

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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The Messenger
May 2025

June Messenger
The deadline is Friday, May 16

Thoughts on Mother's Day and Women in the Bible

The trinity in the greeting card industry is: Christmas, Valentine's Day, and Mother's Day. These three holidays are the top greeting card holidays in sales and gifts. Along with Valentine's Day, Mother's Day is one of the busiest days for florists, too. Where did Mother's Day originate?????

From the magazine, *Good Housekeeping*,* I learned some interesting trivia: Mother's Day was started by one woman after the death of her mother. Ann, on May 9, 1905, Anna Jarvis looked for a way to honor her mother and mothers everywhere. She began the movement in West Virginia which prides itself on hosting the first Mother's Day celebration. In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson, having heard about Anna Jarvis' idea for celebrating her mother, issued a proclamation establishing Mother's Day as a national holiday on the 2nd Sunday in May. And as they say, the rest is history.

In the Old and New Testaments, women are found throughout the biblical story. Eve in the beginning of creation, Hagar & Sarah, Rebekah, Leah & Rachel (wives of the Patriarchs), Deborah, Moses' sister, Deliah who got Sampson to cut his hair, plus another twelve women in the book of Judges, Bathsheba, the woman that King David got pregnant, Mary (Jesus' mother), Elizabeth (John the Baptist's mother), Mary & Martha, Mary Magdalene, Salome (one of the women who went to the tomb on Easter morning), Priscilla and Phoebe (Among those mentioned by Paul in his letters). There are a lot of women in the biblical story; this is just a sampling. In a time of patriarchy as the norm and rule of daily life, it is amazing how many women are found in the Bible.

During the month of May as we celebrate Mother's Day; I am going to highlight some of the women who have impacted the life of the church over the centuries with a short piece in the Sunday announcements.



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pointing the way to fun!

**Something
grrrrreat is
coming!**

June 16th-20th
Mon-Thurs 6 - 8 PM
Fri 9 AM - 5 PM



All children going into
K-5 are welcome to join
us for a week of fun and
fellowship at St. David's
this summer!

June 16th-20th
VBS 6-8 PM

Drop off at 5:45 PM
Friday @ Camp Sequonota 9 AM-5 PM
Family showcase Friday at 4:30 PM
Bussing will be provided to and from camp on Friday

REGISTRATION

April 1 - May 25, 2025



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Birthdays

- 1 Brody Byer
- 2 Bowen Bridges
Alexa Fetterman
Ashlyn Fetterman
Tracy Kauffman
Shirley Stevens***587 E. Campus Ave,
Davidsville, PA 15928
Alan Waters
- 3 Kathleen Frederick
Brady Kist
Jennifer Kist
- 4 Wayne Adams
Deborah Harris
Lou Ann Reckner
- 5 Pepper Frick
Gloria Ott
Ava Shrivastava
- 6 Willow Oaks
Cora Oswalt
- 7 Noah Golias
Carol Kauffman***192 Kaufman Church
Rd. Davidsville, PA 15928
Kyla Rowe
- 8 Aaron Griffith
Cassandra Griffith
Ella Mankamyer
- 9 Melvin Conner
Antonella Russo
Jean Varner
- 10 Steve Golias
- 11 Mandy Harrington
Katie Jones
Alex Rosa***118 Hillcrest Ave.
Davidsville, PA 15928
Walter Schneck
- 12 Brayden Mandel
Ted Risch
- 13 Hayley Thomas
Gideon Tresnicky
- 14 Heather McCormick
- 15 Roger Kerekes
William Rouser III
Joshua Summits
- 16 Stephanie Buncich
- 18 Avery Custer
Jennifer Valentine

- 19 Olive Studer
- 21 Christine Heiser
Amari LuRue
- 22 Abigail Luscher
- 23 Allison Folton
Grace Mitchell
Tim Risch
- 24 Gwen Boyer
Megan Heiser
Rachel Thomas-Kimmel
- 25 Robert Figard
Owen Zoldey
- 26 Wendy Telenko
- 27 Alan Mankamyer
Eugene Spangler***1000 Vista Dr.
Apt. 906, Davidsville, PA 15928
James Wright
- 28 Diane Feathers
Ludwig Hruska
Paul Newman
Jeana Sweeney
- 29 Andrea Zern
- 30 Peter Von Lunen
- 31 Jon Allison
Clarence Hart Jr.***154 Cherry Tree Drive
Davidsville, PA 15928
Isaac Marsh
Mesa Mishler
Zane Troxell

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.



I am so grateful for the outpouring of love and generosity shown to me and my family after the loss of my beloved wife Jo Spangler.

From Gene Spangler & Family.



Prayer Chain

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

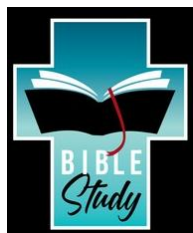
If you would like to join the Prayer Chain, contact Gail or Jessica, the Church Secretary or any member of the Prayer Chain.



Scholarships

At the February Church Council, the St. David's Church Council approved a 50%

scholarship towards the cost of Camp Sequanota and Camp PARC Camp fees. If your son or daughter plans to attend Camp Sequanota/Camp PARC, please let Pastor Mark know so he can communicate with the treasurer and Camp Sequanota/Camp PARC to make sure the scholarship money is paid. Also, if you are in need of additional financial assistance, please talk to Pastor Mark; he has resources available to ensure that any child who wants to attend camp can do so. All conversations will be kept confidential.



Monday Bible Study will be on summer break from May 26th thru September 1st.

Bible Study will begin again on September 8th at 6PM.



Men's Group Remind
Text *StDavidMen* to 81010



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>

44th Annual AUCTION

MAY 10, 2025



Join us for a **LIVE auction**
and our delicious foods.

LIVE AUCTION

AT NOON

BBQ Chicken, Haluski
Fresh Cut French Fries
Ham Pot Pie, Hamburgers
Homemade Pies
Handcrafted Furniture
Quilts and more!

11 AM DOORS OPEN FOOD & MUSIC

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St. David's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Davidsville, PA 15928
Council Meeting Minutes
March 27, 2025

Call to Order / Biblical Reflection and Prayer

- Meeting was called to order @ 6:31 PM.
- Prayer was led by Pastor Fischer.

Approval of Minutes / February 27, 2025 meeting

- Approval of minutes via e-mail occurred on March 3, 2025.

Role / Excuse Absences

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

Agenda

- Cathy Lilly added an item to the Agenda under New Business to discuss Conemaugh Township post prom craft room donation.
- Motion to approve the agenda with the added item was made by Angie McKool and seconded by Mary Jane McCready.
- All in favor, none opposed, none abstained, motion passed.

Reports

- Pastor's report: Was given by Pastor Fischer.
 - Constitution: Synod Secretary found errors with the updated St. Davids Constitution submitted to the Allegheny Synod. With the Synod reviewing their constitution later this year, instead of updating again, we will wait until the Synod updates their constitution and then make St. Davids' recommended updates and present to the Congregation for approval.
 - Pre-assembly caucus: St. Davids is being asked to host the meeting for Johnstown and Laurel Highlands Conferences again this year. Meeting will be held on May 1, 2025 at 7:00 PM. Fellowship Team will provide refreshments for the event.
 - Festival of Homiletics: St. Davids is being asked to host the online location being held May 13-15, 2025. Would need to provide drinks and TV for the event.
 - Continuing Education: Looking into an event for August 13-15, 2025.
 - Camp Parc Scholarship: Discussed whether St. Davids should contribute to scholarships for St. Davids youth attending Camp Parc. Similar to the scholarship for Camp Sequanota, St. Davids will contribute 50% toward the cost of the Camp Parc youth camp fee of \$300.00.
 - Wedding Request: Pastor Fischer was asked to do a wedding for a couple from out of the area. The wedding will take place at Whispering Hollow Estates in Bedford County on October 11, 2025.
- Learning Place report: Was given by Cathy Lilly. Discussed Conemaugh Township art students painting a mural on the Learning Place wall and whether there were concerns with this, there will be a teacher there. Council did not have concerns with this.
- Patty Rullo needs added as a Council Member for the Service Team.
- Dave Barabas needs added as the Council Member for the Emergency Team.
- Fellowship/Witness Team: Dave Barabas said the team is working on plans for the Easter breakfast and the God's Work Our Hands (GWOH) event.

Unfinished Business:

- Wedding planning manual: Pastor Fischer made the updates regarding couples having a volunteer point person that can act as a coordinator/point person for the day of the ceremony.
- Tithing Options for 2025: \$4000.00 tithe. Will ask the Congregation to vote for their top four projects on April 27, 2025, which is Holy Humor Sunday. Below is a list of the projects being recommended by council:

– Learning Place Playground	– Pavilion
– Somerset Area Ministerium (SAM)	– Camp Parc
– St. Davids Vacation Bible School	– St. Francis Caring and Sharing
– Camp Sequanota	– Somerset County Mobile Food Bank
– Equipment for Live Streaming	– Veteran Community Initiative, LLC
- Fellowship Hall Guidelines – Rachel Thomas-Kimmel provided copies of current guidelines for review. Initial discussion was started; however, it was agreed to set up a separate meeting with participation from various committees for further discussion.

New Business:

- Date for Rally Day and God's Work Our Hands has been set for September 7, 2025 and the first day of Sunday School will be September 14, 2025
- Bob Troxell has resigned from Council – we are reaching out to congregation members to join for the remainder of this year, which will not require an election. Name(s) will be reviewed by Jessica to ensure Council requirements are met.
- April 27, 2025 will be Volunteer Appreciation Sunday and the Confirmation class vs. Church Council game of Bible trivia.
- Craft room for Conemaugh Township post prom: Last year St. Davids donated \$300.00 to the craft room. There is tithe money remaining from last year for CT Youth Outreach. Motion to give last year's remaining tithe money for CT Youth Outreach to the CT post prom craft room was made by Patty Rullo and seconded by Kristie Byer. All in favor, none opposed, none abstained, motion passed.

Other Business/Discussions for the good of the church:

- Dave Barabas brought up two new items for further discussion.
 - YouTube/live streaming for Church services. The Communications Team has been working on this and has received quotes for equipment, but need the money to purchase. A portion of the tithing money may go toward this if voted for by the congregation, or we could make the need known to the congregation.
 - St. Davids has unused property around the church and a church cemetery was discussed years ago. Dave discussed the potential of having a columbarium placed on the Church grounds for housing remains. We should survey the congregation to find out who would be interested in this; congregation members may already have plans in place.

Next meeting will be April 24, 2025 6:30 PM.

Motion to adjourn was made by Dave Barabas and seconded by Pastor Fischer. All in favor, none opposed, none abstained, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM. Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Lauren A. Bungard
Council Secretary

Easter Flowers

To Glory of God in Honor of:

Parents, Ruth & Tom Miller by Ron & Lynn McDaniel
Grandchildren by Ralph & Kathy Alberti
Our Risen Lord by Michael & Lois Springer
Doris Olson by Nathan & Angie Pile
Isaiah Kimmel by Jonathon & Rachel Kimmel
Ron & Lynn McDaniel by Brett & Becky Robinson
Bob & Paula Robinson by Brett & Becky Robinson
Our Mothers, by Mike & Melissa Grose
Pat Sleek, by Ron & Lois Tessari



To Glory of God in Memory of:

Parents, Hazel & Robert McDaniel by Ron & Lynn McDaniel
Brother, Billy Gilbert by Ron & Lynn McDaniel
Our Grandmothers by Mike & Melissa Grose
Buck Sleek by Ron & Lois Tessari
Dino Tessari by Ron & Lois Tessari
Sharon Sheehan by Ron & Lois Tessari
Wife, Janet Natta by John Natta
Parents by Doug & Luana Eppley
Our Parents by Jack & Gwen Boyer
Husband, Buck Sleek by Pat Sleek
Parents by Pat Sleek
Wife, Julia by Roger McDaniel
Our Grandparents by Nathan & Angie Pile
Marianne Studer by Buck & Pam Sleek
Departed Loved Ones by Greg & Cathy Lilly
Husband, Branson Williams by Carole Williams
Loved Ones by Jonathon & Rachel Kimmel
Parents, Lois & "Wimpy" by Joyce Gindlesperger
Jeff McCready by Mary Jane McCready
Our Parents by Leo & Ronna Marisa
Our Brothers & Sisters by Leo & Ronna Marisa
Vernon & Ethelmae Gearhart by Ralph & Kathy Alberti
Siegfried & Amelia Alberti by Ralph & Kathy Alberti
Parents, Richard & Ruth Pile by Bishop Greg & Barb Pile
Parents, Philip Gorman & Phyllis Gorman Longenecker by Bishop Greg & Barb Pile
Brother, Thomas Gorman by Bishop Greg & Barb Pile
All of Our Loved Ones that have Passed by The Whetzel Family



Thank you for the lilies, tulips & daffodils! Their presence at the altar for Easter is beautiful sign of rebirth and hope.



✱ May 4 (Communion) ✱ Confirmation @ 10:30am	
Acolytes- (8); (10:30)	
Altar-Luana Eppley & Kristie Byer (8); Faye Buncich (10:30)	
Communion Assts- Doug & Linda Shrader (8); Mary Jane McCready & Cathy Lilly (10:30)	
Lectors – Marna Gilman-Fischer (8); Mary Jane McCready (10:30)	
Ushers-Doug & Linda Shrader (8); Greg & Cathy Lilly (10:30)	
Counters- Doug & Linda Shrader, Joyce Gindlesperger	
✱ May 11 (Communion) ✱ Mother's Day	
Acolytes- (8); (10:30)	
Altar-Ronna Marisa (8); Cathy Lilly & Lois Tessari (10:30)	
Communion Assts- Deb Harris & Mike Grose (8); St David's Youth (10:30)	
Lectors – Deb Harris (8); St. David's Youth (10:30)	
Ushers- Mike & Melissa Grose (8); St. David's Youth (10:30)	
Counters- Sherri & Sonya Andrews	
✱ May 18 (Intinction) ✱	
Acolytes- (8); Macey Whetzel (10:30)	
Altar-Linda Shrader (8); Leisha Black (10:30)	
Communion Assts- Bill Bergman & Ronna Marisa (8); Randy Whetzel & Sonya Andrews (10:30)	
Lectors –Bill Bergman (8); Keli Williams (10:30)	
Ushers-Leo & Ronna Marisa (8); Jack Winters & Jeff Rowe (10:30)	
Counters- Doug & Linda Shrader, Jean Magdelinic	
✱ May 25 (Intinction) ✱ 10:30 AM Outdoor Service (weather permitting)	
Acolytes- (8); (10:30)	
Altar- Ronna Marisa (8); Gail Berkebile (10:30)	
Communion Assts- Sue Risch & Patty Rullo (8); Sarah Worst & Wendy Figard (10:30)	
Lectors – Patty Rullo (8); Sarah Worst (10:30)	
Ushers- Joe & Sue Risch (8); Buck & Pam Sleek (10:30)	
Counters- Sue Risch, Ronna Marisa & Joyce Gindlesperger	



Communication Team is looking for members

Communication Team- This team is to convey and inform the congregation of important business and events in our congregation. Anyone interested in joining the communications team please contact Angela McKool 814.242.2376 or by email mckoola@gmail.com

