

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

Messenger—May 2026

"Stewardship of the Earth; Remembering farmers, planting fields, gardeners planting vegetables & flowers, water and waterways"

**June Messenger
Deadline is Friday, May 15**

From the Pastor's Desk.....

I am writing my May 2026 Messenger reflection three days after the 60th anniversary of the dedication of this church building we call our spiritual home. We began worshipping here on Easter Sunday, April 10, 1966. Helen Mishler gave me the service bulletin for the dedication service for the St. David's archives. I was amazed at the depth of planning that went into the week-long celebration. On the back page of the dedication bulletin is a celebration of all the gifts of the different people who helped make this building a reality.

My thoughts ran to passage in 1st Corinthians 12:4-11a:

Now there are different gifts but the same Spirit. And there are different ministries, but the same Lord. And there are different results, but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each person, the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the benefit of all. For one person is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, and another the message of knowledge according to the same Spirit, and to another, faith by the same Spirit, and to another, gifts of healing by one Spirit, and to another, the performance of miracles, and to another, prophecy, and to another discernment of spirits, and to another, different kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues. It is one and the same Spirit.

The building stands as a testament to all the gifts of the Spirit that were brought to the construction of this magnificent place. Without all these different gifts of visioning, architecture, plumbing, electrical, masonry, painting, and my list can go on, we would not have this beautiful building. I don't think Paul realized when he wrote these words to the church faithful in Corinth, he was giving them a stewardship pep talk. But Paul was doing just that, talking to the people of Corinth on how they could best use their Spirit given gifts. The Stewardship Ministry Team is using 2026 as a year to ask each of us to consider what are our gifts and then how we can best use them to go and spread the Good News of the Gospel. Our gifts come in all shapes and sizes. And the need of our gifts doesn't mean we have to serve on a ministry team. For example, there is a need for people to help count the offering after worship on a rotating basis; one just needs the gift of being able to add and subtract numbers and to keep confidential who gave what amount. Another need is for people to participate in the Overtime Ministry; it is five Friday evenings in the fall from about 8:00PM to 11:30PM. You have to have a gift of interacting with young people.

I could spend the entire Messenger newsletter writing about all the different ways you can use your Spirit-given gifts. And we all have Spirit-given gifts; we just may not realize how to best use them. On God's Work; Our Hands Rally Day, the different ministry teams will be available to talk with you about your Spirit-given gifts. Being a good steward of our Spirit-given gifts and growing them is what it means to live in this world and let the world see all our good works and give God the glory.

Blessings,

Pastor Mark W. Fischer



The congregation is invited to a Celebration in honor of the 50th Anniversary of Pastor Ilgenfritz' ordination to be held on May 24th at 11:00am after a joint 9:30am worship service.

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND!

If you are able, please bring a side dish to share following the guide below according to your last name:

- ❖ A - E vegetable
- ❖ F - K potato/pasta
- ❖ L - P salad
- ❖ Q - Z dessert

Please RSVP by May 14th by signing the sheet located in the narthex, or letting Jessica know via email (stdavids_sec@atlanticbb.net) or phone (814-479-4110)



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



Stewardship Note

Your gifts of time and money make a difference in the life of this Congregation and Community. **Your** regular financial offerings support our staff, monthly expenses, those in need locally, ministries of the wider church, Learning Place and the 10 organizations that use **our** church. **Thank YOU!**
Stewardship & Finance Teams

"Share Your Talents"

Have You thought about how to "Share Your Talents" with St. David's? Please contact one of the team leaders or Jessica in the office at 814-479-4110.



On Sunday, April 5th we celebrate a special day in the lives of *Eden Marie Borodach, Gabriel Robert Kozak, Harper Alexis Pozun, Eli Matthew Robinson, Griffen Robert Stevanus, Evangeline Rose Tresnicky & Abby Elaine Virostek*. When they were baptized, God made them a part of his family we call the Church. As they have grown, they have learned about our heavenly Father and what it means to be part of his family. They have expressed to their parents a desire to join us in eating and drinking as we gather at the Lord's Table, and so on this Easter Sunday, with their families, they will receive communion for the first time. We welcome them to the Lord's Table! We thank God for *Eden, Gabriel, Harper, Eli, Griffen, Evangeline & Abby*. and rejoice in your being among us.

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



David "Alan" Mankamyer

**Memorial Fund
Todd & Gail Berkebile**

Men's Ministry

**Monday, May 4, 2026
Dively's Tavern
121 Derby St, Johnstown, PA 15905
6:00 PM**

Men's Group Remind
Text *StDavidMen* to 81010



Johnstown Christian School

Teachers needed

Johnstown Christian School is looking for qualified, faith-filled educators for the 26-27 school year. We are hiring

- *Elementary Instructions (full-time)
- *Preschool Instructor (part-time)
- *Learning Support Instructors (full and part-time)

JCS also needs day-to-day substitutes for all grade levels (Preschool through 12th grade) now and for the 26-27 school year.

Applications are available on the JCS website at <https://www.johnstownchristianschool.org/ab-out-jcs/employment/>.



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Brad Kaufman, Custodian



Birthdays

- 1 Brody Byer
- 2 Bowen Bridges
Alexa Fetterman
Ashlyn Fetterman
Tracy Kauffman
Harper Pozun
Griffen Stevanus
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
- 16 William Rouser III
Stephanie Buncich
- 18 Avery Custer
Jennifer Valentine
- 19 Olive Studer
- 21 Christine Heiser
Amari LuRue
- 22 Abigail Luscher
- 23 Grace Mitchell
Tim Risch
- 24 Gwen Boyer
Megan Heiser
Rachel Thomas-Kimmel
- 25 Robert Figard*****480 Four Seasons Road,
Boswell, PA 15531**
Owen Zoldey
- 26 Wendy Telenko
- 27 Alan Mankamyer
Eugene Spangler*****2000 Cambridge Dr.
Rm 529, 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 celebrate their 80+ birthdays. Please contact the church office (814-479-4110) for additions or corrections.

Easter Flowers

To Glory of God in Honor of:

Our Children and Grandchildren by Todd & Gail Berkebile
Our Mother, Pat Sleek by Todd & Gail Berkebile
Mom by Lois Tessari
Tom & Ruth Miller by Ron & Lynn McDaniel
Our Mother, Pat Sleek by Craig & Susan Zaman
Binga & Papa by Rachel Pile
Grandma & Grandpa by Rachel Pile



To Glory of God in Memory of:

Parents by Doug & Luana Eppley
Wife, Julia by Roger McDaniel
Our Parents, Jack & Kathryn Boyer by Jack & Gwen Boyer
Our Parents, Ray & Leona Miller by Jack & Gwen Boyer
Our Father, Buck Sleek, by Todd & Gail Berkebile
Our Parents, Don & Verda Berkebile by Todd & Gail Berkebile
Ron & Dad, (Buck) by Lois Tessari
Our Parents by Leo & Ronna Marisa
Parents by M. Barry & Lois Springer
Our Parents, Bill & Helen Risch by Joe & Sue Risch
Our Parents, Walt & Irene Angus by Joe & Sue Risch
Robert & Hazel McDaniel by Ron & Lynn McDaniel
Husband, Buck Sleek by Pat Sleek
Parents, Lois & "Wimp" by Joyce Gindlesperger
Vernon & Ethelmae Gearhart by Family
Siegfried & Amelia Alberti by Family
Dave Barabas by Sis Barabas
Our Parents & Grandparents by Craig & Susan Zaman
Our Parents by Bishop Gregory & Barb Pile



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>

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

Council Meeting Minutes

March 26, 2026

Present: Sonya Andrews, Jeff Eash, Pastor Fischer, Rachel Kimmel, Lynn McDaniel, Sue Risch, Patty Rullo, Lois Tessari, Paul Weygandt, Kristy Byer, Angie McKool, Doug Shrader

Absent: None

- **Call to Order:** 6:31 PM
- **Prayer** by Pastor
- **Council Meeting Minutes** from March 26, 2026 were passed by email vote
- **Motion** to approve tonight's agenda: First, Paul; Second, Doug; motion passes
- **Pastor's Report**
 - Synod Meeting - June 20 - Two volunteers needed to attend
 - Guest Preachers Rev. Dr. Nathan Baxter on Pentecost (May 26) and Brett on Holy Humor Sunday.
- **Financial Report**
 - Finances are where we predicted them to be for the year.
- **Property Report**
 - Paul met with Brad and identified property damages and needs for repair and replacement. The property team will meet, discuss and bring solutions.
 - The wooden cross on the front of the building is starting to rot and *urgently needs replacing* - a temporary "safe-zone" in the yard is needed and equipment to remove the damaged cross.
 - Motion to use property funds to remove damaged cross ASAP - First Sonya, Second Angie, motion passes.
- **Fellowship Report**
 - Discussion about having one service on May 17(tentative) to celebrate Pastor Ilgenfritz 50th Anniversary with a covered dish luncheon.
- **Unfinished Business**
 - **Columbarium:** an official committee is being formed.
 - **Fellowship Hall:** Tabled
 - **Covenant:** Tabled
 - **Reimbursement:** blood drive refreshments will be paid through the memorial fund.
- **New Business**
 - Sponsorship of the craft room for the Post Prom event was requested - monetary donation.
- **Meeting adjourned** at 7:28

Next Council Meeting: Thursday, April 30, at 6:30 p.m.



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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
Gina Yacynych: Preschool 3 lead teacher

ST. DAVID'S LEARNING PLACE

BOARD MEMBERS

Jerrod Cannistraci
Cathy Lilly
Cindy Liska
Mary Helen Hruska
Patty Rullo
Linda Shrader
Becky Robinson



Happy Birthday to our May Friend
Bowen!



St. David's Learning Place is **HIRING!**

-Summer Staff

-Closing Shift (2-5:30)

-Preschool 3 Lead Teacher for the
2026-2027 School Year

Please reach out to Jen if you are
interested or have any questions!

814-479-7390

learningplacestdavids@gmail.com

*All candidates must obtain all PA
child care clearances and trainings



Preschool Graduation May 27th 6pm

St. David's Learning Place would like to
congratulate our Preschool 4 students on
their graduation!

Axel, Bowen, Easton, James, Josie, Layla,
Leo, Lena, and Olivia.

We are SO proud of you!

DAYCARE

Full Summer Care starts June 4th

* May 3 (Communion) *

Acolytes- Elijah Marsh (8); Brycen Rowe (10:30)
 Altar- Pam Sleek (8); Lois Tessari (10:30)
 Communion Assts- Bill Bergman & Buck Sleek (8); Patty Rullo & Sonya Andrews (10:30)
 Lectors –Bill Bergman (8); Keli Williams (10:30)
 Ushers-Buck & Pam Sleek (8); Bill & Sherri Andrews (10:30)
 Counters- Bill & Sherri Andrews, Sonya Andrews

Mother's Day * May 10 (Intinction) * Confirmation @ 10:30am

Acolytes-Elle Mowery (8); Charlotte Worst (10:30)
 Altar- Kristie Byer (8); Faye Buncich (10:30)
 Communion Assts- Deb Harris & **Need Volunteer** (8); Gail Berkebile & Sarah Worst (10:30)
 Lectors –Deb Harris (8); St David's 4-6 grade Sunday School Class (10:30)
 Ushers- Leo & Ronna Marisa (8); **Need Volunteers** (10:30)
 Counters- Doug & Linda Shrader, **Need Volunteer**

* May 17 (Intinction) *

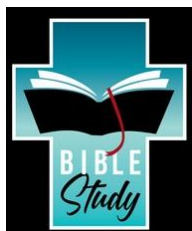
Acolytes-Gemma Studer (8); Danika Black (10:30)
 Altar-Linda Shrader (8); Pat Sleek (10:30)
 Communion Assts- Bella Kotch & Elle Mowery (8); Randy Whetzel & Wendy Figard (10:30)
 Lectors –Bella Kotch (8); Randy Whetzel (10:30)
 Ushers- Doug & Linda Shrader (8); Jack Winters & Jeff Rowe (10:30)
 Counters- Bill & Sherri Andrews, Sonya Andrews

* May 24 (Intinction) * ONE COMBINED SERVICE

Acolytes- Gentry Sotosky & Erin Borodach (9:30)
 Altar-Ronna Marisa (9:30)
 Communion Assts-**Need Volunteers** (9:30)
 Lector- Cathy Lilly (9:30)
 Ushers- Greg & Cathy Lilly (9:30)
 Counters- **Need Volunteers**

* May 31 (Communion) *

Acolytes-Isaac Marsh (8); Braeden Black (10:30)
 Altar- Luana Eppley & Kathy Carnahan (8); Cathy Lilly (10:30)
 Communion Assts-Sue Risch & Ronna Marisa (8); **Need Volunteers** (10:30)
 Lectors –Ronna Marisa (8); Marna Gilman-Fischer (10:30)
 Ushers-Joe & Sue Risch (8); Joyce Gindlesperger & Carole Williams (10:30)
 Counters- Sue Risch, Joyce Gindlesperger & Ronna Marisa



Monday Bible Study will be on summer break from
 May 25th thru September 7th.
 Bible study will begin again on September 14th at 6PM.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Secretary Office Hours: Monday 9AM-2:30PM; Tuesday-Friday 9AM-3PM (Any changes will be noted on the church calendar. Check the website for most up to date schedules www.stdavidslutheran.org)					1 OFFICE CLOSED	2
3 8AM Worship/ Communion 9:15AM Sunday School/Catechism 10:30AM Worship/Communion	4 9AM YOGA (FH9) 4:30PM Girl Scout Troop #27016 (FH9) 6PM Bible Study(21A-C)	5 6PM Girl Scout Jr. Troop #40050 (C19)	6 6PM Choirs 7PM Laurel Highlands/Johnstown Conferences	7 11AM LP Use (FH9) 7PM JSO Community Strings (FH9)	8	9
10 Happy Mothers Day 8AM Worship/ Communion 9:15AM Sunday School/Catechism 10:30AM Worship/Communion/Confirmation	11 6PM Bible Study(21A-C)	12 6PM Daisy Troop #51375 (C19) 7PM JSO Community Strings (S)	13	14	15 12PM Office Closes Early June Messenger 	16
17 8AM Worship/ Communion 9:15AM Last Day of Sunday School/Catechism 10:30AM Worship/Communion	18 12PM Bloodmobile (FH9) 6PM Bible Study(21A-C)	19 All Day-General Primary (FH9) 6PM Girl Scout Jr. Troop #40050 (C19)	20 5:30PM LP Board Meeting	21 6PM JSO Rehearsal 7:30PM JSO Community Strings Concert (S) 6PM Columbarium Committee Meeting (C19)	22	23
The secretary is on vacation May 18-22. Please refer to Pastor Mark's weekly schedule for office hours.						
24 9:30AM Worship/Communion 11AM 50th Anniversary of Pastor Ilgenfritz' Ordination Celebration (FH9)	25 Office Closed -Holiday 	26 6PM Daisy Troop #51375 (C19) 6PM Sage Herbalists (FH9)	27 6PM LP Graduation (S & FH9) 7PM GWOH (C16)	28 9AM Blanket Day (FH9) 6:30PM Council Meeting (FH9)	29	30
31 8AM Worship/ Communion 10:30AM Worship/Communion	<p>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.</p>					