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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:	Dave Hess
Vice-President:	Mack Warner
Secretary for Council:	Martha Rutledge



March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Pastor's Day Off	2 9:00 A.M. Cooking Sap
3 8:00 & 10:45 A.M. Worship 9:30 A.M. Sunday School 9:30 A.M. Choir Practice for Shrove Tuesday	4 5:00 – 6:30 P.M. Library in use 7:00 P.M. Property Committee	5 2:00 – 3:30 P.M. Library in use 7:00 P.M. Shrove Tuesday	6 7:00 P.M. Ash Wednesday	7 7:00 P.M. Congregational Growth Committee	8 Pastor's Day Off 7:00 P.M. Youth Escape Room	9 8:30 A.M. P.A.L. 9:00 A.M. Cooking Sap
10 8:00 & 10:45 A.M. Worship 9:30 A.M. Sunday School 9:30 A.M. Choir 6:00 P.M. Youth, Confirmation @ St. Bart.'s	11 5:00 P.M. Gathering Area & Sanctuary in use	12 5:00 – 6:30 P.M. Library in use 6:00 P.M. Laundry Love 7:00 P.M. Bell Choir	13 7:00 P.M. Lenten Service 8:00 P.M. Worship & Music Committee	14 6:30 P.M. St. David's Book Club 7:00 P.M. Home Association	15 Pastor's Day Off 5:00 P.M. Parents Night Out	16 9:00 A.M. Cooking Sap
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24 8:00 & 10:45 A.M. Worship 9:30 A.M. Sunday School 9:30 A.M. Choir 6:00 P.M. Youth Confirmation @ St. David's	25 7:00 P.M. Fellowship Committee	26 7:00 P.M. Bell Choir	27 7:00 P.M. Lenten Service	28 7:00 P.M. Workshop on IRA	29 Pastor's Day Off	30 9:00 A.M. Cooking Sap 12:00 P.M. Rental of Social Hall
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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS MARCH 24TH

From the Pastor's Desk . . .

We Are Longing for a Deeper Walk with God

Be part of the journey this Lent

Wednesdays March 13th -April 10th 7:00 – 7:45 P.M.



The forty days preceding Easter Sunday (excluding Sundays) is known as the season of Lent. It began in the centuries after the life of Jesus as a time of instruction and growing in the practices of the Christian faith.

This Lent, you are encouraged to feed deeply on God's word and grow in your experience of God. Each week, at our Wednesday evening worship, we will focus on a different aspect of **experiencing**

God in daily life. You'll be invited to listen in on a conversation between me and another person who is prepared to share his or her own experiences of being in God's presence. Worshipers will then be sent home with a journal to reflect on their own walk with God. As an option for those who would like to be in conversation with others about the evening's topic, the gathering area will be open after worship.

The worship services will follow this general outline:

Gathering music, introduction of the weekly theme, scripture reading, conversation between Pastor LaDonna and one other person, song, and Communion.

The weekly themes and conversation partners are:

March 13 – "Introducing your awareness of God's love and presence"

Mary Bixler

March 20 – "Growing in the knowledge and grace of God"

Suzanne Geaney

March 27 – "Reflecting on and applying scripture in your everyday life"

Chuck Baumgardner

April 3 - "Dialoguing authentically with God"

Bob Waskiewicz

April 10 – "Worshiping God in spirit and in truth"

Mary Kessler

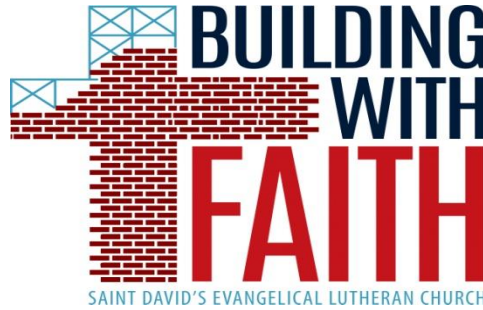
I look forward to sharing this season of spiritual growth with you!

Pastor LaDonna

***It's Time to Celebrate the End of our
"Building With Faith Campaign"!***

Sunday, March 17th at both worship services

Great News! Thanks to the faith and generosity of members and friends of St. David's, the final payment on the loan for the construction of our Gathering Area has been paid.



In just four years, we have received almost a half-million dollars in donations, over and above the giving that supports our annual budget for our daily operations. This is an incredible accomplishment and really shows us what we can do when we have a vision and all work together towards achieving it!

We'll celebrate this achievement with a special celebration as part of our worship services on Sunday, March 17th. We look forward to your presence on that day.

Note: With the retirement of this debt, the "Building with Faith" capital campaign officially comes to an end. For those who have been regular contributors to that fund (either through paper or electronic gifts – regularly or periodically), we welcome and encourage your continued giving. Additional monies received will be placed in a fund for future building needs and delayed maintenance.

Project Costs:	Total Costs:
	\$465,177.67
Capital Campaign	\$ 18,141.67
Donald B. Smith (roof)	\$ 45,400.00
Wood Haven (insulation)	\$14,700.00
Spangler & Boyer (heating system)	\$13,286.00
Arthur Funk Const.(narthex)	\$373,650.00
Principal Balance MIF Loan	\$0.00
Northwest Savings Money Market	\$3,098.81
MIF Money Market	\$1,022.42
Needed to pay off MIF Loan	\$0.00

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP – MARCH 6TH AT 7:00 P.M.

Our Lenten journey begins with this stark worship experience of the imposition of ashes, confession, Word and sacrament. Ashes suggest our human mortality and frailty. Traced in the sign of the cross, they are an invitation to make each day a new beginning, in which we are washed in God's mercy and forgiveness. With the cross on our brow, we long for the spiritual renewal that flows from the springtime Easter feast to come.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN SERVICES

Lenten services start on Ash Wednesday, March 6th and continue through Good Friday, April 19th. This season of the church year calls us to learn and practice spiritual disciplines that promote our growth in the Christian faith and life. Here at St. David's, we gather on Wednesday evenings, March 6 - April 10, 7:00 - 7:45 P.M. for study, singing, prayer and communion. Plan now to be part of this season of growth and reflection on the mystery of Jesus' life, death and resurrection

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS HELD AT 9:30 A.M. FOR AGES 3- ADULT. Their

locations are:

- Preschool - K – in the nursery – Teachers: Hattie Evans
- 1st to 3rd Grade – first classroom on the left walking up to the Sanctuary from the Fellowship Hall – Teachers: Deb Sanders and Melissa Miller.
- 4th – 7th Grade – second classroom on the left walking up to the Sanctuary from the Fellowship Hall– Teachers: Jackie Lake and Eric Baumgardner.
- Adult Class – in the library - Teachers: Chuck Baumgardner, Mary Kessler, and Mack Warner.

MUSIC NOTES

Introducing Paperless Music

If you worshiped with us last summer outside or attended the Midweek Advent Service this past December, you already have had the experience of using Paperless Music.

Paperless Music is simply a form of singing that is made up. Every single phrase or word is repeated between a song leader and the Congregation. Sometimes things may be sung as a “round”. It is a form of Music that is usually acapella, or no piano or organ use.

So, why do it? The reason is to sing with a new sense of hearing. The singer is able to relax and think more about the words being sung. After several times through, you will begin to hear harmonies. Some may feel the opportunity to sway, or even close their eyes to sing or listen to the music. All of this I observed during the mid week Advent service. Keep in mind that the use of paperless music is not to scare or to make anyone feel uncomfortable. It is an opportunity to use your sense of hearing or to meditate in prayer.

We will be doing some of this during our Sundays in Lent and also during the midweek Lenten Service. I hope you will embrace this form of singing and hope that it will enhance your Lenten Worship.

Keep on Ringing & Singing,

Jeff

MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL

Maple Syrup Festival will be on April 13th from 11 A.M. to 3 P.M. We will again be making our own maple syrup for the Easter breakfast and maple syrup season is fast approaching. We will be tapping the trees on the property and doing any last minute preparation around the fire pit for the cooking of the sap. The tentative schedule for cooking is every Saturday (approx. 9AM) and ending whenever the sap stops running. Almost everything involved with making maple syrup is weather dependent. We need the right temperatures to make the sap run and decent weather on the days we plan to cook. If we can't cook on a given Saturday due to weather, we'll do it on the following Monday. If you have any interest in learning how it's done, come out and watch and/or help. If you can help to collect/keep the sap during the week or if you have any questions, you can contact Dave Hess.

SHROVE TUESDAY FUN NIGHT 7:00 P.M. on March 5TH.

The theme again this year is America's Got Talent. Anyone is welcome to participate. Contact Joyce Arndt with your name and talent. We will have one rehearsal on March 3rd at 6:00 P.M., so that everyone knows where they are in the program and can practice one time before the big night. The Fellowship Committee will provide doughnuts and drinks. Please plan to entertain or just come out to enjoy the fun and fellowship and be entertained. This is the evening to celebrate, laugh and enjoy prior to starting your Lenten journey. Hope to see you then.

THRIVENT MEMBERS who have \$750 or more in annual premiums of qualifying insurance products or \$20,000 or more in contract value of qualifying products can direct "choice dollars" to approved nonprofit organizations - including St. David's. Call 800-847-4836 to determine your eligibility. The deadline is March 31st.

YOUTH GROUP

YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12 can participate in an escape room challenge on Friday, March 8th at the Escape Room in Gettysburg. This is a cooperative adventure between St. David's and St. Bartholomew's. Cost is \$10. Please pay Pastor LaDonna ahead of time. The trip departs St. Bartholomew's at 7:00 P.M. and returns by 9:45 P.M. If you have questions, contact Katrina Kaintz (St. Bart's member) at cadiecat99@gmail.com or 610-507-6362.

EASTER EGG HUNT

April 13 10 A.M. - 11 A.M.

Come join us for an Easter Egg Hunt!
We will also have an Easter story, and of course, snacks!
Sign up sheets are located at either end of the hallway, on our [website](#), and on the St. David's smart phone app.

Don't forget to bring a friend and your Easter basket!



Candy donations will be needed to fill the eggs. There are empty eggs in a box by the Fellowship Hall Entrance. Filled eggs can be returned to the K - 2 Sunday School Room.
Thank you!

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 March 9th 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 MARCH:

Brown Sugar, Salt & Pepper, BBQ Sauce, Red Rose Tea, and Ziploc Sandwich Bags.

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

CONGREGATIONAL GROWTH COMMITTEE SPONSORS A PARENTS NIGHT OUT:

Open to any member or friend that is a school aged child from Grades 1-6. At St. David's ELCA Lutheran Church, on March 15, 2019, beginning at 5:00 P.M. with pickup at 9:00 P.M.



Please drop off your children at the Fellowship Hall where we will be feeding them a spaghetti supper with salad and sundaes, followed by a movie and popcorn. If they have a favorite throw, stuffed pillow, or water bottle, bring that along. Then, go enjoy an evening dinner, shopping, or just gazing at the stars. Signup is required. Please call the church office, register on line, or complete and send in the attached form. Forms are on the table in the narthex.

Have you considered what the best way is to pass your estate to your heirs?

A proper estate plan will determine how to best transfer what you own to those you love in a manner you desire with the least amount of cost. A will or trust can assure that your children are cared for, your wealth is transferred, and your wishes for the next generation are clear.

On **Sunday, March 17, 2019**, during the Sunday School hour at 9:30 A.M., Attorney Jennifer Stetter will be presenting a program on the value of wills and or trusts as an essential tool in estate planning for all members of our congregation.

Do you ever wish you could do more to assure the continued ministry of St David's?

Planned giving can provide larger gifts and at the same time offer great benefits to the donor. Planned giving can actually save taxes now, save taxes for your heirs, avoid capital gains, and increase your income.

On **Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.**, we will have a very informative program available to all interested members of the congregation to learn more about how you can benefit from planned giving as a part of your life. Please watch for additional information on how you and your family can benefit the ministry of St David's and further support your favorite charities.

THERE ARE 3 SEATS LEFT FOR “EXPERIENCING GOD THROUGH BEAUTY”, a trip to the National Cathedral in Washington, DC on March 23rd, 8:00 A.M.- 4:30 P.M. We’ll travel by rental van and tour the cathedral, attend a brief noon-day worship service, and have some time for personal prayer and reflection. Cost is \$20 per person and includes the tour and transportation costs. Lunch at a local restaurant will be \$10-15. This trip is limited to 12 people. Reserve your spot by contacting Pastor LaDonna today.

EASTER FLOWERS

It is time to order flowers for Easter Sunday. Be sure your order is clearly written. Return this form and money to the church office. **Deadline to order is Sunday, April 7th**. All flowers are \$11.00 each.

Please mark the number that you want of each flower.

Hyacinths _____ Tulips _____ Mums _____ Lilies _____

Name: _____ Total Payment Enclosed: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Memory of: _____



Happy Birthday

03/02	Lisa Wentz		03/17	Jutta Pawlus
03/03	Ada Mancha		03/18	Sandy Myers
03/03	Tim Hartman		03/22	Sean Filipovits
03/03	Ashley Williams		03/22	Gary Watson
03/10	Kiki Beyers		03/22	Danielle Altemose
03/10	Joe Zwolinski		03/22	Adam Baumgardner
03/10	Jack Nash		03/23	Paige Huntington
03/11	Antonia Werner		03/24	Marjorie Wentz
03/12	Deb Watson		03/25	Leah Weisz
03/12	Kristina McNamara		03/29	Nora Schaffer
03/13	Nicole Baile		03/29	Sandy Morela
03/15	Shirley Garrett		03/30	Marilyn Redding
03/15	Lori Fuhrman		03/30	John Pawlus
03/17	Kim Laughman		03/31	Jamie Reynolds
03/17	Abbi Null			

Thank You Notes

To My Friends and St. David's,

Thank you to Pastor LaDonna and Tim Hartman for their visits and for everyone's cards and prayers.

Thank you so very much for your kindness to the family and me.

Sincerely,

Rita Saltzgiver

CONTINUED THANK YOU NOTES

Dear St. David's Family,

Thank you all so very much for your prayers, your support, your notes and well wishes, holiday greetings and Christmas gift - all are heartfelt! I have put the monetary gift towards my book list for my new and last semester at seminary. Your continued thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

I miss you all so very much. Know that you are ever in my thoughts and daily prayers and that each note, call, message or picture I receive fills my heart and makes me smile.

In grace, love, and peace,

Kathy Stump

Dear St. David's Family,

Thank you to all the folks that helped to make the Ice Cream Social and Auction a great, huge, wonderful, generous success. If you attended the pot luck dinner, thank you for all your delicious dishes. The variety of choices just adds spice to our life, and makes us taste and enjoy the creativity of all the wonderful cooks we have. If you donated an auction item, thank you for your generosity. Can you imagine, there were 71 items up for bid!! If you bid, bid against, or won the bid, thank you for your generous and vigorous determination to win the item. This auction was designed to tap into this generous giving, just to benefit our church and our community. Together we earned \$2015. The proceeds helped sponsor Katie Weisz to go on her mission trip, and helped with the church's new sanctuary beautification project.

Again, many heartfelt thanks.

Sincerely,

The Congregational Growth Committee

PRAYER LIST

FOR THOSE RECEIVING PASTORAL VISITATION AT HOME:

Ethel & Philip Meckley, Gladys Shearer, Ruth Myers, Millie Miller, Tony Laughman, Edna Rickrode, Ada Mancha, Kiki Beyer, Joyce & David Plank, Ann Hempfing, Harold Geiman, Gloria Sommer, and Chester & Margie Utz.

FOR HEALING & STRENGTH: Jack Nash, Dave Barnhart, Kristine Hann, Mara Small, Deb Klinedinst, Melvin & Marjorie Wentz, Hilda Schuchart, Suzie Luks, Angela Kieny, Kaleb Trump, Travis Trump, Mary Lou Davis, Tom Phillips, Sunny Blouse, Harold Kessler, Ryan Laughman, Jacob Snyder, Russ Zumburum, Thelma Cowger, Ann Marie Landry, Harold Bachman, Sally Jackson, Brock Beckham, Helen Graham, John & Diane Shannon, Judi Sanders, Erika Sell, Jessica Colon, George Hesse, Angela Mohr, Steve Lindsey, Mike Fuhrman, Sherry Shaffer, Wanda Williams, Wendy Cohen, Mary Brown, and Thelma Evans.

FOR OUR SEMINARIAN: Kathy Stump

FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY: Luke Small

COMFORT FOR: Harold Geiman and family on the death of Millie.

The family and friends of Rosanna Strevig.

The family and friends of Bill Saltzgeber.

The family and friends of Mearl Boyer on his death on February 27th.