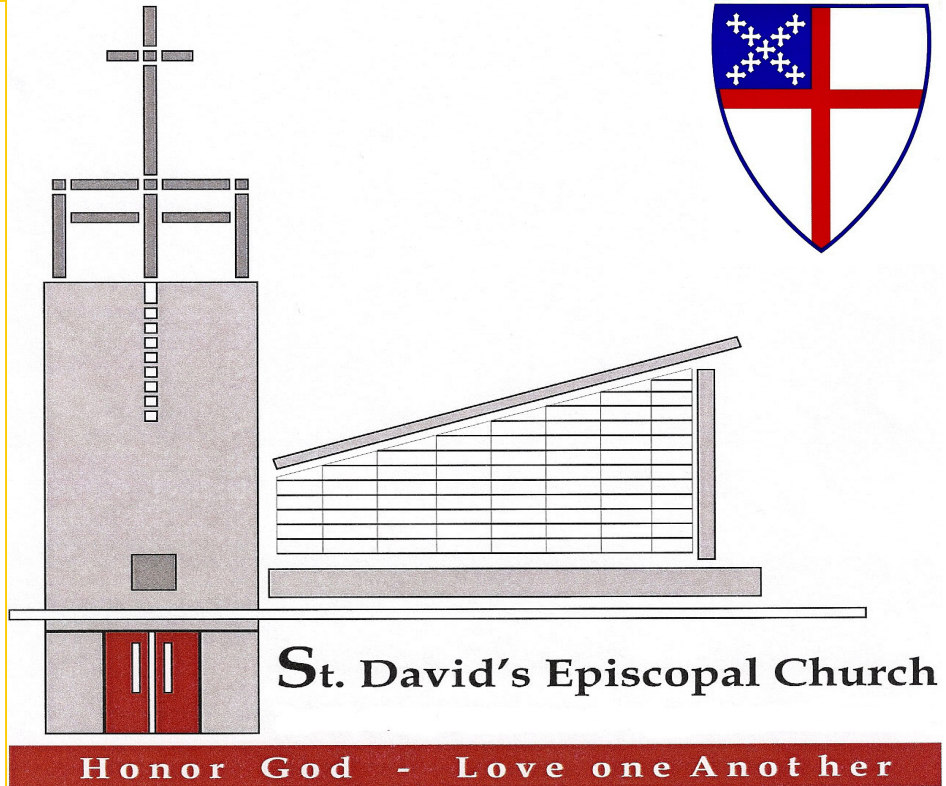


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### **St. David's rocks the kitchen at Let's Help**

June 22<sup>nd</sup>, members of the St. David's youth group joined our regular team and helped serve lunch at Let's Help. It was a great experience for everyone, and the kids really



worked hard! Our Let's Help team is full of the most wonderful people. They are a joy to work with. And lunch was awesome! We fed 360 people. The youth group will help again on July 27<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 to 1:00. Next month, we might just have enough people to man the line in one hour shifts. The youth group who attended were: Sydney Webb, her friend Kasandra Hinrichs, Sam Hesse, Brett Fair, Karly Hanna, Peter Hesse, Jensen Fair, Tessa Duncan, Rachel Hoffmans, and Jack Palmer.

### **Canoe Trip**

On Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> the combined youth group is going on a canoe trip to either Clinton Lake or Lake Shawnee. We will meet at the church at 8:30 a.m. and carpool to our destination. We'll canoe during the morning, and then have a hot dog roast. After lunch, we'll head to the swimming beach for the afternoon. We should be back at the church by 3:30 p.m.

or 4:00 p.m. There is paperwork parents must fill out in advance, so please contact Kirsten if your teen is planning to go. We will also need several adult volunteers to help transport kids and man canoes. Contact Kirsten see above. We need to have the signed paperwork by Sunday July 17<sup>th</sup> so please block off this date and get signed up! 'Cause it's gonna be a great time!

### **Summer Hours for Youth Center**

During the summer, the Youth Center will be open on Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to noon. We will be closed September 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Seekers**

The transition between being a teen and becoming a young adult is tough, let's face it. There are so many questions as young adults begin shaping the people they'll be as adult people of faith in the world. Throughout the summer, St. David's young adults, aged 16-20 are meeting on Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Center to participate in The Seekers: a voyage of faith for young adults. This is a program that is used in Episcopal groups across the country, mostly in college Canterbury Groups. We will examine our faith and religion, our selves, and our

## *Senior Warden's Bits of Wisdom*

I worry each month what I am going to write for my article in the Messenger and each month right before it is due something presents itself to me. My inspiration changes each month. This month it came from attending the Community Ministry meeting. I attend the July Ministry Night and the group went over what



they had accomplished over the year and what was being done for the remaining of the year. The topic of the Dillions and HyVee cards came up and the amount of money it brought in for the Servant Shop. These cards create a good revenue for the Servant Shop with little effort put in. Anyone whoever has done a fundraiser knows the less work having to be done and the more money brought in the better. Like many I see the cards out on Sundays however, I have never bought one. The reason: I seldom shop at either store. I did however learn that the cards for both places could be used for gas. The Dillions card can be used to purchase gas from Kwik Shop and items inside the store and the HyVee card works at the gas station added at the store's location. I do buy my gas at Kwik shop since it is right

around the corner from my school and it is easy to get to. I now have a reason to purchase cards from St. David's and put them towards something I need. It is a win/win for both. I am truly glad that I have found out this tid-bit of information.

Another thing discussed was that July is school supply month for Doorstep. I must say that being a teacher I am thankful that there are organizations out there that have the supplies for children in need. I know that I buy supplies for my students to use throughout the year. There are many teachers who do this as well for their classrooms. I know that when I go out to buy my school supplies for my own children I will be adding a few extras for Doorstep. Even if you do not have children please consider buying a few supplies for Doorstep. While you are at it, you might want to attend the Ministry Night meetings of one of our hard working Ministry Groups.

Ronda Hoss

## **Sunday School**

**Begins September 11, 2011**

**Pre-K through 12th.**

**Teachers and Helpers**

**always needed!**



## NEWS FROM THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Betty Jean Neal from the Topeka Shawnee County Public Library presented our program at the July meeting. She talked to us about Eleanor Roosevelt and Babe Didrikson Zaharias, two famous women in American history. Her talk was very interesting focusing on some little known facts about the two women.

At our August meeting, Marcia Ransom will share with us thoughts concerning spiritual gifts.

The Mary and Martha Chapter of the Daughters of the King meets at 10:30 am (Please note new time!) on the second Saturday of each month. For more information, please call Diane Bernheimer at 232-1066 or Louise Marvin at 233-4532.

## COMMUNITY MINISTRY

With "Back to School Time" just around the corner everyone will be deluged with those 10%, 15%, 20%, or more off coupons for various department stores - like Sears, Penny's, Macy's and others. Instead of just throwing them away the Community Ministry group, from a idea shared by Alice Johnston, would like to encourage you to use them. Purchase a package of socks, underwear, sweatsuits or other basic types of clothing. Put it in a box somewhere in that extra room or space in the house, and then when we make a call for those sorts of items at Christmas for Doorstep, Let's Help, or the

Rescue Mission or possibly even for families St. David's adopts for the season you are already prepared. Just go to that place you have stored them and bring them in to Church. Thanks from the Community Ministry Group.

## DOORSTEP

Doorstep is experiencing some funding difficulties as it has suffered a decrease in some grant funds for 2011, or worse yet, not at all. It relies on grants, individuals, member congregations, businesses and fundraisers to provide funds to keep its doors open. The need is greater than ever to provide assistance so many neighbors need.

## HOW EACH OF US CAN HELP

- \*Continue donating non perishable foods
- \*Continue donating clean, in season and wearable clothing
- \*Plan ahead for the Christmas Store. Buy bargain children's clothing sizes 6-16 and children's pajamas and underwear.
- \*Support Doorstep through **Macy's Shop for a Cause** to be held Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. More details in the August ATT.
- \*Support the fall fundraiser October 1-16. **Cinnamon rolls and scentsy warmers** to be delivered Nov. 5-6.
- \*Make a donation directly to Doorstep, Inc. Send it to Doorstep, Inc., 1119 SW 10<sup>th</sup> St., Topeka, KS. 66604-1105

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From Community Ministry

### CANNED TUNA & CANNED MEAT

The designated food collection for August is canned tuna and meat. **As always, any non perishable foods are most welcome, especially cereals, peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, pasta, pasta sauce, canned or dried milk, etc.** Please, no flour, corn meal, etc.

In June at least 90 pounds of food were delivered to Doorstep. Thank you St. David's!! Please keep up the good work.

### Financials through **May 31, 2011**

#### Income:

Pledged:	\$182,032.00
Non-Pledged:	\$5,961.00
All Others:	\$50,286.76
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$238,279.76</b>

#### Expenses:

Operations:	\$97,240.60
Salaries & Benefits:	\$85,952.57
Programs & Ministries:	\$8,489.63
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$191,682.80</b>

## Parish Leadership, 2011

### Vestry

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Ms. Lisa Beebe, Parish Secretary, [lisa@stdavidschurch.com](mailto:lisa@stdavidschurch.com)

## The Welcome Ministry Wants You!!

Are you a friendly, outgoing person who loves St. David's and would like to share that with others?

If so, the Welcome Ministry would love to talk to you about an opportunity to exercise your spiritual gift of hospitality!

Please join us on Tuesday evening, August 9, at 6:30pm in the Parlor (the glassed in room to the west/left side of the Nave. Our meetings last only one hour, so the rest of the evening is yours.

Your one-hour investment on August 9th may bring more satisfaction than you might ever imagine.

This information sharing evening comes with no strings attached. We'll be waiting to greet you.

If the date and time doesn't work for you, please call Kyle Smith, Deacon Annie Hedquist, Kristie Baker, or Marcia Ransom 273-9556 or [mransom@cox.net](mailto:mransom@cox.net). Any of us can tell you what's up our collective sleeve!

### SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Yes, it is that time of year already!! Community Ministries is collecting school supplies. There are collection containers located near the office and next to the entrance by the parking lot.

Suggested items include: writing paper, spiral notebooks, pens, pencils, markers, crayons, protractors, dry erase markers, glue sticks, pencil boxes, hand held calculators, backpacks, hand sanitizer and Kleenex.

Many thanks for your continued support!



## St. David's VBS 2011

August 8-12

Held at Grace Cathedral

6:00-8:30pm

4 years-5th Grade Welcome.

Helpers needed:

Contact: [connie@stdavidschurch.com](mailto:connie@stdavidschurch.com)

## Congratulations Carol



Carol Hamilton has spent more than three decades making the most special times even better with her amazing culinary skills. Carol's uncanny intuition of just what would work has been the foundation of a successful catering business that has served everyone from Governors and politicians to the Presiding Bishop of our Church. Carol recently announced the closure of her business. St. David's wishes her well and thanks her for her service to our parish and Diocese.

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### **Community Ministries Fund Raiser –**

Community Ministries is Hosting the Adoption of Ducks for the Great Sertoma Duck Race to be held at Lake Shawnee o September 10, 2011. By adopting a duck

or family of ducks, you have the opportunity to participate in the race and potential of winning great prizes! For the low, low price of \$5.00 you can adopt a duck and join in the fun! \$2.50 of the proceeds go directly to Community Ministries to support St. David's efforts and the other \$2.50 goes to Sertoma to benefit the Big Brother and Big Sister program in our community. Additionally, Sertoma provides assistance to The Capper Foundation, Marian Clinic, Meals on Wheels, to name a few.

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## Adult Christian Education

Adult Christian Education continues every Sunday from 9:30-10:30 in the St. Philip's Prayer Room under the direction of Dr. Harvey Hillin.

There has been some conversation about offering one or more of the following programs:

### **Dave Ramsey's Peace University**

*There is a \$100.00 per-person charge for the course*

### **"How Not to Marry a Jerk"**

*A course about choosing a mate and learning how to recognize what you really want in a partner"*

### **LINKS**

*Marriage Enrichment*

*A four week course.*

Please let Dr. Hillin know what interests you.

## **Capital Campaign Commitments Continue to Come In**

St. David's is coming up on the 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first effort of the St. David's Capital Campaign Committee, led by its Chairman George Webb. This event, which was held at the B&A Designs office, found more than 115 parish units contributing more than \$1.1 million towards the reconstruction of St. David's. In addition it has been 6 months since the construction loan for our new building was paid off.

At this point in time, the parish households that made a commitment are continuing to move towards complete payment of that commitment. As of the end of May, more than \$991,000 has been received.

As mentioned at the Annual Meeting in January, St. David's has a great opportunity to take care of the majority of all future building repair needs with the commitments that have yet to be paid. The Vestry established a special designated investment account where all of the funds that were committed to the building project, yet not used for the payment of the construction loan, will be placed.

St. David's was truly blessed by those that served on the Architecture, Construction and Capital Campaign Committees. They helped bring together the vision, plan for the funding of that vision and ensured the completion of that vision. All of the groups helped bring the project together in an economical and efficient manner. It could not have been done without them.

I would ask all that have not completed their commitment to work towards that goal and ensure that we can keep the building that St. David's calls home in great shape for generations to come.

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## **New Building Use Policy Adopted, Will begin September 1st**

After long study, the Vestry has adopted a new Building Use Policy; copies of which are available on-line and in the office. The policy makes our Parish Hall, Conference Room and classrooms available to our members and outside groups for a nominal fee. The new policy also provides security when groups use the building.

Each group will be asked to pay \$20.00 an hour for security and in most cases a \$75.00 per event sexton fee for use of the building. These fees do not go to the church itself, but are passed to the security person and sexton.

The Security presence will mean that there will be someone in the building who has keys and knowledge of the building's many assets, as well as providing assistance in the case of an emergency. The Security person will also make sure that the lights are turned off, thermostats reset and doors locked after everyone leaves an event.

The Clean-up will help us to make sure that the building is ready for the next event and that trash is emptied and items used are put back where they belong after an event. Groups scheduled prior to the June Vestry Meeting will not be charged the additional fee(s).