



ST DAVID OF WALES

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A Message from Fr. Steve . . . As I move into Lent, I observe in myself and around me that **YES**, Lent has brought the Spring with it, and the tragedy of Christ Church, NZ, gives me the energy **TO DO** something.

SOMETHING might be the Agape dinner where we have a light dinner of soup, cheese, bread and wine or tea (and maybe a surprise to go with it this week?). Kudos to those who have brought the delicious offerings this year . . . Yes!

Another **SOMETHING** can be an individual or group nature event to the park or yard to marvel at the new creation, possibly offering prayers for the survivors of victims and those who have lost loved ones.

And, our Islamic Brethren in Olympia have invited us to their Friday Prayers and open house on the 5th of April. Those of us who wish to attend and support them would meet and carpool from Saint David's, leaving about noon, and, depending on the parts of event that we stay for, would be back at 3:30 p.m.

And, **SOMETHING** especially important is the growing joy and care I experience to be able to work with all of you for the presence of Christ in the community of Shelton and Mason County. I give thanks this Lent and look forward to Holy Week events of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil on Saturday evening and Easter Sunday. **GOD BLESS!**

Vestry Visions from Sr. Warden, Suzy Petty . . . "It Takes A Village" for St. David's to be a vibrant part of our lives in this community. We are a beautiful church. Each and every one of us should have one thing we can offer to be "the Village." If you haven't found your "one thing," then please see me. There's a thing for you! Someone told to me recently, "St. David's is the coolest church in Shelton" and he, Matthew Melendez of the **Great Bend Center for Music**, is providing it by asking us to host a concert on Saturday, April 27th at 7 p.m. performed by the Great Bend Chorale and Youth Chorale. So, mark your calendars, you won't want to miss this event. I recently read "Faith is just the process, it takes time and dedication every day to reach the goal of salvation."

Lenten Agape Suppers . . . It is a pleasure to attend the Lenten Wednesday night Agape suppers. From 5:30 to 6:30, the time spent with members of our congregation enjoying a meal of homemade soup, crackers, bread and cheese, is relaxing and delightful. It represents our Lord's Last Supper with a simple communion and prayer and fellowship. There are extra places at the table for you There are three Wednesdays until Easter.

Easter Work Party . . . Sunday, April 7 from 12 noon until about 3 p.m. there will be a work party to clean the church inside and out. Lunch will be provided - bring tools for outside work and rags for inside. All hands on deck - this will be fun, trust me!

Volunteer Opportunities . . .

Community Lifeline dinners are served twice a month by volunteers led by Suzy Petty and Dianna Timm Dryden to homeless folks in the community. These ladies take their mission very seriously and need more volunteers from time to time. If this is something you would like to do, see Suzy or Dianna.

The Saints' Pantry Food Bank always needs more volunteers to help load and unload trucks, pick up items at stores and sort and stock the food bank shelves. Two hours, Monday through Thursday mornings, your choice, would be a big help to them. See Rebecca at 214 S. Second St. or call 360-427-8847 or Billie @360-463-3938

Coffee Hour after the 10:30 service is a great way to become involved. Nothing fancy or elegant is necessary. You bake or you buy, it doesn't matter - it is all good and a great way to spend time after church catching up on what is happening in the congregation. But most importantly, it is an easy way to get to know the members of St. David's. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in front of the bulletin board. **C'mon, give it a try!**

Yard Work . . . Just when we thought we'd have to enlist 'Farmer Jones' and his weed-eating goats to mow the lawn at the church, we received an offer we couldn't refuse! A donation of a lawn mower, and volunteers to operate it, became a reality. Hallelujah, Praise the Lord.

Hands of Hope Prayer List . . . Please include in your prayers this month: **Michael Curry, Marjorie, Shawn, Mike & Judy, Doug, David, Bud, Terry, Betty, Bob & Kathleen, Donna, Janet, Christopher, Justine, Barrett, Dave, Joan, Dick & Patti, and Jason.** And Prayers of Thanksgiving for the recovery of Paul.

Events at St. David's . . .

Sunday, April 7, 12:00 to 3 pm	Church and Yard Clean-up
Sunday, April 14, 7:30 & 10:30 am	Palm Sunday Services
Wednesday, April 17, 5:30 pm	Agape Dinner
Thursday, April 18,	Maundy Thursday
Friday, April 19, 8 pm	Good Friday Service
Saturday, April 20, 8 pm – 7 a.m.	Vigil in the Garden
Sunday, April 21, 7:30 & 10:30 am	Easter Sunday Services
Saturday, April 27, 7 pm	Great Bend Chorale Concert

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Agape Supper



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