

# ST. DAVID'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## FEBRUARY 2021 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:	Cindy Blum
Communications Coordinator:	Jennifer Sterling
Treasurer:	Joan Barnes
Financial Secretary:	Sharon Blouse
President:	Mack Warner
Vice-President:	Kevin Barnes
Secretary for Council:	Linda Rohrbaugh

**March newsletter deadline is February 21st.**





# February 2021

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	1 Pastor Day Off 6:30 P.M. Task Force zoom 7:00 P.M. Property Committee	2 7:00 P.M. Bell Choir	3 7:00 P.M. Bible Study	4	5	6
7 10:45 Worship 9:15 A.M. Zoom Sunday School	8 Pastor Day Off	9 6:00 P.M. Laundry Love 7:00 P.M. Bell Choir	10 7:00 P.M. Bible Study	11	12	13 8:30 A.M. P.A.L.
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## SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

We are excited to welcome you back to the sanctuary for worship on February 7, 2021 at 8:00 A.M. and 10:45 A.M.!

### It is our practice to:

- Wear a mask that covers both the mouth and nose
- Maintain at least 6 feet of distance from those not in our own household
- Sanitize hands upon entry into the building
- Refrain from congregational singing

If you have a fever or recent onset of a respiratory issue, it is best to err on the side of caution and remain at home.

If it is not right for you to attend in person, please engage with our digital worship on our St. David's YouTube Channel. A new worship service is posted each Sunday morning.

*Many thanks to our Pandemic Response Team who weekly monitors the statistics on community spread of COVID and makes recommendations for the gathering of people in our building. Team members are: Mack Warner (chair), Dian Wensel, Harold Utz, Kevin Barnes, Cindy Blum, Jeff Good, Eric Baumgardner, Pam Kemper, and Pastor LaDonna*

**Digital Worship** 24/7 at our YouTube Channel [<https://youtu.be/HnB0xi3nXRQ>]

**Worship in the sanctuary** remains suspended due to the high COVID rates at this time. Please watch weekly announcements for more up to date Sunday and weekly Lenten Worship times.

**FAITH BUILDING CONVERSATION** Join in for some faith-building conversation and study on Wednesdays at 7:00 P.M. The zoom link (computer or other device with camera and microphone needed) is

<https://zoom.us/j/4941025850?pwd=Y2JkdDRURXViOVJTc1pKekFUenp5Zz09>

Meeting ID: 494 102 5850

Passcode: Jesus

To join from any phone (no camera required): 301-715-8592.

Meeting ID: 494 102 5850 Passcode: 452046

## Adult Sunday School

**9:15 to 10:15 A.M. by Zoom**

*Join the class from a computer, laptop, or smartphone with this link:*

<https://zoom.us/j/99817498832?pwd=ZDZYdjB1Qm03aUwxV3dsMkY1VU5zd09>

Meeting ID: 998 1749 8832 Passcode: 017867

**COMMUNION-AT-HOME** by conference call will take place on **Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 A.M.** (NOTE NEW TIME!). To participate, create a small "holy space" in your home and have available a small portion of bread and juice or wine. Pastor LaDonna will host the conference call, offer a brief devotion and bless the elements for communion. The toll-free phone number is 844-855-4444 and the access code is 3533716#.

1/20/2021,

Dear Members of St. David's,

What a year 2020 has been! I wanted to take a brief moment to extend my sincere thanks and gratitude on behalf of the Council and the church for your faithfulness throughout our unusual circumstances with the pandemic of 2020. You have allowed St. David's to keep their doors open, keep their ministries strong, and continue to worship in many new and different ways. You can be very proud of our staff as they adjusted smoothly to complete their duties, however different, in any way that was needed. In addition, many people stepped up to help out and plan new concepts of worship and delivery of that worship. While I may miss people who have assisted us, I would be remiss if I didn't point out a few. Eric Baumgardner has been an excellent technician in editing our online worship and coordinating all of its pieces. Kevin Barnes has been instrumental in planning and setting up worship in the pavilion, the nave, and outdoors on the parking lot so that worship could continue in a safe and communal way. Others have stepped in to assist with those worship services and provide the person power necessary to carry them off. We are grateful for all of them.

As we move forward into 2021 there is great hope that as the virus wanes, and the vaccines increase, we will be able to return to normalcy and worship as the Body of Christ in person. The Pandemic Response Team has worked diligently to follow the advice of the CDC, the Pennsylvania Department of Health, the Bishop's recommendations, and our own church council to make decisions that allow worship in some fashion while looking out for the safety of everyone involved. The Council of St. David's will do everything in their power to return to in-person worship as soon as it is safe to do so.

I want to also acknowledge your willingness to do things in a different way as the past. One of those things was conducting a modified version of our congregational meeting virtually. All of the proposals presented during that meeting were approved as we move toward 2021. Included in that is the approval of the 2021 budget. Please note that part of that budget included replaced roofs on the pavilion, and the two sheds. This will be completed in the spring when weather allows it to go forward. As part of your support for the budget, I would highly encourage you to make a donation towards that project as soon as possible so that the work can be completed. You may send a donation to the church marked 'ROOF PROJECT'.

Let's hope we can come back together sooner than later. Thank you again for your faithfulness to our ministries at St. David's. May God continue to bless us!

Sincerely,

Mack Warner - Council President

## **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 as long as it is in session. If the district is closed or dismisses early due to snow, all activities at the church are cancelled that day.

## **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 February 13<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.



**FEBRUARY ITEMS ARE:** Single serve fruits, individual, size chips and pretzels, laundry detergent, instant white rice, and scallop potatoes.

## **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. We are just meeting to give everyone their money right now during COVID.



## **CHURCH STAFFING DURING “STAY AT HOME ORDER”**

Our office administrator, Pam Kemper’s office hours will be Monday & Thursday 7:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. and Tuesday and Wednesday 7:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. with Fridays off.

- Pastor LaDonna day off will be on Monday’s.

## **SPONSORSHIPS FOR ONLINE WORSHIP**

Sponsorships for online worship are now being accepted. The cost is \$60 (while we are only partly worshipping in person on the parking lot, this replaces the sponsorship for bulletins, communion and worship supplies). You may sponsor as much as you want to. You can sponsor \$10, \$20, \$30. Or \$60. Sponsors will be noted in the weekly announcements and in the online worship. Please call the church office (717-632-1922) or email (stdavidlutheran@yahoo.com) to become a sponsor. These are the weeks available into the new year: February 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>.

## **Happy Birthday**

02/05	Kurt Kronsteiner	02/17	Deb Utz
02/05	Jillian Smith	02/19	Tamara Cogle
02/06	Margaret Miller	02/21	Mary Kessler
02/10	Lisa Bankert	02/22	Mike Stevens
02/11	Bella Redding	02/22	John Croney
02/11	Sandy Myers	02/24	Matthew Barnes
02/13	Rebecca Burns	02/24	April Stanson
02/14	Reda Gotwalt	02/25	Jocelyn Peter
02/14	Deb Sanders	02/25	Tom Garrett
02/15	Craig Graham	02/27	Twila Horn
02/17	Gene Larrick	02/29	Vivian Donovos
02/17	Arlene Kopp	02/29	Zoe Donovos

## **THANK YOU NOTE TOO:**

- To everyone who helped with the office clean-up. From bringing your wet vacuum to clean up the water, to moving furniture out of the office, and putting it back in the office. Special thank you to Mack for being here to let the workers in each day.
- Special thank you to Davidson's plumbing for coming out here to fixed the leak right away that Monday morning, December 28<sup>th</sup>.
- To all that helped with the parking lot Sunday Worship services.
- Special thank you to Schmuck's Lumber Company for putting on a new garage door on the barn.
- Special thanks to the people who helped with the Provide-A-Lunch and Laundry Love.
- For Everyone who has been picking up your envelopes.
- All end of the year statements have been sent out. They were sent out on January 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Some areas, the mail is running much more slower.

## **NEW ADDRESS**

Arlene Kopp moved to Columbia Cottage, but all mail should be sent to 865 Fairview Drive, Hanover, PA 17331

**PINK ENVELOPES** are for Pastor Discretionary Fund for February. Pink Envelope giving for this month benefits the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. This fund is used to help members and those in our community when they need help paying a bill or obtaining basic necessities that are not provided by any other community agency. Disbursements are made at the confidential recommendation of the pastor and approved by the congregation council. Monthly pink envelopes are in your offering boxes. If you use online giving or wish to give online, go to our website - [www.stdavidshanover.org](http://www.stdavidshanover.org) and click on the "donate now" button.

## **We Are Praying For**

- **COMFORT AND PEACE** for the family of Millie Miller.
- **COMFORT AND PEACE** for Tom Garrett and Karen Tregoning families on the death of Shirley Garrett.
- **WE REJOICE** with Bob and Deb Waskiewicz at the birth of their grandson, Rory John-Charles Suter.
- **PRAYING FOR** our teachers and children that are attending school.

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

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

### **FOR HEALING & STRENGTH**

Paige Adams, Cindy Blum, Jackie Lake, Mary Kessler, Dave Kemper, Jim Wertz, Ann Seitz Brown, Patsy Stevens, Doris Saltzgeber, Brian Kopp, Arlene Kopp, Angela Kieny, Frank & Hazel George, Kim Laughman, Harold Utz, Dave & Darlene Barnhart, Deb Klinedinst, Melvin & Marjorie Wentz, Hilda Schuchart, Suzie Luks, Kaleb Trump, Travis Trump, Tom Phillips, Sunny Blouse, Ryan Laughman, George Hesse, Brock Beckham, Allison Trump, Tim Kurtz, Tim Lawrence, Sherry Bentzel, Diane Baumgardner, Dan Webber, Debbie Halleran, Bea Reynolds, Andrew Staub, Alicia Gauger, Vanessa Mummert, Rosemary Gamber, Tom Landis, Millie Lester, Brian Donovan, Moira Parkin, Larry Lee, Russ Zumburum, Sue Cannon, Anita Talbott, Peg Bennett-Elder, Vikki Rhodes, Julie Smith-Meyer, Harold & Shirley Kessler, Mariacalica Laffan, Bob & Ann Baugher, Nadine Sabaka, Darlene Shultz Garrett, and George Hauck.