

WEEKLY MESSAGE - August 20th - Fr. Thomas

Football season is upon us. Another year of anticipation, hope, triumph, and for fans of some teams which remain "nameless," tragedy too. "Keep your eye on the ball," we're told, but what if you're the place kicker? I'm reminded of Ray Wersching, the kicker for the San Francisco 49ers back in the 70's and 80's. Apparently, Wersching never looked at the goal posts when he kicked a field goal, but only looked down at the hash marks on the field. The "hash marks" are those white chalked lines 23 yards inside each sideline and at that time, 18 1/2 feet apart, the same width of the goalposts at the end of the field. "The farther away you are, the narrower the goalposts look," he said. "But the hash marks always look wide." In other words, the wider your "field of vision" the more you have to gain. (Sadly, his "moral vision" was not up to the same standard. He was indicted on insurance fraud and tax evasion a decade ago.)

The same is true in daily life. The broader your "field of knowledge," the more you have to gain. Professional musicians are more likely to appreciate a live concert than someone who is not. An art historian is more likely to see value in visiting a museum than someone who has no prior knowledge of art. So it is with our practice of the Christian Faith. A good grounding in Prayer, Study, and Service will in the long run make us more effective disciples of Our Lord. As we also begin a new academic year, take advantage of the Bible studies, prayer groups, fellowship and service ministries provided by our parish, and remember, "The Lord doesn't choose us for who we are, but for what we can become."

THIS WEEK AT ST. DAVID'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN – QUICHE LUNCHION – Saturday, September 16th, 1-3pm.

An ECW representative will be available on August 27th, September 3rd, and September 10th for you to purchase advanced tickets at \$7.00 per person. No tickets sold at door, deadline for tickets is Wednesday, September 13th. Wine available for \$2.00 per glass donation. A raffle chance for a Wine Basket is \$2.00 per ticket or \$5.00 for 3 tickets. Invite your family, friends and neighbors.

GO FUND ME – Thirty years is long enough! Help us pay off the church mortgage by giving something *extra* to eliminate our debt. In addition to the yellow envelopes provided in the pew racks, you now have the ability to contribute on-line at <https://www.gofundme.com/payoff-st-davids-mortgage>, as well as on the church's Facebook page and on the website. Encourage family, friends, and professional associates to help as well. St. David's Church is making a significant contribution to our community, and the less we have to pay to our creditors, the more we can help those in spiritual and physical need! And, of course, every dollar is tax deductible.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS FOR JULY 31st

Total Expenses - \$27,291

Total Income – \$31,855

AS OF AUGUST 15, 2017

Mortgage Principal – \$108,422

Line of Credit - \$25,638

GARDEN OF FAITH – A permanent way of marking special times in your life, memorializing events or loved ones that will forever be in our church community's history, leaving a legacy of love and prayers. See flyer for more details and fill in the form for early ordering for engraved bricks.

HOSPITALITY HOUR - is hosted by the Daughters of the King.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES – a community building service event, sponsored by the St. David's Men's Organization, will be on Sunday afternoons: 8-20. Showtime is 3pm – come ½ hour early for snacks-n-chats, bring something to share. Sunday's blockbuster movie of 2016 is *RESURRECTION OF GAVIN STONE*.

ECW MEETING/LUNCH: Our first meeting for the 2017-2018 year will be held on Friday, Sept. 8th in the church at 11:00 am. Lunch will follow the meeting. RSVP for the lunch to Nancy Schroeder at (561) 792-0244 or e-mail schroeder.nancy@gmail.com. All women of the church are welcome!!

PLEASE PRAY... For the sick: Madison, Johnny, Troy, Bob, Laura, Jan, Tim, Bill, Stephanie, Ethan, Donna, Cindy, Ashlyn, Charlotte, Bruce, Tom, Robin, Linda. For those celebrating a birthday: John Pullen, Dawn Duquesnay, James Belden, Jr., Lydia Stepp, Dorrett Barnett, Melba Vlahakis, Cindy Hernandez. For our expectant mother: Victoria.

FLOWERS & CANDLES – designate altar flowers or candles in honor, celebration or memory of your loved one. Please fill in the form on the bulletin board and return it with your payment to the church's secretary. Every week we have an occasion to honor God, pray for those we care about/love, bless the church with fresh flowers and gift them to those homebound/hospitalized.

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