

St. David's Ev. Lutheran Church
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Church Office: 814.479.4110

The Messenger
February 2024

March Messenger
Deadline is Thursday, February 15

From the Pastor's Desk....

By the time the February newsletter arrives, I will be recuperating from my knee replacement surgery. While I am grateful for the gift of time to recover, I do miss being with you. Marna and I are blessed to be a part of this wonderful congregation. I hope to be back by March 11th.

One of the things I will miss during my time recuperating is a majority of the Season of Lent. Lent begins early this year with Ash Wednesday falling on February 14th. Lent is special and is one of my favorite seasons of the church year. We talk about the Season of Lent as a journey. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with Good Friday and Jesus' death on the cross for the sins of humanity. Our worship and scripture readings take on a more somber tone.

One of the things I always heard is *What are you giving up for Lent?* I have heard that people give up coffee, chocolate, or dessert for Lent. The act of denial is honorable and is symbolic of the act of Christ sacrificing himself for us. I find it hard to give up something for Lent. Kind of like a New Year's resolution; how long will I keep it?

This year for the season of Lent, let us *Take up something for Lent.* Finding ways to add to our spiritual life is one way of taking up something for Lent. I have many resources for adding to one's spiritual life and I am more than willing to share them with you. Most can be acquired through Amazon. Another is to set aside time to volunteer at the fire department, St. Francis Caring and Sharing, donating a pint of blood on a regular basis, visit one of our members in the medical center unit at Laurel View (we have four members there currently and one in memory care) or a member in the personal care unit, or writing a letter to someone from Conemaugh Township who is serving in the military and many others.

Blessings to all,
Pastor Mark W. Fischer

Beginning January 29th-March 10th, Pastor Mark will be off for knee replacement surgery and recovery. See below for Pastoral Care Coverage.		
January 29-February 3	Pastor John Barichizich	freidenslutheranchurch@gmail.com 386-589-2375
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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 remember their 80+ birthdays. Please contact the church office (814-479-4110) for additions or corrections.



On March 17th there will be a soup and sandwich fellowship after the 10:30 service. Watch the announcements and the March messenger for more information.



Contact List

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Brad Kaufman, Custodian



St. David's is searching for a new outside custodian that would start after the new year. Anyone interested please call the church office 814.479.4110, with your

name and contact info or information may also be emailed to stdavids_sec@atlanticbb.net



814-479-7390

Jennifer Percinsky: Director

Niki Cable: Asst. Group Supervisor

Pam Carhart: Asst. Preschool Teacher

Megan Fiebiger, Lead Teacher

Halie Griffie, Asst. Group Supervisor

Janet Lord: Asst. Group Supervisor

Brianna Mohle: Aide

Stacie Opett: Asst. Group Supervisor

Gina Yacynych: Asst. Group Supervisor



St. David's Learning Place would like to wish our friends Jude, Alexa, and Riley a very happy birthday!

We would also like to welcome Miss Megan and Miss Halie to the Learning Place team!



Mark Mishler

Von & Marsha Parkins

Leo & Ronna Marisa

Tom & Deb Harris

Jim & Benita Gillespie

Wayne & Amy Petenbrink

Rose Seese

1st Summit Bank-Directors, Officers & Employees

Terry & Dianna (Blough) Stevens

Todd & Gail Berkebile

Joyce Gindlesperger

Joan Lintz

Dan & John Will and Families

Jane & Robert Burkhart

Debra Lynch

Doug & Linda Shrader

Pat Sleek

Dennis & Kathy Naugle

John & Sally Muir



*Welcome
To our Church*

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.

St. David's Church Council Members

Sonya Andrews *Lauren Bungard *Mike Grose

Deb Harris* Cathy Lilly * Jill Mitchell

Sue Risch *Doug Shrader* Ronna Marisa

Angie McKool * Bob Troxell

Election of Council Officers:



- President: Sonya Andrews
- Vice President: Cathy Lilly
- Secretary: Deb Harris

SAVE THE DATE
EASTER LESSONS & CAROLS
APRIL 7, 2024, AT 6:30 PM
ST. DAVID'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

PLEASE HELP!

NEEDED FOR 2024

Someone to take soiled Altar Linens after the 10:30am service and launder and iron them. You do not need to be on the Altar Guild to volunteer. For more information, please contact Ronna Marisa at 814-479-7839.



Mid-Week Lent Soup & Sandwich meals will be held on February 21st & 28th, March 6th, 13th & 20th. **We are in need of volunteers to supply the soup & sandwiches each week. You can sign up on the sheets available in the narthex.**

****** The evening begins with the meal served at 5:15PM followed by service at 6:15PM in the fellowship hall. We are also in need of 2 readers during the service, a signup sheet is available in the narthex.



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.



2024 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.**



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

ELCA Congregational Report 2023

Child Baptisms

Noah Jane Berkebile

First Communion- April 9, 2023 (Easter Sunday)

Solomon Caswell Tresnicky

Margot Mildred Cannistraci

Quinn Edward Mowery

Brycen Jeffrey Rowe

Violet Mary Studer

Lily Wilson Berkebile

Mila Ann LaRue

May 28, 2023-Confirmation

Danika Lynn Black

Anna Ruth Hunsberger

Gentry James Sotosky

Dylan Lee Tercek

Charlotte Anne Worst

Deaths

Richard P. Thompson

Raymond S. Yoder

Joyce Elaine Feightner

Kathleen Ann (Saylor) Jones

Jeffrey Yingling

Janet L. (Lebzelter) Natta

Betty Lee Wagner

Brandy K. (Eash) Horner

Mark Mishler

New Members Received/Transfers

Robert, Serena, Bowen Bridges

Jeffrey & Linda Eash

Alex Stahl & Heather Chaderwick

Sally Blue

Betty Wagner

Removed/Transfer Out

Amy & Emma Hay

Michael, Heidi, Liam & Hailey Niessner

Kim & Chase Felix

Phyllis Koshewitz Vogel

Timothy & Kerri Moyer

St David's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Davidsville, PA 15928
Council Meeting Minutes
January 4th, 2024

Call to order / Biblical Reflection and Prayer

- Meeting Called to order at 6:02 PM
- Biblical Reflection and prayer led by Pastor Mark Fischer

Role / Excuse Absences

- Present members: Deb Harris, Mike Grose, Doug Shrader, Ronna Marisa, Cathy Lilly, Angie McKool, Sonya Andrews, Jill Mitchell, Sue Risch, and Pastor Mark Fisher
- Absent members were Bob Troxell and Lauren Bungard

Approval of Minutes

- Approval of minutes via e-mail, December 14th, 2023

Agenda

- Motion was made by Jill Mitchell and seconded by Ronna Marisa to approve agenda
- All in favor, none opposed, none abstained, motion passed

Guest

- Lois Tessari:
 - Discuss completing forms for additional insurance quotes
 - Discuss creating policy manuals

Pastors Report

- Welcomed new council members
- Surgery moved to January 29th. All Sunday worship services filled. Need to fill one week for pastoral Care
- Shared information on Somerset Area Ministries and assisting families in need
- Housing Allowance:
 - Motion made by Doug Shrader and seconded by Deb Harris to accept the defined breakdown of housing compensation (\$27,300) out of Pastors total package.
 - All in Favor, none opposed, none abstained, motion passed

Team Reports

- Financial Report / Doug Shrader

- Next meeting on January 16th, 2024 at 6:00 to go over financials and make any recommendations to council.
- Numbers continue to show growth

Unfinished Business

- Sound in the Narthex: All complete / also able to utilize FM station. Brett to get exact channel and have posted in announcements and Messenger
- All Teams Meeting: Looking at April time frame along with discussion on having a volunteer fair in early spring to help showcase teams, what they involve, look for people's strengths and talents
- Call Committee: Still in process
- Outside Custodian Position: Looking into getting bids from outside companies to perform tasks
- Election of Officers:
 - Doug Shrader made a motion to nominate Sonya Andrews for President and was seconded by Sue Risch. All in favor, none abstained, motion passed, Sonya accepted.
 - Jill Mitchell made a motion to nominate Cathy Lilly as Vice President and was seconded by Sue Risch. All in favor, none abstained, motion passed, Cathy accepted.
 - Ronna Marisa made a motion to nominate Deb Harris for Secretary and was seconded by Sue Risch. All in favor, none abstained, motion passed, Deb accepted.
- Motion was made by Deb Harris and seconded by Doug Shrader for Brian Byer to be named Treasurer. All approved and Brian accepted.

New Business

- 2024 Meeting Time: All agreed to move meeting time to 7:00 PM to accommodate those in need of additional time to attend meetings.

Next Meeting: January 25th @ 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah J Harris
Council Secretary

What is Lent Madness???? Lent Madness was created fifteen years or so by an Episcopal Priest in Massachusetts as a fun Lenten discipline to learn about people important in the life of the church. Father Schenk modeled it after the NCAA Basketball tournament brackets with two people going head-to-head instead of two basketball teams. Unlike March Madness, Lent Madness has a match-up between two people important in the life of the church. Each person has (for lack of a better description) an article written about him or her. You read the two articles and then vote on who you would like to see move on to the next round. With each succeeding round, more information is added to the winning people's article. If you are interested in participating, you will need to sign-up at www.lentmadness.org; every day during the season of Lent beginning with Ash Wednesday, you will receive an email with a link to see which two people are "battling" it out and find out who "*won*" the previous match. Pastor Mark has printed out brackets for you to take home. After Easter Sunday, there is a period of time set aside for people to nominate the next year's slate of "*Saints*." The slate for the next Lent Madness is announced after All Saints Day.

If you want more information, please see Pastor Mark.





**All donations will benefit a local
food distribution organization!**

CHILDREN & YOUTH



MAC & CHEESE DRIVE

Please drop off donations in the
Narthex.



souper bowl sunday

Children & Youth making Ham Pot Pie Saturday,
Feb 10th @ 9am.

Soup Sale Sunday, Feb 11th after services!

If you would like to make and donate soup for
variety, please contact Sonya, Erika, Elizabeth,
Rachel, or Stormie.



* February 4 (Communion) *

Acolytes- **NEED VOLUNTEERS** (8); **NEED VOLUNTEERS** (10:30)
 Altar- Deb Hart & Kathy Carnahan (8); Faye Buncich (10:30)
 Cantors –Wendy Figard (8); Choir (10:30)
 Communion Assts-Tom & Deb Harris (8); Mary Jane McCreedy & Buck Sleek (10:30)
 Lectors – Deb Harris (8); Mary Jane McCreedy (10:30)
 Ushers- Tom & Deb Harris (8); Buck & Pam Sleek (10:30)
 Counters-Dave & Cindy Liska, Jean Magdelinic

*February 11 (Intinction)

Acolytes- Molly Hunsberger (8); **NEED VOLUNTEERS** (10:30)
 Altar- Kathy Naugle (8); Gail Berkebile (10:30)
 Cantors –Judy Brotz (8); Choir (10:30)
 Communion Assts-Nick & Beth Hunsberger (8); Bill Bergman & Patty Rullo (10:30)
 Lectors –Anna Hunsberger (8); Bill Bergman (10:30)
 Ushers- Ed & Deb Hart (8); Dave & Sis Barabas (10:30)
 Counters- Dennis Naugle, Joyce Gindlesperger & Jean Magdelinic

* February 14 (Communion) * ASH WEDNESDAY

Acolytes- **NEED VOLUNTEERS** (1:30); **NEED VOLUNTEERS** (7:00)
 Altar- Ronna Marisa (1:30); **Need Volunteer** (7:00)
 Cantor -John Liska (1:30); Choir (7:00)
 Communion Assts- Ronna Marisa & Patty Rullo (1:30); Dave & Sis Barabas (7:00)
 Lectors –Linda Shrader (1:30); Sonya Andrews (7:00)
 Ushers- Dennis & Kathy Naugle (1:30); Bill & Sherri Andrews (7:00)
 Counters- Bill & Sherri Andrews, Sonya Andrews




February 18 (Intinction) *

Acolytes- Matthew Desort (8); **NEED VOLUNTEERS** (10:30)
 Altar- Sue Risch (8); Leisha Black (10:30)
 Cantors –Gail Berkebile (8); Choir (10:30)
 Communion Assts- Doug & Linda Shrader (8); Melissa & Mike Grose (10:30)
 Lectors –Albert Meehleib (8); Pat Sleek (10:30)
 Ushers- Doug & Linda Shrader (8); Jack Winters & Jeff Rowe (10:30)
 Counters- Dennis Naugle, Melissa & Mike Grose

* February 25 * (Communion)

Acolytes- **NEED VOLUNTEERS** (8); **NEED VOLUNTEERS** (10:30)
 Altar-Ronna Marisa (8); Lois Tessari (10:30)
 Cantors –Gail Berkebile (8); Choir (10:30)
 Communion Assts- Ronna Marisa & Sue Risch (8); Greg & Cathy Lilly (10:30)
 Lectors –**Need Volunteer** (8); Wendy Figard (10:30)
 Ushers-Joe & Sue Risch (8); Greg & Cathy Lilly (10:30)
 Counters- Doug & Linda Shrader, Joyce Gindlesperger

February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Typical secretary office hours are Monday- Friday 9AM-3PM. Any changes to hours will be noted on the church calendar located on the website. www.stdavidslutheran.org				1	2	3
4 8 AM Worship/ Communion 9:15-9:30 AM Children's Choir 9:15 AM Sunday School/Catechism 10:30 AM Worship/ Communion 12PM Confirmation Class (FH9)	5 Annual Team Reports Deadline 9 AM Yoga (FH9) 4:15 PM Girl Scouts (CR2) 6 PM Bible Study(21A-C) 7 PM YOGA (FH9)	6	7 6 PM Fellowship Ministry Team Meeting (P) 6:30 PM Adult Choir 7:30 PM Bell Choir	8 6:30 PM Worship & Music (P)	9	10 9 AM Youth Making Soup (K & FH9)
11  Youth Soup Sale After Services 8AM Worship/ Communion 9:15-9:30 AM Children's Choir 9:15 AM Sunday School/Catechism 10:30 AM Worship/ Communion	12 9 AM Yoga (FH9) 6 PM Bible Study(21A-C) 7 PM YOGA (FH9)	13	14 9 AM LP Use (FH9) Ash Wednesday  1:30 PM Worship/© Svc 6:15 PM GWOH (C19) 7 PM Worship/© Svc Followed by Choir Practice	15 March Messenger 	16	17
18 8 AM Worship/ Communion 9:15-9:30 AM Children's Choir 9:15 AM Sunday School/Catechism 10:30 AM Worship/ Communion	19 Church Office is Closed 9 AM Yoga (FH9) 4:15 PM Girl Scouts (CR2) 6 PM Bible Study(21A-C) 7 PM YOGA (FH9)	20 4-6 PM Girls Scouts (FH9)	21 5:15PM Soup & Sandwich Meal (FH9) 6:15 PM Mid-Week Lent Svc (FH9) 7 PM Adult Choir 8 PM Bell Choir	22	23	24
25 8 AM Worship/ Communion 9:15-9:30 AM Children's Choir 9:15 AM Sunday School/Catechism 10:30 AM Worship/ Communion	26 6 PM Bible Study(21A-C)	27 6PM Sage Herbalists (FH9)	28 5:15 PM LP Board Meeting (CR2) 5:15PM Soup & Sandwich Meal (FH9) 6:15 PM Mid-Week Lent Svc (FH9) 7 PM Adult Choir 8 PM Bell Choir	29 9 AM Blanket Day (FH9) 7 PM Council Meeting (FH9)	<p>For the most up to date schedule please check the calendar on the website at WWW.STDAVIDSLUTHERAN.ORG</p> <p>Printed 1.18.24</p>	