

Announcements and Upcoming Events

We offer with joy and thanksgiving what God has first given us, ourselves our time and our possessions.

"Unified Fund Summary (the Unified Fund is the checking account from which all routine operating expenses are paid; e.g. payroll, utilities, supplies, etc.)"	
Beginning Bal August 11, 2025	\$2,137.77
Sunday Offerings	\$2,799.00
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$75.00
Online Giving	\$1,265.00
Subtotal	\$6,276.77
Payments	(\$4,807.79)
Ending Bal. August 11, 2025	\$1,468.98
Beginning Bal August 18, 2025	\$1,468.98
Sunday Offerings	\$4,055.00
Transfer from Vanguard Savings	\$4,000.00
Online Giving	\$805.00
Subtotal	\$10,328.98
Payments	(\$8,657.45)
Ending Bal. August 18, 2025	\$1671.53
Unified/Temporary Restricted (Designated) Fund Offerings August 17, 2025	
Building/Renovation Fund	\$50.00
Member Emergency Fund	\$60.00
Worship attendance for August 17 th at 8AM-49 & 10:30AM-59 for a total of 108.	

Mission Statement

*"Glorify God, Share the Love of Jesus,
Do Good works through Service"*



Lauren Bungard*Cathy Lilly
Angie McKool*Lynn McDaniel
Kristie Byer*Jack Winters* Jeff Eash
Rachel Thomas-Kimmel* Patty Rullo
Mary Jane McCreedy*Greg Lilly

August 24, 2025

*The altar flower is given today in memory of
Wayne Shrader from Doug & Linda Shrader.*

Pastor Mark's Schedule Week of August 24-29

Sunday 8/24	Sunday Morning Worship Learning Ministry Team Meeting between services
Monday 8/25	National Banana Split Sundae Day Office Hours, 9:00AM-1:30PM Visitation in the afternoon
Tuesday 8/26	Office Hours, 9:00AM-1:30PM Visitation in the afternoon
Wednesday 8/27	Working from the parsonage
Thursday 8/28	Office Hours, 9:00AM-1:30PM Visitation in the afternoon SDLC Church Council Meeting, 6:30PM
Friday 8/29	Pastor's Day Off

Pastor Mark is always available by phone or email at any time of the day or night if you need him for pastoral care. 717-870-4757 (cell) pastormarkfischer@gmail.com



St. David's Council would like to open the floor for comments, questions, and suggestions after services on August 24th and 31st

& then hold a congregational vote after the service on Rally Sunday (September 7th) to determine the church's wishes for how to proceed with the columbaria and Kaufman Cemetery. Please prayerfully consider what is best for our church and our community and help us to make choices regarding these matters.



Attention all parents of students age 3 (Pre-school) to 12th grade: The first day of Sunday School is right around the corner (**September 14**) and it is time to register your child at St. David's for Sunday School. Please use the QR code to find the registration Google form and fill it out on-line before **September 7**.





Please join us for lunch on Rally Day, September 7th at 11:30am. The church will provide hamburgers and hot dogs. If you are able and willing to bring a side dish to share, please use the list below as a guide according to your last name. If you are unable to provide a side dish for any reason, please join us anyway! The day won't be complete without you!

A - E Potato/Pasta

F - L Salad

M - P Dessert

Q - Z Vegetable



The **St. David's Lutheran Church Service Team** is helping Somerset County Meals on Wheels with desserts. **Desserts will be collected on SUNDAY, September 7th, from 8:00-11:00AM.** Desserts requested by Meals on Wheels include:

- Cakes – no icing, but chips and sprinkles are acceptable.
- Cookies – 2 dozen minimum
- Brownies – no icing
- Breads – (Banana, Zucchini, Blueberry)

ALL DESSERTS MUST BE IN DISPOSABLE CONTAINERS. Thank you.



St. David's Evangelical Lutheran Church

God's Work Our Hands Day of Service & Rally Day

Sunday, September 7, 2025

Theme: "Celebrating the 80th Anniversary of Lutheran World Relief and its Quilt/Blanket/Kit Ministry."

Schedule for the Day

8:00 AM – Worship at St. David's

9:00 AM – Gathering & Community Building

9:30 AM – Worship at St. David's

(including the installation of our Sunday School & Catechetical Teachers)

10:45 AM – Games & Community Building

11:30 AM – Lunch

12:15 PM – Embark for our projects in the local Mission Field

3:00 PM – Conclude

Summer has slipped by quickly once again. September is but a few days away. That means it is time for the community of St. David's to join together for a day of service – God's Work Our Hands/Rally Sunday – September 7. We are observing the 80th anniversary of Lutheran World Relief and its ministries that include quilts/blankets [that ladies of St. David's make each year] and kits [that we have collected and packed in past years on GWOH Sunday]. The schedule for the day is printed above. **Be sure to join the day by completing the sign-up sheet found in the announcement racks in the rear of the nave or complete the form in the newsletter and drop it off at the church.** All are welcome to be a part of the day and its several activities! Many hands (ours) make light work (God's)!



One of the GWOH projects at St. David's this year involves providing Teacher Kits for teachers at Conemaugh Township and Johnstown Christian School. There are 7 different items needed for the kits. *[Dry erasers, crayons, tissues, wipes for children, wipes for cleaning desks, glue sticks, and pencils]*. Look for the big black board in the narthex, and then **please take one, two or several tags, purchase the item/s and bring them to the**

church and place them in collection boxes in the narthex. Please act today since we only have a few weeks before GWOH Sunday. Thank you in advance for participating in this ministry that will touch kids in our Mission Field right outside our doors. Let's make a difference TOGETHER as the people of St. David's!



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Each year, St. David's Lutheran Church opens the Fellowship Hall to host around 200 students following home Conemaugh Township football games on Friday nights at Overtime. The students, in grades 7-12, are fed chocolate chip cookies and pizza, play cornhole and other games, and know that they have a safe location to socialize. However, this ministry needs volunteers, or Overtime may not be able to continue. We are looking for adults (18 and over) in the Conemaugh Township area who can give a few hours of their time on Friday nights during football season... we need you!

Volunteers are asked to show up at St. David's Fellowship Hall (lower level) between 8 and 8:30 (Overtime begins at 9 p.m. and ends at 11 p.m.). Help is needed in the kitchen, at our registration tables, setting up and cleaning up, and in general, mostly being an observant chaperone. Volunteers need to have up-to-date clearances filed with our church office and are welcomed for some or all of the dates: September 12, and October 3 (Homecoming), 10 and 24.

If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Kimmel (rachel.b.thomas@gmail.com or 814.248.1670).

To submit your clearances, please contact Jessica, St. David's Church Secretary, at stdavids_sec@atlanticbb.net

Blessing of the Backpacks ✨

All students are invited to bring their backpacks to church on **Sunday, September 14** for a special Blessing of the Backpacks during the service!

We want to celebrate the new school year and pray for all students, teachers, and school staff.

This is a great way to start the year with encouragement, support, and God's blessing.



The church Trunk or Treat is scheduled for Saturday, October 25th from 2-4pm. More information in the coming weeks.

LEARNING PLACE BOARD MEMBERS

Jerrold Cannistraci- Cathy Lilly
 Cindy Liska-Angie McKool
 Patty Rullo-Linda Shrader
 Becky Robinson




ST. DAVID'S LEARNING PLACE

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Jennifer Percinsky: Director
 Halie Griffie, Asst. Group Supervisor
 Brianna Mohle: Asst. Group Supervisor



It's that time of the year again...back to school!! This is just a reminder that the school bus will be coming through St. David's. So please stop when you see the bus and drive slow! The traffic pattern for parents is entering through the top parking lot, dropping off/picking up at the Learning Place main doors, and exiting through bottom parking lot. Thanks!

Weekly Calendar of Events		
Sunday 8/24:	8:00 AM	Worship/Communion /Congregational Input Meeting
	9:15 AM	Confirmation/Acolyte Meeting (C16)
	10:30 AM	Worship/Communion /Congregational Input Meeting
	Secretary's office hours for the week of August 25-29 will be Monday 9AM-1:30PM; Tuesday-Friday 9AM-3PM. <i>Any changes to hours will be noted on the church calendar on the Facebook page and to the schedule posted on narthex door.</i>	
Monday 8/25:	1:30 PM	Office Closes Early
Wednesday 8/27:	6:00 PM	LP Board Meeting
Thursday 8/28:	9:00 AM	Blanket Day (FH9)
	6:30 PM	Council Meeting (FH9)
Sunday 8/31:	8:00 AM	Worship/Communion /Congregational Input Meeting
	10:30 AM	Worship/Communion /Congregational Input Meeting
August 24 (Intinction)*		
8:00 AM	10:30 AM-Outdoor Worship	
Acolytes	Acolytes	
Altar- Ronna Marisa	Altar- Lois Tessari	
Communion Assts- Doug & Linda Shrader	Communion Assts- Greg & Cathy Lilly	
Lector- Sue Risch	Lector- Wendy Figard	
Ushers- Joe & Sue Risch	Ushers- Greg & Cathy Lilly	
Counters- Doug & Linda Shrader, Jean Magdelinic		
<i>If you would like to commune but are unable for any reason to go forward to the altar, please let an usher know so communion can be brought to you.</i>		
August 31 (Communion)*		
8:00 AM	10:30 AM	
Acolytes	Acolytes	
Altar- Gail Berkebile & Kathy Carnahan	Altar- Sherri Andrews, Becky Robinson & Lynn McDaniel	
Communion Assts- Gail Berkebile & Bella Kotch	Communion Assts- Need Volunteers	
Lector- Gail Berkebile	Lector- Marna Gilman-Fischer	
Ushers- Melissa Maddy & Bella Kotch	Ushers- Need Volunteers	
Counters- Bill & Sherri Andrews, Sonya Andrews		



We need teachers/helpers in some of our Sunday School classes! Our programs are easy to follow, and our kids are eager to learn Gods word! Instructors are needed to take over some Confirmation classes. Chrissy Troxell and Jack Winters have volunteered to teach one Confirmation Class each. We are still in need of **2 more volunteers**. You could tag team this with someone. You will have guidance! Another Youth Ministry that needs leadership is the Acolytes. You would work with Randy Whetzel in scheduling, training, etc. Please prayerfully consider these Youth Ministries! Please let Cathy Lilly know if you have any questions or interest calilly.cl@gmail.com or 814-233-0429. More information will follow soon.



Children and Youth Meeting September 14th after the 10:30 service. Anyone interested in joining the Children and Youth Team is invited to join us at our first meeting of the school year. The Children and Youth team focuses on fun, faith-filled experiences both inside and outside of the church walls for the children and youth of the congregation, and we are always looking for people to help!