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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
Interim Sexton:	Deb Watson
Communications Coordinator:	Jennifer Sterling
Treasurer:	Joan Barnes
Financial Secretary:	Sharon Blouse
President:	Dave Hess
Vice-President:	Mack Warner
Secretary for Council:	Linda Rohrbaugh

July 2019

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1	2	3	4	5	6
	7:00 P.M. Property Committee	3:30 – 6:00 Summer Lunch Program	7:00 P.M. Exercise No Worship	Happy Fourth of July		
7 8:00 & 10:00 A.M. Worship	8	9 3:30 – 6:00 Summer Lunch Program 6:00 P.M. Laundry Love	10 7:00 P.M. Exercise No Worship	11	12	13 8:30 A.M. P.A.L.
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August newsletter items must be in by July 14th.

From the Pastor's Desk . . .

"I thank my God upon every time I remember you... because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." (Philippians 1:3,5)

Dear People of St. David's,

I love being a pastor. I find great joy in being your pastor. You afford me the great privilege of walking with you in your spiritual life and witnessing God's amazing grace and love!

In our Lutheran tradition, there is no pastor, apart from a call from a congregation to serve in that office. That is to say I could not live out my call; I could not do what I love the most without you and the three other congregations I have served since I was ordained 25 years ago.

It was so kind of you to mark the anniversary of my ordination with a surprise celebration on June 9th. Your words of affirmation, your careful planning, and the love and care with which you honored me is truly overwhelming. I am blessed to be serving Christ and community with you!

Thank you, too, for the very generous monetary gift you gave. It is an amazing outpouring of support and good will! I will use it for an upcoming continuing education opportunity I've been longing to participate in.

God's peace in all things,
Pastor LaDonna



CENTERING PRAYER GROUP MEETS

Wednesdays, July 17-August 28 6:15-7:00 P.M.

Centering Prayer is a practice of sitting in silence as a way to listen for and be aware of God's presence. Over time, the practice trains the mind to consent to God's presence and rest attention there. Centering prayer is about listening to and for God, rather than talking to God.



Some people find it helpful to practice centering prayer in a group setting. It makes us accountable to one another for the practice. And, some experience a particular power or presence of God through the group, who are all praying at the same time.

Pastor LaDonna will facilitate a group centering prayer practice on Wednesday Evenings, 6:15 - 7:00 P.M. in the Library. All are welcome to participate and no prior experience with this prayer form is necessary. We will learn and practice together.

There is great flexibility in this practice. You can come to one or every session. But it is true, that regular practice makes for a stronger practice.

Summer Worship at St. David's

Outdoor worship in the pavilion (weather permitting)

July 7 & 14 – bring your own chair, if possible



Mid-Summer Worship Series July 21-September 1!

“Busy: Reconnecting with an Unhurried God”

Did you have high hopes of slowing down your pace of life this summer? Were you imagining a stronger, more vital connection with God? It's not too late. In fact, now that you've already got a lot of the summer hustle and bustle out of the way, maybe you're more ready than ever for the gifts of making room, clearing out, slowing down, and prioritizing for the sake reconnecting with God. The weekly themes are:



July 21	“Busy”
July 28	“The Right Temp”
August 4	“Preparing a Table”
August 11	“Tuning In”
August 18	“Living Light”
August 25	“A Time for Every Matter”
September 1	“Give it a Rest”

STAFF TRANSITIONS

This past month we received, with regret, the retirement resignation of Shirley Garrett as our sexton. Shirley has faithfully served as our sexton for almost 20 years, caring for our facility like it was her own home. She will be greatly missed in that role!

Deb Watson has agreed to serve as our interim sexton, giving us the time to update the job description, advertise the position, and interview potential candidates. We are grateful for Deb's willingness to serve her church in this way!

Questions about the transition and the position can be addressed to Pastor LaDonna or Mack Warner, chair of the personnel committee.

PART-TIME CUSTODIAN POSITION AVAILABLE FOR OUR CONGREGATION. This 8-12 hour position tends to the cleaning and sanitation needs of our church building. A complete job description is available from the church office. Applicants may submit a resume/work history to Harold Utz. His email is raywil49@comcast.net. It can also be placed in his church mail box or sent to the church office by July 15th

CONGRATULATIONS TO LINDA ROHRBAUGH who has been elected as council secretary, fulfilling the term vacated by Martha Rutledge.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

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

Friday – No Office hours from June 7th - August 30th

Pam will be on vacation from July 29th until August 6th. She will be in the office on Wednesday, August 7th.

JULY'S COLLECTION FOR SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

Due by July 22nd

64 oz. apple juice

Box of granola bars

8.9 – 15 oz. box of Honey Nut Cheerios

Box of Mac & Cheese

Ramen Noodles

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO PACK AND DISTRIBUTE THE LUNCHES.

We will be packing and distributing on Tuesday. Packing takes place 3:30 - 4:30 P.M. and distribution takes place 4:30 - 6:00 P.M.

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 in 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 July 9th at 6:00 P.M. Hope to see you there.



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 July 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 the office if you have any questions.



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

Carrots, Sliced or Whole Potatoes, and Pineapples

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

CONGREGATIONAL GROWTH COMMITTEE

The Congregational Growth Committee is sponsoring a summer picnic for all St. David's church family, extended families, and their friends on August 3rd at 12:00 P.M. at Pavilion 1, Swimming Pool Road, Codorus State Park. To celebrate the warmth, energy, and long standing family traditions of picnics, we are having lots of activities that involve families and kids: hula hoop contests, watermelon seed spitting, kite flying, bean bag toss, lawn games like croquet and ball toss, and twister. Bring a cake so you can participate in our famous St. David's cake walk. Hot dogs, hamburgers, and drinks will be provided. Please bring a covered dish, hot or cold, to share and your favorite chair to sit on. There is picnic table seating for 75 people. Grills and electrical outlets are on site. The pavilion is close enough to the swimming pool for you to walk and swim. (There is an entrance fee.) This is a handicapped accessible pavilion with restroom facilities easily accessible via paved sidewalk. Please sign up on the bulletin board at church. Sign up is necessary for our planning.

ST. DAVID'S LENDING LIBRARY: The ladies of St. David's Book Club have been reading some funny, motivational, and spiritually joyful books during this past year, actually, our first year of togetherness. Since we want to share with the congregation some of our book choices, we have established a lending library, really a bookshelf filed with our monthly reading selections. These books are put there for you too, to enjoy. Please take a book, read, enjoy, and return to the shelf. Please return the books so the lending can continue and conversation can evolve.

Now, the book club does not need to be just for women, and we would enjoy male viewpoints in our book selection and discussion group. So, to join in the fun and thoughtful conversation, we meet the last Thursday of the month in the church gathering area.

The rabble-rousing delightful conversationalists and book readers are changing up our venue for the month of July. Our next meeting will be July 25 at the home of Debbie and Kurt Kronsteiner. We will be watching the movie version of one of our favorite books "A Man Called Ove". Bring refreshments or wine to share. Movie viewing will start at 6:30 pm. Please join us!!

SEEDS: FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Seeds are miraculous objects. They are embedded with the genetic imprint of each object they come from, whether it be a plant or an animal. They store the information that allows that object to grow into a thing of beauty, a bird, butterfly, a human infant, a glorious honeycrisp apple, a lush, red tomato smelling of a pungent tang. Seeds carry information that once planted, germinate into something wonderful.

But, consider for a moment seeds of thought. They too, are embedded with information, and when planted, germinate, and when nourished, grow into something wonderful. Here at St. David's there have been seeds of thought sown into the minds of a number of people, and over the course of several years, continue to be sown. These seeds of thought continue to come into our minds as members experience conversation, whether at the synod level or across the table in the gathering area. And these seeds of thought are germinating. (Well, spring IS here!!) OK, now you, too, are curious. These seeds of thought are "how can the people of St. David's use their skills to help feed the hungry, serve the community, and go forth in our example of Christian goodness?" The germinating thought has been, "by having a Community Garden".

So, how does a Community Garden work? Well, we all know that there are dozens of home gardeners in the congregation, so we really don't need a specific place. And we know that these home gardeners always have an extra zucchini or two in the summer time. So, the Congregational Growth Committee is asking all gardeners, and even people that have never gardened, to participate. Here's how it works. Plan your garden, and when planning, add space for a couple of extra plants. For those non gardeners, as you are designing your outdoor space, consider adding an extra flower pot or two in your design. Now, when you begin to plant, add those plants to your planned space. Feed, and nurture and grow your garden plants. Watch the plants soak up the sunshine, collect the nutrients from the soil, and become a source of nourishment for yours and other peoples' bodies.

Now that you have a prolific abundance of crops, and you begin to wonder what to do with all those zucchini or tomatoes, here is the next step. Tithe your crop! Give away part of your crop produce. Share with others the fruits of your labor. Bring that produce to church. There will be established a **Community Garden Collection Point** conveniently located in St. David's parking lot. There will be published specific collection dates and times. This produce will then be given to area homeless shelters so that their clients can taste a drop of sunshine, bursting with flavor, and offered by you. So, begin your thought process. Allow this new idea to germinate. Plan your garden, and when the time comes, plant to not only provide for your family, but for others too.

"The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us." Psalms 67:6



COMMUNITY GARDEN PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION: Each week there are those generous gardeners that share the produced from their harvest. Bringing it to church to share allows us to reach out to those in our community that need and savor the flavors of summer. Nothing tastes better than a fresh cucumber or tomato. Last summer when I delivered a basket of cucumbers to New Hope Ministries, one of the food handlers there was thrilled with our donation and mentioned how much the clients will enjoy the gift of freshness. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Again, this summer we are sharing with the community. Each week this produce needs to be delivered. Can you help? A weekly delivery sign-up sheet is posted in the hallway. At the end of the second service the produce needs to be taken home with you, and in the next day or two, delivered to the persons or places that are dear to your heart. Yep, you choose the recipient of our harvest and watch the faces of our neighbors light up with joy!! Please help with this congregational out reach.

FROM THE GARDEN GROUP: The beauty of our Church and grounds is brought to life by the symmetry and color of the trees, bushes, and flowers that surround us. Throughout the seasons the colors and shapes change, grow, and need tended. Those tiny little pesky weeds sneak up on us and outline the edges of the gardens. Sometimes the flowers need water, especially in those dry times. In order to maintain control of those weeds and to help water the flowers, help is needed. Can you help by offering just one hour or so, on one day, in one week, this summer? If you are willing to help to do that, there is a weekly sign up sheet to choose just one week to help with the weeding and watering. If you're wondering how to do this, written instructions will be given to each volunteer. All the equipment (gloves, trowel, garbage bags, 5 gallon bucket) that you would need to weed will be outside, along with the hose. You pick your time, whether you're an early morning or evening weedier. Thank you from the birds and the bees, and the flowers and the trees.

Happy Birthday

07/02	Brad Utz	07/17	Jeff Peter
07/03	Tony Laughman	07/18	Dean Stuffle
07/03	Lance Robison	07/19	Mara Small
07/03	Krista Mamet	07/20	Luke Small
07/04	Paige Adams	07/20	Finessa Hempfing
07/07	Joyce Plank	07/21	Ryan Hann
07/08	Louise Swearman	07/21	Dayne Cullison
07/09	Kent Martin	07/23	Taylor Bennett
07/10	Annette Sell	07/23	Sue Shaw
07/10	Linda Rohrbaugh	07/24	John Fetrow
07/10	Perry Hempfing	07/24	Matt Wilson
07/10	Ashton Moses	07/25	Jean Nash
07/12	Alexander Chambers	07/27	Clyde Gotwalt
07/15	Connie Kopp	07/29	Melissa Miller
07/16	Martha Rutledge	07/29	Tabatha Schaffer
07/17	Wayne Barnhart	07/30	Larry Wildasin

Thank You Notes:

Dear St. David's family and friends,

Thanks for the beautiful shawl. I can't count, to many, of the times it has kept me warm. Especially during the many times down the cool hospital halls.

Thanks again, I'll enjoy it in the future.

Mary Blouse

Dear St. David's family and friends,

Thank you to everyone that helped at the Luncheon for Chester Utz funeral. Thank you to Pastor LaDonna for all her visits during Chester's illness and the Lovely Service you gave in his Honor. All your cards, support and kindness are greatly appreciated. We are so Blessed to have such a Loving Church Family....

Thank you again

Margie Utz and Family

Dear St. David's Family, brothers and sisters in Christ,

I thank God for each of you as you have blessed me in so, so many ways With your love, your friendship, your prayers, your support and in the sharing of your gifts – music, laughter, food and fellowship, cakes, crafts, and the list goes on!

Thank you for the stole – one which will be a loving reminder of these gifts borne of God's love for us. It has been my joy serving Christ and community with you ... You are all part of my journey and I will hold you in my thoughts and prayers wherever God leads me.

In grace, peace, and love,

Kathy Stump

Dear St. David's

Thank you for the wishes and the cards! I do greatly appreciate this!

Your friend,

C. J. Cogle

New Members

Kent & Kelly Martin Address: 50 Frogtown Road, Hanover, PA 17331
Phone # 717-634-2789

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Chris & Julie Smith Address: 71 Starlite Dr. Hanover, PA 17331
Phone # 717-633-1498
Children: Christy & Jillian

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Martha Rutledge 31 Woodside Lane, Boyerstown, PA 19512
Rita Saltzgeber 425 Westminster Ave. #152, Hanover, PA 17331
Rev. Kathy Stump 6141 Glades Pike, Somerset, PA 15501

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, Dorothy Grogg, and Margie Utz.

FOR HEALING & STRENGTH: Frank Martin, Shirley Garrett, Mack Warner, Harold Sanders, 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, Ann Marie Landry, Harold Bachman, George Hesse, Margie Thiel, Ed Swift, Kim Nieves, Tom & Judy Jacoby, Brock Beckham, Pastor H. Thomas Miller, Thelma Evans, and Charles & Barbara Sickles.

FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY: Luke Small