



### **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent – December 15. Conemaugh Township Elementary Christmas Backpack Project.**

**Details:** During the Sunday School hour on this Sunday, our children and youth will be packing boxes of food and gifts for 25 families identified by the elementary school who are in need over the Christmas break. These children have been identified as needing basic meals and hygiene items over the holidays. All congregation members will be able to take tags from the lobby of the church and buy items needed for this project – **ALL ITEMS WILL NEED TO BE PLACED IN THE NARTHEX BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13.** Then, on December 15 during Sunday School, our children and youth will pack the boxes of food and extra gifts. Volunteers will then be needed to deliver the boxes to the families after the 10:30 service on this day. Your time and donations will provide much needed support to these children in our community during the holiday season! Please contact Leisha Black for any questions.



### **Advent 3: The Annual Italian Pasta Bar Fellowship Meal Sponsored by the**

**ACA:** in conjunction with our **8<sup>th</sup> annual "Hanging of the Greens"** This includes all members of the congregation! Those who will have already decorated the new trees in the Narthex displaying those beautiful handmade Chrismons

help to make our church beautiful at the Advent/Christmas season every year and we celebrate you too during this meal. We want the whole congregation to gather for this meal and if you can stay to help with "Hanging of the Greens" we thank you; if you cannot **please, please, please** plan to share this mealtime with your St. David's Family! Mark your calendars and make plans to attend St. David's Christmas Fellowship Meal on Advent 3: **Sunday, December 15, 2019** following the 10:30 AM worship; served around 11:45 AM. (A Signup sheet will be in the Narthex: Signups are not necessary, but it helps with the preparation).

A Main Courses of a variety of pastas and sauces will be provided. Your participation with the bringing one or two of the "ingredients" for the Olive Garden style salad would be appreciated. Post-its will be available with the items needed in the Narthex (closer to the event) at the sign-up board. **Following the meal, we will ready the nave.** We will sing Christmas carols – yes, CHRISTMAS CAROLS! - as we Hang the Greens. If you have never been a part of this tradition at St. David's, we would really enjoy having you with us this year.



### **4<sup>th</sup> 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.

# Love feast

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.



**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.