

# 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. November 24, 2025</b>	<b>\$7,640.61</b>
This weekend's offerings	\$4,472.00
Learning Place Monthly Contributions	\$1,500.00
Online Giving	\$765.00
Subtotal	\$14,377.61
Payments	<b>(\$6,386.75)</b>
<b>Ending Bal. November 24, 2025</b>	<b>\$7,990.86</b>
<b>Beginning Bal. December 1, 2025</b>	<b>\$7,990.89</b>
This weekend's offerings	\$4,546.50
Online Giving	\$1,027.00
Subtotal	\$13,564.36
Payments	<b>(\$1,702.19)</b>
<b>Ending Bal. December 1, 2025</b>	<b>\$11,862.17</b>
Unified/Temporary Restricted (Designated) Fund Offerings November 30, 2025	
Adult Sunday School	\$45.00
Building/Renovation Fund	\$50.00
Member Emergency Fund	\$57.00
Poinsettias	\$61.25
Sequanota Cabin Project	\$250.00
Worship attendance for November 30 <sup>th</sup> at 8AM-56 & 10:30AM-82 for a total of 138.	



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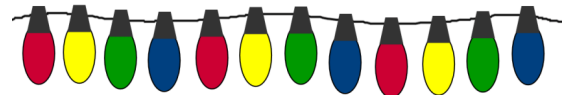
**Brad Kaufman, Custodian**

December 7, 2025

## Pastor Mark's Schedule Week of December 7-13

Sunday 12/7	Sunday Morning Worship Catechism Seminar after worship Worship at Windber Woods, 2:00PM
Monday 12/8	Office Hours, 9:00AM -1:30PM Visitation in the afternoon
Tuesday 12/9	Working from the parsonage
Wednesday 12/10	Office Hours, 9:00AM-11:00AM Somerset Area Ministerium Advent Worship, 11:30AM Visitation in the afternoon
Thursday 12/11	Office Hours, 9:00AM-1:30PM Johnstown Lutheran Pastors Conference Meeting, 2:00PM
Friday 12/12	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.



Attention Parents of PreK to 6th grade students. The St. David's Jr & Sr High Sunday school class will be offering babysitting after 12/14 10:30am Church to 3pm. We will serve lunch, make crafts, and play games. A donation may be made to the class with a suggestion of \$15 for 1st grade and under, \$10 for 2nd thru 6th. All profits will be donated to The Sequanota Roof Project! We do require a google form to be completed by TODAY December 7th so we can order supplies & food. Please use the QR code below to access the



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



We will hang the Christmas greens ***Next Sunday, December 14th*** after the 10:30 service. A soup and sandwich lunch will be provided after the service and then we will move into decorating. Please volunteer and join us. Sign up in the narthex.



The ***St. David's Lutheran Church Service Team*** will be helping with desserts for the Somerset County Meals on Wheels. **Desserts will be collected TODAY, December 7<sup>th</sup>** in the narthex between the hours of 8:00-10:00AM. **Desserts can be baked, or store bought.**

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

ALL DESSERTS MUST BE IN DISPOSABLE CONTAINERS. Thank you.



SIGN Up for St. David's Online Giving by going to the church website [www.stdavidslutheran.org](http://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.



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.



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 18<sup>th</sup>. 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.



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.





# Sunday School

## ADVENT EVENTS



### Family Advent Project

Parents and Guardians are invited to the Fellowship Advent/Christmas project with your children.



Hot cocoa/coffee and snacks provided!

**WEEK 1:  
NOV. 30**

**WEEK 2:  
DEC. 7**

### Meals on Wheels Sunday

Big kids: Baking desserts for MoW  
Younger children: making 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 12/7:	8-11AM	Meals on Wheels Desserts Collection (N)
	8:00AM	Worship/Communion Service
	9:15AM	Sunday School/Catechism
	10:30AM	Worship/Communion Service
	12:00PM	Lunch/Confirmation Class (FH9)
<div>OFFICE HOURS</div> Secretary's office hours for the week of December 8-12 will be Monday 9AM-2:30PM; Tuesday -Friday 9AM-3PM. <b>Any changes to hours will be noted on the church calendar on the Facebook page and to the schedule posted on narthex door.</b>		
Monday 12/8:	9:00AM	YOGA (FH9)
	4:30PM	Girl Scouts Troop #27016 (FH9)
	6:00PM	Bible Study
Tuesday 12/9:	6:00 PM	Daisy Troop #51375 (C19)
	6:00PM	Sage Herbalists Christmas Party (FH9)
Wednesday 12/10:	6:00PM	Adult Choir
	7:00PM	Bell Choir
Thursday 12/11:	6:00PM	Adult Sunday School Christmas Party (FH9)
Friday 12/12:	6:00PM	Slezak's Christmas Party (FH9)
Sunday 12/14:	8:00AM	Worship/Communion Service
	9:15AM	Sunday School/Catechism
	10:30AM	Worship/Communion/New Members
		Youth Babysitting after late service (FH9)
	12:00PM	Lunch/Hanging of the Greens
*December 7* (Communion)		
8:00 AM		10:30 AM
<b>Acolytes-</b> Gemma Studer		<b>Acolytes-</b> Danika Black
<b>Altar-</b> Luana Eppley & Kristie Byer		<b>Altar-</b> Lou Ann Reckner
<b>Communion Assts-</b> Bill Bergman & Buck Sleek		<b>Communion Assts-</b> Patty Rullo & Lou Ann Reckner
<b>Lector-</b> Bill Bergman		<b>Lector-</b> Patty Rullo
<b>Ushers-</b> Buck & Pam Sleek		<b>Ushers-</b> Carole Williams & Joyce Gindlesperger
<b>Counters-</b> Bill & Sherri Andrews, Joyce Gindlesperger		
<b>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.</b>		
*December 14* (Intinction)		
8:00 AM		10:30 AM
<b>Acolytes-</b> Gentry Sotosky		<b>Acolytes-</b> Erin Borodach
<b>Altar-</b> Deb Harris		<b>Altar-</b> Cathy Lilly
<b>Communion Assts-</b> Deb Harris & Doug Shrader		<b>Communion Asst-</b> Wendy Figard & Jack Winters
<b>Lector-</b> Deb Harris		<b>Lector-</b> Randy Whetzel
<b>Ushers-</b> Doug & Linda Shrader		<b>Ushers-</b> Jeff Rowe & Jack Winters
<b>Counters-</b> Doug & Linda Shrader, Jean Magdelinic		



**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.**