

St. David Lutheran

December 2023

WORSHIP SERVICES

**Join us Live each Sunday
at 10:30 am**

**www.stdavid.net
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Sunday, December 3—First Sunday of Advent

9:30 am—Sunday School/Confirmation

10:30 am—Worship/Communion

Sunday, December 10—Second Sunday of Advent

9:30 am—Sunday School/Confirmation

10:30 am—Worship/Communion

Sunday, December 17—Third Sunday of Advent

9:30 am—Sunday School/Confirmation

10:30 am—Worship/Communion

**Sunday, December 24—Fourth Sunday of Advent/Christmas
Eve**

9:30 am—Sunday School/Confirmation

10:30 am—Worship/Communion

7:00 pm—Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

Sunday, December 31—First Sunday of Christmas

9:30 am—Sunday School/Confirmation

10:30 am—Worship/Communion/Lessons and Carols

**A caring community called to love, serve and proclaim
God's eternal grace to all people.**



Dear Friends in Christ,

There's no secret that Advent is my favorite season of the liturgical year. The hopeful expectation of the Christ child at Christmas and the longing for Christ's triumphant return to make all things new bring about the best the church has to offer. It helps us to live into the reality that we live in a world where God's kingdom has indeed come, but it still isn't fully here.

We know this to be true anytime we take a look at the news happening around the world. Between armed conflict, natural disasters, human trafficking, domestic violence, and all sorts of evil, we don't have to look far to see that this world is a far cry from the way God intends it to be—which for me, makes my heart yearn even more for the triumphant return and reign of Christ.

Advent is also a season of preparation for the most precious gift the world has ever been given: Jesus, God-made-flesh for you and for me in the innocence of a babe in the manger. Of course, our secular society has figured out long ago how to turn the birth of our Savior into a cash cow for individual greed and profit. It's fairly inescapable. Each of us will likely spend at least a little time and money buying Christmas gifts, decorating our houses, and spending time at holiday get-togethers. All of those things are well and good. This year, though, I'd like us to ask ourselves a question as we spend our time and money on these things. Are we preparing for (secular) Christmas, or are we actually preparing for Christ? I would argue that both can be true at the same time, but I hope and pray that this year we can be intentional about the ways we give of ourselves to make sure that we're making choices that reflect a faithful response to all that God has done for us in Christ.

I pray that your observations of this holy season and hol(y)idays are blessed beyond measure!

May peace be our journey together,

Pastor Greg+

WORSHIP NOTES



Savior of the heathen, come,
Virgin's Son, here make thy throne.
Wonder at it, heaven and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.

Martin Luther

THE MUSIC OF ADVENT

From sublime majesty and exuberant joy to quietest introspection and longing, the music found in Advent can hardly be equaled. It's another reason that we need a seven week Advent season. Advent's origin is unknown but it was observed before the fifth century as a time of penitence and preparation for baptism. Luther emphasized hope and preparation for the coming of the Son of God into the world, and into our hearts.

***Wachet Auf! Ruft Uns Die Stimme* ELW 436**

Sleepers Wake! A Voice Is Calling

Music and text by Philipp Nicolai, d. 1608

The King of Chorales was written in the midst of a plague. Almost half of the town died, and Lutheran pastor Philipp Nicolai buried many people daily. His response to this horrible tragedy was look to the feast being prepared for us in heaven: the celebration to join with the bridegroom, Jesus. Nicolai also wrote the Queen of Chorales, "How Brightly Shines the morning Star."

***Savior of the Nations, Come* ELW 263**

Martin Luther, d. 1546

The mystic breath of God enters our world through a wondrous birth, as a manger's light no night can subdue. The Word, speeding from God's heart, becomes incarnate in Mary's womb. His path is set no less than to vanquish death's command and to reign eternally at God's right hand. Praise we sing to Christ, and to the Holy Trinity.

O Come. O Come, Emmanuel ELW 257

plainchant, from 8th or 9th century France

Coming from the monasteries of 8th century France, this Latin chant was sung the week before Christmas eve. In 1710, it was translated into German and put in the form of a hymn. It was published in English in 1851 and linked to the melody known the world over. The melody came from a processional used in 16th century France. Each of our verses begins with "O Come...."

O Come, Emanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

All Earth is Hopeful ELW 266

Alberto Taule, d. 2007

Alberto Taule was a Catholic priest and musician from Barcelona Spain. As pastor of Barcelona's oldest church, he believed that quality music and the regular introduction of new songs are vital to a parish's spiritual health. He especially emphasized music for beginning worship and for communion. He wrote this hymn, text and music, to emphasize that all earth is hopeful, ready, and waiting for its Savior.

We first saw Jesus a baby in a crib.
This same Lord Jesus today has come to live in our world;
he is present, in neighbors we see
our Jesus is with us, and ever sets us free.

Now the Heavens Start to Whisper ACS 901

Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Mel Bringle is professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies at Brevard College in North Carolina. Augsburg's new hymnal, "All Creation Sings", contains some beautiful contemporary American English poetry. This Advent hymn is an outstanding example:

*Now the heavens start to whisper, as the veil is growing thin.
Earth from slumber wakes to listen to the stirring, faint within.
Seed of promise, deeply planted, child to spring from Jesse's stem!
Like the soil beneath the frost line, hearts grow soft to welcome him.*

PS: If you're out one night, drive to the church parking lot and roll down your window at 9:00 pm.

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS - OPERATIONS
MONTH ENDED October 31, 2023

	ACTUAL	SPENDING PLAN	Actual Compared to Spending Plan	
RECEIPTS:				
Receipts (Includes Envelopes & Other Receipts)	\$ 465,017.42	\$ 488,201.40	-\$23,183.98	-4.7%
Transfer of Dedicated Funds	-	0.00		
Total Receipts (Includes Envelopes & Other Receipts)	<u>\$ 465,017.42</u>	<u>\$ 488,201.40</u>	-\$23,183.98	-4.7%
DISBURSEMENTS:				
ELCA & Synod Support	\$44,776.98	\$45,833.30	-\$1,056.32	-2.3%
Total Salaries	241,469.10	226,870.10	\$14,599.00	6.4%
Office/Miscellaneous	25,225.68	26,506.70	-\$1,281.02	-4.8%
Worshiping & Music	6,479.76	10,241.50	-\$3,761.74	-36.7%
Learning	7,245.58	7,916.60	-\$671.02	-8.5%
Scholarships	1,000.00	833.30	\$166.70	20.0%
Confirmation	0.00	833.30	-\$833.30	-100.0%
Youth & Family Services (CYFM)	2,486.13	3,333.30	-\$847.17	-25.4%
Young-At-Heart/ Tone Chimes	229.55	208.30	\$21.25	10.2%
Serving	1,100.00	2,791.70	-\$1,691.70	-60.6%
Witnessing	909.64	1,875.00	-\$965.36	-51.5%
Supporting	1,131.00	833.30	\$297.70	35.7%
Congregational Life Comm	1,266.46	1,250.00	\$16.46	1.3%
Kitchen & Cleaning Supplies	2,665.55	2,500.00	\$165.55	6.6%
Utilities	34,092.32	31,666.70	\$2,425.62	7.7%
Insurance	17,280.00	18,333.30	-\$1,053.30	-5.7%
Vehicle(s) Maintenance	5,546.01	1,666.70	\$3,879.31	232.8%
Maintenance of Bldg. & Equipment	43,801.82	37,500.00	\$6,301.82	16.8%
Service Contracts	25,413.34	25,416.70	-\$3.36	0.0%
Landscaping	16,500.00	17,083.30	-\$583.30	-3.4%
Payroll Preparation Service	776.40	708.30	\$68.10	9.6%
Debt Payment (Principal and Interest)	10,562.69	24,000.00	-\$13,437.31	-56.0%
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:	<u>\$489,958.01</u>	<u>\$488,201.40</u>	\$1,756.61	0.4%
RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER) DISBURSEMENTS	(\$24,940.59)	<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 2023	<u>160,855.09</u>			
AVAILABLE FOR OPERATIONS AS OF 10/31/2023	<u>\$135,914.50</u>			
BB&T NOTE BALANCE	<u>\$ -</u>			
Church Sign Fund	\$ -			



PD/FD Memorial Plaques: New cemetery grave markers have recently been placed for each of our deceased Police and Fire Department veterans in addition to our military veterans. There are almost 160 veterans buried in our cemetery, each now with a memorial plaque and a flag. Flags are donated by our local funeral homes, but the plaques were purchased. If you are willing to make a donation, a \$25 donation per plaque to the Cemetery Fund is suggested. Thank you for remembering *all* of our veterans.

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MINISTRY REPORT
MONTH ENDED October 31, 2023

	ACTUAL
RECEIPTS:	
Receipts (includes Envelopes & Other Receipts)	\$ 465,017.42
Transfer of Dedicated Funds	-
Total Receipts (includes Envelopes & Other Receipts)	<u>\$ 465,017.42</u>
 DISBURSEMENTS:	
 Worship & Music	
Music, altar, bulletins, supply pastor & instruments	\$ 6,479.76
ELCA & Synod Support	\$ -
Salaries	\$ 107,938.95
Support expenses allocation	\$ 73,899.21
Debt payment allocation	<u>\$ 2,640.67</u>
Worship & Music Sub-Total	\$ 190,958.59
 Learning	
Education, Youth & family ministry, scholarship, VBS, etc.	\$ 10,961.26
ELCA & Synod Support	\$ -
Salaries	\$ 66,525.36
Support expenses allocation	\$ 73,899.17
Debt payment allocation	<u>\$ 2,640.67</u>
Learning Sub-Total	\$ 154,026.46
 Serving	
Social ministry, ELCA missionary support, & Global missions	\$ 1,100.00
ELCA & Synod Support	\$ 33,582.74
Salaries	\$ 33,502.40
Support expenses allocation	\$ 12,294.77
Debt payment allocation	<u>\$ 2,640.67</u>
Serving Sub-Total	\$ 83,120.58
 Witnessing	
Evangelism, Stewardship & Hispanic ministry	\$ 909.64
ELCA & Synod Support	\$ 11,194.25
Salaries	\$ 33,502.40
Support expenses allocation	\$ 13,605.43
Debt payment allocation	<u>\$ 2,640.67</u>
Witnessing Sub-Total	<u>\$ 61,852.38</u>
 Total Disbursements	<u>\$ 489,958.01</u>
 RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER) DISBURSEMENTS	\$ (24,940.59)
 TRANSFER OF FUNDS - for debt principal payments	0.00
Funds Applied to Debt Principal	0.00
Available for Operations Beginning Balance 2023	<u>160,855.09</u>
 AVAILABLE FOR OPERATIONS AS OF 10/31/2023	<u>\$ 135,914.50</u>
 BB&T NOTE BALANCE	<u>\$ -</u>
 CHURCH SIGN FUND	\$ -

St. David Church Council November 2023 Highlights

Worship and Music:

Homecoming Worship was held on November 12th with David Drysdale (former Vicar) as our guest preacher. It was so good to get reacquainted.

Midweek Advent services will be held on December 6, 13, and 20th. Discussed Soup and Sandwiches (or other meal choices) before the advent services.

Learning/ Sunday School:

Jennifer Jeffcoat and Pastor Greg have reviewed and adjusted the expenses for SS materials. We have four people ready to keep the nursery, but the 9th - 12th grade class and the K5-2nd grade classes still need another teacher.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex to volunteer to keep the nursery.

Youth Ministry:

Youth are meeting regularly, and attendance has increased in all three age groups (Kindle, LYLS and PHOS).

There is a ski trip planned for MLK weekend (Jan. 12-15) to Winterplace, WV.

July 13-16, 2024: ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

Young at Heart:

December 5th: Christmas Lights @ the State Fairgrounds with dinner afterwards.

December 21st: Tone Chimes to visit Lexington Extended Care.

Young at Heart Sunday is scheduled for January 28, 2024.

Evangelism:

Efforts continue to update members' contact information. Please reach out to the church office or Danny Shull (803-727-3622 or pappashull1@gmail.com).

Lee Breuer will be joining Gary Dooley as Co-Chair in 2024.

Recognized Pastor Julia Shreve for her 40th Anniversary of Ordination.

MABEC:

Effective November 3, 2023, Michelle Class has resigned as interim Executive Director and Center Director of My Amigos. America Lopes de la Rosa has assumed that position.

Old Business:

Nursery sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

A Mother's Morning Out Program is being explored. Please contact Bridgett Schumpert or Susan Schumpert if you know of families who could benefit from a program like this.

New Business

Our second Congregational meeting was held on November 12th to vote on new Council members and the 2024 Spending Plan. Both were approved.

New signs have been posted at all entry doors about wearing masks if you are experiencing symptoms of COVID, flu, RSV, etc. Masks are available for anyone who needs one. They are optional but encouraged.

Treasurer: Financial Report was reviewed and will be included in the Lamplighter.

Ended our Council Meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

THANK YOU

ST. DAVID FAMILY, Thank you for sharing the Love, Forgiveness, and Acceptance of Jesus Christ with 38 residents at Broad River Correctional Institution through the Holy Spirit. Your presence was felt during the Kairos #47 Weekend (Oct. 26-29) via earnest prayer, colorful creative placemats, and super-healthy cookies! Kairos #48 is scheduled for the spring of 2024. Please prayerfully consider participating again. Inside volunteers are needed, as well as outside volunteers.

Yours in Christ, Kairos #47 Team

CEMETERY CLEANUP: Church members volunteered several hours of their time on a beautiful and warm Saturday morning, October 28, to help clean up our cemetery in time for Veterans Day and Homecoming. Some picked up trash. Others threw away old flowers. A few replaced all of the flags on our Veterans' graves. Many of us cleaned about three dozen headstones in four rows in the oldest section, as they were badly stained—some almost completely black but not now! Then there were some monuments leaning and fallen headstones that were up-righted. In all, it was a very good work session. Thanks to all of the volunteers who came—Jerry Mims, Vivian Mims, Sandra Ross, Roger Coffman, H. Michael Sox, Jennifer Mayo, Travis Mayo, Elizabeth Scott, Lou Malejko, Denise Malejko, Bernie Lee, Dave and Megan Long and their dog, Travis. Everyone's help was "monumental!"

THANK YOU for all the toy contributions you have given to Mission Lexington. Your love and support will make a brighter holiday for those in need. The Bethany Group

PASTOR GREG AND ST. DAVID CHURCH FAMILY, The family of Alice R. Shealy wishes to express our sincere gratitude for including her in worship, Sunday School, Bible Study and Communion visitation. We appreciate all the cards, calls and prayers during her recent illness and death. She was a wonderful person who made friends wherever she went. We will miss her smile, hugs and delicious meals. Mama Alice left her earthly home with "peace in her heart" and is rejoicing in heaven with all those who went before her.

With much love, Renee, Marvin and family

TO PASTOR GREG, BEN BERNSTEIN, AND ALL OF OUR WONDERFUL, LOVING CHURCH FAMILY, we thank you so much for the cards, visits, food, and love we received during John's many hospital stays and during this time of his chemo treatments. You cannot know the joy you have given us and continue giving during this time. May God continue to bless each and every one of you and your families. In Christ's Love, John & Joan Bundrick

THE LEWIS HITE FAMILY thanks our many gracious friends within the St. David Lutheran Church family who expressed their condolences, sent sympathy cards, food and/or visited us at the passing of our dear husband, brother, father and uncle, Lewis Franklin Hite. We are blessed to know and love you all.

PASTOR GREG AND CHURCH FAMILY, I would like to take a moment and send out a "Thank You" to the St. David congregation. Thank you for your prayers and cards! I am being healed under the power of prayer coming from your church! Love to everyone who took the time to send personal cards. Each one has been read and appreciated.

Brenda Hart

DRIVE-THROUGH COMMUNION SUSPENDED

The Congregation Council made the decision at their November meeting to suspend offering Drive-Through Communion on the first Sunday of each month. This will begin in December, so there will be no drive-through option available on December 3 or the first Sunday of each month moving forward into 2024.

LUTHERIDGE

Mark your calendars for a week at Lutheridge, June 16-21, 2024. Pastor Greg and Mrs. Celeste will be offering transportation that week. Pastor will be staying for the week with the confirmation group. Mrs. Celeste will be on site as a CARE leader (Bible Study leader). Registration is not open yet, but programs will be offered that week for kids completing 1st-12th grade. **SAVE THE DATE!!** Check out novusway.org for more information.

MATCHING DONATIONS

A generous donor has offered matching funds up to \$4500 for any donations made to “Youth Mission” during the month of November to support our youth and young adults going to the National Gathering next summer. Donations can be made on PushPay, put in the offering plate, or given to the Church Office. Thanks in advance for your prayers and support!!

MEMBERS IN ASSISTED LIVING

STILL HOPES

Glenda Boozer
2116 Still Hopes Drive
West Columbia, SC 29169
(803) 530-4961

Jeff Foster
2234 Still Hopes Drive
Skilled Nursing Unit
West Columbia, SC 29169

WELLMORE HEALTH CARE

Jean Roberts
200 Wellmore Drive, Apt 3214
Lexington, SC 29072

Tish Sox
200 Wellmore Drive
Skilled Nursing Care
Room 4114
Lexington, SC 29072

CAROLINA GARDENS

Patricia Mathias
5422 Augusta Road, Room 203
Lexington, SC 29072

Patty Monts
5422 Augusta Road, Room 315
Lexington, SC 29072

Advent

Prepare for the Journey to Bethlehem
Wednesdays at 7:00pm



St. David Lutheran Church
West Columbia, SC 290170

Praying with the Saints in Advent

Vesper Services at 7:00pm

December 6: Saint Nicholas

December 13: Saint Ambrose

December 20: Saint Katharina von Bora Luther



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132 St. David Church Rd.
West Columbia, SC 29170*



REMEMBER for One Hour

Light a candle on December 10, 2023, at 7:00 pm local for one hour. Your Cemetery Committee invites you to unite with hundreds of thousands around the world to commemorate and honor the memories of those who are gone, especially children who have gone too soon. Help create a wave of light as it moves around the globe from time zone to time zone. This candle lighting can be done graveside, in the privacy of your home or with a gathering of friends and family in quiet remembrance of those who have died but will never be forgotten.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY CLASSES meet on Tuesday nights at 7:00 pm in the Conference Room and on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am in the Conference Room.

Ladies Night
ST. DAVID LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION
Monday, December 4, 2023
Music Entertainment at 6:30 PM in Nave
Dinner in St. David's Fellowship Hall at 7:00 PM
Pork Roast and Baked Chicken Dinner will be provided
Guest Speaker and Christmas Music Entertainment

Children's Christmas Program
December 17
9:00 am

Join us for our

Christmas Eve
Candlelight Worship with Holy
Communion

Friday, December 24

at 7:00 pm

ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRS: To allow the Church Office to complete assembly of the St. David Church Annual Report for 2022 in a timely manner, we ask each chairperson to submit your committee's report **No Later Than January 17, 2023.** Reports should be ONE PAGE in length and may be

- Mailed to: St. David Lutheran Church
132 St. Davids Church Road
West Columbia, SC 29170
- E-mailed (office@stdavid.net)
- Or hand-delivered to the Church Office (Monday-Thursday—9:00 am-5:00 pm)
(Friday—9:00 am-2:00 pm)

CHRISTMAS

Caroling And Dinner

COME OUT AND CELEBRATE THE SEASON WHILE
OFFERING CHEER TO OUR SHUT-INS!



St. David Lutheran Church



KINDLE (K-2ND GRADE): WEDNESDAY
12/20/23 5:30-8:30PM

LYLS (3RD-5TH GRADE): SUNDAY
12/17/23 12-4:00PM

YOUTH (6TH-12TH GRADE): SUNDAY
12/10/23 4:00-8:00PM

Hispanic Team Ministry

- To align with the mission statement of St. David and continue support as needed to Cristo Rey and other auxiliaries, including My Amigos Preschool
- To support new missions throughout the SC Synod of the ELCA with prayer, our time, talents, and donations to enable success in reaching their goals
- To share concerns and pursue solutions to benefit all partners in ministry

You are welcome to join us. Our regular meetings are on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 6:30 in the Conference Room. Contact Janet Riddle at janetriddle65@gmail.com.

St. David Mother's Morning Out Program

Tuesday and Thursday Mornings

For more information contact
Bridgett Schumpert at 803-465-0898.

CRUCIFERS

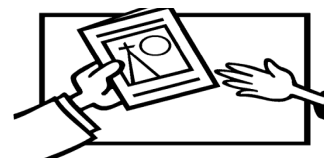
DECEMBER 3—Sophia Frazier
DECEMBER 10—Jake Riddle
DECEMBER 17—MariKatherine Pullie,
DECEMBER 24 A.M.—Kristen Titcomb
DECEMBER 24 P.M.—Eliza Schnabel
Banner Bearer—Kate Schnabel Bible Bearer—Kate Labelle
Torchbearers—Jackson Brown, Reagan Brown
DECEMBER 31—Fulmer Bickley

ACOLYTES

MariKatherine Pullie, Tanner Bickley
Katie Beth Bickley, Peyton Bickley
Cooper Labelle, Piper Labelle
Landon Ruple, Logan Ruple
Juliet Kropinski, Lukas Hage
Elizabeth Canepa, Isabella Canepa

BULLETIN CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

DECEMBER 3—Gail & Jim Brazell
DECEMBER 10—Betty Cox
DECEMBER 17—Kevin Sox
DECEMBER 24 A.M.—Dina Sox P.M. Vivian Shull
DECEMBER 31—

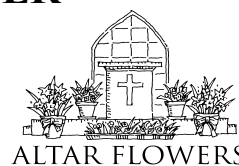


COMMUNION GIFTS FOR DECEMBER

DECEMBER 3—
DECEMBER 10—Betty Cox
DECEMBER 17—
DECEMBER 24—
DECEMBER 31—

FLOWER CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

DECEMBER 3—Pam Fox
DECEMBER 10—Betty Cox
DECEMBER 17—Jim & Gail Brazell
DECEMBER 24 A.M. & P.M.—Al & Frances Roberts
DECEMBER 31—John & Mandy Derrick



CHILDREN'S CHURCH FOR DECEMBER

Schedule for Leaders:

DECEMBER 3—George Labelle, Emily Labelle
DECEMBER 10—Josh Temples, Nicki Temples
DECEMBER 17—Matt Schnabel, Celeste Schnabel
DECEMBER 24—Deana Hage, Preston Hage
DECEMBER 31—Andy Schumpert, Melanie Schumpert

GREETERS FOR DECEMBER

DECEMBER 3—Kathy Bleakley, Mel Baldwin
DECEMBER 10—Lynette Brantley
DECEMBER 17—Vicky Bowers, Chris Bowers
DECEMBER 24—
DECEMBER 31—

NURSERY HELPERS FOR DECEMBER

DECEMBER 3—
DECEMBER 10—Canepa Family
DECEMBER 17—Jamie Sox, Jamie Sox
DECEMBER 24—
DECEMBER 31—Matt Cooper, Sharon Cooper

Bulletin Board

FOODS FOR FOOD PANTRY

in December is Sunday, December 3, and again on January 7. Place your items in the boxes in the Narthex.



2023 CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEMBERS

Claire Compton (President)	Elizabeth Bickley
Debbie Dooley (Vice-President)	Lynette Brantley
Danny Shull (Secretary)	Gary Dooley
Susan Miller (Assistant Secretary)	Bruce McFarland
Drew Laughlan (Treasurer)	Charles Schumpert
Lenny Bugay (Financial Secretary)	Mikel Smith
Carter Jeffcoat (Youth Member)	Brad Sox
	Josh Temples

Church Office hours—

9:00 am-5:00 pm
Monday—Thursday

Friday

9:00 am-2:00 pm

Lunchtime varies

THE 2024 SIGN-UP POSTER for bulletins and communion gifts and flowers is now up in the Narthex. Be sure to sign up early for your important dates. If you have questions, please contact the Church Office. **THERE ARE ALSO SIGN-UP CHARTS for Greeters and Nursery Helpers.** If you are interested in serving with these ministries using your gifts and talents, please sign up in the Narthex.

■ **MISSION LEXINGTON IS IN NEED OF FOOD.** The need for food is still there to keep their food pantry stocked. Monetary donations can still be made by ■ annotating on our church envelopes or other means of giving. Thanks for your ■ support. Social Ministry Committee ■

THE CANCELLED STAMP PROGRAM

This program is still going on. It was started at St. David by Sybil Quattlebaum in 1972. Thanks to all who have kept this ministry going by bringing your stamps to us. The income from their sales goes to support preparation, publishing, and distribution of a new Spanish language curriculum for Sunday Schools.

Please place your cancelled stamps in the box in the David Sunday School Classroom. Do not remove the stamps from the paper (leave 1/4" to 1/3" border), BUT, if stamps are already off the paper they have a buyer for them. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ENTIRE ENVELOPES IN THE BOX. THEY TAKE UP TOO MUCH ROOM.

If you have any questions, please call June Suite at 803-957-8179.

Again, thank you for your participation in the past and looking forward.

CONTACTING THE CHURCH

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Friday, 9:00 am-2:00 pm

Church Phone: 356-3035

Gloria, Secretary - office@stdavid.net

Dr. Al, Director of Music - music@stdavid.net

Otto, Choir Director - choir@stdavid.net

CONTACTING PASTOR

Pastor Greg may be reached by calling the Church Office during Office Hours on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday - 356-3035.

After Office Hours call (864) 554-7924

e-mail: pastor@stdavid.net

SOCIAL MEDIA

Visit Our Web Page: stdavid.net

Find / Like Us On: FACEBOOK

COUNCIL INFO & REPORTS:

Council President - Claire Compton (803) 269-8502
or comptonclaire@aol.com

PUBLICIST for Local Media: Pam Fox
356-4052 or Believe.pf@gmail.com
(2 weeks notice needed prior to church event)

ATTENTION:

LAMPLIGHTER DEADLINE for the January Lamplighter is December 15. We need your group's news and activities. If your group or committee has something newsworthy coming up, get your article in to the Church Office on or before the 15th of December. Any article received after the 15th will go in the Februray Lamplighter. Thank you for your cooperation.

IF YOU HAVE an article for the Lamplighter Weekly, please submit before 2:00 pm on Wednesday of each week. Any article submitted after that will go in the following week.



DVDS OF THE WORSHIP SERVICES are available for our shut-ins. If you need a DVD, please call the Church Office and let us know.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: Mark your calendars for the children/youth Christmas Program on Sunday, December 17 at 9:00 am in the Sanctuary. All children in elementary school and under are invited to sing with us and be dressed in costume. We will practice songs in children's choir every Sunday morning at 9:00 am. All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to participate backstage, help with the younger kids, and read the lessons. We will need many parents to help as well. To sign up to be a part of the program, please contact Amy Ruple at amyllong@yahoo.com.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Mark Kaminer Ligia Hyler Elliott Rea	13	Wanda Elkins	23	Vicky Bowers Holly Gilliam
		14	Jackie Lundeen	24	Juline Sox
2	Morgan Magni	15	Sandra Parker	25	John Kester
3	Michael Marsh, Jr.	17	Jack Quattlebaum Maria Threet Tonya Crowe	26	Delaney Gilliam Wesley Bleakley
4	Gene Hart Rachel F. Schumpert				
5	Caitlin Mathias	18	Clarence Clayborn Jewel Jeffcoat	27	Susan Schumpert Nicollette M. Temples
6	Alison Rauch	19	Mark Hite Connie Schofield	28	Brenda Fulmer Steven Howard Courtney F. Culick Christopher Steverson
8	Daniel Machado Linda Turner				
9	Bob Padowicz	21	Cadence Culp	30	Morgan B. Whitaker
11	James Baldwin	22	Angela B. Ozawa Sierra Machado	31	Rick Taylor Taylor Dooley Colby Dooley Elaine Palmer
12	Glenna Hammond Padgett Daniel Baldwin				

If your name was left off this month's list, please call the church office so we may add it to next year's list.

LYLS (Grades 3-5):

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17—Christmas caroling after worship.

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17: Christmas Caroling to shut-ins.

YOUTH SCHEDULE (6TH-12 GRADE)

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10: Christmas caroling to shut-ins.

CHILDRENS' CHOIR: We meet weekly at 9:00 am in the Choir Room in the Sunday School building. We are practicing songs for the Christmas program on Sunday, December 17.

KINDLE (Kindergarten-2nd Grade):

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20—**SAVE THE DATE:** Christmas Caroling to our Shut-Ins. Meet at the church at 5:30PM. Mr. Gary will drive the kids on the bus to go Christmas caroling to our shut-ins. We will return to the church by 8:30PM. Wear your tackiest Christmas attire! Chaperones, Nicki and Josh Temples

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December Assignment for Nursery Snacks and Supplies is the Eve Group.
December Assignment for Hospital remembrance is the Martha Group.

Our annual General Meeting, where officers were elected, was held. The following were elected to serve in 2024, and the Budget was presented and adopted.

President – Emily Labelle

Vice president – OPEN

Secretary – Sylvia Wessinger

Treasurer – Julie McFarland

Mission Growth Chair – Tricia Hood and Ann Alexander

Mission Action Chair – Barbara Dooley, Jackie Lundeen and Corinn Lord

Mission Community Chairs – Deana Hage and Elaine Palmer

During the October group meetings, each group was asked to select a group leader and recorder. They were also asked to select members to serve on the Mission teams, Growth, Community and Action. **Please send these names to Ann Alexander and/or Pam Fox as soon as possible.**

Each Group leader is asked to update your membership list and send to Pam Fox as soon as possible.

May you each have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Young at Heart

St. David Young-at-Heart (YAH) met on November 7 in the Fellowship Hall. The 62 members and guests enjoyed an informative meeting sponsored by AARP on various types of “Scams”.

The next covered dish luncheon meeting will be December 12 at 12:00 in the Fellowship Hall. The group will be entertained by the musical group “Good and Proper”. They will perform a selection of Christmas music.

Mark your calendar to attend this meeting. All seniors (55+) are welcomed.

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**FOR OUR VISITORS TO FIND OUT
ABOUT...**

MEMBERSHIP - New members are always welcome at St. David! Please talk to Pastor Greg on Sunday or call the Church Office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Stop by the Church Office on Sunday morning at 9:30 am and talk to Jennifer Jeffcoat, Sunday School Director.

YOUTH MINISTRY - Call Celeste Schnabel (Interim Youth Director) at 803-727-2626.

MUSIC MINISTRY - Call Al Roberts at 803-356-1700. We have choirs for all ages - vocal, handbell and instrumental.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA - Call Ann Alexander at 803-530-1749.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR - Call Celeste Schnabel at 803-727-2626. Choir for all children 3 years old through fifth grade.

YOUNG AT HEART - Talk to Linda Turner at 803-530-1496 about monthly meetings, trips, activities and ministries.

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION - Call Marvin Sox at 803-315-6499. Meetings are the first Monday night of each month at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

CAMPUS MINISTRY - Contact Laurie Harmon at lsharmon@windstream.net or 803-359-8653 or Sylvia Wessinger at sjwessinger@yahoo.com or 803-957-1312.