

September 17, 2023

Announcements and Upcoming Events

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. September 4, 2023	\$16,294.31
Sunday Offerings 9/3/23	\$5,562.00
Online Giving	\$955.00
Subtotal	\$22,811.31
Payments	(\$9,700.62)
Ending Bal. September 4, 2023	\$13,110.69
Beginning Bal. September 10, 2023 \$13,110.69	
Online Giving	\$2,070.00
Subtotal	\$15,180.69
Payments	(\$1,793.75)
Ending Bal. September 10, 2023	\$13,386.94
Unified/Temporary Restricted (Designated) Fund Offerings September 10, 2023	
Building/Renovation	\$50.00
Capital Campaign	\$50.00
GWOH	\$120.00
Member Emergency Fund	\$5.00
Overtime	\$208.00
Worship attendance for the September 10 at 8:00AM-39 and 10:30AM-59 for a total of 97.	

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Pastor Mark's Schedule Week of September 17-22

Sunday, 9/17	Sunday Morning Worship
Monday, 9/18	Office Hours 9:00AM-12:00PM
Monday, Sept. 18th-Wenesday, Sept. 20th	Pastor Mark will be at a retreat sponsored by the Allegheny Synod from Monday afternoon to Wednesday lunchtime. Pastor Mark will respond to pastoral care emergencies, and he can be contacted on his cell phone, 717-870-4757. Pastor Mark plans to come to the church on Tuesday evening for the Lutheranism #101 program.
Wednesday, 9/20	Stewardship/Finance Ministry Team Meeting @ 6:00PM
Thursday, 9/21	Office hours, 9:00AM-1:30PM. Visitation in the afternoon.
Friday, 9/22	Pastor's Day off

ALL TEAMS MEETING

Sunday, October 22nd

Noon, in the Fellowship Hall

If you are the chair of a Ministry Team, on a Ministry Team, wish to join a Ministry Team, or just want to know what is happening in the church please plan to attend. More details to follow.

The Meals on Wheels collection that was held on Sunday, September 10th received:

- 15 dozen Cookies
- 8 Cakes
- 8 trays of Brownies
- 25 Breads
- 4 dozen Gobs

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who donated for this service team project.



The next Red Cross bloodmobile will be held **Next Monday**, September 25th from 12:00-5:30PM in the St. David's Fellowship Hall.

Sunday School 23-24 Staff & Room Locations

Pre-K to K- Sarah Worst and Cathy Lilly Helpers: Jill LaRue & Bill Bergman (helpers) - Classroom at end of Sunday School Hallway on Left (same as last year)

1st, 2nd & 3rd - Erin Sotosky, Melissa Maddy, & Janelle Mowery- Classroom 2nd on right (3rd doorway- same as last year)

4th, 5th, & 6th - Tom Mitchell, Dave Worst, Nick Hunsberger, & Jerrod Cannistraci- ****Moved to Sunday School hallway, blue room on left after Pastors office.**

Jr. & Sr. High - Chrissy Troxell, Bob Troxell, Bobbi Jo Allison, & Sonya Andrews- ****Moved to Fellowship Hall on bean bag chairs**

Comfy Room – Shannon Berkebile- ****New Class for 23-24, will meet the last Sunday of each month in Comfy Room, last doorway on left in Preschool Hallway. Topics will be focused on young adults and parents.**

Adult Sunday School – John (Chick) Liska- first and second doorway on right, Sunday School hallway. (same as last year)

First Communion - Erin Sotosky - Taught March 10th and March 17th in 1st-3rd grade classroom on child level. First communion will be given on Easter Sunday 9am service March 31st.

Confirmation- Chrissy Troxell and Pastor Fischer. Those students in 7th and 8th grade or youth not confirmed. Four- 2-hour seminar classes taught during afternoon/evenings in Nov, Jan, Feb (dates TBA). 75% attendance in Jr/Sr High Sunday School for other covered topics and service projects. Meeting in Fellowship Hall.

Communion Plate Offering

Just a reminder that any money placed in the plates located at the aisle end of both front pews goes into a Discretionary Fund used by the Pastor to help those in need in our community. In the past we have used this fund to help our neighbors pay for things like food, heating oil in the winter, and hospital costs. If you wish to contribute just place money in the plates as you walk up to receive Communion.



We are working to update the posters in the Sunday School hallway and we need your help! Sunday School students are encouraged to come up with a design that represents God's Love to them. We will then ask the congregation to vote and display one winner from each Sunday School class in the hallway frames. There are not a lot of rules, just some basic guidelines listed below.

One winner per Sunday School class

Any medium is acceptable! Use crayons, paints, collage, digital designs, and photos in your art.

Create your art on a 11x17 paper (paper can be provided and digital art may be submitted to mckoola@gmail.com).

The theme is "God's Love" - show us what that means to you!

Please include the student's name and class on the back of the art.

Deadlines are Oct 15 for submissions and the congregation will vote on Oct 22.

***St. David's Ministry Growth ***

Thank you to everyone for supporting St. David's Ministries so far this year. St. David's supports many different ministries, in addition to funding of staff compensation and benefits as well as our occupancy expenses. These ministries include Learning Place, Benevolence/Mission Support, Confirmation, Overtime, Vacation Bible School, Children and Youth, Sunday School, Camp Sequanota, Music Ministry, God's Work Our Hands, Fellowship, Adult Learning and Community Support/Outreach.

We ask that you remember that systematic/budgeted giving helps to stabilize funding for St. David's ministries. Please consider how you have been blessed in this past year and prayerfully consider the giving of your time, talent and treasures to St. David's ministries.

Sincerely,
Stewardship & Finance Ministry Teams



God's work.
Our hands.

A God's Work Our Hands Report

Because 58 members of our St. David's community shared their talent and time during God's Work Our Hands/Rally Sunday at Sequanota the following tasks were completed in just 3 hours. (The 58 persons who served represent nearly 180 person hours or 4 1/2 staff persons working a 40 hour and a 20 hour week.)

- > 3,500 Fall newsletters were sealed and prepared for mailing.
- > Trees, branches, brush, and undergrowth on a bank above and along the basketball, volleyball, and gaga court area and around 2 cabins were removed and chipped.
- > The exterior walls of the Art & Crafts building were scraped and prepared for painting.
- > Several railing pieces on a bridge were replaced.
- > Storm doors on 2 cabins were installed.
- > All walls in the hallway, bedrooms, bathrooms, and gathering room of the Bowersox Retreat Center received paint touch up treatment.
- > The exterior door of the camp store was scraped and painted.
- > Two cabins were scrubbed, and power washed.
- > All walls were dusted, the wainscoting and windowsills were wiped down, screens and inside and outside of windows were washed in the dining hall.
- > Screens and windows (outside and inside) at the Bowersox Retreat Center were washed.
- > A "mountain" of sheets, towels, and pillowcases were folded.

AND two gallons of soft ice cream mix along with several cases of water were consumed and community was enriched as we worked and served together. WOW!!! Thank you to all who participated in this day of service in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and to all those persons who worshipped at St. David's at 8 AM and offered financial contributions to support the day. **It was a great day of community building.** It reminds us **all** that many hands make light work ... and those hands can make a BIG difference!

LUTHERANISM 101




Lutheranism 101 is a 4-part virtual series to learn about our Lutheran heritage and roots sponsored by the Southeastern Synod of the ELCA (Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, and Tennessee). Topics will include: What do Lutherans believe, Adult catechism, Who is Luther?, and Lutheranism in North America. My hope is that we can set up a large-screen TV to watch the series. The dates of the series are September 19th and October 3rd & 17th beginning at 7:00PM and lasting about 90 minutes. Hope you can join us.

Gratefully, *Pastor Mark Fischer*

Schedule of Upcoming Events

~ Please check the church website calendar for the most up to date events ~

Sunday 9/17:	8:00 AM	Worship/Communion Service
	9:15 AM	First Day of Sunday School/Catechism
	10:30 AM	Worship/Communion Service
 Office hours	The secretary's office hours for the week of September 18-22 will be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9:00AM-3:00PM Wednesday-9:30 AM-3:00PM <i>Any changes to hours will be noted on the church calendar on the website.</i> www.stdavidslutheran.org	
	Monday 9/18:	October Messenger Deadline
	6:00 PM	Bible Study (21 A-C)
Tuesday 9/19:	7:00 PM	Lutheranism 101 (CR2)
Wednesday 9/20:	9:30 AM	Office Opens Late
	1:00 PM	Staff Meeting (C19)
	5:15 PM	LP Board (CR2)
	6:00 PM	Stewardship & Finance Meeting (C19)
	6:30 PM	Adult Choir
	7:30 PM	Bell Choir
Friday 9/22:		Pastor Mark's Day Off
Sunday 9/24:	8:00 AM	Worship/Communion Service
	9:15 AM	Sunday School/Catechism
	10:30 AM	Worship/Communion Service

* September 17* (Intinction) *

8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Acolytes- Josey Sotosky	Acolytes- Need Volunteers
Altar- Deb Harris	Altar- Sherri Andrews
Cantor-Wendy Figard	Cantor- Choir
Communion Assts- Steve & Erin Sotosky	Communion Assts- Patty Rullo & Need Volunteer
Lector- Erin Sotosky	Lector- Patty Rullo
Ushers- Jackson & Gentry Sotosky	Ushers – Carole Williams & Joyce Gindlesperger
Counters- Doug & Linda Shrader, Sonya Andrews	

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.

* September 24* (Communion) *

8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Acolytes- Need Volunteers	Acolytes- Need Volunteers
Altar- Ronna Marisa	Altar- Gail Berkebile
Cantor- Gail Berkebile	Cantor- Choir
Communion Assts- Ronna Marisa & Sue Risch	Communion Assts- Greg & Cathy Lilly
Lector- Linda Shrader	Lector- Tony Berkebile
Ushers- Joe & Sue Risch	Ushers – Greg & Cathy Lilly
Counters- Dave & Cindy Liska, Jean Magdelinic	



Do you smell the warm chocolate chip cookies? Overtime is one of the major outreach programs at St. David's and it's almost here! If you are interested in volunteering with Overtime this fall to welcome Conemaugh Township students in grades 7-12 for an evening of safe fun, you simply need to make sure you have your child abuse & criminal clearances turned into the church office and show up at the fellowship hall between 8:30 and 10:45 after home CT football games: September 29, October 6, and October 27. Please see Rachel Kimmel if you have any questions!