

# ST. DAVID'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## JANUARY, 2020 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
Custodian:	Cindy Blum
Communications Coordinator:	Jennifer Sterling
Treasurer:	Joan Barnes
Financial Secretary:	Sharon Blouse
President:	Mack Warner
Vice-President:	Charlie Evans
Secretary for Council:	Linda Rohrbaugh



# January 2020

**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

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			Happy New Year	3:00 P.M. Adult Faith Formation 7:00 P.M. Congregational Growth	Pastor's Day Off	
5 8:00 & 10:45 A.M. Worship 9:30 A.M. Sunday School 9:30 A.M. Choir 6:00 P.M. Youth Confirmation	6 2 – 3:30, 5-6:30 P.M. Library in use 7:00 P.M. Property Committee	7 11 – 12:30 & 2 – 5:15 Library in use 4 – 5:30 P.M. Spiritual Direction 6- 7 P.M. Prayerful Reading Script. 7:00 P.M. Bell Choir	8 12:00 P.M. Senior Sharing 7:00 P.M. Exercise 7:00 P.M. Worship	9	10 Pastor's Day Off	11 8:30 A.M. P.A.L. Youth Confirmation 12:00 P.M. Fellowship Hall rental
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**February 2020 newsletter is due January 19<sup>th</sup>.**

# Welcome to the Newest Member of the St. David's Family

*With Thanks to Erica Wilson for providing the information for this article.*



**Meet Astro, a service dog in training for Eli Wilson.** Service animals are recognized by the American Disabilities Act to be dogs or miniature horses that have been trained with a single individual to assist their personal disability. It can take years of evaluations, temperament tests, and dedicated training. Astro specifically has been training since late January, 2019.

The analogy of service dogs that one trainer uses is thinking of dogs like you are flying on a plane. *Emotional support animals* are basically better behaved passengers. They are there, but they do not have specific training or stressful situation handling. *Therapy dogs* are flight attendants, they have some training to help people and deal with those that have needs. *Service dogs* are like pilots, highly trained for a specific job that is highly stressful, dealing with all situations, scenarios, and emergencies.

**Here's the miracle story:** For those who do not know how Astro came to be with us, he was a stray dog in a park in Houston Texas. He was being bullied by a group of children in a park and when the children's bullying turned to Eli, a very ill Astro got in between Eli and the bad kids and just gently herded him away. We then convinced Astro to follow us back to Matt's brother's house, fed him, nursed him back to health and were unable to find any local rescues to take him. So several days later, Matt cancelled his flight home and after 27 hours of driving time over 3 days, Astro is a Wilson. Since he has been home, he has passed his temperament training and has been going to work with Matt nearly every day. We have worked on some separation anxiety, learning to "find his boy" ensuring he bonds strongly with Eli, and other various training activities.



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The only individual able to have a service dog in training in public is the handler. Ours is Diane, our dog trainer. However, Matt and I are being trained to be his handlers as much as Astro is being trained, as Diane will not be his handler forever. We have asked permission (and the congregation council unanimously approved) to bring Astro to church as part of his training. Once he is fully certified, anywhere Eli can go, Astro can go too. We appreciate the ability to practice in a dynamic setting, like church, that Eli is used to already.

Legally there are only 2 questions that can be asked about Astro, but please do not let that stop you from asking more! First, is he a service dog required because of a disability? The answer is not yet, as he is training. While legally it cannot be asked what Astro does, I am more than happy to share. He helps Eli, who has autism and requires extra direction, extra help communicating, and more help with emotional and physical regulation. The second question permitted by law is, What tasks does he perform? Right now he is a leader for Eli, making sure that by sticking near us Eli does as well, we are working on him herding and emotionally supporting Eli before he has a meltdown.

### What's the difference?

	Service dogs	Therapy dogs	Emotional support dogs
Specially trained (task- trained)			
Allowed by federal law to accompany handler in restaurants, stores, movie theatres, etc.			
Allowed by federal law to stay with people who are disabled in apartments that have "no pet" policies			
Trained to assist just one person			
Provide emotional comfort to many people			
Must be certified or registered			

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That being said, I am not offended and I welcome about questions about my children's disabilities. I and am VERY happy to answer other questions and provide more information when asked. This is just a broad overview of when you meet a service dog in public. You are welcome to ask me about what training we are doing, assist us with various training tasks such as "leave it" where he will not take a treat from an individual other than Matt or I when offered, or "focus" where a distraction is provided and matt and I ask him to focus on us or Eli.

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*If you have allergies or a fear of dogs, please see Pastor Ladonna or a church council member. I would also encourage you to reach out to Diane at <http://dianethedogtrainer.com> as she has experience training several service dogs in the York/Adams county.*

**Frequently Asked Questions:**

**Can I pet Astro?** No. I understand this is hard to resist, trust me, he's adorable. But, he is working and is learning focus and needs to maintain focus.

**Is he up to date on his vaccinations?** This is definitely a requirement and we have him regularly to the vet. He is up to date on his vaccinations, testing and micro chipped.

**What breed is Astro?** Good question. Definitely part border collie as he likes to herd Eli and he has that coloring. Other parts likely include Great Pyrenees as he is built very much like this breed which is a livestock guardian. There are definitely other breeds mixed in as we do not know anything of his history.



"St. David's is blessed to have a tremendous staff. They demonstrate every day what the combination of dedication, talent and hard work can accomplish. We are extremely fortunate to have these folks working on our behalf to advance the various ministries here at St. David's.

On Sunday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> and on behalf of the congregation, the Mutual Ministry committee presented gifts to the staff to show our appreciation for their efforts. We acknowledged our spiritual leader Pastor LaDonna, the music man Jeff Good, our awesome administrative asst. Pam Kemper, our tremendous treasurer Joan Barnes, our fabulous financial secretary Sharon Blouse, our cool custodian/Sexton Cindy Blum, our clever communication coordinators Deb Peters who started the year and Jennifer Sterling who took over mid-year. We also want to say thank you to Shirley Garrett who retired as custodian in June after 20 years at St. David's. Please join us in saying thank you to these folks serving St. David's as we serve Christ and Community."

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# WORSHIP SCHEDULE

*Invite a friend!*

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<b>SUNDAYS:</b>	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.

**THERE WILL BE NO WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE HELD ON JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup>.**

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

Their locations are:

- Pre K – Kindergarten - in the nursery – Teacher: 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: Erica Wilson and Jess Robison.
- 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<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, Ann Seitz-Brown, Mary Kessler, and Mack Warner.

## **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**

**Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> –Feb 23<sup>th</sup> Follow by Andy Stanley**

In this eight-session DVD Bible study, Andy Stanley takes you and your small group on a Bible study journey through the Gospels as he traces Jesus' teaching on what it means **to follow**.

## **COUNCIL ELECTS OFFICERS**

At Council's December meeting, the following council members were elected to serve as officers for 2020.

### **Officers:**

President: Mack Warner  
Vice President: Charlie Evans  
Secretary: Linda Rohrbaugh

### **Appointed by Council:**

Treasurer: Joan Barnes  
Financial Secretary: Sharon Blouse

## **PINK ENVELOPE'S DESIGNATION**

**January-March: Safe Home**  
April-June: HACC  
July-September: Laundry Love  
October-December: Olivia's House

## **SAFE HOME**

- **24 hour hotline and crisis response (717) 632-0007**
- Serving the Hanover Area and Adams County
- Emergency safe housing and referrals to local shelters
- Legal advocacy, including assistance with filing protection orders

Recognizing the fact that domestic violence is a serious issue, the Safe Home Program was developed in 1981 by YWCA Hanover. The foundation of the program is the strong belief that individuals have a right to control their lives and make decisions without fear of assault or degradation. Domestic violence is a pattern of abusive and coercive behaviors used to maintain power and control over another in an intimate relationship such as marriage, dating, family, or cohabitation. The abuse may be physical, verbal, emotional, sexual, financial, or technological. **One in four women has experienced intimate partner violence in her lifetime. The cost of intimate partner violence exceeds 5.8 billion annually. It has been estimated that 70% of men who abuse their partners also abuse their children.**

# Here's how we're planning to grow closer to God in 2020. We hope you'll join us!



## "Making Room"

**Saturday, February 22, 9 AM to 1 PM**

A workshop to address the clutter that in our homes and work, as well as in our hearts, minds and spirits. Where in your life you need more room for yourself, for others and ultimately, for God? Together let's discover the tools to open that space. Register by calling the church office: 717-632-1922

## Centering Prayer Practice

**1st and 3rd Tuesdays Jan. 7th - Feb. 18th**

**6:00 - 6:45 p.m.**

Prayer is more than speaking to God. It's also listening. These sessions will introduce the practice of listening to and for God in our prayer life.

## Reading Scripture Devotionally

**2nd and 4th Tuesdays Jan. 14th -Feb. 11th**

**6:00 - 6:45 p.m.**

These sessions will teach you how to open your heart to what God is saying to you through short passages of the Bible.



**Sundays:** Sunday school for children and Adult class at 9:30 a.m.

Worship at 8:00 am and 10:45 am

**Wednesdays:** Brief worship service with Holy Communion at 7:00p.m.

## **NEW STOVE IN KITCHEN**

After careful analysis and keeping in mind safety of our members, council has approved the replacement of the stove in the kitchen. Those who use it are unsure of its safety and ease of use. Property Committee did an outstanding job securing bids for a new one. The council has approved its replacement at a cost of approximately \$4,225.00. This would meet the needs of those who use it and would provide many additional safety features. As a council, we would be very open to donations to help defray the cost of this item. Money can be given to Joan Barnes, Treasurer.

## **ST. DAVID'S WINTER WEATHER POLICY:**

For Sunday and weekend activities, cancellations will be communicated via our email database, app alerts, and through the WGAL (channel 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.



**Ice Cream Social,  
Potluck Dinner, and Cake  
(and other stuff) Auction to benefit Laundry Love**

Please join the Congregational Growth Committee on Saturday night, February 15, 2020 at 5:30 P.M. for an evening filled with good food, good friends, great sundaes, and a fun filled auction. Our evening begins with an old fashioned covered dish dinner. The cooks in this congregation bring their favorite dishes and you don't want to miss these. Fried chicken, drinks, and all the ice cream you can eat will be provided. We have never run out of sprinkles!! After we have finished eating, we begin our auction. It is a hilarious evening out bidding your friends, family, and neighbors for one, or many of the donated items. This started out as the favorite cakes of all time, but in addition, there have been handmade quilts, beautifully crafted wooden boxes and chests, Hilda's fudge, and baskets filled with everything you need to have a family movie night. There is something for all ages to enjoy, but, most importantly, it is a mid-winter time of fun and joyful congregational interaction. This activity has been part of St. David's tradition for many years, and we hope it becomes part of your yearly church life. See you there!! Mark your calendars, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 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, 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 January 11th at 6:00 P.M. Hope to see you there.



**LAUNDRY LOVE:** We did a total of 1,419 loads of laundry this year.

## **SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM SUPER BOWL**

The Super Bowl is fast approaching! Once again we will be having a canned food collection for the Summer Lunch Program. We will have 2 containers to represent each football team that will participating in the 2020 Super Bowl. Feel free to pick the winning team by putting any of the following canned food /nonperishable items in the box for your choice of the winning football team.

**Please purchase any of the following items and take note of the size of container we need and the expiration dates. We need expiration dates to be good through September 2020.**

- 18 oz. creamy peanut butter
- 15 oz. can of baked beans
- 10.75 oz. can of Vegetable Beef or Chicken Noodle soup
- 15 oz. can of pasta

## **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 January 11<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 Mary Bixler if you have any questions.



## **HANOVER AREA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES' FOOD BANK REQUESTS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY:**

Scalloped potatoes, sauerkraut, sugar, pineapples, peas, juice 64 oz. and Stevia Packets.

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

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

01/02	Edna Rickrode	01/15	Jackie Lake
01/02	Eric Zwolinski	01/16	Bob Fulton
01/04	Athena Good	01/16	Kelly Honeycutt
01/04	Dave Bixler	01/22	Kathy Meckley
01/07	Joe Wise	01/23	Bob Waskiewicz
01/09	Diane Wensel	01/24	Carolyn Rodenhaber
01/09	Melissa Munk	01/25	Gladys Shearer
01/10	Nevin Garrett	01/28	Jessica Robison
01/11	Laura Zwolinski	01/29	Albanie Hersh
01/14	Ronald Hare	01/31	Jazzy Wiltscheck

## **Notes from the Fellowship Committee**

The Fellowship Committee would like to say thanks to all who attended our events this year. Our events this year included The Maple Syrup Festival, Campfire/Movie Night, Shrove Tuesday, Easter Breakfast, Mother's Day Family Banquet, Meal for the Play and The Christmas Party. We not only wanted to thank you for coming but also for being such an important part of the fundraisers we had throughout the year. Your gifts for the Amazing Kids club in celebration of autism were truly appreciated. Our latest fundraiser for literacy yielded 108 children's books which were donated to our local library. We thank you so much for your kindness.

The committee will meet in January to plan the events for 2020. So please watch for our announcements about upcoming Fellowship events. If you liked the food at the Christmas party, there is more to come. We have booked the same caterer for Mother's day. The story teller, Beth Rebert who told the story of The Polar Express has other stories up her sleeve and at some point she will return as well.

Thanks to all and Best Wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

The Fellowship Committee

### **THANK YOU TO:**

- All who helped with donations for the Adopt-A-Family Program.
- Joyce and Fellowship Committee for hiring the caterers and getting the story teller for entertainment this year at the Christmas party.
- All who have been helping with Laundry Love.
- All who helped to put up the decorations in the church for Christmas.
- All the Choirs and the wonderful music each week during the year, the Christmas Cantata and the Christmas Eve services.
- All who helped with the Sunday School Christmas Party.
- All who purchased poinsettias for Christmas.
- Thank you to Dave Hess, Michelle Quelet, and Larry Wildasin for serving on Council the last 3 years.
- Special thank you to the 2019 executive committee: Dave Hess, Mack Warner, Martha Rutledge, Linda Rohrbaugh, Joan Barnes, Sharon Blouse, and Pastor LaDonna.

## **THANK YOU NOTE:**

Dear friends and family,

Dave & I would like to thank each of you for the get well wishes and Christmas cards, gift certificates, and the many gifts that we received. Dave is much better and he is back at work. He is only working part-time. We both wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. You are all truly a blessing in our lives.

Dave & Pam Kemper

## **PRAYER LIST**

### **FOR THOSE RECEIVING PASTORAL VISITATION AT HOME:**

Ethel Meckley, Gladys Shearer, Millie Miller, Tony Laughman, Edna Rickrode, Ada Mancha, Kiki Beyer, Joyce & David Plank, Ann Hempfing, Dorothy Grogg, Mary Wildasin Clyde & Reda Gotwalt, and Margie Utz.

**FOR HEALING & STRENGTH:** Glen Bixler, Peggy, Perin, Tyler, Abbi, & Michael Null, Dave Kemper, Donna Weber, Lori Barnett, Tom Rutledge, Harold Utz, Frank Martin, Dave Barnhart, Deb Klinedinst, Melvin & Marjorie Wentz, Hilda Schuchart, Suzie Luks, Kaleb Trump, Travis Trump, Mary Lou Davis, Tom Phillips, Sunny Blouse, Ryan Laughman, Harold Bachman, George Hesse, Margie Thiel, Brock Beckham, Deb Brady, Jennifer Shook, Allison Trump, David Smith, Larry Lahoss, John Geers, Rebecca McClain, Stephanie Warner, Joann Wagaman, Tim Kurtz, Tim Lawrence, Sherry Bentzel, Judy Krepper, Elizabeth Ware, Diane Baumgardner, Darlene Harbaugh, Dan Webber, Archie Oller, and Mary Brown.

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