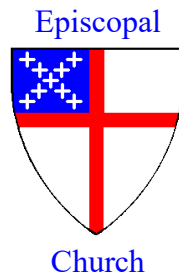


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April 9, 2024

Dear Friends,

On May 12 East Side Episcopalians will gather at St. Alban's with Father Dan Handschy one last time. He announced his retirement last week and his last Sunday at St. David's will be May 26. Father Dan and his wife are returning home to live near their daughters in the St. Paul's-Minneapolis area. Questions have been swirling about the purpose of East Side Episcopalians (ESE) so I'd like to provide a little history. Before I do this I'd like to make clear that the bishop had nothing to do with its formation and it was never about closing one or more of our churches.

In 2018 The Rev. Jackie Schmidt, then the priest at St. David's, approached me and asked if I was interested in forming an alliance between our two parishes to enrich our ministries by doing things together since our congregations were small enough for part-time clergy. I said Yes! Together we asked Father Gerry Beritela at Emmanuel if he would like to be a part of this. (It was Father Gerry who came up with the name East Side Episcopalians.) In September 2018 the clergy and lay leaders from all three parishes participated together in an "Asset Based Community Development Workshop", led by The Rev. Chris Johnson - and ESE was born! We chose to worship together four times a year:

- + Christmas Lessons & Carols at St. David's
- + Maundy Thursday Agape Feast and Holy Eucharist at Emmanuel
- + Pentecost or Trinity Sunday at St. Alban's (depending on date of Mem. Day)
- + Picnic at Ryder Park in September

We also decided to invite each other to fellowship events apart from Sunday and to help each other with our bigger fundraisers. This past fall and winter Father Dan and I, together with David Burgess from St. David's, led the 11 week Sacred Ground course and the Lenten Dinner and Book Study.

I look forward to Bishop DeDe witnessing the fruits of ESE at our worship on Sunday, May 12. She knows about ESE, of course, but this is the first time she will join with us. The whole is greater than the sum of the parts and together we are stronger.

Mother Julie+

Let's Get a Group Together to see Godspell

redhouse arts center in Syracuse

Discount tickets are \$35 if we have at least ten people from both churches.
Friday, May 10 at 2:00 p.m.

We have over ten people going from the two churches. If you'd like to come it's not too late, but Mother Julie needs to know soon. The price of \$35 will be honored.
All are welcome!

In Person Schedule: Both Parishes & Friends are Welcome!

Wednesday Emmanuel * 2:00 p.m. Bible Study

Saturday Emmanuel * 4:30 p.m.: Annual Meeting
5:00 p.m.: Holy Eucharist, Church School on April 20

Sunday St. Alban's * 8:30 a.m.: Bible Study
* 9:30 a.m.: Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m.: Coffee Hour

* also on Zoom

Zoom Schedule & Codes

Saturday

5:00 p.m. Emmanuel: **812 9701 3112 & 381729**

Sunday

8:30 a.m. Bible Study: **825 2837 9378 & 695433**

9:30 a.m. St. Alban's: **826 9515 6305 & 446765**

11:00 a.m. Confirmation: **871 3932 1946 & 299595 (April 14, 21, 28)**

Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer: **849 7442 6644 & 031228**

Wednesday

2:00 p.m. Bible Study: **840 0349 8213 & 586548**

Second Thursday: April 11

7:00 p.m. Healing and Holy Eucharist: **826 5946 2394 & 366836**