

The Herald

MAY 2016

MISSION OF THE MONTH: A/C – MOTHER’S DAY BLANKETS



Mother’s Day

“Mother’s Day is a minefield” (told to me by another pastor.)

Wow. Why is that? Well, some women may have recently lost a mother, finding Mother’s Day to be uncomfortable for them. Of course, there are infertile couples who desperately want children, but find themselves unable to conceive. They may not feel like celebrating Mothers’ Day, either. Still others have grown up in homes in which they don’t have those warm, fuzzy “mommy memories” from their childhoods.

Mothers Day has us thinking about our relationship with our mothers. Are we close or distant to our mothers? Some of us have some regrets about how we treated our mothers, which mother’s day brings to mind.

With these above caveats, on Mother’s Day we celebrate the powerful ways mothers shape their children. Who has been a mother figure in your life? We commend mothering for the ways it reflects some of God’s core qualities. A mother brings forth new life, nurtures those on her path, and lives with the tension of providing both freedom and a safety net. Well, so does God. A mother creates a loving environment for the child to grow up in, to abide in. Similarly, note John 15:9, in which Jesus calls us to “abide in my love.”

What is mothering love? Is it personal affection? Well, it’s much, much more. It’s a firm commitment and total orientation towards the child. Mothering love is steady, long term and vital, even severe at times. Such love is self-giving and self less. It is part of a mother’s very purpose for living. *The love of God is revealed for us, in part, in the love from a mother to a child.* This is the closest example I have to draw from.

It is difficult for a child to internalize the love of God we speak about in church if the child has little experience of love at home. Love is not only a word or a sentiment. It is an experience every child needs from a mother figure, in order to thrive mentally, socially, spiritually. We take this for granted, yet it as an essential as healthy food is for our physical development.

In John 15, Jesus declares that “I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit.” Mothering love produces fruit. It produces...more love! Good mothering raises children who know that God loves them. Good mothering raises children who are able to love others. This is good fruit!

Why not bring a mother to church on May 8th? We’ll have a carnation for her. See you in worship.

Pastor Arden Strasser

COUNCIL NOTES

March 8, 2016

AT THE COUNCIL MEETING---

Treasurer

Giving was below budget but so were expenses, Cash on hand - \$14,007.98. Outstanding payables amount to \$0.

Call Committee

Committee is meeting and conducting its work.

Letter from Mary Ann

Have been doing some housekeeping in the church office, got rid of old bulletins and Heralds, keeping information regarding history of the church and annual reports.

Mission of the Month

March - Heat and Habitat for Humanity

April - heat and CROP Walk

May - air conditioning and Mother's Day Blankets

Communications and Petitions

Letter from LSS thanking us for 128 pounds of food and clothing.

Thank you from the members of St Roses' Bell Choir for the use of our bells over the Christmas holidays.

Pastor Arden Strasser

Has been a month of worship planning, confirmation, administration, communications, planning and pastoral care have participated in meetings with Evangelism, Stewardship and Education committees, Ash Wednesday-Feb. 10, Soup Supper Feb 27, Youth overnight lock in- March 5-6

Finance

Change Soup Spoiler Mission of the Month to the Jacobson Scholarship Fund. A recommendation was made to give a \$500 scholarship to one person and if there is an exceptional choice of recipients the committee will return to Council for a decision, Council approved.

Evangelism

Discussed installation of chair lift in rear lobby- turn in stairs and lack of electric cause's problem, this would be helpful for Deaf Ministry. Request someone in the congregation to take pictures of activities at church, to distribute to the local papers.

Property

Working on lighting in Chancel area, Tile inside Clark Blvd. entrance will be replaced with the same tile that we have in the rear lobby. Bought paint for Council room with a \$250 gift card from Thrivent.

Social Ministry

Applebee's on May 7th along with car wash, CROP walk April 24th.

Stewardship

May 1st Blood Drive. Looking into Long Island Ducks Game.

Worship

Have discussed dropping the Christmas Day service as attendance has been low.

Preschool

Starting three-year-olds five days a week next year, looking to purchase sign for outside of church with fundraising monies.

Respectfully submitted,
Jo Ann Justus, Secretary.

See you in worship

Spring will soon turn into Summer, and the children will be out of school looking forward to their Summer vacation, but we need to remember that weekly worship is a part of lives no matter what the season. The church will continue to function on a slightly altered schedule, don't forget to join the St. David's family for prayer, praise and fellowship each week.

This month our worship schedule remains as always- Saturday evening worship at 5:30 P.M. and Sunday worship at 9:00 A.M. along with Sunday Church School, and again at 11:00 A.M., all services with Holy Communion.

On Saturday May 14th and Sunday May 15th we will celebrate Pentecost. This day also marks the First Holy Communion for our fifth graders at the 11:00 A.M. service. Please attend and support these children as they continue on their spiritual journey. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

May 8th is Mother's Day when we recognize all that our "moms" have done for us in the past and will do in the future. Give them all a hug and a big kiss as they deserve a day just devoted to them. We have our usual Mother's Day blankets available for you to donate to Church World Service in the lobby.

Let's all remember the sacrifices made by our Armed Forces on Monday May 30th, Memorial Day, as we remember all those who have given their lives to ensure our freedom. The church office will be closed this day.

LOOKING AHEAD

June 19th is Father's Day and also the beginning of our Summer schedule.

Services will be held as usual on Saturday evening at 5:30 P.M. but on Sunday morning there will be one service at 10:00 A.M. from June 19th through Rally Day.

Check the Herald for more information.

Come home where people care

Respectfully submitted,
Worship Committee.

Preschool

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers, grandmothers, aunts and anyone who's been like a mother to someone! We will be celebrating the women in our lives with a Tea on May 6. The children are already learning songs to perform for them. We are also working on some lovely gifts.

We will have our annual school picnic at Brady Park on May 19. The children are looking forward to playing on the new playground there. We will have games and some special treats in store for them.

We will once again be marching in the Village's Memorial Day Parade on May 30. Pick a nice spot on the church lawn and cheer us on as we pass by. The children love waving at the crowd.

This month the children will be learning about the life cycle of butterflies as we will be receiving our caterpillar's right after the Spring II Recess. They will also be planting seeds and learning about plant life.

We are having a Clothing Drive fundraiser the entire month of May. If you are looking to donate the clothes you found during your Spring Cleaning, please think of us. We are paid by the pound and the clothes and items are distributed to the needy and not sold for scrap. We need 100 bags for a pickup. We now have 32. Only 68 more to go. Please leave your donations in kitchen sized bags in front of the preschool classrooms. Thank you for your donations!



- We are collecting:
- * Wearable & Usable clothing – men’s, women’s and children
 - * Shoes, Belts, Handbags...
 - * Linens – Bedding, Curtains, Towels
 - * Stuffed Animals
 - * Hard Toys

Please put all that you are donating into tightly tied kitchen sized plastic bags and place in front of the preschool classrooms.

DATE: The month of May or until we have 100 bags.

NEWS AND NOTES



Men’s Luncheon will meet again on May10th at 12:00pm. Please meet us at the Corner Galley.

Help Wanted, No Experience Necessary. Will train: ushers, greeters, lectors, communion assistants, flexible schedule- Saturday evening or Sunday morning. Compensation and benefits are out of this world! No need to send your resume just call – Jo-Ann Justus 541-7127 or e-mail Justusjandj@verizon.net



Have you looked at our website recently? You can catch-up on all that is going on at St. David’s! You can get back issues of *The Herald*; see the *Worship Assistants Schedule* (Ushers, Greeters, Assisting Ministers, Communion Assitants, Lectors and Acloytes) and if you can’t make it to church services, you can read the *News & Notes* and the *Calendar* schedule for the week. Go to: www.stdavidslutheran.net

Come and Work Out With Lois Gaiti. Are you having trouble moving your body, do you feel blah? Come down to our exercise classes. Help yourself and help your Church too. The classes will get your body moving and stretched. You do as much as you can.

Aerobics: Every Tuesday at 7:30pm. Low impact increases cardio vascular efficiency, flexibility and tones your body.

Stretch and Tone: Every Wednesday at 10:00am.

We use chairs for balance and sit on to do various exercises. The exercises are designed to increase your flexibility. So Again, help yourself and help our Church. All donations collected go directly to St David's. Wear sneakers, comfortable clothing, a water bottle and light weights. Also bring a mat for the aerobics classes. Should you have any questions or concerns, please call me (Lois Gaiti) at (516) 798-615.

First Holy Communion Preparation classes will be held on Saturday afternoon from 4:00 to 5:00pm. **May 7th**. As you plan for that day, it may be helpful to bear in mind that cake and coffee will be served in the fellowship hall downstairs after the service on May 15, 2016.

Our Social Ministry Committee invites you to a church fundraiser on Saturday, May 7, at Applebee's Restaurant on Sunrise Highway in Bellmore from 8 to 10 AM. Our youth will also wash your car in the parking lot for a free will donation. Tickets for the grand breakfast (orange juice, pancakes, eggs, sausage, and coffee/tea) are only \$10, \$5 for kids 12 & under, free for children under 2. Tickets will be on sale after worship. Walk ins are also welcome. Come on out!

Mother's Day is coming soon on **May 8th**. Buy her a mother's day card today in our lobby for \$5 and support our refugee program, run by Church World Service.

Upcoming King David Fellowship Calendar: Please mark your calendars. The next scheduled get-together is as follows. **May 19, 2016** at 1:00pm. FOOD...FUN...MUSIC... 32 New York Ave. Massapequa. RSVP Gloria Thorsen hostess 799-8517 or Rev. Juanita & Walt Hilsenbeck 541-5624. All are welcomed.

Jacobsen Scholarship The Harold B. and Margaret M. Jacobsen Scholarship Award is given to a graduating senior who is serious about continuing their education. The candidate has given service to St. Davids as well as the communities St. David's serves. They must be a confirmed active member of the congregation and have been accepted to an accredited college, university or professional development school. Students meeting this criteria, should contact the church office to obtain an application. Applications must be received no later than **June 15, 2016** for consideration.

Last day of Sunday School is Sunday, **June 5, 2016**.

Single Service starts Sunday, June 19, 2016 Fathers Day at 10:00am.

Hosting Coffee and Cake for the month of May is as follows:

May 1, 2016 Worship

May 8, 2016 Education

May 15, 2016 Evangelism

May 22, 2016 Fellowship

May 29, 2016 Stewardship/Property

Communicating

Help us to maintain regular communication with you and provide you with good pastoral care by keeping our office up date with your current address and contact information. Also, please let the office know if...

- a baby is born in your family.
- you wish to be baptized or have a child baptized

- you wish to learn about Sunday School or confirmation programming.
- you wish to be married.
- you wish to be prayed for.
- you would like to learn about joining St David's.
- you are ill or hospitalized
- you wish to receive communion at home
- you need a ride to worship.
- a family member dies

Electronic Giving

Are you not so good at remembering your offering envelopes or your checkbook? Do you go out of town regularly for a few weeks at a time? Do you want to simplify your giving? Did you know that St David's offers electronic giving? With a simple process, your offering can be transferred automatically from your bank account or credit card once each month. It's easy. At the bottom of the left column of our website front page is a blue button labeled DONATE. When you click it, you are taken through a menu where you create an online profile with your address, account number, and offering amount. Your information is safe and secure and you have full control to stop or change your offering at any time. If you choose to enter your frequent flier credit card, you can even earn miles with your offering. If you have any questions, just ask Treasurer Anne Anderson.

Habitat for Humanity has earned a great reputation focusing on securing affordable housing for the working poor in America and around the world. Habitat has a proven model of identifying the right candidates ready for training and able to give their own sweat equity. Habitat knows how to secure low cost financing, land, materials and labor, to build a house that the young family can afford to repay. St David's is joining the 2016 "Faith Build" initiative of Habitat for Humanity of Suffolk County. Consider joining our work team and spending a Saturday, July 9th at the build site. You don't have to be skilled. All hands are needed. The work team is also invited back for the House Dedication when the house is complete. Stay tuned!

Summer Fun. Mark your calendar and join us for our 2016 St David's Vacation Bible School on August 15-19. VBS is for kids 3 years old to 5th grade, 9am-12noon! Kids will enjoy interactive Bible stories, hands-on crafts, high-energy music, games, making friends, snacks and more! Registration coming soon!



Take me Out To The Ball Game. Join us for a night out to see the famous Long Island Ducks play baseball on Saturday, July 16th. We have a block of tickets in one section just for St David's. For \$25 you get a game ticket and a new St David's t-shirt. The game starts at 630 pm, and includes fireworks after the game. It's a great way to spend a Saturday night with friends in the warm summer. We'll meet at the church parking lot at 5:15pm. Stay tuned for details and ticket sales.

Blood Drive



**Saint David's
Lutheran Church
Sunday, May 1st
8:00am-2:00pm
20 Clark Boulevard
Massapequa Park**

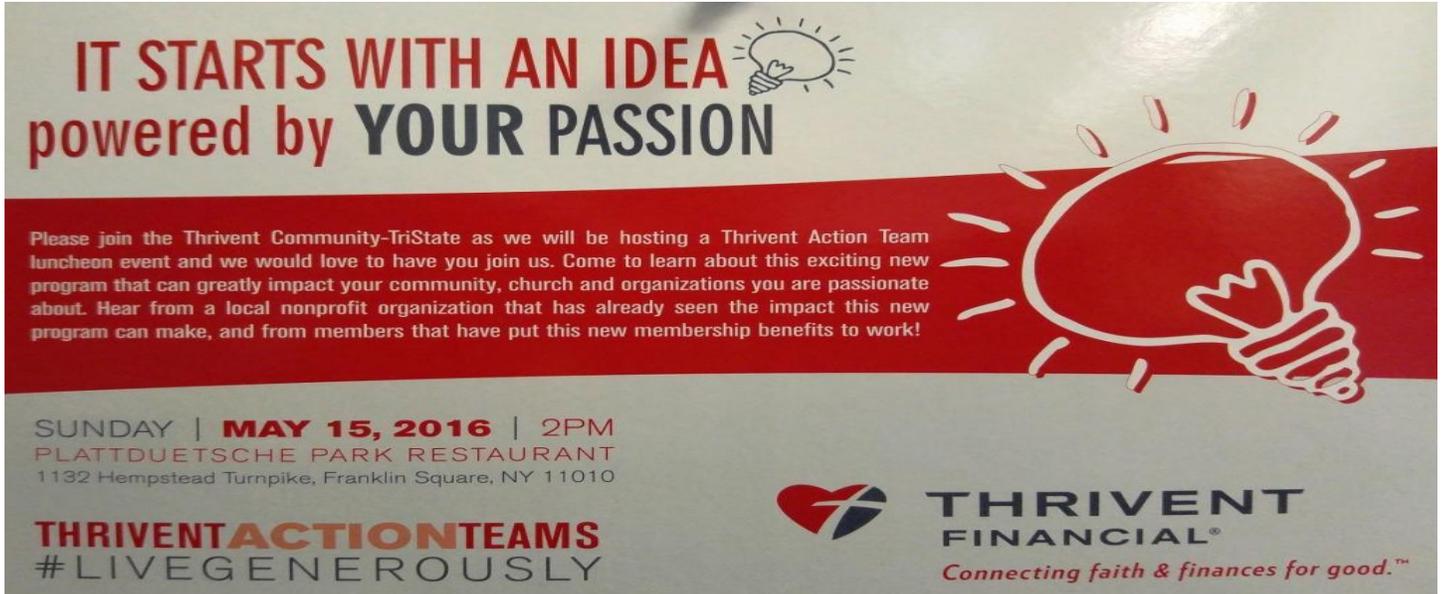


We're holding a blood drive at church on **Sunday, May 1st from 8 am to 2 pm**. Today's advanced medical care relies on blood donations. Donors help meet the daily transfusion needs of cancer and surgery patients, accident and burn victims, newborns and mothers delivering babies, AIDS and sickle cell anemia patients, and many more. Invite your friends. To sign-up Email Pastor Arden Strasser at ardenstrasser@gmail.com

**EASTERN NASSAU CONFERENCE
WOMEN OF THE ELCA BIBLE STUDY
SLOW FAITH/ CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP 101**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TOPIC, THEME VERSE</u>	<u>HOST CHURCH</u>	<u>PASTOR LEADER</u>	<u>Gather MAGAZINE IS</u>
May 27, 2016	An Intergenerational lesson	St. John's Bellmore	Pr. Laurie Cline	May 2016, Session 1

Thrivent Luncheon Sunday, May 15, 2016 at 2 pm Plattduetsche Park Restaurant (1132 Hempstead Tpk, Franklin Square 11010) Free luncheon open to all Thrivent members (and one guest per member). Collection of donations of new baby items for Lutheran Social Services, New Life Center (bring a gift bag of unwrapped baby items. Most needed: receiving blankets, pacifiers, baby bottles, diapers, diaper bags, bibs, socks, shampoo, baby wash and infant toys)Luncheon is free but a reservation must be made in advance, deadline is April 15th (space limited) email name, address & phone # to: Gina O'Connor to reserve a spot: gina.oconnor@thrivent.com phone 718-478-3960.



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powered by YOUR PASSION

Please join the Thrivent Community-TriState as we will be hosting a Thrivent Action Team luncheon event and we would love to have you join us. Come to learn about this exciting new program that can greatly impact your community, church and organizations you are passionate about. Hear from a local nonprofit organization that has already seen the impact this new program can make, and from members that have put this new membership benefits to work!

SUNDAY | **MAY 15, 2016** | 2PM
PLATTDUETSCHER PARK RESTAURANT
1132 Hempstead Turnpike, Franklin Square, NY 11010

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

Memorial Fund:

Robert Bob Roth by Mr. & Mrs. Robert R Roth Jr. and family

Thanksgiving

For Our LBS Family by Janis & Peter Garone

For our Family and all of Life's Blessings by Janis & Peter Garone

+IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK, PLEASE REMEMBER: + KNOWN TO BE HOSPITALIZED, ILL OR RECOVERING: Nick Ewen, Barbara, Amanda, Jean, Norman Hall, Ashley, JoAnn Justus, Ingeburg Schuett, Kim Tarry, Rita Tarry, Pat Daly, Doloros Soedler, Genevieve Lucca Volpe, Candice Bruder, Warren & Lilliean Van Allen, Ruth DiSilva, Ted Ho, Leo John Margrone, Peter Schiebe III, Ashley, Bob Gferer, Giselle Hubbert, Regin Altenburger, Edward Peterson, Walter Peterson, Steve Levine, James McGuire, Dr. Jean Robinson, Kerry Copeland, Alyson Bruu, Jean Kane, Len Schiede, Joe Heberlein, Loretta Buzanga, Marie Wilson, Nicholas Peter Lagravinese, Debbie Roth, Chris Brickner, Elsie Von Durring, Gayle Wertz, Eric Anderson, Alfred & Francis Fesefeldt, Charles & Carol Klein, Dorothy Petersen, Esther Hansen, Susan Mast Trinder, Mildred Ulrich, Louise Landkammer, Connie Schildt, Ed & Emma Schneider.

- We continue to pray for our armed forces as they continue to stand in harm's way in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Africa and throughout the world. May God bless them and their families.
- Names will remain on the list until the end of each month. If prayers are still requested for the following month, please advise Mary Ann in the office at the beginning of each month.

+THOSE WHO MOURN THE PASSING OF: Maribel Moreira Thorsen, Joan Maybury, Beatrice Meyers, Jack Rallo, Frank Zacchino, Eleanore Alf, Doris Glatthaar, Keith Dunn, Fran Hickey, William Schirmacher, James McGuire, June Algeo, John Fuller, Yanet Rojas, Marge Garrett.

Pray For our Staff:

Rev. Dr. Arden Strasser Pastor
 Mary Ann Ho Office Administrator
 Robert Michaelis Deacon
 Florence Poeschke Deacon
 Janet Pinto Organist, Saturday
 Bethany Porter Organist/Choir Dir.
 Janis Garone LBS Director
 Domingo Rojas Custodian
 Patricia McCarthy Deaf Min. /Signer
 Karen Corbett Parish Nurse
 Jill Ewen Parish Nurse
 Julie Meier Sun. School Director
 JoAnn ReySundaySchoolCoDirector/Pianist

Pray for our Preschool Staff:

Robin Lever Preschool Dir. /Teacher
 Ruth DeSilva Preschool Teacher Asst.
 Colleen Smith Preschool Teacher
 Linda Patrissi Preschool Sub/Mommy & Me

Pray For: Led By the Spirit & Adult Choir & Young Choir

Pray For: Our Confirmation teachers
 Rev. Dr. Arden Strasser, Pastor 7th 8th & 9th
 Debbie Geis: 6th

Pray For our Lay Leaders:

Lynn Benov, /President/Stewardship/Advisor/
 Planning
 Worship/Personnel/Scholarship/Craft Fair
 Jim Sheridan, Council/Personnel/Stewardship
 JoAnn Justus Worship/Secretary/Personnel
 Anne Anderson, Council/Treasurer/Advisory
 & Planning/Finance/Craft Fair/Lay Minister
 Janis Garone Deaf Min/Fellowship/Personnel
 Karen Krieg Council/Evangelism/ Prayer
 Shawl/Craft Fair
 Diane McMahon Council/Education
 Nick Ewen Council/ Fellowship/Finance/
 Property/
 David Lynam Council/Property/Safe Envir.
 /Stewardship
 Mark Corbett Finance/Property/Personnel
 Maddie Brower Deaf Ministry/Nominating/
 Craft Fair/Social Ministry
 Keith Ryan Endowment/Evangelism
 Tom Ho Advisory & Planning
 Chris Lewis Advisory & Planning

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Mission Statement
We are called in Christ:
+To Live faithfully +To make Disciples
+ To show God's love to all

Submissions for June
Herald due by
May 15th.
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Please pray for our Military men and women,
 especially...

Chief Corpsman Craig Williams
 Sr. Airman Emily Volz
 Airman Carl Seaman
 Marine Lance Corporal Christopher Buckley