



The Herald

JUNE 2016

MISSION OF THE MONTH: A/C – PHILADELPHIA SEMINARY



The Summer Adventures of Flat Jesus

At the end of Matthew's Gospel, as Jesus is preparing to leave his disciples, he says to them, "And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:2) This summer, we are remembering that Jesus is with us always, with the help of "Flat Jesus." Inspired by Jeff Brown's book entitled Flat Stanley, where the character, Stanley, wakes up one day and discovers he is flattened to half-an-inch thick. Flat Jesus is one way to keep Christ at the center of our lives. In your travels and adventures, bring Jesus along...and tell us all about it!

Take Flat Jesus out to dinner or the park, to exotic locations abroad, to the zoo, festivals, camp, in the car, on the train - wherever you go. Then snap a picture of flat Jesus in that setting with you and share the photo with St David's. This project is for everyone, not just families with children. We'll all get to see each other's posts and hear some Flat Jesus travel stories in worship, too. I'm taking my flat Jesus to Africa!

How it Works

1. Cut out the Flat Jesus template in this newsletter, pasting it onto hard cardboard & decorate him. What hair color does he have? What color skin tone? How should his robes be decorated? Give him some yarn for hair. Be creative. How do you see Jesus?
2. Take your Flat Jesus on vacation and summer outings and snap plenty of pictures. Talk with family and friends about what you and Flat Jesus experienced.
3. Share your best photos, with location and stories with us all. Post as a visitor on www.facebook.com/stdavidslutheran/



Summer Early Worship July 10 through August 14

In order to help some of you fit in Sunday worship with a full summer day outdoors, Pastor Arden is holding additional services at 8 AM most Sundays this summer. These Holy Communion services will be simpler in format, lasting around forty-five minutes, and led with guitar. Come as you are!

2016 Summer Preaching Series

Is the Bible True?

Life after Divorce

Prayer & Healing

Envy: Greener Grass

Managing Anger: Nip It

Greed: Successful Failure

Character under Construction

Summer of Second Chances

What is the Purpose of my Life?

Is the World Advancing or Regressing?

Worst to First: Big Turnaround Bible Stories

Jesus in the Real World: Living Out Now What He Said Then

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.

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity has earned a great reputation 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 Suffolk County. Consider joining our St David's work team and spending Saturday, July 9 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!



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 50 tickets in one section just for St David's. For \$10 you get a game ticket and we'll also have special St David's/LI Ducks t-shirts to buy. 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 5:15 pm. Stay tuned for ticket sales.

Summer Capital Campaign

God gives to us every day. We are blessed with a home, with safety, with health, with a church, and with people who care about us. It is a privilege to release our gratitude in the way we live our lives. Many of you give back from God's abundance through your offerings to St David's.

Our council has decided to improve our communication with our local community through better signage. Given our excellent location at a busy intersection, we are undertaking the planning for an electric digital sign on the corner that can share messages and events with thousands of drivers each week. We must leverage the location God has given us to be a brighter "light on the hill."

We have also decided to replace a bank of the circuit boards at one time in our organ which are slowly requiring replacement one at a time. Obviously, doing this at one time is far more economical than all the service calls required for individual replacements. The cost of these two projects, which are outside our budget, is \$20,000 altogether.

Last summer, over 60 households gave to our worship space air conditioning campaign. We were touched by your response. This gave me great joy. Many of us purchased leaves for the Tree of Life. A few households stepped in with major gifts. I am enthusiastic about St David's and am proud of you. Our church is simply ALL of us, including you. So, please think about your gift to this campaign for improving the community's awareness of our church and of keeping our lovely organ singing to God, in good shape.

Five Tips for bringing young children to worship

Sit up in the front. Yes, that's right, little kids like to see what's going on, they are awed by the candles, the organ, the sign language, and more. Each summer week, Pastor Arden will have a special message for the children.

- Even the preschool kids learn the Lord's Prayer in Sunday School, so encourage them to join in that part of the service.
- Pick up a rainbow bag in the narthex, so they will have some Christian coloring pages and activities to help pass the time.
- Be sure to get a large print bulletin and show them how to follow along. Go ahead and let them color in the margins.
- Use the quiet room in the back if you need a break, maybe borrowing a toy to bring back inside for the rest of the service.
- And here's a secret, other people around you, the ones you are so worried about disturbing, are smiling at your young family, remembering the good old days when they were in your shoes...and they hope to see you again next week! Jesus loves the little children just the way they are!

Giving during the Summer

It is very important to maintain our giving to our congregation when we are out of town. 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.



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Christian Education Registration 2016-2017

Sunday School: Kids age 2 to grade 5 meet weekly (Sept-June) on Sunday morning from 9:00-10:00am.

Confirmation: Kids grade 6 to 9 meet weekly (Sept-June) on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm.

Registration fee of \$30 per child or \$70 per family registering 3 or more (age 2 to grade 9) is requested to cover cost of materials. Registrations received after July 1 will be charged a \$15 service fee. Please make checks payable to St. David's with "Sunday School/Confirmation" in the memo. Email questions to stdavidssundayschool@verizon.net.

Child #1 Name _____ Birthday ___/___/___ Age ___ Grade in Sept: _____
 Does your child have any physical limitations, allergies or receive service for any reason? If so, please explain: _____

Child #2 Name _____ Birthday ___/___/___ Age ___ Grade in Sept: _____
 Does your child have any physical limitations, allergies or receive service for any reason? If so, please explain: _____

Child #3 Name _____ Birthday ___/___/___ Age ___ Grade in Sept: _____
 Does your child have any physical limitations, allergies or receive service for any reason? If so, please explain: _____

Child #4 Name _____ Birthday ___/___/___ Age ___ Grade in Sept: _____
 Does your child have any physical limitations, allergies or receive service for any reason? If so, please explain: _____

Home address _____ City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Email _____ Cell _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Email _____ Cell _____

Emergency Contact _____ Email _____ Cell _____

Other Persons Authorized to pick up child(ren) _____

Would you be interested in volunteering in your child's class or our program at large? [] Yes [] No (check one please)

My child(ren)'s photos may be published on St. David's Website and/or local newspapers: [] Yes [] No (check one please)

Please indicate what your family goals are for your child(ren)'s Christian Education: _____

See You In Church...from the Worship Committee

June is finally here, school is out, and we are all looking forward to some R and R. Hopefully the weather is going to catch up with the calendar, and we will see those lazy, hazy, days of Summer! Before making those long awaited vacation plans, don't forget that St. David's still has Saturday and Sunday services so we will look for you before you go or when you return.

Our Summer worship schedule begins on Father's Day, June 19th, with one service at 10:00 A.M. on Sunday morning, and we continue the Saturday evening service at 5:30 P.M. This will continue through Rally Day in September when that service will be held at 9:00 A.M. in order to have time for the Rally Day festivities out on the church lawn. The following week after Rally Day we will return to our regular service times of Saturday evening at 5:30 P.M. and Sunday Morning at 9:00 A.M. worship with Holy Communion along with Kids Church and again at 11:00 A.M. worship with Holy Communion.

On Sunday June 19th the dedication of the new grand piano in memory of Bob Roth, will take place at the 10:00 A.M. service. Bob was a faithful member of our choir for many years, and I am sure he would be delighted with such a special gift in his memory to enhance the music each week. Many thanks to the Roth family for their generous and thoughtful addition to St. David's- we all miss Bob.

Looking Ahead...

Have a safe and enjoyable Fourth of July!

Come Home Where People Care

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS (2016)

Officers of the Council

PASTOR- Arden Strasser- (1 917) 886-3274

PRESIDENT- Lynn Benov (516) 221-0123

VICE PRESIDENT- Dave Lynam (516) 680-8110

SECRETARY- Jo Ann Justus (516) 541-7127

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FINANCIAL SECRETARY – Karen Corbett- (516) 795-325

Council Members

Anderson, Ann (516) 541-8777

Benov, Lynn (516) 221-0123

Brower, Maddie (516) 541-2488

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Ewen, Nick (516) 826-8025

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Krieg, Karen (516) 249-1095

Lynam, David (516) 680-8110
McMahon, Diane (516) 293-1058
Ryan, Keith (516) 541-4803
Sheridan, Jim (516) 799-7522

Youth Representative - TBA
Young Adult Representative – TBA

Standing Committees

Please check the Herald calendar for meeting nights for all standing committees.

Finance - Ann Anderson-Chair

Education - Julie Meier- Co Chair, Jo-Ann Rey- Co Chair

Evangelism - Keith Ryan - Chair,

Property - Mark Corbett-Chair

Social Ministry -Maddie Brower- Chair

Stewardship - Lynn Benov- Chair

Worship - Jo Ann Justus- Chair

Preschool - Ruthann Mast- Chair

Youth - Pastor Strasser

Committees Of The Congregation

THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES MEET ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS:

Fellowship - Jill Ewen- Chair

Deaf Ministry - Janis Garone- Chair,

Nominating - Ann Anderson, Lynn Benov, Nick Ewen, Janis Garone

Endowment - Keth Ryan- Chair

A & P – Pastor Arden Strasser- Chair

Personnel -Dave Lynam- Chair

Constitution - Chair to be announced

Scholarship - Lynn Benov -Chair

Mutual Ministry - Pastor Arden Strasser- Chair

Prayer Shawl - Karen Krieg –Chair

Craft Fair - Sue Teitel- Chair

Lay Ministry - Dcn Bob Michaelis- Chair

Call Committee - Karen Corbett- Chair

Safe Environment - Dave Lynam- Chair

Preschool

How time flies! It's June already. It's time for our Very Important Man breakfast, Moving Up and Graduation. Our **VIM breakfast will be on June 4th at 8:30**. Our VIM's will feast on homemade muffins and donuts along with a hearty cup of coffee. They will be making birdhouses with us as our craft. **We are celebrating Moving Up and Graduation together for the first time this year on June 15 at 10 AM**. Come by and see the children receive their diplomas and hear them sing about Jesus and the expectation of next year. The staff is getting ready for Preschool Summer Camp with a different theme each week.

Camp runs from July 5 to August 12. The fee is \$460 for all 6 weeks or \$80 per week or \$16 per day. If you wish to sign up please call the school at 799-5824 for further details and application. The final week of camp we will be joining the church in presenting the "Barnyard Roundup" VBS program. Have a wonderful Father's Day to all.

Thank You

The St. David's family would like to thank Pastor Strasser, Co Chair Julie Meier and Co Chair & Pianist JoAnn Rey along with our Sunday School teachers and helpers for their dedication, hard work and loving commitment in teaching our children about God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We would also like to thank Our Confirmation teachers Pastor Strasser and Debbie Geis, and all of the parents and caretakers who helped to make this Confirmation year a success. God bless you all, for all of your hard work and determination.

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for the Altar flowers, cards and well wishes during my recent illness. Pastor's phone call was a pleasant surprise and Deacon Bob's visit brightened the day.

Thank you, Ingeburg Schuet



God's blessings on our
First Holy Communicants and their families:

Kristen Anderson Bilich, Michael Jacob Samilo & Emma Danielle Tarry

A special thank you to Pastor Strasser, who guided these young people, in taking their next step on their Spiritual Journey. To all our children, parents and care givers we pray that God will bless you on this special day and always.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

St. David's Lutheran Church, 20 Clark Blvd, Massapequa Park

August 8-12, 2016

9:30 AM – 12 Noon

Preschool Camp (VBS theme) 3 & 4 year old; Traditional Vacation Bible School K-5

Pastor Arden, the preschool staff, and church volunteers have teamed up to put on a fabulous program for kids age 3 to 5th grade! Come play, sing, craft, snack, learn, and make friends at the Barnyard Roundup!

Please register in the church office by July 1st to reserve your place!

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REGISTER TODAY!

(Please return form and check made out to "St. David's" to church office by July 1 to reserve your place. Late registrations will be charged a \$15 service fee. Email questions to stdavidssundayschool@verizon.net)

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Does your child have any physical limitations, allergies or receive service for any reason? If so, please explain: _____

Check one to select program: Preschool Camp with VBS Theme, Ages 3 & 4, \$80 per child per week

Traditional Vacation Bible School, Grades K-5, \$40

Child #2 Name _____ Birthday ___/___/___ Age ___ Grade in Sept: _____

Does your child have any physical limitations, allergies or receive service for any reason? If so, please explain: _____

Check one to select program: Preschool Camp with VBS Theme, Ages 3 & 4, \$80 per child per week

Traditional Vacation Bible School, Grades K-5, only \$30 (multi-child discount)*

Child #3 Name _____ Birthday ___/___/___ Age ___ Grade in Sept: _____

Does your child have any physical limitations, allergies or receive service for any reason? If so, please explain: _____

Check one to select program: Preschool Camp with VBS Theme, Ages 3 & 4, \$80 per child per week

Traditional Vacation Bible School, Grades K-5, only \$20 (multi-child discount)*

Home address _____ City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Email _____ Cell _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Email _____ Cell _____

Emergency Contact _____ Email _____ Cell _____

Other Persons Authorized to pick up child(ren) _____

*Note: multi-child discount is only offered to siblings registered in the Traditional VBS program for elementary school age children, it is not available for the Preschool Camp option which employs full preschool staff vs. church volunteers. The St. David's Preschool Camp for 3 and 4 year olds also has other sessions from 7/5-8/5, call the preschool if you are interested at 516-799-7832.

NEWS AND NOTES



Men's Luncheon will meet again on June 14th 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.

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

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

June 5, 2016 Social Ministry

June 12, 2016 Education

June 19, 2016 Evangelism

June 26, 2016 Fellowship

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



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

Memorial Fund:

My Mother Cressy Kauff and my Sister Diane Kauff-Boyle by Barbara Roth (nee' Kauff)

Dr. Jean Robinson By Dorothy (Dottie) and Carl Fullert Jr.

Pipe Organ Fund: In Memory of Maribel L Thorsen by Rev. Juanita and Walter Hilsenbeck

Maribel Morieria Thorsen By Keith & Niicole Angerame

Violet Stolze By Pauline Gulotta

Elise Zschau By Ruth and Otto Kirschner

James McGuire by Sandy Christian,

James McGuire, Joan Maybury & Maribel Thorsen By Ina & Ken Cohen

THANKSGIVING

God Bless Pastor Arden, Preschool Staff, Lay Leaders, Greeters, Lectors, Acolytes, Assistant Ministers, Communion Assistants and Ushers. By Christian (Chris) Brickner

Blessing on the Baptism of our Son Thomas Jing Valentino By Pat & Andrea Valentino

+IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK, PLEASE REMEMBER: + KNOWN TO BE HOSPITALIZED, ILL OR RECOVERING

Caitlin Engley, Norman Hall, Marilyn Finnerty, John and Anita Grube, Nancy Michaelis, Joe Gaiti, Dennis Gallery, Diana Bruu, JoAnn Justus, Candice Bruder, Ruth DiSilva, Kevin, Ted Ho, Leo John Margrone, Peter Schiebe III, Bob Gferer, Giselle Hubbert, Lucy Pena, Ester Palm-Hanser, Josephine Reno, Edward Peterson, Walter Peterson, Steve Levine, Jean Kane, Len Schiede, 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: Dr. Jean Robinson, 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 Rey Sunday School CoDirector/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

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June 2016*

Mission Statement

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

Submissions for July/August

**Herald due by
June 15th.**

Editor: MaryAnn Ho (parishsecy@verizon.net)

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

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