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From Pastor Sue's Pen . . .

Rob Bell says that several years ago he lead a teaching series on peacemaking. One woman included in her work, which was displayed with other art & poems, a quote from Mahatma Gandhi. Someone attached a piece of paper to it that said, "Reality check: He's in hell."

Now if you don't know Rob Bell, it will help to know that he's an evangelical preacher who has a sizable church in Michigan. It's not the group that most of us Episcopalians would choose to hang out with. Generally speaking, Evangelicals are judgmental and self-righteous, sure that they belong to the "saved" few and that the rest of the world is going to hell, literally.

What's really interesting about Bell's new book is that it represents a radical departure from the Evangelical "party line." This is illustrated on the first page of chapter 1.

In response to the Gandhi note, Bell asks, "Really? Gandhi's in hell? He is? We have confirmation of this? Somebody knows this? Without a doubt?"

And from there he launches into a tremendously interesting book. Although written in simple vocabulary, there are enough scholarly underpinnings to make the book really interesting. Furthermore, there are ideas that many have entertained quietly, timid about raising questions.

I commend **Love Wins** to you. I suggest that we gather to talk about it following the 9 a.m. Service on June 19th. Let me know if you're interested.

PICNIC! – Sunday, June 5th, 4-7 p.m.

Come join us for a summer celebration. Our guests will be immigrants from many interesting places. World Relief and members of area churches will be co-hosts. Please bring a large side dish or dessert to share (please no pork), picnic blankets, and lawn chairs. Fried chicken, drinks and paper products will be provided.

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.

CANAPES & CONVERSATION

Volunteers are needed to host Canapés and Conversation this spring and summer. You only need to provide the place on a Saturday evening and the food, drinks and fun will come with your fellow Saint Davidians. This traditional get together for adults takes place on a Saturday evening of your choice between the hours of 5:00pm – 7:00pm. Everyone brings an appetizer and a drink of choice; the conversation takes care of itself. Please look for the sign up sheet in the undercroft or contact Susan if you are interested in opening your home one Saturday evening.

Jill is the first Canapés & Conversation volunteer of the season!! Jill will host on Saturday, June 11th. There will also be a house blessing by Pastor Sue. This is a special event for Jill to celebrate the beautiful restoration of her Victorian home after a tragic fire last year. Thank you, Jill, for opening your lovely home to your church family.

PENTECOST COLLECTION

A special collection for the Diocesan Endowment Fund will be taken on The Day of Pentecost, Sunday, June 12th. Checks should be made payable to the Diocese of Chicago with “Pentecost Offering” noted on the memo line and put in the offering plate. The open offering on that day will also go to this fund.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

The next Ladies Night Out will be held on Tuesday, June 14th, at 6:00 p.m. at Gen Hoe Restaurant located at 537 E. State St., in Geneva. They are located on the north side of State St. (Rt. 38), on the east side of Geneva, not in the downtown area. Their phone number is 630-232-8350.

Gen Hoe is a Chinese restaurant that has been in the Geneva area for over 25 years. They have a very diverse menu and the food is very good.

Please join us for an evening of fun and lively conversation. Any questions, please contact Evelyn.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Susan

Getsemani Congregation, who shared our sanctuary and undercroft for several years has decided to merge with another congregation, so will no longer be using our facilities. This represents a loss of \$450.00 in monthly income that is necessary to maintain our budgeted expenses. I am asking all members to prayerfully consider an increase in your pledge to help with the shortfall. If each of us contributes something, it can make a difference without creating a burden. Thank you.

STYROFOAM RECYCLING

You can recycle clean styrofoam food containers and styrofoam packaging materials at Dart Container Corp. in Aurora on Evergreen Street, which is off of Sullivan Road just west of Highland, across the railroad tracks and to the right. Drive to the end of the road and you will see two big boxes on the left. A good stewardship action!

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 on the bulletin board in the parlor. Upcoming open dates are listed below. Please sign up for any of these dates you would like reserved.

Flowers: June 12, 19, July 3, 10, 24, 31, August 7, 14, 28.

Sanctuary Candle: June 12, July 3, 10, 17, 31, August 14, 28.

The cost for donating flowers is \$25, the candle is \$6. Payments may be placed in the offering plate in an envelope addressed to the Altar Guild or mailed to Saint David's, 701 N. Randall Road, Aurora, IL 60506. Checks should be made payable to the Altar Guild 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 advance.

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.

SERVER SCHEDULE

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

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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! You can buy the items you've always wanted without the guilt at www.iGive.com/StDavidsEpiscopalofAurora.

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SUNDAYS

Holy Eucharist	8:00 a.m. (Through June 12)
Christian Education	9:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m. (Beginning June 19)
Holy Eucharist	10:00 a.m. (Through June 12)
Coffee Hour	Following 10:00 a.m. service

LAYING ON OF HANDS

Usually the first Sunday of the month during services

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

June

June 2, Thursday	7 – 9 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry Group
June 4, Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Grounds Clean Up
June 5, Sunday		Laying on of Hands
	11:00 a.m.	Pancakes served by Men's Group
	4 – 7 p.m.	Picnic
	6:30 p.m.	Kensington Lakes Homeowner Assoc.
June 7, Tuesday		Kane County Cougars Outing
June 10, Friday	12 – 2 p.m.	Women's Prayer / Bible Time (First Baptist)
June 11, Saturday	5 – 8 p.m.	Canapés & Conversation / House Blessing
June 12, Sunday		Pentecost
June 13, Monday	4:30 p.m.	World Relief volunteer training, undercroft
June 14, Tuesday	4:30 p.m.	World Relief volunteer training, undercroft
	6:00 p.m.	Ladies Night Out, Gen Hoe, Geneva
June 15, Wednesday		July Leek articles due
June 16, Thursday	7 – 9 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry Group
June 19, Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Summer schedule begins, one service
June 21, Tuesday	12:30-4:30 p.m.	World Relief summer program
	7:00 p.m.	Vestry
June 22, Wednesday	12:30-4:30 p.m.	World Relief summer program
June 23, Thursday	12:30-4:30 p.m.	World Relief summer program
June 28, Tuesday	12:30-4:30 p.m.	World Relief summer program
June 29, Wednesday	12:30-4:30 p.m.	World Relief summer program
June 30, Thursday	10 a.m.-noon	Sandwich Board set-up, Trinity
	Noon - 2 p.m.	Sandwich Board serve & clean-up, Trinity
	12:30-4:30 p.m.	World Relief summer program

