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THE LEEK

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From Pastor Sue's Pen . . .

The Vestry (the governing body/council of our church) meets twice a year in a half-day-long workshop to further the ministry of Saint David's. In February, they set goals for the first part of the year.

In formulating these goals, the Vestry used Kennon Callahan's plan and referred to our diocese's vision of "Growing the Church, Forming the Faithful, and Changing the World."

For most months there was a Special Sunday: Epiphany play, blessing of lights, Saint David's Day, Palm & Easter Sundays, & World Relief picnic.

There was a Forming the Faithful event almost every month: Lenten study, Daughters of the King, Cursillo, ECW convention, & Diocesan Leadership Conference.

Fellowship and Fundraising went hand-in-hand in the Saint Patrick's Day Feast and the Fiesta de Mayo celebration. Other Fellowship times were the Candlemas party in February and first Sunday breakfasts by the men's group. Canapes & Conversation will begin soon.

Changing the world is one of the things we've done best: Through the ECW, we raised money for mosquito nets to protect people in Africa; Marilyn designed and facilitated a fabulous reading program which benefited approximately forty refugee students throughout the school year; through the ministry of First Baptist Church, Geneva, Christian students from that group attended an after-school Bible study and their mothers attended Ladies' Tea Time at Saint David's every week to learn about living in America; people too numerous to mention have learned to drive "off hours" in our parking lot; in addition, we continue to serve at Sandwich Board and Hesed House.

We've welcomed two new families this year: Mel & Heather and Jeff, Mary Ellen, Amanda, & Megan. Congratulations on Growing the Church!

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The Vestry will meet on August 22nd to make plans and set goals through the end of the year. Let them hear from you about what programs, events, fundraisers, etc., you would like to see at Saint David's.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

College graduates Erin and Laura.

High School graduates Lys and Mike.

Jr. High graduates Savannah and Fabrice.

MANY THANKS TO:

Steve, Greg, Rick, and Murray for the pancake breakfast in May (and to Kim and Pastor Sue who helped with clean up).

Martin and Eric for Fiesta de Mayo fixin's, Kim for the tres delicioso desserts, Greg for mixing up the best margaritas, and also Willy, George, Jill, Murray, and Martin's sister.

Saint Elizabeth's Guild / ECW for their generous donation to our general fund.

Those who helped with the church clean up day: Greg and Jim for installing cabinets in the kitchen; Steve, Rick, and Murray for operating the wood chipper; Sally, Gina, Denise, Pastor Sue, Kim, and Julie for weeding; Steve, Sally, and Denise for providing lunch; George who came to cut down a tree only to find the chain saw broken.

Jim for filling in on the Thursday morning cleaning crew.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

The Liturgy Committee has decided to continue with two Sunday services although the times will change to 8:00 and 9:15 a.m. Coffee hour will follow the second service.

SERVER SCHEDULE

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

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, June 5th and 19th.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

The next Ladies Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, June 9th at 6:00 p.m. We will be meeting at Bally Doyle, 28 W. New York St. in Aurora, (630-844-0400). This Irish pub featuring great food and a nice atmosphere is west of the Hollywood Casino on the opposite side of the street. Your best parking option would be either to use the public parking garage by the casino, or park on the street.

All women from Saint David's are invited to attend and enjoy an evening of good food and great conversation. Any questions, please contact Evelyn.

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.

MEMORIAL GARDEN HELP

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

KIDS KOLUMN

May is usually a busy month and this year was no exception. Our annual outreach project "Pennies for Pads" was successful again. The Sunday School children raised \$65 for Hesed House. In addition, Girl Scout Troop 635 of Montgomery collected \$11 for Hesed House as well. A few of our girls are involved with the Girl Scouts and wanted to collect money for this good cause. Congratulations on a job well done to all of our children. This is the 5th year that we have collected money for Hesed House.

The children also wrote letters as another outreach project. My cousin, Patrick, is currently stationed in the U.S. Marines on a ship off the coast of Japan. He had just finished his tour of duty in Afghanistan. I know he will enjoy reading the messages and prayers that the children had to offer him.

Our final lessons involved Ascension Day and Pentecost. Jesus left his earthly life to join God the Father in Heaven. He sent the Holy Spirit to the apostles to help them spread the word of God.

On May 17th, we wrapped up the year with a game day. The weather cooperated and so we were able to play outdoors. Each child received their "Certificate of Recognition" for completing a year of learning and prayer at Saint David's. The "time capsules" and "new years resolutions" were handed back to the children. (I had been holding these since last September 08 and January 09, respectively.) We saved the best for last, of course. The ice cream Sundays are always a hit!!

Our best to all the families and children of Saint David's. Have a safe and fun summer. God Bless.

The Sunday School Teachers

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 June 14, July 19, 26, August 9, 16.

Dates available for candle sign up are June 14, 28, July 5, 12, 19, 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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FREE OUTDOOR MOVIES

The following movies will be shown free of charge at Phillips Park in Aurora.

- June 20 Hotel for Dogs (PG)
- June 27 Rudy (PG)
- July 11 Shrek the Third (PG)
- July 18 My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG)
- July 25 Madagascar 2 (PG)
- Aug. 1 Transformers (PG-13)
- Aug. 8 Paul Blart – Mall Cop (PG)

Pre-movie activities at 8:15 p.m. Movies start at 8:45 p.m. Bring your own seats and eats!

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?

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 Services	Laying on of Hands
	4 – 7 p.m.	Picnic with World Relief
June 8, Monday		Cougars Baseball Game
June 9, Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Ladies Night Out, Bally Doyle, Aurora
June 15, Monday		July Leek articles due
June 16, Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Vestry
June 29, 30, Monday, Tuesday		Vacation Bible School

July

July 1,2,3, Wednesday-Friday		Vacation Bible School
July 3, 17, Fridays	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Group
July 5, Sunday	After Services	Laying on of Hands
July 7,14,21, Tuesdays	1-5 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	1-5 p.m.	World Relief Middle School Summer Club
July 15, Wednesday		August Leek articles due
July 21, Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Vestry
July 30, Thursday	10 a.m.-noon	Sandwich Board set-up
	Noon - 2 p.m.	Sandwich Board serve & clean-up

