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Commitment

Submitted by Father David

Part of my vacation was spent working in the basement sorting out papers, keepsakes collected over the years, and a huge amount of genealogical materials. Quite often I would put on a video/DVD to keep me company and help pass the time. Typically, I would pick a video/DVD that I knew well, having seen it several times before. Such was the case the day I chose *The Chronicles of Narnia's The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe*.

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe is a story by arguably the greatest lay theologian of the 20th Century, C. S. Lewis. In the story, four children leave war-torn London to be housed in Professor Kirke's country estate, and by accident discover the magical world of Narnia through the doors of a wardrobe. They quickly discover that Narnia is under the rule of the cruel White Witch, Jadis, and that for 100 years it has always been winter, but never Christmas. Rumor has it that Aslan, the true king, has returned and that the prophecy in which four human children sit on the thrones at

Cair Paraval will soon come to pass. At that time, peace, justice and joy will return to all the land.

After many adventures and close calls, the time arrives when the army of Aslan, led by Peter, must fight against the army of the White Witch, led by Jadis herself. Just prior to the start of the battle, Peter and his leading general, Oreius, a Centaur, have the following exchange.

Peter Pevensie to Oreius the Centaur:
Are you with me?

Oreius: *To the death.*

Peter: *For Narnia! For Aslan!*

With these words, they go off to fight evil, not knowing who will live or die.

Consider for a moment what kind of commitment is needed to respond in this manner. Peter, Oreius, and countless others.

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Please note the deadline for the November 2006 newsletter will be October 15, 2006.

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Remember the Crop Walk—October 8, 2006

Submitted by Maria Leiby

I hope you have marked Sunday, October 8 on your calendar by now. If you can join us to walk or rock (grab a friend so you'll have someone to talk to)--even at the last minute--please do that. I always have checks to distribute among walkers at the end, so your total contribution is likely to be higher than you realize. I am always happy to take your money as well! And I have receipts if you need one.

No matter how you participate in CROP WALK, you'll be making a difference around the world and right here in the Lansing area. Remember: We walk because they walk!



COMMITMENT (continued from front page)

There was no doubt in their minds that they were fighting for what they believed in. If necessary they would die for that belief.

Christianity asks for this type of commitment. God demands 100% of our best. God does not expect perfection; God only wants the best we can offer. How often have we taken care of our needs, and the needs of those we love as well as those around us and only then do we think about God? Rather than giving God our "first fruits," we give the leftovers to the God of all creation! Only when we are tired, stretched to the max and overextended do we say, "Here God, here is your part." We feel proud of what we've offered and think God should be really impressed. This is something most of us would not accept from family, friends, or co-workers! Why then do we offer so little to God?

Committed people get things done. Yes, they are busy people, but they know clearly where they want to put their time and energy. They do so willingly and completely.

There is much in life, which demands our time, energy and resources. What is your first priority? Is it God? Is it your family? Is it your job, hobby, dreams? Are you your first priority? Take time and evaluate what is important in your life. Once you've decided on the important things, prioritize them. Know in advance you cannot do everything, so be sure to make time for the things that are really important to you. As you do so, make sure God is in his proper place.

With deepest affection,

Father David

St. Michael's Episcopal Church of Lansing will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary. Please celebrate this momentous occasion with us featuring a dinner and program on Saturday evening, October 7, 2006 at the Holiday Inn Express, and Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. Eucharist, October 8, 2006 with the Rt. Reverend Wendell N. Gibbs, Jr., Bishop of Michigan at St. Michael's Episcopal Church Lansing.

Please mark your calendars and join us in celebrating 50 years as a parish nourishing God's people, that Christ may be known. Additional information and details will follow, or you may contact St. Michael's parish office at (517) 882-9733.

Canterbury Sunday dinner announcement

Submitted by Barb Van Dyke

You can help provide the ministry of hospitality to students at Canterbury MSU, the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan's ministry to students at Michigan State University. Canterbury MSU services are held at 5:00 Sunday afternoons at All Saints church in East Lansing, with dinner immediately following. We need willing hands to prepare a meal for 30+ students, who are guaranteed to appreciate your cooking after a week of cafeteria food!

Meals can be prepared in your kitchen or at All Saints, whichever you prefer. Reimbursement for groceries is available. Best of all - we take care of cleanup! For more info or to volunteer, please con-

tact Ruth Ann Jones: 432-6123 ext 294 (days), 303-4751 (evenings) or karakul@mindspring.com (please put Canterbury Meals in the subject line.)

Note from Barb Van Dyke: This ministry can be a group such as the Youth Group, a Bible Study Class, ECW, or a couple of families who like to cook for college students. It is a lot of fun. And I Flitton and I will be willing to help get you started with this ministry.





Senior World program to meet in October

Submitted by John Post

The St. David's Senior World Program will have its first meeting of the year on Thursday, October 12 in the Parish Hall, with Father Pike presenting a short program. Those who attend are urged to arrive at 11:15 a.m. so that the meal may begin at 11:30 a.m. Each meeting consists of a meal, a short program, singing prayer, and dismissal by at least 1:30 p.m.

Guests of St. David's at each Senior World meeting include, among others, residents of Lansing Manor, Serenity Place and Alterra. They are invited so that they might get out of their rooms and apartments for fellowship, a good meal, entertainment and growth in their Christian faith. When needed, St. David's provides transportation to and from the Senior World programs for out guests.

Many members of St. David's attend the Senior World Programs, but more are always needed to mix in with our guests and to provide dishes to pass. In the past few years, we have been seeing more and more men from our parish attend the meetings. The term "Senior World" does not imply that one has to be a 'senior citizen' to attend—all ages are welcome!

The program was named after the Senior World housing complex, located just north of the Lansing Mall and just south of St. David's. That complex is now called "Lansing Manor." We at St. David's provide a framework in which our Lord can pour out His love upon those who attend these meetings. It is truly uplifting to see all these happy faces as the meetings end and our guests depart for their various homes.

This program is one of our missions to our neighbors. Jesus said we are to love our neighbors. You are urged to come and see Him work!

Please join us for the Senior World Program on Thursday, October 12. For reservations and/or information, please call Lore Tuttle 517-321-2469 or John Post at 517-323-1825. If you have questions about the program, please see Father Pike.

Youth Minister Assistant/Update

Submitted by Father Pike

Many of you have been asking where are we in our search for a Youth Minister / Assistant. Earlier this fall I met with the Archdeacon for Congregational Development, Anne Reed, and our profile and job description was entered in the National Churches Database for job listings. As people look for job openings the computer matches what churches want with what clergy have to offer.

Likewise, Archdeacon Reed recently attended a gathering of deployment officers in Province V, our province,

and shared our information with people from more than a dozen dioceses. She has received several possible names of people who might possibly fit our search. These names currently are being processed by the Bishop and if cleared will be forwarded to me.

At that point I would see if the individuals were interested in our position at St. David's, send out paperwork, interview them over the phone, narrow the field down and invite two to come up for an interview here. After prayerful considera-

tion one person would be offered the position for two years.

In addition I have been contacted by a lay person who heard we were looking for a Youth Minister. This person majored in Youth Ministry and has an excellent resume. I have spoken at length with the individual and depending on what the above process produces; this person is a possible candidate for meeting part of our job description. I will keep you and your Vestry posted as developments progress.



Joshua, the church mouse, overheard...

I am back now that I don't have to worry about scaring the Senior Warden, **Gail Donovan**. I really don't understand why people get upset when they see me scurrying around the building. I'm not going to hurt anyone! **Jay and Gloria Bastian** are back home after a busy summer up north. It is good seeing them at the early service again. **David Bell** is recovering from surgery at McLaren (old Ingham Med on Greenlawn!). **Bonnie Brooks** is still trying to sell her home in Brookside. It is a really nice home and if you would like to see it, call Bonnie and let her know. **Norma Bunday** is back from her travels and looking wonderful. Where does she get all her energy? **Dave and Janie Byers** have been taking care of the grandchildren and enjoying having them for an extended period of time. Thanks to **Larry Carey** for continuing to open the building on Sunday mornings even though Fr. David is back in town. With MSU (go Green!) back in session, Larry is back at teaching as well. **Kerry Chapin** is a grandmother again. Her son **Jason and Tanya Carpenter** have a daughter, **Kylie Michell (pronounced Michelle) Chapin**. Sunday School is up and running under the excellent care of **Deb Cornell**. The teachers this year are Nursery – **Jaime Williams**, preschool – **Claire Turner and Jane Stephens**, K – 2nd grade – **Carol Abbott**, 3rd – 5th grade – **Stephanie Cote, Jr.** High – **Kevin Cornell**, and Sr. High – **Deb Cornell**. The department has lots of plans for the year including parties, dinners, retreats and lots more. Watch the bulletin for further notices. **Carey Dreager**

is moving into a new home she will share with her daughter **Adrian** and grandson **Kobe**. Call the office for the new address. **Ginnie DuBlanc** is still home recovering from her surgery. A card or note would be good as it has been a long process. **Louise Henley** needs prayers for the pain in her back. It is not getting any better. **Craig and Abby Leinbach** are doing well with the twin additions to their family. They are really busy I hear. **Bob and Glennis Muncie** are home from a summer at the cottage. It is good to have them working around the building again. I saw **Glennis** cleaning out the nasty freezer last week. It looks much better now. **Lorayne Otto** is back from a Faith Alive weekend out west where she did the Children's program. **Bobby and Kristin Pfauth** and **Steve Leiby** road in the DELMAC bike ride from Lansing to the Mackinaw Bridge. My whiskers droop just thinking about that long a ride! With **John and Nan Strickler** moving up north, **Pat Purol** is taking over the Siren position with St. David's. My cousin, **Justin Mouse** at Siren, says they are really thankful for all we do to help them. **Dick and Carol Schmidt** are home from their trip to the south. They had a good time and took their dog, **Mistletoe** with them. **Ed and Mary Lou Vandermoere** are back home from the cottage. **Jerry and Carol Williams** are enjoying having Carol's dad staying with them.

CMSU Fall Feast

Submitted by Barb Van Dyke



Canterbury MSU is looking ahead to our annual Fall Feast Event on Friday, October 20, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. As in the past there will be a delicious meal brought to closure by a scrumptious dessert. All this is combined with a Silent Auction. Our resident wine maker on the CMSU Board promises several bottles for the auction.

Tickets are available for \$30.00 per person – a small price to pay for an evening of fun with friends and to support the Episcopal Ministry at MSU. Eight (8) tickets will buy a table for St. David's. Please contact Barb Van Dyke at (517) 699-2366 for more information or to purchase tickets.

A reminder to those folks who have offered items for the Silent Auction, please contact Barb Van

Dyke so we will know what we have. Examples of previous offerings are: jewelry, pottery and kitchen supplies, catered dinners and music opportunities for someone else will be welcomed. If you knit, baby sweaters in bright colors are popular items, or any hand knit item such as a small blanket, a prayer shawl or a scarf.

These items should be turned in to Barb no later than October 1st.



Christian Education—Calendar for the upcoming school year

Submitted by Debbie Cornell

October 8, 2006 – Youth Sunday

Nursery and Preschool will be host/hostess for coffee hour and clean up. Please bring a dish to pass of your favorite dessert, veggies or fruit.

October 15, 2006—Teacher's Meeting after the 10:30 a.m. service

October 29, 2006—Halloween Party and Pumpkin Hunt at the church after the church service

November 5, 2006—High school "Spaghetti Dinner" after the 10:30 a.m. service

November 12, 2006—Teacher's Meeting after the 10:30 a.m. service

November 17, 2006—Nursery through 2nd grades, Family Fun Night, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

December 10, 2006—Teacher's Meeting after the 10:30 a.m. service

December 17, 2006—Children's Christmas Program at the 10:30 a.m. service

December 24 and December 31, 2006—No Sunday school

January 7, 2007—Sunday school resumes

January 14, 2007—Teacher's Meeting after the 10:30 a.m. service

January 19, 2007—Nursery through 2nd grades, Family Fun Night, 6:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m.

February 11, 2007—Youth Sunday

Kindergarten and Grades 3-5th will be host/hostess for coffee hour and clean up. Please bring a dish to pass of your favorite dessert, veggies or fruit. Teacher's Meeting after the 10:30 a.m. service

February 17-18, 2007—Middle school class "Winter Retreat"

February 23-25, 2007—High school class "Winter Retreat"

March 11, 2007—Teacher's Meeting after the 10:30 a.m. service

March 16, 2007—Nursery through 2nd grades, Family Fun Night, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

March 25, 2007—High School Brunch after the 10:30 a.m. service

April 1 and April 8, 2007 – No Sunday school – Spring Break

April 8, 2007—Easter Sunday – Easter Egg Hunt after the 10:30 a.m. service

April 15, 2007—Teacher's Meeting after the 10:30 a.m. service

May 6, 2007—Youth Sunday and Teddy Bear Sunday- Grades 6th-8th and high school will be host/hostess for coffee hour and clean up. Please bring a dish to pass of your favorite dessert, veggies or fruit.

May 18, 2007—Nursery through 2nd grades, Family Fun Night, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

May 20, 2007—Student's Car Wash
Teacher's Meeting after the 10:30 a.m. service

June 3, 2007—Sunday school recognition and Church Picnic

June 10 through June 14, 2007—Vacation Bible School

June 16-17, 2007—High school class "Cedar Point Trip"





The Cookie Walk is back

Submitted by Glennis Muncie

The ECW Cookie Walk will be held on Sunday, December 17 after the 10:30 a.m. service.

We need small and medium size coffee cans or something similar. We will decorate the cans on Monday evening, December 11.

We also need lots of small homemade baked cookies. Bring them on December 17 to the Great Hall before the 10:30 a.m. service.

We will sell the cans for \$3.00 and \$6.00 and you can fill the cans with cookies of our choice. Thanks in advance for your donations and for participating in our Cookie Walk.

Any questions, please contact Glennis Muncie or Andi Flitton.

October Birthdays and Anniversaries...

Birthdays:

1st—Dan Durbin

5th—Barbara Jones

5th—Heather McGinnis

6th—Nancy George

6th—William Stanton

6th—Matt Hosmer

7th—Michael Stephens

8th—Michael Transeth

11th—Sharon Phipps

12th—Paula Hawes

13th—Gerry Purol

15th—Dawn Sonnenberg

19th—Frank Howard

19th—Tyron Davis II

20th—Stephanie Cote

20th—Gail Donovan

21st—Maria Leiby

22nd—Aaron Phipps

23rd—Jim Buzzie

29th—Ken Zawadzinski

30th—Kathy Brown

Anniversaries:

7th—Bob & Pauline Solomon

10th—Michael and Cassandra Vaughn

11th—Craig & Abby Leinbach

11th—Mark & Vickie Tisdale

18th—Patrick Lynaugh & Randyll Shook

Happening! Attention all high school teens (Grade 9-12)

The next diocesan Happening weekend will be held from November 17-19 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Kalamazoo! Happening is a fun, spiritually charged weekend youth program held all across the globe for teens... by teens. You will get to meet many new friends from the diocese and will have an opportunity to get to "Know Jesus" on a much more personal level as a result of this experience. It will be the time of your life!

If you are interested in knowing more about Happening or would like to pick up an application for the upcoming fall weekend, contact Gary Mugnolo (517) 321-4093 or Father David. The absolute deadline for registering to attend this fall weekend is Monday, October 16, so let's get busy and sign up today!



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

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A few announcements...

Many may remember Norris Ingells as a long-time Lansing State Journal photographer and nature columnist. He passed away this past year, and friends have organized a Norris Ingells Walk for Nature. It's a fundraiser to benefit the Fenner Nature Center. It's on October 14. Walkers with contributions made out to Fenner Nature Center will receive a T-shirt with one of Norris' nature photos on it. I should also say that Norris and his spouse, Carol, are faithful Episcopalians at St. Paul's. If you're interested in participating, e-mail me at gretchen.smith@irmc.org.

Would you rather die than speak before an audience? There's a cure for that. There are a number of Toastmaster clubs in the area. I am a member of Yawn Patrol Toastmasters, which meets alternate Tuesdays at Creole Gallery, 1218 Turner St., Lansing. We are a fun group, but we stay on time: 7:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m. Breakfast included. Come as a guest and join in the fun. Speeches, table topics (1-2 minute impromptu speeches), evaluations, networking. Our goals are to help others build communication and leadership skills and self-confidence. If you're interested in learning about Toastmaster groups in the area, or coming to Yawn Patrol, e-mail me at gretchen.smith@irmc.org We meet October 10 and 17.

Become a Master Gardner: Would you like to learn to grow beautiful flowers, identify garden pests, control grubs and moles in your lawn, grow fruits and vegetables and learn environmentally responsible pesticide use. These are only a few of the things that you can learn when you become a "Master Gardner." Classes will be held starting in January, 2007, at St. David's. Call Eaton County MSU Extension Office at 517-543-2310 for more information or see Nancy Burns if you have questions regarding these classes.