

December 14, 2025

Weekly Church Announcements

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. December 1, 2025	\$7,990.89
This weekend's offerings	\$4,546.50
Online Giving	\$1,027.00
Subtotal	\$13,564.36
Payments	(\$1,702.19)
Ending Bal. December 1, 2025	\$11,862.17
Beginning Bal. December 8, 2025	\$11,862.17
This weekend's offerings	\$5,088.00
Online Giving	\$1,075.00
Subtotal	\$18,025.17
Payments	(\$12,031.29)
Ending Bal. December 8, 2025	\$5,993.88
Unified/Temporary Restricted (Designated) Fund Offerings December 7, 2025	
Advent Backpack Project	\$190.00
Building/Renovation Fund	\$50.00
Capital Campaign	\$50.00
Fellowship Hall Use	\$250.00
Member Emergency Fund	\$65.00
Poinsettias	\$26.25
Worship attendance for December 7 th at 8AM-59 & 10:30AM-74 for a total of 133.	



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Please join us in welcoming Alex, Melissa, Hadley, Harper & Hudson Pozun and Jerry & Ruth Pozun who are being received into the community of St. David's Evangelical Lutheran Church at the 10:30AM service today.

Pastor Mark's Schedule Week of December 14-20

Sunday 12/14	Sunday Morning Worship Decorating the Sanctuary for Christmas
Monday 12/15	Office Hours, 9:00AM -1:30PM Bible Time w/ Learning Place, 10AM Visitation in the afternoon
Tuesday 12/16	Working from the parsonage
Wednesday 12/17	Office Hours, 9:00AM-11:00AM S.A.M. Advent Worship, 11:30-12:45PM Visitation in the afternoon
Thursday 12/18	Office Hours, 9:00AM-1:30PM Visitation in the afternoon St. David's Learning Place Christmas program, 6:00PM
Friday 12/19	Pastor's Day off

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

Why Rose for the 3rd Sunday of Advent

The 3rd Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday. The word, Gaudete, is derived from the Latin word, Gaudium (joy) and gaudeo (rejoice or be glad). On the 3rd Sunday of Advent, the church uses rose paraments and vestments. We have multiple reasons for being joyful. There is joy in looking forward to the annual celebration of Christmas. There is joy in recalling the birth of Jesus on that first Christmas. There is joy in the reason for Jesus' birth, that he was born to save us from our sins. Lastly, there is joy in the anticipation of Jesus' Second Coming, either at the end of our physical life or the end of the world.



The Service Team would like to THANK those that donated desserts for Somerset County Meals on Wheels:

- Cakes 20
- Brownies 20 trays
- Cookies 22 dozen
- Breads 42
- Apricot / pumpkin rolls 7
- Bread Pudding 6 trays (made by the youth)

END OF YEAR GIVING STATEMENTS

The final deposit of the year will be made on Monday, December 29th for the 2025 contribution statements.

Any contributions received after that will be recorded on the 2026 statements.



The service team project for this year is to provide Christmas gifts for 10 male & 10 female residents at Laurel View Village. A signup sheet is available in the narthex. All items must be returned no later than Thursday, December 18th. Don't forget to grab the green handout with gift ideas and directions located by the sign-up sheet. Questions, please call Sue Risch 814-421-0285.



Make plans to join us for Christmas Eve services at 4:30PM & 7:30PM.

Special music will begin a half hour prior to each service.

All worship volunteers are needed to the 4:30PM service.

Email stdavids_sec@atlanticbb.net or call the church office 814-479-4110.



Christmas can be a painful time for some. It may be the first Christmas without a loved family member who has recently died; it may be a time that has always been difficult. The constant refrain on the radio and television, in shopping malls and churches, about the happiness of the season, about getting together with family and friends, reminds many people of what they have lost or have never had. The anguish of broken relationships, the insecurity of unemployment, the weariness of ill health, the pain of isolation - all these can make us feel very alone in the midst of the celebrating and spending. We need the space and time to acknowledge our sadness and concern; we need to know that we are not alone. Our spirits sink, as the days grow shorter. We feel the darkness growing deeper around us. We need encouragement to live the days ahead of us. For these reasons, St. David's will offer a special "Longest Night" service on **Sunday, December 21st at 6:30PM**. Come out, and join with us in sharing and hearing prayers, scripture, and music that acknowledge that God's presence is for those who mourn, for those who struggle - and that God's Word comes to shine light into our darkness. Everyone, regardless of church background (or lack of it) is welcome. The service will be followed by a brief time for light refreshments and fellowship.



SIGN Up for St. David's Online Giving by going to the church website www.stdavidslutheran.org click on GIVE, click on SIGN IN. You will need to register for a new account. Once you are registered you can give to the General Budget (unified), Capital Campaign, or Endowment Fund using a credit card or bank account. You may also choose to make your gift recurring.

Reminder: There will be only one service on Sunday, December 28 at 9:30AM Lessons & Carols Worship/Communion Service



Sunday School ADVENT EVENTS



Family Advent Project

Parents and Guards invited to the Fellowship Hall to help family Advent/Christmas project with your children.



Hot cocoa/coffee and snacks provided!

**WEEK 1:
NOV. 30**

**WEEK 2:
DEC. 7**

Meals on Wheels
Big kids: Baking for MoW
Younger children: ornaments
and cards for MoW recipients



Backpack Project

Children will be packing laundry baskets full of donated household essentials for disadvantaged families in the Conemaugh Township school district

**WEEK 3:
DEC. 14**

**WEEK 4:
DEC. 21**

Christmas Program

During the Sunday school hour, all children will be practicing and preparing for the Christmas program.

The program will be presented during the 10:30 service in place of the sermon.

Youth will also fill roles during the service.

**ALL PROJECTS WILL OCCUR DURING THE SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR (9:15 - 10:15).
QUESTIONS? SEE ANY MEMBER OF THE ST. DAVID'S CHILDREN & YOUTH TEAM**

***Schedule of Upcoming Events * * Schedule**

Sunday 12/14:	8:00AM	Worship/Communion Service
	9:15AM	Sunday School/Catechism
	10:30AM	Worship/Communion Service/New Members
		Youth Babysitting after late service (FH9)
	12:00PM	Lunch/Hanging of the Greens



Secretary's office hours for the week of December 15-18 will be Monday 9AM-2:30PM; Tuesday 9AM-3PM; Wednesday-Secretary off; Thursday-Friday 9AM-3PM. **Any changes to hours will be noted on the church calendar on the Facebook page and to the schedule posted on narthex door.**

Monday 12/15:	January 2026 Messenger Deadline	
	9:00AM	YOGA (FH9)
	6:00PM	Bible Study
Tuesday 12/16:	6:00 PM	Girl Scouts Jr Troop #40050 (C19)
Wednesday 12/17:	Secretary Off-Refer to Pastor's weekly schedule for office hours	
	6:00PM	Adult Choir
	7:00PM	Bell Choir
Thursday 12/18:	6:00PM	LP Christmas Program (S & FH9)
Sunday 12/21:	8:00AM	Worship/Communion Service
	9:15AM	Sunday School/Catechism
	10:30AM	Worship/©/Children & Youth Christmas Program
	6:30PM	The Longest Night Service

***December 14* (Intinction)**

8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Acolytes - Gentry Sotosky	Acolytes - Erin Borodach
Altar - Deb Harris	Altar - Cathy Lilly
Communion Assts - Deb Harris & Doug Shrader	Communion Asst -Wendy Figard & Jack Winters
Lector - Deb Harris	Lector - Randy Whetzel
Ushers - Doug & Linda Shrader	Ushers - Jeff Rowe & Jack Winters
Counters - Doug & Linda Shrader, Jean Magdelinic	

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.

***December 21* (Intinction)**

8:00 AM	10:30 AM- Children & Youth Christmas Program
Acolytes - Isaac Marsh	Acolytes - Grace Mitchell
Altar - Ronna Marisa	Altar - Becky Robinson & Lynn McDaniel
Communion Assts - Ronna Marisa & Sue Risch	Communion Asst - St. David's Youth
Lector - Sue Risch	Lector - St. David's Youth
Ushers - Joe & Sue Risch	Ushers - St. David's Youth
Counters - Bill & Sherri Andrews, Sonya Andrews	