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Ministers:	The People of St. David's Lutheran Church
Pastor:	Rev. LaDonna E. Thomas
Parish Administrator:	Pam Kemper
Music Director:	Jeff Good
Sexton:	Shirley Garrett
Communications Coordinator:	Debbie Peter
Treasurer:	Joan Barnes
Financial Secretary:	Sharon Blouse
Building Fund Treasurer:	Mack Warner
President:	Chuck Baumgardner
Vice-President:	Dave Hess
Secretary for Council:	Martha Rutledge



January 2018

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Office Closed	6:30 P.M. Bell Choir 7:00 P.M. Property Committee	12:00 P.M. R.A.P. No Worship Service 7:00 P.M. Exercise 7:30 P.M. Band	7:00 P.M. Congregational Growth Committee	Pastor's Day Off	
7 8:00 & 10:45 A.M. Worship 9:30 A.M. Sunday School 9:30 A.M. Adult Choir	8 7:00 P.M. Fellowship Committee	9 6:30 P.M. Bell Choir	10 7:00 P.M. Worship 7:00 P.M. Exercise 7:30 P.M. Band	11 7:00 P.M. Faith & Family Committee	12 Pastor's Day Off	13 8:30 A.M. P.A.L.
14 8:00 & 10:45 A.M. Worship Installation of new Council members 9:30 A.M. Sunday School 9:30 A.M. Adult Choir 6:00 P.M. Youth Confirmation @ St. Bartholomew's	15 6:00 P.M. Renewal Team 7:00 P.M. Council	16 6:30 P.M. Bell Choir 3:00 – 7:00 P.M. Library in use	17 7:00 P.M. Worship 7:00 P.M. Exercise 7:30 P.M. Band	18 3:00 – 7:00 P.M. Library in use	19 Pastor's Day Off 6:30 P.M. Scouts	20
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

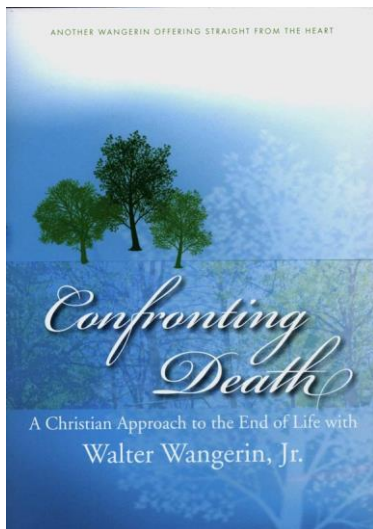
Invite a friend!

SUNDAYS: Traditional Worship 8:00 A.M.
Fellowship time 9:15 A.M.
Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
Adult Choir 9:30 A.M.
Blended Worship 10:45 A.M.

WEDNESDAYS: Brief service with Communion at 7:00 P.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR PRESCHOOL - ADULTS is held at 9:30 A.M.

- Pre K – in the nursery – Teacher: Hattie Evans
- K to 2nd Grade – first classroom on the left walking up to the Sanctuary from the Fellowship Hall – Teachers: Beth Crony and Melissa Miller.
- 3rd – 6th Grade – second classroom on the left walking up to the Sanctuary from the Fellowship Hall– Teachers: Jackie Lake, Sue Jones and Eric Baumgardner.
- Adult Class – in the library - Teachers: Chuck Baumgardner, Mary Kessler, and Mack Warner.



NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES BEGINS

JANUARY 7th

Confronting Death – by Walter Wangerin, Jr.

Led by Pastor LaDonna and Chuck Baumgardner

Christian thinkers have long concerned themselves with the art of dying well. “Confronting Death” is commentary on the subject by a man who is himself in the last stages of a terminal illness. The video-based curriculum features the author describing how, after being diagnosed with lung cancer, his faith helped him accept the disease, as well as prepare himself, his wife, and children for his eventual death. The presentation, which consists primarily of Wangerin speaking directly to the camera (intercut with family photos and outdoor footage), is divided into five parts dealing with: 1) his initial response to the diagnosis, 2) seeing to family needs, 3) grieving before death, 4) dealing with fear and pain, and 5) taking comfort in his belief in the promise of eternal life for the Christian facing death. Wangerin's message takes a conventional Christian approach, while his engaging conversational style builds an easy rapport with the viewer, who can't help but be moved by the subject matter.

Walter Wangerin, Jr. is a prolific writer and Lutheran pastor. He is also the Jochum Chair of English and Theology at Valparaiso University in Indiana, where he teaches literature and creative writing.



Greetings from our Renewal Team!

As we begin this new year, our renewal journey is about discovering where God has been active in our lives. Truly, in real ways, God has been walking beside us through life. Sometimes, in our busy and distracted lives, we can lose sight of God.

So, our renewal journey in January begins with brief conversations with one another about meaningful parts of our lives. We will be asking you to consider and discuss two simple questions (two new questions each week).

Starting Sunday, January 7, each week we will post a couple of questions on “table tents” in the Gathering Area. Stop by after the first service or before the second service and chat with someone you do not know well. You can also incorporate those questions when you’re in a church committee meeting this month. If you’re a parent, you can discuss the questions with your children at a meal or during a car ride. Or, you might discuss them with a spouse or friend over a cup of coffee or a meal.

A **“RENEWAL IDEAS”** box will be placed in the Gathering Area. Feel free to use it for any thoughts you may want to share with us. Please be sure to sign your contribution so we can follow up with you.



Thank you for your trust in us. May the chatting be fun for all as we begin our journey!

Gratefully,

The Renewal Team

Church Baumgardner (chair), Mary Bixler, Charlie Evans, Suzanne Geaney, Craig Graham, Jackie Lake, Debbie Waskiewicz, Allen Stump, and Pastor LaDonna

P.A.L. (PROVIDE-A-LUNCH)

Volunteers are needed to cook, serve the meal, and clean up after the meal on the 2nd Saturday of each month for the Hanover Area Council of Churches (HACC). Our next Saturday to serve is January 13th between the hours of 8:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Come for all or part of this outreach ministry. The location is 136 Carlisle Street, Hanover. Please contact Martha Rutledge if you have any questions.



HANOVER AREA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES' FOOD BANK REQUESTS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY:

Salad dressing, pineapples, coffee, creamer, hot chocolate, and scallop potatoes.

Please place your donations in the basket in the church narthex.

Directory Update

There are 5 steps to getting our new directory

Step 1 - Schedule and conduct the photo sessions

Step 2 - Plan the directory layout, cover, and pages

Step 3 - Gather, scan, and organize pictures submitted by members who were unavailable for a photo session

Step 4 - Submit directory and receive a proof of the new directory in approximately 3 weeks

Step 5 - Approve directory and receive printed new directories in approximately 3 weeks.

We are in **step 4** - the directory has been submitted.

New directories are estimated to arrive in mid-February!



Project Costs:	Total Costs:
Capital Campaign	\$476,531.00
Donald B. Smith (roof)	\$ 18,141.67
Wood Haven (insulation)	\$ 45,400.00
Spangler & Boyer (heating system)	\$14,700.00
Arthur Funk Const.(narthex)	\$13,286.00
Principal Balance MIF Loan	\$385,004.00
Northwest Sav. Money Market	\$92,403.79
MIF Money Market	\$9,138.33
Needed to pay off Loan MIF	\$28,005.10
	\$55,260.36

COUNCIL ELECTS OFFICERS

At Council's December meeting, the following council members were elected to serve as officers for 2018.

Officers:

President: Chuck Baumgardner

Vice President: Dave Hess

Secretary: Martha Rutledge

Appointed by Council:

Treasurer: Joan Barnes

Financial Secretary: Sharon Blouse

Building Fund Treasurer: Mack Warner

ICE CREAM SOCIAL, POT LUCK DINNER, AND CAKE (AND OTHER STUFF) AUCTION TO BENEFIT THE ST. DAVID'S BUILDING FUND

Please join the Congregational Growth Committee on Saturday night, February 10, 2018 at 5:30 P.M. for an evening filled with good food, good friends, great sundaes, and a fun filled auction. Our evening begins with an old fashioned covered dish dinner. The cooks in this congregation bring their favorite dishes and you don't want to miss these. Fried chicken, drinks, and all the ice cream you can eat will be provided. We have never run out of sprinkles!! After we have finished eating, we begin our auction. It is a hilarious evening out-bidding your friends, family, and neighbors for one, or many of the donated items. This started out as the favorite cakes of all time, but in addition, there have been handmade quilts, beautifully crafted wooden boxes and chests, Hilda's fudge, and baskets filled with everything you need to have a family movie night. There is something for all ages to enjoy, but, most importantly, it is a mid-winter time of fun and joyful congregational interaction. This activity has been part of St. David's tradition for many years, and we hope it becomes part of your yearly church life. See you there!! Mark your calendars, February 10th at 5:30 P.M.

Tackle Hunger and Predict the Super Bowl Winner! January 21-February 4

We're collecting cans of chicken noodle soup (for AFC team) and canned ravioli or spaghetti O's (for NFC team). This food collection will be donated to the Summer Lunch Program, which provides lunch items to students who would normally receive free or reduced price lunches during the school year.



Bring your donation to the Gathering Area between January 21 and February 4 and place them in the box of the team you think will win the super bowl.

Stewardship 101

2018: Your Year of Gratitude

Think of the three happiest people you know – people whose lives effervesce with joy and peace. Chances are they also have a profound thankfulness for all that God has blessed them with. They also seem to live with a sense of contentment. Reflect for a minute. Isn't that the case?

By contrast, you may also know folks who are considered wealthy but are profoundly UNhappy. Likely, they not only fail to exude thankfulness for their wealth, but they also mistakenly believe they need even MORE possessions to be happy. Isn't that right?

Now, which kind of person do you tend to be?

Thankfulness. Happiness. Contentment. These joyful characteristics work together, reinforcing one another. Human experience proves this simple fact to be true: People who are grateful for all they have and all they are tend to be happy and content. Moreover, don't they also tend to possess spiritual depth and emotional maturity? A coincidence? Hardly.

Thankfulness, happiness and contentment interact, but gratitude holds the key. Develop gratitude, then happiness and contentment follow. It doesn't work the other way around. With prayer, devotion and simple exercises, the Holy Spirit will lead you to deeper spiritual maturity and more happiness. Here are some ideas for you and your family.

- **Pray daily.** Ask God to give you a greater sense of thankfulness. And then thank God for all the day's blessings.
- **Chart thankfulness.** On a big wall calendar mark one thing for which you're thankful to God. Invite other family members to do the same. When you get in the habit of looking for them, you will find blessings everywhere.
- **Keep a "blessing list."** Write down the things you are grateful for. Then, as you say your nighttime and morning devotions, pray over the list: "God, I'm thankful for *this*, and I'm thankful for *that*." Revise the list as needed.
- **Start a refrigerator "gratitude board."** Using sticky notes, post on your refrigerator the things for which you are most grateful. Use a different color sticky note for each family member. Keep the board updated.
- **Send out thank-you notes.** Buy a box of inexpensive thank you notes and send one every week. Go deep, thanking not only the folks who have given you a present or done a favor for you, but also those whose love, support, friendship, laughter, energy or presence are important to you.

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- **Make a “thank offering.”** Express gratitude in a tangible way by making a contribution to your congregation or favorite church cause. Make the donation “just because,” or in honor or memory of a loved one, or on the occasion of a special event or blessing in your life.

Adopt one or more of these exercises as a spiritual discipline and, with God’s help, you will develop the attitude of gratitude that will bring more satisfaction, greater happiness, spiritual depth and emotional maturity to your life. Blessings for 2018.

--Rob Blezard

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

01/02	Edna Rickrode	01/15	Jackie Lake
01/02	Eric Zwolinski	01/16	Bob Fulton
01/04	Athena Good	01/16	Kelly Chambers
01/07	Dave Bixler	01/22	Chester Utz
01/07	Joe Wise	01/22	Kathy Meckley
01/09	Diane Wensel	01/23	Bob Waskiewicz
01/09	Melissa Munk	01/24	Mearl Boyer
01/10	Nevin Garrett	01/24	Carolyn Rodenhaber
01/11	Laura Zwolinski	01/25	Gladys Shearer
01/14	Ronald Hare	01/28	Jessica Robison
		01/31	Jazzy Wiltscheck

THANK YOU TO:

- All who helped with donations for the Adopt-A-Family Program.
- Joyce and Fellowship Committee for hiring the caterers and getting the South Western music program for entertainment this year at the Christmas party.
- All who have been helping with Laundry Love.
- All who helped to put up the decorations in the church for Christmas.
- All the Choirs and the wonderful music each week during the year, the Christmas Cantata and the Christmas Eve services.
- All who helped with the Sunday School Christmas Party.
- All who purchased poinsettias for Christmas.
- Thank you to Abbi Null, Charlie Hagan, and Tom Garrett for serving on Council the last 3 to 6 years.
- Special thank you to the 2017 executive committee: Chuck Baumgardner, Kevin Barnes, Abbi Null, Joan Barnes, Sharon Blouse, and Pastor LaDonna.

THANK YOU NOTES:

Friends & Family,

Dave & I would like to thank each of you for the many cards and gifts that we received this year over Christmas. They were all appreciated very much.

Dave & Pam Kemper

PRAYER LIST

FOR THOSE RECEIVING PASTORAL VISITATION AT HOME: Ethel & Philip Meckley, Anna Mae Utz, Margaret Brown, Burnell Barnhart, Gladys Shearer, Russell & Ruth Myers, Millie Miller, Tony Laughman, Edna Rickrode, Ada Mancha, Kiki Beyer, Joyce & David Plank, Spark Weisensale, Christy & David Suddreth, Ann Hempfing, Harold Laughman, Alma Sanders, Lea Gallagher, Mearl Boyer, and Chester & Margie Utz.

FOR HEALING & STRENGTH: Pam Kemper, Dave Barnhart, Charles & Barbara Sickles, Carrol Davis, Tom Rutledge, Mary Wildasin, Mara Small, Deb Klinedinst, Melvin & Marjorie Wentz, Burnell & Dorothy Grogg, Arlene Kopp, Butch Saltzgiver, Tamara Cogle, Alvin & Hilda Schuchart, Suzie Luks, Angela Kieny, Ryan Laughman, Kaleb Trump, Steve Fulton, Eileen Driscoll, Mary Alice Steger, Margie Thiel, Eric Groft, Christie Rutledge, Chris McIver, Brian Groft, Jim Groft, Julie Groft, Nilda Tankin, Dalton Kirby, Greg & Jackie Bair, Mary Lou Davis, Korinthia Massey, Arnwn Wilson, and Dustin Summers.

FOR OUR SEMINARIAN: Kathy Stump

FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY: Luke Small