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MISSION STATEMENT

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

Church Web Site: <u>WWW.STDAVIDSLUTHERAN.ORG</u> Church Office: 814.479.4110

The Messenger June 2024

July Messenger Deadline is Friday, June 14

From Pastor Maek.....Thoughts and Musings on the Lord's Prayer

Beginning with the second Sunday in June, we will be having a conversation instead of a sermon. The conversation will be about The Lord's Prayer. Think about this: we recite The Lord's Prayer as part of our liturgy every week.

Most of us can recite it without prompting. I am concerned because I like many of you can do this and we do not fully appreciate what we are praying for. Take the petition, "Give us this day our daily bread." Things to consider: 1) If we pray to be given, what does it mean to receive? 2) Who is/are the "Us" in this and the other petitions of The Lord's Prayer? When we think about people who come to the United States from Mexico and Central America, are they part of the "Us?" 3) When we talk about "Bread" and "Daily Bread", what does that look like?

Why a conversation instead of a sermon? I want the 15 or so minutes we spend contemplating Jesus' words, I want us to let our defenses down, to be honest with one another, and to learn and grow by our sharing. Trust me when I say that for me this is scary. Who likes to be seen as vulnerable? We are told that we are to have stiff upper lips, not to show fear, and be strong. Jesus's greatest strength was what the world says is weak, being open and vulnerable.

It is my hope that at the end of this time with the Lord's Prayer...the next six-seven Sundays, we will have a greater appreciation of The Lord's Prayer when we pray it. For some of you, our conversations will be eye-opening and revelatory; it will be like opening a valuable gift, or like the widow who found the lost coin and she rejoiced. For some of you, these conversations will be gut-wrenching and you leave feeling guilty for things you have said and have done in your interactions with other people. Lastly, I hope all of us come away changed by the Holy Spirit in our understanding of Jesus' words to his disciples.

Gratefully,

Pastor Mark



Attention Parents of Graduates!

If your son/daughter is graduating from High School, College, Graduate School or Vocational School, please let the church office know by <u>June 7th</u>, so we may celebrate their success as a church family. Please email stdavids_sec@atlanticbb.net with the name of graduate, school and any additional information you will to share.



Basket Party

Includes Dinner Catered by Anthony's



Benefits our Friend

Dave Maddy, Jr.

His story...

Dave has suffered with back pain for many years, fall of last year he went for an injection. Little did he know that in a few short weeks he would be left paralyzed from the waist down. As a result Dave has lost not only his freedom but his successful construction company which he owned for over 20 years. Because Dave was self employed he can't get much help. Please help us show him how much we all support him on his road

to recovery. Btw - Dave LOVES Basket Parties!

Sunday, June 2nd, 2024
Doors Open at 11:30 am
Richland Fire Hall

50/50 · Pull Tickets · \$5 / per extra sheet

Tickets \$20 / per person
*no baskets containing alcohol are permitted

Basket donations & ticket info @ 814-242-4086

If you are unable to attend but would still like to make a donation Please visit: https://gofund.me/549c11f8



Hooversville Memorial Day Parade Monday, May 27th, 2024

<u>Come Join in Our Parade</u> All Ages are Welcome

Bring a Car, Truck or Float or you can enter to win a prize in

The following categories:

- Patriotic Group
- Patriotic Costume
 - Patriotic Pets
- · Wheels without Motors

Age Groups for Prizes are:

1 thru 7 years 8 thru 15 years 16 and up

If you have any questions please contact Sue Mcintosh 814-754-1696

Thank you to 23-24 Sunday School Teachers

Next week, May 19^{th,} is the end of the year Sunday School party for grades pre-K to 12th in the fellowship hall and we need to recognize the following teachers who have devoted their time and talents to teaching ages 3 to over 100 about faith and the Bible. Here are the wonderful teachers and the class numbers they serve.

Pre-K to K-14 students- Sarah Worst & Cathy Lilly with helpers, Bill Bergman & Jill LaRue.

1st to 3rd grade- 14 students- Erin Sotosky, Melissa Maddy & Janelle Mowery

4th to 6th grade- 9 students- Tom Mitchell, Dave Worst, Nick Hunsberger & Jerrod Cannistraci

Jr. and Sr. High- 14 students Bobbi Jo Allison, Sonya Andrews, Bob Troxell & Chrissy Troxell

Confirmation- 9 students Chrissy Troxell with assistance Pastor Mark Fischer & Pastor Nathan Pile

Comfy Room Class- 12 adults- Shannon Berkebile

Adult Sunday School- 25 adults- Wendy Figard devotions and John (Chick) Liska teachers

These amazing people give up time with their families to help yours and increase the faith education at St. David's. Please offer them a thank you and continue to pray for the faith-based learning at St. David's.

Also, please remember to schedule your child for VBS!!! We have a wonderful committee who have been working hard to bring you an outstanding summer program led by our youth!

VBS Lead- Amelia Mitchell

VBS Committee- Tom Mitchell, Amanda Tresnicky, Cathy Lilly, Sarah Worst, Brett Merberger, Chrissy Troxell, Mandie Tercek and Angie McKool.



Registration for VBS is due May 26th. Supplies need to be ordered at this time.



- 1 Jerry Spangler
- 2 Peyton Reckner Adam Marsh
- 3 Rustin Studer Sarah Worst
- 4 Jeff Summits
- 5 Pat Custer***5242 Gallium Court, Apt 103 Cambridge, MD 21613-3698 Frank Glovach Jonathon Hart Rev. Nelson Ilgenfritz ***82 Rosemont Ave.

Johnstown, PA 15905

- 6 Jack Boyer Payton Miller Victor Santacroce Matthew Zern
- 8 Joshua Bergman Joan Lintz***1302 Hummingbird Court, Davidsville, PA 15928
- 9 Dave Barabas Debra Hart Brooke Szala
- 10 Bailey Kist Corey Layton Nathan Stevens
- 11 Pat Bergman Michael Cotchen
- 12 Ava Byer
- 13 Abigail Shaffer
- 14 Dan Eash*** 922 Ridge Road, Hooversville, PA 15936 Alan Johnson Jr.
- 15 Dillon Boyer
- 16 Brycen Rowe
- 17 Tom Ravenscraft***127 N. Walnut St., Davidsville, PA 15928 Mark Stover

Zachary Svencer Michelle Wozniak

- 18 Mercedes Mull
- 19 Keri Brandenburg Ronna Marisa***183 Marisa Lane, Hollsopple PA 15935
- 20 Beth Custer
 Emily Boyles
 William Franke
 Marilyn Lindberg
 James Ribaric
- 21 Margot Cannistraci
- 22 Joyce Hoffman Shirley Vinosky
- 23 Sharon Blough

- 26 Alec Carpenter John Mastillo, Jr.
- 27 Ben Frick Christine Saylor
- 29 Lindsey Bumbarger
 Michael Krynicky-Busija
 Drew Golias
 Shannon Heiser
 Traci Moore
 Jackson Sotosky
 Samuel Worst
- 30 Jeremy Blough Serena Bridges Heather Stahl Richard Layton Jr.

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.



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 recur.



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.





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Brad Kaufman, Custodian

Group Updates: Text @stdavidmen to 81010

Welcome to our Church Family

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.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Sonya Andrews *Lauren Bungard *Mike Grose*Deb Harris* Cathy Lilly Jill Mitchell*Sue Risch *Doug Shrader Ronna Marisa* Angie McKool * Bob Troxell



Pastor Mark has a number of trees that he would like to have removed from his property. There are a number of dead ash trees that need to be removed. If you would like free firewood,

please get in touch with him. You supply the chainsaw.



The St. David's Lutheran Church Service Team is helping Somerset County Meals on Wheels with desserts. Desserts will be collected on SUNDAY, June 9th, 2024. The collection will take place in the narthex between the hours of 8:00-11:00 AM. Desserts requested by Meals on Wheels include:

- > Cakes no icing, but chips and sprinkles are acceptable.
- ➤ Cookies 2 dozen minimum
- ➤ Brownies no icing
- Breads (Banana, Zucchini, Blueberry)

ALL DESSERTS MUST BE IN DISPOSABLE CONTAINERS. Thank you.



814-479-7390
Jennifer Percinsky: Director
Gina Yacynych: Preschool 3 Lead Teacher
Megan Fiebiger, Preschool 4 Lead Teacher
Janet Lord: Asst. Group Supervisor
Pam Carhart: Asst. Group Supervisor
Niki Cable: Asst. Group Supervisor
Brianna Mohle: Asst. Group Supervisor
Stacie Opett: Asst. Group Supervisor
Halie Griffie, Asst. Group Supervisor
Avery Custer, Asst. Group Supervisor
Bayley Pattison, Asst. Group Supervisor



St. David's Learning Place would like to wish our friends Sofia, Dawson, Eva Lynn, and Octavia a very happy birthday!!



We are currently seeking staff members to join our St. David's Learning Place team for the 2024-2025 school year. All inquiries must be willing to obtain all PA childcare

clearances, CPR/first aid, fire safety, and all other required trainings. Positions available for the 2024-2025 school year are 4 year old lead teacher, closer 2:30-5:30pm shift and 2 assistant group supervisors. If interested please contact Jen at 814-479-7390.



St. David's Learning Place still has spots available for Preschool 4 for the 2024-2025 school year.

Please contact Jen at 814.479.7390 or learningplacestdavids@gmail.com

LEARNING PLACE BOARD MEMBERS

Rachel Kimmel, Angie McKool, Jerrod Cannistraci, Linda Shrader, Joyce Gindlesperger, Cindy Liska, Patty Rullo & Cathy Lilly.



On Sunday, May 12th we celebrated the Rite of Confirmation! It was also a special day in the lives of Halen James McKool, Amelia Marie Mitchell, Landon-Ray Romesburg, Josey Leo Sotosky & Greyson Rudolph Studer our

2024 confirmation class. After two years of conscientious study, worship and service, these 5 confirmation students will be affirming their baptism and confirmed as members of our congregation during the 10:30am service. Please congratulate these students on this important step in their faith journey.



Leo & Ronna Marisa
Doug & Linda Shrader
Joyce Gindlesperger
Pat Sleek
Barry & Lois Springer
Rick & Nancy Wessel
Pinochle Club
Bill & Pat Bergman (Overtime Fund)



We would like to thank our St. David's family for all of the thoughts, prayers, and condolences during our time of

need

~From the family of Sanford Gindlesperger



As our choral season comes to a close, I wanted to take a moment to extend my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you for your unwavering dedication, passion, and talent that you have poured into our musical journey together. Your hard work and commitment have truly made this season an unforgettable one.

Throughout rehearsals and performances, you have brought your unique gifts and talents to the forefront, creating beautiful music that has touched the hearts and souls of everyone who has had the pleasure of listening.

Your harmonies have lifted spirits, conveyed emotions, and instilled a sense of joy and inspiration within our congregation.

I am continuously amazed by the level of dedication each of you brings to our choir and musical ensemble. Your commitment to your craft and to our community is truly admirable, and I am deeply grateful for the time and effort you have invested in making this season a resounding success.

As we reflect on the memories we have created together and the music we have shared, I am filled with a profound sense of gratitude and appreciation for each and every one of you. Thank you for your passion, your talent, and your unwavering commitment to our musical family.

Here's to the memories we've made, the music we've created, and the bonds we've forged. May our music continue to uplift and inspire all who hear it.

Exciting times are ahead as we gear up for our Polka Service and Polish Festival on June 23rd! This year, we're looking to make our event even more vibrant and engaging, and we need your help to make it happen.

We're reaching out to our wonderful church community to kindly ask for donations of themed baskets for our basket party. Your generous contributions will not only enhance the festivities but also support our church's initiatives and programs. Donations can be dropped off at the church office by June 19th.



We are also looking for volunteers to help prep food on June 21 and June 22, as well as helpers on the day of the festival, June 23. We will need Kitchen workers, money collectors for the dinners, volunteers to run the games and people to help with selling tickets and overseeing the basket party. if you are able to help in anyway, please sign up on the sheets in the church

narthex.

Thank you in advance for your support and enthusiasm. Let's come together to make this year's Polish Festival a resounding success!

~ Brett Merberger

St David's Evangelical Lutheran Church Davidsville, PA 15928

Council Meeting Minutes April 25, 2024

Call to Order / Biblical Reflection and Prayer

- Meeting called to order @ 6:59 PM
- Prayer led by Pastor Mark Fischer

Role / Excuse Absences

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

Approval of Minutes / April 4th

Approval via e-mail April 15th.

Agenda

The following updates need made to the Council Members listed on the Ministry Team:

- Service Add: Ronna
- Learning Place Board Remove: Sue; Add: Angie and Cathy

Motion to approve the Agenda made by Ronna and seconded by Cathy. All in favor, none opposed, none abstained, motion passes.

Pastor's Report

- Pastor attended April's Praise and Pancakes. The
 meetings are at the Davidsville Lions Club and if the
 attendance continues to grow, they will outgrow this
 location. Pastor will get contact information at the May
 meeting and Council will discuss whether the Fellowship
 Hall can be used for future meetings. The meetings are
 the first Saturday of each month.
- Pastor was contacted by a member of Mount Calvery Lutheran Church to administer a wedding on Saturday, October 5, 2024. Mount Calvery is without an Interim Pastor.
- There is a Disaster Response Leadership Training Course Sept. 4-6, 2024. Event and lodging costs would be covered, but travel to and from would not. Pastor may not be able to attend.
- Pastor asked who the St. David's delegates are to Allegheny Synod Assembly. They need to get registered.
 Pastor has submitted his name for Allegheny Synod Council and as a delegate to the 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly in August in Phoenix, AZ.

Financial Report

Doug sent an email to the Finance and Stewardship committee for recommendations for where to put the \$4,000.00 tithe. Recommendations were received and the Council will provide a list of the recommendations to the congregation on 2 Sundays and have the congregation vote for the top 4 and the top 4 will each receive \$1,000.00. The recommended areas are:

- Learning Place Playground
- Somerset Area Ministerium (SAM)
- Conemaugh Township Youth Outreach
- St. Davids Vacation Bible School
- Camp Sequanota
- Equipment for Live Streaming
- Pavilion

Communications Team

Angie is making updates to the St. David's website and will reach out to the ministry teams to review.

Unfinished Business:

- Fellowship Hall agreement Sonya is working on the Fellowship Hall Agreement.
- Council Nominees Doug recommended making an announcement to the congregation on multiple Sundays that we are looking for volunteers to join Church Council next year and to reach out to a council member if they are interested.

New Business:

- Outside Custodian bush trimming bid In the previous bid from Grose General Services, bush trimming and pruning was not included. An additional contract was provided, and the cost will be \$300.00 each time the service is needed. A motion to approve the bid made by Sue and seconded by Ronna. All in favor, none opposed, motion passes.
- Confirmands Confirmation will be May 12, 2024. The Council voted on the list of confirmation students (Greyson Studer, Halen McKool, Josey Sotosky, Landon-Ray Romesburg, and Amelia Mitchell.). Motion to approve made by Mike and seconded by Cathy. 7 in favor, none opposed, 1 abstained, motion passes.

Next meeting May 30, 2024 at 7:00 PM. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM

Respectfully submitted, Lauren A. Bungard on behalf of Deborah J Harris, Secretary Acolytes- NEED VOLUNTEERS (8); NEED VOLUNTEERS (10:30)

Altar-Ronna Marisa (8); Pam Sleek (10:30)

Cantors – Gail Berkebile (8); Gail Berkebile (10:30)

Communion Assts-Ronna Marisa & Deb Harris (8); Dave & Sis Barabas (10:30)

Lectors – Deb Harris (8); Pat Sleek (10:30)

Ushers-Ed & Deb Hart (8); Buck & Pam Sleek (10:30)

Counters- Doug & Linda Shrader, Joyce Gindlesperger

Acolytes- NEED VOLUNTEERS (8); NEED VOLUNTEERS (10:30)

Altar-Sue Risch (8); Leisha Black (10:30)

Cantors – Wendy Figard (8); Mary Jane McCready (10:30)

Communion Assts-Wendy Figard & Bill Bergman (8); Lou Ann Reckner & Mary Jane McCready (10:30)

Lectors- Wendy Figard (8); Lou Ann Reckner (10:30)

Ushers- NEED VOLUNTEERS (8); Joyce Gindlesperger & Carole Williams (10:30)

Counters- Dave & Cindy Liska, Jean Magdelinic

Acolytes- NEED VOLUNTEERS (8); NEED VOLUNTEERS (10:30)

Altar- Kathy Naugle (8); Faye Buncich (10:30)

Cantors - Judy Brotz (8); Gail Berkebile (10:30)

Communion Assts- NEED VOLUNTEERS (8); Jack Winters & Sonya Andrews (10:30)

Lectors -Albert Meehleib (8); Sonya Andrews (10:30)

Ushers- Dennis & Kathy Naugle (8); Jack & Carol Winters (10:30)

Counters- Bill & Sherri Andrews, Sonya Andrews

*June 23 ★ (Intinction) Polish Service with Rosie & The Jammers @ 9:30AM

Acolytes- NEED VOLUNTEERS (9:30)

Altar- Ronna Marisa (9:30)

Communion Assts.- NEED VOLUNTEERS (9:30)

Lector – Marna Gilman-Fischer (9:30)

Ushers- **NEED VOLUNTEERS** (9:30)

Counters- Dennis Naugle, Sue Risch & Joyce Gindlesperger

* June 30 (Intinction)
 * Outdoor Service
 @ 10:30am

Acolytes- NEED VOLUNTEERS (8); NEED VOLUNTEERS (10:30)

Altar- Deb Hart & Kathy Carnahan (8); Pat Sleek (10:30)

Cantors - John Liska (8); Gail Berkebile (10:30)

Communion Assts-Sue Risch & Ed Hart (8); Greg & Cathy Lilly (10:30)

Lectors – Sue Risch (8); Cathy Lilly (10:30)

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

Counters- Bill & Sherri Andrews, Sonya Andrews

Anyone willing to be a worship volunteer can call the church office 814-479-4110 or email Jessica at stdavids_sec@atlanticbb.net. Monthly emails are sent out asking for availability before scheduling.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 8 AM Worship/ Communion 10:30 AM Worship/ Communion	3 6 PM Bible Study(21A-C)	4	5	6 6:30 PM Worship & Music (P)	Church Office Closed Secretary Off Pastor Mark's Day Off	1 8
9 8 AM Worship/ Communion 8 AM Meals on Wheels Collection 10:30 AM Worship/ Communion	10 6 PM Bible Study(21A-C)	11	12 1 PM Staff Meeting (C19)	13	July Messenger ONEWSLETTER Pastor Mark's Day Off	15
8 AM Worship/ Communion 10:30 AM Worship/ Communion	17 6-8PM Vacation Bible School @ St. David's	18 6-8PM Vacation Bible School @ St. David's	19 6-8PM Vacation Bible School @ St. David's	20 6-8PM Vacation Bible School @ St. David's	9-4PM Vacation Bible School @ Camp Sequanota 9AM Polish Festival Prep (K & FH9) Pastor Mark's Day Off	12PM Polish Festival Prep (K & FH9)
Polish Festival 9:30AM Polka Service 12-4PM Festival Music Provided by Rosie & The Jammers	24 6 PM Bible Study(21A-C)	25 6PM Sage Herbalists (FH9)	26 6 PM LP Board Meeting (CR2) 7 PM GWOH (C19)	27 9 AM Blanket Day (FH9) 7 PM Council Meeting (FH9)	Church Office Closed Secretary Off Pastor Mark's Day Off ***See Notes	29
30 8 AM Worship/ Communion 10:30 AM Outdoor Worship/ Communion	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 For the most up to date schedule please check the calendar on the website. NOTES: ***Brad will be on vacation Friday, June 28-Sunday, June 30					
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