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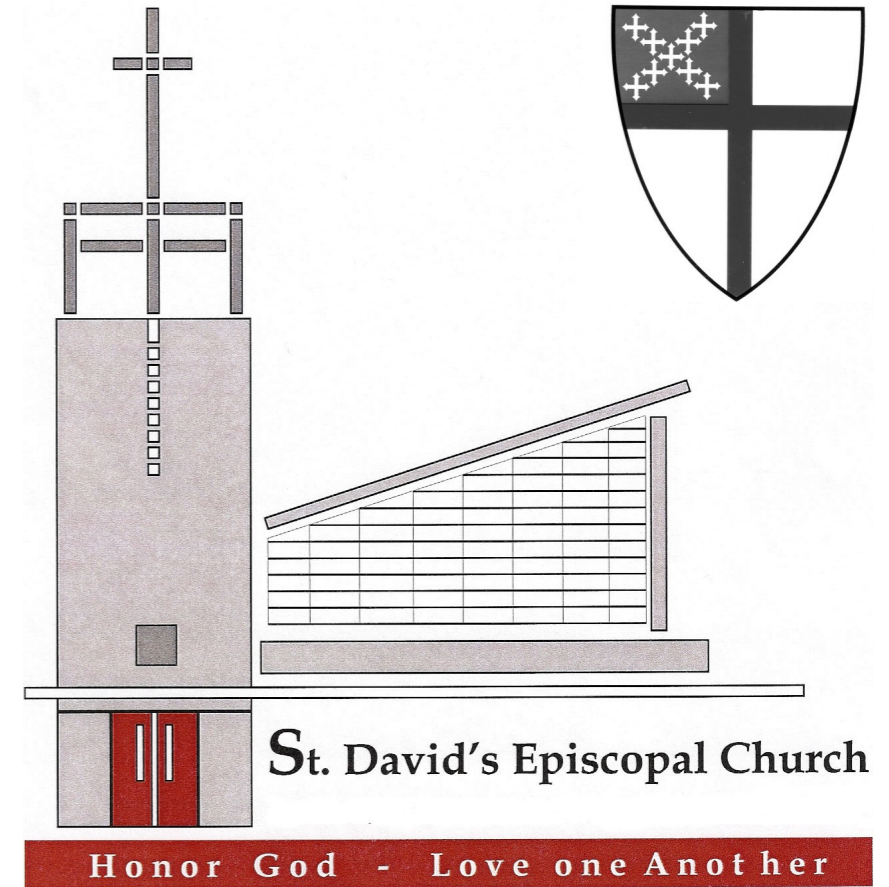
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**THE MESSENGER**

**MARCH 2010**

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Saint David's Day  
March 7, 2010

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

**Income:**

Pledged:	\$44,310.74
Non-Pledged:	\$673.00
All Others:	\$991.14
Total Income:	\$45,974.88

**Expenses:**

Operations:	\$12,229.56
Salaries & Benefits:	\$17,272.18
Programs & Ministries:	\$516.01
Total Expenses:	\$30,017.75

**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**

Festival Service including bagpipe and drum  
**10:45 A.M.**  
*(only one service that Sunday Morning)*  
Pot-Luck Lunch following the service.  
Join us for our first St. David's Day in our  
new building.

Dear friends and family:

As many of you know, I have loved the land, language and people of Israel for most of my life. Now an opportunity has been given me to return to the Holy Land this spring. The trip will be an intensive tour led by Jerry Feldman, a Messianic Jewish rabbi of the Adat Yeshua Congregation here in Kansas City. The chance to sit under Rabbi Feldman's very knowledgeable teaching while actually in the land and locations he's teaching about is absolutely incredible. He is extremely versatile in his understanding both of Scripture and of the Jewish people's history.

Yes, this is a tour, but it's much more than the average stroll through Old Jerusalem's "shuq" and a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee (although we'll be doing those outings as well!). This will be an intense study group traveling the entire length and breadth of Israel. For 14 days we will visit places ranging from archaeological digs at sites dating back to the time of Abraham, the great Roman city of Tzipori sprawling by the Sea of Galilee, Megiddo where battles have been fought throughout the ages and where the great battle of Armageddon will occur, Shiloh where the ark of the covenant rested for 400 years, the Palmach Museum commemorating the struggle of Israel's early freedom fighters, Bet Shan, Qumran, the Herodian, Hebron, En Gedi, Caesarea Philippi ... You get the idea. It will be in-depth, exhausting and totally fascinating!

First of all, I would ask each of you to pray for myself and the group this April 10 - 26. Not only for safety and health, but for open hearts, agile minds and iron feet! (There will be miles and miles of walking.) We will need lots of endurance and minds like sponges. But most of all, every person on this trip is going with the first intention being to seek after God. This is, after all, God's favorite place on earth, and no one who goes there should come home unchanged. Pray that we can each know the heart of the Holy One better because of this trip.

Second, I would greatly welcome any financial help you might be able to give. The target range is something like \$2,500, to be paid no later than the last week of February. So please think about it, pray about it, and give whatever you're willing and able. My sincere thanks in advance for any funds you contribute to this great adventure!

May He always bless you and keep you.

Anne

*"In the last days the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills, and all nations will stream to it. Many peoples will come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths.'"*

Isaiah 2:2-3

Anne Osborne  
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From Kirsten Goodman, Youth Coordinator

### Shrove Tuesday

St. David's Youth Group members served a lot of pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. They helped serve the food and helped with



the clean up. We had some awesome table bussers! The folks doing the cooking were awesome, as usual. Proceeds from Shrove Tuesday will go towards the youth group trip to Chicago in July. It was a great first fundraising event, and there will be more in the future.

### Up-coming activities for High School and Middle School youth:

March 6

Roadrunners Hockey! If you are interested in going to the hockey game, please contact Kirsten.

March 10

Lenten Soup Supper. We will be preparing and serving the food and cleaning up afterwards. We will apply the proceeds from our Lenten soup supper to the Chicago trip.

Spring Break Lock-in for high schoolers

April

Helping Hands Humane Society project

New Beginnings for middle schoolers at Grace Cathedral April 23-25. New Beginnings is a spiritual retreat that focuses on the two greatest commandments: Love God with all your heart and love your neighbor as yourself. This is an event open to all middle school kids in the diocese. Here is the link:

<http://www.episcopal-ks.org/youth/newbeginnings.html>

May

Something special for graduating Seniors. Stay Tuned!

June

Summer Camp

High School: June 6-12

Junior High (grades 6-8) June 13-19

Intermediate (grades 3-5) June 20-26

Check the parish website for more youth information!



### Discussion and Information

About Chicago Trip

**ATTENTION ALL PARENTS**

Sunday, March 7, 2010

After the Pot-Luck Lunch in the Nave

## Parish News

The Sympathy of the parish is extended to Richard Stuckey on the death of his wife Lucy. Lucy's service was the first funeral service conducted in our new nave. We will miss her very much.

Congratulations to Kevin and Heather Hoffmans on their marriage. The wedding service was conducted jointly by the Rev. Kathleen Whitmore and Fr. Don at Lowman United Methodist Church. A wonderful reception was held in our parish hall following the service.

The appreciation of the parish is extended to the members of the Daughters of the King who assisted at the reception following two funerals in two weeks. Thanks Daughters!

Over 300 people attended the 2010 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner. The youth group and acolytes served and cleaned up while our own St. David's Fryers cooked. Smores, Banana, Apple Cinnamon, Blueberry and Traditional pancakes and sausage were served. Rachael Hoffmans was the winner of the 2010 Pancake race between Grace Cathedral and St. David's. Shrove Tuesday 2011 is scheduled to take place at Grace Cathedral.

A new Lenten array covering was fabricated by the Molstad company of Colby, Kansas and arrived just in time for Ash Wednesday. Our thanks to Steve Molstad for his help and for our Altar Guild and Sacristan, Diana Allen for seeing to it that the covering was in place for the start of our observance of the Lenten season.

Who is the newest member of the 9:00 AM Contemporary group? Come and see!



The Mary and Martha Chapter of the Daughters of the King is hosting a Lenten soup luncheon on Saturday, March 13th at 12:00 in the St. David's Parish Hall. Our special guests will be the ladies of Faith Lutheran Church who so graciously extended their hospitality following the fire in November 2006. All St. David's ladies are invited to attend the luncheon which will feature a Lenten meditation offered by Mother Barbara Bloxson. There is no cost to attend. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board and sign-ups are requested by February 28th. If you have questions, please call Nita Piercy (233-6262) or Louise Marvin (233-4532).

### Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross is a meditative service that takes participants through a prayerful walk with Jesus during the last hours of his life.

The stations are icons or "windows" through which we can reflect on the pain and suffering he endured for us.

The stations will be "prayed" on Monday evenings at 5:30 P.M. during Lent with a brief meditation following each service. Everyone is invited.

## HEARTFELT THANKS FROM DOORSTEP!

Thanks to the continued support of St. David's parishioners, **1,562 pounds of food** were donated in January, almost exactly 500 pounds more than our highest amount in the past. Your response means so much for so many people. **PLEASE REMEMBER, Doorstep needs food donations all year long. Food left in the collection areas will be delivered to Doorstep unless noted otherwise as in the case of Project Topeka.** Non perishable foods such as the ones requested in January are the items distributed in food baskets. **God bless all of you for your generosity!**

Many thanks to the volunteers **who helped staff the clothing room** in January: Diana Allen, Don Beymer, Helen Beymer, Kirsten Book, Kay Craig, Michele Ediger, Mary Jane Heacock, Mary Hillin, Mary Ann Jennings, Cinnie McFarland and Barb Waters. The staff is always very complimentary about our volunteers. **Anyone interested in being a regular volunteer at Doorstep can call Christina at 357-5341 to learn the opportunities that are available.** It is always amazing how thankful people are for some items we take for granted on an every day basis and how thankful they are to the volunteers for being there.

### AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES A Benefit for Doorstep

Westridge & Theaters  
Saturday, March 6

\*\$5.00 per person to any movie playing there.

\*\$3.00 from each ticket goes to Doorstep.

With the purchase of a \$5 ticket you get a coupon for a popcorn/drink combo.

#### Why do we do that?

**Why are we using bitter wine during Lent?** Bitter wine is one more sensory way to remind us of the time that Jesus spent in the wilderness. It also relates to the bitter herbs eaten by the Israelites before the Passover.

**Why is Jesus in a burlap sack?** Well, Jesus is not in a burlap sack, but our Christus Rex is, and it helps us to remember that Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness just as we spend 40 weekdays during the season of Lent. On Easter, the cross will be free of its bindings just as Christ was freed from the tomb and rose victorious from the grave.

**What are "Stations of the Cross?"** There are 14 "stations" as Jesus makes his way to Golgotha where he was crucified. Each station represents one part of the story. We "pray" the stations and symbolically walk with Jesus unto his death. There are many different forms of the Stations including a form written here at St. David's to be used while we were in a tent two years ago.

**Are wafers really bread?** Well not in a form that is recognizable, but yes it is bread of a sort. Wafers are compressed unleavened bread. We use wafers sometimes when real bread is not available.

**Pleased to announce:**

Born to Adrian and Erika Williams a son, Robert Joseph on February 20, 2010. The new arrival weighed in at 6 pounds and 11 oz. He and parents are all well and excited.

Diana Allen has accepted the Rector's appointment as the new Sacristan replacing Christie Wedeking who is stepping down after two years.

Barbara Waters has accepted the Rector's appointment as the Chair of the Parish Life Ministry Group replacing Anne Hesse who was elected to the Vestry.

Marcia Ransom has accepted the Rector's appointment as the Chair of the Parish Welcoming Ministry.

Dr. Harvey Hillin has accepted the Rector's appointment as Chair of the Christian Education (Adult) Ministry Group replacing Lynda Crowl who had served for a number of years.

All appointments have been affirmed by action of the Vestry. Congratulations!

**LENTEN EVENTS**

- Mondays: Stations of the Cross 5:30 PM
- Tuesdays: Women's Bible Study 12:30 PM
- Wednesdays:
  - 7:00 AM Seabrook Lenten Breakfast
  - 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist & Healing
  - 6:30 PM Soup Supper & Program

*Please see the website on specific locations and program topics!*

**VESTRY NOTES**

The new 2010 edition of the St. David's Vestry met in retreat over the weekend of February 12-13, 2010 at the Sophia Center of Mount St. Scholastica.

The retreat held jointly with the Vestry of Grace Episcopal Cathedral was lead by the Reverend Canon Craig Loya the Canon to the Ordinary of the Diocese of Kansas.

**Action taken:**

- Vestry persons were assigned liaisons to each of the Ministry Groups and will begin meeting with their assigned groups shortly.
- A Vestry person of the Day will be assigned to each service.
- Minutes of each Vestry meeting will be posted on-line following their approval. The link is found at the bottom of the Leadership page.

**Items on our Wishlist**

AED (automated external defibulator)	1800.00
Outside Lit Church Sign (approx)	25,000.00
Reframing Bishops and Rectors	1500.00
Eucharistic Minister Robes	1500.00
Add Funding Zachary's Playground	5000.00
Additional Video Recording Equipment	1856.00
Video Streaming Equipment	4000.00

*We are always accepting new things to go on the wishlist. Please contact the Rector or any member of the Vestry.*

**Learning and Welcoming Partners**  
Rector's Ramblings, Fr. Don Davidson

Our Sunday School program is fantastic with dedicated teachers and a unique curriculum from Virginia Theological Seminary. Although only 40 minutes in length, each class presents invaluable lessons from the Bible that are so important to our young people. From pre-k through 12th grade, our Sunday School is ready for your children.

Where else will your kids learn about the 10 commandments and understand that they are not mere suggestions? Where else will they hear the stories of the Bible and realize that Jesus is not the same as Harry Potter? There really are only two places and that is in the home and at the church. Kids will not learn about the great message of salvation and moral behavior in the classroom or on the sports fields. They need a good secular education, and sports teaches very important lessons, yet Sunday School shouldn't be relegated to second place. We need your children to be a part of our Sunday School program.

On any Sunday morning you can come to church, get a hot and delicious breakfast and go to Sunday School. Soon, we will have an every Sunday program for Adults too.

On another subject, I need you to partner with me and our Welcoming Ministry group in showing hospitality and warmth to our visitors. Our Presiding Bishop indicated that the best communication is "incarnational" communication. She was saying that nothing beats person-to-person contact and she was quite right. When a visitor comes through our doors they have already done the most difficult thing, they have decided that St. David's is worthy of their time. We need to show them that they are right, and we can do that in a number of ways.

First, we can let them know that we are truly glad they are with us and that they are indeed welcome.

Second, we can answer questions and show them where to go for breakfast, restrooms, Sunday School or to just get a cup of coffee.

Third, we can give them some material about the church including a history book or other things. At the end of each row of chairs is a book rack with material specifically for visitors.

Finally, we can tell them why we believe that St. David's is a good place to grow and learn about our relationship with God. This is what church is all about anyway, becoming closer to Christ and with our brothers and sisters.

The Welcoming Ministry will be working on a number of new ideas. In the last month over 30 people have visited St. David's and they are coming to all four of our weekend services. Please partner with me in welcoming them and letting them know why we believe St. David's is such a great place.

St. David's IS such a great place because of people like you!

**BREAKFAST IS SERVED**

**EVERY SUNDAY**

**8:30-10:30**

**HOT AND DELICIOUS**