



The Herald

DECEMBER 2016/JANUARY 2017

MISSION OF THE MONTH: DEC. HEAT/ SOLDIERS ANGELS
JAN. HEAT/ INN AT FREEPORT

Where are You?

There's a tiny book called "Children's Letters to God" that contains little bits of wisdom from young kids that have always made me smile and think. Some of my favorite nuggets are:

Dear God,
Are you invisible or is that just a trick?
Lucy

Dear God,
Thank you for the baby brother, but what I prayed for was a puppy.
Joyce

Dear God,
Maybe Cain and Abel would not kill each other if they had their own room. It works with my brother.
Larry

And then one that I'm reminded of each Advent season:

Dear God,
Are you real? Some people don't believe it. If you are, you'd better do something quick.
Love, Harriet Anne

It's one of our oldest and most authentic prayers – "Are you real? Where are you? Why is this happening to me? Please do something."

Each Advent, this is the prayer we hear from the voices of the prophets, as they waited in captivity, prisoners in a foreign land, "sitting in deep darkness" with homes in ruins and lives in shambles. And each Advent, we remember their prayer (and ours) when we sing – "O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile."

Yet each Advent, that most human of questions, "Where are you?" prompts the response of faith – God is there and always has been ... as people struggle, as suffering happens, as loss is felt. God comes, God is there, in the midst of it all. This is what's at the heart of all the Christmas hoopla – that to our deep and desperate wonderings of "Are you real? If so,

you'd better do something quick," come the ancient words that still speak to us today: "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us."

Let's watch and wait together this Advent.

Pastor Micah

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LOOKING AHEAD----

Sunday January 22nd is the date for the Annual Congregational Meeting, there will be only one service at 9:00 A.M. followed by the meeting in the Fellowship Hall, coffee and bagels will be available. This is an important meeting in the life of the church as we have chance to see what we have done in the last year and where we are heading in the new year, and approve a new budget-please plan to attend.

COME HOME WHERE PEOPLE CARE.....

Respectfully submitted
The Worship Committee

**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

**It’s Me, It’s Me, It’s Me, O Lord
Standing in the Need of Prayer**

On the first weekend of the month (starting in December), Pastor Micah will be offering a brief time for

individual prayers of healing and anointing after each of our weekend’s

worship services. So come, join the community for worship, and then stay afterwards a little bit to bring any special prayer concerns to God.

Youth Choir

Kids in grade 3 and up are invited to join our youth choir led by Miss Bethany. Practice is after Sunday School, 10:15AM to 10:30AM, weekly, upstairs in the Children’s Church. This is during fellowship hour, so parents can have a cup of coffee and socialize while kids practice. Please join us.

2016 Craft Fair & Baskets

St. David’s Annual Craft Fair and Baskets for 2016 was a success.

We brought in \$3,562.75, 10% of that figure will be tithed to the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund. The balance of monies will be used for the parsonage and capital improvement fund. Thrivent graciously donated a \$250 debit card to be used for the fair. Thank you Sue Wurthmann for getting that donation for us.

Breakdown of earnings:

Baskets.....	\$1,817.75
Crafts.....	900.50
Soup.....	300.00
Food Court.....	47.00
Bake Sale.....	287.50
White Elephant, Christmas & Jewelry Boutique....	210.00
Total:	\$3,562.75

Last year our total earnings were \$4,088.14. Baskets were displayed 5 times compared to last year’s 7 times. We sold all the baked goods but were under \$83 from last year due to less baked goods received. Our white elephant, jewelry & Christmas boutique brought in less in an attempt to price to sell what we’re had around too long.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all committee members and individuals who donated baskets. I also want to thank all the craft fair committee chairs—Karen Krieg, Anne Anderson, Maddie Brower, Lynn Benov, Ina Cohen, Diane Sheridan, Louise Gfrerer. Thank you to all the people who helped set up and/or who helped during the fair—Barbara Puleio, Linda Schiede, Evelyn Lopopolo, Rochelle Naylor, Diane McMahon, Robin Lever Preschool Director, Amy Brower and my Mom, Elsie Grabow. I would also like to thank all who made all those wonderful craft items and delicious baked goods. Words cannot express how grateful I am for all your help. I could not do it without your helping hands.

And, now the basket winners:

Pasta—Paula Orlando	Thanksgiving—Donna Romaniello
Thanksgiving—Naylor	Toaster oven---Louise Moellendorf
Thanksgiving—Debbie Geis	Hess trucks—Tony DiPretoro
Star Wars—Tracey Schumacher	Movie—Susan Strasser
Cinderella doll—Elsie Grabow	Wreath—Dot Solvang
Crockpot—Kelly DiPretoro	Uncle Giuseppe’s—Chris Cirricione
Basket of Cheer—Mazzola	Christmas Centerpiece—Kruse
Yankee Candles—Laura Lohitis	Electric Tea Kettle—Susan Strasser
Ginos/Cara Mia G.C.—Ewen	Jam G.C.—Joan Finno
The Good Life G.C.—Anne Anderson	Golf—Rey
Poinsetta—Bunny Van Allen	Movie—Eleanor Weigel

Congratulations to the winners and thank you all.
Sue Teitel, Chair, Craft Baskets Karen Krieg Co-chair Craft Fair

Deaf Ministry Christmas Party Celebration.

You are cordially invited to attend a “Deaf Ministry Christmas Party Celebration” hosted by Patti McCarthy and the Deaf Ministry Committee. Please join us on Friday, December 2nd. from 6:30-900pm. There will be refreshments to enjoy, while we celebrate.

Looking forward to seeing many new faces as well as enjoying time with all of our current members. Anyone wishing to attend must make a reservation. The cost is \$20 per person.

The cut off for reservations is November 25th. For more information along with all payments, please contact ...Patti McCarthy at **(516) 799-7495**

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.
- 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.

Another Reminder: Our Annual Meeting will take place on **Sunday, January 22nd**. There will be only **one service at 9:00 a.m.**, with refreshments in the Fellowship Hall. All Reports are due in **A.S.A.P.**

Birthdays

We'd love to mail you a card on your birthday, to remember what God has done so far in and through your life since you were born. Please email your name and birthday to Rev Juanita at revjuanita@aol.com. (don't worry. we won't publish your birthday to the world)

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Christmas Holiday Food Baskets

WE ARE COLLECTING FOR THE CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS" FOR THE NEW LIFE CENTER (LSS)". Please give whatever you can to help out families in need.

Monetary donations & Supermarket Gift cards in denominations of \$20, are greatly appreciated and should be dropped off in the office. **Please try and get all donations in by December 12th** Thank you.

New life-Center Long Island-A hunger prevention site of Lutheran Social Services of New York is already at work to provide bountiful Thanksgiving meals to needy families in our community. You can help by contributing items from the list below. Which we will package and distribute this holiday season.

Juice / Apple Cider
Boxed or tin cookies/Candies
Canned Vegetables
Pie crusts/Pie fillings
Cranberry sauce
Cake mixes
Gravy
Frozen Turkey/Ham or Chicken
Instant Potatoes
Canned Sweet Potatoes/Yams Napkins
Stove Top Stuffing
Stuffing Mix

1lb of Rice/canned Beans
Peanut Butter/ Jelly
Shelf Stable Milk (Parmalat)
Pasta/Pasta Sauce
Mac & Cheese
1 – 2lbs. Sugar/Flour
Hot Chocolate
Jell-O/Pudding
Canned Meats-Chicken/Fish or beef
Hot/Cold Cereal or
Oatmeal
Pancake Mix/Syrup

**Fellowship Hour Schedule for
December is as follows:**

12/04/16 Adult Choir
12/11/16 Education
12/18/16 Evangelism
12/25/16 Christmas Day

**Needed supplies include Coffee,
Tea, Soft Drinks, Cookies, Cake.**

**Fellowship Hour Schedule for
January is as follows:**

01/08/17 Education
01/15/17 Evangelism
01/22/17 Fellowship
01/29/17 Property

**Needed supplies include Coffee, Tea, Soft
Drinks, Cookies and Cake.**

Giving Made Easy

Do you want to simplify your giving? With a simple process, your offering can be transferred automatically from your bank account or credit card once each month. It's easy. On our website front page is a colored button labeled DONATE or GIVE. 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 have any questions, just ask Treasurer Anne Anderson or Pastor.

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 Assistants, Lectors and Acolytes) and if you can't make it to the week church services, you can read the *News & Notes* and the *Calendar* schedule at: stdavidslutheran.net.

Men's Lunch

We will meet again on December 13th January 10, 2017 at 12:00pm. Please meet us at the Corner Galley on Merrick Road.

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.



**POINSETTIA
DONATIONS**

If you would like to make a donation for **OUTSIDE** Christmas decorations as a Memorial or Thank-offering, please complete this form and return with your contribution **no later than Sunday, Dec.18th.**

NAME _____ \$ _____ enclosed

In Memory of _____

As a Thank-offering
for _____



If you would like to place flowers **INSIDE** the Sanctuary this Christmas, as a Memorial or Thank-offering please complete this form and return with your contribution **no later than Sunday, Dec.18th.**

NAME _____ \$ _____ enclosed

In Memory of _____

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IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK, PLEASE REMEMBER: + KNOWN TO BE HOSPITALIZED, ILL OR RECOVERING: Hanna Bissig, Steven Perry, Giselle Hubbert, Fred Muller, Jill Ewen, Walter Peterson, Yvonne D, Nancy Burpee, Tina Zimmerman, Sandra Hall, Esther Hansen, Bob Gfererer, Donna Polimeni, Kylie Lauren & Matthew Taylor Sapanski, Alexia Fink, Harry Thomas Bruel, Bob Roth Jr. William Whamby, Anita & John Grube Ted Ho, Norman Hall, Louise Mollendorf, Karen Naylor, Wilson Valentin, Nancy Michaelis, Jay Leone, Nicholas Lagravinese, Bill Geis, Joe Gaiti, Diana Bruu, Ruth DiSilva, Len Schiede, Chris Brickner, 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: Walter Otten

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Submissions for February

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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