

March 22, 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 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
Beginning Bal. March 16, 2026	\$19,640.30
This weekend's offerings	\$4,469.50
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$76.00
Online Giving	\$1,100.00
Transfer to Vanguard Savings	(\$6,000.00)
Subtotal	\$19,285.80
Payments	(\$10,228.74)
Ending Bal. March 16, 2026	\$9,057.06
Unified/Temporary Restricted (Designated) Fund Offerings March 15, 2026	
Building/Renovation Fund	\$50.00
Sequanota Cabin Roof	\$75.00
Member Emergency Fund	\$45.00
Worship attendance for March 15 th at 8:00 AM-61 & 10:30AM-46 for a total of 107.	

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 22-28

Pastor Mark on vacation March 22-23, 2026

Tuesday 3/24	Martyrdom of Bishop Romero of El Salvador Allegheny Synod Easter Chrim Service, 10:00AM Trinity Lutheran Church, Altoona Working from the parsonage in the afternoon
Wednesday 3/25	Office Hours, 9:00AM-11:15PM Somerset Area Ministerium Lenten Worship, 11:45-1:00PM Visitation in the afternoon Mid-week Lenten meal and discussion, 5:30PM
Thursday 3/26	Office Hours, 9:00AM-1:30PM Visitation in the afternoon SDLC Church Council Meeting, 6:30PM
Friday 3/27	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.



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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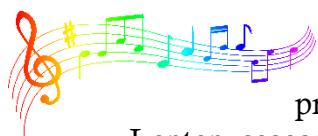
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Brad Kaufman, Custodian

"Share Your Talents"

Have You thought about how to "Share Your Talents" with St. David's? Please contact one of the team leaders or Jessica in the office at 814-479-4110.



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.

TRIVIA

Following the 10:30am service, please stay for our Volunteer Recognition Dinner and the annual Confirmands vs. Council Trivia Contest. We will be having a costume contest as well as a few other fun surprises along the way! 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

NO Easter Breakfast will be served at the church this year.
Thank you

Just a reminder there will not be Blanket Day on Thursday, March 26. Next gathering will be April 30th from 9am -12pm

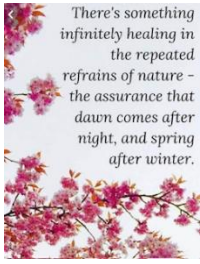


(Lilies \$15 & Daffodils \$8.50)

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.



The Red Cross bloodmobile held on March 16th in the St. David’s Fellowship Hall collected **22** units of blood. This was our highest total. It was a very successful drive. Thank you to all who donated. **The next drive will be held May 18th, 2026, from 12:00-5:30 PM.**



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.



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.



All youth, Pre K– 12th Grade are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt on **PALM SUNDAY, March 29th**
 During the Sunday School hour 9:15 – 10:15am
 All ages will meet in the sanctuary.

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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 3/22:	8:00AM	Worship/Communion Service
	9:15AM	Sunday School/Catechism/ First Communion Class
	10:30AM	Worship/Communion Service
	Secretary's office hours for the week of March 23-27 are Monday 9AM-2:30PM; Tuesday - 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 3/23:	9:00AM	YOGA (FH9)
	6:00PM	Bible Study
Tuesday 3/24:	6:00 PM	Sage Herbalists (FH9)
	6:00PM	Girl Scout Troop #40050 (C19)
Wednesday 3/25:	5:00PM	Learning Place Board Meeting
	5:30PM	Soup & Sandwich Meal (FH9)
	6:00PM	Mid-Week Lent (FH9)
	7:00PM	Adult Choir
	8:00PM	Bell Choir
Thursday 3/26:	6:30 PM	Council Meeting (FH9)
	7:00 PM	JSO Community Strings (FH9)
Palm Sunday 3/29:	8:00AM	Worship/Communion Service
	9:15AM	Sunday School/Catechism/ First Communion Class /Egg Hunt
	9:15AM	Parent Sunday School Class (CR2)
	Pierogi Pick Up after 10:00AM	
	10:30AM	Worship/Communion Service

***March 15* (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	



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 29* (Communion) * PALM SUNDAY**

8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Acolyte -Owen Zoldey	Acolyte -Kyla Rowe
Altar - Ronna Marisa	Altar - Leisha Black & Jodi Tresnicky
Communion Assts - Doug & Linda Shrader	Communion Assts - Wendy Figard & Sonya Andrews
Lector - Elle Mowery	Lector - Marna Gilman-Fischer
Dramatic Readers - Narrator [Marna] Christ [Pastor Mark] Judas/Pilate [Brett] Peter [Doug] Servant Girl/Bystander/Pilates Wife [Linda]	Dramatic Readers - Narrator [Marna] Christ [Pastor Mark] Judas/Pilate [Brett] Peter [Maggie] Servant Girl/Bystander/Pilates Wife [Keli]
Ushers - Leo & Ronna Marisa	Ushers - Need Volunteers
Counters - Doug & Linda Shrader, Jean Magdelinic	