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The Messenger
November 2024

December Messenger
Deadline is Friday, November 15

Musings and thoughts from Pastor Mark

Psalm 100:4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

What would you have today if what you have is based on what you gave thanks for yesterday?

This question is so important in our lives because we really forget sometimes in our prayers to give thanks; we are so busy praying for others that we forget to give thanks to God, for God, of God for all with which we have been blessed..

In November we have a national holiday giving us a pause in our daily lives and to think about all God gives us so abundantly. The harvest is a time to give thanks just like the first pilgrims did for the many blessings they received that year in Plymouth when they invited their neighbors to feast on the harvest with them. They had survived the voyage, planted maize, fattened their livestock, and survived a harsh New England coastal winter which was blisteringly windy and icy.

For us, farmers have brought the grain harvest from the fields into the barn, the land is plowed clean to accept the winter snow; we may have some of the fruits and vegetables canned and waiting to be eaten in the cold winter months. We have put away our outside furniture, gotten out our sweats and warm socks, ordered our reading material for the winter, and begun to make soup, stews, and casseroles to keep us warm.

We too have a meal of all meals we are itching to eat—I'm here for the stuffing because no matter what you call it, bread stuffing or filling is my favorite Thanksgiving food (I am one of those who likes a little stuffing with their gravy). I miss the meals with my family when we would gather at my grandparent's house. The adults would all be in the dining room and my brother and I and our two cousins would have a card table to ourselves in the living room. It was always a fun time to gather together as family because seeing my cousins was a treat for me. What I took away from those meals is always remembering what we are thankful for. And remembering that for which I was thankful was to be first and foremost for the day's celebration.

What would you have today if what you have is based on what you gave thanks for yesterday?

Hopefully you always give thanks not only for spouse, marriage, love, children, grandchildren, friends, work, roof over our heads and good health; but also give thanks for God's presence in His Holy Spirit and in His beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, without which we wouldn't be here today.

If we give thanks each day for His presence, then the answer to the question is we have God with us each and every day. And that's a celebration in and of itself.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving and may you find time each day to be thankful.

Pastor Mark

*A Prayer by Luis Sanchez
An inmate at FCI-Loretto*

*To God just know in you I trust. My faith in
you to me's a must.*

*To believe in something I can't see, not from the
flesh or body.*

*I come to you to help me understand, to help me
be a better man.*

*Why is it that I do not do what I want to do.
Instead, I chose what I hate to do.*

*I live like this is if pretend. To live in this, my
life of sin.*

*So Father, please just hear me out. So I can
finally figure out, why I am here; what's this
about.*

*Help me remember; I am confused, this life of
sin why do I choose? I've lost so much but still
refuse. To give up faith my belief is in you.*

*You've been with me in darkest times. You help
me see when I go blind. You hold this sinful
hand of mine. And always walk me to the light.
But I go back. Why do I fight? I only wish to
do what's right. I trust in you, my God, good
night.*



Blanket Sunday was held on October 6th. A total of \$295.00 has been received as of October 13th. The new blankets are distributed, along with the knotted ones that are assembled here at St. David's, by Lutheran World Relief worldwide, as well as in the United States.



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St. David's Church monthly donation to the St. Francis Sharing & Caring Food Pantry is boxed macaroni & cheese. Please remember to grab several boxes, the next time at the store, and place them in the wooden crate in the narthex. Thank you for your faithful commitment to this ministry!



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



St. David's annual meetings will be held on Sunday, November 3rd & Sunday, November 10th. Meetings will take place after each service. The purpose of part one shall be to present the nominees for Congregational Council and Synod Assembly Delegates to the congregation and to allow for additional floor nominations and to ask any questions about the Proposed Constitutional Amendments. Additionally, the proposed annual Ministry Spending Plan will be presented and discussed. The purpose of part two shall be to elect members to the Congregation Council and to vote on the annual Ministry Spending Plan. Voting will take place after each service.



On Sunday, December 1st, Interim Bishop Barbara Collins will be our guest preacher at both worship services. Bishop Collins previously served as the Bishop of the Upper Susquehanna Synod from 2016 to 2022 when she retired. Bishop Collins will serve The Allegheny Synod through February 2026 when a new bishop will be installed.



Members & Guests joining us for Sunday worship are reminded to fill out the attendance sheet in the pew pads located at the beginning of each pew. Thank you for taking the time to help us with our record keeping!

POSTER Contest!

It's time again for the St. Davids's Sunday School Poster Contest! Students are encouraged read our mission statement, and illustrate what it means to them.

**GLORIFY GOD,
SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS,
DO GOOD WORKS THROUGH SERVICE**

One winner per Sunday School class.

Prizes will be awarded and winner's art will be displayed in the hallway for the year.

Any medium is acceptable. Use crayons, paints, collage, digital designs, or photos in your art.

All submissions should be on 18x24 paper (paper will be provided or digital art may be submitted to mckoola@gmail.com.

Please include the student's name and class on the back of the art.

**Artwork due Nov 10
Congregation will vote Nov 17**

ANNUAL YOUTH APPLE DUMPLING FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND

DIRECTIONS

1. Volunteers should plan to join us on Saturday, November 2nd for the youth's annual apple dumpling fundraiser!
2. Youth and adult volunteers can sign up in the narthex to help all day starting at 9am until finished. Come any time!
3. Lunch will be provided for ALL volunteers between 12pm-1pm.

INGREDIENTS

- Apple Dumpling pre-order forms are available in the back of the sanctuary. Orders are due to the church office by Sunday, October 27th.



Birthdays

- 2 Tony Berkebile
Susan Mankamyler
Halen McKool
- 3 Susan Blasko
Amanda Walters
- 4 Blake Horner
Hannah Babl
Jeff Eash
- 6 Brian Mowery
Pamela Sleek
Maggie Telenko
- 7 Chad Virostek
- 8 Lori Griffith
Craig Springer
Hayley Sweeney
- 9 Erin Sotosky
- 10 Kathleen Carnahan
- 11 Lindsay Fetterman
Bobbi Page*****100 Main Street, PO Box
126, Hollsopple, PA 15935**
Patricia Rullo
Stuart Springer
Kara Wozniak
- 12 Gail Berkebile
Jon Shaffer
Jeffrey Thomas
Kevin Thomas
- 14 Danika Black
Danyelle Baxter
- 15 Jenna Heiser
Alexander Marsh
- 16 Barbara Cotchen
Joshua Naugle
- 17 Kimberly Edsall
Ian Harrington
Bruody Oswalt
- 18 Hollis Thomas
Becky Robinson
Carole Williams*****1614 Moonlite Park,
Hollsopple, PA 15935**
- 19 Douglas Custer
- 20 Amanda Griffith
- 22 Angela McKool
- 23 Isabella Kotch
Josephine Spangler*****1000 Vista Drive
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- 24 Jake Feathers
- 25 Theresa Deal

- Cindy Liska
- Brianne Wilkey
- 26 Lexi Byer
- 27 Timothy Telenko
- 28 Linda Shrader
- 29 Paige Berkebile
Katie Galasso
Ashley Golias
David Good
Craig Stevens
- 30 Jack PUNCHUR*****1600 Cambridge Drive
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Elliott Zern

If we've missed you, please call the church office to 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.



**Daylight Saving
Time Ends!!**

Before you go to bed on Saturday night, November 3rd, turn your clocks **BACK** "1" HOUR. Sunday, November 2nd, marks the end of Daylight Savings.



School Year Learning Place Staff

814-479-7390

- Jennifer Percinsky: Director
- Brianna Bray, Preschool 4 lead teacher
- Felica Beglin: Asst. Group Supervisor
- Pam Carhart: Asst. Group Supervisor
- Niki Cable: Asst. Group Supervisor
- Janet Lord: Asst. Group Supervisor
- Brianna Mohle: Asst. Group Supervisor
- Stacie Opett: Asst. Group Supervisor
- Gina Yacynych: Preschool 3 lead teacher



St. David's would like to wish our friends Luke, Kayden, Ava, and Josie a very happy birthday!



We will have our Friendsgiving on November 27th!

ST. DAVID'S LEARNING PLACE BOARD MEMBERS

- Jerrod Cannistraci*Joyce Gindlesperger
- Rachel Kimmel*Cathy Lilly
- Cindy Liska*Angie McKool
- Patty Rullo*Linda Shrader



Carol J. Yoder

Memorial Fund

- Dave & Cindy Liska
- Ron & Lois Tessari

Sanford "Sam" Gindlesperger

Pat Sleek



St. David's Jr & Sr High would like to thank the congregation, friends and family for attending the 2nd annual Spaghetti Dinner. Over \$1000 was raised for the class to do good works in the community. A huge thank you to Matthew & The Desert Family for donating the pumpkins, and Adam Thomas for the noodle prep. We will continue to collect Back to School items until October 27th. See the board in the narthex. Our goal is to get all slips filled!



The 10th Live Nativity hosted by the Conemaugh Township Ministerium will be December 13th from 5PM-8PM and 14th from 2PM-8PM. People are needed to participate as drama actors for speaking and non-speaking parts, guides, set-up and tear-down, and people to prepare baked goods for sale during the Live Nativity. Marna and I had a great time playing Mary and Joseph in the 2023 production.

If you are interested, please see Pastor Mark for more details.

St David's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Davidsville, PA 15928
Council Meeting
September 26, 2024

Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM

Role / Excuses Absences

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

Motion to Approve Minutes August 22

- Approval of the minutes via e-mail, August 26, 2024

Agenda

- Motion to approve agenda was made by Mike Grose and seconded by Sue Risch
- All in favor, none abstained, none opposed, motion passed

Reports

- Financial Report: Sonya and Deb went over the proposed 2025 Budget. One-line item was added for Knotty Ladies in the amount of \$500. All others were agreed upon
- Motion was made by Deb Harris and seconded by Cathy Lilly with the addition to add the amount requested for Knotty Ladies
- All in favor, none abstained, none opposed, motion passed.

Unfinished Business

- Council Nominees: Are still in need of two / three nominees. Discussed several

other names and are still requesting anyone interested to please contact anyone on the council.

- Constitution Amendment Letter was gone over and agreed upon. Will be mailed out to congregation as well as passed out at Congregational meeting
- A suggestion was brought up to look into the price of the tithing envelopes and any possible other suggestions.

New Business

- Christmas Eve Church service schedule. A proposal was made by Worship & Music committee that we stay with two services. One at 4:30 and the second at 7:30.
 - Motion was made by Deb Harris and seconded by Ronna Marisa to go with these times
 - All in favor, none abstained, none opposed, motion passed
- Congregational meeting will the first two Sundays in November (11/3 & 10).
 - Topics: Council Nominees, Budget Proposal, Constitutional Amendments
- Employee Evaluations: Deb Harris to work on getting previous Evaluation forms for further discussion
- October meeting falls on Halloween, Conemaugh Twp. Trick or Treat Night. Agreed to forward one week to Thursday, October 24th @ 7:00 PM

Next meeting is October 24, 2024 @ 7:00 PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM




Respectfully submitted,
Deborah J Harris
Council Secretary

* November 3 (Communion) *
Acolytes- NEED VOLUNTEERS (8); NEED VOLUNTEERS (10:30)
Altar-Deb Harris (8); Lou Ann Reckner (10:30)
Cantors –Gail Berkebile (8); Choir (10:30)
Communion Assts-Bill Bergman & Ronna Marisa (8); Randy Whetzel & Buck Sleek (10:30)
Lectors – Bill Bergman (8); Randy Whetzel (10:30)
Ushers-Leo & Ronna Marisa (8); Buck & Pam Sleek (10:30)
Counters- Bill & Sherri Andrews, Sonya Andrews
* November 10 (Intinction) *
Acolytes- NEED VOLUNTEERS (8); NEED VOLUNTEERS (10:30)
Altar- Luana Eppley (8); Mandi Tercek (10:30)
Cantors –Judy Brotz (8); Choir (10:30)
Communion Assts- Hunsberger Family (8); Mary Jane McCready & NEED VOLUNTEER (10:30)
Lectors – Hunsberger Family (8); Mary Jane McCready (10:30)
Ushers-Hunsberger Family (8); Joyce Gindlesperger & Carole Williams (10:30)
Counters- Dave & Cindy Liska, Jean Magdelinic
* November 17 (Intinction) *
Acolytes- NEED VOLUNTEERS (8); NEED VOLUNTEERS (10:30)
Altar-Linda Shrader (8); Faye Buncich (10:30)
Cantors –Wendy Figard (8); Choir (10:30)
Communion Assts- Doug & Linda Shrader (8); Mike & Melissa Grose (10:30)
Lectors –Sue Risch (8); Patty Rullo (10:30)
Ushers- Joe & Sue Risch (8); Jack Winters & Jeff Rowe (10:30)
Counters- Doug & Linda Shrader, Mike & Melissa Grose
* November 24 (Communion) *
Acolytes- NEED VOLUNTEERS (8); NEED VOLUNTEERS (10:30)
Altar-Ronna Marisa (8); Gail Berkebile (10:30)
Cantors –Gail Berkebile (8); Choir (10:30)
Communion Assts- Tom & Deb Harris (8); Wendy Figard & Cathy Lilly (10:30)
Lectors –Linda Hoover (8); Wendy Figard (10:30)
Ushers- Tom & Deb Harris (8); Greg & Cathy Lilly (10:30)
Counters- Sue Risch, Ronna Marisa & Joyce Gindlesperger



Acolyte signup sheets for the months of **October through December** are posted to the bulletin board, across from the church office ... **please sign up**. Acolytes continue to be needed for each of our Sunday 8 A.M. and 10:30 A.M. services. Your volunteering is a gift to the congregation. Thank you in advance for hearing the call and saying "here am I, I will serve".

November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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.						1	2
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All Saints Sunday Apple Dumplings Sale Daylight Savings Time Ends Congregational Meeting After Svcs 8 AM Worship/ Communion 9:15AM Sunday School/Catechism 10:30 AM Worship/Communion	9AM YOGA (FH9) 4:30PM Girl Scouts (CR2) 6PM Bible Study(21A-C)	All Day-Election Day (FH9)	6 PM Adult Choir 7:30 PM Bell Choir	5:30 PM Daisy Troop (C19)		9AM Making Apple Dumplings (K & FH9)	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
Congregational Vote After Svcs 8 AM Worship/ Communion 9:15AM Sunday School/Catechism 10:30 AM Worship/ Communion 1:30 PM Confirmation Class #1 (FH9)	Office Closes @ 12PM 6PM Bible Study(21A-C)		1PM Staff Meeting (C19) 6 PM Adult Choir 7:30 PM Bell Choir	6:30 PM Worship & Music (P)	December Messenger 		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
8 AM Worship/ Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School/Catechism 10:30 AM Worship/ Communion 5:30 PM C.T. Soccer Banquet (FH9)	12 PM Blood Drive (FH9) 4:30PM Girl Scouts (CR2) 6PM Bible Study(21A-C)  Pastor Mark on Vacation November 18-30		6PM LP Board Meeting (FH9) 6 PM Adult Choir 7:30 PM Bell Choir	9AM Blanket Day (FH9) 5:30 PM Daisy Troop (C19) 7PM Council Meeting (FH9)			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
8 AM Worship/ Communion 9:15AM Sunday School/Catechism 9:15 AM Parent Sunday School Group (CR2) 10:30AM Worship/ Communion	6PM Bible Study(21A-C)		9AM-12PM Learning Place (FH9)	 Church Office Closed-Holiday	Church Office Closed-Holiday	Printed 10.16.24	