



# The Leek

SAINT DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

March 2010

## From Pastor Sue's Pen...

On Ash Wednesday, those present heard the words of invitation that begin the service: "The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith. I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word." (BCP p. 264-5)

We have already observed the First Sunday of Lent yet we will briefly depart from the solemnity of the season when we celebrate our Patronal Feast, Saint David's Day, on February 28. There will be one service at 10 a.m. and the feast will follow.

Then we return to our Lenten discipline for the remaining four weeks, the last of which is Palm Sunday. This year the beginning of the service will be Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, followed by the Passion, ending with Holy Eucharist.

The Daughters of the King are once again planning Tenebrae for Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. As each of several solemn readings is completed, a candle is extinguished until we end in darkness.

Maundy Thursday will see us beginning with an Agape meal of bread, cheese, olives, and wine. Afterwards, we'll process up to the church and participate in the readings, washing of hands, stripping of the altar, and the vigil before the Altar of Repose.

Good Friday, April 2, at 12:30 p.m. we will do the Stations of the Cross, also known as The Way of the Cross, because it follows the condemnation of Jesus and his bearing of the cross to the place of his execution. The burial service will be at 7 p.m. that evening.

Lent is not only a time of self-reflection and self-discipline, it is also a season rich in symbolism and deep emotional resonance. Perhaps it is truly the most precious because it culminates with resurrection-Jesus' and even ours if we have followed Him.

Many Thanks To:

\* *Everyone!*

Server Schedule:

*The server schedule may be viewed online. Click on [calendar](#) and then on [servers](#) on the individual dates.*

• *Counters needed:*

*For authorized counters, the sign up sheet is on the office door. 2/14 & 2/21—2 for both*

## **Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner**

Plan on joining us Saturday evening, March 13<sup>th</sup>, for a delicious corned beef and cabbage dinner served in the undercroft. Contact Murray for more information, or to volunteer your help for set-up, cooking, serving, or clean-up.

## **Lenten Discussion Series**

Everyone is invited to join our Lenten study based on the booklet The Sign of Jonah on Tuesday nights in Lent, February 23 through March 23 in the undercroft.

Soup & salad supper will be available from 6:30-7 p.m. – coordinated by Gail. Class discussion will be led by Kim from 7-8 p.m.

The book is \$2.00 per person - please see Kim to get a copy. She also has a coordinating activity/sticker book for all children that want one.

## **Kane County Cougars Baseball**



Sign up in the undercroft by March 21<sup>st</sup> if you would like tickets to attend the Kane County Cougars baseball game on Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6.00 per person. Contact Sally M. if you have questions

## **EASTER FLOWERS**

Easter is a special time to remember those we love and to give thanks for God's many blessings in our lives. Your contribution in the form of a memorial or a thank offering to the Altar Guild will help purchase Easter flowers.

Flower envelopes for this purpose will be in Sunday bulletins and at the back of church beginning the first Sunday of March. Please note on the envelope if flowers are given to the glory of God, in memory of, in thanksgiving for, etc. If you would like your donation listed on the Easter insert, it must be received by Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>.

## **EASTER EGG HUNT DONATIONS**

Donations of candy for the annual Easter egg hunt may be left by the Vestry mailboxes downstairs. Allison will be coordinating the event this year.

## **KIDS COLUMN**

We've had a busy month. We learned about "people of faith." Some people who follow Jesus help us to be better Christians. The church tries to keep the memory of these people alive. David Oakerhater was a Native American who was ordained a deacon in the Episcopal Church. Julia Emery was a missionary who started the UTO. Absalom Jones was the first African American priest in the Episcopal Church. All three of these people have their own feast day in the church.

We also spoke about the "living waters" as meaning the Holy Spirit. Jesus tells us we will never thirst again if we drink from the "living waters." God pours out the Holy Spirit in baptism.

Lastly, we joined the teen class for a lesson. We listened to their thoughts on God's grace and how to be humble. Thank you to Mr. R. and Ms. K. for having us as their guests!



### Prayer Shawl Group

The Prayer Shawl Group meets on first and third Thursday evenings of the month from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

### Saint David's Endowment Fund

Several years ago the Saint David's Endowment Fund was established. When sufficient money is in the endowment, the interest from it can be used to help support the parish. A second collection will be taken on Saint David's Day for this purpose.

Donations may be given to the Saint David's Endowment Fund at any time by placing your donation in the offering plate in an envelope marked ENDOWMENT.



### Shoes Needed

Gently used shoes of any kind are needed for McCleery Elementary School children.

### Mary Candles



Please help defray the cost of our Mary candles by putting 25 cents per candle in the slot in front of the candleholder.

### FLOWER & CANDLE SIGN UP

Flower and candle sign up sheets for 2010 are 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. 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 is 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 to place your request.

### 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.

### 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 630-896-7229 so the appropriate person can be notified to restock the supply.

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

During the fall of 1959, Saint David's vicar, Father Harvey, along with the Finance Committee, the Interiors Committee, and the Building Committee, prepared "a master list of needed additions" for our newly constructed church building. The list was mailed to the congregation in December 1959. Fifty years ago, during 1960, many of items on the list were given as memorials or gifts, and a few have interesting stories. I'm beginning this "series" with an item that didn't make it to reality—the mural on the sanctuary walls.

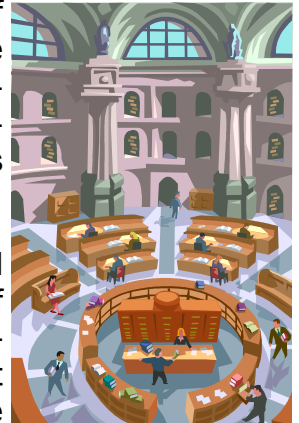
A mural is shown in the architect's rendering of the interior of the church; this depiction hangs in Saint David's narthex today. The mural was the costliest item on the 1959 list. Please note that in traditional terms, the sanctuary is the area around the altar, especially the space inside the altar rail.

In the December 1959 letter, our vicar, Father Harvey, wrote: "Plans for the baptistery are undeveloped, pending final design and installation of the mural in the sanctuary. A mural or triptych by William Moulis of Geneva is a possibility, at a cost estimated at \$5,000." Interestingly, an item in the February 3, 1960 issue of "Saint David's Messenger," our newsletter at that time, encourages attendance at "an exhibit of recent paintings by William Moulis, who has been selected to paint a mural in our sanctuary." In 1959, Father Harvey suggested the mural illustrate "the doctrines of the Apostles' Creed, to cover back and sanctuary and side walls, from baseboard to proscenium arch."

In a letter to the parish dated September 10, 1994, Father Harvey (then retired and living in Florida) described the

early design as including "frescoes of saints and angels." George Petree (founder and former parishioner) recalled in July 2000 the early suggestion of "a mosaic of icon-like figures made of porcelain tiles."

Saint David's architect was Howard Raftery, and he was a member of Saint Mark's Episcopal Church in Geneva. Father Harvey, visiting Saint David's in October 2002, said that the mural on the sanctuary's walls at Saint Mark's (the building now used as a chapel) inspired Raftery's idea for a mural at Saint David's. In fact, minus the mural, the sanctuaries are quite similar.



Kate, Archivist

PS: In 1960 at Saint David's, a wooden altar built by George Petree was being used. He said he built it to Raftery's specifications for size in the sanctuary's area, but that the table sides lacked the 10-degree slant of our altar's table sides. Our limestone altar, a memorial and built to the architect's specifications, arrived in 1962.

## EXPLORE ITALY

Aurora University's Wackerlin Center for Faith and Action is sponsoring a trip to Italy October 13-21, 2010. The trip will include visits to Rome, Siena, Florence, Ravello, Sorrento, Pompeii and the Amalfi coast. They will see Michelangelo's *David*, the Sistine Chapel in Vatican City and many other modern wonders of the world. For more information contact Teri Tomaszkiwicz at 630-844-5511 or [ttomaszk@aurora.edu](mailto:ttomaszk@aurora.edu) or visit [www.aurora.edu/italy](http://www.aurora.edu/italy).