

The Herald

MARCH 2017

Growing up, my family always had a “junk drawer” in the kitchen. It was the place where we’d store all those items that we didn’t exactly know where else to put - odd keys that we weren’t sure what they unlocked, loose batteries (for some reason both dead and new), extra packets of soy sauce from the Chinese food restaurant, and numerous other things that we’d probably never use (but you just never know).

Well, every so often, it would get so full that we’d have trouble closing it. That was the signal that it was time for us to clean out our junk drawer - to dump out it’s contents onto the table, to sift through all our junk, and to get rid of all the needless things that were just taking up space, . . . and in the process, to also rediscover a bunch of important stuff that we had completely forgotten about.

In many ways, the season of Lent is a time to clean out the “junk drawers” in our hearts. It’s a time for self-examination. It’s a time for letting go and getting rid of many things that we are needlessly holding on to and that are just taking up space. And it’s a time to sift through all the clutter that builds up in our lives and to rediscover those things that are important and essential . . . and that have been there all along.

To help us all on our Lenten journeys this year, we will again be offering Lenten mid-week services (**Wednesday nights at 7:30 p.m. - starting March 8th**). We will be using the beautiful service of Holden Evening Prayer as a format, and our Confirmation students will be helping out by performing dramatic readings.

If you have everything together in your life, don’t feel you have to come. But if you’re feeling the weight of all the clutter that seems to build up in our lives and that it may be time to begin to clean out the junk drawer of your heart, why not join us for these brief, calming, and reflective services, as we make this Lenten journey together?

— Pastor Micah

SEE YOU IN CHURCH-----

It seems like last week we were decorating for Christmas and this week we are looking forward to the beginning of Lent!!

This will be a busy month leading up to Easter, many things are happening so be sure to double check the herald and the bulletin so you don't miss out.

Our weekly worship schedule remains the same, Saturday evening service at 5:30 p.m., Sunday worship at 9:30 a.m. along with Sunday church school, and the later service at 11:00 a.m. all with Holy Communion.

Ash Wednesday is March 1st with worship services at 12:00 p.m. and again at 7:30 p.m. Both services will have Holy Communion and distribution of ashes. On the Wednesday evenings during Lent, March 8, 15, 22, 29, and April 5, we will be having a Lenten evening prayer service at 7:30 p.m. The Confirmation class will be leading our worship.

Saturday March 11 at 6:30 p.m., we will have our yearly "Soup Supper" fundraiser to fund the youth participating in meal packing to "feed the children of Haiti." There are always tasty soups, breads and desserts, so plan on attending with your family. On the same night as the soup supper, the Confirmation class will be having a lock-in until Sunday morning. All youth are invited to participate, check with the church office if you have any questions.

Looking Ahead-----

Palm Sunday April 9, services at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Holy Thursday April 13th, services at 12:00 p.m. and again at 7:30p.m.

Good Friday April 14th, services at 12:00 p.m. and again at 7:30 p.m.

church open for prayer from 12:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Saturday April 15th Saturday evening service still to be decided.

Easter Sunday April 16th, services at 9:00 a.m. and again at 11:00a.m.

Easter Funfest at 10:00 a.m. for the Sunday school.

Come home where people care

Respectfully submitted,
Worship Committee

Growing E-mail List

If you haven't recently received e-mail reminders from the church, please send an e-mail to Pastor Micah (pastormicahs@aol.com), so we can add your address to our list. Thanks.

Tackling Hunger

On Super Bowl weekend, the people of St. David's stepped up and raised **\$362** to help tackle hunger. Thanks to all who contributed!

It's Official

On the afternoon of February 12th, Pastor Micah was officially installed as the pastor of St. David's, and over 110 people were there to witness and take part in this special event. Then following the service, Pastor and his family were warmly welcomed with a wonderful reception. Thanks to all who came, who contributed to the service, and who helped host the reception. It was a truly glorious way to start a new ministry together.

ASL Classes Postponed

Unfortunately, we're having to postpone our scheduled ASL classes due to a lack of communication and interest at this time. However, this is a valued part of our ministry at St. David's, so we hope to reschedule and provide these classes again sometime in the coming months.

Add Your Voice to Our Song

As we approach our Easter celebration, this is a great time to join the Church Choir. The choir practices on Wednesday evenings for one hour right after our Lenten Evening Prayer services. So come for Evening Prayer, and then maybe stick around and add your voice to our song.



**REMINDER: Clocks
"Spring Forward"
1 hour
On Sunday, March 12**

Wednesday, March 1st

Ash Wednesday

Worship services
with Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes
at **12:00 noon & 7:30 p.m.**
All are welcome.

Lenten Evening Prayer

Wednesdays in Lent - 7:30 p.m.

Take a break from the hustle and bustle of life and join us for these brief, calming, and reflective services. Starting on Wednesday, March 8th.

Saturday, March 11th

St. David's Soup Supper & Youth "Lock-in"

After worship on Saturday, March 11th (@ 6:30 p.m), the youth will host a soup supper for the congregation (\$10 for adults, \$5 for kids under 10). Then, afterwards, they will spend the night at church playing games, watching movies, and having fun.

Tuesday, March 14th

Men's Lunch

All men who enjoy good food and conversation are invited to join us for lunch at the Corner Galley (5411 Merrick Rd.) on Tuesday, March 14th at 12:00pm.

Easter Food Baskets

As we prepare to celebrate the joy of Easter, we also are looking to share a visible sign of that joy by collecting food for families in need. A list of needed food items will be on the bulletin board in the lobby, or store gift certificates are also appreciated. The last day of collecting food for the Easter Food Baskets will be **Sunday, March 19th.**

Sunday, March 26th

Come Be a "Holy Roller"

If you have some "spare" time on Sunday, March 26, be sure to join our church

bowling outing. We'll be bowling at Massapequa Bowl from 1-3 p.m. Afterwards, you can "split." It's only \$10 for 2 hours of bowling & shoes, so don't be a "turkey," and be sure to "strike" at this fun opportunity.

St. David's Pre-School News

It's not often when the first day of March begins the season of Lent but that is what is happening this year. We will be going to chapel on Ash Wednesday and having ashes imposed on us.

It seems we will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day all week as each class will be having their party on a different day. The Little Lambs will have theirs on March 13; the 2 ½'s on the 16th and the 3's and 4's on the traditional day of the 17th. We will be on the hunt for gold and trying to catch a glimpse of that tricky leprechaun.

That same week we will be celebrating Lutheran Schools Week with a carnival and Magic Show beginning at 10 AM on the 15th. Tickets are \$5 per child. The proceeds will be donated to the Lutheran Schools Association to which our school belongs. Any child younger than age 5 is invited to attend and join us in the Fellowship Hall at 10 AM. Everyone who attended last year had a great time. We also have popcorn and prizes for all the children.

We are still enrolling students for all our classes for next year. We have 4 different ones; Mommy & Me for ages 18 months to 2 ½ years, the 2 ½ class, the 3 year old and 4 year old. If you are interested in any of these classes please call the school at 799-5824.

Looking forward to a beautiful Spring and Easter season!

— Robin Lever, Director

Fellowship Hour Schedule for March 2017:

3/5/17 Deaf Ministry
3/12/17 Education
3/19/17 Stewardship/Property
3/26/17 Fellowship/LBS

Needed Supplies include Coffee, Tea, Soft Drinks, Cookies, Cake.

March's Mission of the Month: *"Heat/Feeding the Children of Haiti"*

Council Officers Elected

At the first meeting of the newly installed 2017 Church Council in February, the following officers were elected: **Dave Lynam** as Council President, **Jim Sheridan** as Council Vice-President, **Jo Ann Justus** as Council Secretary, and **Anne Anderson** as Treasurer. Please keep these leaders, along with all of our Church Council members in your prayers, as they lead our ministry for the coming year.



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Come – Worship with Us at St. David's!

Our Fall/Winter schedule

Worship Services with Holy Communion

Every Saturday at 5:30pm

Every Sunday at 9:00 & 11:00am

Interpretation for the Deaf at the 9:00am service

Sunday School Classes every Sunday at 9:00am

Confirmation Classes every Wednesday, from 7-8

Sunday School registration still being accepted.

Fellowship/Refreshments from 10:15am to 11:15am

Fully Wheelchair Accessible

Preschool Registration still being accepted

Little Lamb Mommy & Me 18 months - 2 1/2

Preschool ages 2 1/2—4yrs old

Call Mrs. Robin Lever (Preschool Director) @ (516) 799-5824

The Herald

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Submissions for March

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IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK, PLEASE REMEMBER:

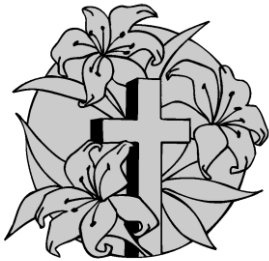
+ KNOWN TO BE HOSPITALIZED, ILL OR RECOVERING:

Michele Martin, Jim Slattery, John McGarry, Carol Scheuer, Roy Chichile, Bernice Hayes, Luigi Soviero, Mark Ives, Steven Perry, Giselle Hubbert, Ester Hansen, Fred Mueller, Bob Gfererer, Kylie Lauren & Matthew Taylor Sapanski, Alexia Fink, Harry Thomas Bruel, William Whamby, Anita & John Grube, Ted Ho, Norman Hall, Louise Mollendorf, Karen Naylor, Wilson Valentin, Nancy Michaelis, Jay Leone, Nicholas Lagravinese, Joe Gaiti, Diana Bruu, Len Schiede, Chris Brickner, Susan Mast Trinder, Mildred Ulrich, Louise Landkammer, Connie Schildt, Ed & Emma Schneider.

We also continue to pray for:

* our armed forces as they continue to stand harm's way in Iraq, Afghanistan, Africa and throughout the world. May God bless them and their families.

* our Police Officers, our blue line of defense.



SANCTUARY FLOWERS FOR EASTER

If you would like to put flowers in the Sanctuary this Easter, as a memorial or thank offering, please complete this form and return with your contribution no later than Sunday, **April 7, 2017** to be in the Easter bulletin.

Given by _____ \$ _____ enclosed

In Memory of _____

As a Thank Offering for _____



INSIDE PLANTINGS FOR EASTER



If you would like to put flowers Outside this Easter, as a memorial or thank offering, please complete this form and return with your contribution no later than Sunday, **April 7, 2017** to be in the Easter bulletin.

Given by _____ \$ _____ enclosed

In Memory of _____

As a Thank Offering for _____



With thanks to all who remembered or honored their friends and loved ones with gifts to our funds this month:

Memorial Fund:

Edward Petersen: by Barbara Puleio, Evelyn Lopopolo,

Ruth DeSilva by Barbara Puleio, Evelyn Lopopolo