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The Messenger September 2024

October Messenger Deadline is Monday, September 16

Thoughts and musings.....

Fall is approaching; in late August, early September, we can see the change in temperature and leaves even start to change color. School is restarting for our children and all the fall sports activities are in full swing. Life at St. David's starts anew as well in September with Sunday School, choir, handbells, the Overtime Ministry to name a few back in action. Instead of slowing down, the pace of life picks up. I jokingly said once that in the life of a pastor, the train pulls out on Labor Day and doesn't stop until get to its final stop at Pentecost Sunday.

One passage has reminded me of the importance of slowing down and enjoying the blessings God has bestowed upon us; especially in this change of seasons from summer to fall. From Psalm 46:10: "*Be Still, and know that I am God.*"

As many of you know, I was involved in a motorcycle accident in August,2019. I was very lucky to "*walk away*" from the accident. At approximately 8:00am on August 8th, I came into full contact with Isaac Newton's first law of physics: "*An object either remains at rest or continues to move at a constant velocity, unless acted upon by a force*" when I laid my motorcycle down to avoid hitting a car. For the first time in a long time, I was forced to be at rest; I am forced to be still. God hit the "*Pause*" button. No, God hit the "*STOP*" button to a lot of things in my life. This is something I found very hard to comprehend and understand. When I got out of the trauma ICU and I was in a "regular" room, I wanted to push the envelope of my care by insisting that I take a walk less than two hours of arriving on the floor. "*Really??? Mark, be still and know that I am God.*" I could rationalize that by saying, "*Well, I only walked about forty feet round trip. I didn't want to be stuck sitting in a chair or in bed all day.*"

Thinking back to the time I spent at Lancaster General Hospital and at home recuperating reminded me about the frailty of life and on the sanctity of life. The challenge is we live in a world that is based upon motion. The earth makes a complete circle of itself every 24 hours, it circles the sun every 365 ¼ days. If the earth stopped spinning on its axis and stopped its orbit of the sun, we would not exist. There would be no day, no night, no seasons, no rain, no snow. The world has a message that one must always be busy doing something. Think about the technology we use; what is the frequency of use of our smart phones, our laptops, and other technology? We are sold on the idea that we must be in constant motion.

God knows the importance of being still; Genesis 2:2: "And on the seventh day, God finished the work that God had done, and God rested on the seventh day from all the work that God had done." God took time to be still. If God took time to be still, we can learn to take time to be still. God even gave us a commandment to be still:" "Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy" (Exodus 20: 8). Back in August, 2019, I had to be told that healing is all about being still; letting your body redirect its energy to where the hurt and pain is instead of dividing between what I want to do and what the body needs to do.

Being still is work; it is hard work and it is often necessary work. By being still, one can encounter God in ways not possible when one is constantly in motion. By being still, one can see God is in control when nothing else is unless God allows it. Fall is a beautiful time of year, the change of color of the leaves, the snap of a brisk cool morning, and the bounty of the harvest is brought in from farm and field. As the season of fall begins, let us take time out of our often busy schedules to *be still and know God* as manifested in the beauty and color of the change of seasons.

Gratefully, Pastor Mark W. Fischer



I am thrilled to invite both our returning choir members and new congregation members to join our vibrant adult choir and handbell

choir! Whether you've been part of our musical family before or are looking to start a new musical journey, we welcome you with open arms.

Choir practice will be held beginning September 11, from 6 PM to 7:30 PM each week. We'll spend the first half hour of each session diving into music for the Christmas season, so get ready to embrace the joy and spirit of the holidays through song. Handbell rehearsals will also begin September 11 and go from 7:30-8:30 PM.

Additionally, if you play an instrument and are interested in sharing your talent during our church services, please reach out to Brett. We're always excited to include a variety of musical contributions in our worship.

I look forward to reconnecting with familiar faces and meeting new ones as we come together to create beautiful music. Your participation and enthusiasm are what make our choir and handbell ensemble truly special.



In Celebration of the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, we warmly invite you to a special outdoor worship service on October 6th at 2 pm. This joyful occasion will

include a Blessing of the Animals, where we honor the beloved pets that bring so much joy to our lives.

Please bring your furry, feathered, or scaly friends to join us for this meaningful event. We'll gather outside for a short service, followed by a blessing of the pets.

We look forward to celebrating with you and your pets!



We are excited to announce our Trunk or Treat event, happening on Saturday, October 26th from 1 pm to 3 pm in the church parking lot! This fun-filled afternoon is a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together and celebrate.

We are seeking families and individuals who would like to participate by decorating their trunks and handing out candy to the children. If you can't attend but still want to help, we would greatly appreciate candy donations or monetary contributions to purchase candy.

A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Brett.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to a spooktacular event!



Fischer will be hosting an Pastor important informational session on funeral planning on Sunday, October 13th, at 9:30 am, between services.

This session will provide valuable insights and guidance on preparing for this important aspect of life.

Bill Harris, of Harris Funeral Home, will also be joining us to offer additional expertise and answer any questions you may have.

We encourage you to attend this informative event to gain a better understanding of funeral planning and to help ensure your wishes are known and respected.



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



The St. David's Lutheran Church Service Team is helping Somerset

County Meals on Wheels with desserts. **Desserts will be collected on SUNDAY, September 8^h, 2024.** The collection will take place in the narthex between the hours of 8:00- 10:00 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)
- Don't have time to bake. Store bought desserts are also being accepted.

ALL DESSERTS MUST BE IN DISPOSABLE CONTAINERS. Thank you.





- 1 Evangeline Tresnicky
- 2 Cathy Lilly
- Barb Pile
- 3 Daniel Alberti Rick Miller
 - L. Roeg Williamson
- 4 Dylan Drenner Jennifer Fetterman Tammy Siehl
- 5 Lillian Griffith
- 6 Ralph Alberti
- 8 Albert Meehleib***204 Chestnut St., PO Box 273, Davidsville, PA 15928
- 9 Joyce Gindlesperger
 Casey Miller
 Adam R. Naugle
- 10 Tracey Farabaugh Craig Zaman
- 12 Anna Collins Austyn Yoder
- 13 Susan Stahl
- 14 Kirsten Andrews Ellie Hunsberger
- 15 Steven Mummert Christine Walerysiak
- 16 William Stayrook
- 17 Stephanie Summits
- Shannon Berkebile
 Haley Fetterman
 Allen Krynicky-Busija
 Linda Pauley
 Kristen Siehl
 Cassey Stevens
- 19 Kevin Horner Chad Moore Audra Zaman
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- 22 Lori Cable Kelly Varner
- 23 Jackson Byer Nicole Frankenfield Joan Kaufman***2000 Cambridge Dr. Rm 521, Davidsville, PA 15928 George Seese Emily Sprowls***2000 Cambridge Dr. Rm 525, Davidsville, PA 15928
 24 Mila Feathers
- Haley Naugle Violet Studer
- 25 Troy Horner Raymond Kauffman Pierce Miller Lois Tessari
- Sherry Desort
 Thomas Mitchell
 Sandy Naugle***2000 Cambridge Dr. Rm
 110, Davidsville, PA 15928
- 27 Sherri Andrews Ron McDaniel
- 28 Lea Cobaugh Lynn McDaniel Joshua Ott Steve Sotosky Leah Virostek
- 29 Daniel Golias
- 30 Thomas Mishler Robert Naugle

If we have missed a name or if our records are incorrect, please call the church office to let us know so we can recognize you properly and/or update the system.



***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.





Yoga is not a way of making your mind quiet. It's a way of entering the quiet that's already there - buried under the 50,000 thoughts the average persons thinks every day. -Deepak Chopra

> Be still and know that I am God. -Psalm 46:10

MORNING SERIES ONLY!

Starting again after the summer months! Be a part of our yoga crew as the summer sun ends and autumn breezes blow. An eight-week session will begin Monday September 16 and end Monday November 4. The morning class starts at 9am. The series is \$65 or \$10 per class drop-in. All classes are beginner friendly. Join us this season and bring a friend - yoga has so many health benefits and is for everyBODY! Contact Elizabeth with questions 525-2894.



Please join us for lunch on Rally Day, September 8^{th at} 11:30 AM. The church will provide hamburgers & hot dogs, condiments, toppings (lettuce,

tomatoes & onions).

If you are able and willing to help with a side dish to share, please follow the list below according to last name. If you are unable to make a dish, please join us anyway. The day won't be complete without all of you!

- ➤ A E Dessert
- ➤ F L Vegetable
- ➤ M P Potato/Pasta
- ➤ O Z Salad

School Year Learning Place Staff

814-479-7390 Jennifer Percinsky: Director Felica Beglin: Asst. Group Supervisor Pam Carhart: Asst. Group Supervisor Niki Cable: Asst. Group Supervisor Janet Lord: Asst. Group Supervisor Hal-leigh Macenczak: Asst. Group Supervisor Brianna Mohle: Asst. Group Supervisor Abigail Sarver: Aide Stacie Opett: Asst. Group Supervisor Gina Yacynych: Preschool 3 lead teacher



St. David's Learning Place would like to wish our friends Owen. Weston, and Carson a very happy birthday!

Best of luck and many prayers for a safe, fun, and healthy school year to all!

ST. DAVID'S LEARNING PLACE BOARD MEMBERS

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



It's that time of the year again...school will begin on August $22^{nd!}$ This is just a reminder that the school bus will be coming through St. David's. So please stop when

you see the bus and drive slow! The traffic pattern for parents is entering through the top parking lot, dropping off/picking up at the Learning Place main doors, and exiting through bottom parking lot. Thanks!

-St. David's Learning Place Staff



God's Work Our Hands would like your input regarding members and/or community residents who may need help with household chores such as cleaning, painting, outside clean up (leaf

raking), etc. If you are aware of anyone in need, please contact Bill Andrews at <u>pinkand@atlanticbb.net</u> or 814-341-2742 with information. Thank you!



Each year, St. David's Lutheran Church opens the Fellowship Hall to host around 200 students following home Conemaugh Township football games on Friday nights at Overtime. The students, in grades 7-12, are fed chocolate chip cookies and pizza, play cornhole and other games, and know that have safe location they а to socialize. However, this ministry needs volunteers or Overtime may not be able to continue. We are looking for adults (18 and over) in the Conemaugh Township area who can give a few hours of their time on Friday nights during football season... we need vou!

Volunteers are asked to show up at St. David's Fellowship Hall (lower level) between 8 and 8:30 (Overtime begins at 9 p.m. and ends at 11 p.m.). Help is needed in the kitchen, at our registration tables, setting up and cleaning up, and in general, mostly being an observant chaperone. Volunteers need to have up-to-date clearances filed with our church office and are welcomed for some or all of the dates below:

August 23 and 30, September 20, and October 4 and 25

If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Kimmel (rachel.b.thomas@gmail.com or 814.248.1670). To submit your clearances, please contact Jessica, St. David's Church Secretary, at stdavids_sec@atlanticbb.net.



Attention all parents of students age 3 (Pre-school) to 12th grade: The first day of Sunday School is right around the corner (Sept 15th) and it is time to register your child at St. David's for Sunday School. Please use the link below or QR code to find the registration Google form and fill it out on-line before September 8th. New this year, we will be purchasing red tees for our registered students grade pre-k to 6th to wear to our "Marty Party", Reformation Sunday, on October 27th.



Students entering their first year of confirmation will be presented their Learning Bibles on Sunday, September 8th and all Sunday School teachers will be presented and blessed on September 8th as well.

The Comfy Room Classroom will be open again for parents of any age the last Sunday of each month and the Adult Sunday School Classroom is always looking for new members. There is a place for everyone to learn and grow in their faith at St. David's and we are looking forward to a wonderful year!

Join us the last Sunday of every month in the comfy room at Raising Families the Jesus Way CP Let's share in our faith and tackle the truths of parenting. *first meeting September 29!

St David's Evangelical Lutheran Church Davidsville, PA 15928 Council Meeting July 25, 2024

Call to Order

• Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

Role / Excuse Absences

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

Biblical Reflection & Prayer

• Prayer was led by Pastor Fischer

Approval of Minutes / July 3rd

Approval of the minutes via e-mail, July 3rd

<u>Agenda</u>

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

<u>Reports</u>

- Pastors read over his report which outlined the following
 - Numerous people looking to join our congregation. The date set at this time is August 25, 2024 at the 10:30 service.
 - Constitutional updates given to Sonya Andrews to look over and will be discussed for finalization at the August Council Meeting to be ready for the fall Congregational meeting.
 - Vacation planned September 17 –
 27. Supply pastors will be set up by Pastor Fischer

Financial

• A Financial report was given by Doug Shrader. It was agreed and proposed to council for approval that annually if the Vanguard Endowment account has Net Capital Gains, it is recommended that the church pay 10% as a tithe.

- A motion was made by Ronna Marisa, seconded by Sue Risch.
- All in favor, none abstained, none opposed, motion passed
- It was also recommended that a second quarter bonus be paid out to all staff members
 - A motion was made by Lauren Bungard, seconded by Mike Grose
 - All in favor, none abstained, none opposed, motion passed

Learning Place

• Cathy Lily stated that the new playground is arriving in August.

Unfinished Business

- Brett Raise: Sonya to Doug more information before final determination
- Council Nominees: Still approaching people asking to take this opportunity to join the council in helping to continue our growth. There are some one-year terms as well as two year terms.

Anyone interested should approach any council member.

 Ministry spending plan: to be finalized at the September 18th meeting for the 2025 Spending Budget

New Business

- It was brought up about the next meeting being before a holiday so a motion was made by Ronna Marisa and seconded by Mike Grose to move Thursday, August 22nd at 7:00 PM
 - All in favor, none abstained, none opposed, motion passed.

Next meeting is August 22nd, 2024 @7:00 PM

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM

Respectfully submitted

Deborah J Harris Council Secretary

Acolytes- NEED VOLUNTEERS (8); NEED VOLUNTEERS (10:30)
Altar- Linda Shrader (8); Faye Buncich (10:30)
Cantors –Gail Berkebile (8); Gail Berkebile (10:30)
Communion Assts- Doug & Linda Shrader (8); Hunsberger Family (10:30)
Lectors –Deb Hart (8); Beth Hunsberger (10:30)
Ushers- Ed & Deb Hart (8); Hunsberger Family (10:30)
Counters- Doug & Linda Shrader, Joyce Gindlesperger
Acolytes- NEED VOLUNTEERS (8); NEED VOLUNTEERS (9:30)
Altar- Ronna Marisa (8); Lou Ann Reckner (9:30)
Cantors – Gail Berkebile (8); Gail Berkebile (9:30)
Communion Assts- Bill Bergman & Sue Risch (8); Mary Jane McCready & Need Volunteer (9:30)
Lectors –Bill Bergman (8); Mary Jane McCready (9:30)
Ushers-Leo & Ronna Marisa (8); Need Volunteers (9:30)
Counters- Sue Risch & Need Volunteers
Acolytes- NEED VOLUNTEERS (8); NEED VOLUNTEERS (10:30)
Altar- Deb Harris (8); Pat Sleek (10:30)
Cantors – Wendy Figard (8); Choir (10:30)
Communion Assts-Deb Harris & Ed Hart (8); Patty Rullo & Jack Winters (10:30)
Lectors –Deb Harris (8); Patty Rullo (10:30)
Ushers- Ed & Deb Hart (8); Jack Winters & Jeff Rowe (10:30)
Counters- Bill & Sherri Andrews, Sonya Andrews
☆ September 22 (Intinction) ※
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-Ronna Marisa & Sue Risch (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- Dave & Cindy Liska, Jean Magdelinic
℁ September 29 (Communion) ※
Acolytes- NEED VOLUNTEERS (8); NEED VOLUNTEERS (10:30)
Altar- Luana Eppley & Kathy Carnahan (8); Mandi Tercek (10:30)
Cantors –Judy Brotz (8); Choir (10:30)
Communion Assts- Doug & Linda Shrader (8); Wendy Figard & Buck Sleek (10:30)
Lectors –Bella Kotch (8); Wendy Figard (10:30)
Ushers- Need Volunteers (8); Buck & Pam Sleek (10:30)
Counters- Doug & Linda Shrader, Joyce Gindlesperger



Home Phone:



St. David's Evangelical Lutheran Church God's Work Our Hands Day of Service & Rally Day

Sunday, September 8, 2024 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM <u>Registration Form</u>

Name/Family:	_ # Attending:	Email:

Cell Phone:

I/We will be a part of St. David's Lutheran Church Serving in the Mission Field by:

____1) bringing a dessert for Somerset Co. Meals on Wheels to St. David's.

2) joining together for worship, community building, fun, lunch, and service with other members of St. David's in our community

number of persons attending (needed for lunch)
 8:00 AM – Worship at St. David's
 9:00 AM – Joint time of fellowship of persons from each service
 9:30 AM – Worship at St. David's
 10:45 AM – Games & Community Building
 11:30 AM – Lunch [all people present at both services are encouraged to attend]
 12:15 AM – Embark for our projects in the local Mission Field

3) Unfortunately, I am not able to join in the afternoon of service in our local Mission Field, but I will worship at St. David's at 8 AM, and hold those attending GWOH/Rally Day in prayer, purchase items for the New Baby Kits, offer a donation (marked GWOH) for supplies for the work projects, attend the lunch, and do what I/we can in the coming days to serve others in our local mission field.

Please see other side of this form and then return completed form (front and back) online (to Jessica) or in the basket in the narthex!

God's Work Our Hands Projects:

(Please choose two or three projects [prioritize 1, 2, 3] where you could serve – we will try to honor your first request, but, as always, each project has a limited number of participants)

____ Please check here if you have physical/medical restrictions of which we should be aware. Let us know how we can assist you.

Physical work projects, variable skill levels and ages needed:

- ____ CT EMS -- cleaning inside garage building
- _____ Congregation member/s home projects clearing brush

Painters:

St. David's Learning Place -- painting outside concrete wall and swing set & new chains on swings

Work projects requiring less physical labor:

- _____ Laurel View Village -- plant tulip bulbs
- _____ St. Francis Sharing and Caring- cleaning
- _____ CT historical society- scrub/power wash ramp and edge sidewalk

Seated/minimal standing work projects:

_____ Pack new baby kits at St. David's

I have no preference:

_____ Assign me/us wherever you need me/us.

[Please complete both sides of form and return Jessica in the office or in the basket in the narthex.]



Pastor Mark will be on vacation September 19- 28. For pastoral emergencies contact Rev. Allen Stump, 717-476-8701 or email astump1958@gmail.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8AM Worship/ Communion 10:30AM Worship/ Communion	Church HAPPY LABOR DAY Closed	3 1 PM Emergency Team Meeting (P)	4 Office Closes @ 1:00PM	5 11 AM Goodies with Grandparents (FH9) 5:30 PM Daisy Troop (C19)	6	7
8 8AM Worship/ Communion 8-10AM Meals on Wheels Collection 9AM Joint time of fellowship of persons for each service <u>9:30AM</u> God's Work, Our Hands/ Rally Day Worship/©/SS Installation/Bible 10:45 AM Games & Community Building 11:45 AM Lunch 12:15 PM - Embark for our projects in the local Mission Field	9 6PM Bible Study(21A-C)	10	11 1PM staff Meeting (C19) 6 PM Adult Choir 7:30 PM Bell Choir	12 6:30 PM Worship & Music (P)	13 Office Closes @ 1:00PM	14 9 AM S. Zaman (FH9)
15 FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL 8AM Worship/ Communion 9:15AM Sunday School/Catechism 9:15AM Acolyte Training (S) 10:30AM Worship/©/Baptism	16 October Messenger ODEADLINE 9AM YOGA (FH9) 12 PM Bloodmobile (FH9) 1 PM Office Closes Early 6PM Bible Study(21A-C)	17	18 6 PM Stewardship & Finance Meeting (C19) 6 PM Adult Choir 7:30 PM Bell Choir	19 5:30 PM Daisy Troop (C19) 7 PM JSO Community Strings (FH9) Pastor Mark is on Vacation 9/19-9/28	20 9PM Overtime (FH9)	21
22 8AM Worship/ Communion 9:15AM Sunday School/Catechism 10:30AM Worship/ Communion	23 9AM YOGA (FH9) 6PM Bible Study(21A-C)	24 6:30 PM Sage Herbalists (FH9)	25 6PM LP Board Meeting (FH9) 6 PM Adult Choir 7PM GWOH (C19) 7:30 PM Bell Choir	26 Office Closes @ 1PM 9AM Blanket Day (FH9) 7PM Council Meeting (C19) 7 PM JSO Community Strings (FH9)	27	28
29 8AM Worship/ Communion 9:15AM Sunday School/Catechism 9:15 AM Parent Sunday School Group (CR2) 10:30AM Worship/ Communion	30 9AM YOGA (FH9) 6PM Bible study(21A-C)		nges to hours will be note www.	ours are Monday- Friday 9:0 ad on the church calendar i <u>stdavidslutheran.org</u> dule please check the calend	located on the web.	site. Updated 9.11.24