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SEPTEMBER, 2018 NEWSLETTER

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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



September 2018

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2 8:00 & 10:00 A.M. Worship Anointing for Healing	3 Happy Labor Day	4 4:00 P.M. Library in use 7:00 P.M. Property Committee 7:00 P.M. Worship & Music Committee	5 12:00 P.M. Senior's Sharing 7:00 P.M. Worship 7:00 P.M. Exercise	6 7:00 P.M. Congregational Growth Committee	7 Pastor LaDonna's Day Off	8 8:30 A.M. P.A.L.
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OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 24TH

From the Pastor's Desk....

WHAT AM I DOING ON MY SABBATICAL?

In 2015 St. David's Lutheran Church 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.

People have been asking me: "What are you going to **do** on your sabbatical? Truthfully, that question used to put a knot in my stomach – which, for me, is always a sign of stress and anxiety. I heard that question as an invitation to "justify" the sabbatical time, as if I was supposed to produce something great and amazing with the gift of 30 days to step away from the 24/7 nature of parish ministry. Was I supposed to write a book, take a course, read a stack of books, and visit some educational places?



However, as I've reflected on the gift of sabbath time, I realize that if I devote my energies to producing anything, I will miss the whole point of sabbatical time. The Biblical understanding of sabbath is a time for stopping, for ceasing, for "not doing". As I mentioned in the July and August Newsletters, sabbath time is an act of faith that trusts God to fill time and space. The goal of sabbatical time is to "be". The goal is to rest in God's presence, to allow the time and space of sabbatical to put one in line with God and God's agenda.

So, the real question is, "how am I going to **be** on my sabbatical?" I am going to be available, open, and expectant for God to provide the gifts of sabbath: rest, renewal, and relationships.

There are a few things I've put in place to help me "be" in God's presence for rest, renewal, and relationships. I will be on retreat for three days at the beginning and at the end of the sabbatical time. The retreat center is a place set apart from the hubbub of daily life, internet connections, cell phones, and social media. It's a time and place for resting, prayer, listening to God, and reflection. The first retreat time is for disconnecting and entering into the sabbath time; the time at the end of the sabbatical is to begin reconnecting and prayerfully preparing for entering back into the parish. The ending retreat will also mark the beginning of an 8-month training in Contemplative Leadership, offered through Oasis Ministries.

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During the sabbatical, I will continue my practice of yoga, meditation and contemplative prayer. I am also exploring the possibility of working with a local potter. The experience of working in clay on a potter's wheel, has some spiritual dimensions I'd like to explore further.



We are the clay, and you are the Potter. We are all formed by your hand.

In early October, Steven and I will spend a week in "Big Sky Country" – Montana. This is an opportunity to strengthen our relationship as we

travel together, discover new places, hike, and enjoy a beautiful part of God's creation. We will also have the opportunity to connect with our daughter Rebekah, who recently moved to Missoula, MT.

Retreats, exercise, meditation, hands in clay, travel, and marveling at God's handiwork are all tools in my desire to "be". I don't have every day filled with plans. My itinerary and schedules are quite open. I trust God to fill this time with the gifts of rest, renewal, relationships and a renewed understanding that I live by grace, not by what I do or produce.

Thank you for the opportunities this sabbatical offers. I am grateful that this congregation so values the health and wellbeing of your pastor that you generously, and with trust in God's grace, make this time available.

As I will keep you in my prayers, please keep me in yours during this time.

In the joy of serving Christ and community with you,

Pastor LaDonna

A "Blessing and Sending For Sabbatical" will take place in both worship services on Sunday, September 23rd.

Frequently Asked Questions About the Pastoral Sabbatical

When does the sabbatical begin and end?

The sabbatical begins on September 24th and ends on October 23rd.

What will worship be like without Pastor LaDonna leading and preaching?

The Sunday worship services will be unchanged. Deacons, lectors, communion assistants, ushers, and the choir will do what they've always done. A special effort has been made to use a familiar liturgy and well-known hymns. The guest preacher for three Sundays will be Rev. Faye Snyder. Rev. Cynthia Baxter (one of our newest members!) will lead one of the Sundays. There will be no Wednesday worship during the sabbatical time.



Can I stay home and just wait for Pastor LaDonna to return?

No! Although you may be most comfortable with Pastor LaDonna's preaching, that's not the only reason to attend worship. When you come, the same people who normally sit around you are expecting you. They need your presence, your greeting, your handshake, your words of encouragement... and you need theirs. You need encouragement and strength from God's Word and Communion. That is always available, regardless of who is preaching. And, Pastor LaDonna needs to know that worship attendance and participation will remain strong in her absence and not have to face the stress of "catching up" on those things upon her return.

Who do I call if I need to talk to a pastor during the sabbatical?

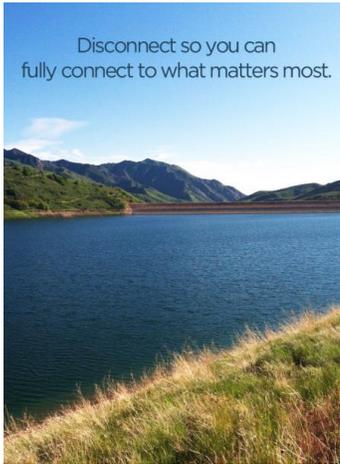
A number of local Lutheran pastors have offered to cover pastoral care needs during Pastor LaDonna's sabbatical. If you are hospitalized or you need to speak with a pastor during that time, call the church office. Our Administrative Assistant, Pam, will arrange to have one of the on-call pastors contact you. If you have an emergency after Pam's office hours, you may call Beth Croney at 717-487-2767, who will make contact with the on-call pastor. All requests for pastoral care will be kept confidential by Pam and Beth and shared with Pastor LaDonna upon her return.

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What if there is a death during the sabbatical?

Pastor LaDonna will not return from the sabbatical time for funerals. Rev. Faye Snyder has agreed to handle needs associated with deaths and funerals. Her phone number is (717)451-0851.

Will Pastor LaDonna return phone calls, texts, emails, and Facebook posts during the sabbatical?



No. In order to maintain the integrity of the sabbath as a time to step away from parish responsibilities to rest and renew, Pastor LaDonna hopes to disconnect from most forms of communication, except from family members. If you leave a message on her cell phone or send an email, she will respond to it upon her return.

Who do I talk to if my committee needs help or I have questions that I can't seem to get answered?

Contact Chuck Baumgardner, our council president. His phone number is 717-465-5086.

Is the church going to be okay during this time?

Yes! Things may be a little chaotic at times. But, one of the strengths of St. David's is our lay leadership and our strong sense of caring and loving one another and that can help us pull together and work together to make this time a blessing.

What can we expect from Pastor LaDonna as she returns from the sabbatical?

You can expect her to be refreshed, renewed, and regrounded as a spiritual leader. You can expect that the gifts and insights of her sabbatical time will be shared upon her return. You can expect that refreshed and renewed, there will be more energy and focus as we move into the next phase of "Serving Christ and Community."



I have a question that's not addressed on this list. What should I do?

Contact Pastor LaDonna (before September 24th). Her contact information is:

Mobile Phone: 717-688-0652 Email: pastorladonna@gmail.com



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

This service will not be held during Pastor LaDonna's sabbatical (September 24th – October 23rd).

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

- Pre K – in the nursery – Teachers: Hattie Evans
- K to 3rd Grade – first classroom on the left walking up to the Sanctuary from the Fellowship Hall – Teachers: Deb Sanders and Melissa Miller.
- 4th – 6th 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.

OUR FIRST SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS FOR CHILDREN WILL BE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL, on September 9th at 9:30 A.M. We would like each student to bring a stuffed animal to go into Noah's Ark.

THE ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS BEGINS THE YEAR WITH "DNA of Relationships by Dr. Gary Smalley. Discover the building blocks of lasting bonds. Learn practical strategies for stopping unhealthy and damaging patterns; unfolding the road map to love; and helping you to understand that God made you for satisfying relationships. The class meets September 9th - October 14th at 9:30 A.M. in the Library. All adults are welcome.



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 Savings Money Market	\$50,408.60
MIF Money Market	\$6,200.65
Needed to pay off Loan MIF	\$14,322.85
	\$29,885.10

ALL BUDGET ITEMS FROM ALL COMMITTEES NEED TO BE PRESENTED TO JOAN BARNES BY SEPTEMBER 30TH. If you have any questions, please see Joan.

FALL OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday 8:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

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

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

REGULAR CHOIR REHEARSALS begin on Sunday, September 9th at 9:30 A.M.

A note from the treasurer:

As we head into the second half of the year I want to thank you all for the offerings received in the first portion of the year. Those funds have allowed us to maintain our Laundry Love program, support our church ministry, and contribute funds to the Lower Susquehanna Synod which can aid in larger ELCA mission projects. As we return back to our regular schedules after enjoying our summer fun and vacations, this is an important time to remember that the church wishes to accomplish much more before the end of the fiscal year. It is good that we can pay the electric bill to keep the lights on, but our vision goes beyond our church walls. The more that is given out of our abundance means more aid that can be provided where help is truly needed.

Some reminders for September:

- If you have not updated your Vanco account recently, now is a good time to review and update any donations that are automatically withdrawn.
- For those that do not wish to have your offering automatically withdrawn, please remember that Vanco has the option to submit one time payments. This can be done through the church website, the church app, or the QR code on the bulletin.

As Jesus said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive” Acts 20:35b.

Thank you and God bless,
Joan

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.

IT'S OFFICIAL ... ST. DAVID'S HAS A BOOK CLUB!

The first meeting will take place on Thursday, September 13th @ 6:30 P.M. in the library. This month's book is Joshua by Joseph Girzone and the discussion will be led by Deb Kronsteiner

There will be book club meetings the 2nd Thursday in October and November @ 6:30 P.M. in the library. The books for those months have yet to be determined, but through the newsletter and bulletin the titles will be shared.

“The Day Timers” Book Study Group

Beginning in September a book study group will begin to meet for those who prefer to come out for such an event during the daylight hours only. Meetings will be held once a month on the third Thursday from 10:30 A.M. – 12noon. The first book we will read is titled A Man Called Ove by Fredrick Backman. Dates for 2018 include Thursdays, September 20, October 18, November 15 and December 20. In early September we will be posting a signup sheet to gather names of those who are interested in attending. Watch for further details. Contact Marianne Grabowski with any questions at 717-633-5408 or msgrabowski@comcast.net.

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 September 8th 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 SEPTEMBER:

Coffee, Hot Chocolate, and Salad Dressing (ranch, Italian, & 1000 Island)

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 September 11th at 6:00 P.M. Hope to see you there.



CLEANING OF LIGHTS AND WINDOWS

It's that time of the year to clean the windows and the lights. The date this year is September 22nd at 8:00 A.M. Bring your buckets and cleaning rags along to help spruce up the church. For more information, call Shirley Garrett at (717) 632- 4141.

SPIRITRUST

Plan to attend Spirit Fest, Saturday, September 15th at Spiritrust Lutheran, The Village at Gettysburg, 1075 Old Harrisburg Road., Gettysburg, PA

Festivities begin at 8:00 A.M. and continue until 2:00 P.M. Enjoy the entertainment, there will be games and fun activities for the kids. Shop the stands which will be loaded with plants, jewelry, books, purses, crafts, baked goods and white elephant items. Donations are welcome.

St. David's is in charge of the baked goods table. Any questions ask Brenda Shank or Annette Sell.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

09/02	Courtney Palko	09/21	Madeline Huntington
09/05	Patsy Stevens	09/22	Diane Hess
09/05	Eric Baumgardner	09/22	Graig Huntington
09/08	Lisa Jo Smith	09/23	Nicholas Baumgardner
09/09	Pearl Saltzgiver	09/24	Esther Smith
09/10	Weston Schaffer	09/25	Judy Fulton
09/12	Johnny Wilson	09/26	Mary Wildasin
09/14	Harold Sanders	09/26	Kevin Green
09/16	Joyce Arndt	09/26	Lori Green
09/16	Sandy Wildasin	09/27	Pastor LaDonna
09/20	Kristin Bevil	09/27	Anna Hempfing
09/20	Lucas Rinehart	09/27	Greg Noble
		09/28	Caleb Bevil

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Steve & Kim Vaughan, 15328 Mille Fiore Blvd., Port Charles, FLA 33953

THANK YOU NOTES:

Dear Family and Friends,

This year's car show was just fantastic. Everyone seemed to have a good time. We had 203 cars this year. Many of you have heard the rumors that this was our last year, this is true. Dave and I feel that we are not able to do the things that we could do when we were younger.

We made approximately \$2,078.36. The proceeds are going to Olivia House and Logan Roush, a lung transplant patient. Dave & I would like to thank everyone for all your help this year and in the past.

Dave & Pam Kemper

St. David's

Thank you for prayers, visits, phone calls and food while Hilda was in the hospital and Alvin in Homewood during the last month. A special thank you to Pastor LaDonna for her love and concern.

Love,

Hilda Schuchart

Dear Friends and Family,

The family of Burnell Barnhart wishes to thank Pastor LaDonna for her comforting counsel and the meaningful service for our father. We thank Jeff for his heartfelt tribute and beautiful music. Also, we offer thanks to those who volunteered during the service and helped serve the luncheon.

Your prayers and support are appreciated.

Barnhart Family

Dear St. David's Family,

When I opened the letter from the church, my heart was filled to overflowing! Thank you for your prayers, your support and your generous gift. I will be able to replace the seminary books lost to the flood waters and mold that have impacted not only me, but many in this small community. You have helped in lightening the load and lighting up my spirit!

Next week I begin my final year at seminary – a journey on which you have been my spiritual companions, a journey whose first steps began with you!! I am blessed by your affirming presence along the way. I am excited to see where God leads me and so very happy to have you walking with me as I carry you in thoughts and prayers. I thank God for you, the shining light on the hill, everyday.

Grace and peace,

Kathy Stump

Thank You For:

- Debbie Kronsteiner for putting up the pictures on the walls for “I See God....”
- Everyone who helped with the car show.
- All who helped with the Summer Lunch Program
- All who helped with the Provide A Lunch Program (P.A.L)
- Louise Swearman for cleaning out all of the cabinets in the kitchen.
- Dave Bixler, Mack Warner and Harold Utz for weeding the flower beds and digging out the old plants.
- All who helped with the car show picnic.

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, 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: Diane Wensel, Tim Hartman, 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, 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

COMFORT FOR: Hilda Schuchart and family on the death of Alvin Schuchart.

Barnhart Family on the death of Burnell Barnhart.

Dorothy Grogg and family on the death of Burnell Grogg.

Deb Klinedinst and family on the death of her mother, Agnes Altland.