

St. David's Ev. Lutheran Church
401 N. Main Street
P.O. Box 427
Davidsville, PA 15928

Non-Profit
Organization
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Permit No. 117
Johnstown, PA



MISSION STATEMENT

"Glorify God, Share the Love of Jesus, Do Good works thru Service."

Church Web Site: WWW.STDAVIDSLUTHERAN.ORG

Church Office: 814.479.4110

The Messenger—April 2026

"Stewardship of the Blessing of Easter and the Resurrection of Our Lord"

**May Messenger
Deadline is Thursday, April 16**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Secretary Office Hours: Monday 9AM-2:30PM; Tuesday-Friday 9AM-3PM (Any changes will be noted on the church calendar. Check the website for most up to date schedules www.stdauidslutheran.org)</p>						
<p>HAPPY EASTER</p> <p>6:30AM Worship/ Communion 9:00AM Worship/Communion/First Communion</p>	<p>Office Closed-Holiday 9AM YOGA (FH9)</p>	<p>6PM Girl Scout Troop #40050 (C19)</p>	<p>6PM Adult Choir 7:30PM Bell Choir</p>	<p>11AM LP Use (FH9) Maunder Thursday 7PM Worship/Communion</p>	<p>5PM Good Friday Dinner & Practice 7:30PM Worship</p>	
<p>8AM Worship/ Communion 9:15AM Sunday School/Catechism 10:30AM Holy Humor Worship/Communion 12 PM Council vs. Confirmation Trivia & Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon (FH9)</p>	<p>9AM YOGA (FH9) 6PM Bible Study(21A-C)</p>	<p>6PM Daisy Troop #51375 (C19) 6PM Stewardship/ Finance Meeting (FH9)</p>	<p>6PM Adult Choir 7:30PM Bell Choir</p>	<p>6:30PM Worship & Music(P) 7PM JSO Community Strings (FH9)</p>		
<p>8AM Worship/ Communion 9:15AM Sunday School/Catechism 10:30AM Worship/Communion</p>	<p>9AM YOGA (FH9) 4:30PM Girl Scout Troop #27016 (FH9) 6PM Bible Study(21A-C)</p>	<p>6PM Daisy Troop #51375 (C19) 6PM Girl Scout Troop #40050 (C19)</p>	<p>6PM Adult Choir 7:30PM Bell Choir</p>	<p>May Messenger NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 6PM Columbarium Committee Meeting (C19) 7PM JSO Community Strings (FH9)</p>		
<p>8AM Worship/ Communion 9:15AM Sunday School/Catechism 9:15AM Parent SS Group (CR2) 10:30AM Worship/Communion 2PM M. Oswalt (FH9)</p>	<p>9AM YOGA (FH9) 6PM Bible Study(21A-C)</p>	<p>6PM Daisy Troop #51375 (C19) 6PM sage Herbalists (FH9)</p>	<p>6PM Adult Choir 7:30PM Bell Choir</p>	<p>7PM JSO Community Strings (FH9)</p>		

Easter Musings from Pastor Mark.....

This year, we will read the resurrection story from Matthew 28. It begins quietly with the women making their preparations to go to the tomb. And **BOOM**, there is an earthquake, not just a run-of-the-mill earthquake but a great earthquake. And an angel of the Lord descends from heaven and rolls away the stone. The women aren't the only ones there; in Matthew's Gospel, there is a detachment of Roman soldiers guarding the tomb lest the disciples come and spirit away Jesus' body. Matthew does not record the reaction of the women to the angel but the writer tells us the soldiers are filled with fear and become like dead men. The soldiers drop out of the story with the angel addressing only the women. The angel offers an invitation to the women, "***Come and See***" along with the instructions to "***Go and tell.***"

What I find interesting about the resurrection story is that the resurrection story has three instances of people being told to "***Go***" and do something. The precursor to the resurrection story has the Jewish religious leaders going to Pilate and asking for a detachment of soldiers to guard the tomb. Pilate says to them, "***Go and secure the tomb.***" The angel of the Lord says, "***Go and Tell***" and Jesus says "***Go and make.***"

This Lenten season, I have used the example of St. Paul talking to the Corinthians about being ambassadors and how when an ambassador was speaking as if it was the leader of the country speaking. In the instances of the angel speaking to the women who came to the tomb and Jesus speaking to his disciples in Galilee, these women and these disciples were the first ambassadors of resurrection Good News.

Today, we are the 21st Century ambassadors of Easter resurrection Good News. Let us go forth this Easter, ***Be*** ambassadors, ***Tell*** the Easter story and ***Make*** new disciples.

Marna and I wish each of you Easter resurrection joy this season.

Blessings,
Pastor Mark W. Fischer
Interim Pastor



SIGN Up for 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) Capital Campaign or Endowment Fund using a credit card or bank account. You may also choose to make your gift recurring.



2026 ALTAR FLOWER CHART is located on the wall across from the bulletin board. The cost is \$40.00 per vase. Fill out what is to

be printed in the announcement sheet on the chart. On Sundays following the 10:30 AM service you make take the Altar flowers. If there is anyone that has signed up for flowers in remembrance of a loved one and does not want the flowers, please mark "Take to LVV" on the chart by Sunday morning. Please return the white containers from the flower arrangements by Friday. PREPAYMENT OF ALTAR FLOWERS IS REQUIRED.



Want to make St. David's your church family? Please fill out the pew pads and drop in the offering plate or you can speak with any council member about joining St. David's Lutheran

Church.



Sonya Andrews (President)

Rachel Thomas-Kimmel (Vice President)

Angie McKool (Secretary)

Kristie Byer, Jeff Eash, Lynn McDaniel

Sue Risch, Patty Rullo, Doug Shrader,

Lois Tessari & Paul Weygandt

NO Easter Breakfast will be served at the church this year. Thank you!



St. David's Church monthly donation to the St. Francis Sharing & Caring Food Pantry is boxed macaroni & cheese. Please remember to grab several boxes, the next time at the store, and place them in the wooden crate in the narthex. Thank you for your faithful commitment to this ministry!



**St David's VBS
June 15-19, 2026
6:00-8:00PM**

Join us at St. David's Lutheran Church for Vacation Bible School 2026 as we dive into friendship with God!

Friday, June 19th will be a full day of fun at Camp Sequanota.

Register Here



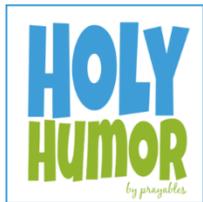
"Share Your Talents"

Have You thought about how to "Share Your Talents" with St. David's? Please contact one of the team leaders or Jessica in the office at 814-479-4110.



Shed the cold and snowiness and think **SPRING!** Join us for the next yoga series to bend and breathe and pray the new life of spring into our lives (eventually)! An eight-week session will began Monday, March 16 and end on Monday,

May 4 (or stop in with us on Monday mornings until then as well)! Class is at 9am in the St. David's fellowship Hall. The series is \$65 or \$10 per class drop-in. All classes are beginner PLUS. Please come and bring a friend - yoga is for everyBODY! Contact Elizabeth with questions 525-2894.



Holy Humor Sunday will be celebrated during the 10:30 a.m. service on April 12. This year's theme is Movies! Everyone is invited to join in the fun by

wearing a favorite movie costume or T-shirt, dressing like you're walking the red carpet, or even coming as if you're staying home in your pajamas for a Netflix movie night. (Dressing up is completely optional.) Feel free to bring noise makers to celebrate each time the word "Alleluia" is proclaimed, and enjoy hearing some of the great music from the movies. Brett Merberger will deliver the sermon titled "Blind Faith? Or Do You Have to See It to Believe It?" with a few magic tricks woven throughout. Families are especially encouraged to attend.

TRIVIA

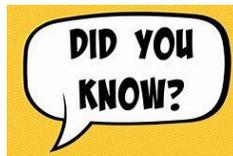
Following the 10:30am service, please stay for our Volunteer Recognition Dinner and the annual Confirmands vs. Council Trivia Contest. We will be having a costume contest as well as a few other fun surprises along the way! It promises to be a joyful day of laughter, appreciation, and community—we hope to see you there.



The congregation will be voting on the projects you would like to see get some extra funding! This funding is made possible from 2025 capital gains from the Endowment Fund. It is St. David's Tithes for those gains in the Endowment Fund. **The voting will happen on Sunday, April 26, 2026.** The top 2 will receive \$1,125 each! Please give prayerful consideration before voting! All are worthy!

Below is a list of the projects being recommended by council:

- Camp PARC
- CT Rotary (Wishes of Christmas)
- Camp Sequanota
- Laurel View Village
- Overtime
- Pavilion



The Pew Pads for attendance and communion are about more than just your right to vote in congregational meetings. As a called and ordained minister our pastor is charged with the correct administration of the sacraments. This means that all members receive communion regularly. The pastor consecrates and administers communion and the secretary records your communion every Sunday. So, thank you for filling out the pads each Sunday for our records to be complete.



Interim Pastor Mark Fischer

pastormarkfischer@gmail.com
717-870-4757 (cell)

Brett Merberger, Minister of Music

bmerberger@gmail.com

Brian Byer, Financial Secretary

finance@stdavidslutheran.org

Jessica Brewer, Office Secretary

stdavids_sec@atlanticbb.net

www.stdavidslutheran.org

814-479-4110 (church office)

Brad Kaufman, Custodian



BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Nova Horner
Wayne Kauffman***192 Kaufman Church
Rd, Davidsville PA 15928
Redland Studer
- 2 Miley Tercek
- 3 Sarah Bergman
- 4 Carolyn Simko
Jenna Telenko
- 5 Thomas Feightner
Cooper Valentine
- 6 Richard Cobaugh
Roy Oswalt Jr.
Jake Parkins
Katherine Troxell
- 7 Christa Jones
Mark Von Lunen
- 8 Buck Sleek II
Greyson Studer
- 9 Megan Boyer
Kara Goughenour
Marlene Kotch
Amanda Tresnicky
- 10 Nicole Bacon
Damian Markferding
Pat Sleek***132 Mossy Lane, Johnstown,
PA 15905
- 11 Justin Gindlesperger
- 14 Laura Saylor
- 15 Brielle Ciarimboli
- 16 Leora Parkins
- 17 Christopher Conner
Josiah Custer
Roger McDaniel***119 Crestview Drive,
Davidsville, PA 15928
Walter Shank II
Warren Speck
Carol Winters
- 18 Dennis Williamson
- 19 Jolene Kmett
- 20 Elijah Marsh
Robert Troxell
- 21 Russell Miller
Brian Naugle

- Vanessa Risch
Wesley Speck
James Szala
- 22 Christianna Liska
Mike Walters Jr.
- 23 Sis Barabas
Sally Hessler
- 24 Tom Fetterman
Scott Summits
- 25 Jerry Blough***3162 Carpenters Park Rd,
Davidsville, PA 15928
Christine Troxell
- 26 Isla Siehl
- 28 Beverly Moyer
Lew Tresnicky
- 29 Pippa Cannistraci
Samuel McCormick

If we've missed you, please let us know so we can recognize you properly!



***Please remember the following people with a card as they celebrate their 80+ birthdays. Please contact the church office (814-479-4110) for additions or corrections.

Teachers needed at JCS

Johnstown Christian School is looking for qualified, faith-filled educators for the 26-27 school year. We are hiring

*Elementary Instructions (full-time)

*Preschool Instructor (part-time)

*Learning Support Instructors (full and part-time)

JCS also needs day-to-day substitutes for all grade levels (Preschool through 12th grade) now and for the 26-27 school year.

Applications are available on the JCS website at <https://www.johnstownchristianschool.org/about-jcs/employment/>.

SHARE YOUR TALENTS

St. David's Ev. Lutheran Church has many ministry teams, and we would like to invite you to Share Your Talents.

Below are the lists of team leaders and current members for each team.

On the next page are descriptions of each ministry team

Please reach out to any team leader or you can call the church office 814-479-4110 or email the church secretary (stdavids_sec@atlanticbb.net) and she can pass your contact information to the ministry team chair.

Communication Ministry Team – Angie McKool (Chair) 814.242.2376 mckoola@gmail.com, Sonya Andrews, Lauren Bungard, Jill Mitchell, & Amanda Tercek. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** If you have WordPress skills (or are interested in learning), social media savvy, or can be available to run the live streaming equipment please reach out to Angie.

Emergency Ministry Team – Deb Harris (Chair) 814.659.0807 djh_int@hotmail.com, Steve Buncich, Tom Harris, Sue Risch, Doug Shrader & Jack Winters

Fellowship/Witness Ministry Teams – Sherri Andrews (Chair) 814.341.2218 sherrisk81@gmail.com, Bill Andrews, Sis Barabas, Melissa Grose, Deb Hart, Lynn McDaniel, Jeff Rowe, Lois Tessari & Sonya Andrews

Learning Ministry Team – Cathy Lilly (Chair) 814.233.0429 calilly.cl@gmail.com, Sonya Andrews, Jerrod Cannistraci, Nick Hunsberger, Melissa Maddy, Tom Mitchell, Brett Robinson, Erin Sotosky, Amanda & Paul Tresnicky, Bob & Chrissy Troxell, Dave & Sarah Worst

A. Vacation Bible School-Amanda Tresnicky (Chair) 814.659.3914 amtresnicky@gmail.com

Learning Place Board – Jen Percinsky (Director) 814.479.7390 learningplacestdavids@gmail.com, Jerrod Cannistraci, Mary Helen Hruska, Linda Shrader, Cindy Liska, Cathy Lilly, Patty Rullo & Becky Robinson

Property Ministry Team – Paul Weygandt (Chair) 814.288.7169 paul.veygandt@gmail.com, Jerry Blough, Jeff Eash, Mike Grose, Ed Hart, Nick Hunsberger, Brad Kaufman, Leo Marisa, Sue & Joe Risch, Von Parkins & Bill Andrews

Service Ministry Team – Sue Risch (Chair) 814.421.0285, s.risch@yahoo.com, Deb Harris, Joyce Gindlesperger, Jean Magdelinic, Ronna Marisa, Patty Rullo & Mary Helen Hruska

A. God's Work, Our Hands- Bishop Emeritus Gregory Pile (Chair) 814.475.2676 grpil@breezeline.net

B. Overtime- Lauren Bungard 814.322.6177 twpscr95@hotmail.com, Sonya Andrews & Rachel Thomas-Kimmel

C. Knotty Ladies- Ronna Marisa 814.242.5414 leoronna1961@gmail.com

D. Red Cross Bloodmobile-Linda Shrader 814.659.7761 skikeystone1974@gmail.com, Gwen Boyer, Luana Eppley, Joyce Gindlesperger, Joanne Ravenscraft, Sue Risch & Carole Williams

E. Men's Group- Tom Mitchell 814.659.1031 trm138@yahoo.com

F. Ladies Lunch Bunch- Barb Pile 814.242.6063 barbpil@breezeline.net

Stewardship/Finance Ministry Team – Doug Shrader (Chair) 814.659.7760 dougwshrader@gmail.com, Brian Byer, Kristie Byer, Lauren Bungard, Joyce Gindlesperger, Deb Harris, Pr. Larry Hoover, Steve Sotosky & Mark Von Lunen

Worship Ministry Team – Lois Tessari (Chair) 814.242.3845 loistessari@gmail.com, Sonya Andrews, Gail Berkebile, Pr. Mark Fischer, Gayle Liska, Ronna Marisa & Brett Merberger

Youth & Children Ministry Team – Sonya Andrews (Chair) 814.341.1911 sleeandrews@hotmail.com, Stormie Cannistraci, Beth Hunsberger, Rachel Thomas-Kimmel, Erika Winters-Rowe, Maggie Borodach, Becky Robinson & Cathy Lilly

- ❖ **Communication Ministry Team** – This team is to convey and inform the congregation of important business and events. Regular tasks include maintaining the St David’s website, social media, and in-house signage. This team will also be responsible for live streaming services.
 - ❖ **Emergency Ministry Team** – This team is responsible for the planning for the safety of our congregation.
 - ❖ **Fellowship Ministry Team** - This ministry team will have responsibility for the planning and implementation of events that offer the opportunity for fellowship among members of this congregation. **Witness Ministry Team** - This ministry team shall develop programs and opportunities that will enable members of this congregation to invite others to share in God's promised gift of eternal life. This team will seek to motivate this congregation's members to witness to their faith in word and deed at every opportunity in daily life. This team will try with all members to restore those members who have become inactive as well as invite new persons into the fellowship of this congregation and have oversight of communication/publicity within the wider community.
 - ❖ **Learning Ministry Team** - This ministry team shall develop and oversee a comprehensive educational ministry program to include Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Catechism, Bible Studies, and other learning activities that are timely, significant, and of interest. This team shall also assist in recruiting, equipping and supporting members for roles of educational leadership in the life of this congregation.
 - ❖ **Property Ministry Team** - This ministry team shall be responsible for oversight and care of all congregational property. This team is responsible for overseeing major and minor repairs, replacements, etc.; care of equipment; getting estimates for major work; and annually assessing property work that is needed. This team will supervise and work closely with the custodian.
 - ❖ **Learning Place Board** – The Learning Place Board will conduct all the business of The Learning Place. They will, along with the director oversee the Learning Place budget. Council approval is only necessary when a change in the usage of St. David’s Lutheran Church building and grounds is involved, or expenditures of Church funds is involved.
 - ❖ **Service Ministry Team** - This ministry team shall have responsibility for motivating, equipping, and supporting this congregation's members for ministering to the sick, the infirm, the shut-in, the imprisoned, the poor, the distressed, the dying, the grieving, the hungry, the homeless, the lonely, and the forgotten. This team will also seek ways to enable members of this congregation to advocate for those with needs.
 - ❖ **Stewardship/Finance Ministry Team** - This ministry team shall have responsibility for development and growth of stewardship within the life of this congregation. This team also will work with the treasurer and office secretary in the area of fiscal management.
 - ❖ **Worship Ministry Team** - This ministry team shall work with the pastor(s) and director of music in planning and providing meaningful worship within the life of this congregation. This team will also recruit, equip, and support members for leadership in worship, and carry out other tasks deemed related to the function of worship.
 - ❖ **Youth & Children Ministry Team** - This ministry team shall have responsibility for planning and oversight of ministry activities for youth and children within this congregation. This work may include development and maintenance of a youth group(s), as well as the planning and implementation of youth and children’s events, retreats, etc.
- ❖ **“Other Ministries supported by the use of St David’s” are Yoga, Girl Scouts Troop#27016 Monday Night Bible Study, Daisy Troop #51375, Sage Herbalists, JSO Community Strings, C.T. Teachers, Girl Scout Jr. Troop #40050, Camp PARC & Somerset County Election Day**

St. David's Evangelical Lutheran Church Davidsville, PA

Council Meeting Minutes

February 26, 2026

Present: Sonya Andrews, Jeff Eash, Pastor Fischer, Rachel Kimmel, Lynn McDaniel, Sue Risch, Patty Rullo, Lois Tessari, Paul Weygandt

Absent: Kristy Byer, Angie McKool, Doug Shrader

- **Call to Order:** 6:36
- **Prayer** by Pastor
- **Council Meeting Minutes** from January 29 were passed by email vote
- **Motion** to approve tonight's agenda: First, Sue; Second, Paul; motion passes
- **Pastor's Report**
 - Only one person signed up for Mandated Reporter training. May not have been advertised well enough. We will try again in the future with better information. Also need to clarify who all needs this training – do all Sunday School teachers need it?
 - CT Ministerium has been made aware of non-payments for blood drives and was surprised. Will be discussed further at their meeting on March 4th.
- **Financial Report**
 - Brian was not present
 - We are down a little bit due to cancelling a Sunday in January (weather)
- **Worship & Music Team Report**
 - The team is looking for more suggestions to bring us together as a church.
 - Better attendance is needed for luncheons and council trivia.
 - Also looking for a better idea of how to handle holy humor Sunday – 2 services or 1? What time?
- **Unfinished Business**
 - **Columbarium:** an official committee is being formed. The group meets more regularly.
 - **Fellowship Hall:** Tabled
 - **Memorial Designation:** already taken care of; no action needed
 - **Covenant:** Tabled
 - Stewardship Team recommendations for tithe: Congregation will need to vote on two ideas from the list generated by council:
 - Pavilion
 - Overtime
 - Laurel View Village (emergency fund, Pastor will look into if one exists)
 - Camp PARC
 - Camp Sequanota
 - CT Rotary's Wishes of Christmas

- **New Business**

- Share your talents flyer was reviewed with a few minor name changes

- Discussion of locking the doors: Eli Gearhart was called to fix the door that is unlocked that is sticking. He is coming to look at it for a \$250 service fee with an estimate of \$300 to replace. The door locking system does seem to be working better and congregants are getting into the habit of opening the left door only.

- **Meeting adjourned** at 7:40

Next Council Meeting: Thursday, March 26, at 6:30 p.m.



814-479-7390

Jennifer Percinsky: Director
learningplacestdavids@gmail.com
Madison Bebee, Asst. Group Supervisor
Felica Beglin: Asst. Group Supervisor
Pam Carhart: Asst. Group Supervisor
Stephanie Castro, Asst. Group Supervisor
Halie Griffie, Asst. Group Supervisor
Brianna Mohle: Asst. Group Supervisor
Gina Yacynych: Preschool 3 lead teacher

ST. DAVID'S LEARNING PLACE

BOARD MEMBERS

Jerrold Cannistraci
Cathy Lilly
Cindy Liska
Mary Helen Hruska
Patty Rullo
Linda Shrader
Becky Robinson



St. David's Learning Place would like to wish our friends Parker, Aurbriella, Jameson, and Milo a very Happy Birthday!



If you received a packet for the 2026-2027 Preschool year, they are **due April 13th.**

We are hiring for Summer, if interested or have any questions please contact Jen.
learningplacestdavids@gmail.com

We would like to thank Conemaugh Township High school students for our Art Day and our Easter Egg Hunt!

MAUNDY THURSDAY *April 2 (Communion) * 7:00 PM

Acolytes - Need Volunteer (7)

Altar- Ronna Marisa & Need Volunteer (7)

Communion Assts- Deb Harris & Need Volunteer (7)

Lector- Deb Harris (7)

Ushers- Mike & Melissa Grose (7)

Counters- Joyce Gindlesperger, Mike & Melissa Grose

GOOD FRIDAY *April 3 *7:30 PM

Worship Volunteers-St. David's Youth

Altar -Need Volunteers after service to set up for Easter Sunday

Counters- Bill & Sherri Andrews, Sonya Andrews

EASTER SUNDAY * April 5 (Intinction) * Rite of First Communion @ 9:00 AM

Acolytes- Need Volunteer (6:30); Matthew Desort (9:00)

Altar- Ronna Marisa (6:30); Need Volunteer (9:00)

Communion Assts- Mike & Melissa Grose (6:30); Need Volunteers (9:00)

Lectors - Linda Shrader (6:30); Marna Gilman-Fischer (9:00)

Ushers- Mike & Melissa Grose (6:30); Need Volunteers (9:00)

Counters- Doug & Linda Shrader, Joyce Gindlesperger

* April 12 (Intinction) * Holy Humor Sunday @ 10:30am

Acolytes-Anna Hunsberger (8); Amelia Mitchell (10:30)

Altar- Sue Risch (8); Becky Robinson & Lynn McDaniel (10:30)

Communion Assts- Need Volunteers (8); Wendy Figard & Sonya Andrews (10:30)

Lectors - Need Volunteer (8); Wendy Figard (10:30)

Ushers- Joe & Sue Risch (8); Greg & Cathy Lilly (10:30)

Counters- Bill & Sherri Andrews, Sonya Andrews

April 19 (Intinction)

Acolytes-Brody Byer (8); Aria Miller (10:30)

Altar-Deb Harris (8); Lou Ann Reckner (10:30)

Communion Assts-Deb Harris & Ronna Marisa (8); Randy Whetzel & Gail Berkebile (10:30)

Lectors -Deb Harris (8); Randy Whetzel (10:30)

Ushers- Buck & Pam Sleek (8); Jeff Rowe & Jack Winters (10:30)

Counters- Lou Ann Reckner & Jean Magdelinic

*April 26 (Communion) *

Acolytes- Canyon Mishler (8); Braeden Black (10:30)

Altar-Ronna Marisa (8); Mandi Tercek (10:30)

Communion Assts- Doug & Linda Shrader (8); Bill Bergman & Patty Rullo (10:30)

Lectors -Ronna Marisa (8); Bill Bergman (10:30)

Ushers-Leo & Ronna Marisa (8); Joyce Gindlesperger & Carole Williams (10:30)

Counters- Sue Risch, Ronna Marisa & Joyce Gindlesperger