

## **the word: Lent**

*by Rev. Dennis j. Sagun Parker, Priest in Charge*

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We find ourselves at the beginning of Lent, the 40-day season of fasting, prayer, self-sacrifice and remembrance of the events in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. The Church in her wisdom calls us on Ash Wednesday to the “observance of a Holy Lent” and reminds us of our own mortality in the imposition of ashes (from the burned palms of last year’s observance) on our foreheads with the words “You are dust and to dust you shall return”. This season of Lententide counts forty days from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday (excluding the Sundays in that timeframe) leading to the celebration of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. The date for Easter is established in the Western Christian Calendar (Gregorian) as the 1 st Sunday after the 1 st full moon on or after the vernal equinox – and consequently can be as early as March 22 and as late as April 25 in any given year. In 2024 that Sunday falls on March 31. The Eastern Churches use the Julian Calendar, and this year Eastern Orthodox Easter will be observed on Sunday, May 5 (the Julian calendar date converted to the Gregorian Calendar). Up until the 8 th Century ACE there was no uniform method for determining the date of Easter. The method favored by the Council of Nicea in 325 ACE gradually became the accepted method. The adoption of the Gregorian calendar requires some modifications to this – however it is still basically the same. The Western Christian Church adopted the Gregorian calendar in October of 1582 by decree of papal bull issued by Pope Gregory XIII as a modification of and replacement for the Julian calendar. Tradition runs deep in the Church catholic and so this method of determination for moveable feasts can seem quite arcane to our 21 st Century sensibilities.

This Lenten season can often come across as very serious and seeks of us as followers of the Christ a time to reflect, renew and repent in our journey with Jesus. One of the ways that I have been able to deflect some of that serious tone has been to participate in a project of Forward Movement (best known as the publishers of Forward Day by Day) entitled **Lent Madness**. Lent madness ([www.lentmadness.org](http://www.lentmadness.org)) starts out with 32 saints. The process is simple: each day one worthy saint is pitted against another, with on-line voting occurring all day. There are four rounds: Round of 32; Sainly 16; Elate 8; Faithful 4 and finally the madness concluded on Wednesday of Holy Week (this year on March 27) with the two-saint smackdown for the winner of the Golden Halo. This fun and informative Lenten discipline introduces us to some of the many women and men in the history of our Christian faith that have exemplified true discipleship and service in the name of the Christ. I highly recommend your participation as a piece of your Lenten discipline in 2024. Have some fun, learn some things and deepen your Lenten journey toward Holy Week.

## Senior Warden Report: February 2024

*Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ~ Philippians 4:6*

The above passage was [Forward Day by Day's daily devotion from Friday, February 16](#). And boy did I need it right when it found its way into my inbox. I've not been worried, per se, but I have been burned out lately with concerns—for our church, our community, and my own family. I've got prayer and (sometimes) supplication covered. It's the "thanksgiving" bit that I've let slide. So, as Lent begins, I write this report with thanks in mind: I'm thankful for all I have and all I'm able to give. And I'm thankful for all y'all.

What's happened, what's happening, and what's about to happen:

- I've been repeating this everywhere I can: *Please be aware that church members are being bombarded with scam email messages*. The scam goes like this: Someone posing as Dennis j+ (or someone else you trust) writes asking for help. When you respond, the scammer asks you to purchase gift cards. **Don't do it.** Ignore, delete, or forward the message to me.
- In brighter news, our annual meeting went smoothly. Thank you to all who attended and participated. During the meeting we thanked our three outgoing vestry members, Barbara Brecht, Al Burns, and Kit Walling, and voted in new members Brian Felder, Mary Hultquist, and Cheaquetta Johnson. Thank you all for your willingness to serve this community. Buckle up.
- Shrove Tuesday was a particular highlight over the past month, with carb-loading and a display of talent that would put even St. Beyoncé to shame. Major thanks to Cindy Marvin for her flawless coordination of the evening, to Finn for his unrivaled skill as an emcee, and to all who flipped, crockpotted, and talented their way through the evening. I know we all left well fed and thoroughly entertained.
- I was blessed to volunteer with Family Promise again this week, which Cass Cole once again organized. Please: If you haven't yet served this important ministry, I urge you to do so. There are *many* ways to volunteer your time and talents with Family Promise, the majority of which are very easy lifts. Please connect with Cass to ask how you can help.
- I'm thrilled to report that Cleo is rebooting Godly Play starting this Sunday, Jr. Youth Group is already in full swing, and Sr. Youth Group has gracefully pivoted to Sundays. I again urge all y'all to find a way to support Cleo, as one of these kids will be your senior warden one day.
- In *adult* formation news, Dennis j+ will lead "Episcopalian 101" after the 10am service, beginning on the 2nd Sunday in Lent. Come learn about this here religion of ours: How the church is structured, how things get done, why we do the things we do, and more.

As always, let me know if you have questions, comments, or concerns.

Submitted by Kieran Cannistra, Senior Warden

Vestry and St. David's Community –

We are still working on various aspects of building maintenance with the assistance of Crystal Maass, our part-time building curator.

### **BUILDING CURATOR / BUILDING MAINTENANCE**

- We have brought on a part-time “maintenance man” who works every Saturday to help fix and update things. He is flexible and careful and fast. His name is Celestino Calderon.
- We will be hiring a new building curator sometime in Q1 (Crystal has a full-time day job). Profoundly appreciate all that Crystal is doing to help our building move forward.

### **CHANCEL / ALTAR:**

- We are actively soliciting bids to try to fix the leaking spots on the roof over the front chancel. This is a problem that we are taking very seriously. We want a water-free eucharistic service!
- However, we have had difficulty getting bids, even though we've called many roofing people – we are continuing to try to solve this problem as soon as possible.

### **BATHROOMS:**

- We have been reimbursed by insurance for the mitigation work undertaken to repair the water damage to the four bathrooms. The complete cost of the mitigation (including asbestos removal) was around \$46K, and the insurance company paid the full cost.
- We are actively soliciting bids to fix the bathrooms and add a few modifications to make the bathrooms better (we don't have the funds to change / update them substantially). We have three bids in hand, and we are talking to the finance team. Note that the insurance company has allocated ~\$20K to fix the bathrooms back to their original condition. We have bids at around that amount right now. We hope to move forward on this ASAP.

### **KITCHEN:**

- Actual kitchen construction has been undertaken, and it's all moving forward now.
- Architectural and permitting issues have been largely resolved.
- The main actual BEAM has gone in the kitchen, and this will allow more construction to proceed forward, and we are hopeful about having a functional kitchen this spring.
- **Kitchen:** Please see attached report from the BII team for more updates on the kitchen!

To: Vestry, St. David of Wales Episcopal Church  
Kieran Cannistra, Senior Warden  
Finance Committee, Mark Turner, Chair

From: Jim McConnell, Treasurer

Re: Notes on Financial Reports for January 2024

Date: February 11, 2024

The Reports are for the first month of the new 2024 Fiscal Year starting January1, 2024.  
The Budget was adopted by the Vestry in a previous month.

1. We have some “blips” in the reporting format that we will correct for next month. Some of the categories in the Monthly Statement of Activity do not match the categories in the Budget v Actual report. For example:
  - 60620 through 60830 Parish Administrator salary and benefits e.g. Pension, Bookkeeper, Social Security, Workers Comp. in the Budget Report do not match the Monthly Statement of Activity . But the amount for Total Compensation is correct.
2. January Water Bill at \$1,898 covers 2 months and the water spill we had in one of the bathrooms. We are budgeted for an **average** of \$600/month, but expect to pay more in some months than others.
3. Other expenses that look high reflect some payments where we pay annual amounts e.g. 64100 Property and Liability Insurance of \$2460 is a yearly amount.



# Saint David of Wales Episcopal Church

Budget vs. Actuals: Budget\_FY24\_P&L - FY24 P&L

January 2024

	JAN 2024				TOTAL			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
66700 Professional Services					\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
66720 Supply Musicians		100.00	-100.00		\$0.00	\$100.00	\$ -100.00	0.00%
66730 Supply Clergy	200.00	185.00	15.00	108.11 %	\$200.00	\$185.00	\$15.00	108.11 %
<b>Total 66700 Professional Services</b>	<b>200.00</b>	<b>285.00</b>	<b>-85.00</b>	<b>70.18 %</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>	<b>\$285.00</b>	<b>\$ -85.00</b>	<b>70.18 %</b>
68600 Utilities					\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
68630 Gas		1,250.00	-1,250.00		\$0.00	\$1,250.00	\$ -1,250.00	0.00%
68640 Water	1,898.39	600.00	1,298.39	316.40 %	\$1,898.39	\$600.00	\$1,298.39	316.40 %
68800 Electricity	522.00	583.33	-61.33	89.49 %	\$522.00	\$583.33	\$ -61.33	89.49 %
68850 Garbage	175.00	333.33	-158.33	52.50 %	\$175.00	\$333.33	\$ -158.33	52.50 %
<b>Total 68600 Utilities</b>	<b>2,595.39</b>	<b>2,766.66</b>	<b>-171.27</b>	<b>93.81 %</b>	<b>\$2,595.39</b>	<b>\$2,766.66</b>	<b>\$ -171.27</b>	<b>93.81 %</b>
69000 PayPal Fees	5.47		5.47		\$5.47	\$0.00	\$5.47	0.00%
69120 Vanco Fees	58.50		58.50		\$58.50	\$0.00	\$58.50	0.00%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$22,524.83</b>	<b>\$24,359.98</b>	<b>\$ -1,835.15</b>	<b>92.47 %</b>	<b>\$22,524.83</b>	<b>\$24,359.98</b>	<b>\$ -1,835.15</b>	<b>92.47 %</b>
NET OPERATING REVENUE	<b>\$ -502.75</b>	<b>\$ -359.98</b>	<b>\$ -142.77</b>	<b>139.66 %</b>	<b>\$ -502.75</b>	<b>\$ -359.98</b>	<b>\$ -142.77</b>	<b>139.66 %</b>
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## Statement of Activity

January 2024

	TOTAL
Revenue	
40000 Pledges, Loose Plate and Gifts	
40100 Pledges	10,641.67
40300 Gifts/Open Plate	1,285.00
40400 Special Gifts	612.00
<b>Total 40000 Pledges, Loose Plate and Gifts</b>	<b>12,538.67</b>
41000 Other Income	
41100 Building Use Fees{25}	9,450.00
41800 Interest Income Banking	33.41
<b>Total 41000 Other Income</b>	<b>9,483.41</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$22,022.08</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$22,022.08</b>
Expenditures	
60000 Compensation	
60115 Interim Rector Housing	3,680.57
60200 Building Curator	586.50
60300 Children's Ministry Coordinator	1,425.01
60400 Music Director	2,052.68
60500 Nursery Care	132.52
60600 Parish Administrator	2,215.48
60620 Administrator Health Insurance	1,203.00
60630 Administrator Life Insurance	6.70
<b>Total 60000 Compensation</b>	<b>11,302.46</b>
62000 Building & Grounds Expenses	
62200 Building and Property Security	147.69
62300 Building & Janitorial Supplies	164.22
62400 Janitorial Service Contractor	150.83
62560 Repairs and Maintenance	479.00
<b>Total 62000 Building &amp; Grounds Expenses</b>	<b>941.74</b>
62600 DPA	3,201.00
63000 Church & Office Expenses	
63100 Altar Guild	-100.00
63175 Children's Ministry Expense	200.00
63200 Church & Misc Supplies	98.70
63250 Copier Expenses	229.00
63350 Dues and Subscriptions	100.00
63400 Licenses and Fees	75.00
63450 Ministry Expenses	130.13
63550 Office Supplies & Expenses	230.72
63600 Parish Hospitality	443.06

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January 2024

	TOTAL
63750 Telephone/Fax/Internet Expense	352.91
<b>Total 63000 Church &amp; Office Expenses</b>	<b>1,759.52</b>
64000 Insurance Expense	
64100 Property & Liability Ins.	2,460.75
<b>Total 64000 Insurance Expense</b>	<b>2,460.75</b>
66700 Professional Services	
66730 Supply Clergy	200.00
<b>Total 66700 Professional Services</b>	<b>200.00</b>
68600 Utilities	
68640 Water	1,898.39
68800 Electricity	522.00
68850 Garbage	175.00
<b>Total 68600 Utilities</b>	<b>2,595.39</b>
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<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$22,524.83</b>
NET OPERATING REVENUE	<b>\$ -502.75</b>
NET REVENUE	<b>\$ -502.75</b>