


Announcements

FEBRUARY 15-16, 2020

The Altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God in honor of the 90th Birthdays of twins Esther Mishler and Lester Naugle by family.



The Stewardship Team will be hosting a discussion on investing/savings on **Sunday, March 1st** for the youth ages 11-18 during the Sunday school hour 9:15-10:15 in the fellowship hall. Parents are also welcome to attend.

 Today, February 16th after the 10:30 am service we have cake, being served by the Fellowship/Witness Team, to celebrate Esther Mishler and Lester Naugle's 90th birthdays. The cake was provided by John Williamson. Everyone is welcome!!



St. David's Learning Place has set a fundraising goal of \$1,000.00 to buy 2 new Chromebooks. Right now, we only have 1 that we share between all of our classrooms. My goal is between the church and our families to meet this goal by the end of March. We will be hosting a "Community Dinner Night" at Chili's, more details to follow. Any donations can be placed in the offering plate with the memo being "LP Chromebook". Thank you for your continued support of our Ministry and students!



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
SINGLES MINISTRY

The singles gathering for the month of February will take place on **Friday, February 21st at 5:00PM at Franklin Street Bar & Grill.** To make a reservation, please call Jean Walker at 536-8135. Come and enjoy an evening of fellowship!

"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 February 3, 2020	\$16,986.76
Unified Offerings	\$5,454.00
Error on last week's deposit	\$30.00
Online Giving	\$35.00
Subtotal	\$22,505.76
Payments	(\$3,179.63)
Ending Balance February 3, 2020	\$19,326.13
Beginning Balance February 10, 2020	
Unified Offerings	\$5,442.00
Error on last week's deposit	\$187.99
Online Giving	\$110.00
TRF from Youth (Ignite Retreat)	\$75.00
Subtotal	\$25,141.12
Payments	(\$7,459.95)
Ending Balance February 10, 2020	\$17,681.17
<i>A weekly offering of \$6,526.00 in undesignated funds is required to meet the current obligations of the parish. The 2020 budget is \$339,390.00</i>	
Temporary Restricted (Designated) Fund Offerings February 8-9, 2020	
Altar Flowers	\$30.00
Building/Renovation Fund	\$100.00
Capital Campaign	\$1,625.00
Endowment Fund	\$100.00
Member Emergency Fund	\$22.00
Youth (includes Love Line)	\$98.00
Attendance for February 8-9, 2020- 5:30 PM-30 8:00 AM- 53 & 10:30 AM-103 for a total of 186.	

The Hospital visitor this week is
Sis Barabas (2/18).

MISSION STATEMENT

We are God's servant people with Christ-like hearts empowered by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament. We proclaim God's grace, love, justice, and forgiveness to all people through worship, learning, witness, service and support.



A word of thanks...

Absolutes can be a blessing and they can also be a curse. For when we think we know absolutely how things should be or go, they can conflict with how someone else believes things should absolutely be. God teaches us that there is diversity in life and diversity in love. I wanted to thank each and every one of you for supporting the youth through donating to the love line.

We live in a world that concentrates on quid pro quo or THIS FOR THAT. We believe and live in ways where you work to achieve things, you practice arts or sports, and through hard work you are rewarded, quid pro quo. However, the kingdom of God does not share this with the world. We are taught in church that we are in the world but shouldn't be of the world or love the things of this world. In fact, in 1 John we read, "Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him." In other words, there is a better way and that is God's way.

God gives us absolute love through absolute grace. It's something that we do not see a lot of in this world. Where something is given expecting nothing in return. We cannot gain our salvation by the things we do. It comes from God and God alone. If it were left to us, we would perish. But that grace from God saves us. You have used this opportunity to show and teach the youth at our church that they can show that same absolute grace to others in the way you showed it to them. It's a lesson we pray they will share in their lives with others. So, thank you for walking in the way of Christ! Blessings!

+Pastor Faron



STEWARDSHIP NOTE

"Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, ..." [Acts 4:32]

St. David's Financial Statement of Activities as of December 31, 2019 has revealed some concerning information.

The Unified Budget Income has a shortfall of \$21,737.39 over the same period last year. There was a one-week loss of income last year in January due to cancellation of Sunday service because of weather. The estimated loss of \$5,000 was never made up.

Our congregation has begun a Capital Campaign this year as well as supporting other Temporary Restricted (Designated) Fund offerings. But the congregation needs to make voluntary and systematic contributions (tithing) to the Unified Fund to fund our financial obligations.

Please plan regular giving to our church into your budget. This would go a long way toward our congregation making our budget this year.

"Every Sunday each of you must put aside some money, in proportion to what [you have] earned..."
1 Corinthians 16:2 TEV

Thank you, Stewardship Team



The Allegheny Synod 40,000 Can Challenge Includes Box Mac & Cheese

Total weekly can challenge count as of January 29th 17,890. (St. David's collected 417 boxes of mac & cheese and 217 cans.)



St. David's VBS
JUNE 22-26
9 AM-4 PM



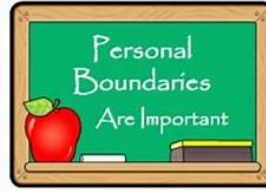
Please contact Melissa Maddy (242-0152) or email missym71@hotmail.com if you would like to be a volunteer. Criminal & Child Abuse Clearances required. Sign-up sheet for volunteers is available in the narthex now. **DON'T FORGET TO STOP AND SIGN UP!!**



Attention all Children & Youth! We are gearing up for a **Youth Sunday** at the **10:30 service on Sunday, March 1st**. Sign-up sheets will be available in the Narthex and Sunday School classrooms. We will be covering ALL parts of the service, so think about how you can be involved! Would you like to read, sing, serve, greet? Please sign up for anything you are interested in! Do you have another idea of something you'd like to do for the service? Let us know! Rehearsals will be during the Sunday School hour in the Sanctuary. Each Sunday will have a different rehearsal schedule that will be distributed later. All involved in Youth Sunday will have a run-through rehearsal on Sunday, March 1st during the Sunday School hour, and then we will be ready to roll for the service! Please contact Stormie Cannistraci with any questions or ideas.

Email: stormiegclark@gmail.com

Call/Text: 724.689.7342



The Reverend Diane Wheatley is scheduled to be with us on **Wednesday, March 11th** at 6 pm to do a presentation on Healthy Boundaries. Boundary training is something that all pastors have been required to participate in for several years now and it has been noticed that many people in the congregations are not aware of these boundaries. They are put in place to protect the integrity of ministry and pastors make many decisions with these in mind. Council members were invited to participate in a presentation last year at Moxham Lutheran Church and agreed that it would be good to share this information with the entire congregation. Please plan to attend and participate in the conversation pertaining to this most important part of ministry.



YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12
MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

A lock-in overnight is planned for Friday, February 21 7pm – Saturday, February 22

9am. Bring friends and let's hang out!
 Signup sheet in the narthex!

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Schedule of Upcoming Events in the Parish

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

Saturday 2/15:	5:30 PM	Worship/Communion Service
Sunday 2/16:	8 AM	Worship/Communion Service
	9:15 AM	Adult SS /Catechism
	9:15 AM	Youth Sunday Practice (S)
	10:30 AM	Worship/Communion Service
	12 PM	Confirmation Class (FH9)
	12 PM	Emergency Team (C14)
Monday 2/17:		March Messenger
	9:30 AM	YOGA (FH9)
	1-5 PM	Pastor's Office/Library Hours
	7 PM	YOGA (FH9)
Tuesday 2/18:	6 PM	Pastor's Bible Study (CR2)
Wednesday 2/19:	2 PM	Staff Meeting (C19)
	3:30 PM	Stewardship Meeting (C19)
	4 PM	Youth Coir
	4-8 PM	Pastor's Library Hours
	5 PM	Communication Team (C21)
	5:15 PM	LP Board Meeting (CR2)
	6:30 PM	Adult Choir
	7 PM	GWOH (C16)
Thursday 2/20:	7 PM	Busy Hands (C19)
Friday 2/21:		Pastor's Day Off
Fri 2/21-Sat 2/22:	7 PM-9 AM	Youth Lock In (FH9)
Saturday 2/22:	5:30 PM	Worship/Communion Service
Sunday 2/23:	8 AM	Worship/Communion Service
	9:15 AM	Adult SS /Catechism
	9:15 AM	Youth Sunday Practice (S)
	10:30 AM	Worship/Communion Service

*** February 16 (I) ***

Acolytes-Jon Allison & Jackson Sotosky (8); Avery Custer & Charlotte Worst (10:30)
Altar- Diane Miller & Kathy Naugle (8); Carol Kauffman & Pat Sleek (10:30)
Communion Assts- Deb Hart & Doug Shrader (8); Ron Tessari & Ted Risch (10:30)
Bread-Linda Shrader (8); Nick Hunsberger (10:30)
Lectors – Erin Sotosky (8); Sonya Andrews (10:30)
Greeters- Steve Sotosky (8); Dennis Liska (10:30)
Ushers- Rick Miller & Mike Moyer (8); Mike & Melissa Grose, Jeff Rowe & Ron Tessari (10:30)
Worship Captain- Ashley Kopp
Counters- Team 4: Dennis Naugle, Ron Tessari, Tim Telenko, Nick Hunsberger & Erika Winters-Rowe



**Ash Wednesday Services
February 26th at 1:30 PM & 7 PM**