



# Saint David's Episcopal Church

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## *The Leek*

JANUARY 2011

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

Looking back over the holiday season just past, I'm amazed by the generosity of Saint Davidians.

Actually, the spurt of largesse began before Thanksgiving with our annual fundraiser. Not only did our congregation and some of the folks associated with us donate art for the silent auction (and buy it.), but the a Capella singers from West High School and their teacher, Meg, charmed us. In addition, Rosalie, professional organist par excellence, donated the playing of musical selections.

Early December saw a Holiday Bake Sale, coordinated by Saint Elizabeth's Guild / ECW on a Sunday morning; y'all chipped in to buy books for the first-graders at McCleery School so each child would have a book of his/her very own. And then you spent an hour wrapping each book individually in holiday paper.

Joy was brought to the hearts of residents at TAC II here in Aurora with a round of enthusiastic caroling on a Friday evening before Christmas; some extended a helping hand to residents at Elmwood Terrace nursing home, buying gifts for five needy people there; and we sold out of cards for digging wells in countries around the world!

Many of you purchased poinsettias and helped the altar guild to green the church for Christmas; Rosalie and the choir exceeded all expectations at Lessons and Carols; it was a GLORIOUS Christmas.

And that's not all. On December 30<sup>th</sup>, our volunteers cooked and served the meal at Trinity's Sandwich Board.

My Goodness. All I can think is, How pleased God must be!

## **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.

## **CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**

Christmas decorations in the church will be taken down on Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, following second service. Anyone that can stay and help would be greatly appreciated.

## **STEWARDSHIP**

Thank you, members of Saint David's, for your generous response to our Stewardship campaign. It is amazing to witness Our Father providing for Saint David's. This year has been one filled with financial uncertainty for our country, state, and our own households. Under such burdensome circumstances, it was heartwarming to witness our congregation committing to faith during trying times just as Our Lord Jesus Christ asked us to do. We are very blessed to share the love of friends and the opportunity to help others whose needs far exceed our own.

"Thanks Be to God" for allowing Saint David's to continue our ministry to members old and new; and to serve our community in His name.

Thank you, again, for your kind generosity and support.

Susan, Junior Warden & Stewardship Chair

## **MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. TRIBUTE**

The Aurora Community presents "Challenged By The Dream" on Monday, January 17 at the Paramount Theatre, 23 E. Galena Blvd. in Aurora. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free. The evening will feature performances by many area student groups, a combined elementary & middle school choir, Voices for Excellence Choir, poetry, community service awards, Aurora Interfaith Group, King's speeches, and a special presentation by Dr. King's Fraternity.

## **ANNUAL MEETING**

This year's Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. There will be **one worship service at 10:00 a.m.** followed by a potluck and the Annual Meeting.

## **FLOWER & CANDLE SIGN UP**

Flower and candle sign up charts for 2011 are posted on the bulletin board in the parlor. Sign up soon 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 or mailed to Saint David's, 701 N. Randall Road, Aurora, IL 60506. Checks should be made payable to Saint David's 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 a timely manner.

## **COUNTERS**

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

## **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.

## **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. An early bird discount is available, but must be paid in full by February 15. Installment payment plans and scholarships are also offered. Brochures with more information are available at the back of church.

## **ADULT LITERACY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Volunteers are needed to teach adults to read or speak English. Contact the Waubensee Community College Adult Literacy Project at 630-801-7900 ext. 4106 or 4221. Training starts January 22, 2011.

## **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.

### **[www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com)**

Help finance Saint David's ministries, for free! When you surf the web using the yahoo powered search engine: [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com)

### **[iGive.com](http://iGive.com)**

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](http://www.iGive.com/StDavidsEpiscopalofAurora).

It's FREE, no invisible costs or tricky obligations. Shop for everyday items at over 650 stores at the Mall at [iGive.com](http://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.

To learn more about [iGive.com](http://iGive.com) please visit

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## **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.

## 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?

### January

Jan. 2, Sunday		Laying on of Hands
	11:00 a.m.	Pancakes served by Men's Group
Jan. 5,12,19,26, Wednesdays	6:30 p.m.	World Relief H.S. students meet for IMSA
Jan. 6,13,20,27, Thursdays	4:30 p.m.	World Relief Reading Club
Jan. 6, 20, Thursdays	7 – 9 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry Group
Jan. 8, Saturday	1 – 4 p.m.	Basement clean up day at church
Jan. 9, Sunday	After 2 <sup>nd</sup> Service	Take down Christmas decorations
Jan. 11, Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Vestry
Jan. 15, Saturday		February Leek articles due
Jan. 17, Monday	7:00 p.m.	Martin Luther King Jr. Evening, Paramount
Jan. 30, Sunday	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>One Service followed by Annual Meeting</b>

### February

Feb. 12, Saturday		Vestry Retreat at rectory
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