

December 21, 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.)"

<b>Beginning Bal. December 8, 2025</b>	<b>\$11,862.17</b>
This weekend's offerings	\$5,088.00
Online Giving	\$1,075.00
Subtotal	\$18,025.17
Payments	(\$12,031.29)
<b>Ending Bal. December 8, 2025</b>	<b>\$5,993.88</b>
<b>Beginning Bal. December 15, 2025</b>	<b>\$5,993.88</b>
This weekend's offerings	\$0.00
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$177.00
TRF from Temp Restricted-Brad's Payroll	\$625.00
TRF to Temp Restricted-Error	(\$79.21)
Online Giving	\$1,195.00
Subtotal	\$7,912.67
Payments	(\$1,545.81)
<b>Ending Bal. December 15, 2025</b>	<b>\$6,366.86</b>



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 (made by the youth)



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

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



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



The church office will be closed on Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup> & Friday, December 26<sup>th</sup>.

## Mission statement

"Glorify God, share the love of Jesus,  
 Do Good works through service"

## Pastor Mark's Schedule Week of December 21-27

Sunday 12/21	Sunday Morning Worship Worship at FCI-Loretto, 2-4PM Longest Night Service, 6:30PM
Monday 12/22	Office Hours, 9:00AM-1:30PM Visitation in the afternoon
Tuesday 12/23	Working from the Parsonage
Wednesday 12/24	Christmas Eve Worship FCI-Loretto, 1-3PM Christmas Eve Worship, 4:30PM Christmas Eve Worship, 7:30PM
Thursday 12/25	CHRISTMAS DAY
Friday 12/26	Pastor's Day off

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



**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.**

Worship volunteers are needed for the 4:30PM service.

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

Sunday 12/21:	8:00AM	Worship/Communion Service
	9:15AM	Sunday School/Catechism
	10:30AM	Worship/© Service/Children & Youth Christmas Program
	6:30PM	Longest Night Service



Secretary's office hours for the week of December 22-26 will be Monday 9AM-2:30PM; Tuesday 9AM-3PM; Wednesday-7AM-12PM; Thursday-Friday -Office Closed. **Any changes to hours will be noted on the church calendar on the Facebook page and to the schedule posted on narthex door.**

Monday 12/22:	9:00AM	YOGA (FH9)
Tuesday 12/23:	11:00AM	LP Christmas Party (FH9)
Wednesday 12/24:	12:00PM	<b>Office Closes Early</b>
	4:30PM	Christmas Eve Worship/Communion Service
	7:30PM	Christmas Eve Worship/Communion Service
Thursday 12/25:	<b>Merry Christmas- Office Closed for Holiday</b>	
Friday 12/26:	<b>Office Closed</b>	
Sunday 12/28:	9:30AM	Lessons & Carols Worship/Communion Service

**\*December 21\* (Intinction)**

8:00 AM	10:30 AM- Children & Youth Christmas Program
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<b>Acolytes-</b> Isaac Marsh	<b>Acolytes-</b> Grace Mitchell
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<b>Altar-</b> Ronna Marisa	<b>Altar-</b> Becky Robinson & Lynn McDaniel
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<b>Communion Assts-</b> Ronna Marisa & Sue Risch	<b>Communion Asst-</b> St. David's Youth
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<b>Lector-</b> Sue Risch	<b>Lector-</b> St. David's Youth
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<b>Ushers-</b> Joe & Sue Risch	<b>Ushers-</b> St. David's Youth
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<b>Counters-</b> Doug & Linda Shrader, Jean Magdelinic	
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**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 24\* (Intinction) CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**

4:30PM	7:30 PM
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<b>Acolytes-</b> Kyla & Brycen Rowe	<b>Acolytes-</b> Need Volunteers
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<b>Altar-</b> Need Volunteers	<b>Altar-</b> Ronna Marisa
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<b>Communion Assts-</b> Need Volunteers	<b>Communion Assts-</b> Sonya Andrews & Sue Risch
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<b>Lector-</b> Marna Gilman-Fischer	<b>Lector-</b> Randy Whetzel
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<b>Ushers-</b> Need Volunteers	<b>Ushers-</b> Leo & Ronna Marisa
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<b>Counters-</b> Doug & Linda Shrader, Joyce Gindlesperger	
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**\*December 28\* (Intinction) 9:30AM**

<b>Acolytes-</b> Halen McKool
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<b>Altar-</b> Sue Risch
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<b>Communion Assts-</b> Bella Kotch & Sue Risch
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<b>Lectors-</b> Cathy Lilly, Marna Gilman-Fischer & Bella Kotch
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<b>Ushers-</b> Greg & Cathy Lilly
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<b>Counters-</b> Sue Risch, Jean Magdelinic & Joyce Gindlesperger
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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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.