

St. David's Ev. Lutheran Church
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"Glorify God, Share the Love of Jesus, Do Good works thru Service."

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Church Office: 814.479.4110

The Messenger
January 2025

February Messenger
Deadline is Wednesday, January 15

Pastor Mark's Reflection for January, 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

While New Year's Day marks the world's end to Christmas, we get an extra Sunday of Christmas. We get an extra Sunday of baby Jesus. By New Years Day, the reality is that many of us have or soon will have taken down our Christmas decorations; the tree if we had a fresh-cut tree will be at the curb ready for pick-up, our children will be back in school and we will be back busy at our vocations. We put Jesus the baby away for another year. Rarely do any of us treat the Season of Christmas as a twelve day season except in the song, *The Twelve Days of Christmas*.

This is our challenge. Jesus hasn't left; he hasn't gone anywhere. We enter the Epiphany Season on Monday, January 6th when we celebrate the magi visitation to the infant Jesus in Bethlehem. Boom! Sunday, January 12th we now have an adult Jesus being baptized in the Jordan River by John the Baptizer. The kicker is we need a day of epiphany, a day of revealing Christ the Savior to the world. ***{The shame of all this is that we, St. David's Lutheran Church like many Protestant churches do not celebrate the Epiphany of Jesus unless January 6th falls on a Sunday; almost like starting Lent without Ash Wednesday.}***

The day of Epiphany is important! The ancient church highlighted three manifestations or epiphanies of God in the person of Jesus Christ. The first of these epiphanies is The Day of Epiphany when we celebrate Jesus' revelation to the non-Jewish world as represented by the visit of the three wise men or magi. If we read the lessons for Epiphany, we hear "***The splendor of the LORD shines on you! His splendor appears over you.***" from the 60th chapter of Isaiah, and through Paul's letter to the Ephesians, one hears that the people of Ephesus have "***a divine revelation of the divine secret.***" from Paul to the people of Ephesus and "***Gentiles are fellow heirs, fellow members of the body {of Christ}.***" The second of these epiphanies will take place on the following Sunday, January 12th, when we celebrate Jesus' baptism by John in the Jordan River and we hear God's voice from heaven saying, "***You are my beloved Son; in you I take great delight.***" The third manifestation or epiphany is the wedding feast in Cana (John 2:1-11) where the gospel writer writes, "***Jesus did this as the first of his miraculous signs, in Cana of Galilee. In this way, Jesus revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.***"

If our challenge is to live into the true meaning of the Season of Epiphany, then perhaps we should take seriously the message of the Day of Epiphany, that without the revelation of Jesus Christ to those who came before us to today, and to those who will come after, we would be living an empty life without the knowledge of the gift of eternal life. To meet this challenge, our Minister of Music, Brett has created a service of ***Epiphany Lessons and Carols***. We will walk with the magi as they bring their gifts to the holy family, We will join with Jesus in the waters of the Jordan River and lastly we will celebrate the final manifestation as Jesus turns water into wine.

Please join us for this special time of music and lessons.

Pastor Mark W. Fischer



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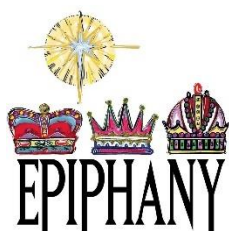
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As the new year begins, we invite you to join us for a special celebration of the Epiphany, the moment when the light of Christ is revealed to the world. On **January 5th at 10:30 AM**, our choir will present a **Service of Epiphany Lessons and Carols** — a beautiful tradition of scripture readings, carols, and hymns that reflect on the mystery and joy of the season.



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.



Lauren Bungard* Cathy Lilly
Angie McKool * Bob Troxell * Kristie Byer
Dave Barabas * Jeff Eash * Greg Lilly
Rachel Thoams-Kimmel * Patty Rullo
Mary Jane McCready



The Annual Team Reports deadline will be Monday, February 3rd. Team leaders please have your reports emailed to stdavids_sec@atlanticbb.net



The final deposit of the year will be made on **Monday, December 30th** for the 2024 contribution statements. Any contributions received after that will be recorded on the 2025 statements.



Lessons And **CAROL SERVICE**

Join us to hear the Christmas story through scripture and song Presented by St. David's adult choir, Bell choir, brass quintet, and organ. A free will offering will be taken to support the music ministry. Light refreshments to follow.

ST. DAVIDS LUTHERAN CHURCH

401 N. MAIN ST. DAVIDSVILLE, PA 15928

JANUARY 3, 2025

6:30 PM





- 2 Piper Hart
Nash Golias
- 3 Beckett Feathers
- 4 Owen Walters
- 6 Jamie Collins
Jennifer Collins
Morgan Good
Lois Springer****1600 Cambridge Drive
Apt# 212 Davidsville, PA 15928**
Charlotte Worst
- 7 Kristy Deal
- 8 Matthew Stahl
- 9 Macey Whetzel
Lynette Reid
- 10 Amelia Tresnicky
Jana Von Lunen
- 11 Tyler Weber
- 12 Lindsie Hammaker Struth
Ryan Horner
Thadeus Kovalik
Gayle Liska
- 13 Kelsey Vann
- 14 Hayden Tercek
- 17 Gail Huss
- 18 Scott Stape
Jodi Tresnicky
Lillyonna Zern
- 19 Shelby Fetterman
Charlotte Helsel****PO Box 333,
Davidsville, PA 15928**
Joel Valentine
Melissa Yoder
- 20 Dylan Custer
- 22 John Nerone
- 23 Lisa Arthur
Benjamin Brotz
Vinnie Carnahan III
Rodney Derricott
Carol Hart****154 Cherry Tree Drive,
Davidsville, PA 15928**

- Brant Mollers
- 25 Angel Bishop
Robert Bridges
Justin Ott
Peggy Reynolds
- 26 Steven Gindlesperger
- 28 Dennis Liska
Gabriella Russo
- 29 Ethan Black
- 30 Bethany Winters-Newman
- 31 Janelle Mowery

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.



Joan V. Lintz

Memorial Fund

Adult Sunday School Class

Barry & Lois Springer

Pat Sleek

Dave & Cindy Liska

Wayne & Mary Pappert

Carl Ickes

Bill & Doris Smith

Joyce Gindlesperger

Bill & Sherri Andrews

Tom & Joanne Ravenscraft

Todd & Gail Berkebile

Leo & Ronna Marisa

Janet Lynam

Rose Seese

Wayne & Eileen Alwine

Gene & Jo Spangler

Ron & Lois Tessari

Shirley Verna



814-479-7390

Jennifer Percinsky: Director
 Brianna Bray, Preschool 4 lead teacher
 Felica Beglin: Asst. Group Supervisor
 Pam Carhart: Asst. Group Supervisor
 Niki Cable: Asst. Group Supervisor
 Janet Lord: Asst. Group Supervisor
 Brianna Mohle: Asst. Group Supervisor
 Stacie Opett: Asst. Group Supervisor
 Gina Yacynych: Preschool 3 lead teacher

ST. DAVID'S LEARNING PLACE BOARD MEMBERS

Jerrold Cannistraci* Rachel Thomas-Kimmel
 Cathy Lilly* Cindy Liska* Angie McKool
 Patty Rullo* Linda Shrader



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.



The Service Team would like to **THANK** those that donated desserts for their **Second Sunday of Advent**

Project for Somerset County Meals on Wheels. We received a total of 143 items:

- Cakes 18
- Brownies 11 trays
- Cookies 13 dozen
- Breads 31
- Gobs 2 1/2 dozen
- Pumpkin rolls 6
- Mini loaf banana 28
- Nut rolls 6

The candles have been presented in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Harold Stover, Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Pih narcik and Mrs. Donna Stover by Dr. Donald L. Stover & Family.

Poinsettias

To Glory of God in Honor of:

Loved Ones by Pat Sleek
Our Mother, Pat Sleek by Todd & Gail Berkebile
Our Family by Todd & Gail Berkebile

To Glory of God in Memory of:

Parents by Don & Luana Eppley
Julia McDaniel by Roger McDaniel
Our Parents by Leo & Ronna Marisa
Brothers & Sisters by Leo & Ronna Marisa
Our Parents by Joe & Sue Risch
Carolina Kuhns by Brandon, Sherry & Matthew Desort
Benjamin Desort by Brandon, Sherry & Matthew Desort
Parents, Lois & "Wimpy" Gindlesperger by Joyce Gindlesperger
Parents, Rick & Ruth Pile by Bishop Gregory & Barbara Pile
Parents, Philip W. Gorman and Phyllis Gorman Longenecker & Stepfather, Charles L. Longenecker by Bishop Gregory & Barbara Pile
Brother, Philip Thomas Gorman by Bishop Gregory & Barbara Pile
Husband, Buck Sleek by Pat Sleek
Loved Ones by Pat Sleek
Our Father, Buck Sleek, by Todd & Gail Berkebile
Our Parents, Verda & Don Berkebile by Todd & Gail Berkebile
Grandparents, Hazel & Bob McDaniel by Ron & Lynn McDaniel
Our Parents, Dino & Irene Tessari by Ron & Lois Tessari
Our Father, Buck Sleek by Ron & Lois Tessari
Our Sister, Sharon Sheehan by Ron & Lois Tessari

St David's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Davidsville, PA 15928
Council Meeting Minutes
November 21, 2024

Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with Prayer by Pastor Fischer

Approval of Minutes

- Approval of minutes via e-mail, October 25th, 2024

Role / Excuses / Absences

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

Agenda

- Motion to approve agenda was made by Lauren Bungard and seconded by Mike Grose
- All in favor, none abstained, none opposed, motion passed

Reports

- Pastors Report: Gave Coverage and Pastoral care for time off during knee surgery. Also that there is another family showing interest in joining St David's Congregation. Looked at dates for installation of new council members. He is to follow up with members to finalize a date.
- Financial Report: Given by Doug Shrader. Working with Brian and Jessica to post a summary of financial standings of the congregation.
- Learning Place: Cathy Lilly made mention they are looking for volunteers for the Learning Place Board. If interested, please get in touch with her or any member of the board

Unfinished Business

- Council Elects: Sonya will send out e-mail to all nominees. (All were voted in). Installation date will be determined by Pastor and new incoming members. They will also be invited to the next council meeting which is being held on January 2 (set back due to the Christmas holiday).
- Constitution amendment / changes, along with Budget were voted upon and passed unanimously
- Employee evaluations: All are done except Brad which pastor will set up date to complete shortly. Copies of the evaluations will be given to the council along with employees and copy to be kept in files.
- Blinds: A quote was received by Budget Blinds of Johnstown to complete the last two rooms. Doug Shrader made a motion and was seconded by Deb Harris for approval to complete these last two rooms, making the job complete. All in favor, none abstained, none opposed, motion passed.
- Door for upstairs bathroom. Brad received a quote, which will be gone over by Leo Marisa and will give feedback at next meeting so as to have completed.
- Salt supply getting low: Deb Harris will contact Von Parkins to see about pricing and helping to secure new purchase

New Business

➤ 2025 Executive Board Nominations:

- Doug Shrader made a motion to elect Cathy Lilly as President, which was seconded by Lauren Bungard. All in favor, none abstained, motion passed. Cathy accepted position.
- Deb Harris made a motion to elect Lauren Bungard as Secretary, which was seconded by Doug Shrader. All in favor, none abstained, motion passed. Lauren accepted position.
- Other vacancy (Vice President) will be nominated and voted upon at next meeting.
- Check Signers: Will leave names on current list and anyone wishing to be added is to see Brian Byer or one of the council executive committee.
- Freezer: A new freezer was purchased and is installed thanks to the generosity of St David's congregation.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM

Next meeting will be held on January 2, 2025 @ 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted

Deborah J Harris

Council Secretary



A Christmas Message

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. Luke 2:1-7

Years ago, at Christmas time, our family would travel back to where my parents grew up to visit with family that still lived there. It was a tradition. We would share the day together with gift giving, meals, and storytelling. Adults would chat and cousins would play. It would be a long day spent till we returned home, but it was always a wonderful time. I miss those days, that tradition, especially being back in this area – where memories come alive again for me.

What are your traditions at this time of year? Do you travel to see loved ones? Or do they travel to see you? Do you gather with friends? This is a time to remember how important our memories are and to realize that there are those who aren't able to travel, or don't have anyone traveling to see them. Who might you visit this year to share the joy of Christ's birth? Whose tradition, memories, might you help come alive again?

Merry Christmas from the Office of the Bishop

+Bp Collins, Pastor Shock, Sue Ellen, Pastor Kratz & Michelle



✧ January 5 (Communion) ✧ Epiphany Lessons & Carols
Acolytes- Need Volunteer (8); Need Volunteer (10:30)
Altar-Ronna Marisa (8); Faye Buncich (10:30)
Cantors –Gail Berkebile (8); Choir (10:30)
Communion Assts- Bill Bergman & Deb Harris (8); Lou Ann Reckner & Wendy Figard (10:30)
Lectors –Deb Harris & Marna Gilman-Fischer (8); Sonya Andrews & Wendy Figard (10:30)
Ushers-Leo & Ronna Marisa (8); Buck & Pam Sleek (10:30)
Counters- Lou Ann Reckner, Jean Magdelinic & Yvonne Janidlo
✧ January 12 (Intinction)
Acolytes- Need Volunteer (8); Need Volunteer (10:30)
Altar- Linda Shrader (8); Lou Ann Reckner (10:30)
Cantors –Wendy Figard (8); Choir (10:30)
Communion Assts- Doug & Linda Shrader (8); Mary Jane McCready & Mike Grose (10:30)
Lectors –Albert Meehleib (8); Sarah Worst (10:30)
Ushers- Doug & Linda Shrader (8); Mike & Melissa Grose (10:30)
Counters- Doug & Linda Shrader, Mike & Melissa Grose
✧ January 19 (Intinction) ✧
Acolytes- Need Volunteer (8); Need Volunteer (10:30)
Altar- Luana Eppley & Kristie Byer (8); Lois Tessari & Cathy Lilly (10:30)
Cantors –Judy Brotz (8); Choir (10:30)
Communion Assts-Hunsberger Family (8); Patty Rullo & Jack Winters (10:30)
Lectors – Hunsberger Family (8); Patty Rullo (10:30)
Ushers- Hunsberger Family (8); Jack Winters & Jeff Rowe (10:30)
Counters- Bill & Sherri Andrews, Sonya Andrews
✧ January 26 (Communion) ✧
Acolytes- Need Volunteer (8); Need Volunteer (10:30)
Altar- Kathy Naugle (8); Mandi Tercek (10:30)
Cantors –Mary Jane McCready (8); Choir (10:30)
Communion Assts- Sue Risch & Ronna Marisa (8); Randy Whetzel & Cathy Lilly (10:30)
Lectors –Sue Risch (8); Randy Whetzel (10:30)
Ushers- Joe & Sue Risch (8); Greg & Cathy Lilly (10:30)
Counters- Joyce Gindlesperger, Sue Risch & Ronna Marisa



Acolyte signup sheets for the months of **January-April 2025** posted to the bulletin board, across from the church office ... **please sign up**. Acolytes continue to be needed for each of our Sunday 8 A.M. and 10:30 A.M. services. Your volunteering is a gift to the congregation. Thank you in advance for hearing the call and saying "here am I, I will serve".



January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Typical secretary office hours are Monday- Friday 9AM-3PM. <i>Any changes to hours will be noted on the church calendar located on the website.</i> www.stdavidslutheran.org and to the schedule posted on narthex door.</p> <p>For the most up to date schedule please check the calendar on the website.</p>			<p>1</p>  <p>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</p> <p>Church Office Closed-Holiday</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7PM December Council Meeting (FH9)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:30PM Lessons & Carols Service</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Epiphany Lessons & Carols 8AM Worship/ Communion 9:15AM Sunday School/Catechism 10:30AM Worship/ Communion</p>	<p>6</p> <p>4:30PM Girl Scouts (CR2) 6PM Bible Study(21A-C)</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6PM Adult Choir 7:30PM Bell Choir</p>	<p>9</p> <p>5:30PM Daisy Troop (C19) 6:30PM Worship & Music (P)</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10AM S. Andrews (FH9)</p>
<p>12</p> <p>8AM Worship/ Communion 9:15AM Sunday School/Catechism 10:30AM Worship/ Communion 1:00PM Confirmation Class #3 (FH9)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9 AM YOGA (FH9)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6PM Stewardship & Finance Meeting (C19)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>February Messenger  NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 6PM Adult Choir 7:30 PM Bell Choir</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>1PM R. Whetzel (FH9)</p>
<p>19</p> <p>8AM Worship/ Communion 9:15AM Sunday School/Catechism 10:30AM Worship/Communion</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9 AM YOGA (FH9) 12PM Office Closes Early 12PM Blood Drive (FH9) 4:30PM Girl Scouts (CR2) 6PM Bible Study(21A-C)</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6PM LP Board Meeting 6PM Adult Choir 7:30PM Bell Choir</p>	<p>23</p> <p>5:30PM Daisy Troop (C19)</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p> <p>8AM Worship/ Communion 9:15AM Sunday School/Catechism 9:15AM Parent SS group (CR2) 10:30AM Worship/Communion</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9 AM YOGA (FH9) 6PM Bible Study(21A-C)</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>6PM Adult Choir 7:30PM Bell Choir</p>	<p>30</p> <p>12:30PM Office Closes Early 7PM January Council Meeting (FH9)</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>Printed 12.18.24</p>