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The Messenger
July 2025

August Messenger
The deadline is Wednesday, July 16

From the Pastor's Desk.....

It's mid-June and time to work on my newsletter reflection and I have three threads about which I would like to write:

1. **Vacation Bible School**...There was a time when every church in a community had a VBS program. I remember going from church to church as the different churches in my town had their VBS programs, one following after the other. Now, one has to look for a church having a VBS program. VBS is an important piece in how the church can reach some of our community's most impressionable people. I want to give a shout-out to Amanda Tresnicky and the VBS Ministry Team for all their hard work putting our VBS program together. St. David's had over 45 elementary-age children participate. It was great to see how our Jr./Sr. High youth engaged with these children. Especially children whose families are not affiliated with St. David's.
2. **The Allegheny Synod**.....The Allegheny Synod functions much like a congregation. Instead of individual people, The Allegheny Synod is made up of congregations. The Allegheny Synod has a synod council that functions much like a congregation church council. It also has committees much like a congregation. And the synod committees are in need of lay people who would like to serve on a synod committee or run for a seat on the Allegheny Synod Council. Most of these committees meet once or twice a year or on an as-needed basis. Some of the committees, one has to be elected to serve; others, the members are appointed by the Bishop. Synod Council meets six times a year, every other month. Most of the meetings can be attended by ZOOM so one does not have to drive to Duncansville to the synod office for a meeting. I'll put a list of the committees and some explanation of their work later in the newsletter.
3. **Faithful Stewardship**..... The summer months are the time when many congregations start to plan their budgets for the upcoming year. At St. David's, this work begins in July and culminates in a budget being presented to the church council at the October church council meeting. The reason for such an early budget presentation is the budget must be mailed in November to voting members ahead of the congregational meeting in December. The summer months are also the time when people take time away to spend with family and friends and on vacation. It is also a time when the weekly offerings drop significantly. While St. David's does have reserves it can draw upon, our treasurer must dip into these reserves when the weekly receipts do not cover expenses. I am asking each of us to please try and stay current with our tithes to St. David's this summer.

Best Wishes for a blessed summer.

Pastor Mark W. Fischer



Birthdays

- 1 Ellie Luscher
Tanner Shirley
Kory Siehl
Jeffrey Stover
- 3 Cynthia Conner
Brandon Desort
Michael Henry
- 6 Melanie Byer
Jessica Cable
Kyle Drenner
- 7 Pastor Mark Fischer
Mary Horner*****113 Hickory St. PO Box 105
Davidsville, PA 15928**
Josey Sotosky
- 8 Rylee Sweeney
- 9 Lori Boyles
Elsie Fetterman*****170 Hillcrest Ave.
Davidsville, PA 15928**
- 10 Austin Ricotta
Charles Reynolds
- 11 Dustin Helsel
Jamie Reid
Mackenzie Shirley
- 12 Kevin Reid
- 13 Travis Boyles
Eli Golias
- 14 Timothy Johnson
- 15 Mila LaRue
Jean Magdelinic
Steven Risch
Michelle Whetzel
- 16 Lyndsey Griffith
Juliah Walters
- 17 Nathan Brickner
Dustin Hart
Abigail Zern
- 18 Sarah Boyles
- 19 Leisha Black
Beth Golob
James Harrington
- 20 Justin Henry
- 21 Michael Folton
Ethan Yoder
Noah Ribaric
- 22 Stephanie Edsall

- 23 Diane Noon
Jackie Johnson
Luke Weber
- 24 Amy Wright
- 26 Claire Benning
Noah McCormick
- 27 Noah Berkebile
Paxton Feathers
- 28 Melissa Grose
Jack Winters
Susan Zaman
- 29 Scott Fetterman
Mary Helen Hruska
Megan Walerysiak
Mathew Yoder
- 30 Jeanne Derricott
Leigh Kerekes
Michael Moyer, Jr.
- 31 John Eppley
Ronald Pauley*****1781 Tire Hill Road
Davidsville, PA 15928**
Joseph Risch
Blake Zaman

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.



NOAH

Kaufman Church invites you to take part in a day trip to Sight and Sound theater in Lancaster on September 30th. The day will include a chartered bus ride, viewing *Noah* at the theater and a family style meal at Hershey Farm Restaurant. The cost is \$155. You may reserve your seat by calling the Church office 814-479-7813. The office is staffed Tuesday through Friday from 8am-1pm.



Joan Lintz

Memorial Fund
Jean Magdelinic
Joyce Gindlesperger

David J. Brotz

Memorial Fund
Deborah Forquer
Jack & Carol Winters
Leo & Ronna Marisa
Jean Magdelinic
Jennifer Mowery
R. Barr
Ronald & Linda Beachley
Joyce Gindlesperger

Ronald Tessari

Memorial Fund
Leo & Ronna Marisa
Barry & Lois Springer
Fetterman Family
Joyce Gindlesperger
Pamela Steinbring–Swansboro & Jared

Earl "Buck" Sleet

Pamela Steinbring–Swansboro & Jared



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Brad Kaufman, Custodian



Congratulations to the Class of 2025

Conemaugh Township

Jacob Black
Ava Byer
Ashlynn Fetterman
Ellie Hunsberger
Adrian Luscher
Dane Rouser
Jackson Sotosky
Brooke Szala
Luke Weber

Richland

Katelyn Fetterman



Luke Weber graduated from the Conemaugh Township High School Class of 2025. Luke will be attending Mt. Aloysius College. Majoring in Business Sports Management. He is also committed to playing on the baseball team.

Congratulations Luke!

Ellie Hunsberger graduated from Conemaugh Township High School on June 4th. She will be attending Cornell University, Ithaca, New York in the Fall Majoring in Agriculture/ Plant Science.

Congratulations Ellie!

Josiah Custer graduated Summa Cum Laude and as a college Scholar with a degree in Chemical Engineering from UPJ. He will be attending Carnegie Mellon University in the fall on a research scholarship to earn his doctorate in Chemical Engineering.

Congratulations Josiah!



The St. David's Prayer Chain would like to support anyone in need of prayers. When given a prayer request, our group will pray for that person for two weeks. If you would like more time, you can let us know. If you provide an address, we will send a card to that person. To submit a prayer request please contact Gail Berkebile at 814-525-1673 by phone or text or email to gailgolias@yahoo.com. If you would like to join the Prayer Chain, contact Gail or Jessica, the Church Secretary or any member of the Prayer Chain.



I would like to thank everyone that sent me Birthday cards and well wishes for my 100th birthday. I really enjoyed them.
Gene Spangler

CHURCH COUNCIL

Lauren Bungard * Cathy Lilly
Angie McKool * Lynn McDaniel
Kristie Byer* Jack Winters* Jeff Eash
Greg Lilly* Mary Jane McCreedy
Rachel Thomas-Kimmel * Patty Rullo



Next Men's Group Outing
Wednesday, July 23 @ 6:00 pm
Zeigler's Grand Central Hotel - Windber
Information: Text @stdavidmen to 81010

The Meals on Wheels collection that was held on Sunday, June 8th received:

- 23 dozen Cookies
- 11 Cakes
- 10 trays of Brownies
- 12 Breads
- 1 ½ dozen gobs
- 80 mini cakes with spoons

THANK
YOU

Thank you to all who donated to this service team project. Next collection will take place on September 7th. More details to follow.

PRESCHOOL Registration

We still have spots for 3- and 4-year-old preschool for the 2025-2026 school year and we are hiring for a closer for the school year 2:30-5:30 M-F.



Summer Staff
814-479-7390

Jennifer Percinsky: Director
learningplacestdavidsgmail.com
Niki Cable: Asst. Group Supervisor
Avery Custer, Asst. Group Supervisor
Janet Lord: Asst. Group Supervisor
Brianna Mohle: Asst. Group Supervisor

ST. DAVID'S LEARNING PLACE BOARD MEMBERS

Jerrold Cannistraci* Cathy Lilly
Cindy Liska*Angie McKool
Patty Rullo*Linda Shrader*Becky Robinson

Allegheny Synod Committees

(You can find more information at www.alleghenysynod.org under the Synod Constitution tab, chapter 11: Committees)

Synod Council>>Functions much like a church congregation council. Its members are a mix of lay and clergy from the Allegheny Synod. The Allegheny Synod Council meets six times a year.

Consultation Committee & Discipline Committee>>These two committees are comprised of rostered clergy and lay members who meet at the direction of the synod bishop to consider issues of clergy behavior. These committees meet on an as-needed basis.

Nominating Committee>>Much like in a congregation, the Nominating Committee seeks to identify qualified candidates for election to the synod council, synod vice-president, synod secretary, synod treasurer, and synod committees.

Candidacy Committee>>This committee is a mix of lay and rostered clergy who shepherd candidates through the candidacy process. If someone is interested in serving on this committee, please let the bishop know. The bishop is the one who selects people for the Candidacy Committee who are then approved by the Allegheny Synod Council. The Candidacy Committee meets on an as-needed basis, usually two-three times a year.

Audit Committee>>Audits the financial affairs of the synod treasurer on a yearly basis.



Tuesday Noon Recitals at 1st Lutheran Johnstown

Do you like live music???? First Lutheran, Johnstown has a Tuesday Noon Recital Series during the months of October, April, and July. It features music from many different genres on Tuesdays at 12:00PM with lunch at 12:30PM. No admission fee but donations are welcome. No reservations needed

July Concerts

- July 1>>Peter, Paul & Mary Tribute
- July 8>>Nicholas Carrol on piano playing Beethoven Sonata
- July 15>>Swigle Mountain Brass Quintent
- July 22>>Pazynski Sisters & Ukulele Eddie

St. David's Worship & Music Ministry Team

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St. David's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Davidsville, PA 15928
Council Meeting Minutes
May 28, 2025

Call to Order / Biblical Reflection and Prayer

- Meeting was called to order @ 6:28 PM.
- Prayer was led by Pastor Fischer.

Approval of Minutes / April 24, 2025 meeting

- Approval of minutes via e-mail occurred on May 6, 2025.

Role / Excuse Absences

- Present members: Lauren Bungard, Jeff Eash, Pastor Fischer, Cathy Lilly, Greg Lilly, Mary Jane McCready, Lynn McDaniel, and Rachel Thomas-Kimmel
- Absent members: Dave Barabas, Kristie Byer, Angie McKool, and Patty Rullo.

Agenda

- Motion to approve the agenda was made by Mary Jane McCready and seconded by Lauren Bungard.
- All in favor, none opposed, none abstained, motion passed.

Reports

- Pastor's report: Was given by Pastor Fischer.
 - Columbarium: Pastor Fischer sent email to Pastor Kevin Shively of St. Matthew Lutheran Church in York inquiring about their columbarium. Pastor Shively provided a lead who will provide information about what it took to bring their project to completion. Also need to keep in mind standards for how names are displayed on the front of the niche.
 - Kaufman Cemetery: Lee Williamson heard St. David's is looking into a columbarium and reached out to Pastor Fischer regarding whether St. David's would want to assume responsibility of the Kaufman Cemetery. Lee and his brother Dennis managed both Kaufman and Davidsville Cemeteries, but turned the Davidsville Cemetery over to the Davidsville Lions Club. Lee will provide additional information on the details and Dennis is willing to come to the June Council meeting to discuss further. The lawn care and grave opening services are contracted out. Mowing is \$250 each time and is needed around 10 times per year depending on the weather. Snowplowing would also be required. The lots cost \$400 each. There are 100 unfilled lots, 50 of those have been sold and 50 are available. They have around \$60,000 in an escrow account for maintenance. Initial thoughts are that we wanted to do the columbarium on St. David's property not acquire a cemetery. Pastor Fischer will reach back out to Dennis Williamson and let him know he can come to the June meeting, but a decision would not be made at that time.
 - Pastor Fischer has invited the former Dean of the National Cathedral in Washington DC and Bishop of the Central PA Episcopal Diocese to preach at St. David's October 11-12, 2025. A member has agreed to cover costs associated with his travel as part of their tithe.
 - 46 children have signed up for VBS, this is the last weekend to sign up.
 - Seniors and graduates will be honored on June 8, 2025.
 - Vacation: Pastor Fischer will be on vacation the week of June 8, 2025, after worship through June 15, 2025. Coverage is in place for services and pastoral care.
- Financial Report: Was given by Brian Byer

- St. David's Website domain: This has been an ongoing issue. The website is owned by Williamson Insurance. In order to transfer to St. David's and keep the domain name the same, we would need to pay Go Daddy for hosting the website and use St. David's credit card for the \$100 fee for the first year.
 - Motion to purchase domain and hosting from Williamson Insurance at rate of \$100/year was made by Rachel Thomas-Kimel and seconded by Greg Lilly.
 - All in favor, none opposed, none abstained, motion passed.
 - Cathy Lilly will notify Angie McKool and let her know to reach out to Jessica for the St. David's credit card.
- Brian Byer received list of Sequanota summer campers; Pastor Fischer will review the names.
- Brian Byer and Jessica received their new computers and everything has been setup.
- Fellowship Team: Lynn McDaniel needs added as a Council member on this team; she is also on the alter committee.

Unfinished Business:

- Columbarium: Team met for the first time last week to discuss the columbarium. Cathy Lilly made phone calls and spoke with a company that installed one in Summerhill. The process was started about a month ago and already installed. Cathy and Greg Lilly also went to a cemetery with large and small (72 compartments/niches). Jeff Eash agreed to be the POC who will reach out to Mark Walker, the zoning supervisor. The next meeting will be before the June council meeting.
- Truck in parking lot: Owner has been asked not to park vehicles there and continues to do so. Discussion took place and the approach of sending a letter was agreed upon. Pastor Fischer will draft the letter and provide to council for review and will have Jessica send.
- Fellowship hall: Meeting needs scheduled to review.

New Business:

- Al-Anon meetings: Pastor Fischer was contacted regarding an Al-Anon group wanting to hold weekly meetings on Wednesdays at 630 PM at St. David's. A key fob could be programmed to be usable only during the specific time. May need something in place with guidelines related to cleaning up after the meetings and expectations. Pastor Fischer will get additional information on when the meetings would start, how long they would last, and how frequent and we will discuss again at June Council meeting
- Girl Scout Pollinator Garden: St. David's was contacted by Girl Scout Troup 40050 wanting to plant a community pollinator garden on church property. The planter box will be 3'x3' and the girl scouts will take full responsibility for the garden and maintenance. If in the future the girl scouts are no longer able to maintain the garden or St. David's wishes to have it removed, the girl scouts will see to its proper and respectful removal.
 - Motion to allow the girl scouts to move forward with the pollinator garden was made by Jeff Eash made motion to move forward and seconded by Lauren Bungard.
 - All in favor, none opposed, none abstained, motion passed.

Next meeting will be June 26, 2025 at 6:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM. Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Lauren A. Bungard, Council Secretary

July 6 (Communion) ✱	
Acolytes- (8); (10:30)	
Altar- Ronna Marisa (8); Leisha Black & Jodi Tresnicky (10:30)	
Communion Assts- Doug & Linda Shrader (8); Mary Jane McCready & Wendy Figard (10:30)	
Lectors – Buck Sleek (8); Mary Jane McCready (10:30)	
Ushers- Buck & Pam Sleek (8); Need Volunteers (10:30)	
Counters- Doug & Linda Shrader, Jean Magdelinic	
✱ July 13 (Intinction) ✱	
Acolytes- (8); (10:30)	
Altar- Kristie Byer & Luan Eppley (8); Pat Sleek (10:30)	
Communion Assts- Deb Harris & Ronna Marisa (8); Greg & Cathy Lilly (10:30)	
Lectors – Deb Harris (8); Wendy Figard (10:30)	
Ushers-Leo & Ronna Marisa (8); Greg & Cathy Lilly (10:30)	
Counters- Joyce Gindlesperger, Sue Risch & Ronna Marisa	
✱ July 20 (Intinction) ✱	
Acolytes- (8); (10:30)	
Altar- Linda Shrader (8); Cathy Lilly (10:30)	
Communion Assts- Patty Rullo & Deb Harris (8); Randy Whetzel & Jack Winters (10:30)	
Lectors – Patty Rullo (8); Keli Williams (10:30)	
Ushers-Tom & Deb Harris (8); Jeff Rowe & Jack Winters (10:30)	
Counters- Bill & Sherri Andrews	
✱ July 27 ✱ (Intinction)	
Acolytes- (8); (10:30)	
Altar- Ronna Marisa (8); Gail Berkebille (10:30)	
Communion Assts-Sue Risch & Bella Kotch (8); Need Volunteers (10:30)	
Lectors – Bella Kotch (8); Need Volunteer (10:30)	
Ushers- Joe & Sue Risch (8); Need Volunteers (10:30)	
Counters- Sue Risch & Joyce Gindlesperger	



Outdoor worship services will be held July 27 & August 24 for the 10:30am services (weather permitting). In order to accommodate and welcome all who would like to participate, we have made a few changes / improvements to how we will proceed. The altar will be placed on the sidewalk, leading to the parking lot away from the garage.

We will have several easy up tents placed on the parking lot so those who feel unsteady walking on the grass can easily sit in shade and on flat hard surface. This will also allow everyone to walk up the sidewalk to receive communion without worry. Everyone is asked to bring their lawn chair, but we will have chairs available as well. If you do not wish to participate in the outdoor worship, regular service inside the sanctuary will be held at 8:00am. We hope you will join us!

July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
For the most up to date schedule please check the calendar on the church Facebook page. <i>Any changes to hours will be noted on the church calendar and to the schedule posted on the narthex door.</i>		1	2	3 Church Office Closed Secretary Off	4  Office Closed-Holiday	5
6 8AM Worship/ Communion 10:30AM Worship/ Communion	7	8	9 Church Office Closed Secretary Off	10	11	12
13 8 AM Worship/ Communion 10:30AM Worship/ Communion	14	15	16 1PM Staff Meeting (P) 6PM Stewardship/ Finance Meeting (C19) August Messenger 	17	18	19
20 8AM Worship/ Communion 10:30AM Worship/ Communion	21 12 PM Blood Drive (FH9)	22	23 6PM LP Board Meeting 7PM GWOH (C16)	24	25	26
27 8AM Worship/ Communion 10:30AM Outdoor Worship/ Communion (weather permitting)	28  See Notes	29 6 PM Sage Herbalists (FH9)	30	31 9AM Blanket Day (FH9) 6:30PM Council Meeting (FH9)	Typical secretary office hours Monday 9AM-2:30PM Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9AM-3PM Thursday 7AM-12PM (For summer only)	

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The church secretary, Jessica, will be on vacation **July 28-August 1** during this time please refer to Pastor's schedule in the weekly announcements. She will return on Monday, August 4th. In case of an emergency please contact Interim Pastor Mark Fischer **by cell 717-870-4757 or email: pastormarkfischer@gmail.com**