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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

August 2018

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

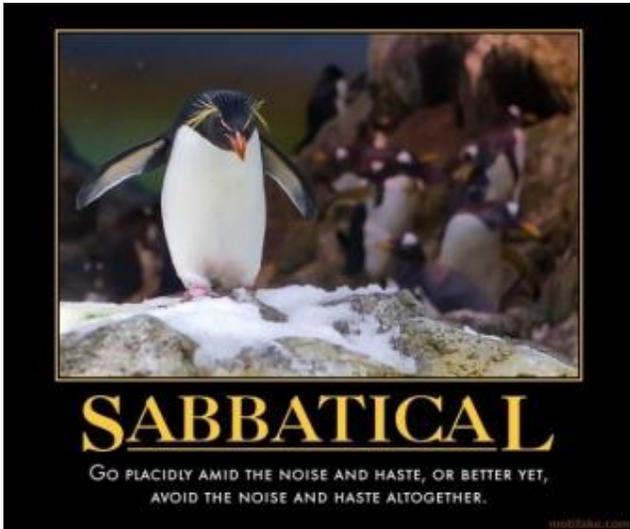
			1 12:00 p.m. Seniors Sharing 7:00 P.M. Worship 7:00 P.M. Exercise	2 7:00 P.M. Congregational Growth Committee Pam's Vacation	3 5:00 P.M. Car Show Set-up Office Closed	4 6:00 A.M. Car Show set-up
5 8:00 & 10:00 A.M. Worship 12:30 P.M. Scouts Picnic	6 7:00 P.M. Property Committee 7:00 P.M. Summer Lunch packing	7	8 7:00 P.M. Worship 7:00 P.M. Exercise	9	10 Office Closed	11 8:30 A.M. P.A.L. Fellowship Hall Rental
12 8:00 & 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Families with Children Gathering	13	14 6:00 P.M. Laundry Love 7:00 P.M. Worship & Music Committee	15 7:00 P.M. Worship 7:00 P.M. Exercise	16	17 Office Closed	18 9:30 A.M. Bike or Hike the rail trail
19 8:00 & 10:00 A.M. Worship	20 6:00 P.M. Renewal Team 7:00 P.M. Council	21	22 7:00 P.M. Worship 7:00 P.M. Exercise	23	24 Office Closed	25
26 8:00 & 10:00 A.M. Worship	27 7:00 P.M. Fellowship Committee	28	29 7:00 P.M. Worship 7:00 P.M. Exercise	30	31 Office Closed	

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS AUGUST 24TH.

From the Pastor's Desk . . . From sabbath rest to sabbatical time

[Note: This is the second of a three-part series of articles as we approach a time of a Pastoral Sabbatical. Part one, "Sabbath Rest" was published in the July, 2018 Newsletter]

In 2015, the St. David's congregation council adopted a Pastoral Sabbatical Policy, granting a month of sabbatical time for every three years of service in the congregation. I am scheduled for sabbatical time September 24 – October 23, 2018. Although the policy was formally adopted three years ago, this sabbatical practice is still new for us. I hope this article helps our mutual understanding and support of the pastoral Sabbatical.



Last month I shared with you some Biblical understandings of sabbath-keeping. Sabbath literally means “ceasing”. It is an intentional stopping and resting for renewal and restoration. Sabbatical time puts an intentional space between the person and the day-to-day responsibilities – space that can be filled with God’s Spirit to renew, refresh and recreate.

Sabbath rest.... ceasing... is really an act of faith. It is an exercise in trusting God to fill

space with God’s presence and gifts - the space we would normally fill up with work, recreation, doing, and producing. Stopping ceasing... is an invitation to experience our worthiness before God as a gift, not based on anything we do.

Parish ministry is, by its very nature, a call to be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Over the course of the last 24 years, I have served four congregations. My first call lasted approximately three years. The second was seven years. At that point, I accepted a call to another congregation, in part, because of the inability to have time to rest, renew and revitalize after a period of growth and transformation in the congregation. My third call was to a larger church as an associate pastor, where the demands of ministry were different and not as great. After serving in that call for three years, I was rested, renewed, and ready to serve again as a solo pastor, here at St. David’s.

I have now served St. David’s for 9½ years. I am energized by the ministry here and excited about the plans we have laid for the future. I believe God has called me to be your pastor for the long-term. However, given what I have learned about my ministry style from past

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calls, I know that having an extended time for rest, renewal and revitalization for my whole being is a key to my serving in one place for the long-term. That, in part, has led the congregation to establish the sabbatical policy. It's a proactive decision to care for your pastor.

I am in the process of laying some concrete plans to use the sabbatical time wisely. It is not vacation time to just go off and be entertained. It's not continuing education time to read through a stack of books or attend conferences. So what is it? For me it's an interconnected rhythm of rest, spiritual renewal, and relationships. I will say more about that in the September newsletter, along with some details about the logistics of parish life with me out of the office for a month.



In the meantime, I welcome your questions, ideas, or comments about the sabbatical. I value your thoughts and wisdom. And, most importantly, will you join me in praying about how God will use this sabbatical time in my life and the life of the congregation?

In the joy of serving Christ and community with you,

Pastor LaDonna

Greetings from our Renewal Team!



It's a summer of fun!! We are inviting everyone — of all ages—to take pictures of where they see God outside of the church walls.

Each week, you will get a new theme for where to look for God. It will take some thinking and some contemplating. Show us where YOU see God by taking a photo and adding a caption, or writing a few sentences or a story or a poem. If you go on vacation, think about where God is and share that image (photo or words) with us, too.

You can see the photos already submitted in the collages and videos in our Gathering Area. They are also on the St. David's Facebook page and on our website – stdavidshanover.org

Send or bring in your pictures, writing, poems in this format:

I SEE GOD... *(complete the sentence)*
Submitted by *(name)*



You can email your photo and caption to stdavidsinfo@gmail.com or bring them to the church and drop them in the box in the Gathering Area.

Themes for August weeks (submit your image/words from that Sunday to Thursday):

August 5 Where do you see God in **THE COLOR BLUE?**

August 12 Where do you see God **WHILE SHOPPING?**

August 19 Where do you see God **AT PLAY?**

August 26 Where do you see God **ON A STREET OR HIGHWAY?**



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

August 5th – September 2nd

SUNDAYS

8:00 A.M. Traditional Worship with communion

10:00 A.M. Blended Worship with communion

WEDNESDAYS

7:00 P.M. Brief spoken service with Communion

If your summer plans take you out of town on Sundays, join us on Wednesday evenings for a brief worship!

SUMMER STORIES - PARABLES OF JESUS

The Kingdom of God is like...

Sundays and Wednesdays August 5-September 6

Coming in August:

<i>Aug. 5 – 8</i>	<i>Widow and Judge</i>
<i>Aug. 12 – 15</i>	<i>Pearl of Great Price</i>
<i>Aug. 19 – 22</i>	<i>Yeast</i>
<i>Aug. 26 – 29</i>	<i>Lost Coin, Lost Sheep</i>
<i>Sept. 2 – 5</i>	<i>Laborers in the Vineyard</i>



FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Begins September 9th

SUNDAY

8:00 A.M. Traditional Worship with communion

9:15 A.M. Fellowship Time

9:30 A.M. Sunday School

9:30 A.M. Adult Choir

10:45 A.M. Blended Worship with communion

WEDNESDAYS

7:00 P.M. Brief spoken service with Communion

SUNDAY SCHOOL resumes on September 9th. There are classes for preschoolers – adults. The curriculum for adults for the 2018-19 school year is listed below in the Adult Sunday School section.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Mary Kessler, Chuck Baumgardner and Mack Warner are happy to present the adult Sunday school curriculum for 2018-2019. Please read the blurbs and think about joining us for any or all of the exciting topics this year. We meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30 A.M. in the library. All are welcome.

Sept. 9 – Oct. 14 ***DNA of Relationships*** – Dr. Gary Smalley et/al.

Have you discovered the building blocks of lasting bonds? Smalley discloses 17 core fears that can aggravate relationships and the secrets to dealing with them. He provides practical strategies for stopping unhealthy and damaging patterns; unfolds the road map to love; and helps you to understand that God made you for satisfying relationships.

Oct. 21- Nov. 11 ***Grace is Greater*** – Kyle Idelman

Kyle Idleman reminds us that God's grace is greater than our setbacks and failures. Through four incredible testimonies, a daily devotional journal, and a comprehensive leader's guide, your small group members will learn that no sin is so great or bitterness so deep for God. God's plan is to overcome your past, redeem your pain, and re-write your story.

Nov. 18 – Dec. 16 ***Faithful – Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph*** – Adam Hamilton

He started his journey as an unknown carpenter, but Joseph became the earthly father of Jesus. For his part in the nativity story, he faced a situation much like our own--encountering life circumstances he didn't choose or understand. In *Faithful*, Hamilton encourages readers to follow Joseph's example during this Advent and Christmas season, and exchange doubt for courage as we learn to accept and glorify God's will.

Jan. 6 – Feb. 10 – ***Start Becoming A Good Samaritan*** – John Ortberg

Becoming a Good Samaritan—an unprecedented initiative to help Christians live out Christ's love in world-changing ways right where they live. This groundbreaking training program helps small groups, families, entire churches, and organizations of every size explore the most pressing issues of our time—then start actually doing something about them. Join teacher, speaker, and award-winning author John Ortberg as he hosts six emotionally packed sessions featuring a remarkable array of global Christian leaders, including Eugene Peterson, Philip Yancey, Matthew Sleeth, Jim Cymbala, Chuck Colson, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Brenda Salter McNeil, Kay Warren, Joni Eareckson Tada, Rob Bell, Shane Claiborne, and many others.

Feb. 17 – March 10 - ***Anxious For Nothing*** – Max Lucado

Do you feel weighted down with worry? Does the uncertainty and chaos of life keep you up at night? Are irrational fears your constant companion? *Could you use some calm?*

In this five-session video Bible study, bestselling author Max Lucado explores God's treatment plan for anxiety found in Philippians 4:4–8. As you follow this prescription – celebrating God's goodness, asking for his help, leaving your concerns with him, and meditating on good things – you will experience God's peace. This is a peace that "transcends all understanding" and will help you reframe the way you look at your fears.

While anxiety is a *part* of life, it doesn't have to *dominate* your life. With God as your helper and his promises at your side, you can sleep better tonight and smile more tomorrow. You can talk yourself off the ledge and view bad news through the lens of God's sovereignty. You can discover a life of calm and develop tools for combating the onslaught of anxiety.

March 10 – March 17 – ***Admissions*** – James Cromwell

Admissions is a short film starring Academy Award nominee James Cromwell that tells a transformational tale about what it takes to find lasting peace. Featuring an Israeli couple and a Palestinian, this modern parable is set in the admissions room for the afterlife. Its purpose is to start a conversation that heals.

May 5 – May 26 ***What's Your Story? Seeing Your Life Through God's Eyes*** – Sarah Heath

In ***What's Your Story?***, author Sarah Heath leads you to envision your life as an adventure you are co writing with God. By exploring Joseph's life (Genesis 37-50) and key features of every good story, she invites you to see your life as a grand tale - and to see God's hand in it.

ANOINTING AND PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Anointing and prayers for healing are now available on the 1st Sunday of the month following each worship service. Those who desire to receive this ministry should gather at the front of the sanctuary around the altar. Pastor LaDonna, Rev. Marianne Grabowski, and/or Ellen Nash West will be available to offer this ministry to those who desire to receive it.

COMMUNITY GARDEN NEWS

Thank you for participating in the community garden outreach sponsored by the Congregational Growth Committee.

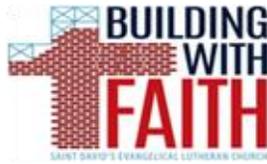
Now that our gardens are starting to produce, we will begin our collection and distribution. As summer progresses, we will be having different items each week, so don't worry as to if the produce is wanted. There's not a cucumber grown that someone won't enjoy! Collection of donated produce will take place on Sunday mornings here at the church. You will find plastic bins where you can deposit your tithed produce. Based on the weather, those bins will be somewhere near the front entrance.

Each week our donations will be taken to area shelters and food banks by members of the committee. That will be done in a very timely fashion. If you would like to help with this outreach of the church, please let Debbie Kronsteiner or a member of the committee know your desires.

If you have a large volume of produce, please bring it bagged so that it's easy for one person to transport. Do not bring the produce in bags that you will want personally returned.

Thank you for loving your neighbors just as you love yourself.





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
	\$385,004.00
Principal Balance MIF Loan	\$51,948.47
Northwest Savings Money Market	\$5,742.19
MIF Money Market	\$10,778.79
Needed to pay off Loan MIF	\$35,427.49

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday – 8:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Friday – No Office hours from June 8th - August 31st

PINK ENVELOPES for the month of August will support Laundry Love.

HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSALS begin Tuesday, September 11th at 7:00 P.M.

REGULAR CHOIR REHEARSALS resume September 9th at 9:30 A.M.

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 August 11th 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 AUGUST:

Mixed vegetables, coffee creamer, mayonnaise.

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

LAUNDRY LOVE

We have had a successful year. Every second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 P.M., our team meets at Suzi Suds on North Carlisle Street, Hanover. We greet customers and offer to pay for their laundry to be washed. While the washing is being done, there is time to visit with patrons, share some snacks, and do activities with the children. It is nice meeting our neighbors in a different way by talking to them and learning about them and their needs. If anyone would like to provide a donation towards the snacks that we provide for the evening, please see Michelle Quelet. We can still use some help during these evenings. If you are able, please join us on August 14th at 6:00 P.M. Hope to see you there.



BIKE OR WALK ON THE YORK COUNTY RAIL TRAIL

On Saturday, August 18th we will meet at the Hanover Junction on the York County Rail Trail at 9:30 A.M. It is located at 2433 Seven Valleys Rd, Seven Valleys, PA 17360. We will head south (right) on the trail, towards Glen Rock and go for 1 – 1 ½ hours. Please arrive a few minutes early to unload bikes and gather with the group.



“A Gathering of Families”

Sunday, August 12, 2018

11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

St. David’s Fellowship Hall

Lunch provided!

- **Get to know other families with children
- **Children’s games and activities
- **Conversations about what parents want and hope for in the spiritual formation of child(ren) and how the church can help



Please RSVP by calling the church office at 717-632-1922.

THANK YOU

- Everyone who helped this summer with the Summer Lunch program. Thank you for all the food this summer.
- All who helped with Laundry Love this month.
- Everyone who sent in pictures this month for the Renewal Team’s weekly events.
- Kurt & Debbie Kronsteiner for having everyone at their house for a picnic.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

08/04	Ann Seitz-Brown	08/20	Brien Krebs
08/06	Gavin Bush	08/21	Steve Williams
08/09	Lucy Barnhart	08/24	Donna Weber
08/09	Megan Huntington	08/24	Harold Utz
08/10	Butch Saltzgiver	08/25	Jacob Graham
08/12	Connie Wentz	08/26	Maggie Stahle
08/13	Sharon Dubs	08/27	Charles Sickles
08/15	Sydney Robison	08/29	Amber Myers
08/17	Ryan Fulton		
08/17	James Weisz		
08/18	Jacob Rinehart		

NEW ADDRESS:

Kathy Stump, 591 Apple View Lane, Duncansville, PA 16635

PRAYER LIST

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

FOR HEALING & STRENGTH: Mary Kessler, Kristine Hann, Tom Rutledge, Mara Small, Deb Klinedinst, Melvin & Marjorie Wentz, Burnell & Dorothy Grogg, Arlene Kopp, Butch Saltzgiver, Tamara Cogle, Alvin & Hilda Schuchart, Suzie Luks, Angela Kieny, Kaleb Trump, Mary Lou Davis, Tom Phillips, Janet Gross, Merle Becker, Sunny Blouse, Deb Brady, Bob Sullivan, Russ Zumbrum, Kim Nieves, Harold Kessler, Judi Sanders, Scott Adcock, Ryan Laughman, Robin Day, Lynn Brillhart, David McKnight, and Edie Springfloat.

FOR OUR SEMINARIAN: Kathy Stump

FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY: Luke Small