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Church Web Site: WWW.STDAVIDSLUTHERAN.ORG

Church Office: 814.479.4110

Messenger-June 2026

"Stewardship of Summer Vacation and Weddings"

July Messenger
The deadline is Monday, June 15

From the Pastor.....

Although the season of spring technically still has twenty-one days, June 1st comes, it's summertime. On June 1, it is like a switch flip and presto, summertime.

The June stewardship theme is the stewardship of summer vacations {No weddings in June for 2026}. Being a good steward during the months of summer is often thought of as a time of relaxation and refreshment of body, mind and soul .The these months of summer are a good time for these things because if we were to look at the calendars , we would see that the nine months from September-May are jam packed with activities , meetings, etc. that we need some time off to relax, renew, refresh, and reset ourselves. Being good stewards of “*US*” is important and taking time to relax, refresh, renew, and reset is being a good steward of the *US*” in each one of us.

Being a good steward of summer vacation time is, also, remembering to be faithful in stewarding your faith life. When we are on vacation, Marna and I like attending other churches for Sunday worship. First, it's nice to hear a sermon that I didn't have to prepare. And I will always take away a new perspective on a scripture passage on which I have preached. Second, we very rarely ever miss a Sunday when I am on vacation; I enjoy being spiritually, scripturally, and sacramentally fed and I know Marna feels the same way. When you are on vacation, please take time to keep the Sabbath day holy and worship at a church near where you are vacationing. Lastly, please remember your faith community here at home. The summer months are when many congregations experience financial challenges. The work and ministry of St. David's doesn't take a break and neither do the bills. Your faithful contribution and tithe matter.

Best wishes to all of our disciples of St. David's as you enjoy this summer.

Gratefully,

Pastor Mark W. Fischer



Allegheny Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

How has God gifted YOU with skills & passion for our shared ministry? We want to know!

Please complete the Allegheny Synod's Life Together Survey to help Bishop Kevin and his staff connect members of our synod with each other and the committees and teams working to spread God's love & light in the world. Access the survey with this QR code or on the Synod website. Contact your church office or the synod office for a paper copy.



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



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



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Brad Kaufman, Custodian

SIGHT & SOUND
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Kaufman Church will host a day trip to Sight and Sound in Lancaster on Wednesday, August 12th. The day will include a chartered bus ride, viewing Joshua at the theater and a family style meal at Hershey Farm restaurant. The cost is \$160. You are invited to join us. Add your name to the list by calling 814-479-7813.

Birthdays

- 1 William Brotz
- 2 Adam Marsh
Peyton Reckner
- 3 Rustin Studer
Sarah Worst
- 4 Hudson Pozun
- 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 Jr.
Payton Miller
Matthew Zern
- 9 Debra Hart
Brooke Szala
- 10 Bailey Kist
- 11 Pat Bergman
Michael Cotchen
- 12 Ava Byer
- 13 Abigail Shaffer
- 15 Dillon Boyer
Eli Robinson
- 16 Brycen Rowe
- 17 Tom Ravenscraft***127 N. Walnut St.,
Davidsville, PA 15928
Zachary Svencer
Michelle Wozniak
- 19 Ronna Marisa***183 Marisa Lane,
Hollsopple PA 15935
- 20 Beth Custer
William Franke
Marilyn Lindberg
- 21 Margot Cannistraci
- 22 Shirley Vinosky
- 23 Sharon Blough
- 24 Jackie Stevanus
- 26 Alec Carpenter
- 27 Ben Frick
Christine Saylor
- 29 Lindsey Bumbarger
Drew Golias
Shannon Heiser

Michael Krynicky-Busija
Traci Moore
Jackson Sotosky
Samuel Worst
30 Jeremy Blough
Serena Bridges

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.



David "Alan" Mankamyer

Leo & Ronna Marisa

Mildred Liska

Judy Brotz

David Brotz

Judy Brotz



Stay Connected with Our Church on Facebook!

We invite you to like and follow our church's Facebook page to stay updated on upcoming events, special services, and community activities. We also share photos and inspiring messages to keep us all connected throughout the week! If you've been blessed by our church, we'd love for you to leave us a positive review on Facebook. Your kind words help others find our church and experience God's love.

Thank you for being part of our church family! Follow us today:

[Https://facebook.com/SaintDavidsLutheran](https://facebook.com/SaintDavidsLutheran)

SAVE THE DATES

Summer Sunday Series

PICNIC TABLE TALKS

TIME 2:00 - 4:00

FACILITATING UNCOMFORTABLE CONVERSATIONS TO ENCOURAGE BRIDGE BUILDING IN OUR COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, JUNE 28TH: GRIEF, LOSS & COPING WITH THE CHAOS
FACILITATED BY: JANE TERMYNA, CLC, CSC, GRIEF COACH

SUNDAY, JULY 26TH SOCIAL MEDIA: THE GREAT DIVIDE
FACILITATED BY: JIM PENNA, SCREEN MITIGATION PRESENTER

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30TH: FAITH, CULTURE & DIVERSITY:
PANEL OF FACILITATORS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH: US VS THEM: THE POLITICAL DIVIDE
PANEL OF FACILITATORS

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EVERYONE WELCOME...BRING SNACKS...CONVERSATIONS ARE BETTER WITH SNACKS!



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 **June 3rd**, 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.



On Sunday, May 10th we celebrated the Rite of Confirmation, a special day in the lives for *Braeden Lee Black, Isabella Grace Kotch, Elle Melinda Mowery, Kyla Ann Rowe, Gemma Rose Studer & Owen Michael*

Zoldey our 2026 confirmation class. After two years of conscientious study, worship and service, these 6 confirmation students affirmed their baptism and confirmed as members of our congregation during the 8:00am service. Please congratulate these students on this important step in their faith journey.



ATTENTION!! Guess what, we have an ordination milestone in the life of another former pastor of St. David's! Pastor N. Gregory Van Dyke is celebrating the 30th anniversary of his ordination into the Ministry of Word and Sacrament in 2026. His present congregation, the Lutheran Church by the Lake, in McCormick, South Carolina is planning to observe the anniversary in early July. **But it is a SURPRISE!!** Naturally we are not likely to attend, but we have been invited to send cards, letters, and greetings to Pr. Van Dyke in one of two ways.

- 1) You can place your greeting in the box in the narthex marked Pr. Van Dyke during the month of May. (They will be sent in the mail to Ms. Kumle in early June.)
- 2) You can send your greeting directly (by early June) to:
Ms. Sherri Kumle
217 Louisa Lane
McCormick, SC 29835
[put a "PG" on the back flap]

We will be collecting the greetings in the box through Sunday, June 7, 2026. Thank you for helping make Pr. Greg's anniversary observance special!



The **St. David's Lutheran Church Service Team** is helping Somerset County Meals on Wheels with desserts. **Desserts will be collected on SUNDAY, June 14th.** The collection will take place in the narthex between 8:00-11:00AM. 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.

Outdoor Worship Service

Outdoor Worship Services will be held June 28, July 26 & August 30 for the 10:30am services (weather permitting). In order to accommodate and welcome all who would like to participate, we ask that if you wish to sit on the blacktop lot under a tent, please let us know the week before so we can have that available to you. 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!

*And the
Winners
are...*

Camp Sequanota
Pavilion
They will each receive \$1,125 in extra
funding!



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RESIDENTS, FRIENDS AND ALUMNI

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please join the Arrowhead Society for CT! We are asking all alumni and proud supporters of Conemaugh Township to register. You will gain access to the Elementary & High School newsletters and the school newspaper, The Contownian. These are great ways to stay connected to your alma mater and also to see all the fantastic things happening at CT! Forms are available in the narthex and a collection box is there to return your completed copy or use the QR code to sign up electronically. We live in a great district, please show your support!

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NOW'S THE TIME!



Join Chaplain Eric Lasure to the
Holy Land Classic
February 23 - March 4, 2027

More information about the Holy Land trip can be found on the flyers located in the narthex. Or you can contact Pastor Eric Lasure at 814.205.6552 or 814.442.4361, elasure@lvv1.com with any questions.



Sequanota 2026 Events Calendar

Conference Center & Camp

phone: (814) 629-6627

email: contact@sequanota.com

web: www.sequanota.com

June

25-28 Tend Festival

Where are you tending your faith? Come to the Tend Festival to share intentional time for faith discussions, good music, art, worship, ecology and fellowship.

August

17 Golf Benefit Tournament

10:00 AM start at Summit Country Club, Cresson
Cost: \$125 donation/person.
Support the ministry of camp while enjoying a day on the golf course.

19-26 Canoeing NY Adirondacks

Are you looking for a way to challenge yourself, see the natural world and experience God? Join us for a small group adventure!

September

12 Trail Clean Up Day

Come and help maintain camp's 20+ hiking trails. Rent a cabin and make a weekend of it!

26-27 IGNITE - Fall Retreat (Grades: 2nd — 8th)

Reconnect with camp friends for an overnight retreat at camp. Bring a friend and check out camp in the fall!

October

9 Online Giving Day

16-18 Sustain: An Adult Retreat

This weekend retreat will engage adults as they journey in life through faith.

December

5 Breakfast with Santa

9:00 AM — 11:00 AM, Main Camp Dining Hall
Cost: Freewill donation
Come for breakfast, Christmas activities and pictures with Santa. (Bring a camera!)

Summer 2026

Camp Program Schedule

REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 1, 2026



WEEK	ELEMENTARY (GRADES K - 6)	JUNIOR HIGH (GRADES 6 - 9)	SENIOR HIGH (GRADES 9 - 12)	ADULTS
Week 1: June 15 - 19	Day Camp			
Week 2: June 25 - 28	— — Tend Festival — — — All Ages, Families & Friends Welcome — — — Tend Festival — —			
Week 3: June 28 - July 3 (4th of July Celebration)	Cabin Camp	Cabin Camp	Cabin Camp	Camp Bethesda
Week 4: July 5 - 9	1/2 Week Cabin (7/5-7/8) Sampler Camp (7/7-7/8)	Adventure	SaLT	
Week 5: July 12 - 17	Overnight Specialty Camp - (Grades 3 - 9) Day Camp (July 13-17)		SaLT	
Week 6: July 19 - 24 Week 7: July 26 - 31	OFF-SITE Day Camps			
Week 8: August 2 - 7 (Theme Week)	Cabin Camp 1/2 Week Cabin (8/2-8/5)	Cabin Camp	Cabin Camp	
August 19 - 26	Adirondack Canoe Trip			

SWIMMING LESSONS

REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 1

STARTOTS: 6 LESSONS (MON & WED) (\$45)
JUNE 30 - JULY 16 FROM 3:00 - 3:30 PM

STARFISH SWIM AND STROKE SCHOOL (\$85)

JUNE 22 - JULY 2: MONDAY - THURSDAY; 8 LESSONS

SESSION 1 - 4:00 - 4:45 PM

SESSION 2 - 5:15 - 6:00 PM

JULY 6 - 16: MONDAY - THURSDAY; 8 LESSONS

SESSION 3 - 4:00 - 4:45 PM

SESSION 4 - 5:15 - 6:00 PM

JULY 20 - JULY 30: MONDAY - THURSDAY; 8 LESSONS

SESSION 5 - 4:15 - 5:00 PM

SESSION 6 - 5:15 - 6:00 PM

Scan for
quick link to
registration
page



SUMMER POOL PASSES

JUNE 15 - AUGUST 14, 2026

- The pool will be open Sunday - Friday from 1:30 - 4:00 PM, June 15 - July 17 & August 2 - August 14.
- July 19 - August 1 the pool will be closed for open swim due to hosted groups on-site.
- Adults are required to obtain and submit free background checks prior to using the pool when summer camp is in session. Daily sign in is required upon arrival at the pool.
- Family passes - \$175.00 / Individual passes - \$100.00



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

Stewardship Note

Through the first 5 months of 2026, by **working together** our regular offerings have met expenses. **Well done good and faithful stewards!** But summer Sundays are upon us which lead to sunny weather, no Sunday School, family gatherings, vacations etc. Unfortunately, this causes fewer persons to regularly attend worship. That means we can lose track of one another and our important ministries. Suddenly income is down, while expenses are not. **So, let's make this summer different.** Whether **you** are in worship or away, please keep one another and the ministries of St. David's in **your** thoughts and prayers; **and** be faithful stewards of **your** regular offerings all summer long! **Together** we can make a difference! THANK YOU!



814-479-7390

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learningplacestdavids@gmail.com

Madison Bebee, Asst. Group Supervisor

Felica Beglin: Asst. Group Supervisor

Pam Carhart: Asst. Group Supervisor

Halie Griffie, Asst. Group Supervisor

Brianna Mohle: Asst. Group Supervisor

ST. DAVID'S LEARNING PLACE BOARD MEMBERS

Jerrold Cannistraci

Cathy Lilly

Cindy Liska

Mary Helen Hruska

Patty Rullo

Linda Shrader

Becky Robinson



Happy Birthday shout out to our friends
Sofia, Axel, Braden, Eva Lynn, and
Jeremiah!



St. David's Learning Place is HIRING!

We are now hiring for the 2026-2027 School year, contact Jen at 814-479-7390.

learningplacestdavids@gmail.com



St. David's Learning Place would like to congratulate our Pre-K Class on their graduation!

Graduates: Bowen, Lena, Axel, Layla, Leo, Olivia, Easton, Josie, James!

Preschool Registration NOW OPEN



We still have a few spots available for Pre-K and Preschool 3 for the 2026-2027 school year.

Please contact Jen at 814.479.7390 or

St. David's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Davidsville, PA

Council Meeting Minutes

April 30, 2026

Present: Sonya Andrews, Pastor Fisher, Sue Risch, Lois Tessari, Patty Rullo, Doug Shrader, Jeff Eash, Paul Weygandt, Rachel Kimmel

Absent: Angie McKool, Lynn McDaniel, Kristy Byer

- **Call to Order:** 6:34pm
- **Prayer** by Pastor
- **Council Meeting Minutes** from April 30, 2026, were passed by email vote.
- **Motion** to approve the agenda: First - Doug, Second – Patti, Motion approved.
- **Pastor's Report:**
 - Pastor Fisher updated Council regarding the finances of the CT Ministerium.
 - Pastor Fisher has suggested that the Call Ministry Team revisit and revise the Mission Site Profile to increase congregational awareness of changes in the life of the congregation.
 - Pastor Fisher has reached out to Lindsie Hammaker-Struth regarding a gift for her graduation/call and ordination in 2027. Council discussed getting further insight from her on what she might want. Additionally, it was suggested that it is very likely that donations would cover the cost of said gift.
 - Two (2) delegates are needed for Allegheny Synod Assembly on June 20. Patti and Lois volunteered.
 - Pastor Fisher suggested a visioning retreat for St. David's, potentially at Camp Sequanota to deeply address our congregational vision.
- **Financial/Stewardship Report:**
 - According to the financial report, the first quarter revenue exceeded budget, recognizing however, that this is not atypical and the summer months can be challenging from a revenue perspective.
 - Insect management, both inside and outside the church, from a cost perspective was undertaken. It was suggested that Brad should follow up with Ehrlich, the current provider, regarding cost increases, timeliness of response and the ongoing agreement.
 - A motion was made to provide a 3% bonus, to be divided among all staff members. Motion - Doug, Second – Sue, approved by unanimous vote.
 - Tithing Vote – The recent tithing vote resulted in Sequanota receiving the most votes and the Pavilion receiving the second highest number of votes. Funds will be distributed as planned.
- **Property Team:**
 - A motion was made to ***Pursue "Phase 1" Asbestos Abatement as soon as can be safely coordinated for the flooring in Room 3 and Room 4 [Learning Center] at an estimated cost not to exceed \$11,000.*** Motion – Paul, Second – Patty. Approved by unanimous vote. Note: it was recognized that this must be accomplished with cooperation from the learning center and appropriate notification of parents.
 - Options for replacement of the cross on the front of the church were discussed.
- **Other Items of Discussion:**
 - Five (5) Christmas trees for the Sanctuary have been donated.
 - Brett has offered to provide a magic show for children.
 - The Fellowship Hall and the Covenant were tabled until the next meeting.
 - The Columbarium Committee had nothing to report.
- **Meeting adjourned at 8:14pm.**

Next Council Meeting: May 28, 2026 @ 6:30 pm

* June 7 (Communion) *

Acolytes- Isabella Kotch (8); Halen McKool (10:30)
 Altar-Sue Risch (8); Lynn McDaniel & Becky Robinson (10:30)
 Communion Assts-Gail Berkebile & Patty Rullo (8); Bill Bergman & Lou Ann Reckner (10:30)
 Lectors –Patty Rullo (8); Bill Bergman (10:30)
 Ushers-Buck & Pam Sleek (8); **Need Volunteers** (10:30)
 Counters- Lou Ann Reckner & Sue Risch

* June 14 (Intinction)*

Acolytes-Need Volunteer (8); Kyla Rowe (10:30)
 Altar- Luana Eppley (8); Leisha Black (10:30)
 Communion Assts- Doug & Linda Shrader (8); Wendy Figard & Sarah Worst (10:30)
 Lectors –Ronna Marisa (8); Wendy Figard (10:30)
 Ushers-Doug & Linda Shrader (8); Joyce Gindlesperger & Carole Williams (10:30)
 Counters- Doug & Linda Shrader, Joyce Gindlesperger

Father's Day * June 21 (Intinction) *

Acolytes- Josey Sotosky (8); LandonRay Romesburg (10:30)
 Altar- Ronna Marisa (8); Lou Ann Reckner (10:30)
 Communion Assts-Sotosky Family (8); Sonya Andrews & Lou Ann Reckner (10:30)
 Lectors –Erin Sotosky (8); Sonya Andrews (10:30)
 Ushers- Sotosky Family (8); Jack Winters & Jeff Rowe (10:30)
 Counters- Bill & Sherri Andrews, Sonya Andrews

* June 28 (Communion) *

Acolytes-Lexi Byer (8); Leah Virostek (10:30)
 Altar-Deb Harris (8); Gail Berkebile (10:30)
 Communion Assts- Tom & Deb Harris (8); Greg & Cathy Lilly (10:30)
 Lectors –Deb Harris (8); Keli Williams (10:30)
 Ushers- Joe & Sue Risch (8); Greg & Cathy Lilly (10:30)
 Counters- Sue Risch, Ronna Marisa & Joyce Gindlesperger



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 gailgoliass@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.