

St. David's Episcopal Church

Wardens' Report

December 2025

Here are some updates on what your wardens have been working on for the last month:

Giving Campaign Update

As of December 8, all but three people who pledged last year have pledged again this year for a total of \$415,490. So far, two of the three people have been called. If they decide to pledge this year we should meet our 2026 pledge goal of \$420,000.

St. George's Merger

St. George's will celebrate its last worship service in their building on Sunday, December 28. Rev. Katherine, David, and I have met with them a few times over the last month to plan the transition including what assets we may receive. We had a meeting with diocesan representatives in which the St. George's wardens presented a case for transferring their endowment and a portion of the building sale proceeds to St. David's. No decisions were made at that meeting but it was a positive discussion. This decision will lie with the bishop and the members of the Standing Committee.

We look forward to formally welcoming St. George's parishioners to St. David's at the Epiphany Sunday worship service on January 11, 2026.

Safety Team

The Safety Team had its kick-off meeting on November 20. The team is led by Mike Sandsmark and Diane Curley and they got us off to a good start. The Minnetonka Police have been engaged and have agreed to visit our church and do a building walkthrough.

ICA Lease

Rev. Katherine, Allison Ferro, and I met with Dan Narr of ICA to discuss the renewal of its lease which ends on February 28. We discussed the terms that both parties want in the lease. The next step is to engage legal help to draft the lease. We expect to have a draft for the Vestry's review in January. It may not be available in time for the January meeting as the meeting is early that month; but, if not, we can send the lease out via email and capture your input electronically. We are aiming to get this to the diocese in February for their approval.

2026 Endowment Spending Options

The discernment topic for this Vestry meeting is to decide on the 2026 endowment project. There is \$10,800 available after tithing 10% of the amount granted by the Endowment Committee (\$12,000).

- Peace Garden - Sidewalk/Stairs from ICA Sidewalk: \$31,000
- Peace Garden Redesign - Phase 1: \$10,000
- Automated Door Openers: \$6,000
- Bench off Regional Trail: \$1,200
- CCI Phase 2: \$6,250

Buildings and Grounds Update (from Randy Schwichtenberg)

- Converted the Sanctuary to standard configuration.
- Set up for the November Hopkin's Women's group.
- Lisa, under Randy Lindquist's direction did the lighting for the Winter season by the Sanctuary Entrance.
- The new Convection Oven, Stove/Oven and Stainless table have been received and installed.
- Repaired the Boy Scout shed that they donated for our use as storage space.
- Removed the Choir light from the East wall of the Sanctuary.
- Installed the 2nd communication board in the Undercroft.
- The insurance company rejected our claim for hail/wind damage from recent storm. It has been recommended that we resubmit the claim in the Spring.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy Schwichtenberg
Jr. Warden