

St. David's Good News Letter

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Getting back in the groove for school

Submitted by Pat Purol

We are really excited to offer an opportunity for children to enjoy their summer, yet “get back in the groove” for school before fall classes start.

Summer is a wonderful time to relax and take a break from studying, yet students can begin to forget a few skills they learned if they aren't keeping up with their reading, writing, and math during the summer months.

Several weeks before classes begin, we will offer two weeks of refresher activities giving students an opportunity to freshen up their math, literacy, and school skills before classes being for the 2007-2008 academic year.

Kids Hope USA from St. David's Episcopal Church partnered with Elmwood School of the Waverly School District, and in cooperation with Lansing Community College Teacher Education will present two weeks of students to participate in refreshing their academic skills to get “back in the groove” for school.

Session 1

August 6th—9th from 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. (Monday through Thursday).

Session 2

August 13th—16th from 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. (Monday through Thursday).

Registration: Parents should register children prior to each week session.

Late registration will be held from 8:00 a.m.—8:45 a.m. on Monday, August 6th and Monday, August 13th.

Registration and classes will be held in classrooms at St. David's Episcopal Church located at 1519 Elmwood Road, Lansing, located between Elmwood School and Sharp Park. Registration times are Friday, August 3rd from 9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m. and Friday, August 10th from 9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m. Participants in the first week may be able to register during the first week for session 2.

Parents must drop off and pick-up children or make arrangements for children to walk home or be picked up by 12 noon each day of activities. Please use the south entrance. There will be a sign to direct registrants.

Parents are welcome to wait in the small gardens outside the church, in Sharp Park, at Meijer, Beaners, the Lansing Mall, or other nearby locations. Parents can pick up their children at the south entrance under the portico.

If you have any questions, please contact Patricia Purol at (517) 622-1080, purolpat@comcast.net, mailbox #31 or in person.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve and to have such a welcoming facility from which we work.

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*Please note the
deadline for the
August 2007
newsletter will be
July 14th, 2007.*

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

July 2007:

July 3rd

Picnic under the Fireworks! Join the St. David's congregation with your table setting and a large dish to pass for the annual Delta Township Fireworks celebration! Bring a blanket or your lawn chair, insect repellent, and dress for the weather! The celebration starts at 6:30 p.m. on the St. David's front lawn. Hot dogs, hamburgers, beverages and condiments provided.

July 15th

Ultreya—Mark your calendars for Sunday, July 15th at 3:30 p.m. Location is yet to be determined. Plan to bring a dish to pass, table service, your song book, and wear your name tag!

Be a July Monk—Spend two weeks (or more) with the monks of St. Gregory's Abbey, a Benedictine monastery of the Episcopal Church at Three Rivers, Michigan. Worship & Pray, Work & Learn. For males ages 18 to 45 who can stay for at least two weeks during July. The cost is only \$25.00 for registration.

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 compunun@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.



Meijer Community Rewards

Meijer Community Rewards allows St. David's to raise funds simply and easily toward our goals. Join Meijer Community Rewards, shop at Meijer using your Meijer credit card, PIN-debit card, or cash, and earn cash rewards for St. David's. It's that easy!

There have been recent changes to the Meijer Community Rewards program. As a result, here is a summary of eligible payment types:

| <u>Payment Type:</u> | <u>Earnings Percentage:</u> |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Meijer Credit Card | 1.0% |
| Cash | 0.5% |
| Debit | 0.5% |

Join today! The sooner you join Meijer Community Rewards, the sooner we'll begin receiving rewards! Application forms are available on the table in the Narthex. Our organization number is: **589922**.



Memorial Garden—construction to begin soon

Submitted by Gail Donovan, Memorial Garden Committee Chairperson

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 mail room 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.

Drew Downs Ordination

Submitted by Gail Donovan

A contingency of St. David's parishioners were on hand for Andrew Downs' Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate on June 16th at St. John's Episcopal Church, Saginaw.

It was a beautiful service with wonderful music followed by a reception and lots of picture taking on our part. We enjoyed meeting with Drew and his wife, Rose, Drew's family, and the parishioners of St. John's.

Drew and Rose are as excited to be coming to St. David's as we are to having them. They'll be moving in during late June and Drew begins work the first week of July.

Please introduce yourselves and help Drew and Rose get to know you a little quicker and easier by remembering to wear your name tag.



Build speaking confidence and leadership skills with Toastmasters!

Submitted by Gretchen Smith



Would you rather die than speak in public, lead a discussion, or go through an interview? Do you know someone in that predicament? There are 11 Toastmaster clubs in the greater Lansing area that can give you public speaking confidence and build leadership skills. A variety of time choices and locations. Toastmasters is a volunteer public speaking and leadership organization. Call Gretchen Smith at (517) 374-4588, or e-mail: gretchen.smith@irmc.org if you'd like to learn more.

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



Update from Steph Post

Submitted via E-mail by Steph Post

Friends,

It's true, my car has been returned to me in one piece (well, sort of). My roommates picked me up from the airport last night (I was in the States for about a week taking my YL related class), and surprised me with bringing my very own Toyota Corolla! I screamed like I had just won it on the Price is Right, for sure.

I just wanted to thank you for all your prayers and encouragement during that time of waiting. There is still a little ways to go, for example, it doesn't always start and the air conditioner doesn't work (big no-no here), and there are "fake" airbags...but my parts mechanic, Chico will be able to fix everything and even ordered me better parts than what was used. But already, I feel so much better to have a vehicle and the freedom that comes with that.

So, thank you again for your continued prayers. I was in Holland, MI this week taking a class at the seminary and a friend of mine and I were joking about the way life seems to move in crazy ways (those of you that know me well know this). For example, I got stung by a bee six times in class, locked someone out of their apartment, and then got the stomach flu the night before I was leaving. Tis the way my life goes. But she [my friend] graciously pointed out that God needs to use big attention getters for independent, strong-willed people like myself in order for us to rely more deeply on him. And that also there is a darker side out there constantly trying to thwart God's plans for my life, and that I should pray for protection and rest in confidence that someone wouldn't be messing with me, if I weren't attempting to work for the kingdom. I need to take these things closer to heart.

I have been thinking a lot about those things, especially looking over this frustration that has passed with my car.

I will be back in the States again in two weeks and would love to catch up in any way possible.

Love and Grace,
Steph

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Anniversaries:

6th—Mr. & Mrs. Ted Cannell
7th—Mr. & Mrs. Bill Hawes
8th—Mr. & Mrs. Adam Williams
9th—Mr. & Mrs. Robert Bailey

9th—Ms. Gretchen Smith
11th—Mr. & Mrs. Richard Schmidt
12th—Mr. & Mrs. Robert Nordlund
14th—Mr. & Mrs. Steven Leiby
30th—Mr. & Mrs. Larry Ewing

Birthdays:

1st—Mary Lou Vandermoere
1st—Kurt Ristow
3rd— Alex Sharpe
4th—Hannah Poirer
6th—Elida Gamboa
6th—Carey Williams
7th—Wilma Ewing
7th—Mary Lipka
7th—Margaret Leiby
8th—Victoria Williams
9th—Tom Taylor
10th—Antonio Reynaga
10th—Francis Jacobs
10th—Doris Hosmer

10th—Julie Combs
12th—Eleanor Bishop
12th—Kenneth Cole
13th—Dolores Hartwick
14th—David Byers
14th—Clint Chapin
14th—Kyle Knapp
15th—Mark Williams
16th—Kent Allemeier
16th—Don Flitton
17th—JoAnn Bell
18th—Fred Lovejoy
19th—Michael Johnson
19th—Karon Ellis
19th—Marci Reynolds

22nd—Tyler Lovejoy
23rd—Nancy Ristow
24th—Edie Nordlund
25th—Justin Kiebler
25th—Kris Beckett
26th—Kendall Klumpp
26th—Ben Stine
27th—Riley Leinbach
27th—Sidney Leinbach
28th—Harold Payne
29th—James Dooley
29th—Gerald Williams
29th—Michael Vaughn
30th—Joe Miller
30th—Bonnie Shulnburg

Just for fun—church one-liners...

- Give God what's right—not what's left.
- Man's way leads to a hopeless end—God's way leads to an endless hope.
- A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing.
- He who kneels before God can stand before anyone.
- In the sentence of life, the devil may be a comma—but never let him be the period.
- Don't put a question mark where God puts a period.
- If you're wrinkled with burden, come to the church for a face-lift.
- When prayer, don't give God instructions — just report for duty.
- Don't wait for six strong men to take you to church.
- We don't change God's message — His message changes us.
- The church is prayer-conditioned.
- When God ordains, He sustains.
- WARNING: Exposure to the Son may prevent burning.
- Plan ahead — it wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
- Exercise daily — walk with the Lord.



Bible passages offer answers to life's questions...

| Problem | Call |
|--|------------------------|
| When in sorrow... | John 14 |
| When men fail you... | Psalms 27 |
| When you have sinned... | Psalms 51 |
| When you worry... | Matthew 6:19-34 |
| When you are in danger... | Psalms 91 |
| When God seems far away... | Psalms 139 |
| When your faith needs stirring... | Hebrews 11 |
| When you are lonely and fearful... | Psalms 23 |
| When you grow bitter and critical... | I Corinthians 13 |
| When you feel down and out... | Romans 8:31 |
| When you want peace and rest... | Matthew 11:25-30 |
| When you want Christian assurance... | Romans 8:1-30 |
| When the world seems bigger than God... | Psalms 90 |
| When you leave home for labor or travel... | Psalms 121 |
| When your prayers grown narrow or selfish... | Psalms 67 |
| When you want courage for a task... | Joshua 1 |
| If you are depressed... | Psalms 27 |
| If your pocketbook is empty... | Psalms 37 |
| If you are losing confidence in people... | I Corinthians 13 |
| If people seem unkind... | John 15 |
| When you think of investments and returns | Mark 10 |
| If discouraged about your work | Psalms 126 |
| If self pride/greatness takes hold | Psalms 19 |
| If you want to be fruitful | John 15 |
| For understanding of Christianity | II Corinthians 5:15-19 |

Please note: Emergency numbers may be dialed directly. No operator assistance is necessary. All lines to Heaven are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



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Just for fun-think this through...

One day a farmer's donkey fell down into a well. The animal cried piteously for hours as the farmer tried to figure out what to do.

Finally, he decided the animal was old, and the well needed to be covered up anyway;

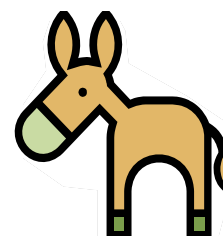
it just wasn't worth it to retrieve the donkey.

He invited all his neighbors to come over and help him. They all grabbed a shovel and began to shovel dirt into the well. At first, the donkey realized what was happening and cried horribly. Then, he quieted down.

A few shovel loads later, the farmer finally looked down the well. He was astonished at what he saw. With each shovel of dirt that hit his back, the donkey was doing something amazing. He would shake it off and take a step up.

Remember the five simple rules to be happy:

- (1) Free your heart from hatred.
- (2) Free your mind from worries.
- (3) Live simply.
- (4) Give more.
- (5) Expect less.



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