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SOMETHING TO CONSIDER As we continue with this time of “staying home and staying safe” we need to consider how we do things for and with St. David’s Church. Fr. Steve would appreciate hearing ideas and comments from the congregation in order to better serve you. One question is whether-or-not to continue streaming services in the future. Prior to each broadcast, a church service bulletin is emailed to members having computers. Is this helpful? If you have a prayer book at home you can also follow the service. How can the clergy and vestry be more helpful to you as a member of St. David’s? The Diocese of Olympia will issue a directive after May 4th on how we are to proceed as a Parish if this order to “stay home and stay safe” continues. In the meantime, keep the faith.

A MESSAGE from SR. WARDEN MIKE CALLAGHAN . . . Judy and I are keeping the St. David’s congregation in our prayers and hope that all of you are doing well during this difficult time. I just wanted to let you know that the vestry is still meeting and working for the church. We’ve had two Zoom meetings (with a few glitches). We covered several topics during the meeting. The vestry is very pleased with the live streaming of the services. Patti, Fr. Steve and Kelsey are wonderful. I know myself, I particularly enjoyed the Easter Vigil - the musical liturgy was very moving and it made me sit and contemplate the meaning of Jesus in my life. The vestry voted to continue the live streaming for three (3) more services. The live streaming costs \$100 a session and members have already volunteered to pay those extra costs. I believe the vestry will be looking into buying and trying to set up our own recording equipment - but that will be down the road some.

The vestry also voted to have Laurie look into State and Federal small business grant programs for St. David’s. Financially we are hanging in there, but as usually the case, we are hanging by a shoestring. Especially during this difficult virus shut down, your pledges make all the difference. The vestry has been pleased with the ‘donate’ button (thanks Tammy) that can be found on St. David’s Web Page and Facebook Page.. Another consequence of the Coronavirus is that the Community LifeLine is serving three (3) meals a day instead of the usual dinner meal. Director Barb Weza asked for help and Judy Callaghan put together a group to make dinners for them on Tuesday night. If you would like to help with that I’m sure Judy would appreciate it. If you would like to donate money, we are earmarking funds in the priests discretionary fund account. To make sure your donation goes to that fund, write on your check “Outreach Ministries.” Our next vestry Zoom is scheduled for May 6th.

We all need to give Father Steve a round of applause as he is putting in long hours to keep St. David’s up and going. May the Peace of the Lord always be with you. . . . Mike

