

# Saint David's Episcopal Church

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*From Pastor Sue's Pen . . .*

Change is in the air . . .

School has started even though it still feels like summer . . .

The Vestry has decided to let New Beginnings Congregation, formerly Getsemani, worship here only on Saturday mornings 9 a.m.–12 p.m. starting on September 3 . . .

The regular schedule resumes on September 11<sup>th</sup> with mass and observation of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 911 at 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. Christian Education at 9 a.m. . . .

Beginning September 11<sup>th</sup> Rachel H. will be joining us as a deacon in training and will be with us about six months . . .

The Visioning Committee is preparing to launch a Congregation Assessment Tool (CAT) that will help us determine our on-going direction . . .

A Wednesday noon Holy Eucharist will be offered September 7<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> followed by lunch at a local restaurant . . .

Pastor Sue will be attending CREDO from September 19<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> in Del Ray Beach, FL . . .

We also look forward to a pork roast fund-raiser September 17, 5:30 – 8 p.m., Canapés & Conversation September 24 at Eric and Martin's, an outing to Morton Arboretum, and service at Sandwich Board on September 29 . . .

God bless you and yours as we go forward together . . .

## **MANY THANKS TO:**

Mary, George W., Donna, Sally B., Julie, Hogan, and Rosalie for their musical contributions to our worship services in August.

Steve A., Sally B., Kim, Hogan, Robin, and Murray for volunteering their time at the last yard clean up day.

All who made donations for purchasing school supplies in conjunction with Aurora's Back to School Fair. McCleery's entire first grade has received the required supplies because of your generosity.

Everyone who made a contribution to the West Africa Youth Association. Finda sends her thanks to Saint David's members for giving a child the opportunity to attend school this year.

## **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.

## **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.

## **WEEKDAY HOLY EUCHARIST**

Weekday Holy Eucharist will be celebrated on Wednesdays, September 7 and 28 at noon. Please call Pastor Sue if you need a ride. We'll go out for lunch afterwards. Everyone pays their own way.

## **FALL SCHEDULE RESUMES**

The fall schedule will resume on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Worship services with Holy Eucharist will be at 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Christian Education will meet at 9:00 a.m.

## **PORK ROAST FUNDRAISER DINNER**

All are invited to sit down to a home-cooked meal served at Saint David's on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Watch Sunday bulletins for information about purchasing tickets. If you'd like to help with the dinner, please contact Murray.

## **CANAPES & CONVERSATION**

The next Canapés & Conversation evening will be Saturday, September 24, at the home of Eric and Martin.

Bring a beverage and appetizer of your choice and spend a fun evening with your Saint David's friends. Call Eric for directions.

## **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.

## **COFFEE HOUR SIGN UP**

A sign up sheet for Sundays through December 25<sup>th</sup> is on the counter in the undercroft. Please sign up for dates you would like to serve.

## **MCCLEERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

By Gail

Saint David's has had a long relationship with McCleery Elementary School. We have provided school supplies, hats, scarves, and mittens, books, and money to help pay for a spring field trip. All have been very helpful to the first grade students at McCleery.

This past Friday, Denise and I were able to deliver the school supplies that Saint David's purchased through Communities in Schools. And we met all the first grade teachers. They expressed great thanks for the school supplies.

Our conversation quickly turned to the greatest need - people to take an hour each week to listen to the students read. Research shows that if a child learns to read and reads at grade level by the third grade, they have a much greater chance of success through the rest of their academic years. The teachers explained the process they've created - they have divided books by the level of difficulty and allow each student to choose one book from the box that is appropriate to their reading level. The student then takes the book to the volunteer, reads it to them, and if they were able to read all the words correctly, the volunteer signs the student's card, and the next student comes to read. It's an easy process but enormously helpful to the students.

I'm going to listen to the students read this year. And I'm inviting you to join me. Some of us are newly retired and can probably find just one hour each week. Some of us work but have flexible jobs that allow us to rearrange our start or stop time for just one day each week. Some of us have our own children in school and can probably find a time during the week

when we can help students who so need the extra help.

Please pray about whether this is something you can do to help our neighbors. If you have questions, please let me or Kate know. Kate has been a very faithful volunteer for many years and will be happy to tell you how much she enjoys spending time with the students. And when we do even the littlest thing for the "least of these", we've done it for Jesus!

## **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: September 11, 18, October 2, November 6.

Sanctuary Candle: September 18, 25, October 2, 9, November 6, 27, December 18, 25.

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.

## **BLESSING OF COMPANION ANIMALS**

Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at both services

## LADIES' NIGHT OUT

The next Ladies' Night out is scheduled for Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

We will be meeting at The Flagstone Pub, 105 W. State St., next door to the Little Owl which is located on the corner of Rt. 31 and State in Geneva. Their phone number is 630-232-7238. They have great specialty sandwiches and there is something for everyone's taste.

Please mark your calendars to join us for a great evening of food and fun! Any questions, please contact Evelyn.

## ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONVENTION

The 174<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Diocese of Chicago, *Celebrating Our Baptismal Life*, will take place on Friday and Saturday, November 18 – 19, 2011 at the Westin Lombard Yorktown Center in Lombard. Forms for registration will soon be posted on the diocesan website [www.episcopalchicago.org](http://www.episcopalchicago.org).

Westin, Lombard hotel reservations can be made now at the diocesan convention rate by calling 630-719-8000. Be sure to mention that you are attending the Diocese of Chicago Annual Convention.

## STEWARDSHIP

Senior Warden, Murray and Stewardship Chairman, Susan attended a Stewardship Conference at St. Peter's in Chicago on August 27<sup>th</sup>. The title of the conference was: *By Faith with Thanksgiving: Exploring God's Transforming Abundance*. With God's grace, the conference will refocus our hearts on giving our time, talent and treasure back to others as Our Father would have us do.

## FALL FUNDRAISER

Saint David's Fall Fundraiser / Fine Arts Festival will be held on November 5. As in years past, we will feature the talents of Saint Davidians.

- Parishioners are invited to donate works of art they have created. Each year we are amazed at the talent of the members of our own congregation. The donated works of art will be included in a silent auction. In recent years parishioners have contributed knitted and woven items, paintings, photographs and stained glass items.
- Music selections will follow the silent auction.
- Appetizers, wine and dessert provided by parishioners will top off the evening.

Tickets for the event will be available in October. Parishioners are encouraged to invite friends and family to enjoy a lovely evening of food, art, music and fellowship.

If you wish to donate / contribute an item for the fundraiser, please contact Denise. Proceeds from the ticket sales and the silent auction support the ministries of Saint David's.

## LOST AND FOUND

A silver bracelet was found. If you think it might be yours, please call the church office (630-896-7229) to identify and claim.

## [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**

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, 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 please visit [www.iGive.com/html/causefaqs2.cfm](http://www.iGive.com/html/causefaqs2.cfm)

## **WELSH CHOIR CONCERT**

St. Jerome Church and the Chicago Tafia Welsh Society invite you to come and hear renowned Welsh male voice choir, Hogia'r Ddwylan, in concert Tuesday, September 6 at 7:00 p.m. St. Jerome Church, 1709 W. Lunt in Chicago. Suggested donation is \$10. For more information on the choir see [www.hogiarddwylan.co.uk](http://www.hogiarddwylan.co.uk)

## **VERGERS' GUILD**

Vergers are dedicated lay persons who assist with the preparation and implementation of liturgy under the direction of the parish priest. The Vergers' Guild of the Episcopal Church hosts a national convention each year for those interested in this area of service. This year's convention will be September 29 through October 2 in Cleveland, Ohio. Scholarship assistance is available for first-time or youth attendees, and those with financial need. Please talk to Pastor Sue if you would like more information.

## **SUNDAYS**

### September 4

Holy Eucharist 9:00 a.m.  
Coffee Hour Following Service

### Beginning September 11

Holy Eucharist 8:00 a.m.  
Christian Education 9:00 a.m.  
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.  
Coffee Hour Following 10 a.m. service

## **LAYING ON OF HANDS**

Usually the first Sunday of the month during services

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING?**

### September

Sept. 1, Thursday	7– 9 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry Group
Sept. 4, Sunday		Laying on of Hands
Sept. 7, Wednesday	Noon	Holy Eucharist
Sept. 11, Sunday		<b>FALL SCHEDULE RESUMES</b>
	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service with Holy Eucharist
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service with Holy Eucharist
	6:30 p.m.	Kensington Lakes Homeowner Assoc.
Sept. 15, Thursday		October Leek articles due
	7– 9 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry Group
Sept. 17, Saturday	5:30 – 8 p.m.	Pork Roast Fundraiser Dinner
Sept. 20, Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Vestry
Sept. 24, Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Canapés & Conversation
Sept. 28, Wednesday	Noon	Holy Eucharist
Sept. 29, Thursday	10 a.m.-noon	Sandwich Board set-up
	Noon - 2 p.m.	Sandwich Board serve & clean-up

### October

Oct. 2, Sunday		Laying on of Hands
	During Services	Blessing of companion animals
	11:00 a.m.	Pancakes served by Men's Group
Oct. 6, Thursday	7– 9 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry Group
Oct. 11, Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Ladies' Night Out



