

March 15, 2026

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. March 2, 2026	\$10,028.07
This weekend's offerings	\$4,569.00
Additional Offerings	\$5,000.00
Online Giving	\$1,372.00
Subtotal	\$20,969.07
Payments	(\$6,624.20)
Ending Bal. March 2, 2026	\$14,344.87
Beginning Bal. March 9, 2026	\$14,344.87
This weekend's offerings	\$6,065.00
Additional Offerings	\$5,000.00
Online Giving	\$1,365.00
Subtotal	\$26,774.87
Payments	(\$7,134.57)
Ending Bal. March 9, 2026	\$19,640.30
Unified/Temporary Restricted (Designated) Fund Offerings March 8, 2026	
Adult Sunday School	\$34.00
Building/Renovation Fund	\$50.00
Lent Books	\$24.00
Member Emergency Fund	\$35.00
Worship attendance for March 8 th at 8:00 AM-35 & 10:30AM-129 for a total of 164.	

Mission Statement

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

Men's Ministry

Monday, March 30, 2026
6:00pm
Scott's by Dam
327 Market St
Johnstown, PA 15901

Pastor Mark's Schedule Week of March 15-21

Sunday 3/15	Sunday Morning Worship Worship at FCI-Loretto
Monday 3/16	Continuing Education on Lutheran Confessions, Morgantown, WV
Tuesday 3/17	Office Hours, 10:00AM-2:00PM SDLC Learning Place St. Patrick's Day Party, 10:00AM Visitation in the afternoon
Wednesday 3/18	Office Hours, 9:00AM-11:15AM Somerset Area Ministerium Mid-week Lenten service & lunch, 11:45AM-1PM Visitation in the afternoon Midweek Lenten Meal and discussion, 5:30PM
Thursday 3/19	Pastor's Day off
Friday 3/20	Pastor Mark on Vacation

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.



While Pastor Mark is on vacation March 19-23 Rev. Christy Harford will be covering pastoral emergencies. She can be reached by calling 814-659-3170 or clejack72@atlanticbb.net



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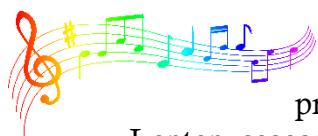
Brad Kaufman, Custodian



It's Pierogi time! Back by

popular demand... the Children and Youth team is selling Gosia's Pierogies for Easter.

Orders and payment are due by **TODAY, Sunday, March 15**, and pierogies will be ready for pickup on Palm Sunday. Flavors include potato & cheese, sauerkraut, potato & feta, sweet potato, jalapeno, and cottage cheese; each dozen is \$8. Order forms are in the back of the church by the bulletins.



Lent is a season of reflection and spiritual preparation. During this

Lenten season, many may have noticed that I have chosen not to play interludes—what I often call “traveling music”—to fill the quieter moments of the service. My hope is that we instead embrace these moments of silence as opportunities for personal reflection on our Lenten journey and for prayer.

Additionally, the organ has been used more sparingly and with a softer tone, while preludes are being played on the piano. These choices are intentional and meant to create a more subdued atmosphere that reflects the solemn nature of the season. In these ways, we can more fully recognize that we are in a distinct liturgical time and experience it more deeply.

Brett Merberger



Holy Humor Sunday will be celebrated during the 10:30 a.m. service on April 12. This year’s theme is Movies! Everyone is invited to join in the fun by wearing a favorite movie costume or T-shirt,

dressing like you’re walking the red carpet, or even coming as if you’re staying home in your pajamas for a Netflix movie night. (Dressing up is completely optional.) Feel free to bring noise makers to celebrate each time the word “Alleluia” is proclaimed, and enjoy hearing some of the great music from the movies. Brett Merberger will deliver the sermon titled “Blind Faith? Or Do You Have to See It to Believe It?” with a few magic tricks woven throughout. Families are especially encouraged to attend.



Following the 10:30am service, please stay for our Volunteer Recognition Dinner and the annual Confirmands vs. Council Trivia Contest. It promises to be a joyful day of laughter, appreciation, and community—we hope to see you there



Palm Sunday~March 29, 2026

- 8 AM Worship/Communion
- 10:30 AM Worship/Communion

Maundy Thursday~April 2, 2026

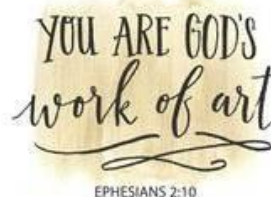
- 7:00 PM Worship/Communion

Good Friday~April 3, 2026

- 7:30 PM Worship Service

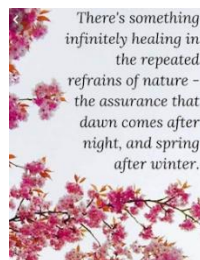
Easter Sunday~April 5, 2026

- 6:30 AM Worship/Communion
- 9:00 AM Worship/Communion



EPHESIANS 2:10

“Thanks to Your Giving to the unified fund each week, the following organizations benefit from the use of St David’s. This truly is ministry for the community.” Organizations that use our church are Yoga, Girl Scouts Troop#27016, Bible Study, Daisy Troop #51375, Sage Herbalists, Red Cross Bloodmobile, JSO Community Strings, C.T. Teachers, Girl Scout Jr. Troop #40050, Camp PARC & Somerset County Polling Place.



Shed the cold and snowiness and think **SPRING!** Join us for the next yoga series to bend and breathe and pray the new life of spring into our lives (eventually)! An eight-week session will begin Monday March 16 and end Monday May

4 (or stop in with us on Monday mornings until then as well)! Class is at 9am in the St. David’s fellowship Hall. The series is \$65 or \$10 per class drop-in. All classes are beginner PLUS. Please come and bring a friend - yoga is for everyBODY! Contact Elizabeth with questions 525-2894.



(Lilies \$15 & Daffodils \$8.50)

Yellow order forms can be found in the back of the church by bulletins. The deadline for submitting your order is **Sunday, March 29th** & payment is due with your order. Flowers may be picked up after the 9AM service on Easter, please double check the order form list before taking your Easter flower.



- Sonya Andrews (President)
- Rachel Thomas-Kimmel (Vice President)
- Angie McKool (Secretary)
- Kristie Byer, Jeff Eash, Lynn McDaniel
- Sue Risch, Patty Rullo, Doug Shrader,
- Lois Tessari & Paul Weygandt



We are looking to borrow a small outdoor fire pit for the Easter Sunrise service. If anyone has one, they will let us use please talk to Brett or Pastor Fischer.



Lectors

We need lectors for Palm Sunday's dramatic reading. One female at the 8am service and one female for the 10:30 service to read Servant Girl/Bystander/ Pilates Wife and one male at the 8am service and one male for the 10:30 service for Peter. **Sign up sheet is in the narthex. Make sure you pick up a copy of the reading after signing up.**



Sunday, March 15th

1st Communion Class, during Sunday School Hour

Sunday, March 22nd

1st Communion Class, during Sunday School Hour

Palm Sunday, March 29th

Kids to have short practice on how to take communion.

Easter Sunday, April 5th

Kids will take 1st Communion at the 9am service

The Sunday School lessons are for ALL students in 1st-3rd grade class. These classes are not required, but **HIGHLY ENCOURAGED**. Kids taking 1st Communion will learn why Lutherans take this sacrament every Sunday. Also, parents of 1st Communion students are encouraged to attend...it allows you to continue the conversation at home.



St David's VBS
June 15-19, 2026
6:00-8:00PM

Join us at St. David's Lutheran Church for Vacation Bible School 2026 as we dive into friendship with God!

Friday, June 19th will be a full day of fun at Camp Sequanota.

Register Here



Schedule of Upcoming Events

Sunday 3/15:	8-11AM	Meals On Wheels Dessert Collection (N)
	8:00AM	Worship/Communion Service
	9:15AM	Sunday School/Catechism/ First Communion Class
	10:30AM	Worship/Communion Service
	5:00 PM	B. Byer (FH9)



Secretary's office hours for the week of March 16-20 are Monday 9AM-2:30PM; Tuesday 7AM-1PM, Wednesday- Thursday 9AM-3PM & Friday 8AM-2PM. **Any changes to hours will be noted on the church calendar on the Facebook page and to the schedule posted on narthex door.**

Monday 3/16:	April Messenger Deadline	
	9:00AM	YOGA (FH9)
	12:30PM	Blood Drive (FH9)
	6:00PM	Bible Study
Tuesday 3/17:	11:00AM	LP Use (FH9)
	1:00PM	Ladies Lunch Bunch (FH9)
	6:00PM	Daisy Troop #51375 (C19)
Wednesday 3/18:	5:30PM	Soup & Sandwich Meal (FH9)
	6:00PM	Mid-Week Lent (FH9)
	7:00PM	Adult Choir
	8:00PM	Bell Choir
Thursday 3/19:	6:00PM	Columbarium Meeting (C16)
	6:30PM	Worship & Music (P)
Sunday 3/22:	8:00AM	Worship/Communion Service
	9:15AM	Sunday School/Catechism/ First Communion Class
	10:30AM	Worship/Communion Service

***March 15* (Intinction) ***

8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Acolyte -Bella Kotch	Acolyte - Canyon Mishler
Altar - Luana Eppley	Altar - Faye Buncich
Communion Assts - Janelle & Elle Mowery	Communion Assts - Sonya Andrews & Patty Rullo
Lector - Elle Mowery	Lector - Patty Rullo
Ushers - Doug & Linda Shrader	Ushers - Jack Winters & Jeff Rowe

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.

***March 22* (Intinction) ***

8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Acolyte -Lexi Byer	Acolyte - Gemma Studer
Altar - Kristie Byer	Altar - Cathy Lilly
Communion Assts - Sue Risch & Ronna Marisa	Communion Assts - Bill Bergman & Greg Lilly
Lector - Sue Risch	Lector - Bill Bergman
Ushers - Joe & Sue Risch	Ushers - Greg & Cathy Lilly

Counters- Sue Risch, Ronna Marisa & Joyce Gindlesperger