

Announcements – May 2, 2021

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Giving

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." *2 Corinthians 9:7* 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.

Faith Formation

We hope you'll make plans to come early or stay late, and join us for coffee and Faith Formation between services (10:00-11:00 a.m.). Adults will be studying Galatians in the church courtyard, and the children and youth will be in McAllister Hall with Sarah & Mary Hayden. The six-week series will wrap up on May 23rd.

RESCHEDULED: St. David's Sing-Along - *Hymns on Demand!*

Miss singing in church? Have a favorite hymn you've been missing? Then join us for the RESCHEDULED *St. David's Sing-Along THIS SATURDAY, May 8th at 3:00 p.m.* in the lower Wiltshire Avenue parking lot for hymns on demand! Much like a jukebox, you will be able to pay to play your favorite hymns, and our very own music maestro, Ben Carlisle, will play anything from the hymnal for us all to sing along! **All proceeds will benefit our SnackPak4Kids mission!**

The La Gloria Margarita Truck will be on site with food and drinks available for purchase, and if the kids would rather not sing along the whole time, Sarah has some fun activities planned for them (ages 3 & older) in the church courtyard!

Vacation Bible School 2021

Rocky Railway VBS "Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through" is coming to St. David's July 12-16, 2021. St. David's VBS is for children going into PreK4 – going into 5th grade from 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. **Registration for children is OPEN on our website. Space is limited, so register today!**

We need adult volunteers!! Please contact Sarah Kates at sarahk@saintdavid.net if you can help!

AO Sports Camp – After VBS

AO Sports Camp is offering an after-VBS camp at St. David's. The camp will run from noon until 4:30 p.m. and is open to incoming PreK4 through incoming 7th graders. The link to register is on our website, or you can visit www.aosportscamps.com/register and click on St. David's! If you stay for sports camp, bring a lunch!

Coffee Set-Up Helpers

We need volunteers to help with coffee set-up! Would you like to get involved? Volunteers are needed to come before the 9:00 service to get the coffee brewing and ready, serve coffee immediately following the 9:00 service, and clean up after. Check your e-news for a link to the SignUpGenius to sign up for a Sunday.

Save the Date! Installation Service: May 19th

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us on Wednesday, May 19th at 6:30 p.m. for the institution of The Reverend Brian Tarver as the eighth Rector of St. David's Episcopal Church and School and to celebrate a new ministry for St. David's! Service will be in the sanctuary with the Rt. Rev. David Reed, Bishop of the Diocese of West Texas presiding. Reception will follow the service.

Nursery Care is back!

Infants and children up to 3 years of age will be cared for during both worship services and Faith Formation (8:30 a.m. - noon) in the Library (room up the stairs from the sanctuary on the left). Please bring all of your child's necessities! Questions? Contact sarahk@saintdavid.net

Altar Flower Calendar

An online version of the 2021 Altar Flower calendar is now available. Please go to saintdavids.net/giving to sign up. If you are not able to sign up online, please contact Beth Crowley at bethc@saintdavids.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 saintdavids.net/giving.

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More information on these events and others can be found at www.dwtx.org

Wisdom Years Ministry Shares a Spring Study: "Overflowing with Gratefulness"

When we are grateful, says Brother David Steindl-Rast, our heart fills up and overflows like a bowl with joy and contentment. Our culture teaches that we should fill our bowls with material goods. And when the bowl is full, we should get a bigger and better one, and buy more goods to fill it. But then it never overflows.

It is easy to see our older years as filled with losses - the loss of physical abilities, the loss of those who die or move away to be near children, the loss of being needed. But what if we looked instead for opportunities for gratefulness where we never expected to find them, even in the losses?

For four weeks, beginning April 15, join the Wisdom Years group as we gather on Zoom each Thursday from 4:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. for a brief teaching, using material from A Network for Grateful Living and other sources, then break into small groups for discussion and reflection. As we gather, we will be attentive to the Holy Spirit, learning from each other and from the revelations of our own life experiences. Email Marjorie George at marjorie.george@dwtx.org with questions or to reserve your spot in the study,

World Missions Mother's Day Offering in Support of Navajoland Mission Partners: May 9

On Sunday, May 9, congregations are invited to take up a special World Missions Mother's Day Offering, focusing on the global impact of this gift and raising awareness of the mission partnerships supported by the local church and the Diocese. Information and resources, including the World Missions Catalog, can be found online, at dwtx.org/worldmissions. There are three ways for congregations and individuals to give to the Mother's Day Offering:

- Online, at dwtx.org/give, indicating "Mother's Day Giving" on the form.
- Text "MothersDay" to (210) 796-6805.
- Mail a check made out to "DWTX" and labeled "Mother's Day Offering" to Diocese of West Texas, Attn: Mother's Day Offering, P.O. Box 6885, San Antonio, TX 78209.

A small step forward!

While we are not free from all COVID-related restrictions, and the health and safety of our community remains our highest priority, we are finally able to make some small, cautious steps toward normalcy!

- Masks are now optional for outdoor gatherings as long as six feet of social distance is maintained between households
- Masks are still required for indoor services and activities for all ages; six feet of distance between households is also still required
- Canterbury Hill exterior doors will once again be open for entrance on Sunday mornings
- RSVPs are no longer required for indoor worship
- Ushers will be circulating with offering plates again
- Communion will be administered at the altar rail
- Books/hymnals will be returning to the pews