory)
May 7, Thursday	Noon–3:00 p.m.	Basement Sale set up
May 9, Saturday	9 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Basement Sale
May 13, Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	DOK at rectory
May 15, Friday		June Leek articles due
May 16, Saturday		Saint David's Taco de Mayo
	5:00 p.m.	U2charist, Grace, Oak Park
May 17, Sunday	Both Services	UTO Collection
	9:00 a.m.	Saint Elizabeth's Guild / ECW Meeting
	After 2 <sup>nd</sup> Service	Last day of Sunday School until fall
	7:00 p.m.	Ice Cream Social
May 19, Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Kensington Lakes Homeowner Association
May 23, Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Vestry
May 31, Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Yard clean up and cook out

### **SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS**

### June

June 5, 19, Fridays	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Group
June 6, Saturday	12:30 – 5:00 p.m.	Health Fair at Saint David's
June 7, Sunday	After Service	Laying on of Hands
		Picnic with World Relief
June 8, Monday		Cougars Baseball Game
June 15, Monday		July Leek articles due
June 16, Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Vestry

