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"Glorify God, Share the Love of Jesus, Do Good works thru Service."

Church Web Site: WWW.STDAVIDSLUTHERAN.ORG

Church Office: 814.479.4110

Messenger-September 2026

"Stewardship of the Harvest"

October Messenger
The deadline is Tuesday, September 15



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Church Office 814-479-4110			2 7PM GWOH (C16)	3	4 9PM Overtime (FH9)	5
8AM Worship/ Communion Svc 10:30AM Worship/Communion Svc	6	8 1:00PM Ladies Lunch Bunch @ Sequanota	9	10 LP Goodies w/ Grandparents (FH9) 6:30PM Worship & Music Meeting (P)	11 Office Closes @ 12:15PM 9PM Overtime (FH9)	12
MOW Dessert Collection 8:00AM Worship at St. David's 9:00AM Ministry Team Fair & Community Building 9:30AM Worship at St. David's 10:45AM Ministry Team Fair & Community Building 11:30AM Lunch 12:15AM Embark for our projects in the local Mission Field	13	15 OCTOBER MESSENGER 6PM Stewardship & Finance Meeting (C19)	16 6 PM Adult Choir Practice	17 Office Closes @ 12:30PM 6PM Columbarium Committee Meeting (C19)	18	19
8AM Worship/ Communion Svc 9:15AM Sunday School /Catechism 10:30AM Worship/Communion Svc	20	22 6PM Sage Herbalists (FH9)	23 5:30PM LP Board Meeting (CR2) 6PM Adult Choir 7:30PM Handbell Choir	24 Office Opens Late @10:30AM 9AM Blanket Day (FH9) 6:30PM Council Meeting 7PM JSO Community Strings (FH9)	25 C.T. Homecoming Parade 9PM Overtime (FH9)	26
8AM Worship/ Communion Svc 9:15AM Sunday School /Catechism 10:30AM Worship/Communion Svc	27	29 6 PM Bible Study	30 6PM Adult Choir 7:30PM Handbell Choir			Printed 8.18.26

Pastor Mark at Bishop's Convo September 16-18

Typical 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))

From the Pastor.....

I enjoy watching the short videos that pop up on my Facebook page. One of my favorites is the drag racing team of John Force. Just before the start of a race, the car does a burnout or two to heat up the tires, then it inches up slowly to get to the starting line, there is the pause, the lights flash green, and down the track the two cars race at over 300 mph.

That's kind of how I feel the month of August is leading into September. Vacations are winding down, we are doing all the stuff to get ready for going back to school or off to college. September 1st arrives and then we're off and running. The church, even here at St. David's, is much the same way. August is the time of gearing up for a return to the busyness of being church. Labor Day weekend and the next Sunday of God's Work, Our Hands Day is the inching up to the starting line. On the 3rd Sunday of September, the light turns green, and St. David's is off the starting line with choir and all the faith formation classes back in session. Plus all of the busyness of our lives outside of church with school and sports activities.

Many of these things are important so that we have a fulfilling life. **BUT.....** the Psalmist writes in Psalm 46:10, ***Be still and know that I am God.*** This verse may seem out of place when taken in the context of the whole of Psalm 46. Yet, it does encourage taking time to see God at work in all of God's wonderful creation. This admonition to being still is a worthwhile thing to do. Often we feel like we are the hamster on that wheel just running and running with no place to go; the busyness of our lives overtakes us and we don't take time to be still. A good example are our cell phones. How many of us put away our cell phones at the dinner table? It's hard to do because our cell phones have become an appendage of our body just like our arms and legs. I get that because my cell phone is my office away from St. David's. Taking time to ***Be still and know that I am God*** is not easy to do.

Looking ahead, Reformation Sunday and All Saint's Sunday aren't far off and then we move to Advent and Christmas. New Year's Day will be gone before we know it. This September, let each of us put aside time to ***BE STILL AND NOW THAT I AM GOD.***

Gratefully,

Pastor Mark Fischer



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.

CHURCH COUNCIL

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



Interim Hospice of Johnstown is offering a grief support group for anyone who is dealing with the loss of a loved one. The group will meet on the 1st Friday of the month beginning September 4th at 2:00PM. The sharing will take place at the Interim Hospice office located at 322 Warren Street (Berkley Hills Building) Suite 220, Johnstown. If you are interested in participating, please call 814-262-8305.

ONLINE *giving*



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 recurring.



We need your help with Overtime!

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 they have a safe location 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 you!

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, **including mandated reporter training**, filed with our church office and are welcomed for some or all of the dates: **September 4, 11, and 25; October 2 and 23.**



September BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Evangeline Tresnicky
- 2 Cathy Lilly
Barb Pile
- 3 Rick Miller
- 5 Lillian Griffith
- 6 Ralph Alberti
- 8 Albert Meehleib*****204 Chestnut St.,
PO Box 273, Davidsville, PA 15928**
- 9 Joyce Gindlesperger
- 10 Maggie Borodach
Tracey Farabaugh
Craig Zaman
- 12 Brandon Stevanus
- 13 Susan Stahl
- 14 Ellie Hunsberger
- 18 Shannon Berkebile
Linda Pauley
- 19 Kevin Horner
Audra Zaman
- 20 John Liska*****205 Chestnut St., PO Box 21,
Davidsville, PA 15928**
- 21 Janice Bolha*****2000 Cambridge Dr. Rm
543, Davidsville, PA 15928**
- 22 Lori Cable
Kelly Varner
- 23 Jackson Byer
Joan Kaufman*****2000 Cambridge Dr. Rm
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- George Seese
- 24 Mila Feathers
Violet Studer
- 25 Troy Horner
Lois Tessari
- 26 Sherry Desort
Thomas Mitchell
Sandy Naugle*****2000 Cambridge Dr. Rm
110, Davidsville, PA 15928**
- 27 Sherri Andrews
Ron McDaniel

- 28 Lynn McDaniel
Steve Sotosky
Leah Virostek
- 29 Daniel Golias
- 30 Thomas Mishler

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 celebrate their 80+ birthdays. Please contact the church office (814-479-4110) for additions or corrections.



St. David's
SUNDAY SCHOOL
IS BACK!

Another exciting year of Sunday School begins **September 20** here at St. David's!

Join us each Sunday at **9:15 AM**

for music and learning about **God's Word.**

MUSIC • LEARNING • FAITH • FUN

Make sure your children are registered by **SCANNING OUR QR CODE HERE** or on our Facebook page!

We can't wait to see you!



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

As fall approaches, vacations tend to end, attendance increases, and we begin the Fall Ministry Season at St. David's.

September brings the God's Work Our Hands Day of service on September 13, 2026. That day gives everyone the opportunity to share their talents on one of the seven ministries planned for that day.

We are also having a Ministry Team Fair that day after each service. Team participants will be available to discuss their teams and look for additional stewards to share their talents. You can approach any of them and they will get you to the correct contact. Or, look on the "Share Your Talents" flyer for participants on the team that you wish to join. There are seventeen main teams.

Besides the Ministry Teams listed on the flyer, there are sub teams in need of volunteers. Some of these teams that are looking for volunteers (stewards) are: Counters, Communion Assistants, Lectors, Ushers, Altar Guild to name a few.

Every Sunday it is easy to see Jesus living through volunteers (stewards) that are sharing their time and talents. Since we all are stewards of Jesus, we ask that you prayerfully consider sharing your talents. Make your faith living, busy, active and mighty. We can walk by faith and choose faith over fear. Look into your heart, God will give you the strength and wisdom for choosing the correct team where you can be a good steward and share your time and talents.



School has begun, please drive slowly and watch your surroundings!

-St. David's Learning Place Staff

🎵 Adult Choir & Handbell Choir Are Starting Again! 📢

We're excited to announce that our **Adult Choir and Handbell Choir** will soon be back together for another wonderful season of music and fellowship!

🎵 Adult Choir Practice

Practice resumes **Wednesday, September 16, from 6:00–7:30 PM.**

Our first Sunday singing will be **September 20 at the 10:30 AM worship service.**

📢 Handbell Choir Practice

Practice resumes **Wednesday, September 23, from 7:30–8:30 PM.**

We look forward to seeing everyone again and hope to welcome some **new faces** this year!

Anyone is welcome to join us! Whether you've participated before or would like to try choir or handbells for the first time, we would love to have you.

Come make a joyful noise with us! 🎵 📢



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learningplacestdavids@gmail.com

Jennifer Percinsky: Director/

Preschool 4 Lead Teacher

Felica Beglin: Preschool 3 Lead Teacher

Pam Carhart: Asst. Group Supervisor

Halie Griffie, Asst. Group Supervisor

Brianna Mohle: Asst. Group Supervisor

Faith Drake, Teacher's Aide

Skylar King, Teacher's Aide

LEARNING PLACE BOARD MEMBERS

Jerrold Cannistraci* Becky Robinson

Cindy Liska* Mary Helen Hruska

Patty Rullo* Linda Shrader* Cathy Lilly



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



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

Rally Day
Sunday, September 13, 2026
8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Registration Form

Name/Family: _____ # Attending: _____ Email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

I/We will be a part of St. David's Lutheran Church GWOH Day of Service by:

____ 1) bringing a dessert for Somerset Co. Meals on Wheels to **St. David's**.

____ 2) joining together for worship, community building, fun, ministry team fair, 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 – Ministry Team Fair & Community Building

9:30 AM – Worship at St. David's

10:45 AM – Ministry Team Fair & 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/we/are not able to join in the afternoon of service, but I/we will worship at St. David's on Sunday, September 13, and hold those participating in one of the afternoon projects in prayer, purchase items for the Lutheran World Relief School Kits, attend the lunch, and do what I/we can in the coming days to serve others in our local and global mission fields.

➤ **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.*

____ Build Picnic Table and Upgrade Sandbox for the Play Area behind the building

____ Outreach Activities for children at the Church (kids - ages up through 6th grade & adults)

____ Congregation member/s home projects

____ Pack LWR School Kits at St. David's

____ St. Francis Sharing and Caring – general cleaning, sorting, and organizing

____ Sequanota – painting pavilion

____ Kitchen Crew – GWOH/Rally Sunday food preparation, serving, clean-up

I have no preference:

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

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



SCAN ME



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

Council Meeting Minutes

July 30, 2026

Present: Rachel Kimmel, Pastor Fischer, Lynn McDaniel, Doug Shrader, Jeff Eash, Paul Weygandt, Lois Tessari

Absent: Sonya Andrews, Sue Risch, Patty Rullo, Kristie Byer, Angie McKool

- **Call to order** 6:34
- **Prayer** by Pastor Fischer
- **Council meeting minutes** from June approved via email
- **Guests** none
- **Pastor's report**
 - Mount Calvary may need help with secretarial education in the future. Currently they do not have a secretary and members are filling in. If one is hired without experience, education may be needed for applications used by the church.
 - Pastor will be away August 19th for grant funded continuing education.
- **Property report**
 - Paul provided a detailed report regarding sanctuary lighting, outdoor cross, kitchen, stained glass, parking lot, sidewalk, downspouts, trees, asbestos and archives.
- **Financial report**
 - Doug reviewed the expense report. Are as predicted for the year.
- **Children & Youth**
 - Orchards will not have apples for the annual sale this year.
- **Overtime**
 - **CT** has 5 home games this year. September 4,11,25 and October 2,23. The number of volunteers has decreased over the years, thus more are needed this year. This ministry serves 150-200 kids per season and has been an important ministry we provide for our community.
- **Unfinished Business**
 - **Columbarium:** Meetings continue to gather complete information
 - **Fellowship Hall:** Tabled
 - **Covenant:** Tabled
 - **Flooring meeting:** Resulted in cost adjustments
 - **Church Picnic:** Members/Families encouraged to attend this fellowship event Sunday August 16th at Sequanota
- **New Business**
 - **GWOH Sunday:** emails were sent to team leaders regarding team building ideas for Rally Day
 - **Air Conditioner for Brett & Brian:** Motion to purchase an air conditioner for a cost not to exceed \$500.00. First Doug. Second Lois. All in favor, motion passed.
- **Meeting adjourned** 7:43pm. Next meeting: August 27, 2026

September 6 (Communion) *
Acolytes- Owen Zoldey (8); Kyla Rowe (10:30)
Altar-Pam Sleek (8); Sherri & Sonya Andrews (10:30)
Communion Assts- Doug & Linda Shrader (8); Lou Ann Reckner & Bill Bergman (10:30)
Lectors –Buck Sleek (8); Lou Ann Reckner (10:30)
Ushers- Buck & Pam Sleek (8); Bill Bergman & Need Volunteer (10:30)
Counters- Doug & Linda Shrader
*September 13 (Intinction) * Rally Day/ Gods Work, Our Hands Sunday
Acolytes- Anna Hunsberger (8); Amelia Mitchell (9:30)
Altar- Kristie Byer (8); Pat Sleek (9:30)
Communion Assts-Wendy Figard & Gail Berkebile (8); Need Volunteers (9:30)
Lectors – Wendy Figard (8); Marna Gilman- Fischer (9:30)
Ushers- Bella & Sarah Kotch (8); Need Volunteers (9:30)
*September 20 (Intinction) *
Acolytes- Brody Byer (8); Aria Miller (10:30)
Altar- Ronna Marisa (8); Faye Buncich (10:30)
Communion Assts-Elle Mowery & Ronna Marisa (8); Randy Whetzel & Gail Berkebile (10:30)
Lectors –Elle Mowery (8); Keli Williams (10:30)
Ushers- Leo & Ronna Marisa (8); Jeff Rowe & Jack Winters (10:30)
Counters- Bill & Sherri Andrews, Sonya Andrews
*September 27 (Communion) *
Acolytes-Canyon Mishler (8); Braeden Black (10:30)
Altar-Deb Harris (8); Mandi Tercek (10:30)
Communion Assts- Sue Risch & Deb Harris (8); Greg & Cathy Lilly (10:30)
Lectors –Deb Harris (8); Cathy Lilly (10:30)
Ushers-Joe & Sue Risch (8); Carole Williams & Joyce Gindlesperger (10:30)
Counters- Sue Risch & 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 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.