

SAINT DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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THE LEEK

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From Pastor Sue's Pen...

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

Under the influence of Cathie E. and others, a ministry was established years ago to assist the children at McCleery School. Since Cathie was a professional educator, she realized the importance of early reading and volunteers were soon listening to first-graders read on a weekly basis. For a few years, our volunteers followed a first-grade class as they moved up the grades, but it was decided that first-grade is the place we are needed most. Kate M. is the one person who has faithfully carried on this ministry year after year, although I have been involved on and off, usually focusing on special cases such as new students who do not yet speak English.

Several new ministries to McCleery School (located a block and a half East of Saint David's on Illinois Avenue) developed concurrently as the needs of the students became apparent.

Every Fall, members of Saint David's gather school supplies for first grade classes. Those who are able to do so often buy everything on the list, while some concentrate on a particular item, for example, soft facial tissue for those little noses. School supplies are already on sale since classes begin August 19th! A list of supplies is included in the Leek.

As the weather gets cold, we collect hats, scarves, and mittens for students who otherwise wouldn't have them. Some are too poor to purchase these "extras" for their children. Others are experiencing frigid weather for the first time. Because of that, we sometimes also donate socks and underwear so the kids will be as comfortable as possible. Occasionally McCleery staff will notice that new families need many clothing items to be comfortable. On those occasions, they are referred to the Clothes Closet at Saint David's, operated by Wayside Cross Ministries.

We also purchase a book for each first grade student, wrap, beribbon them and hand them out at the class Christmas parties. Finally, (at least for now), we pay for one or more buses so the little kids can have a field trip in the spring.

Countless children have enjoyed better quality of life because Saint David's—YOU—care.

MANY THANKS TO:

Steve and the men for the breakfasts they've prepared on several Sunday mornings.

EPISCOPAL DAY AT GREAT AMERICA

Episcopal Day at Six Flags Great America in Gurnee is Tuesday, August 11. A ticket booth for Episcopalians will be staffed from 9 to 11 a.m. in front of the park entrance. Tickets are \$30 (under age 3 free). Meal deal \$10.50 in advance, \$11 on site. Eucharist will be celebrated at 5:00 p.m. in the Wilderness Theater. **Deadline to order tickets is August 1.** Call or email for more information. Sue Cromer at (312) 751-6722 or scromer@episcopalchicago.org

BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR

For the past 15 years Project Unity, an anti-violence group, has held a Back to School Fair at which about 3000 sets of school supplies are distributed to low-income families. Participants also receive information about 50+ social services agencies and have an opportunity to get school physicals, immunizations and dental screenings. This year's fair will be on Saturday, August 8 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Harkness Community Center located at 60 S. Fourth St. in Aurora.

The success of the fair depends on the efforts of many volunteers on the day of the fair and the days leading up to the fair. One of the ways Saint Davidians can be of assistance is to provide rides for refugee families within our parish or those who live close to the church. The best time to provide rides would be in the afternoon between 1 and 3 p.m. In the afternoon it should take about 1-1/2 hours to pick up the family, wait for them to receive

their supplies and then give them a ride home. If this is something you might be able to assist with please contact Denise. If you

are interested in other Back to School Fair volunteer opportunities contact Denise also.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

The next Ladies Night out is scheduled for Tuesday, August 11th, at 6:00 p.m. We will be meeting at Applebee's located at 1690 S. Randall Rd., Geneva, IL (630-232-2280). They have a large and varied menu to choose from so you'll be sure to find something you like! Come join us for friendly conversation and good food. Hope to see you there. Any questions, please contact Evelyn.

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.

Pastor Sue and Rick will host Canapés & Conversation on Saturday, August 15 beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the rectory.

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

COUNTERS

Counters signed up for August are:

August 2	Rogera, Hap
August 9	<u> ? </u> , <u> ? </u>
August 16	<u> ? </u> , <u> ? </u>

August 23 ? , ?
August 30 ? , ?

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

MEMORIAL GARDEN HELP

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

MCCLEERY SCHOOL SUPPLIES

We will collect school supplies again this year for McCleery Elementary School first graders as part of our outreach program. Please bring your contributions by August 16 and put them in the basket in the Narthex. Thank you for your generosity. Items requested are:

- Kleenex (large box)
- Fiskars scissors, large or small
- Red double bottom pocket folders
- Tote bag or back pack
- #2 pencils
- Crayola crayons 24 count
- 12 inch ruler (inches and metric)
- Pink eraser
- School box. 5" x 8"
- Ziploc bags (gallon size)
- Glue sticks
- Water color paint set
- Yellow wide highlighters

SERVER SCHEDULE

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

FRONT DOORS RENOVATION

Those serving on this committee are Steve, Patti, Hap, Cynthia, and Susan. Please call the office if you'd like to join them.

BIKES NEEDED!

Transportation for new refugee families and individuals is always an issue. Bicycles can solve some of those issues and get someone to the grocery store or even to their work. Please look in your garage and the garages of other family, friends, and neighbors (with their permission, of course!) and see if there are any bicycles just resting in a corner with nothing to do. Then call Gail at World Relief Aurora (630-906-9546, extension 35) to arrange a drop off/pick up. Thanks so much for looking!..Gail

SANCTUARY CANDLE INCREASE

Due to rising costs, the price of giving the sanctuary candle will be raised to \$6.00 effective August 2nd.

FLOWER & CANDLE SIGN UP

Flower and candle sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board in the parlor. Remaining dates open for this year are listed below. Please sign up for any of these dates you would like reserved.

Flowers: August 16, November 1, 8.

Sanctuary Candle: August 16, 23, 30, October 11, 25, November 1, 15, 29, December 6, 20, 27.

The cost for donating flowers is \$25 and the candle is \$6. 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.

BENEFIT FOR DAN

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. Requests for tickets (\$30) or donations to the DGK Benefit may be sent to World Series of Benefits, P.O. Box 185, Oak Creek, WI 53154. A flier with more information is posted on the bulletin board at the back of church.

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

WHOSE CHURCH IS IT ANYWAY?

The Diocese of Chicago's Office of Christian Formation is again hosting the Whose Church Is It Anyway? conference for Province V on **Friday August 28 and Saturday August 29**. The conference will include over 30 formation learning opportunities, a keynote speaker, worship and prayer activities, as well as social events. Workshop topics include a focus on Journey to Adulthood, Youth Ministries, Catechesis and Godly play, Revisiting Via Media Values, Rotation, MGD's and Confirmation with some new workshops on Creative and Children's Liturgies, Nooma, and using Face Book and Twitter. Anyone working in formation is encouraged to attend.

Keynote speaker, Rev. Nadim Nassar, a Syrian and an Anglican priest and a co-founder of the Awareness Foundation, will be speaking about religious conflict throughout the world and Middle East in particular and the Awareness Foundation.

Please talk to Pastor Sue if interested in attending and/or register online.

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.

SALSA & MERENQUE DANCE CLASSES

Classes will be given at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Aurora on four Thursday evenings beginning August 6 at 7:00 p.m. Come to any or all. Cost of each class is only \$5 per person. Call Denise if you have questions.

FREE RESUME WRITING WORKSHOP

Wesley United Methodist Church, 14 N. May St., Aurora is hosting a workshop for people who are in the job market for whatever reason (layoff, recent college graduate, etc.) and need help writing a resume or preparing for job interviews. There is no fee to attend. The two session workshop will be Wednesdays, August 5 & 12, from 7 – 9 p.m. For more information call 630-896-1033.

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.

FREE SENIOR LIFESTYLE EXPO TICKETS

Free tickets to this event are available in Saint David's office.

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.

THE REV. BEN LONG

Father Ben Long called Saint David's recently. Having completed seminary this spring, Ben is the Priest-in-charge at Saint Paul's parish in Houston, Texas. You might also like to know that Ben, now thirty-one years old, has been happily married for four years. He especially asked that his greetings be conveyed to all the folks at Saint David's.

PILGRIMAGE TO ENGLAND

The Rev. Gwynne Wright will lead a pilgrimage to sacred sites in England September 14 – 25. Sites include Salisbury and Winchester cathedrals, Canterbury Cathedral, Norwich Cathedral, the Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham, and London. The price of \$2,495 includes double room accommodations, meals, motorcoach transportation, and entrance fees. For more information contact the Rev. Gwynne Wright (630) 830-7905 gwynne.wright@sbcglobal.net

MAGNETIC CHURCH CONFERENCE

The Evangelism Commission of The Episcopal Diocese of Chicago is pleased to announce that noted evangelist Andrew Weeks will be presenting a Magnetic Church Conference on November 6 & 7, 2009 at Trinity Episcopal Church, 218 E. Benton St., Aurora, IL. The Magnetic Church Conference is non-confrontational, practical evangelism to help churches attract and retain new members. Registration forms will be available shortly through the diocesan website; meanwhile, to learn more about his ministry, Andy invites you to log onto www.magnetic-church.com.

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.

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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!

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

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SMILE VIRUS ☺ by Russel H. Conwell

Smiling is infectious, you catch it like the flu. When someone smiled at me today, I started smiling, too. I passed around the corner and

someone saw my grin, when he smiled, I realized I'd passed it on to him! I thought about that smile and then realized its worth, a single smile, just like mine, could travel round the earth. So, if you feel a smile begin, don't leave it undetected, let's start an epidemic quick, and get the world infected!

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.

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.

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.

CHURCH SUPPLIES

If you use the last of a church supply item, such as the last garbage bag, light bulb, bottle of juice, etc., please notify the church office at 896-7229 so the appropriate person can be notified to restock the supply.

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?

August

Aug. 2, Sunday	After Services After 2 nd Service	Laying on of Hands Breakfast by Men's Group
Aug. 6,13,20,27, Thursdays	7:00 p.m.	Dance Classes at Our Savior Lutheran Church
Aug. 8, Saturday	10a.m.-3p.m.	Back to School Fair (see article on page 2)
Aug. 11, Tuesday		Episcopal Day at Six Flags Great America
Aug. 13, Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Ladies Night Out, Applebee's, Geneva
Aug. 15, Saturday	6:30 p.m.	Liturgy Meeting at Sally's
Aug. 16, Sunday	5-8 p.m.	September Leek articles due
Aug. 22, Saturday	4-6 p.m.	Canapés & Conversation at the rectory
Aug. 28,29, Fri. & Sat.	9 a.m. - 2 p.m.	City Wide Worship Gathering, McCarty Park
Aug. 29, Saturday		Vestry Retreat
		Whose Church Is It Anyway?
		Hawaiian Luau Murder Mystery (watch bulletins)

September

Sept. 6, Sunday	After Services	Laying on of Hands
Sept. 12, Saturday		Hike for Hessed
Sept. 13, Sunday	FALL SCHEDULE RESUMES	
	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service with Holy Eucharist
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service with Holy Eucharist
	After 2 nd Service	Breakfast by Men's Group
Sept. 15, Tuesday		October Leek articles due
	7:00 p.m.	Vestry
Sept. 19, Saturday		ECW Diocesan Fall Forum
Sept. 20, Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Saint Elizabeth's Guild / ECW Meeting
Sept. 26, Saturday		Basement Sale

