



St. David's Good News Letter

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Thank you members of St. David's

Submitted by Reverend Drew Downs

I want to take the opportunity to publicly thank the members of St. David's for welcoming me and encouraging me in my new ministry. It is truly a profound blessing to meet such warm and engaging people!

One of my main ministry priorities is working with, facilitating, and further developing Christian Formation. Between regular meetings with teachers, leaders, and volunteers; communication of expectations and experiences; and further developing our programming, I am hopeful that we can form a great team with the ambitious goal of helping our young members strengthen faith, empower action, and develop a greater understanding of what it means to be a Christian.

As I have observed throughout my life, even though we may have individual needs, the corporate need to learn, develop skills, and strengthen our understanding is something that we all share. Nowhere is this more in evidence than in a church community. One of the most important needs of the congregation is to continue to witness the power of God and share in God's love. This is an experience that transcends boundaries of age, generation, class, and education. Though a great deal of my time will likely be focusing on children's and youth programming, there is a need to work with other groups that share this same need. I encourage each member to take the time to reflect on how he or she may best continue to learn and determine what

is most exciting.

My further duties, as many of you may already be aware, are of my continued learning about priestly ministry. As a transitional deacon, I am called by God and ordained by the church "to serve all people, particularly the poor, the weak, the sick, and the lonely" and "to interpret to the Church the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world (BCP, p. 543)." Perhaps the most comprehensible directive of my ministry is that "[my] life and teaching are to show Christ's people that in serving the helpless they are serving Christ himself." I will be involved in outreach, pastoral care, and in the leadership of the church. I will also be available for diocesan committee work and to participate in further training opportunities, such as Fresh Start. At the end of my time of service as a transitional deacon, if God wills it, I will be ordained a priest of the church, typically 6-12 months after the diaconal ordination. From there, my ministry will change somewhat, but perhaps in more subtle ways.

I am excited for Fall and all of the new opportunities that will come our way, and I look forward to sharing in ministry with each of you. I also want to hear about your interests, needs, and expectations. Feel free to call me at the church, E - m a i l m e a t dndrew.stdavids@sbcglobal.net, or stop in and chat with me in my office!

May God bless us with a wonderful year!

Included in this issue:

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Please note the deadline for the August 2007 newsletter will be August 15th, 2007.

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Mark your calendars... you're not going to want to miss these

August 2007:

August 3rd

Registration is being held for "Getting Back in the Groove for School." Stop by St. David's between 9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m. to register. This registration is for both Session 1 and Session 2.

August 6th—August 9th

Session 1—Getting Back in the Groove for School

August 10th

Registration is being held for "Getting Back in the Groove for School." Stop by St. David's between 9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m. to register. This registration is only for Session 2.

August 13th—August 16th

Session 2—Getting Back in the Groove for School

Discovery Weekend—August 17—19th—as a deer longs for the running streams, so longs my soul for you, my God! Ever wonder if the religious life is where God is calling you? Here's an opportunity for Christian single women ages 20-45, to experience the life of the convent and ask the questions you want of God and the Sisters! Call or E-mail Mother Miriam at 518-692-3028 or compun@stmaryseast.org. There is no cost to serious inquiries. The weekend is funded through the generosity of the Virginia Hunt Trust.

September 2007:

The Delta Waverly Rotary Club is sponsoring a raffle on September 4th. The grand prize is \$10,000 and the proceeds will go toward college scholarships for students living in Delta Township. Raffle tickets are just \$10.00 each. Please see Father David, Nancy Howard, or Larry Ewing for tickets or more information.

August Birthdays:

1st—Art Van Dyke
2nd—Jean Dooley
5th—Jim Hosmer
7th—David Transeth
8th—Elaine Tolsma
10th—Dan Vanneste
11th—Ava Jackinchuk
12th—Madison Albert
13th—Korey Knapp
14th—Steven Jones

14th—Pat Thurston
14th—Emily Zeller
15th—Norma Hammond
16th—Jamie Stiles
17th—Andrea Flitton
17th—Samantha Stephens
17th—Patricia Johnson
18th—Kelsea Lovejoy
18th—Peggy Spittle
19th—Mary Stine
21st—Leo Thrall

22nd—Bonnie Brooks
22nd—Clarence Burgess
22nd—Benjamin Damico
22nd—Carol Emmons
23rd—Maria Searles
23rd—Barbara Underhill
24th—Casey Jones
25th—Nancy Howard
27th—Norma Bunday
28th—Patricia Donovan
29th—Casey Henley



August Wedding Anniversaries:

1st—Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Ostrom
3rd—Mr. & Mrs. Tom Taylor
5th—Mr. & Mrs. Jim Thurston
6th—Mr. & Mrs. Richard Homer
12th—Mr. & Mrs. Eric Menold
19th—Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Smith
23rd—Mr. & Mrs. Steven Leigh
28th—Mr. & Mrs. Michael Stephens
28th—Mr. & Mrs. Mark McNeil
29th—Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Combs
30th—Mr. & Mrs. Ken Cole
31st—Mr. & Mrs. Paul Beckett





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 Wednesday: 6:30 p.m.
 Friday: 9:00 a.m.

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Memorial Garden Update

Submitted by Gail Donovan, Memorial Garden Committee



Construction on the Memorial Garden should be starting or already underway by the time you read this. Thank you to all who have supported this project. A supply of labeled envelopes is available in the mailroom for those who have made a pledge or want to make an offering. Be sure to drive in and check on JSO's progress when you are in the neighborhood. If the weather cooperates, the work will be complete in four to six weeks.

From Shirley Matthews:

Thank you all for your prayers and support (the calls, visits, cards sent) during my recuperation from hip surgery. May God abundantly bless you as you live for Him. Yours in Christ, Shirley Matthews.

From Gail Donovan, Senior Warden:

Thank you to all who helped make Father David's 25th Ordination Anniversary celebration a wonderful weekend to remember.

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