

## Announcements - Sunday, September 8, 2024

Welcome visitors! We're glad you're here, and we want to connect with you! Please look for the "I'm New Here" card in the back of the pew in front of you, fill it out, and drop it in the offering plate.



**Stay in the know** Are you receiving our weekly e-news? It's the best way to stay in the loop about upcoming events and opportunities. Use this QR code to add your email to our distribution list.

### Faith Formation

Join us in McAllister Hall at 9:00 for breakfast and fellowship before we break off into our two adult Sunday School classes at 9:20 with the following offerings. Children's formation will also begin at 9:20 for children through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, and nursery care will be available.

- **Faithful Families**
  - Worshiping as a family in church on Sunday mornings can be a blessing and bring a family closer together. But let's be real, it can also be stressful. Parents are hopeful their children will get something out of worship and at the same time are hoping to find a little peace, too. Parents, join Sarah Kates for this formation class, and let's work toward Sunday worship being more of a blessing for your family rather than a stressful event. It takes a village to raise a family, and the more faithful our families are, the better we are.
- **What is the Bible?**
  - Father Brian and Rev. Mikel will offer an adult formation class together using Rob Bell's book *What is the Bible?* You talk about it, read it, listen to sermons about it. But do you really know what the Bible is, and what to do with its contents? Join them as they take a look at a few basic - yet vital - lessons from Bell's book.

### Adult Choir – Come sing with us!

Ed Rieke, our Interim Director of Music, is very excited about building the Adult Choir! We need singers in every section (soprano, tenor, and especially alto and bass). Come check us out any Sunday morning, either for the 9:30 a.m. warm-up or the post-service rehearsal at 11:45 a.m. The choir is a great and committed group of people with whom you would enjoy meeting and singing! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ed at any time: [edr@saintdavids.net](mailto:edr@saintdavids.net). Thanks for your consideration!

### Communion 101 - Sundays, September 8 & 15 at 9:20 a.m.

Kids are invited to attend and learn about communion! We will meet in the little chapel in the sanctuary (over on the right side). This class is not a prerequisite to taking communion in the Episcopal church, but an opportunity to learn about this special sacrament and why we do it. During the service on September 15th, the kids will go up first and take communion together. No age requirement; parents can decide if their children are ready. Please let Mary Hayden Manning know if you have any questions and if you plan to attend: [maryhaydenm@saintdavids.net](mailto:maryhaydenm@saintdavids.net)

### Bright & Beautiful Luncheon - Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Please join us for the First Annual Bright & Beautiful Luncheon with special guest speaker Lindsay Nash! Funds raised will be used to purchase "all things bright and beautiful" around St. David's. Think of all of the functional and pretty things that make hosting our church and school communities special...matching table linens, sturdy serving pieces, holiday decor, and fresh landscaping. These items are not covered in our general operating budget, but they are what make our campus warm and welcoming for our church members, school families, and guests. Lindsay is a gifted motivational speaker who shares her story with candor and authenticity. She will share her faith journey and how her faith has helped her continue to choose joy in the midst of great loss.



### Blessing of the Animals - Sunday, October 6th at 10:30 a.m.

The 10:30 service will take place outside on Crestwood Drive & the lawn on Sunday, October 6th, and all are invited to bring their pets for a special animal blessing. \*Please ensure pets are on a leash or otherwise contained, and bring a chair or blanket!

## UPCOMING DATES AT A GLANCE...

### Mondays

Sr. High Youth Group, 7:30 p.m.  
*\*Will not meet tomorrow, Sept 9<sup>th</sup>*

### September 8

Communion 101, 9:20 a.m.

### September 15

Communion 101, 9:20 a.m.  
Gap Group, 11:45 a.m.  
Jr. High Youth Group, 4:30 p.m.

### September 26

Bright & Beautiful Luncheon, 11:30 am

### September 29

Episcopal School Sunday  
Jr. High Youth, 4:30 p.m.

### October 3

Young@Heart luncheon, 11:30 a.m.

### October 6

Blessing of Animals, 10:30 a.m.

## Sponsor the Altar Flowers



Altar Flowers are a wonderful way to honor a loved one, and there are a lot of available dates! Scan the QR code here or visit the poster on the wall across from the kitchen. *Minimum suggested donation* is \$75 (you can certainly give more to be used for your arrangements) and can be paid online through Tithely or with a check mailed to the church office. Please note "Altar Flowers" on the memo line. If you have trouble with the online sign-up, please email [whitneyo@saintdavids.net](mailto:whitneyo@saintdavids.net) to be added to the calendar.

**Giving** Your generosity shapes hearts, lives, and futures within our church community and beyond these walls, and we are grateful for your gifts that support the mission of the church. Donations can be made by scanning this QR code, by placing your gift in the offering plate, or by mailing a check to the church office at 1300 Wiltshire Ave, 78209. Please contact Beth Crowley with giving questions: [bethc@saintdavids.net](mailto:bethc@saintdavids.net).



## Youth Dates for the Fall

- Senior High Youth Group (Grades 9-12): Monday evenings (except holidays) August 19th through December 2nd. 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the Youth Loft following an optional dinner at a local restaurant at 6:15. *Note: we will meet on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, but we will not meet on September 8<sup>th</sup>.*
- Junior High Youth Group (Grades 6-8): Meets from 4:30-6:00 p.m. in the Youth Loft on the following Sundays: August 18, September 15 (*date change*) & 29, October 20 & 27, November 3 & 17, and December 1.
- Gap Group (Grades 3-5): Meets from 11:45-12:45 in the Youth Loft on the following Sundays: September 15, October 20, November 10, and December 8. Lunch is provided by parents, and we need at least two parent volunteers per meeting. Scan here to sign up for a Sunday:



## Visitor Aware – Check In on School Days

Now that school is back in session, all visitors and volunteers entering our church & school campus on school days will be required to check in with a photo ID using our Visitor Aware kiosk in the church office or school atrium. Visitor Aware utilizes encrypted facial recognition to identify you on subsequent visits, so you will not need your photo ID after your initial check-in. Please wear your visitor badge at all times while on campus.



**Help us keep the Little Free Pantry full!** The Little Free Library on the Crestwood lawn doubles as a Little Free Pantry, and the one in front of Wilshire Elementary School (6523 Cascade Place, 78218) does, too. Help us keep them BOTH stocked with much-needed non-perishable food items. Scan this QR or click the link in your e-news to sign up for a week!

## Nursery Care

Infants and children up to 3 years are cared for during Faith Formation and the 10:30 worship service in Bright Beginnings Room 1 across from church office. Please bring all of your child's necessities.

**Social Media** Follow us for church and school photos, reminders, and news!

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/stdavidschurchandschool](http://www.facebook.com/stdavidschurchandschool)

Instagram: [@lifeatstdavids](https://www.instagram.com/lifeatstdavids)

***Please join us in prayer for:*** Blake, Max & Gray, Brennan, Tim & Peggy, Colleen, Robert, Mari, Ethan, Jake, Maryln, Joyce, Olivia, Bishop Curry, Patsy, Ellen, Brad, Steve, Cowboy and Jenny, Bill, Payton, Bob and Joan, Joan and Jadaen, the Gomez family, Wilshire Elementary School

***Welcoming all to be transformed at Christ's table...  
carrying forward Christ's transformative love through  
joyful worship, welcoming fellowship, and dedicated service.***

*Email [whitneyo@saintdavids.net](mailto:whitneyo@saintdavids.net) to add or update an announcement. Email [bethc@saintdavids.net](mailto:bethc@saintdavids.net) to update your information, make an addition to the prayer list, or with any financial/giving questions.*