

ST. DAVID'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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APRIL 2020 NEWSLETTER



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Pastor:	Rev. LaDonna E. Thomas
Parish Administrator:	Pam Kemper
Music Director:	Jeff Good
Sexton:	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

From the Pastor's Desk . . .

As for us, brothers and sisters, when, for a short time, we were made orphans by being separated from you—in person, not in heart—we longed with great eagerness to see you face to face. (1 Thessalonians 2:17)

Dear People of St. David's,

The scripture passage above was written by the Apostle Paul, who is known for being a traveling missionary in the years after the earthly life of Jesus. He went to various towns and villages, preached the gospel of Jesus Christ and started churches. Then he would move on to the next town, ordaining leaders to carry on the work in his absence. His hopes were always to return and visit the newly formed churches to teach and fellowship.



I find resonance these days with St. Paul's words. The Covid-19 pandemic has made it unadvisable for us to meet together, in person, as church. Many of us feel orphaned from the church family that has always been a source of strength, hope and joy. And, St. Paul's words ring true when he says ***we are separated in person, but not in heart.*** It is because we are so spiritually connected, in our hearts, that we experience this longing, yearning and eagerness to see and be with one another face-to-face.

We cannot, at this writing, respond to that longing and yearning to be physically present with one another as the "gathered" church. And so, we must respond in other ways. Here is a practice I invite you to attend to your longing to be with your church family:

Close your eyes and imagine sitting in our church for worship. Who are the people who would typically be sitting in front of you or behind you. Take a few minutes and write a short note to them, letting them know you miss them. If you need an address, you can contact our church office at 717-632-1922 or by email at stdavidlutheran@yahoo.com

This time of being the scattered church will, most likely stretch beyond Easter. You are all in my thoughts and prayers, that you will be well and safe.

If a conversation with me would be helpful, please do not hesitate to call or email. FaceTime and skype are also possible ways to be in conversation in this unusual time.

God's peace in all things,
Pastor LaDonna

APRIL WORSHIP NOTES

At this writing, worship services in our building have been suspended through Easter, April 12. This decision is made in keeping with Governor Wolf's stay at home order and the recommendation of our synodical Bishop.



Pastor LaDonna and other members of the church continue to work on new and creative ways to engage God's word and invite us into experiences of worship. There are currently two options for connecting with the worship life of St. David's in this time of social distancing and staying home.

1. A brief worship for use in our homes is recorded for each Sunday, as well as Maundy Thursday (April 9) and Good Friday (April 10). These videos are posted on our church's [YouTube channel](#). When they are ready for viewing, a message is sent through our church's email distribution, posted to our Facebook page, and a reminder sent through our church app.
2. For those who are not using email and receive their news through US Post Office, we will send a copy of Pastor's LaDonna's weekly sermon and another devotional material will be sent on Monday's from the church office.

Keeping in Touch During the Pandemic

A list of St. David's members, addresses and phone numbers is available by request from the church office. The office phone number is 717-632-1922 the email is stdavidlutheran@yahoo.com

Up-to-date information is sent via email to those who subscribe to our email list. If you do not currently receive those emails and would like to, you can subscribe [here](#).

Church Staffing During the Pandemic

Our staff are in the office on a limited basis to tend to the basic tasks required to keep our church functioning in this time of pandemic. Churches are considered “essential businesses” in our governor’s stay at home order. None of our staff are meeting with people face-to-face or in person. ***If you have a reason to be at the church, please call ahead for instructions.***

Pam Kemper, our parish administrator, is in the office on Mondays and Thursdays 9:00 A.M. - Noon and is available by phone.

Sharon Blouse, our financial secretary, will generally be in the office on Tuesday afternoons to post the weeks offerings.

Joan Barnes, our treasurer, will be in the office Tuesday evenings or Wednesday mornings to do payroll and pay bills.

Cindy Blum, our sexton, is in the building on Mondays and Thursdays doing general cleaning and special projects.

Jeff Good is in the building to practice and doing advanced worship, at his discretion.

Pastor LaDonna is working mostly from home, but is in the building to record worship and handle other administrative tasks.

A staff member is on-site everyday to check the mail and do a walk-through of the building for safety and security.

Important Information from Our Council President

3/25/2020

Dear Members of St. David's,

I send my greetings during these most unusual and trying times. It is my hope that everyone remains safe and free from Covid19. It has been difficult being away from our church family and not being to share in those relationships. Let's pray for continued safety and an end to this pandemic.

I wanted to make you aware of our current economic status at St. David's, which has been affected by not gathering for worship. First, let me thank those of you who have been able to maintain your contributions to the church. It is crucial that we try to keep the church up and running, both spiritually and financially.

Just this week we were able to pay all salaries and \$1,245.89 of bills. However, we have pending or back due \$5,557.46 of payments. In order for us to keep up with our approved budget, and continue our important ministries, we need your help. Our goal would be to receive needed contributions, so we don't use our savings to pay bills.

If you are in a position to do so, we encourage you to do one or more of the following:

1. Mail your weekly or monthly contribution to the church
2. Continue your electronic payments or start that avenue of giving (see our website "give" button - stdavidshanover.org)
3. Consider a one-time additional payment to help us through these times
4. Consider paying forward some of your contributions for the next week(s) or month(s)

We certainly hope this pandemic will end sooner rather than later, and things will return to a more normal state. In the meantime, we need your continuing support to stay on top of the situation. May many blessings surround you and your family. Please stay safe and follow the guidelines that have been recommended.

Yours in Christ,
Mack Warner
Council President

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 April 11th 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 APRIL:

Salad dressing, mayonnaise, and BBQ sauce

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 April 14th at 6:00 P.M. Hope to see you there. We served 18 families, 24 adults, 15 children, and did 87 loads of wash & drying.



“BOUNDLESS GOD BEYOND MEASURE” ELCA Youth Gathering

“BOUNDLESS GOD BEYOND MEASURE” is the theme for the National Youth Gathering to be held in Minnesota June 29 - July 3, 2021. St. David's have about 5-7 youth and several adults that will be attending this event. Throughout the next 15 months fundraising events will take place to help the youth meet their goal to provide for this trip. March 15th will kick off with an "Envelope" sponsor fund. Envelopes will be numbered 1-100. You chose an envelope of your choice, on the sign out sheet place your name next to the number on the envelope that you choose. Whatever number is on the outside of the envelope is the dollar amount that you would place in the envelope. (ex. 1 = \$1.00, 2 = \$2.00 etc). Filled envelopes can be placed in the offering plate. If you would like to give more than what is on your envelope, you may.

CAR SHOW TROPHY FUNDRAISER

It's that time of the year when we start collecting money for trophies for the car show.

Anyone can sponsor a trophy for just \$5.00. There will be some bigger Trophies to sponsor and they will be around \$20.00. Please let us know who's names you would like on the trophy and which trophy you would like to sponsor. There are 42 small trophies and 8 large trophies.



We are collecting empty aluminum cans. Please collect your empty cans and bring them to church. You can place the cans in the black garbage can marked “soda cans recycle”, located at the door by the fellowship hall. Once a month, the cans will be taken to Staiman's in exchange for money towards this year's trophies.

All the proceeds will be going to the Youth National Gathering in 2021.

OTHER EVENTS THAT WE ARE THINKING ABOUT

January Soup sales

Chili cook off

Italian dinner

Yard/Bake sale

Asking family members - letters in mail or gofundme

Local Club Donations

Paint Nights

Sandwich sales

Selling vegetables/fruit

Youth doing chores

TEE SHIRTS: The youth will be wearing a tee shirt each day designed by one of them. Each youth is to make a design for the tee shirt and you can decide which design that you like. We would like to have business advertise on the back of the tee shirt. So, if you know of any businesses that would like to sponsor a space on the tee shirt, let us know. Right now, we are not sure what the cost will be for sponsorship.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

04/02	Doris Utz	04/19	Brian Kopp
04/03	Ava Bonadio	04/20	Jennifer Croney
04/03	Deb Klinedinst	04/21	Tony Clousher
04/03	Jeffrey Smale	04/21	Steve Vaughan
04/06	Doris Saltzgiver	04/24	Bill Saltzgiver
04/07	Ronald Kessler	04/25	Debbie Peter
04/08	Abigail Fett	04/25	Rebekah
04/09	Amy Good	04/26	Neil Rohrbaugh
04/09	Molly Weber	04/27	Katelyn Weisz
04/11	Dave Hess	04/27	Emily Cogle
04/13	Sullivan Palko	04/28	Barbara Sickles
04/13	Samantha Hagan	04/28	Rick Stanson
04/17	Valerie Gorman	04/29	Joan Barnes
04/17	Julie Shadle	04/30	Dalton Riley
04/17	Sabrina Pawlus		

WE ARE PRAYING FOR

NEW PRAYER REQUEST

- Michael Channing
- Steve Fulton, who has been placed on Hospice Care.
- For the family & Friends of Harold Bachman.
- Martha & family, as Tom is place under Hospice Care.
- Birth of Gavin Alexander Utz, son of Ben & Alexis Utz, grandparents, Brad & Deb Utz and great grandmother, Margie Utz

For those known to us who are first responders, healthcare workers, and workers in essential businesses:

Joyce Arndt, Nikki Baile, Matthew Barnes, Tony Clouser, Allyson Donovan, George Donovan, Athena Good, Dave Kemper, Julie Shadle, Nevin Rohrbaugh, Linda Rohrbaugh, Ron Kessler, Mary Kessler, Tom Garrett, Karen Garrett, George McNamara, Aaron Rinehart, Neil Rohrbaugh, Becky Rohrbaugh, Christopher Wensel, Diane Wensel, Lisa Wentz, Erica Wilson, Craig Graham, Kevin Green, Lori Green, and Chris Sterling

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, Frank Martin, Alice Routsong, and Margie Utz.

FOR HEALING & STRENGTH

Julie Groft, Joyce Arndt, Tom Rutledge, Harold Utz, Dave Barnhart, Deb Klinedinst, Melvin & Marjorie Wentz, Hilda Schuchart, , Suzie Luks, Kaleb Trump, Travis Trump, Mary Lou Davis, Tom Phillips, Sunny Blouse, Ryan Laughman, George Hesse, Brock Beckham, Deb Brady, Allison Trump, Tim Kurtz, Tim Lawrence, Sherry Bentzel, Diane Baumgardner, Dan Webber, Glen Bixler, Peggy Perin, Debbie Halleran, Dale Dyer, Nevin Raubenstein, Kent & Donna Myers, David Waybright, Bea Reynolds, Larry Lohoss, and George Hauck