

## Announcements – July 25, 2021

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### Giving

*“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and **whoever sows generously will also reap generously.** Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:6-7*

You can make donations to St. David's Episcopal Church online through Tithely by scanning the QR code here or by mailing your check to the church office at 1300 Wiltshire Avenue, San Antonio, TX 78209



### Worship Schedule Update

We have returned to our pre-Covid schedule with two indoor services only. If you are uncomfortable or unable to attend indoor worship, the live stream on Facebook will continue during the 10:30 service.

#### Updated Schedule beginning July 18th will be:

**8:00** - Rite I Worship Service (no music)

**9:15-10:15** - Coffee & Faith Formation for adults & children

**10:30** - Rite II Worship Service

*\*Breakfast is not returning yet, but stay tuned for updates!*

### St. David's Family Retreat in Duncan Park, Colorado: August 1-6, 2021

Duncan Park is a Diocesan camp located just NW of Boulder, in the beautiful Colorado Rocky Mountains. This is a wonderful opportunity to go off-the-grid and commune with each other and nature in one of its most spectacular displays! Activities may include hiking, white water rafting, sightseeing, and relaxing! More information to come regarding facility rates. We are all responsible for getting ourselves there.

If you are interested in attending this year, please reach out to Stuart or Leigh Saunders so we can get a head count to start preparations. They're also happy to answer any questions you might have! [sasaunders60@gmail.com](mailto:sasaunders60@gmail.com) or 210-833-6896; [leighsaunders68@gmail.com](mailto:leighsaunders68@gmail.com) or 210-393-3669

### Save the Dates!

We're looking forward to welcoming everyone back to church! Please make plans to join us on Sunday, **August 15<sup>th</sup>** for Blessing of the Backpacks and Sunday, **August 29<sup>th</sup>** for lunch after the 10:30 service and lots of fun Welcome Back activities! More details to come, but mark your calendars!

### Summer Help Needed for Children's Chapel

This is such an important ministry at St. David's! Please sign up with a friend or spouse or teenager to lead children's chapel at either service. The lessons are easy and full of familiar Bible stories. Check your e-news for a Sign-up Genius link or email Mary Hayden: [maryhaydenm@saintdavid.net](mailto:maryhaydenm@saintdavid.net)

### Pool Bible Study

All youth (including incoming 6th graders!) are invited to Pool Bible Studies this summer! Mark your calendars for July 20<sup>th</sup> and August 10<sup>th</sup> - 4:30-5:30 p.m. Locations TBD. If you have a pool and want to host, please email Mary Hayden: [maryhaydenm@saintdavid.net](mailto:maryhaydenm@saintdavid.net)

### Come sing with us!

Join us on Wednesday nights for food, fellowship & singing! Dinner in McAllister Hall at 6:30, followed by signing in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. Questions? Email [benc@saintdavid.net](mailto:benc@saintdavid.net)

### Nursery Care is back!

Infants and children up to 3 years of age will be cared for during Faith Formation and the 10:30 worship service (9:00 - 11:45 a.m.) in the Library (room up the stairs from the sanctuary on the left). Please bring all of your child's necessities.

## **We're Hiring!**

We're looking for part-time office help. This person would greet visitors, answer phones, oversee and organize facility/volunteer scheduling, help with bulletins and mailings, and perform other various duties as needed. Email [briant@saintdavid.net](mailto:briant@saintdavid.net) for more info or to submit your resume.

## **Coffee Set-Up Helpers**

We need volunteers to help with coffee set-up! Volunteers are needed to come around 8:00 to get the coffee brewing and ready, set up in McAllister for Faith Formation/coffee hour, and clean up after. Check your e-news for a link to the SignUpGenius to sign up for a Sunday.

## **Altar Flower Calendar**

An online version of the 2021 Altar Flower calendar is now available. Please go to [saintdavid.net/giving](http://saintdavid.net/giving) to sign up. If you are not able to sign up online, please contact Beth Crowley at [bethc@saintdavid.net](mailto:bethc@saintdavid.net) or 210-824-2481 so she may place your name on the calendar. Altar flowers are a wonderful way to honor loved ones and beautify the church. Minimum suggested donation is \$50 which may be paid by check or online at [saintdavid.net/giving](http://saintdavid.net/giving).

## **COVID Guidelines Update**

The Diocese of West Texas COVID-19 Guidelines that have been in place for over a year have been significantly revised in accordance with new CDC guidelines. While some will receive these revised Guidelines with relief and joy, we realize that some will greet them with anxiety and uncertainty. Also, please keep in mind that children under the age of 12 make up a significant portion of our local community, and our church, and at this time no vaccine is available for this age group.

St. David's will no longer be *requiring* masks or distancing for vaccinated individuals, but our hope is that the church will be a safe place for everyone to do what is most comfortable for them without judgment.

There is an old Anglican/Episcopal saying that seems appropriate as we put the new Guidelines in place: *"All may; some should; none must."* It reflects a gracious and restrained care for others, encouraging what is good for each and for all. Some are not able to be vaccinated due to age or other health concerns, and some will opt to continue wearing masks for other reasons.

Please show grace to each other as we navigate this next step toward normalcy.

## **Holy Communion**

Intinction will once again be offered at the communion rail. If you are not comfortable with intinction yet, rest assured that the body and blood of Christ are each present in both the bread and the wine of the Eucharist, so you are still receiving the full Sacrament even if you only receive in one kind (bread).

## **Social Media**

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