

Announcements

JANUARY 4 - 5, 2020

"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 23, 2019	\$11,198.69
Unified Offerings	\$4,767.00
Online Giving	\$95.00
Subtotal	\$16,060.69
Payments	(\$3,792.19)
Ending Balance December 23, 2019	\$12,268.50
Beginning Balance December 30, 2019	
Unified Offerings	\$4,169.00
Lovefeast	\$522.00
Christmas Eve (4:30 & 7:30 PM)	\$7,926.19
Christmas Eve (10:30 PM)	\$462.00
Learning Place Monthly Contribution	\$200.00
Online Giving	\$10.00
Subtotal	\$25,557.69
Payments	(\$12,733.00)
Ending Balance December 30, 2019	\$15,290.69
<i>A weekly offering of \$6,325 in undesignated funds is required to meet the current obligations of the parish. The 2020 budget is \$328,940.00</i>	
Temporary Restricted (Designated) Fund Offerings December 24 & 29, 2019	
ACA Concert Series	\$189.00
Capital Campaign	\$14,660.00
Member Emergency	\$54.00
Memorial Fund	\$150.00
St. Francis Sharing & Caring	\$100.00
World Hunger	\$250.00
Youth (includes Love Line)	\$135.00
Attendance for December 24- 4:30 PM -204, 7:30 PM -149 & 10:30 PM- 34 for a total of 387. December 29: 9:30 AM-101.	



Grace and Peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ. I hope that your Advent and Christmas Season has been a great blessing to you and that

it reminded you of how fortunate we are to be loved by God and each other. I experienced that love profoundly through your thoughts, prayer, and actions during the season and I wish to thank each of you for your kindness shown during this, my first Advent/Christmas season here with you. I hope and pray that God will continually bless our time together as we journey and grow in faith and understanding. Shalom, Pastor Faron



As of December 30th, 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 **\$125,909.74** 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

The Hospital visitor this week is
Bill Bergman (1/7).

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

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.



One of the most challenging aspects of working together with a congregation like St.

David's is that of communication. Thankfully we have a wonderful communications team that helps you and I stay in touch and aware of the events and ministry here. As a pastor I follow Christ and am here for your faith journey. That truth requires that you also be proactive about your spiritual needs or questions. I only know what you tell me directly and do not participate in secondhand information due to the unreliable nature of such. Should you have a need please do not assume that I am aware of it unless you or your next of kin have informed myself or Jessica. I make it a point to always do my best to walk with you in faith.

Blessings, Pastor Faron



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.



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.



St. David's now has an Amazon Smile account. Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchases to St. David's. (Your Amazon Prime will be recognized) When you want to make a purchase through Amazon go to: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/25-1145258>



Hi everyone, this is the Children and Youth team calling. We just wanted to leave a quick message

to **THANK YOU** for your donations to the Youth Love Line! Over \$2,000 has been donated since September! Your generosity helped fund 5 youth and 2 adults attend the Synod Youth Gathering "Making It Mine" on November 22-24 in State College. It was a wonderful experience for all involved, and we can't wait to share more great events with you! The Love Line will continue through Valentine's Day, so if you'd like to help, grab an envelope and add some love to our line! Thanks so much! Talk to you soon!



Offering Envelopes are mailed

bi-monthly to your home address. If you need to update your address, please contact the church secretary at 479-4110 or you can email her at secretary@stdavidslutheran.org

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Happy New Year AND Happy Epiphany - the season of light. Bring light to your heart this season and join us for yoga! An eight-week session will begin Monday January 13th and ends on Monday, March 2nd. As always, there is a 9:30am and a 7pm class. The series is \$65 or \$10 per class drop-in. All classes are beginner PLUS. Join us this year and bring a friend - yoga is for everyBODY! Contact Elizabeth with questions 525-2894.



St. David's Online Giving

by going to the church website www.stdavidslutheran.org click on **GIVE**, click on **SIGN IN**. You will need to register for a new account. Once you are registered you can give to the general budget (unified) using a credit card or bank account. You may also choose to make your gift recurring. Questions please call the church office 479-4110.



The next The Red Cross bloodmobile will be held on Monday, January 6th, 2020.

from 12-5:30 PM at St. David's Lutheran Church in the fellowship hall.



The **2020 flower chart** is on the wall across from the bulletin board. The cost is \$30.00 (1 vase) or \$60.00 (2 vases) each Sunday. Please fill out completely, writing for whom the flowers are given in memory of or in honor of and by whom they are given. ***Please return the white containers from the flower arrangements by Friday, so the florist can pick up. *** On Sundays following the 10:30 AM service you make take the Altar flowers. Payment can be made when signing up. Please take envelope, fill out and drop in offering plate with payment.



**The Allegheny Synod
40,000 Can Challenge
Includes Box Mac & Cheese**
(Advent 12/1/19 to Super

Bowl Sunday 2/2/20)

Your donation of non-perishable food items to the 40,000 "Can" Challenge will benefit local food bank and service agencies who serve the people in your community. Remember each box of macaroni & cheese purchased for St. Francis goes towards St. David's can count! **(We have collected 57 boxes of mac & cheese and 15 cans so far.)**



UNHANGING OF THE GREENS

We hope you enjoyed the decorations in the church during the Christmas season. If you are able to, please join us after worship on Sunday, January 12th to take down the decorations for next year.

Schedule of Upcoming Events in the Parish

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

Saturday 1/4:	5:30 PM	Worship/Communion Service
Sunday 1/5:	8 AM	Worship/Communion Service
	9:15 AM	Adult SS /Catechism
	10:30 AM	Worship/Communion Service Installation of New Council Members
Monday 1/6:	12 PM	Bloodmobile (FH9)
	1-5 PM	Pastor's Office/Library Hours
	6 PM	Service Team Meeting (C16)
	7 PM	C.T. Youth Football (C19)
Tuesday 1/7:	6:30 PM	Pastor's Bible Study (CR2)
Wednesday 1/8:	1:30 PM	Staff Meeting (C19)
	4-8 PM	Pastor's Library Hours
	4 PM	Youth Coir
	6:30 PM	Adult Choir
Friday 1/10:	<i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	
Saturday 1/11:	5:30 PM	Worship/Communion Service
Sunday 1/12:	8 AM	Worship/Communion Service
	9:15 AM	Adult SS /Catechism
	10:30 AM	Worship/Communion Service
	12 PM	Council Meeting (FH9)
	12 PM	Unhanging of the Greens (S)

***January 4 © ***

Acolytes-Ava Byer & Josey Sotosky (8); Halen McKool & Sam Worst (10:30)
Altar- Deb Hart & Thadeus Kovalik (8); Jodi Tresnicky & Leisha Black (10:30)
Communion Assts- Doug Shrader & Bryan Rabbitt (8); Gail Berkebile & Barry Springer (10:30)
Bread-Deb Hart (8); Marvin Gindlesperger (10:30)
Lectors – Ashley Moyer (8); Tony Berkebile (10:30)
Greeters- Brian Byer (8); Bill Bergman (10:30)
Ushers- Joe & Sue Risch (8); Lew & Jodi Tresnicky, Jeff Rowe & Ted Risch (10:30)
Worship Captain- Nick Hunsberger
Counters- Team 2: Doug & Linda Shrader, Joyce Gindlesperger, Mike & Melissa Grose & Dave Barabas

February worship volunteer schedules will be posted in the February 2020 Messenger, which will be mailed mid-January 2020. If you know a Sunday you will be away let the secretary know to not schedule you, call the church office 479-4110 or email secretary@stdavidslutheran.org