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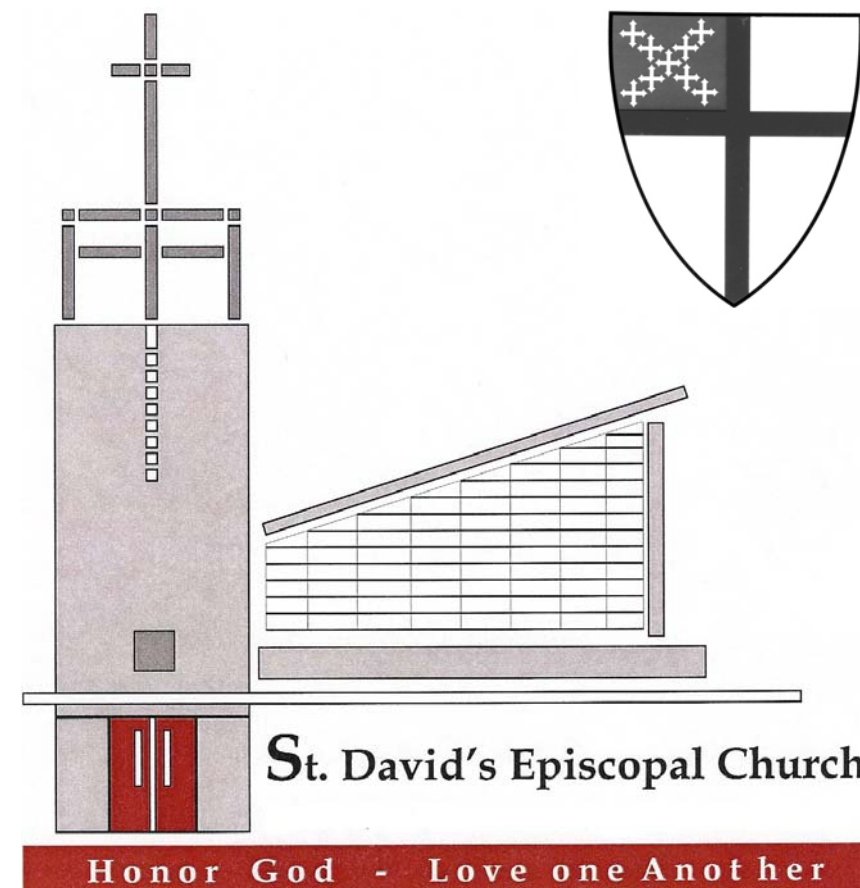
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**THE MESSENGER**

**MAY 2010**

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Pentecost Sunday  
May 23, 2010

Special Reception following!  
Bring a red cake to share.  
Join us after 10:45 service!

Financials through March 31, 2010  
These figures DO NOT include any fire related monies

**Income:**

Pledged:	\$98,055.74
Non-Pledged:	\$2,441.00
All Others:	\$36,047.48
Total Income:	\$136,544.22

**Expenses:**

Operations:	\$79,133.12
Salaries & Benefits:	\$48,847.50
Programs & Ministries:	\$7,115.68
Total Expenses:	\$135,096.30

**Publication Deadlines**

**"ATT" & Bulletin**  
Wednesday Noon of each week

**"Messenger"**  
the 20th of each month

**On-Line:**  
Information can be placed on the web anytime!

**Financial note:**

Please remember to make out a separate check for your capital campaign contribution.  
Thank you-Christy



## NEWS FROM DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

The April meeting of the Daughters of the King featured a program

by our own Betty Bowling on Tips and Trends in Gardening. Betty inspired us all to get involved in this rewarding activity. There were several guests there who are interested in becoming members of the order and a class is scheduled to begin in early May.

At our May meeting, George Wong of the Youth Project will talk to us about the Jobs for Young Adults program which prepares young people to go into the working world.

New members of the Chapter will be admitted on June 6th during the 10:45 A.M. service.

The Mary and Martha Chapter of the Daughters of the King has changed its meeting time to 1:00pm on the second Saturday of each month. For more information, please call Barb Waters 272-3067 or Louise Marvin 233-4532.

### TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The Mary and Martha Chapter of Daughters of the King continues to sponsor a weekly Bible study Tuesdays at 12:30 in the conference room. Mother Barbara Bloxsom is leading the group in a study of the Gospel of Luke. Participants may bring a brown bag lunch or come and enjoy cookies and coffee. Each of the study sessions is self-contained. Study books will be available but are not required. Please bring your Bible. The study group welcomes all in St. David's - and bring a friend!

## Brookville is in Abilene and St. David's 5:00 service at St. John's?



Members of St. David's who normally attend the 5:00 P.M. Saturday service went on an epicurean travel to Abilene Kansas recently. Following a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at St. John's Episcopal Church, they dined at the Brookville Hotel. On the way home, they observed the annual rite of spring in Kansas, the burning of the fields in preparation for planting.

### VBS June 8-11, 2010

VBS this year will be held at St. David's from 6:30-8:30 P.M. and will be combined with Grace Cathedral. We need teachers and assistants. Please contact Ronda Hoss at [ronda@stdavidchurch.com](mailto:ronda@stdavidchurch.com) and let her know you can help!

## Community Ministry

### DOORSTEP, INC.

#### PASTA & PINTO BEANS

The monthly collection for May features pasta and pinto beans to be delivered to Doorstep, Inc. However, any non-perishable foods you care to donate will also be most appreciated. If you see a bargain and would like to contribute it, that is terrific. The only items Doorstep cannot accept are outdated foods and flour, corn meal, etc.; in other words, do not donate anything that could attract bugs! Thank you! Your continued donations are so important.

#### THE DOVETAIL SHOPPE

Open Thursday-Saturday 10AM-4PM  
12<sup>th</sup> and Washburn 234-3004

The Dovetail Shoppe is a very important part of Doorstep, Inc. All proceeds go to Doorstep and currently about \$2,500.00 is raised each month. It is a good place for people looking for bargains to shop. There aren't set prices, only suggested donations. Since all payments are donations, no tax has to be collected.

The following items are needed: gently used clothing, knick knacks, kitchen items, furniture, beds, bedding, curtains, books, etc. Donations can be delivered to Dovetail when it is open (see above)—please put items in bags or boxes. **Please do not leave items outside the building when the shop is not open. Non-furniture items can be taken to Doorstep Mon-Fri 8AM-3PM at 10<sup>th</sup> and Buchanan.** Ask for a receipt if you want to claim your donation as a tax deduction.

**Some pick up service is available. Call 234-3004 during operating hours and ASK for JERRY to see if you qualify for the pick up service.** Think of the Dovetail Shoppe when you've had a garage sale, when you are spring cleaning, after an estate sale, etc.

**Small bags or boxes can be left beside the food donation areas at church as long as you don't want a receipt.**

### CRUSADERS on the MARCH AGAINST CANCER

The St. David's Crusaders are on the march against cancer again! The 2010 Relay for Life will be held at Hayden High School on June 4th and 5th from 7:00 pm to 7:00 am. Members of the Crusader team will be accepting contributions for the American Cancer Society. Team members are: Diana Allen, Terri Hodge, Deb McGlothlin, Louise Marvin, and team Captain Connie Wold, along with Greg. Our team this year is small but our sights are set high! Please help the St. David's Crusaders come in as one of the top three teams by making your contribution to the American Cancer Society. And come to the Relay! It's fun!

### Vestry Change

At the regular meeting of the St. David's Vestry on April 27, 2010, Fr. Don accepted the resignation of Connie Wold. The Vestry then appointed Ronda Hoss as a member until the Annual Meeting at which time she would be eligible to be elected to the one-year remaining on the term. Connie will return as the Chair of the Christian Education for Youth Ministry. Congrats to Connie and Ronda!



**Kirsten Goodman, Youth Coordinator**  
271-5144 or 271-4483  
kirsten@stdavidschurch.com

**Helping Hands Humane Society**

The youth group has been collecting Wish List items for the Helping Hands Humane Society as part of their Stewardship project. The youth group chose HHHS to work with, and we will be collecting items through the end of April.

**Game Night**

Our first game night with the middle school youth was great fun! Goofy games, snacks and some hanging out in the youth center made the time go by so fast, we think we might have to have another game night soon.

**Youth Sunday**

During the month of May, the high school youth group will be working on putting together a Youth Sunday where we will take over a worship service in June. We will have awesome music, great readers, and homily. If your high schooler hasn't been to youth group in a while, we would love to have them participate. We meet at 9:50 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

**Middle School "School's out for Summer" lock-in**

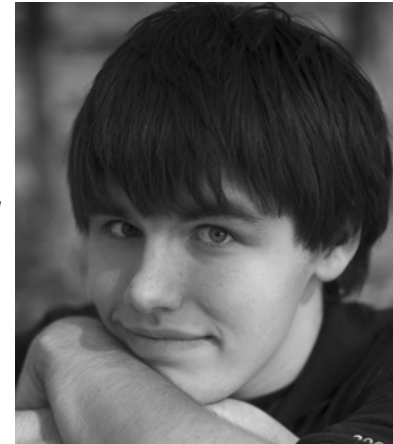
Although there will be a few people who aren't out of school by then, we are having a lock-in for the middle school youth Friday **May 21<sup>st</sup>** starting at 6:30. We'll provide dinner, snacks and breakfast. We'll have games, watch movies and camp out at the church overnight. Please tell your middle schooler to bring a friend. The more the merrier! For more information, please contact Kirsten, [kirsten@stdavidschurch.com](mailto:kirsten@stdavidschurch.com)

**Trip to Omaha!**

The Acolyte/Youth Group trip to Omaha to visit the zoo there is confirmed. We have arranged for a big bus to take us to and from Omaha. We'll leave from the St. David's parking lot at 6:00 a.m. on Monday, **June 7<sup>th</sup>**, and arrive back around 6:00 p.m. All kids need to bring is whatever spending money they want for souvenirs. **If your youth plans to go, please contact Glen Fair or Kirsten.**

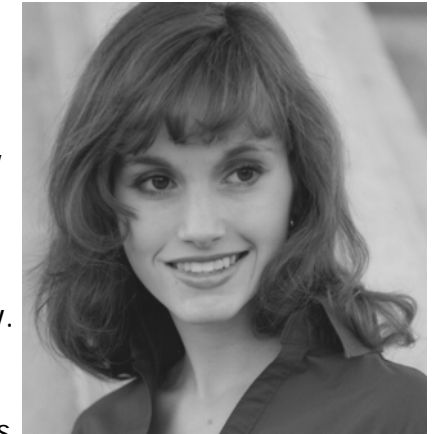
**Congratulations Graduates**

**Alex Joslin** currently attends Topeka High School. He is a part of every choral music ensemble there. As always, he plans to relax for the summer "because it's the only time a student really has to relax!" Next fall he plans to attend Washburn University and major in Music Education. Alex is a member of our Choir and the 9:00 Contemporary Music Group.

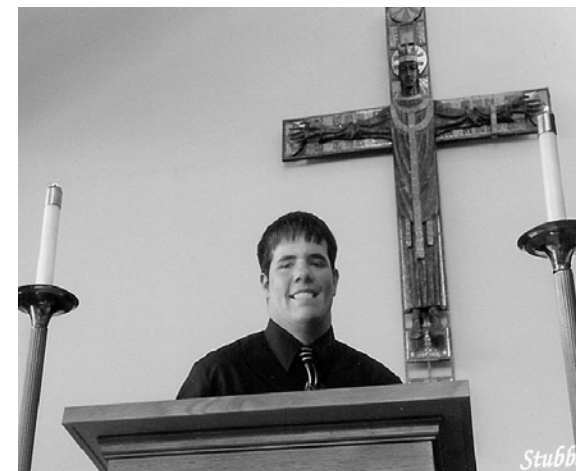


Mass Communication on her way to Law School.

In High School **Lucy** has maintained a GPA of 4.1, and is a member of the National Honor Society. She participated in Girls Golf, Forensics and Debate and was a Kansas Board of Regents Scholar. At St. David's, Lucy is a member of Episcopal Youth Ministry.



**Ashley Haag**, daughter of Todd and Jennifer Haag and granddaughter of Mtr. Barbara Bloxson, will graduate from Topeka High School. At Topeka High she has been on the High Honor Roll all eight semesters while participating in the Marching Band, Pep Band, Concert Band, and the Advanced Jazz Band playing the trumpet. She will graduate as a Kansas State Scholar. She plans on attending Kansas State University in the fall with plans to attend Veterinary School.



**Scott McFarland** will graduate from Washburn Rural High School and is the son of Kevin and Cinnie McFarland. Scott has been active in many sports throughout his High School career. He has been a lector at the 8:00 A.M. for many years as well. He plans on attending Kansas State University in the fall.

**Samantha Waldman** will graduate from Baker University with a Bachelors degree in elementary education.

**Lucy Hesse**, daughter of Scott and Anne Hesse, will graduate from Washburn Rural High School and already has 8 hours toward her Undergraduate degree at Washburn University. Her goal is to obtain her Bachelors Degree in Business and

**Anna Jenkins** has graduated from Washburn University with her Bachelors degree and completed her student teaching in Elementary Education.

Congratulations!

And the Beat Goes on...  
Twenty-five years and counting  
Fr. Don Davidson



Yes, that is me on the left. Taken in my St. John's Military School office in September of 1985 a few months after my May ordination to the

priesthood. I am stunned at how much I have changed. Less hair, more weight, and on in goes.

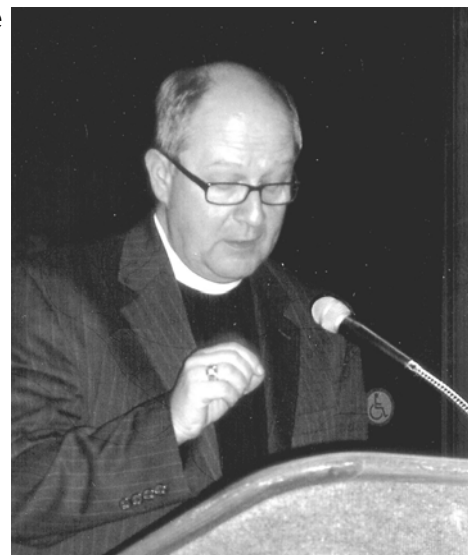
The 1967 Sonny and Cher hit song "The Beat Goes On" may express what I am feeling these days. I did a little math recently and I figure I have had the honor of presiding at about 230 weddings, nearly 250 funerals and about 2500 celebrations of the Holy Eucharist. Nothing in comparison to my colleagues Fr. Page and Fr. Cohoon, yet the thought is a bit daunting.

The church has changed dramatically since I was ordained just five years after the approval of the ordination of women. There were no women priests in Western Kansas when I was ordained on that hot May day in Salina. Now our Presiding Bishop, ordained to the priesthood nine-years later is named Katharine.

So many things stand out as I consider the last 25-years. Here is a sampling, and I warn you not all are totally positive:

- Helping hundreds of boys turn their lives around at St. John's.
- Presiding at the funeral of a 15-year-old acolyte who shot himself because he could

- not change his Father's substance abuse.
- Baptizing a Vietnam Veteran sick with diseases related to Agent Orange just before his death. Then having a free-dinner program named in his honor.
- Voting to confirm the election of Barbara Harris the first woman Bishop.
- Celebrating the Eucharist in the Garden of Gethsemane.
- Taking 40 soldiers to Medjugorja.
- Praying with people.
- Helping to start an after-school Sunday school program that is still going today.
- Welcoming two daughters into a family after a long struggle for adoption.
- Presiding at the marriage of a couple of 78 year-olds,
- Assisting with the establishment of one of the first shared shelter organizations in Johnson County Kansas
- Voting for the election of Dean Wolfe as the 9th Bishop of Kansas from my office in Tuzla, Bosnia-Herzegovina.
- Presenting the Adjutant General of Kansas and his wife for Confirmation.
- Being a presenter for many ordinations including our own Betty Glover.
- Receiving the gift of a Reading Stand from Temple Beth Sholom.
- Hot-wiring our new pipe organ 20 minutes before the dedication service.
- Praying at the Holocaust Memorial Service (see picture of a much older me at right)



## The Wishlist

*The wishlist is a current list of needs which cannot be purchased within the budget of St. David's Church. The list gives donors opportunities to assist their church in specific ways.*

Item	For	Cost
Additional Video Recording Equipment	AV	\$1,856.00
Stained Glass Windows	Nave	TBD
Video Streaming Equipment	AV	\$4,000.00
Video Security Update	AV	\$2,400.00
Reframing Pictures of Bishops/Rectors	Hallway/Office	\$1,500.00
Harpichord	Nave	\$7,500.00
Lighted Church Sign	Outdoors	\$25,000.00
Computer for A/V area	AV	\$1,500.00
Ice Maker for Kitchen	Kitchen	\$2,000.00
Adjustable Cabinet for Comm Ministry	Comm Ministry	\$1,000.00

Davidson continued.

I am indebted to the people of the congregations I have served and the Senior Wardens who have supported me. could be done.

I am indebted to my wife Marcie and her selflessness in sharing me when it is not always easy.

Most of all, I am thankful to God who has given me such a great opportunity. I love being a priest, it is everything and more I ever thought it would be and I pray every day that I may continually get better at the doing.

Thank you all very much!  
Don+

## Report From Your Treasurer

As promised at this year's Annual Parish Meeting, I am providing you with a quarterly report of the finances of St. David's.

Overall, we are doing quite well as a parish. Historically, annual pledges seem to be running close to normal; however 15 units, representing almost \$40,000, have not made any payments on their pledges. This represents close to 10% of our total pledge income for the year. Our expenses for this time period are running close to scheduled amounts.

On another element of our church's finances, St. David's has paid down its construction loan to where we have only about \$126,000 left to pay. Yes folks, that is correct! After we make remaining payments totaling \$126,000, our building will be debt free. This is great news and that can be attributed to the work of the original Capital Campaign Committee, the church staff and you, the wonderful giving persons of this parish. We, however, are not done and must continue to work and ensure that we receive all commitments. We have 10 commitment units, representing close to \$60,000, that have made no payment since the Capital Campaign was initiated close to three years ago.

If you have any questions concerning the above report, please contact me at ...  
treasurer@stdavidschurch.com

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