



# ST. DAVID'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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

**DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER NEWSLETTER IS NOVEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>.**

# November 2018

**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
				7:00 P.M. Congregational Growth 7:00 P.M. Budget Meeting	Pastor's Day Off	6:00 P.M. Trunk or Treat
<b>4</b> 8:00 & 10:45 A.M. Worship 9:30 A.M. Sunday School 9:30 A.M. Choir 12:00 P.M. Cantata Practice	<b>5</b> 7:00 Property Committee	<b>6</b> Election 7:00 P.M. Bell Choir	<b>7</b> 12:00 P.M. Senior Sharing 7:00 P.M. Worship 7:00 P.M. Exercise	<b>8</b> 6:30 P.M. St. David's Book Club	<b>9</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>10</b> 8:30 A.M. P.A.L. 9:30 A.M. Scrapbookers
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## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

### **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 IS HELD AT 9:30 A.M. FOR AGES 3- ADULT.** Their locations are:

- Preschool - K – in the nursery – Teachers: Hattie Evans
- 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – first classroom on the left walking up to the Sanctuary from the Fellowship Hall – Teachers: Deb Sanders and Melissa Miller.
- 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**

Nov. 4 – Nov. 11 ***Grace is Greater*** – Kyle Idelman

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.

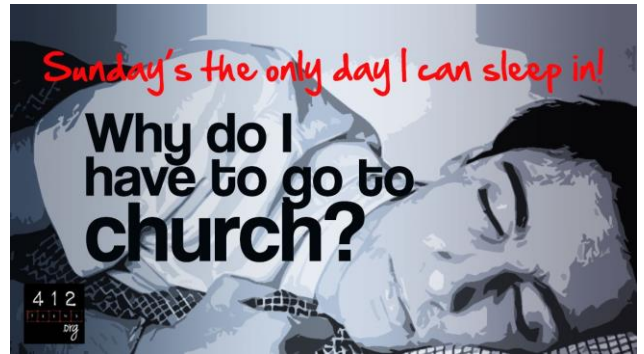
## ***From the Pastor's Desk . . .***

*I'll admit it right up front: the first Sunday of my sabbatical I struggled with the question many do. "Did I have to go to church?" Not, did I have to go to St. David's and lead worship? But, did I have to get out of my warm bed, put on nice clothes and show up for worship at a church I don't even belong to?*

The question caught me by surprise! Even on Sundays when I'm on vacation, I look forward to visiting a nearby church and worshipping God from the pew, rather than leading it from the altar. But that first Sunday of my sabbatical month was different. I just wasn't "feeling it." I have a new understanding of what many people experience and rationalize in that early morning decision of church or no church?!

Maybe it was because I had just spent a few days on a silent retreat. I was feeling pretty close to Jesus. My prayer life had been renewed and re-centered. I had been given some wonderful insights into scripture and God on that retreat. My spiritual cup seemed pretty full. So I wondered why I needed to go to church that Sunday morning.

Or, maybe it was the home improvement project I was eager to get started on. If I got out of bed and got working on it, I could accomplish so much! Going to church would delay the start of that project by at least 2 - 3 hours. Or maybe it was the thought of getting my laundry done so I could pack for a trip.



I have a new understanding for what many people wrestle with each week around the question of "Do I have to go to church?" And, I know how easy it is to say "No, I don't have to go... or I don't have to go this week."

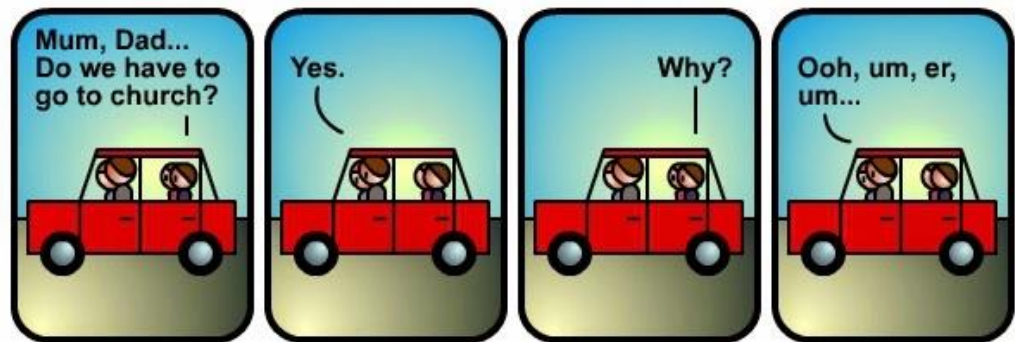
*I'll share another truth with you about this struggle: I didn't know the answer to that question until I went to church that morning. Once I was there, sitting in the pew, I was quickly reminded how much I need the Christian community. Even though I had a wonderful retreat a few days earlier and felt very close to God, sitting in the church pew that morning reminded me that the spiritual life is not just about me and God. It's about me and God **and** the world God loves. In the hymns, the scripture readings and the sermon, I heard and was drawn into what was on the heart and mind of a whole community of Christians. In their context they were singing about justice, about our and God's care for the vulnerable. The scripture and preaching turned me toward a vision that was bigger than just me and Jesus. It's a vision of how God is working through the whole*

Christian community. Being in that congregation allowed time and space for what I had been learning in my private retreat to be tested and/or validated by the teaching of the Christian community. Lest I slip into thinking that I alone have all the spiritual insight! At one point I even stopped singing the songs just so I could listen to the people sing the beautiful poetry of the hymn with such faith and conviction! Their strength of faith renewed my own faith. *I would have never received those gifts if I had stayed home that Sunday morning.*

We all have those weeks when the call of the warm covers or a home improvement project or the coffee and newspaper or the desire for some “alone time” beckon us to stay home. But perhaps those are exactly the days that we push through and get ourselves to a pew. Arrive with an open heart and mind. Listen closely to what God is saying through the Christian community in its singing, reading of scripture, preaching, praying, and sharing the body and blood of Christ. You may just discover, as I did, the answer to the question, “Why do I have to go to church?”

I look forward to seeing you this week in worship!

Pastor LaDonna



**THE FESTIVAL OF ALL SAINTS** will be observed on Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. In our worship, we will give thanks and remember those who have fought the good fight of faith and who are now members of the Church Triumphant. In our liturgy, we will specifically name those members of St. David’s who have died since November 1, 2017.

**THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE WILL BE HOSTED BY HANOVER AREA**

**COUNCIL OF CHURCHES.** This is our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The services will be on November 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 P.M. at Emanuel United Church of Christ on Broadway.

**In support of this anniversary celebration, St. David's and our neighboring churches will not hold a Thanksgiving Eve Service this year.**

**THE SEASON OF ADVENT BEGINS:** The Wednesday

Advent services will be held on November 28<sup>th</sup>,  
December 5<sup>th</sup>, & December 12<sup>th</sup>. During this busy,  
hectic season, we encourage you to block your calendar  
on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 P.M. to attend the brief  
service of evening prayer and communion.



**CANTATA PRACTICE**

The Christmas Cantata will be on December 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M. Practices for the Christmas Cantata will be held from 12:00 P.M. – 1:30 P.M. on Sundays starting in November.



<b>Project Costs:</b>	<b>Total Costs:</b>
	<b>\$465,177.67</b>
<b>Capital Campaign</b>	<b>\$ 18,141.67</b>
<b>Donald B. Smith (roof)</b>	<b>\$ 45,400.00</b>
<b>Wood Haven (insulation)</b>	<b>\$14,700.00</b>
<b>Spangler &amp; Boyer (heating system)</b>	<b>\$13,286.00</b>
<b>Arthur Funk Const.(narthex)</b>	<b>\$373,650.00</b>
<b>Principal Balance MIF Loan</b>	<b>\$32,308.62</b>
<b>Northwest Savings Money Market</b>	<b>\$3,870.79</b>
<b>MIF Money Market</b>	<b>\$12,165.42</b>
<b>Needed to pay off MIF Loan</b>	<b>\$16,272.41</b>

## **BUDGET MEETING**

The budget meeting will be held on November 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. All committees should have submitted their budget needs for 2019 and have someone from their committee in attendance. The budget meeting is open to all.

## **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

The Annual Congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 A.M. in the sanctuary. The meeting's agenda will include the approval of the 2019 Budget and election of council members. All confirmed members of the church are asked to be present.

## **2018 CONTRIBUTIONS DUE BY DECEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>**

All 2018 contributions to the church must be received no later than December 30, 2018. After that date, the staff will be closing the books for the year.



**NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER PINK ENVELOPES** are for the Amazing Kids Club.

**HELP PACK MEALS FOR THE HUNGRY**

Hanover Area Community Meal Packing Event for schools, orphanages, and Disaster Relief. Join us on Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 10:00 A.M. – Noon, and 1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall, St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church, 30 West Chestnut Street, Hanover, PA 17331.

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

Volunteers are needed to cook, serve the meal, and clean up after the meal on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month for the Hanover Area Council of Churches (HACC). Our next Saturday to serve is November 10<sup>th</sup> 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 NOVEMBER:**

Egg Noodles, Coffee, and Hot Chocolate

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 November 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. Hope to see you there.



**We are in need of dryer sheets for this winter.**

## **COATS OF FRIENDSHIP, INC.,**

A Non-Profit organization aiming to make the world a warmer place through doing things for people in need. Elementary kids are collecting warm clothing for people in need. In 2018 we are aiming for 100 coats. We are collecting used coats, hats, scarves and gloves. You may drop them off at Markets of Hanover, Kate Klunk's office, Hickory Falls Family Entertainment, and Hanover Area Council of Churches. They would like all items to be delivered by November 17<sup>th</sup>, so they can be distributed over Thanksgiving weekend.

**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday – Friday 8:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M

**ST. DAVID'S BOOK CLUB** will meet on November 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. The book is called "At Home in Mitford" by Jan Karen.

The day time club will be meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 A.M.



# "Joy of Christmas" Bazaar

SPONSORED BY

ST. DAVID'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Saturday, November 17**

**8 A.M. – 2 P.M.**

**St. David's Lutheran Church**

**Musselman Road (Route 94 S.), Hanover, PA**

- ♥ Craft vendors will fill the church with crafts and homemade goodies.
- ♥ Visit Miriam's Bake Shop - featuring Homemade Candy, Whoopie Pies, and other delicious baked goods.
  - ♥ Have lunch in our café or take home our famous Pennsylvania Dutch Style Chicken Corn Soup
  - ♥ Children can make a craft while parents shop.  
Visit Santa 8 A.M. -1 P.M.

Route 94 South

(5 miles south of Hanover near the Maryland line)

**\*LOOK FOR OUR SIGN\***

## **BAKED GOODS**

Baked goods are needed for the Joy of Christmas bazaar that will be held on November 17<sup>th</sup> from 8 A.M. – 2 P.M. You can also bring jelly, jarred pickles and relish for the bake good table.

**WARM HEARTS, WARM HANDS, WARM FEET:** Many children of all ages have limited access to warm winter clothing, wearing only ill fitting or borrowed clothing. We know there is a large population of those children in our local community as we serve them throughout the summer with the summer lunch program. Their needs continue into the winter. Beginning November 18<sup>th</sup>, please bring donations of hats, scarves, gloves, mittens and socks, especially socks to help fill our tree. The Mitten Tree will be located in the gathering area outside the Sanctuary until December 16<sup>th</sup>. All donations will then be delivered to local agencies for distribution. Please help the Congregational Growth committee reach out to those in need at a time when warm feet and warm hands make for a grateful heart.

## **FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE**

Christmas Magic a Holiday Celebration, which will be held Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 P.M. The banquet will be catered by Hughes Meats and Catering. The menu will be Roast Beef/Filling/Gravy, Stuffed Chicken Breast/Gravy, Pilaf Rice, Green Beans, Fruit Salad, Chocolate Cake with PB Frosting and Cherry Cheese Cake. The cost of the banquet will be Adults \$15.00, Children (6-9) \$8.00 and under \$3.00. This year we are playing a game that you will need to bring a \$5.00 wrapped gift. Children need to bring a child's gift. Make sure you plan on bringing the children because the entertainment this year is a magician. His name is Eddy Ray, PA's busiest magician. He promises a family show so it will be enjoyed by young and old alike. The program will start at 7:15 P.M. and last one hour. So please plan on coming to the Christmas party this year.

## **DONATING TO THE SYNOD THROUGH AMAZON SMILE**

Through the AmazonSmile program, you can designate the Lower Susquehanna Synod to receive (as a donation) 0.5% of the price of all Amazon purchase you make. Your purchas costs remain the same, and there's no need to bookmark any long URLs or remember any codes just follow these instructions sign up.

- Log in to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) using your regular Amazon ID and password.
- You'll be presented with a list of few charities. Go to the "Search" box.
- Enter "Lower Susquehanna Synod".
- Choose "Lower Susquehanna Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in" )They couldn't squeeze "America" in there)
- When making any Amazon purchases, log in through [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) (not the "regular" Amazon) and use the site as you normally would.

**THE CONGREGATIONAL GROWTH COMMITTEE** is preparing an Advent Message Devotional for this upcoming season. We are looking for persons who are lovingly willing to share their message "How did God speak to me?" Please see Debbie Kronsteiner for a scripture passage that you can read, reflect upon, and write your reflections. All messages are to be sent to the church office no later than November 11 for inclusion in the Advent Message Devotional. Thank you for sharing your thoughts with God.



**Christmas Poinsettias**

Cost: \$11.00

Deadline is December 2<sup>nd</sup>

Given in Honor of or in Memory of

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

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**SUBMIT**

**FORM WITH PAYMENT TO THE CHURCH OFFICE**

## Happy Birthday

11/01	Matthew Lynd	11/17	Jill Staaf
11/08	Karen Garrett	11/17	Ben Utz
11/08	David Plank	11/19	Barbara Krebs
11/08	Kim Clouser	11/20	Barry Dubs
11/09	Michelle Quelet	11/21	Mary Bixler
11/10	Chase Smale	11/23	Michael Wildasin
11/10	Kaursa Laughman	11/24	Melvin Wentz
11/10	Abigail Rohrbaugh	11/26	Harold Geiman
11/13	Charles Evans	11/30	Kim Vaughan
11/15	Rick Meckley		

## THANK YOU:

- Martha and her crew during the serving of the Provide a Lunch Program.
- Everyone who helped get the budget ready for this year.
- Sunday School for the Trunk or Treat event.
- Pastor Faye Snyder & Pastor Cynthia Baxter for our Worship experiences while Pastor LaDonna was gone.

## ST. DAVID'S WINTER WEATHER POLICY:

For Sunday and weekend activities, cancellations will be communicated via our email database and through WGAL (8) television station. For weekday activities, our closure policy follows that of the Southwestern School District. If the district is closed or dismisses early due to snow, all activities at the church are cancelled that day.

## **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, David Suddreth, Ann Hempfing, Alma Sanders, Mearl Boyer, Bill Saltzgiver, Harold & Millie Geiman, Gloria Sommer, and Chester & Margie Utz.

**FOR HEALING & STRENGTH:** Diane Wensel, Mary Kessler, Kristine Hann, Tom Rutledge, Mara Small, Deb Klinedinst, Melvin & Marjorie Wentz, Dorothy Grogg, Arlene Kopp, Butch Saltzgiver, Tamara Cogle, Hilda Schuchart, Suzie Luks, Angela Kieny, Kaleb Trump, Mary Lou Davis, Tom Phillips, Janet Gross, Merle Becker, Sunny Blouse, Bob Sullivan, Harold Kessler, Judi Sanders, Scott Adcock, Ryan Laughman, Nevin Raubensteine, Charlotte Smith, Jacob Snyder, and Edie Springfloat.

**FOR OUR SEMINARIAN:** Kathy Stump

**FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY:** Luke Small

**COMFORT FOR:** Michelle Quelet and family on the death of her sister, Lauren Curry.  
Alma Sanders & Family on the death of her sister, Helen Dubs.  
David Suddreth & Family on the death of his wife, Christy.