

Glad Tidings!



Saint David's ...a community of disciples passing on God's love to all.

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ROGATION SUNDAY — MAY 29TH

On May 29th, Saint David's will observe Rogation Sunday – a day set aside to ask God's blessings upon creation and commerce. This is an ancient practice dating to the 5th century and finding renewed emphasis in recent years. We will pray for God's beautiful creation and our stewardship of the same. We will also seek God's guidance in our several occupations.

All are encouraged to bring small items used in connection with the upkeep of your lawns, flower beds, and gardens (e.g., gardening gloves, seeds, hand-held implements). You may also bring some small item that symbolizes your occupation – maybe something that you use on a regular basis for your work (like a coffee mug or so-called 'smart phone').

We will pray for God's blessings upon these items and the efforts they represent. We will also have the younger parishioners plant flowers on the church property. Our hope is that this day will help us to revive our delight in God's creation and to help us celebrate the gift of life.

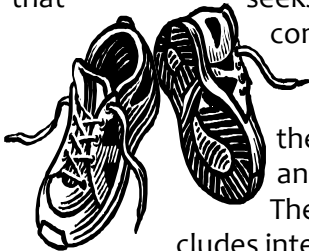
Be on the lookout for a pamphlet detailing the history and symbolism of this great tradition.





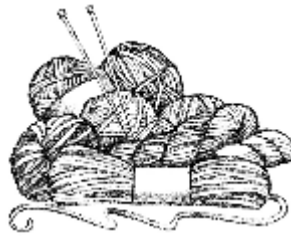
SHOES 2 SHARE

Do you have shoes in your closet that you just don't wear? The Outreach Committee will be collecting new or gently used shoes starting May 8 and ending June 5. Please put the shoes in the collection barrels located at both St. David's entrances. Shoes 2 Share is a grassroots, charitable ministry that



seeks to make life more comfortable for needy children and their families through the donation of new and like-new shoes.

The beneficiary list includes international and domestic programs. Without shoes children find it difficult to attend school, church and play sports safely. Needed are shoes in all sizes and gender: sneakers, sturdy sandals, spikes, sturdy boots, cleats and children's black dress shoes. No high heels please. Shoelaces and cash donations to ship shoes are also needed. Cash or checks should be placed in an envelope marked "Shoes" (we'll print some and have them in the lobby) or give your donation to a member of the committee. With your help we can fill a need and help children and their families at home and around the world.



KNITTING FOR SEAFARERS

Each November St. David's donates Ditty Boxes filled with toiletries and

other items to the Seamen's Center of Wilmington. Included in that box is a knit hat or scarf. We would like to fill at least 90 Ditty Boxes and that means we need many hats or scarves. A pattern for the hat and scarf is located on the Outreach bulletin board (across from the nursery). If you knit, please consider working on the project over the summer. Remember to select appropriate colors for men. If you do not knit, store bought hats and scarves are welcome. Put your finished projects or purchases aside until the collection time is announced. Later in the year a list of items to fill the boxes will be included in our communications. Please remember we are giving these boxes as gifts to brighten the holidays of someone far from home. Won't you help us do that?

SPRING CLOTHING DRIVE--JUNE 5

Our bi-annual clothing drive to benefit Friendship House will be held Sunday, June 5. Please bring your donation of clean gently used clothing to church and place them in the collection van which will be in the parking lot before the Sunday services.



GRADUATION OPEN HOUSE

Leah Rowe, daughter of the Reverend Gary Rowe (former rector of St. David's) & Leslie Acker-Rowe, invites members of the community to join her at an Open House celebrating her graduation from college.

All friends and extended St. David's family are welcome to drop by any time from 2:00-6:00 pm on May 29th in the Great Hall. No gifts are requested, but simply your presence and good wishes for the future.



DRAMATIC READERS THANK YOU

Blessings upon our 2011 Holy Week dramatic readers: Kathy Buterbaugh, Ann Fetes, Bill Goeller, Michael Guinto, Jane Harvey, Juliana Joye, Janet Leishman, Richard Osman, Nikoletta Pappas, Laurie Schall, Michelle Sobczyk, Sue Taber, Anna Vallee, Dave Vallee, Jamie Vallee, Laura Vallee, Pat Van-Catledge, Nancy Walsh, and Chris Yovino. These helped us have a deeper experience of Jesus passion and helped tell our most ancient and important stories of faith.



Hell, No We Won't Go?

The controversial new book **Love Wins** by Rob Bell will be the focus of a small group meeting on Tuesday mornings from 9:00 to 10:30 starting May 3rd. All are welcome, join us! Buy the book and show up.

Love Wins: A Book About Heaven, Hell,
and the Fate of Every Person Who Ever Lived

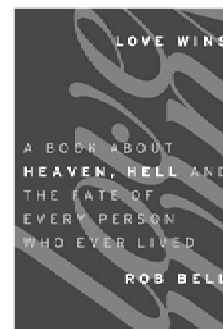
By Rob Bell

What: Book Discussion Group
Love Wins by Rob Bell

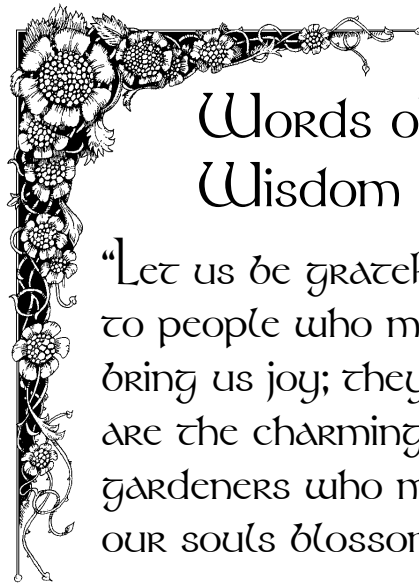
When: Tuesday mornings, 9-11 AM

Starting May 3rd. Expected to last about 5-6 weeks

Where: Memorial Room, St. David's



Questions or interest, contact Tom Yohe at 302-477-1030 or TLYOHE@gmail.com



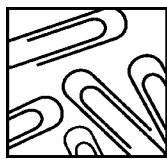
Words of Wisdom

“Let us be grateful to people who make bring us joy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom.”

—MARCEL PROUST

COMBINED JUNE/JULY ISSUE OF GLAD TIDINGS!

Just a reminder that the Saint David’s Office prints a combined June/July issue of Glad Tidings! Look for this combined issue in mid-June. Weekly email updates will continue — if you haven’t received one yet, let the church office know and we will add you to the list.



**FROM THE
CHURCH
OFFICE**

The Church Office and Day School will be closed on Memorial Day (Monday, May 30).

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Holy Women, Holy Men



This is one in a series of articles highlighting some of the newer commemorations in the Episcopal Church's Calendar of Saints.

Nicolaus Copernicus and Johannes Kepler
May 23
Astronomers, 1543

Born in 1473, Nicolaus Copernicus first studied law and medicine before serving as a cleric under the direction of his uncle, the Bishop of Warmia (in northeastern Poland). Copernicus first set forth his heliocentric theory of astronomy in a small work called the *Commentariolus*, which was not published until 1878. His argument that the sun, rather than the earth, was the center of the universe around which the planets rotated was developed fully in his 1543 opus *De Revolutionibus Orbium Caelestium*.

The initial ecclesiastical reaction to his revolutionary theory was somewhat muted, but when his thought was further developed by Galileo, the religious debate was intensified, and *De Revolutionibus* was banned. Copernicus had originally dedicated his work to the Pope, and he saw no conflict between his theory and the authority of Scripture.

Among those chiefly responsible for the solidifying of Copernicus' theories was German astronomer Johann Kepler. Born nearly a century after Copernicus, Kepler was first educated at Tübingen where he received instruction in Copernican theory. His first major work on Copernican astronomy was the *Mysterium Cosmographicum*, in which he believed he had demonstrated God's geometric plan for the universe. Kepler saw in the relation between the sun and the rotating planets the image of God himself, and like Copernicus, he saw no conflict between his astronomical views and the account of God in the Scriptures. Kepler is chiefly known for his discovery of the laws of planetary motion, set forth variously in his later works.

Though their works were each controversial in their own way, Copernicus and Kepler laid the groundwork for modern astronomy. Kepler's work was even influential on Isaac Newton's theory of universal gravitation. Both men, through their life's work, testified to the extraordinary presence of God in creation and maintained, in the face of both religious and scientific controversy, that science can lead us more deeply into an understanding of the workings of the Creator.

~Excerpted from
Holy Women Holy Men

WORDS WE USE

The Lord's Day

Sunday, the day of the week when Christians remember Jesus' resurrection from the dead on the first day of the week. The Holy Eucharist is the principle worship service on that day.





SUMMER SCHEDULE

Summer is knocking at our door and that means changes to the rhythms of our lives. Along with more grilling and laughter of children in the neighborhood, there are changes at St. David's. So, take note of which things change and which things DON'T. Our Summer Schedule begins Memorial Day Weekend and continues through Labor Day Weekend .



NO Sunday School

NO Children's Chapel

SAME service times
(Still two services)

SAME Breakfast Crew
(following 8 am service)

SAME Hospitality Hour
(although it will be held in the Memorial Room
because of our love of air conditioning)



VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS



- Heard reports from the Audit Team on the status of the Rector's Discretionary Fund, the Flower Fund, and the Legacy Fund. Updates are soon expected for the General Fund and the Day School's accounts. These audits help us to ensure compliance with standards for church accounting and to tighten up our procedures.
- Began a discussion about the status of the congregation at the Cathedral of St. John in Wilmington. They are in need of financial support and have asked the Diocese for assistance. The Diocese is asking all the parishes to consider the role of the cathedral and how we might respond to their situation.
- Agreed that Hospitality Hour would be more appealing to potential hosts if the food was less elaborate. Billie Meisel, Hospitality Coordinator, will work with upcoming hosts to help reset expectations to coffee and a few snacks (like cookies). We hope this will encourage more households to participate.
- Thanked the design team for an informative and enjoyable Annual Meeting.
- Discussed the need to replace the aging HVAC system that services the nave and narthex. The money spent on recurring repairs leads us to believe that replacing the system is the wiser choice. The cost of replacement is approximately \$25,000.

IT'S THE MERRY MONTH OF MAY!

On the May 2011 Calendar—

- 2 Preschool Resumes
- 2,3,4 & 13 Field Trips to Coverdale Farm
- 4 Chapel, 9:05
- 6 & 9 Mother's Day Teas
(4 year old classes)
- 8 **Happy Mother's Day!**
- 9 PTPA Meeting, 9:15
- 12 Chapel, 9:05
- 16 School Board Meeting, 7pm
- 17 **End of Year Picnic, 5-7pm**
Talley Day Park
- 18 Chapel, 9:05
- 18 Picnic Raindate
- 18,19 **Field Day**
- 25,26 Final Chapels, 9:05
- 27 55th School Year Ends Today
- 30 Memorial Day – **School Closed**
- 31 Camp Preparation Day



Happy Birthday to
Pam Nagle!

Our School Board and our PTPA have voted to financially support Kevin Louie's Eagle Scout project.

Watch the calendar for more info on how you can support this worthy endeavor.



Summer Wishes

On behalf of our children, families and staff, have a wonderful summer – some of us will see you in September, some of us will be off to another school!!

Summer Camp Is Coming!

Camp 2011 registrations are being accepted daily in the school office. Our new science offering this year is **SCIENCE EXPLORERS** for both preschoolers and school-agers (up to age 12). Check our website or call 475-3747 for more info.

WE WELCOME...
...BETTY DIPIRRO !

When Betty DiPirro came back to Delaware a couple of years ago, she decided she wanted to find a 'different' church. After her husband's career with DuPont ended, they had lived in Florida for about seven years. So now, where would she worship?

She kept driving by St. David's, reading signs about future events. She had seen the balloons and the sign for the Craft Fair. She noted service times and later phoned – just to check. Her nephew had recommended she try either the Episcopal or American Lutheran Church. She knew the Episcopal Church was "open minded and welcoming." She met Father Brad and found that he was very welcoming. At last, in the fall of 2009, she came to see for herself.

She discovered a "very friendly, warm place – without cliques." She likes Father Brad's sermons. "He talks to the congregation, not from above them." She likes the music; "it's a little jazzy sometimes, Steven rocks the crowd." "Everyone is friendly – really wants to be your friend. Brad recognized me after I started coming – and so did others!"

Betty may be considered an expert on how people like to be treated, her life has been intertwined with the world of Disney. She worked 7 years at their store

in



Concord Mall and has been on at least 7 Disney cruises. She has visited Disney World more than 30 times – she's lost count! So, if you have any Disney questions, Betty's an expert.

She also enjoys reading all kinds of books. Heaven Is For Real is a recent favorite. She also enjoys being with "Lucy," her red toy poodle, who she describes as "three pounds of trouble!" With her pouf of red hair on top, this poodle was named after "I Love Lucy".

Betty's smile and sense of humor are now an integral part of St. David's. And this year, it was officially proclaimed for all to know as she was confirmed during Bishop Wayne's visit. Thank you Betty for deciding to come and see!



WE WELCOME... ...LAURIE SCHALL!

“Blame it on Jim Von Dreele”, says Laurie Schall. She has known Jim about 15 years through her aunt who serves on the Board of the Seaman Church Institute. One day, as the three of them lunched, Laurie told Jim she was looking for a church that offered “a Quaker service with communion.” “You might come and see what goes on at St. David’s,” he replied. But she never got around to it.

Then one day, she received an email from Jim, “I’m going to speak at St. David’s. Hope you’ll come.” That was in July, 2009. She came to the 10:15 service and it was “love at first worship!” Now, she sometimes comes at 8 am (*for the “Quaker part”*) and other Sundays at 10:15.

Laurie was born in Wilmington, but grew up in New Jersey, and later moved to West Chester. An undergraduate at Drexel, she went on to do her graduate work at Villanova. Later, when her mom was diagnosed with lung cancer, she moved back home to help her dad. Dad now happily resides at Maris Grove, and Laurie is living near her office in New Jersey. Her profession by day is Association Management (providing support with professional organizations and trade shows). She also works part time as a certified massage therapist. Laurie hopes that her future work will be in Delaware, possibly in Human Resources/Corporate Training.

A pianist without a piano, Laurie recently donated hers to St. D’s. (Her current apartment is too small for it.) She also enjoys refinishing antique furniture and sailing off the coast of Maine (in a 135 year old schooner). Laurie loves to cook – especially new recipes – and is an avid cookbook reader. Knitting for the Seaman’s Institute as well as making prayer shawls fit into Laurie’s “spare time.” Or, you may find her walking marathons, like the 26 mile walk for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.



Laurie drives to St. David’s each week from New Jersey because she says, “It’s the only church I’ve been to in 20 years where I can see the Spirit of God is alive and well.” The “totally welcoming atmosphere” is a big part of what draws her to St. David’s. (She has visited some churches for six months before anyone said, “Hello.”) And she loves a church that “accepts seeking and questioning”. Laurie has found ways to serve at St. David’s, including helping with Walk to Easter and being a storyteller at the Easter Vigil.

We are fortunate that Laurie has found her way to St. David’s. Our thanks to Father Jim for saying, “Come and See!”

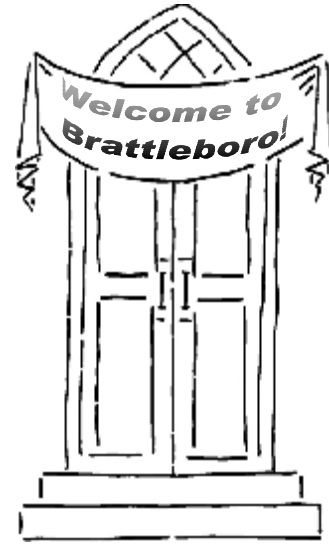
THE REVEREND MARY LINDQUIST CALLED TO VERMONT

The Ministerial Discernment Committee and Vestry of St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Brattleboro, Vermont are pleased to announce the calling of the Reverend Mary D. Lindquist as the twenty-fifth rector of St. Michael's Episcopal Church.

Currently vicar of the Episcopal Church of West Kauai, Hawaii, Lindquist leads church and community partnership efforts for that parish, as well as children and parent ministry and programs that ensure multi-cultural experiences and growth in diversity. Previously Lindquist was associate rector of St. David's Episcopal Church in Wilmington, Delaware

where her focus was on Christian education and pastoral care.

The Rev. Lindquist will move to Brattleboro in July with her husband, Kurt Johnson, and their three children. We ask God's blessings on Mary, Kurt, and their entire family as they begin this new chapter of their lives.



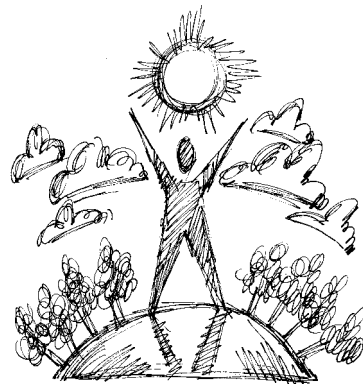
THE STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S CREATION

"We thank you for your creation, and pray for the earth which you have given us to cherish and protect; nourish in us your love for all you have made. We are your stewards, O God. Guide us in your grace." (Prayers of the People)

The emergence of spring and its passage into summer awaken in us all the joy of rebirth, of new beginnings. Our focus is drawn outside, away from ourselves and beyond our own worries. It is time to slow down and appreciate the goodness and beauty around us. As this annual renewal unfolds, may we also renew our commitment to nurture those gifts wisely and share them broadly. How might each of us cherish and protect these gifts so others may draw equal strength from them this year and beyond?

~The Stewardship Committee

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YOUTH GROUP UPCOMING EVENTS

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
The Youth Group has many events and activities coming up in the future...and we need your help. We need your prayers and we need your financial support: We need to raise funds so that we can have a place and opportunities to come together in Christian fellowship and mission. Help send us to Work Camp this summer. It is in these kinds of experiences that we learn to look in side ourselves & beyond ourselves...to those in need.

Car Wash Fundraiser

WHEN: Saturday, May 21
WHERE: Exxon – Foulk and Silverside
TIME: 8:00 am—4:00 pm
COST: None for YG
LEADER: Mike Louie



LEADER: Chandra Allred and Mike Louie

July Work Camp Trip to Owego NY

WHEN: Sunday the 31st -Saturday, June 6
WHERE: Owego NY
TIME: Departure/Return Times TBD
COST: \$425/scholarships available

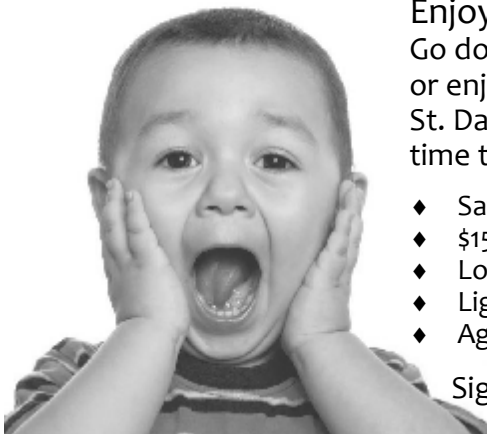


PARENT’S NIGHT OUT

Enjoy a fun night—without the kids!
Go do that spring shopping you’ve been wanting to do or enjoy a romantic evening. Let the kids enjoy a night at St. David’s doing fun crafts and games while you have time to yourself.

- ◆ Saturday, May 7th, 6—9:30 pm
- ◆ \$15 per child or \$20 per family
- ◆ Lots of Adult Supervision
- ◆ Light Snacks and Fun
- ◆ Ages 3 and up

Signup sheets are on the bulletin board. Contact Chandra Allred for more information: 610/361-2773





EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Greetings,
Family and Friends
of Saint David's;

My name is Kevin
Louie and I am a

Boy Scout aspiring to the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest honor achievable in scouting. In order to achieve this rank, I must plan, design, and execute a project that benefits the community. I chose to build a shed for St. David's Church and Day School that will be used for storage. My project has been appropriately named the "Build-A-Shed" campaign.

I was baptized and have attended St. David's Episcopal Church all my life. It is a very special place and close to my heart. I wanted to give back and decided I would build a much needed storage shed. The shed will be 20 feet by 12 feet. The shed will be placed in an area that makes its use very convenient for both the Day School and the Church.

I chose this project because the current shed is showing its age and the fact that it has been moved at least once. The old shed is also so cramped that the Day School staff find it hard to remove the tricycles, which does not allow the children to use the tricycles for as long. The ramp into the current shed is also difficult to climb and is a safety hazard.

Times are tough, so I am not asking for monetary donations necessarily. What I am going to need is a lot of volunteer help with both the fundraising and the actual preparation of the foundation for the shed and the installation of the shed.

In the next few months I will hold two or three car washes to raise money for this project. You will also see donation jars around the building for your extra change. In addition, the Vestry of Saint David's Church has pledged its monetary support.

If you'd like to help with the actual installation work, please leave your name and contact information in the parish office and I will be sure to put you to work. Watch for information on the St. David's website for the dates and locations of the car washes. For those wishing to make a financial contribution, checks should be made payable to St. David's Church with a memo of "Build-A-Shed Campaign" and leave them in the parish office as well.

Thank you in advance for all your support in my quest to attain the rank of Eagle Scout and complete a project for Saint David's Church and Day School.

Sincerely,

Kevin Louie

...IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

Grace Ellen Clark
 Steve White
 John Van-Catledge
 Nicholas Brady
 Steven Greer Jr.
 Joe Bonvetti
 Ed Smentkowski
 Stewart Taub
 Karin Fang
 Sam Bell
 Nicholas Macedo
 Clark Family
 Dick Wittmeyer
 Karen Bayless
 Helen Bleakeney

Tom Juranich
 Nico Clothier
 Keith Powell
 Catherine Smith
 Rhoda Biedemann
 Declan Roberts
 Olivia Kirby Thomas
 Jack Gebhart
 Noreen Butcher
 Betsy Rosenberger
 Richard Osman, Sr.
 Sue Wildermuth
 Josh Reynolds
 Chuck Armbruster
 Pete Royal

Carol Clark
 Andrea Kane
 Holly Porter
 Barbara Meyer
 Kiera Towler
 Sue Jacques
 Shawn Fisher
 Jane Gibson
 Chase Greer
 Buddy Hurlock
 Barbara Sargent
 Renford Parker
 Vilma Parker
 Marilyn
 Joseph Feeley

Hoernemann Family
 Steve Jacques
 Millard Wells

DECEASED:
 Clifford Hoernemann
 Barbara Griebel
 John Schmittinger
 Andrew Paruszweski



Please call the Church Office to put someone on the Prayer List or to remove a name from the list. Each person on the list remains there for one month unless the office is notified that an additional month is desired. The name is read during Intercessory Prayers in worship the first week of the listing. We remember these people in our prayers and in our hearts.

BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARIES	
1	Colin Turner	21	Sandra Frieberg
3	Dorothy Marengo		Barbara McGinnis
7	Phyllis Conner	24	Rob Cassidy
	Sue Weimer		Jamie Gwinn
8	Jeffrey Cook		Ella Hadley
9	Colton Hadley	26	Chris Ashton
	Jim Jones	27	Jim Beissel
10	Pat Jackson		Linda Bradford
	Hannah Osman	30	Jane Britton
13	Trevor Doyle		
14	Molly Mickles-Aviles		
16	Tommy Joye		
	Aaron Wilson		
18	Robert Frazer		
3			Timothy & Sandra Humphreys
15			Andrew & Kim Schelling
16			Michael & Aileen Welsh
18			Robert & Debra Rhodunda
19			William & Mary Rhodunda
29			Stephen & Janet Leishman





WORK DAY THANK YOU

On March 28th and April 4th, St. David's hosted work days to help do some Spring Cleaning and get some small tasks and projects done for the betterment of our life together. We appreciate you!

SUNDAY SCHOOL THANK YOU

Thank you to all who gave their time and talent teaching Sunday School during this last program year. Sharing their love of God and their love for children is vital ministry in this congregation. Blessings on them...and enjoy the summer!

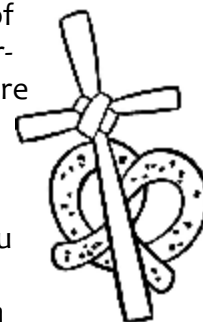


WALK TO EASTER THANK YOU

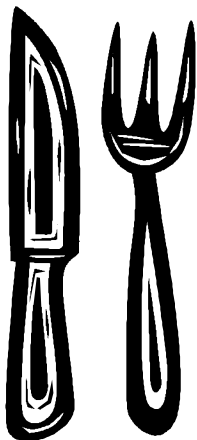
"Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven."

– Matthew 19:14

96 children participated in this year's "Walk to Easter" where they came to know the most important story of our Christian faith-- the story of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. These children were blessed because of the generosity of the many volunteers who came forward to help. Thank you to everyone who participated this year. More than 50 adults were either accompanying or helping lead various activities this year.



Photographs of recent community events appear on the Saint David's website: stdavidsde.org Check it out!



PASTORAL CARE MEALS

The St. David's Pastoral Care Team offers meals to members of our church family during times of need. If you are going into the hospital, or have just had a baby, our team would be happy to provide some meals for you according to your situation. Please let us know how we can help you. You can contact the office or Nancy Walsh.

To help this ministry blossom and grow, volunteers willing to prepare these meals are needed. One doesn't need to be a member of the Pastoral Care Team to provide meals. Meals can be anything from salads to fully-cooked meals to take-out. Please contact Nancy Walsh (610.361.2090; walshd6@comcast.net) if you feel called to be part of this ministry of caring.

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SAVE THE DATE & START THE NEW YEAR WITH FUN AT ST. DAVID'S!

**Country Line Dancing with Lars & Lori
of City Slickers/Country Kickers**

**Saturday May 14th, 2011
8pm to 10pm - \$5.00 each**

***Bring your favorite snack to share and
your favorite beverage.**

**Find a sitter now!
This will be a "grown-folk" time
of fun and fellowship.**

