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MAKING A DIFFERENCE . . . Fr. Steve is working on a program to enable us to worship from home by social media. This might make it a little hard for those of you that do not have computers. Please pray daily for this Coronavirus to pass, that we all may stay healthy and that we will get together once again at St. David's.

In a recent letter to the Diocese from **Bishop Rickel** he states that **"in many ways, we feel in exile. Adrift a bit. That is not a comforting feeling. What we know is scary, what we don't know even scarier. And yet even in isolated exile, we are not alone. It's apparent now that our Holy Week and Easter Day will need to be virtual and not face-to-face. Yes, that is a huge loss for us. It will be mightily different. But hear me, please, packed churches or empty ones. No matter what, it is coming. That is actually the whole point of Easter in the first place, Jesus risen from the dead, and through that, complete victory over death. This virus, nor nothing else, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."**

VESTRY NEWS The Vestry of St. David's met on March 1st. Here is a recap of business conducted.

Fr. Steve's work week has been expanded to 2.5 from two days a week. Fr. Steve chose not to claim any of his housing allowance for 2020. A letter will be sent to the Bishop's office with these changes.

The Audit Committee, consisting of Carolyn Carlton, Peggy Hosford and Elinor Lindquist, has completed the audit for 2019 and it was signed and sent to the Diocese. New members to the committee will be recruited for 2020.

Morning Prayer is being held three times a week hosted by Deacon Barb Weza.

A Memorial Service was held for Joan Cheston.

Ash Wednesday Services were held at noon and 7 p.m. with about 30 attending.

Jr. Warden, Cheri Ratay, is updating a facility use book with current contact information.

The Sts. Pantry served 2,292 individuals, representing 917 households for February and prepared 1,786 backpacks for low income students. All clients are now being served through the door instead of entering the food bank. This, because of the Coronavirus.

Altar Guild under the guidance of Elinor Lindquist is doing a great job of arranging flowers, washing linens, changing liturgical colors and cleaning up after services, etc. Judy Callanan bakes the bread. The Guild is always seeking more members.

Choir has changed, performing offertory hymns less frequently to improve the quality of singing. Instead, there will be more special music - duets, instruments, etc.

Facebook will include information about St. David's as well as the St. David's website. These two information sites will be updated more frequently. A donation button needs to be set up on our website as well.

The next meeting of the Vestry will be April 19th at 8:30 a.m. In the Church Library. Interested church members are always welcome. A complete Vestry report is available.

MEMORIAL SERVICES for **Terry O'Hara** and **Jack Krause** have been postponed until further notice. Both of these gentlemen passed away recently of natural causes. Our condolences to their families. They will be and are missed very much. Both have been active in the church for some time. Memorials may be made to St. David's or to a charity of your choice.

PLEASE PRAY for all who have commended themselves to our prayers, especially: **Marjorie, Shawn, Mike & Judy, Doug, Barrett, Janet, Ernie, Betty, Dick, Lisa, Greg, David, Ann, Robin, Betty, Debbie, Margaret, Jamy, Jonathon & Christina, Nancy & Joe, Sue, Jesse, Kathy, Peggy and Andrea.**

For all those affected by the COVID-19 virus, for those suffering and those who have died, for healthcare and public health workers, for the widespread impacts on people and economies near and far, and for all persons as we attempt to limit its spread, we pray to you, O Lord.

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH . . . Members having birthdays this month are **Mike Ogden, 4/19, Theresa Reed, 4/22, and Marian Eveleth, 4/30.** Happy Birthday to all and may God Bless You!

DATES TO REMEMBER . . .

April 5 Palm Sunday

April 9 Maundy Thursday

April 10 Good Friday

April 12 Easter Sunday

ORIGINS OF APRIL FOOLS' DAY. . . The term "All Fools" was probably meant as a deliberate stab at All Saints (November 1) and All Souls (November 2) Day. Although the origin of playing practical jokes and pranks on this day is hazy, many folklorists believe it may go back to 16th century France. At that time, New Year's Day was March 25, with a full week of partying and exchanging gifts until April 1. In 1582, the Gregorian calendar moved New Year's Day to January 1. Those who forgot or refused to honor the new calendar were teasingly called "April Fool!" Weather folklore states "If it thunders on All Fools' Day, it brings good crops of corn and hay;" (Taken from *The Old Farmer's Almanac/Almanac.com*)



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