

ST. DAVID
LUTHERAN CHURCH

2025 ANNUAL REPORT



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The Yearbook of St. David Lutheran Church for 2025 is dedicated to the glory of God in loving memory of our dear members who have become part of the Church Triumphant.

St. David Lutheran

Mission Statement

Marked with the cross of Christ forever, St. David is a caring community called to love, serve and proclaim God's eternal grace to all people.

Vision Statement

St. David is a community founded in faith and marked with the cross of Christ forever. We embrace our past with humility and trust God's plan for our future with hope. We care for each other and reach out to care for the needs of our neighbors.

As a caring community of brothers and sisters in Christ, we are called to:

- Gather to be embraced by God's love and go to share God's love with others;
- Rejoice in our opportunities to serve each other and our neighbors in need by sharing what God has first given us - our selves, our time and our possessions, signs of God's gracious love;
- Join together to be nourished by Word and Sacrament, which empowers us in our joyful call to proclaim God's eternal grace to all people.

2025 STAFF AND COUNCIL



Rev. Greg S. Brown
Pastor



Rev. Madison Chelberg
Pastor



Dr. Al Roberts
Director of Music
and Organist



Otto Hage
Choral Director



Song-Sil Kim
Organist/Handbell
Director



Gloria Miller
Parish Administrator/
Secretary



Charles Schumpert
President



Nate Hendrix
Vice-President



Lynette Brantley
Secretary



Tricia Hood
Assistant
Secretary



Drew Laughlan
Treasurer



Lenny Bugay
Financial
Secretary



Carter Jeffcoat
Youth Member



Elizabeth
Bickley



Chris
Dooley



Deana
Hage



Jim
Kinard



Robbie
Ruple



Barry
Stricklin



Josh
Temples



Sylvia
Wessinger

2026 NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS



Ann Alexander



Austin Corley



Andy Schumpert



Jamie Sox



Kate Labelle

CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEMBERS

2024-2026

Nate Hendrix
Tricia Hood
Robbie Ruple
Barry Stricklin

2025-2027

Chris Dooley
Deana Hage
Jim Kinard
Sylvia Wessinger

2026-2028

Ann Alexander
Austin Corley
Andy Schumpert
Jamie Sox

2026 Youth

Kate Labelle

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PASTOR GREG'S ANNUAL REPORT – 2025

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

As I reflect on this past year in the life of our congregation, one word continues to rise to the surface: *faithfulness*. This has not been an easy year. It has been a year marked by significant transitions, deep gratitude, some grief, and the steady presence of God among us.

This year we celebrated the retirement of Dr. Al Roberts, our Director of Music. Dr. Roberts' ministry among us has shaped our worship life in profound ways. Through his leadership, our choir, musicians, and congregation have been invited into beauty, depth, and theological richness in song. His retirement marks the end of an era, and we give thanks for his many years of faithful service. The music that has carried our prayers and proclaimed the gospel will continue to echo in this place because of his gifts.

In the fall, we welcomed Dr. Seong-Sil Kim to be our new Church Musician. The thoughtfulness she brings to the task of leading us in worship is a joy. We're blessed to add her to our staff and pray God's continued blessings for the music ministry of our congregation. Together with Otto Hage, they do a wonderful job of helping us praise God through music!

We also experienced the unexpected resignation of our associate pastor. That transition was difficult and, for many, painful. When ministry partnerships end abruptly, it can leave unanswered questions and a sense of disruption. It is important to acknowledge that this was not the kind of closure anyone would have hoped for. And yet, even in that unsettled space, Christ has remained present. I am deeply grateful for the ways you responded—with maturity, compassion, and a commitment to the health of this congregation.

In the midst of these leadership changes, you stepped up. Staff members took on additional responsibilities. Lay leaders strengthened their roles. Volunteers filled gaps. Council leadership worked diligently behind the scenes. You demonstrated that the church is not built on any one individual but on the shared calling we have in baptism.

And in the midst of all of this, we welcomed 23 new members into our congregation this year. That number is not incidental. It is a sign of hope. Twenty-three individuals and families discerned that this community is where they can grow in faith, belong in relationship, and serve in Christ's name. To receive new members in a year of transition speaks volumes about the spirit of this congregation. You continue to be a people who make room at the table.

We have continued to gather around Word and Sacrament. We have baptized and buried. We have prayed and sung. We have wrestled with Scripture and with life. We have supported one another in times of illness, grief, and celebration. In worship and in service, we have remained anchored in the grace of God.

Transitions remind us of something essential: the church does not belong to any one pastor, musician, or leader. It belongs to Christ. Leadership changes. Seasons shift. Plans evolve. But Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. That promise steadies us when other things feel uncertain.

As we look ahead, we do so with honesty about the year behind us and hope for the year before us. We will continue discerning how God is calling us to grow—spiritually, relationally, and missionally. We will continue strengthening our staff and leadership structures. We will continue inviting new people into a life shaped by grace.

Thank you for your patience during difficult moments. Thank you for your prayers, your generosity, and your steadfast commitment to this congregation. It is a privilege to serve alongside you. I am continually reminded that God is not finished with us yet.

In Christ's service,

The Rev. Gregory S. Brown
Senior Pastor

IN MEMORY

Nancy Pope Steele Frye
October 15, 1946
January 6, 2025

Larry Everette Rauch
March 15, 1942
March 18, 2025

Harold Barrett Swygert III
June 12, 1952
September 25, 2025

Jean Carroll Roberts
February 6, 1925
January 6, 2025

Corrine Diane Lord
February 1, 1951
April 22, 2025

Joyce Ann Gaston Smith
November 20, 1952
November 14, 2025

Carolyn Kaye Rinehart Slyce
May 11, 1941
January 11, 2025

John Yates Kester, Jr.
December 25, 1943
August 8, 2025

Joan Dennis Smith
March 7, 1939
November 30, 2025

Frances Juanita Enlow Duvall
August 25, 1944
February 3, 2025

Patricia Spradley Monts
April 16, 1937
August 12, 2025

Peggy Cook Sox
February 14, 1930
December 18, 2025

Kelly Anne Merritt Amick
January 6, 1965
February 15, 2025

Amanda Catherine Caughman Derrick
August 11, 1959
August 14, 2025

Patsy Hentz Shull
June 16, 1938
December 23, 2025

Nathan Herman Dooley
February 19, 1937
February 16, 2025

Vinetta Maude Glenn Dooley
January 13, 1940
September 3, 2025

Frances Elizabeth Roof Roberts
October 5, 1946
December 23, 2025

George Franklin Shull, Sr.
October 5, 1940
March 11, 2025

MEMBERS RECEIVED AND MEMBERS TRANSFERRED OUT

BAPTIZED

Masen Lane Bridges

Connor Reid Dooley

Jacob Matthew Dooley

2025 MEMBER CHANGES

Affirmation of Faith

Melvin Baldwin
Seth Brock
Alyssa Carpenter
Dan Contreras
Bryan Edsell
Elizabeth Edsell
Marshall Gagne

Dianne Jeffcoat
Bruce McKinney
Jessica McKinney
Ronald Wayne McKinney
Ellie Nord
Chris Osier

Dean Robert Seiler
Anna Sims
Danielle Sims
J. D. Sims
Ronnie Warfield
Marc Woodlief

Associate Member

Brent Dowd

Brenda Hart

Transferred to ELCA Congregation

F. T. Mathias
Celeste Schnabel

Matt Schnabel

Scott Wilson

Transferred to Non-Luthran Congregation

Rivon VanLaan

2025 Altar Guild Annual Report

December 12, 2025

Members 2025:

Group A

Bonny Clayborn-Committee Chair, Helen Coffman, Denise Malejko, Sherry Senn

Group B

Ann Alexander, Pam Fox, Julie McFarland, Sylvia Wessinger

Group C

Barbara Thompson, Linda Turner, Gail Brazell, Peggy & Leon Trump, Sheila Kinard, Allison & Austin Glenn

Altar Guild has many duties consist of setting the Altar for Holy Communion for services, changing out Paraments and Banners according to the church calendar, filling the torches with oil, Altar Candles and Paschal Candle with oil. Cleaning and refilling the Baptismal Font with water and ironing all linens. Preparing for baptisms on such Sundays. Preparing Travel Kits for Council Members for Homebound and Shut-in members. Decorating the Chrismon Trees and setting up the Creche for Advent. Setting up the Advent Candles on wreath stand. Ordering all supplies for the Sacristy such as Communion Supplies, all candles, wines, wafers, Host and anything else needed for Holy Communion. Ordering Palm Fonds for Palm Sunday, Easter Lilies, Geraniums for Pentecost and Poinsettias for Christmas Eve Service. Keeping the Sacristy clean and in order.

Our 2026 goal is to continue the fabulous job that all these members on this committee provides for our congregation and St David Church members. We also want to attract several new members to help serve on this committee that truly is such a wonderful privilege to serve on.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the wonderful hard working and dedicated members that we have serving on this special committee. I truly need and appreciate each person serving on Altar Guild.

Thank you,

Bonny Clayborn



ARCHIVES ANNUAL REPORT 2025

The purpose of the St. David Archives is to gather, review, categorize and file all pertinent old church materials in a safe environment. Some of the material has been donated by individual church members and committees. We are always interested in receiving additional historical items for the Archives.

One of the projects completed this year was rearranging files in the fireproof cabinet in order to have more room for certain categories. Also, confirmation pictures and information were brought up to date.

The paper shredder had been inoperable for some time, and we tried to repair it by consulting with the manufacturer. It was determined that it could not be repaired. Thanks to Bruce McFarland for gifting a new paper shredder to archives.

For the past 14 years, the Archives Room has been shared with the Social Ministry Committee's Snack Sack Program. Food is stored and bagged here for distribution to the children at Oak Grove Elementary School. This is a shared ministry with Zion Lutheran Church.

The Archives Committee is available to assist you in locating information that is stored in the Archives Room which is located next to the Parlor in the Education Building.

Respectfully submitted,
Dianne Davis, Archives Committee
Sylvia Wessinger, Council Liaison

Blood Drives Hosted by St. David Annual Report 2025



HISTORY: St David has hosted blood drives in the past with about three per year since 2016. This is a community ministry with a real impact. Blood can only come from people (it can't be made artificially), has a brief shelf life, is in short supply but is always in demand so please donate and keep donating. A single whole blood donation can potentially save up to three lives, i.e., your *red blood cells* are separated out for trauma victims, *platelets* for cancer patients, and *plasma* for severe burns.

REGISTRATION: You can walk-in to any blood drive to donate, but an appointment is preferred. The 2026 blood drive schedule for St. David and how to register are listed above. Once online, select a date then a donation time between 1-6 p.m. for the type of donation (whole blood or Power Red) you want to give.

TYPES of BLOOD DONATIONS:

- **Whole Blood** (1 unit = about a pint): Must be at least 16 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, in good health and feel well (additional restrictions for students); may donate every 56 days, up to 6 times per year; takes about 60 minutes to donate. Blood volume recovers in a day and hemoglobin in 2 weeks.
- **Power Red** (2 units of red blood cells only): A machine separates out the needed red blood cells and returns your platelets, plasma and saline to you. It takes about 90 minutes to donate. Individuals with types O, A- and B- blood are especially needed. Power Red can be donated every 112 days. There are age, weight and height requirements based on gender.
- **Platelets:** Done only at Red Cross donation centers (Bull Street), not at blood drives. A similar process to Power Red. Takes 2.5-3 hours for 5x the concentration. Can be done every 7 days (but only 24 times a rolling year).

DONATION PROCESS:

- **BLOOD DONOR APP** for smart phones (scan QR code above) - contains your digital donor card, donation history, ability to schedule your next donation, do your [RapidPass](https://www.redcrossblood.org/faq.html) and FAQ's - <https://www.redcrossblood.org/faq.html>
- Donors need to eat well balanced meals and hydrate the day before and the day of donation
- On the day of donation, before you can sign in, complete a confidential questionnaire via [RapidPass](#) on-line or in your smartphone Red Cross App, or read an information handout
- To sign in you must have a Red Cross donor card (physical or digital) or a SC driver license
- Before donating you will go to a History Station where the Red Cross staff will scan your [RapidPass](#) QR Code and check your temperature, pulse, blood pressure and hemoglobin (no needle stick)

AMBASSADORS are volunteers who work 2-hour shifts to welcome, thank and sign-in donors; give donors drinks & snacks; and set up and clean up. We can't do this without **Volunteers!** Thanks to those who help.

The COORDINATOR (an Assistant is needed) recruits and trains volunteers, creates and distributes posters, opens the church and sets up for the Red Cross, assists volunteers & donors as needed, and closes

Submitted by: Bernie Lee, Coordinator – See/Call me to Volunteer or with Questions about donating

CAMPUS MINISTRY CONGREGATIONAL OUTREACH ANNUAL REPORT 2025

Purpose: To communicate with and provide a link between St. David and all students attending institutions of higher learning. This communication says to the student that “your church remembers and cares about you.”

Accomplishments:

- Campus ministry identified 10 college students for the 2024-2025 school year and 14 students for the 2025-2026 school year.
- Campus ministry sent copies of “Christ in Our Home” devotional booklets quarterly to students.
- Campus ministry sent a card to each student on their birthday and for various other holidays.
- The annual breakfast honoring our 4 high school graduates and one college graduate was celebrated on May 18, 2025.
- Six of our college students participated in the Service of Lessons and Carols by reading the lessons on December 28, 2025

Goals:

To continue the activities above and to encourage prayers for all our students. To continue formal recognition of high school and college graduates during worship and the annual graduate recognition breakfast in May. To encourage circle groups and church members to adopt college students, remembering them throughout the school year.

Thank you:

To the students for their feedback to the committee; to groups and individuals in the congregation who participate in the “adopt-a-student” program; to individuals who donate to and support the work of Campus Ministry at St. David and in the Synod; to Pam Fox and Ann Alexander, coordinators of the high school quilt project; to Claire Compton, WELCA liaison for Graduate Recognition Sunday; and to our Pastor for his support of this ministry.

Committee:

Caroline Davis, Kirsten Davis, Laurie Harmon, and Sylvia Wessinger

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Cemetery and Memorials Committee of St. David Lutheran Church (ELCA)

MISSION: We allot burial spaces and provide caring personal assistance during a family's time of loss.

HOW WE DO THIS:

- . We encourage pre-need requests for a burial space and funeral service preferences. Burial spaces are available to church members upon request, or to non-members as approved by our Church Council.
- . We coordinate with the pastor before announcing the date and time for family visitation and the funeral service.
- . We inform the funeral home of the proper grave for opening and closing. We open and close Columbarium niches for inurnment. We occasionally assist a family with a private urn burial.
- . We assist monument companies in positioning permanent markers, coping & other improvements.
- . We require accurate records for church cemetery space assignment and burial.
- . We honor buried veterans of the military, fire, police, and first responders with grave flags and flag holders.
- . We acknowledge memorial donors and inform the next of kin of those memorials.
- . We conduct limited cemetery maintenance.

Committee Members: Charles Dooley, Bernie Lee (Chair), Denise Malejko, Chick Roof (Co-Chair), Sandra Ross, Elizabeth Scott, H. Michael Sox, and Linda Turner. *Resigned:* Larry Lown

ACTIVITIES DURING 2025 (see Attachment 1- Details):

- . **Committals:** at St. David – 15 (13 members & 2 non-members); 3 church members at another cemetery
- . **Memorials:** 313 individual acknowledgements to donors; a monthly donor list to the next of kin; and a letter of condolence to individuals spending their first Christmas without a spouse or parent.
- . **Cemetery Space Assignments:** In-Ground plots - 23 (including 4 for non-members); Columbarium: 0
- . **Quit Claims** (the assignee gives up their entitlement of burial, or the church reclaims the plot): 198
The Council approved the following on March 9, 2025 (see Attachment 2 for details):
 - * Church members were requested to submit burial requests naming individuals for the 179 unassigned plots within family squares. Unless a burial request is received by April 1, 2026, any unassigned plots within a family square may become subject to Quit Claim.
 - * Before 2018, non-members did not have to pay their burial fees at the same time as submitting their burial request. Those who didn't (73) must now pay the current \$1,500.00 fee by April 1, 2026, or be subject to Quit Claim.
 - * Burial plots assigned to members (41) inactivated in May 2024 or after were subject to Quit Claim in accordance with *C22.04A24.d*. These people can make new burial requests following non-member procedures.
 - * 113 Burial plots were subject to Quit Claim due to no contact information.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- . **Life's Final Journey:** During Lent, six workshops took place featuring church and guest experts who discussed finances, bequests, legal matters, funeral homes, burial plot assignments and planning the funeral service.
- . **Permanently Removed All Confederate Flags** from the cemetery per the Council's direction in June to eliminate a perceived barrier against inclusion of all who God loves.
- . **Cemetery Clean-Up Day:** May 3rd; October date – canceled.
- . **Military and First Responder Veteran Recognition** occurred December 6th with the 7th annual Laying of the Crosses Ceremony.

2026 GOALS:

- . Complete the one-year Burial Request/Quit Claims process authorized by the Council.
- . Recruit new committee members.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR- 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

The Children's Choir consists of children from the age of 2 through 5th grade. We meet on Sunday mornings at 9:00am in the Children's Choir Room. Our goal is to get children involved in church services through music. We usually sing during church services around 4-5 times per year in addition to putting on a Children's Christmas Program.

We are always ready to welcome new members and helpers!

The leaders consist of Amy Ruple and Nicki Temples. We would like to thank all parents who share their sweet children with us on Sunday mornings!

**St. David Lutheran Church
Endowment Funds
2025**

For the year 2025, the total funds sustained an 9% gain, and resulted in a year-end balance of \$756,491.51. According to the Endowment's Procedures and Guidelines, up to 90% of the fiscal year earnings may be utilized based on the restrictions of each fund.

Cemetery Endowment

Beginning Balance	\$156,704.85	
Corpus	111,863.34	
Distribution		
Contributions		
Retained Earnings	44,841.51	
2025 Earnings	9,846.78	
Year-end Balance		\$166,551.63

Heather Lown Camping Endowment

Beginning Balance	\$42,449.87	
Corpus	21,800.00	
Distribution		
Contributions		
Retained Earnings	20,649.87	
2025 Earnings	2,754.41	
Year-end Balance		\$45,204.28

This fund has a separate committee that determines distributions for Lutheridge scholarships and other youth ministries.

General Endowment

Beginning Balance	\$493,676.34	
Corpus	382,551.54	
Distribution		
Contributions		
Retained Earnings	89,687.20	
2025 Earnings	51,059.26	
Year-end Balance		\$544,735.60

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE ANUAL REPORT 2025

This year Evangelism was in charge of getting member to help with greeting before church. We were also in charge and were successful with our first God's Hand, our work in September. Many different activities happened that day and many in the congregation from young to old helped. The committee is appreciative in all the help that day and hope to do it again this fall. The committee lost some members this year and is in need of new people to join. If you are interested, please see a member of the committee.

Thanks,
Lee and Beverly Bruer
Sandra Ross
Julie Shreve
Deana Hage(council Rep)
Gary Dooley

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS - OPERATIONS
MONTH ENDED December 31, 2025

	ACTUAL	SPENDING PLAN	Actual Compared to Spending Plan	
RECEIPTS:				
Receipts (Includes Envelopes & Other Receipts)	\$ 586,146.65	\$ 597,046.38	-\$10,899.73	-1.8%
Transfer of Dedicated Funds	<u>16,263.78</u>	<u>0.00</u>		
Total Receipts (Includes Envelopes & Other Receipts)	<u>\$ 602,410.43</u>	<u>\$ 597,046.38</u>	\$5,364.05	0.9%
DISBURSEMENTS:				
ELCA & Synod Support	\$56,506.58	\$55,500.00	\$1,006.58	1.8%
Total Salaries	286,334.44	303,528.38	-\$17,193.94	-5.7%
Office/Miscellaneous	52,261.37	38,768.00	\$13,493.37	34.8%
Worshiping & Music	16,885.41	7,900.00	\$8,985.41	113.7%
Learning	6,444.44	6,150.00	\$294.44	4.8%
Scholarships	2,100.00	2,700.00	-\$600.00	-22.2%
Confirmation	4,868.04	750.00	\$4,118.04	549.1%
Youth & Family Services (CYFM)	1,715.56	7,000.00	-\$5,284.44	-75.5%
Young-At-Heart/ Tone Chimes	276.74	250.00	\$26.74	10.7%
Serving	650.00	1,900.00	-\$1,250.00	-65.8%
Witnessing	202.14	2,750.00	-\$2,547.86	-92.6%
Supporting	838.66	900.00	-\$61.34	-6.8%
Congregational Life Comm	450.58	1,500.00	-\$1,049.42	-70.0%
Kitchen & Cleaning Supplies	3,581.15	3,000.00	\$581.15	19.4%
Utilities	35,615.48	38,500.00	-\$2,884.52	-7.5%
Insurance	23,771.25	22,000.00	\$1,771.25	8.1%
Vehicle(s) Maintenance	2,939.46	2,000.00	\$939.46	47.0%
Maintenance of Bldg. & Equipment	35,649.10	45,000.00	-\$9,350.90	-20.8%
Service Contracts	44,920.99	35,500.00	\$9,420.99	26.5%
Landscaping	25,350.00	20,500.00	\$4,850.00	23.7%
Payroll Preparation Service	1,009.10	950.00	\$59.10	6.2%
Debt Payment (Principal and Interest)	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.0%
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:	<u>\$602,370.49</u>	<u>\$597,046.38</u>	\$5,324.11	0.9%
RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER) DISBURSEMENTS	\$39.94	<u>\$ 0.00</u>		
TRANSFER OF FUNDS - for debt principal payments	0.00			
Funds Applied to Debt Principal	0.00			
Available for Operations Beginning Balance 2025	<u>168,250.81</u>			
AVAILABLE FOR OPERATIONS AS OF 12/31/2025	<u><u>\$168,290.75</u></u>			

	Dec-25				
DEDICATED ACCOUNTS:	BEGINNING BALANCE	CONTRIBUTIONS	DISBURSEMENTS	TRANSFERS	ENDING BALANCE
Memorials (Undesignated):	\$ 18,388.72	14,660.00		(2,145.00)	\$ 30,903.72
Memorials (Designated):					
Gene Alexander Memorial	13,737.50		10,042.83		3,694.67
Margie Hutchins Memorial	-			2,145.00	2,145.00
Dedicated Funds:					
Altar Supplies	642.98	1,475.00	460.10		1,657.88
Athletic Committee	682.12				682.12
Building and Maintenance Fund	5,345.74	9,206.50	1,706.00	(6,500.00)	6,346.24
Campus Ministry	520.52				520.52
Cemetery Fund	13,442.24	10,925.00	314.00		24,053.24
Children's Choir Supplies	253.37				253.37
Christmas/Staff Love Offering	-	4,225.00	3,225.00		1,000.00
Christmas/Easter Special	-	2,461.00	2,461.00		-
Columbarium Fund	6,287.41				6,287.41
Communion Kits	70.00		70.00		-
Cristo Rey Lutheridge Fund	2,468.50				2,468.50
Debt Retirement	-	2,790.00	2,790.00		-
Fellowship Hall Floor	22,650.58	8,403.38	31,053.96		-
Fundraiser	45.00				45.00
Grief Support	250.00				250.00
Guatemala Trip	-	5,041.70	5,041.70		(0.00)
Guatemala Mission	-	11,500.00			11,500.00
Gym Floor	11,310.00				11,310.00
Iglesia Luterana	25.00				25.00
Kairos Prison Ministry	-	1,000.00			1,000.00
Lottie Mae Cannon Love Fund	8,219.93	530.00	750.00		7,999.93
Lutheran Men	-	2,820.00	2,620.00		200.00
LutherRidge / Rock Spec	1,841.80	1,301.00			3,142.80
Military Support	1,250.50				1,250.50
Nursery-Wee Care	733.12	1,253.25	691.28		1,295.09
Other/Snack Packs	1,688.56	4,418.00	6,086.05		20.51
Poinsettias/Geraniums/Easter Lillies	187.84	1,746.06	1,736.27		197.63
Quilt Relief	550.55	4,797.00	680.63		4,666.92
Scholarship Fund	1,368.96				1,368.96
WELCA	45.00	1,655.00	1,640.00		60.00
Youth	11,659.12	4,695.00	7,110.50		9,243.62
Youth - LCY Mission Trip	5,661.16				5,661.16
Dedicated Funds: ELCA Payable					
Disaster Relief	-	325.00	325.00		-
Mission Lexington (LICS)	-	4,247.00	4,247.00		-
World Hunger	-	20.00	20.00		-
TOTAL DEDICATED ACCOUNTS	\$ 129,326.22	\$ 99,494.89	\$ 83,071.32	\$ (6,500.00)	\$ 139,249.79

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS - OPERATIONS
MINISTRY REPORT
MONTH ENDED December 31 2025

	ACTUAL
RECEIPTS:	
Receipts (Includes Envelopes & Other Receipts)	\$ 586,146.65
Transfer of Dedicated Funds	<u>16,263.78</u>
Total Receipts (Includes Envelopes & Other Receipts)	<u>\$ 602,410.43</u>
 DISBURSEMENTS:	
Worship & Music	
Music, altar, bulletins, supply pastor & instruments	\$ 16,885.41
ELCA & Synod Support	\$ -
Salaries	\$ 124,288.37
Support expenses allocation	\$ 91,921.99
Debt payment allocation	\$ -
Worship & Music Sub-Total	<u>\$ 233,095.77</u>
 Learning	
Education, Youth & family ministry, scholarship, VBS, etc.	\$ 15,404.78
ELCA & Synod Support	\$ -
Salaries	\$ 82,193.54
Support expenses allocation	\$ 91,921.95
Debt payment allocation	\$ -
Learning Sub-Total	<u>\$ 189,520.27</u>
 Serving	
Social ministry, ELCA missionary support, & Global missions	\$ 650.00
ELCA & Synod Support	\$ 42,379.94
Salaries	\$ 39,926.27
Support expenses allocation	\$ 20,599.65
Debt payment allocation	\$ -
Serving Sub-Total	<u>\$ 103,555.85</u>
 Witnessing	
Evangelism, Stewardship & Hispanic ministry	\$ 202.14
ELCA & Synod Support	\$ 14,126.65
Salaries	\$ 39,926.27
Support expenses allocation	\$ 21,943.54
Debt payment allocation	\$ -
Witnessing Sub-Total	<u>\$ 76,198.60</u>
 Total Disbursements	 <u>\$ 602,370.49</u>
 RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER) DISBURSEMENTS	 <u>\$ 39.94</u>
 TRANSFER OF FUNDS - for debt principal payments	 0.00
Funds Applied to Debt Principal	0.00
Available for Operations Beginning Balance 2025	<u>168,250.81</u>
 AVAILABLE FOR OPERATIONS AS OF 12/31/2025	 <u><u>\$ 168,290.75</u></u>

LEARNING COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2025

Jennifer Jeffcoat, Chair

Our mission is to provide opportunities to members of St. David and the community for learning and growing in our faith in Jesus Christ. I would like to thank the participation of our active members, Elizabeth Bickley, Mary Bugay, Beth Riddle, Kirsten Davis, Debbie Dooley, and Amy Ruple. Our committee welcomed the help of Amanda Huber, Leah Brown, and Nicki Temples as we planned for Vacation Bible School. Pastor Madison also contributed to the committee before leaving St David.

We enjoyed a year full of activities including Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, the Easter Egg Hunt and Christ Walk, and Vacation Bible School. With the dedication of the committee and the many volunteers, both members and visitors had wonderful experiences. Since the school districts moved the first day of school to early August, Sunday School (also referred to as Faith Formation) returned in August with an amazing Rally Day. The theme for Rally Day as well as the 2025-2026 school year is the Fruit of the Spirit passage from Galatians 5:22-23. The Fruits are: Love, Joy, Patience, Peace, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control which work out focusing on one per month. The Sunday School teachers have been creative in designing engaging activities to accompany the lessons and sharing with the congregation through the St. David Facebook page. Sunday School attendance can be inconsistent but we have been thrilled for the many visitors joining the regular members. The David Adult Class had to switch materials when the curriculum they had used for years was no longer being published. The new materials include relatable topics and have been enjoyed by the class. In November we thanked all of the Sunday School teachers and VBS volunteers with a Teacher Appreciation Drop In. There are plenty of opportunities for others to join our Sunday School teaching teams as well as volunteer for VBS as we are making preparations for this upcoming year's program.

The Learning Committee would like to thank the members of St. David who have partnered with us this year and we look forward to learning together in 2026.

Respectfully,
Jennifer

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION ANNUAL REPORT 2025

St. David LMM shall seek to aid in the spiritual, intellectual and social development of the men of the church and to deepen the commitment to Christ and participation in the life of His Church. This organization supports the witness of the South Carolina and ELCA LMM and provides financial support to mission congregations.

St. David LMM meets the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our typical meeting begins with a meal prepared by one of several food committees followed by devotions, a program and short business meeting.

We celebrated LMM Sunday on September 28 and held LMM Ladies night on December 1.

The average monthly attendance is 20-25 men. LMM is open to all men of St. David and we invite you to join us on the first Monday evening of each month.

A young men's group, the Reformers, continues to meet on a monthly basis. If interested, please contact Jim Bickley, Brad Sox or Kevin Sox.

2023 Officers

President	Marvin Sox
Vice-President	Jim Riddle
Treasurer	Danny Shull

Respectfully submitted,
Marvin Sox

Lutheran Men Program Speakers 2025

The 2025 schedule for Lutheran Men Program Speakers highlights a diverse group of presenters and topics, beginning in January with Rev. Fred Suhr, a retired St David member, followed in February by Jim Kinard sharing his scuba diving experience, also a member of St David. March brings a Bible study led by Pastor Greg Brown, while in April, Rev. Christian Priesmeier from Germany, a Luther descendant, will speak. May features COL Larry Saunders, Commander of the 678th Air Defense Artillery Brigade and Pastor Greg's former commander. In June, Rev. Adam Carnell from Emanuel Lutheran, who is also a son of St David, will present. There is no meeting during the week of July 4, and August welcomes Ruth Ann Sipe discussing Lutheran Disaster Relief. September will not have a meeting due to Labor Day.

January	Rev. Fred Suhr, retired	St David Member
February	Jim Kinard - Scuba Driving Experience	St David Member
March	Pastor Greg Brown – Bible Study	Pastor St David
April	Rev. Christian Priesmeier	From Germany Luther Descendant
May	COL Larry Saunders, Commander, 678th Air Defense Artillery Brigade Greg's former commander	Pastor
June	Rev. Adam Carnell	Emanuel Lutheran Son of St David
July	No Meeting Week of July 4	
August	Lutheran Disaster Relief	Ruth Ann Sipe
September	No Meeting Labor Day	
October	Dickerson Center Terri Dooley	Flavia West, Director Board of Directors St David Member
November	Andy Ogburn	Columbia Scuba
December	Major General Jeff Jones, Deputy Adjutant General, South Carolina Army National Guard	

	Balance 12/31/24	\$2,875.04
Offering		
Date	Month	Amount
February-25	February	\$34.00
March-25	March	\$676.00
April-25	April LM meeting & Easter Breakfast	\$ 1,728.00
May-25	May glcludes online transfer of \$250.00	\$ 332.00
June-25	June	\$ 135.00
July-25	July No Meeting	
August-25	August	\$ 110.00
September-25	September No Meeting	\$ -
October-25	October	\$ 53.00
November-25	November Includes online transfer	\$ 2,491.00
December-25	December	\$ 765.00
	Balance	\$ 9,199.04
Expenses		
December-25	Payment to CATS for poinsettias @ LM Ladies night	\$ 120.00
December-25	Ladies Night for LM Cost of catering	\$ 472.93
November-25	Donation to Dickerson Child	\$ 500.00
November-25	SCLMM Promo, Gift, Loan and National Fund	\$ 1,960.00
August-25	Donation to LDR Carolina	\$ 500.00
June-25	Donation to VBS from LMM	\$ 100.00
April-25	Easter Breakfast Supplies- Four Oaks	\$ 1,748.55
July-25	LM Meal Expenses	\$ 100.00
April-25	Donation to St David Luthern Church	\$ 500.00
	Total LM Expenses for 2025	\$ 6,001.48
	Balance 12/31/2025	\$3,197.56
Respectfully Submitted,		
Danny Shull		

PROPERTY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2025

Committee Members

Earl Jeffcoat; Property Chairman; Charles Schumpert; Co-Chairman; Clay Jeffcoat; Secretary.
Members: Drew Laughlan, Charles Dooley, Bob Padowicz, Danny Shull, Bruce McFarlin;
Marvin Carnell

The mission of the Property Committee is to ensure the Church is maintained and kept in good state of repair. The Committee, with Council approval pays the bills for all contracts and maintenance for all church properties. All facility and property contracts for 2026 have been reviewed and requested to provide the best service and value. All contracts are up to date. The committee meets once a month to discuss future needs and request.

Accomplishments and Improvements in 2025

Only one HVAC unit was replaced this year, unit #7 in the Educational Building. Routine Maintenance was performed on all units to insure minimal repairs.

New lighting was installed on all 6 Stain Glass windows.

New contracts with Rufus Ornduff Refrigeration were initiated on all of the Kitchen appliances.

Brookegreen Landscaping installed new mulch around the facility.

Tree removal and landscaping has started behind the church gym and graveyard.

Septic Tank services have been completed. This is initiated every 4 years.

I would like to thank the members of the Property Committee and the Congregation for their continued support.

We will continue to pursue opportunities for ministry and improvement in 2026.

Respectfully submitted. Earl Jeffcoat. Property Chairman

ST. DAVID WOMEN OF THE ELCA ANNUAL REPORT 2025

2025 Women of the ELCA Officers

President- Emily Labelle
Vice Pres-Beth Riddle
Secretary-Sylvia Wessinger
Treasurer-Julie McFarland

2025 Committee Chairs

Growth-Tricia Hood and Ann Alexander
Community-Elaine Plamer and Deana Hage
Action-Pam Fox

WELCA Circles: Bethany, Hannah, Eve, Martha, Mary

In 2025, the St. David Women of the ELCA continued to live out the purpose as a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, committed to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.

In 2025, St. David WELCA supported the state organization, SC WELCA. In our support of growth at St. David, the annual Bible Brunch was held in May. In support of Community, we recognized World Day of Prayer in March, celebrated WELCA Sunday in May, and held the annual Mother, Daughter, Friend: Sisters in Christ Banquet in October with a wonderful program presented about quilting history in Lexington County. Throughout the year, our organization supported Action with providing funeral meals to families of recently deceased, hosting the annual high School and college graduate recognition Sunday, supporting the St. David nursery, and providing meals and snacks for Vacation Bible School. Our individual circles also supported growth, community, and action in our community through projects including the Wee Care ministry creating 167 quilts for Lutheran World Relief, as well as providing smocked gowns and crocheted edged blankets to area hospitals. Circles also completed projects such as collecting food for Mission Lexington, supporting the Snack Pack ministry, collecting stockings for Prisma Children's Hospital, donating toys to be adapted for children with special needs through the SC Assistive Technology Center, and collecting winter clothing for Transitions of Columbia.

Respectfully Submitted: Emily Labelle

**ST. DAVID WOMEN OF THE ELCA
2025 BUDGET RECONCILIATION**

RECEIPTS			
REGULAR OFFERING	\$	2,000.00	\$ 1,903.00
JOY (THANK) OFFERING	\$	300.00	\$ 331.00
DESIGNATED GIFTS	\$	500.00	\$ -
SPECIAL OFFERINGS WELCA SUNDAY	\$	1,000.00	\$ 940.00 *
MOTHER DAUGHTER FRIEND BANQUET	\$	1,400.00	\$ 952.00
SILENT AUCTION	\$	1,000.00	\$ 994.00 **
LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS	\$	100.00	\$ -
			\$ -
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$	6,300.00	\$ 5,120.00
DISBURSEMENTS			
SC WELCA			
REGULAR OFFERING	\$	1,200.00	\$ 1,141.80
JOY (THANK) OFFERING	\$	300.00	\$ 331.00
DESIGNATED OFFERING WELCA SUNDAY	\$	100.00	\$ -
CONVENTION OFFERING	\$	200.00	\$ -
SPECIAL PROJECTS	\$	200.00	\$ -
LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS	\$	100.00	\$ -
TOTAL SC WELCA	\$	2,100.00	\$ 1,472.80
CONGREGATIONAL UNIT			
ADMINISTRATION		200	\$ 54.75
MISSION GROWTH		200	\$ 31.75
MISSION COMMUNITY		200	\$ 150.00
MISSION ACTION		200	\$ -
SPECIAL OFFERINGS WELCA SUNDAY		1000	\$ 940.00 *
MOTHER DAUGHTER FRIEND BANQUET		1400	\$ 681.51
SPECIAL PROJECTS SILENT AUCTION		1000	\$ 1,266.50 **
TOTAL CONGREGATIONAL	\$	4,200.00	\$ 3,124.51
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$	6,300.00	\$ 4,597.31
RECEIPT OVER (UNDER) DISBURSEMENTS	\$	-	\$ 522.69

*WELCA Sunday Offerings were given to Camp Kemo in honor of Braydon Sox family

**Proceeds were divided between SDLC Ministries: Quilt / Wee Care and Guatemalan MILAGRO school at the Lutheran Center

YOUNG AT HEART ANNUAL REPORT 2025

The Young at Heart (YAH) mission statement is “Young at Heart is for all seniors 55 and older. It meets in the Fellowship Hall at 12:00 noon the second Tuesday of each month for a covered dish meal, devotions and an interesting program. Young at Heart provides Christian fellowship and outreach to the members and shut-ins within our church and community. Its mission is: To publicize and make announcements of senior activities and sharing joy. To honor all seniors with special luncheons and programs. To support older members to remain active in church. To give opportunities for seniors to witness to youth, sharing live stories and relationship to God.”

In 2025, YAH had a membership of 117 individuals which included 40 (34.2%) members from other than St. David (7 were shut-ins). During the year, 9 of our members passed away. For each of these beloved members, a \$25.00 memorial was made in their honor. YAH served as honorary pallbearers for several of the funerals.

During 2025, YAH participated with St. David youth in coordinated events. YAH will continue to plan events involving our amazing youth. Thanks to Barbara McDaniel and Carolyn Martin for coordinating this ministry.

Mission Lexington is a YAH outreach ministry. The offerings from the November and December meetings are used to purchase food for Mission Lexington. In 2025, \$508 was donated and a variety of food was purchased for Mission Lexington. Thanks to Shirley Wessinger for coordinating this ministry.

The following trips were enjoyed by members: Shealy’s BBQ, State House tour, Myrtle Beach overnight trip, King George Lavender Farm, Apple trip, Lake Murray Cruise, Octoberfest trip to Helen, GA., Narroway Christmas and Iris Gardens Christmas lights in Sumter. Plays were attended at Koger Center, Town Theatre, Chapin Theatre and USC Aiken.

The Tone Chimes Choir is very active by performing at the various nursing homes and Senior Centers in Lexington and Richland counties. The choir generally performs on the 4th Tuesday of each month.

On January 26, 2025, YAH conducted the second Senior Sunday at St. David. Henceforth, Senior Sunday will be the last Sunday in January.

Thanks to the following 2025 officers: President – Linda Turner, Vice President – Peggy Trump, Treasurer – Stan Minemier, Secretary – Betty Enlow and Assistant Secretary – Barbara McDaniel.

Respectively Submitted,
Linda Turner, President

**BULLETIN CALENDAR
2026**

January

4—Steven & Janice Fipps
11
18—Bruce & Julie McFarland
25

February

1—Jennifer Jeffcoat
8—Hendrix
15
22

March

1—George & Emily Labelle
8—Leon & Peggy Trump
15
22
29—Gary Dooley

April

5—Steve Hanayik
12
19
26—Gary Dooley

May

3
10—Steve & Janice Fipps
17—Jennifer Jeffcoat
24—George & Emily Labelle
31—George & Emily Labelle

June

7—Gerald & Nancy Wallace
14
21—Hendrix
28

July

5—Leon & Peggy Trump
12—Chick & Beverly Roof
19—Robert & Joyce Asbill
26—Katie Alexander

August

2—George & Emily Labelle
9—Wayne Duvall
16
23
30

September

6—Dianne Jeffcoat
13
20—Jim & Sheila Kinard
27—Steve & Janice Fipps

October

4—Mikel Smith
11—Wayne Duvall
18
25—Chick & Beverly Roof

November

1
8—Maria Fetner
15
22—Hendrix
29

December

6
13
20—Kevin & Stephanie Sox
24
27

**COMMUNION GIFTS
2026**

January

4—Steven & Janice Fipps
11
18—Bruce & Julie McFarland
25

February

1
8
15
22

March

1
8—Leon & Peggy Trump
15
22
29

April

5—Steve Hanayik
12—Maria Fetner
19
26

May

3
10—Steve & Janice Fipps
17
24
31

June

7
14
21
28

July

5—Leon & Peggy Trump
12
19—Robert & Joyce Asbill
26

August

2
9
16
23—Claire Compton
30

September

6
13
20—Jim & Sheila Kinard
27—Steve & Janice Fipps

October

4
11
18
25

November

1
8—Maria Fetner
15
22
29

December

6
13
20
24—Walt & Nancy Matuszek
27

FLOWER CALENDAR 2026

January

4—Steven & Janice Fipps
11—Marvin Sox
18—Bruce & Julie McFarland
25—Fran & Bernie Lee

February

1—Bryan Price
8
15—George & Emily Labelle
22

March

1—Breuer
8—Trump
15—June Suite
22—Mark Hendrix
29—Ruple

April

5—Steve Hanayik
12—Maria Fetner
19—Breuer
26—Earl Jeffcoat

May

3—Gerand & Nancy Wallace
10—Steven & Janice Fipps
17—Dianne Davis
24—Trump
31—Fran & Bernie Lee

June

7—Roger & Helen Coffman
14—Laurie Harman
21—
28

July

5—Trump
12—Mikel C. Smith
19—Robert & Joyce Asbill
26—Ann Alexander

August

2—Kevin & Stephanie Sox
9—John & Katie Alexander
16
23—Claire Compton
30

September

6
13—Larry Lown
20—Jim & Sheila Kinard
27—Steven & Janice Fipps

October

4
11—Steve Hanayik
18
25—Betty McDaniel

November

1—Kathy Bleakley
8—Fetner
15
22—Fran & Bernie Lee
29—Terry and Anna Hartman

December

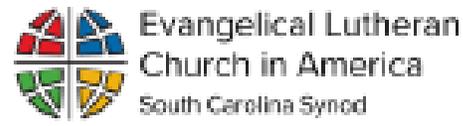
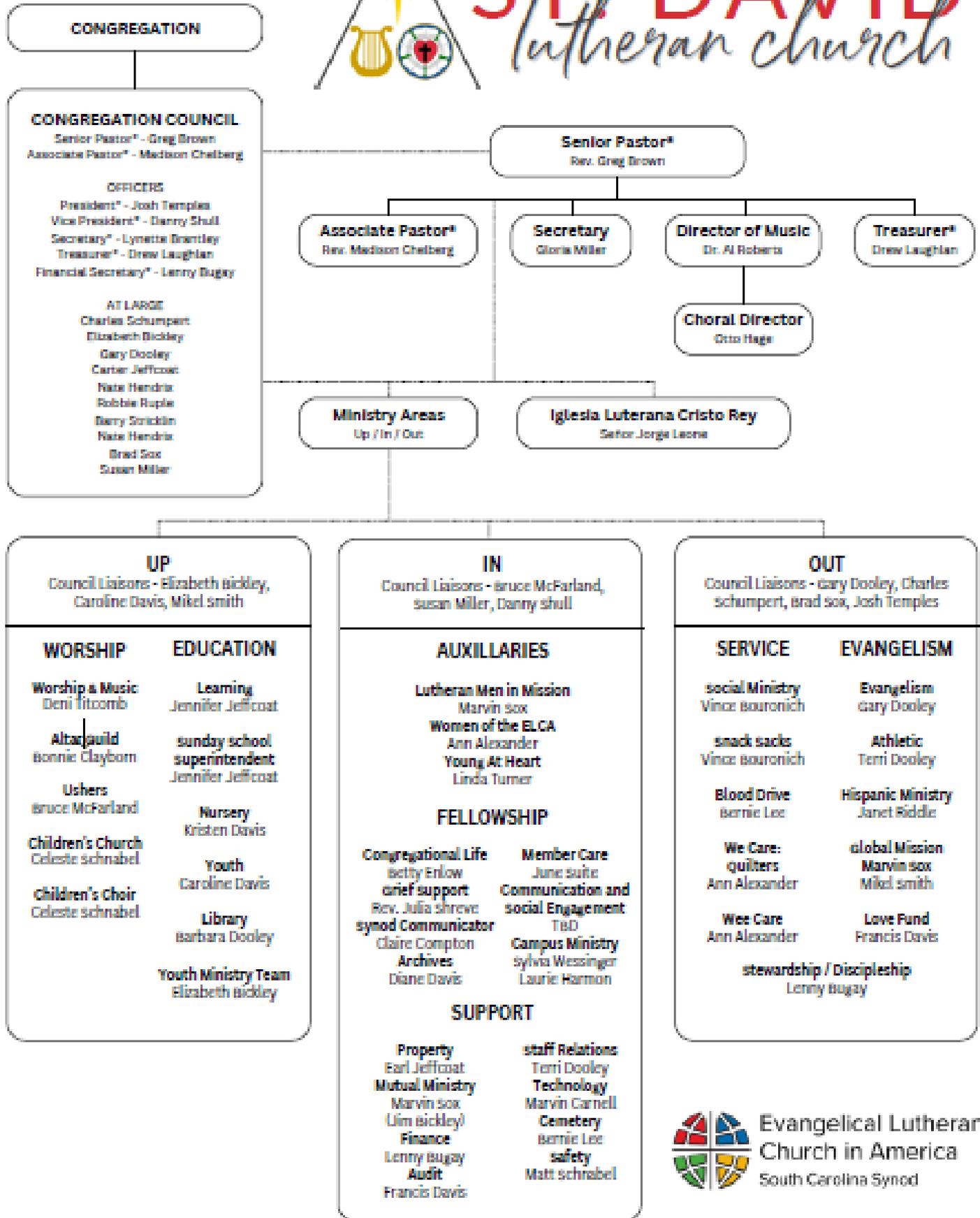
6—Pam Fox
13
20
24
27

2024



ST. DAVID

Lutheran church



USHER SCHEDULE 2026

January and July

Lenny Bugay, Lead Usher (803-413-9275)
Mark Amick (803-608-7798)
Lee Breuer (803-497-7055)
Gary Dooley (803-543-8991)
Leon Trump (717-829-8237)

February and August

John Dodgen, Lead Usher (803-800-7331)
Bob Padowicz (803-206-5993)
Danny Shull (803-727-3622)
Kevin Sox (803-917-1528)
Marvin Sox (803-315-6499)

March and September

H. Mikel Sox, Lead Usher (803-546-5846)
Tommy Harmon (803-530-1080)
Bruce McFarland (803-422-5177)
Darren Schumpert (803-312-2859)
Donald Schumpert (803-796-1161)
Elizabeth Scott (803-807-8796)

April and October

Jim Bickley, Lead Usher (864-684-3871)
Lou Malekjo (803-622-9169)
James Riddle (803-422-4048)
Brad Sox (803-309-3922)

May and November

Chick Roof, Lead Usher (803-429-3079)
Drew Nord (803-604-7647)
Andy Schumpert (803-361-5922)
Charles Schumpert (803-796-8365)
Gerald Sox (803-206-0315)

June and December

Mikel Smith, Lead Usher (803-238-9368)
David Frye, Jr. (803-356-3321)
Nate Hendrix (803-206-3662)
George Labelle (803-760-2231)
Josh Temples (803-292-8119)

FUNERAL SERVICES

Bruce McFarland, Chair (803-422-5177)
Mikel Smith (803-238-9368)
H. Michael Sox (803-546-5846)

ASH WEDNESDAY/LENTEN VESPERS/ADVENT VESPERS

Need two members of the monthly team.
Full team for Christmas Eve.

**ST. DAVID LUTHERAN CHURCH
132 ST. DAVIDS CHURCH ROAD
WEST COLUMBIA, SC 29170**

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED
