

Announcements

December 14-15, 2019

"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 Balance December 2, 2019	\$12,498.51
Unified Offerings	\$5,368.00
Online Giving	\$10.00
Subtotal	\$17,876.51
Payments	(\$8,745.57)
Ending Balance December 2, 2019	\$9,130.94
Beginning Balance December 9, 2019	
Unified Offerings	\$5,217.00
Online Giving	\$535.00
Thrivent Choice \$	\$155.00
Subtotal	\$15,037.94
Payments	(\$1,955.84)
Ending Balance December 9, 2019	\$13,082.10
A weekly offering of \$6,500 in undesignated funds is required to meet the current obligations of the parish.	
Temporary Restricted (Designated) Fund Offerings December 7-8	
Backpack Project	\$70.00
Capital Campaign	\$1,810.00
Member Emergency (Meals on Wheels)	\$42.00
Memorial Fund	\$245.00
Poinsettias	\$25.50
World Hunger	\$65.00
Youth	\$91.00
Attendance for December 7-8: 5:30 PM-19; 8 AM-50 & 10:30 AM-84 for total of 153.	

The Hospital visitor this week is
Sis Barabas (12/17).



If you are blessed to be one of these, you have an opportunity to deliver "Meals on Wheels" on Mondays and/or Tuesdays in Conemaugh Twp. area between 11am-Noon, Starting December 16-17th. Please call Betty Sporty 479-4640. You are needed!!






The 3rd Annual Connecting Generations Spaghetti Luncheon was held on December 8th. **It was a HUGE success.** Many fun times and laughs were exchanged. All of the Sunday School classes had a hand in preparing the meal. The Pre-K/Kindergarten class made the placemats, 1st -3rd grade class decorated and set all the tables, 4th -6th grade cleaned, cut and plated all the veggies for the salads, and our Jr./Sr. High class assisted in cooking the sauce, meatballs, pasta, as well as preparing the drink bar and dessert area. THANK YOU to all who helped make this event possible, including the Breaking Bread Team for the delicious cakes! This Advent project helps to remind us that spending time with each other is one of the most cherished things we can do for one another.



Tuesday, December 24th

Worship Services Communion & Candlelight

-  4:30 PM
-  7:30 PM
-  10:30 PM



Pastor Johnson will be away from the 14th to the 20th of December. During this time the Reverend Phyllis Diamond will be available should there be any pastoral emergencies. She can be contacted at 540-589-6988 should an emergency arise.



4th Sunday of Advent -
December 22. Christmas
Program/Lovefeast Preparation
and Rehearsal

Details: This Sunday time slot will be used primarily as a rehearsal for the Christmas Program and Lovefeast to follow later in the day at 7pm. We will rehearse the play, music, and responsibilities within the *Lovefeast*. This will include serving, reading, singing, helping younger children, helping behind the scenes, passing out candles, and collecting candles. This will be our last opportunity to run through everything before the program later that evening.

We realize that the traditional last Sunday of Advent church services will be held earlier this day at the regular times of 8am and 10:30am. However, it is our hope that you will travel back out to the church to support our youth in their Christmas program later this evening. This production is being organized and directed by Stormie Cannistraci, Sonya Andrews, and Michael Busija.



Everything that's old is new again!

Well perhaps not entirely everything, but while completely new to the community of St. David's the Love Feast dates back to the early church. This year, we will be holding a Love Feast as part of the annual Children's Christmas Pageant.

Lovefeasts originated in the first gathering of Christians after Pentecost. The early believers met and broke bread together, thereby signifying their union and equality. These meals of the church family were associated with the celebration of the Lord's Supper, which followed them. They were called agape, from the Greek word for love, that is for the highest type of spiritual love.

The Lovefeast is primarily a song service, opened with prayer. It is worship – just a form of worship with which we may not be familiar.

Often there is no address; the hymns in the ode, or order of service, furnish the subject matter for devotional thoughts. If many visitors are present, the presiding minister often says a few words, explaining the purpose of the service, just before the congregation partakes of the bun and coffee, or whatever is served. There is no rule as to the food to be offered, except that it be very simple and easily distributed. Nested within the Lovefeast will be the sharing of the Children's Christmas Pageant entitled "Inn Bethlehem."

You won't want to miss this, our first Lovefeast, so mark your calendars to join us at St. David's on December 22 at 7 PM. No reservations necessary.

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On Saturday, January 4th at 2:30 p.m., you are invited to join a group of women who are sponsoring a Holy Women's Christmas Tea at Sequanota Camp and Conference Center. The event will support the spring Women's Retreat this year. Individuals can sponsor a tea table and bring 5 other women with them. Or, you can simply come and find a place at a table and join others. Each seat is \$20. Thus, the cost to fill a six-person table with friends and family is \$120. All are welcome to pause for this tea party as the Christmas season comes to a close. Reservations are helpful. Please contact Sequanota at 814-629-6627 or contact@sequanota.com for registration information.

Copies of the **2020 Altar Guild** schedules are available in narthex on the table by the TV.



Just a reminder when you are admitted to the hospital (wherever that might be), and you are asked if you have a church affiliation and if you desire the hospital to notify the

congregation. Please say “yes” and state clearly that you are a member of St. David’s Evangelical Lutheran Church and that you would like them to notify the congregation. Naturally there are no guarantees that will happen, but you, at least, tried. Of course, you and/or a family member informing us of your hospitalization is the best solution. For scheduled procedures, please let Jessica (479-4110) know as soon as you know. In the event your admission is one of emergency or is unexpected, please have someone contact the church office (479-4110) between 9:00 - and 3:00 Monday through Friday or please contact me anytime: Pastor Johnson (570-246-3031). If you, by chance, are one who does not desire a visit, that’s okay! But please still notify us and just let us know you would prefer not to be visited. Contacting us enables us to hold you in prayer.



Capital Campaign News

As of December 8th, we have a committed total amount of **\$174,229.64**. Thank you to the 49 families and/or persons that have Committed/Donated to St. David’s Capital Campaign to date. Also, to all that have given towards the collected total of **\$103,409.74** received so far. We pray and hope to have **\$175,000** collected by Spring 2020. That is the amount needed to pay the contractor for the repairs we have contracted for. Those repairs are the windows, lintels, sandstones and sealing to prevent further damage to Our House of Worship.

Please prayerfully consider what you feel God is moving you to give. Any and all donations will be helpful!

Thank you,
Stewardship Team



WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS are needed. If you can help in any way by being an communion assistants, bread distribution,

lectors, greeters, ushers at any service, please email Jessica at secretary@stdavidslutheran.org or call the church office 479-4110.



ACA@StDavid’s Presents: The 8th Annual Candlelight Christmas

Concert: The concert is planned for Saturday December 28, 2019 at 7:00 pm at St. David’s in Davidsville. The

theme of this year’s Concert is the “Fourth Day of Christmas.” This concert gives that special holiday feeling during the peak of the Christmas Season. You will hear Christmas favorites old and new. Guest musicians include the **Johnstown Brassworks** and soloists from the local area and beyond (More information to come). There is no charge for attending the event; information can be obtained by contacting 724-388-2273. A free will offering will be collected for the benefit of the Artist’s Connection of the Alleghenies at St David’s Evangelical Lutheran Church “Jackie Young-Flack Memorial Concert Series.” Refreshments and Fellowship will follow the concert in the Narthex.



Experience this English holiday tradition, centered at King’s College Cambridge, at The Grand Halle in Johnstown on Friday, December 20th at 7 PM. This event features selected Biblical readings, interspersed with choral music and traditional Christmas carols. The cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students. Go to Grandhalle.com for details.

Christmas Eve Worship Volunteers NEEDED 4:30 PM -2 communion assistants & 2 more ushers; 7:30 PM - 2 more ushers, and 10:30 PM- 2 acolytes. If you can help in any way please call the church office 479-4110 or email secretary@stdavidslutheran.org

Schedule of Upcoming Events in the Parish

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

Saturday 12/14-Friday 12/20: Pastor Johnson is on Vacation		
Saturday 12/14:	5:30 PM	Worship/Communion Service
Sunday 12/15:	8 AM	Worship/Communion Service
	9:15 AM	Backpack Project (FH9)
	9:15 AM	Sunday School/Catechism
	10:30 AM	Worship/Communion Service
	12 PM	Italian Pasta Bar followed by Hanging of the Greens (S & FH9)
Monday 12/16:	9:30 AM	YOGA (FH9)
	7 PM	YOGA (FH9)
Tuesday 12/17:	10 AM	Set Up (FH9)
	6 PM	Adult Sunday School Christmas Party (FH9)
Wednesday 12/18:	3:30 PM	Stewardship Team (C19)
	4 PM	Youth Choir
	5:15 PM	LP Board Meeting (CR2)
	6:30 PM	Adult Choir
Saturday 12/21:	9 AM	Lovefeast Prep (FH9 & S)
	5:30 PM	Worship/Communion Service
Sunday 12/22:	8 AM	Worship/Communion Service
	9:15 AM	Program Rehearsals (S)
	10:30 AM	Worship/Communion Service
	7 PM	Lovefeast/Children's Program (S)

***December 15 (I) ***

Acolytes- Drake & Dane Rouser (8); Charlotte Worst & Ellie Hunsberger (10:30)
Altar-Luana Eppley & Janice Yoder (8); Carol Kauffman & Pat Sleek (10:30)
Communion Assts-Bryan Rabbitt & Ronna Marisa (8); Tom & Joanne Ravenscraft (10:30)
Bread-Emil Bolha (8); Nick Hunsberger (10:30)
Lectors- Ronna Marisa (8); Marvin Gindlesperger (10:30)
Greeters-Leo Marisa (8); Bill Andrews (10:30)
Ushers-Rick Miller & Mike Moyer (8) Ron & Lois Tessari, Mike & Melissa Grose (10:30)
Worship Captain- Gail Berkebile
Counters-Team 3: Bill & Sherri Andrews, Sonya Andrews, Von & Marsha Parkins, Jack & Carol Winters



Ring, Ring, Ring! This is the Children and Youth Team calling to thank you for all of your support this far in our “Youth Love Line” fundraiser! We are so lucky to belong to a church where we are so supported! In case you missed it, our “Youth Love Line” is displayed in the Narthex. **How can you help?** **1.** Take an envelope. **2.** Replace it with a heart. **3.** Fill it with the dollar amount listed. **4.** Put it in the offering plate (be sure to put your name on it if you would like your contribution recognized). **5.** Engage in our activities and watch the Children and Youth program grow, knowing you had a hand in it!