

The Herald

December 2011/ January 2012

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. – the Prayer of the Day for Advent 4 (December 17/18)

Dear St. David's family and friends,

First comes Thanksgiving Day. Then comes Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving Day – named in the retailers' hope that pre-holiday shopping that on that one day can change the ink color on the yearly ledgers from red to black. After that, in what always seems like too few shopping days comes "the holiday season" and, as many of us dream of it – a *white Christmas*. And what comes *after that*? Or is that *all there is*?

No! says the Church of Jesus Christ, as we join in the prayer above. For we look forward to the coming of the Lord, whose mercies are new every day, whose intention is to restore all creation, people of every nation by a power infinitely greater than the power of consumption to change red into black on the bottom line – the power of God's faithful, compassionate *love*. For those who heed the invitation to "*make ready a way for the Lord*" discover that there is a "holiday season" with no "post-Thanksgiving" but, instead, *endless thanksgiving*. And so the Church year provides four blue Sundays between Black Friday and the white Christmas we long for – a time we call Advent, from the Latin word that means "*Coming*."

Advent at St. David's begins on Saturday/Sunday (the weekend following Black Friday), November 26/27, with the fervent prayer of God's people, whose hopes have been smashed as their nation and temple have been: "*O that you would tear open the heavens and come down! (Isaiah 64:1)*" It is the prayer of those who see their deliverance is beyond their own power, Advent, as all fervent prayer, begins in an emptiness that longs to be filled, out of the tension between *Angst* and anticipation. It is to that prayerful watching that Advent invites us.

Its four blue Sundays clue us in on to our God's work bringing the past and future together, breaking down the barrier separating heaven from earth – the divine and the human, coming among us in the birth of a child, who binds all who come to him together into one body – his. Why *blue* Sundays? Blue is the color of hope. The color of night as the light of the new day begins to rise (Advent 1). The color of the river Jordan, where John the baptizer washes people from every place, as a sign of repentance, the turning away from dead ends to new life (Advent 2, December 3/4). The rosy color when the first inklings of sunlight shine through the blue – the color of joy (Advent 3, December 10/11). The bright, sky blue color of Mary, the first Christian believer, whom God offers the opportunity to be the mother of God's Son, the Savior – and replies: "***Let it be with me according to your word.***" (Luke 1:38, the Gospel for Advent 4, December 17/18)

The blue Sundays will give way to the white Christmas, as we celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord on Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24, with a children's service at 4:00, candlelight services at 7:00 and 10:30 p.m., and on Sunday, Christmas Day, December 25, with one liturgy at 10:00 a.m. Our white Christmas continues through Twelve Days, as we celebrate at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 31, New Year's Eve, and Sunday, January 1, the Name of Jesus, with a service of lessons and carols at 10:00 a.m. in the main sanctuary.

And what about the “thanksgiving where there never is a post-Thanksgiving?” The best part is yet to come – as a family of those watching for signs of God’s saving intervention into our human story comes together in a stable in Bethlehem in the face of a newborn child. What that “family” finds in the presence of that child is great joy – joy for *“all the people”* (Luke 2). ALL the people? Yes, not only all the people of the covenant, whose destiny is to be the source of blessing for all peoples, but “the nations,” too! That’s the season gets its name from the story of the Magi, mysterious desert travelers from the east, who catch an inkling in the twinkling of a “star” – a sign in the dark sky – that so captivates them that they follow it, enlightened also by the words of the Hebrew scriptures until they come to behold a yet more wondrous light – the saving presence of God – shining in the face of a child whom they find where the “star” stops, and their joy begins. Whether that “star” was a new star, a conjunction of planets, or a comet, it came to be an Epiphany, a sign that reveals something glorious, extraordinary unfolding – a story that invites them to become a part of it – members of the “holy family” God is gathering from every nation into a story in which what is old becomes new, what is broken is healed, and what is torn asunder by death is vanquished.

We at St. David’s will be celebrating the Epiphany of Our Lord on Saturday, January 7, at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday, January 8, at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. It marks the beginning of a season which continues into February, the lessons week by week relating “epiphany” stories – stories in which the window which separates heaven from earth opens, and the light of God’s saving presence shines through, changing ordinary situations into extraordinary revelations.

The following Saturday/Sunday, January 14/15, we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord, as Jesus, now a man, comes to the Jordan to be baptized by John the Baptizer. Mark’s account echoes the creation story, where the spirit, the breath of God broods over the waters, God speaks, and the world comes into being. As Jesus emerges from the water, he sees the heavens splitting open (could this be the answer to our fervent Advent prayer *“O that you would tear apart the heavens and come down”*)? The spirit descends on Jesus as a dove, and he hears a voice from above, declaring: *“You are my Son, my beloved. In you I am well pleased.”* (Mark 1:11/Isaiah 42:1) As Jesus, so also we who are baptized, receive the same Spirit – with him we emerge from the water, born to new life as beloved children of God.

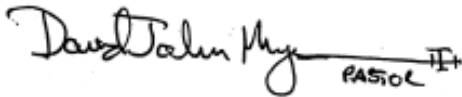
Saturday/Sunday, January 21/22 we meet Jesus as he begins proclaiming the advent of God’s deliverance: “The time has been fulfilled. The kingdom of God has come near, repent, and believe the good news.” Could this be the One through whom the barrier between heaven and earth has been torn apart forever? One way to find out. And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, meets two sets of brothers, earning their living in the fishing trade. *“Come with me,”* says he, *“and I will make you into fishers of people.”* Was it an invitation? A promise? The beginning of a new life? All of the above? Immediately, they drop what they’re doing and follow him. Perhaps the only way to find out is to *“Come and see.”*

The following Saturday/Sunday, January 28/29, we meet Jesus as he teaches in the synagogue in Capernaum – where the worshippers are astounded at the *authority* with which he speaks, as though he knew the “greater story” as only its author could. Suddenly, out of nowhere, a demonized man comes screaming into the midst of the worshippers, reaving at Jesus and calling him *“the Holy One of God.”* (Mark 1:24) Though most people are asking questions about Jesus’ identity, demons seem to have no trouble recognizing him. Jesus speaks to the demon, “muzzles” the spirit, and commands him to leave the man he’s possessing – and the demon does as he is ordered. So the epiphany story grows, as people from many nations, many situations *“come and see.”*

We have come a long way from Black Friday, through blue Sundays, white Christmas (and white Epiphany and Baptism of Jesus) into the green of new life. But, perhaps, as we take up the invitation, the fervent prayer of God's people, we have come to realize that we can't put down, for the best part is ahead, for we see the light at the end of the tunnel – we have come to be possessed by the all embracing love of the Author of our salvation. As “post Thanksgiving” morphs into *eternally grateful*. How to know? “*Come and see!*”

Come, let's do Advent together, that the Lord for whom we wait might whet our appetites for what it will mean to be eternally grateful.

Expectantly yours,



“Wow, we get to Play with a real Volleyball and not a Beach Ball?!!”

“Olivia, block that shot!” “Kate, great serve!” Christina, super job spiking the ball!” “Hey, Mackenzie and Courtney cover mid-field!” The score: girls 7, Guys: 7. And so it went last Friday night in the gym of “Our Redeemer,” Seaford as the Youth Groups squared off for several Volleyball games.

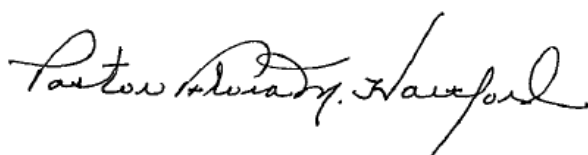
The students of St. David's were so excited because at almost every Lock-In, they had played volleyball in the “Historic Nave” with a plastic beach ball which bounced not only off the walls, the players and net, but also the light fixtures as well! At each session at least three colorful beach balls bit the dust—or should I say floor boards!

The evening of November 11th began at St. David's as students from grades 6th through 9th met to carpool over to “Our Redeemer” to share in a Pizza and Soda supper before enjoying games of competitive Volleyball refereed by “Coach” Golden, coach of Our Redeemer LYO Basketball and a teacher and coach from Farmingdale H.S. He and I kinda remembered seeing one another in the FHS hallways!

Mary Ann Ho and Jo Ann Rey along with Don Hartford oversaw the upstairs Games Room where a number of students opted to play Air Hockey, Foosball or the board game, “Apples to Apples.”

Around 8:00 pm all 51 of us (students and chaperones) took a cool-down break. Our “soda counter jerks” set up the ice cream in bowls, then Jo Ann Rey, Mary Ann Ho, Pastor Ron and Karen Klose and Pastor Hartford poured on the syrup, squirted the whipped cream and drizzled on sprinkles, M&Ms, and chocolate and vanilla bits to complete each sundae.

Fortified, Coaches Golden and Hank organized several basketball games that ran from about 8:30-9:00 pm. As we gathered everyone together into a humongous circle, the students from St. David's got a chance to express their thanks for new friends and a fun night of sports and food. With the excitement of the night, Pastor Klose and I agreed that we should continue to have our two Youth Groups do join activities. The next event will be held at “Dave and Buster's” on Saturday, January 14th. Then we closed with prayer. One of the 9th graders commented, “I didn't think I wanted to come, but I had so much fun!” I think that says it all.



Associate Pastor

WORSHIP

SEE YOU IN CHURCH-----

It doesn't seem possible, but it's that time of the year again. The stores are all decked out for Christmas and the New Year, and Christmas music is being played everywhere! Let's not forget the reason we are about to celebrate.

The worship services continue at their new time - first service at 9:00 A.M. along with Sunday School, and the second service at 11:00 A.M. The services are followed by a Fellowship hour in the Fellowship Hall downstairs; join in for good coffee and conversation.

On Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24th there will be a 4:00 P.M. Children's service followed by the 7:00 P.M. candlelight service and again a candlelight service at 10:30 P.M. **There will be no 5:30 P.M. service that day.** The family service, which was at 7:00 P.M., will be replaced by the 4:00 P.M. Children's Service geared for the little ones. On Christmas Day, Sunday December 25th, there will be only one service at 10:00 A.M. and on Saturday, December 31st there will be a 5:30 P.M. service of lessons and carols. There will be only one Sunday service on January 1st at 10:00 A.M. also with Lessons and carols. We will celebrate Epiphany on Saturday, January 7th at the 5:30 P.M. service and again on Sunday, January 8th at both the 9:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. services.

If you would like to help with the outside decorations this year, please be at the church on Saturday, December 10th at 12:30 P.M. The more help there is, the less time it takes to accomplish.

On Wednesday, December 21st at 10:00 A.M. the Altar Circle will be decorating the Nave of the church for Christmas. If you can spare some time, we would appreciate all the help you can give.

Watch the Herald for an announcement of upcoming Bible studies, as they may be scheduled after the holidays.

Looking Ahead -----February 22nd is Ash Wednesday.

Have a blessed Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year!

COME HOME WHERE PEOPLE CARE.

The Worship Committee

COUNCIL NOTES

At the last Council meeting ---

Treasurer: Copy printer is now down two weeks, parts due Tuesday, cannot print information on outside printer that is not in the system. Need help to designate another printer. September giving - \$21,544, expenses \$27,158, still owe Memorial Fund \$5,000.

New Business:

Lighting Problem: have found all lights on in the church when groups are meeting are not necessary to have everything on throughout the church. The Altar lights draw an exceptional amount of electricity; please turn them off if not absolutely necessary.

Loan from Mission Investment: Need to find out balance due on loan. Can we use monies from Parsonage account to pay off? Money in Parsonage account was designated by congregational vote when the parsonage was sold; the interest only was to be used to pay for the Pastor's housing allowance. The principle was not to be used. A congregational meeting would have to be held in order for the congregation to change this policy. Since interest has been non-existent, the account has not been used.

Telephone Service: Telephone Company (Verizon) has offered a package plan that costs less than we are paying for the same service – present to Finance Committee.

Appeal: Need appeal process to remind congregation of financial position and commitments. Need to outline commitments. Loan balance, and weekly giving to present to congregation at Annual Meeting.

Mission of the Month:

October – Soup Spoilers

November – Prayer Shawl

December – Wounded Warriors

Communications And Petitions: Letters received from Lutheran Social Services thanking us for support, baby items and supplies, food, clothing, and school supplies. Also received a thank you for purchase of Mother's Day blankets; and Bethlehem thanks us for contributions to the Veterans.

Pastor David Meyers: Audio/Video proposal for sound system to be discussed by Worship Committee. Roy Solvang would be able to distribute care packages to military personnel – VFW chapter to pay expenses if we collect on a regular basis.

Pastor Flora Hartford: Thanks to all who made Rally Day such a success and all who made worship for the children so lovely. Lock-In this Friday night.

Education: 6th grade pre-confirmation class excited about their class. Mitch Maybury doing a great job leading group and getting them talking. Children are enthusiastic about Children's Church on Sunday morning – room looks beautiful.

Finance: Must think about not having preschool next year. They have enough reserves for this year. Economy is a problem and the new school in Marjorie Post does not help.

Evangelism: Discussed use of bulletin boards in rear lobby. Suggestions for web design companies need to find product that fits our needs. Preparing the paperwork to begin paring the roles. Will set time to work on project.

Property: The couple that bought the old parsonage is willing to pay to have the large pine tree removed. Removing hedges along property line. Will bless tree for 9/11 memorial that is now on the Tree of Life.

Social Ministry: Light bulb sale last year raised \$900. Have \$500 of bulbs to be sold – could we sell at annual meeting or during Fellowship Hour? Christmas tree this year – toys and clothes for each child. Some members would like to buy for a whole family – if interested please get in touch with Anita Trabold. Do we have any congregation members who could use help at Christmas?

Stewardship: Everything on schedule for Stewardship Drive and Consecration Sunday.

Worship: need help at both Sunday services with Assisting Ministers, Communion Assistants and Ushers.

Fellowship: All committees to help out with Fellowship Hour. Prepared outline of what is needed each week. Copy on closet door in kitchen. Consecration Sunday not using caterer this year – asking for committee members to supply or make something for a light lunch.

Nominating: Need Youth and Young Adult for Council nomination at annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Jo Ann Justus, Secretary

SOCIAL MINISTRY

We are still collecting coats. All coats should be clean, have no rips or tears, working zippers and all buttons. All sizes are needed. You may leave your donation in the Coat Collection box in the lobby.



Children's clothes are needed for LSS. We need sizes infant to 24 months. They also can use baby items such as shampoo, food, formula and diapers. If you are donating older clothing for children and adults PLEASE TAKE IT DOWNSTAIRS and put them under the staircase.

We are collecting items for our soldiers again thanks to Roy Solvang. Dorothea and Roy are willing to gather the articles and the VFW Chapter will pay the postage for these items. There are mesh baskets in the lobby for the collection of donated items. If donating candy, please only donate hard candy. Thanks so much for coming to our aid.



The Christmas Giving Tree is up. Please take a name and fill in your name and telephone number on the sheet on the table. If any name is not taken, that person will not receive a gift. All gifts need to be in by December 7th. Bring your **scissors** on December 10th at 9 A.M. to wrap. Paper and tape will be provided. Any questions contact Anita Trabold 826-0033 or Heike Bombowsky at 541-4469

Even though Thanksgiving has come and gone, thanks to all who had donated food, however, the need is still great for food donations. We are now collecting for the Christmas Holiday Food Baskets. Look for the list of needed food items in the lobby.

We collected lots of Halloween candy which was distributed to LSS and the INN. Thanks so much for a job well done.



Tuscarora Retreat
9/23-25/2011

For about 15 years approximately 25 members of our WELCA group (plus a guest or two) would travel up to Bethany Retreat House in Highland Mills, NY. Many good times and many epiphanies were had during those retreats (guided by many fine retreat leaders!) Due to lack of interest or other unknown reason, St. David's WELCA hasn't had a retreat anywhere in two years. I believe this inspired Karen Smith to invite some of us to attend the Tuscarora Retreat in the Poconos. [This retreat was started by the Women of the ALC 49 years ago!]

Karen (our courageous driver through torrential downpours), her long-time friend Irma, Evelyn, Diane and I arrived late Friday afternoon. Over the course of the weekend we participated in chapel, meditation, singing and bible study. All of these were organized and led by Gale Capone and the Pastors Brown, Nancy and Sandra (no relation!). Each pastor had her own "take" on the subject matter: "How's Your Love Life?" Pastor Nancy was more conventional and low key while Pastor Sandra was "up front and personal" with her own spin on the topic. We learned about taking care of ourselves (self love in a good way!) so that we would be better people and, therefore, better evangelists of the Good News.

In my opinion, the candlelight service on Saturday evening on the banks of the Delaware River was the retreat's most memorable event. 60 women from four states came together to sing and pray, led in worship by Pastor Sandra Brown. (A close second was two large scoops of premium ice cream at the Snack Shack afterwards!)

During the service on Sunday morning it was announced that next year would be the 50th anniversary of the Tuscarora Women's Retreat and their last year due to dwindling numbers and advancing age of those attending. Naturally I was shocked to learn this news. I had just met wonderful women who had given me the benefit of their wisdom and extended their friendship to me. Now I would have only one more retreat to share with them!

I know how vital WELCA is to all women of our congregation, regardless of age. This was confirmed by my recent retreat at Tuscarora. I became a member of WELCA when my kids were small and met women my own age and older. We would "rotate" our circles each year so we could meet new people. Now our numbers have gradually dwindled. Thanks to Ina Cohen and Karen Smith for their continued faith in our WELCA.

Carol Scheuer

Thank you Carol for giving us a wonderful look into the Retreat at Tuscarora, PA. Metro NY WELCA does have another retreat every three years. The original retreat was held in Esopus, NY and the property was owned by the Catholic Church which has been sold. The next retreat in 2012 is being held up state NY in Speculator. The information is in this Herald along with a registration form. It's for the entire WELCA Synod Region 7. Ladies check your calendars.

Our flower delivery list will continue in the same rotation. Altar Circle and volunteers will deliver for the month of December. January 2012 will be delivered by Naomi Circle. February 2012 will be Martha Circle and March will be Living Hope Circle. As in previous articles, the list is in the Altar room and as soon as you have volunteers please put them on the Altar room calendar. Thanks Ladies.

The next WELCA Bible study is December 2nd at St. John, Bellmore with Pastor Laurie Cline, and the time is 10am to 12noon. St. David's will have the February 24th session. See the list on the cork board. We will need baked goods. Please let Ina or Karen know if you can bake.

Blessings to all in this Advent season. Let Christ come into your heart.

FELLOWSHIP

Come join us for "Coffee and Conversation" held every Sunday between the 9:00 & 11:00am services. We all meet downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy wonderful conversation while you sip your coffee, tea or juice and enjoy our delicious cakes and cookies. The Social Ministry committee will be hosting for the month of December. Please call Mary Ann Ho at (516)783-0520 with any questions. Hope to see you there!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Join us!



PRESCHOOL

This month come celebrate the Birth of our Savior with our children on either Thursday, December 15th at 10 AM with our 3 year olds, or Saturday, December 17th at 10 AM with our 4 year olds. The children will be singing and reciting poems about Baby Jesus. Come share their joy.



On December 18th we will be distributing enrollment forms to the 2 year old Sunday School class. Our rates for next year will be the same as this year; \$126 for the 2 day 3-year-old class and \$172 for the 3 day 4-year-old class. If you are a 3 year old turning 4 and would like an enrollment form, please feel free to get one from the 2 year old class. Please return your enrollment form to the Preschool before January 21. The Open House/Registration Day for the community will be on Saturday, January 21 from 10 AM to 1 PM. Tell all your friends, relatives and neighbors.

Last month our school sent out 4 shoeboxes to Operation Christmas Child; 2 for boys and 2 for girls. We were very excited to bring in items for this project and had all of them blessed in chapel. We know whoever gets our boxes will really like them.

In January we will be having our Picture Days as soon as we return from our Christmas vacations. We will also be starting a bi-weekly music program with Jo-Ann Rey. We are really looking forward to that!

We are currently looking for new members for the Preschool Committee. We meet once a month on a Thursday night at 7 PM. Please prayerfully consider working on this committee. If you are interested please contact our chairperson, Ruthann Mast at 795-4865.

Ultimate Cloths cleans almost everything with just water!! **ON SALE NOW! Only \$5 each.** The make great stocking stuffers! Just put a note in Robin Lever's mailbox to place an order.

Have a blessed Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!

Robin Lever
Director

ST. DAVID'S CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL



Preschool Offerings

Age 2½ - 1 day/\$120

Age 3 – 2 days/\$126 or 3 days/\$172

Age 4 – 3 days/\$172 or 5 days/\$270

PROPERTY



A nice tradition to develop at St. David's over the years is the decorating of our grounds for Advent and Christmas. We typically gather at the Church in the afternoon to put up the crèche, trees, wreaths, lights, bows, etc. What a great family tradition to continue or start. Confirmation students can earn credit towards their service requirements. Plan on joining us on Saturday, December 10th at 12:30 pm and join in a nice early winter afternoon with your friends from St. David's.



Plan to assist in two ways: 1) come on down and join in the fun, 2) help with memorial donations to defray the cost (usually around \$600). For donations, please use the general purpose envelopes found in the pews and mark "Outside Christmas" or call and send info to our Church office and speak to Lynn or Barbara.

For more information please see or call John Mast: 516-795-2848.

****A note from the office: Please send in your donations with notation for memorials and thank offerings for outside decorations by December 11th for listing in the Christmas Eve bulletins.**

STEWARDSHIP

Last month we held our stewardship program. If you lost your commitment card or at that time could not participate but would like to do so now, we have included a commitment giving form here. You can either mail it to the Church office or place it in the offering plate. We are grateful for the response we received. St. David's cannot continue its ministries without your support.



So that we may enter into the joy

I/we pledge

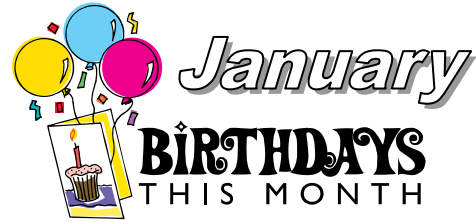
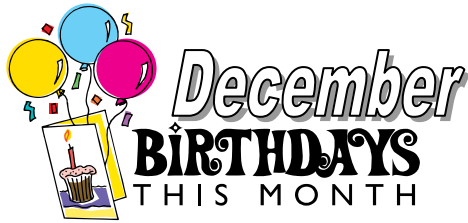
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Current Benevolence Hunger
per week / month / year (*circle one*)

of my/our entrusted financial resources
to God's mission in 2012.

Name _____

NOTES & EVENTS



- 3 Elizabeth McIntosh *10*
- 4 Pastor David Meyers
- 7 Madison Douglas
- 8 Gabrielle Doughty
- 9 Christopher Cirrincione
- 11 Joanne Ahlers, Katarina Junge *16*
- 12 Madison Santarelli *5*
- 13 Connor Schildt
- 15 Sara Gaertner *18*, Robert Lung *13*
- 16 Adam Junge
- 17 Briana Serverinsen
- 18 Michelle Carnovale, Nicholas Shizume
- 19 Christopher Georgalas *18*,
Jaden Serverinsen
- 20 Viola Aasen
- 21 Derek Zacchino *10*
- 26 Stephanie Smith
- 29 Kaitlyn Trinder *18*
- 30 Elizabeth Brower
- 31 Carol Klein *70*

- 1 Barbara Realmuto
- 2 Christopher Genzmann
- 3 Rolf Gerlach *70*, Brendan Rey
- 5 Thomas Macri *13*
- 6 Gregory Baumstein
- 7 Helen Hayes
- 8 Ashley Hebel, Jamianne Kruse,
Dale Yuegling
- 9 Adam Lewis
- 11 Barbara Waldron
- 12 Jack McIntosh
- 14 Bonnie Schultz, Sonny DiBenedetto
- 15 Deborah Rode *50*, Brooke Severinsen
- 16 Charles Gruenfelder
- 17 Patricia McLoughlin
- 18 Julie Ann Meier
- 19 Olivia Algie, Lynn Weiler
- 22 Bryan Shizume
- 23 Rebecca Kubat
- 24 Michael Krieg
- 25 Rebecca Fregoe
- 27 Sabrina Fiorello, Justin Foley,
- 28 Vi Madison *85*
- 29 Joseph Hal Tarry

***CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR MILESTONE BIRTHDAY!**

Please advise the office if we did not include your birthday



Dominic Joseph Fiorello
November 6, 2011

God Bless Our Confirmands

Gregory Baumstein, Christina Conkling, Katie Phillips, Rachel Rey, Timothy Eng, Kaitlyn Hough, Amanda Gallo, Andrew Lung, Justin Foley, Kasi Scarcella, Nicholas Shizume, and Phillip Taishoff declared their Affirmation of Faith on November 20, 2011.

NEWS & EVENTS



DAVID A. WINTERS
PRESIDENT

October 24, 2011

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your latest very generous gift to the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund. We very much appreciate your continuing sharing in our mission to support the men and women of the Armed Forces and their families.

The Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund recently completed construction of the National Intrepid Center of Excellence, a project dedicated to supporting wounded warriors who suffer from Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). Many of our troops suffer from TBI, from mild to severe, and these injuries sometimes do not manifest themselves for months or even years, and has been called the signature wound of the current conflict. The National Intrepid Center of Excellence is a \$60 million facility dedicated to research, diagnosis and treatment of TBI. The Center will be a focal point for the Department of Defense's efforts in addressing this daunting challenge. The Fund will continue to provide support to our nation's wounded heroes and their families.

Prior to this effort, the Fund provided close to \$20 million in support for families of military personnel lost in service to our nation, and more recently designed and built a \$50 million advanced physical rehabilitation facility for wounded service members and veterans. This facility, called the Center for the Intrepid, opened in 2007 at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, your contribution or the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund please contact Edyta Piatek at 646-381-5131 or epiatek@fallenheroesfund.org.

Again, thank you for your kindness and generosity. We are grateful for your thoughtfulness and for your remembering our service members and their families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David A. Winters". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

cc: Richard T. Santulli, Chairman

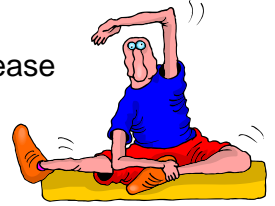
Contribution amount: \$500.50

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NEWS & EVENTS

“Stretch and Tone” classes continue on Mondays at 10:00 am through January 16th. Please note that there will be no class on December 26th and January 2nd. As of January 23rd, classes move to the Levittown Library. For more information, please call Lois at 798-6159.



Tuesday night Aerobic classes continue at St. David's at 7:30 pm. For more information, please call Lois at 798-6159.



Men's Lunch Bunch

The Men's Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, December 13th and on Tuesday, January 10th at 12 noon, at the Corner Galley, 5411 Merrick Road, Massapequa. All members of St. David's and their guests are invited to participate in the luncheon. For any questions please call John Niesen at 799-5139.



Help Wanted

If you can spare about an Hour and a Half once every other week we're looking for you.

We're in need of a few members willing to give a little time to Saint David's as an Usher. Please don't worry, we'll train you for this vitally important job.

The pay is low but working for the **MAN** definitely has its fringe benefits. Your **BOSS** will never forget you.

Please contact Jo Ann Justus at (516) 541-7127 to start the ball rolling.

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Do we have or e-mail address? Have changed your e-mail address? If you would like to be notified of upcoming events, important information or receive the e-Herald, please send us your e-mail address. Please make note that St. David's, Lynn Weiler and Barbara Waldron's e-mail addresses have been changed. They are now: st_dauids@verizon.net, (Lynn) parishsecy@verizon.net, (Barbara) barbarastdauids@verizone.net.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Please join us

Saturday
December 3, 2011
9:00am - 4:00pm

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
2025 Washington Ave
Seaford, NY 11783
516-781-6374

Come join us as we celebrate our annual Christmas craft fair. Our crafters will be selling a variety of hand made crafts, gift baskets, live plants, wreaths and roping. This year "Grandma's Attic" includes antiques, jewelry and much more. Join us for lunch at our "Cafe Noel" where we will be serving homemade soups, chili and pulled pork & meatball sandwiches. Our bake table will feature our famous "Cookie Walk."
We are looking forward to sharing our holiday spirit with you again this year.

Contributory funds from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

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**Gottesdienst
German Christmas
Vespers**



Sunday, December 11, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

**Prince of Peace
Evangelical Lutheran Church**

800 Candlewood Road, Brentwood, NY 11717

Phone: 631-273-5444

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Women ^{of the} **ELCA** 
ANGELS



AMONG US

REGION 7

A Spiritual Gathering

April 27-29, 2012

Purdy Center @ Camp of the Woods Speculator NY

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

BISHOP MARIE JERGE

UPSTATE NEW YORK SYNOD, ELCA

BIBLE STUDY LEADER

PASTOR WENDY ABRAHAMSON,

GOOD SHEPHERD, FLORHAM PARK, NJ

CHAIRMAN/PRESIDER

PASTOR SANDRA DEMMIER D'AMICO,

IMMANUEL, AYLEBORO MA

CAMP-of-the-WOODS provides many amenities to make your stay truly exceptional.

- Three comfortable lounge/gathering areas
- Indoor Pool
- Private Bath in every Bedroom
- Social Hall - great for snacks and games
- Computer Center
- Several free wireless internet hotspots
- Christian Bookstore
- Complimentary Coffee, Hot Chocolate and Tea in the morning and afternoon

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**POINSETTIA
DONATIONS**

If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary this Christmas, as a Memorial or Thank-offering please complete this form and return with your contribution no later than Sunday, Dec. 11th.

NAME _____ \$ _____ enclosed

In Memory of _____

As a Thank-offering for _____



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. 11th.

NAME _____ \$ _____ enclosed

In Memory of _____

As a Thank-offering for _____

MEMORIALS

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

JOSEPH REALMUTO (BOILER FUND)
BARBARA PULEIO

JOAN WELBORN (BOILER FUND)
BARBARA PULEIO

MINNA KOPF (BOILER FUND)
INGEBURG SCHUETT

JAMES MAYBURY (MEMORIAL FUND)
MITCHELL MAYBURY

PAUL HALMO (PROPERTY)
ELEANORE HALMO

RITA CLARK (ORGAN FUND)
MILDRED E. OLSEN

CHARLES REUSCHELL (MEMORIAL FUND)
DORIS & JOE GENTILE, KEN & INA COHEN

JOAN WELBORN (MEMORIAL FUND)
ELIZABETH COHEN & FAMILY

DOROTHY WILSON (MEMORIAL FUND)
KEN, INA, ELIZABETH & KRISTIN COHEN



IN LOVING MEMORY

A GIFT WAS GIVEN TO THE BOILER FUND IN MEMORY OF STELLA CHAN, AND FOR ALL YOUR PRAYERS DURING HER LONG ILLNESS FROM LILY & TED HO.

A GIFT WAS GIVEN TO THE BOILER FUND IN MEMORY OF HANS FUCHS AND HELMUT TROSIAN BY NINA & RICH STEUL AND INGEBURG SCHUETT.

A GIFT WAS GIVEN TO THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY IN LOVING MEMORY OF A BEAUTIFUL PERSON, MY MOTHER JEAN RYDBERG BY JANE RYAN.

A GIFT WAS GIVEN FOR FLOWERS AND ALTAR CARE BY LISA KLEIN.



IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS MONTH, PLEASE REMEMBER:

Known to be in need, hospitalized, ill or recovering: Sharon Harker, Sara Neumen, Sharon Ryan, Harry Breul, Claudia Miller, Dorothy Griffin, Alice Scheferston, Richard Wilczek, Pat Draude, Eileen Dye, Joseph & Isabella Maybury, Teri, Bonny Van Allen, Betty Meyers, Les Hayes, Lynn Benov, Jim Sears, Jung Kwon, Patricia Gallery, Robert Herrmann, Carl Majestic, Ruth Wuerth, Joyce Wipper, John Anderson, Ruth Loomis Greene, Nancy Behm, Jenny, Paul Fink, Kathie Hall, Meg-Anne Campbell, Ronald Slechta, Lisa Garies, Henry Dong, Charlotte Solliday, Dave Annunziato, Mildred Ulrich, Frank Philpitt, Jean Kearinow, Michael Burkhardt, Grace Rivera, Lynne Schenk, Virginia Herrmann, William Patterson, Brendon Sullivan, Martha Ledesky, Bethany Dill, Marilyn Miller, Lois Wenzel, Russell Heisinger, Kate Borzello, Frank Spinelli, Michael Canning, Steve Mosiello, Mayra, Vanessa & Leslie, Sonny, Ted Zimmermann, Lauren Halls, Frank Ward, Louise Landkammer, Allan Miller, Loretta Newberry, Mary Cannan, Noel Kappauf, Andreas Knickmann, Lenore Ewen, Marilyn Scheuer, Diane Hochreiter, Deborah Braun, Michele McMullen, Florence Beesley Foresta, Regina Hutzel, Kevin O'Leary, Laura Dewey, Walter Torgesseng, Bethany Stuart, Jim Maron, Rosanna Morey, Michelle Lynam, Barbara Keller, Janet D'Andrea, Ken Stokes, Christian Murphy, Doris Jack, Jennifer Ditmore, Tom O'Connor, Joey Persico, Krysta Janas, Dianne Marcus, Mary Messina, Bill Burton, Trish Branca.



Those who have died and those who mourn for: Umberto Leone, Charles Reuschell, Carmen Diaz, Mae Lorenzo, Lynn Ambrose, Beatrice Storm, Doug Moore, Stella Chan, and Dorothy Wilson.

Pray For our Staff:

Rev. David J. Meyers	Senior Pastor
Rev. Flora M. Hartford	Associate Pastor
Bob Michaelis	Deacon
Florence Poeschke	Deacon
Janet Pinto	Organist, Saturday
Bethany Porter	Organist/Choir Dir.
Janis Garone	LBS Director
Lynn Weiler	Parish Office Administrator
Barbara Waldron	Receptionist/Secretary
Mike Mancini	Custodian
Patricia McCarthy	Deaf Min. Coord.
Jill Ewen	Parish Nurse
Karen Corbett	Parish Nurse
Jo-Ann Rey	Sunday School Pianist

Pray for Our Sunday School and Confirmation Teachers, Teacher Assistants, and our Lay Ministers

Pray For: Led By The Spirit, the Adult Choir, Caroling Kids, and the Bell Choir

Pray For our Lay Leaders:

Janis Garone, President/Scholarship/Deaf Min.
 Jo Ann Justus, Secretary/Worship/Nominating
 Karen Corbett, Vice-President/Evangelism/
 Personnel/Stewardship
 Anne Anderson, Council/Treasurer
 Lynn Benov, Council/Stewardship/Worship
 Mark Corbett, Council/Property/Nominating
 Jill Ewen, Council/Social Ministry
 Helen Hayes, Financial Sec./Finance/Endow.
 MaryAnn Ho, Council/Fellowship
 David Lynam, Council
 Jo-Ann Rey, Council/Youth/VBS
 Jim Sheridan, Council
 Sue Teitel, Council/Deaf Ministry/Nominating/Fellowship
 Anita Trabold, Council/Social Ministry

Pray for our Preschool Staff:

Robin Lever	Preschool Dir./Teacher
Ruth DeSilva	Preschool Teacher Asst.

The Herald

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Mission Statement

We are called in Christ:

✚To Live Faithfully ✚To make Disciples

✚ To show God's love to all

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Please prayer for our Military men and women, especially...

Sr. Airman Emily Volz

Sr. Airman Eric Gaertner

Marine Cpl. Neal Fesefeldt