



St. David Lutheran

February 2026

Sunday, February 1—Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

9:30 am—Sunday School

10:30 am—Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, February 8—Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

9:30 am—Sunday School

10:30 am—Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, February 15—Transfiguration

9:30 am—Sunday School

10:30 am—Worship with Holy Communion

Wednesday, February 18—Ash Wednesday

7:00 pm—Ash Wednesday Worship/Imposition of Ashes

Sunday, February 22—First Sunday in Lent

9:30 am—Sunday School

10:30 am—Worship with Holy Communion

Wednesday, February 25

7:00 pm—Lenten Vespers

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

Dear Friends in Christ,

February often feels like a hinge month. We're still very much in winter, yet the light is slowly returning, and the church year begins to turn with it. Before long, we will step into the holy season of Lent—a season that invites us to slow down, pay attention, and walk with Jesus toward the cross and, ultimately, the empty tomb.

Lent does not arrive all at once. It comes gently, beginning with Shrove Tuesday, that curious and joyful day when pancakes and penitence sit side by side. Shrove Tuesday has long been a day to prepare our hearts (and cupboards!) for Lent, using up rich foods and remembering that a more reflective season lies ahead. This year, it comes with an added layer of joy for me personally, as it also happens to fall on my birthday.

So yes—this is your official invitation and gentle nudge: please come to the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. Come hungry. Come ready to laugh and visit. Come so that we can celebrate together, not just another year of my life, but the life we share as a congregation. In a church that knows how to sing hymns of both confession and praise, it feels exactly right to mark the beginning of Lent with fellowship, food, and gratitude.

As Lent approaches, we will hear once again about spiritual disciplines—prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and acts of mercy. For Lutherans, these practices are never about earning God's love. We already have that, fully and freely, in Christ. Instead, spiritual disciplines are gifts: ways God shapes us, opens our eyes, and draws us more deeply into trust and dependence.

Perhaps this Lent you might commit to a daily prayer time, however brief. Perhaps you might fast from something that distracts you from God and neighbor, making room instead for Scripture or silence. Perhaps you might give intentionally—of your resources, your time, or your attention—to someone in need. None of these are meant to be burdens. They are meant to be paths that lead us back to grace.

My prayer for us this February is that we enter Lent not with dread, but with expectancy. God is at work among us. God meets us in pancakes and ashes, in laughter and repentance, in ordinary days made holy by love.

I look forward to seeing you at the table on Shrove Tuesday—and walking with you through the season ahead.

May peace be our journey together,

Pastor Greg+

St. David Church Council Highlights January 2026

The St. David Lutheran Church Congregational Council met Sunday, January 11, 2026 at 6 pm for the monthly meeting. The following items were discussed and action taken as needed.

Committee Reports: (new liaisons appointed)

Worship and Music: Wednesday Lenten services will focus on Holden Evening Prayer and pastors from neighboring West Columbia congregations will rotate, preaching with a stewardship theme.

Learning: Vacation Bible School planning is currently underway. More leaders for children's church are needed.

WELCA: New officers will be elected in the January meeting. The funeral meal process is being reorganized into more churchwide. Please contact Pam Fox if interested in helping.

Campus Ministry: College-student leaders read the lessons on December 28, 2025 and did a fantastic job.

Property: New camera system has been donated to the church. Furnace replacement work is wrapping up soon.

Cemetery: Committee is working to address/update burial plot assignments.

Youth: Painting and work on the youth hut continues. Middle and high school gatherings will continue on the 4th Sunday of each month. Parents of youth are asked to help supervise/plan social and/or service events. Spaghetti lunch was a success. Amazon wish list has been well received and many items have been purchased.

Pastor's Report was submitted to the council.

Treasurer's Report was submitted to the council.

Old Business

Council Retreat has been rescheduled to February 22 following worship.

New Business

Memorial acknowledgements are being moved back to church office. Synod assembly is happening June 11-13 at Brooklyn Baptist Church. Discussions began about the vacant Youth and Family position, council requests input from congregation.

The council meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

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>			

REFORMERS

DID YOU KNOW that St. David has a small group ministry for young(er) men? Come and check out the Reformers, a ministry of Lutheran Men in Mission geared toward men in the middle 1/3rd of life (18-50ish)! Please contact Brad Sox or Jim Bickley for information and to be added to the Band App where event and meeting information is posted. We hope to see you there!

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MINISTRY REPORT
MONTH ENDED December 31 2025

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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	<u>\$ -</u>
Worship & Music Sub-Total	\$ 233,095.77
 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	<u>\$ -</u>
Learning Sub-Total	\$ 189,520.27
 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	<u>\$ -</u>
Serving Sub-Total	\$ 103,555.85
 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	<u>\$ -</u>
Witnessing Sub-Total	\$ 76,198.60
 Total Disbursements	 <u>\$ 602,370.49</u>
 RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER) DISBURSEMENTS	 \$ 39.94
 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>\$ 168,290.75</u>

MEMBERS IN ASSISTED LIVING

STILL HOPES

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

Betty Shull
1 Still Hopes Drive RM 3254
West Columbia, SC 29169

SPRING OAK @ LEXINGTON

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

OAKLEAF VILLAGE OF LEXINGTON

Robert Smith
Room 210
Lexington, SC 29072
(803) 358-2733

WELLMORE HEALTH CARE

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

Jim Brazell
200 Wellmore Drive
Lexington, SC 29072

Gail Brazell
200 Wellmore Drive
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NATIONAL HEALTH CARE

Ernest Shull
2993 Sunset Blvd.
Room 204
West Columbia, SC 29169

Sandra Amodio
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OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY IS EXPRESSED TO:

Bruce McFarland and family in the death of his cousin James Bigger on December 16.
Julie McFarland and family in the death of her brother-in-law Mark Sigg on December 27.
The family of Addy Shull in her death on January 15.
The family of Aurie Richardson in her death in January 19.
Mark Amick and family in the death of his father-in-law Richard Merritt on January 22.
The family of Barbara Hart in her death on January 22.
The family of Ernest "Jr." Shull in his death on January 26.
May they be supported by the Good News of Ressection Victory in Christ.

Bulletin Board

FOODS FOR FOOD PANTRY

In February is Sunday, February 1,
and again on March 1. Place
your items in the boxes in the Narthex.

Church Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday

9:00 am-5:00 pm

Friday

9:00 am-2:00 pm

Lunch time varies

2025

CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEMBERS

Nate Hendrix (President)	Ann Alexander
Christopher Dooley (Vice-President)	Austin Corley
Andy Schumpert (Secretary)	Deana Hage
Sylvia Wessinger (Assistant Secretary)	Tricia Hood
Drew Laughlan (Treasurer)	Jim Kinard
Lenny Bugay (Financial Secretary)	Robbie Ruple
Kate Labelle (Youth Member)	Jamie Sox
	Barry Stricklin

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 ¼” 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 Sheila Kinard at (803) 600-9363.

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

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WHEN YOU NEED TO RESERVE one of the buses for a church function, a room in one of our buildings, or borrow tablecloths for a church function, call the Church Office at (803) 356-3035. If you want to reserve the Fellowship Hall, Kitchen or Family Life Center **for a non-church event** you must come by the office to do so and leave a check for \$100 as a deposit. The check will be returned after the area is inspected by Property Committee and all check list items have been reviewed. The key can be checked out the day before the event.

If you borrow tablecloths, please wash, fold and return to the Church Office within two days following use.

No white tables or chairs can be removed from St. David for any reason.

BULLETIN CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 1 – Jennifer Jeffcoat

FEBRUARY 8 – Hendrix

FEBRUARY 15 –

FEBRUARY 22 -



COMMUNION GIFTS FOR FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 1 –

FEBRUARY 8 –

FEBRUARY 15 –

FEBRUARY 22 –

FLOWER CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 1 – Bryan Price

FEBRUARY 8 –

FEBRUARY 15 – George & Emily Labelle

FEBRUARY 22 -



GREETERS FOR FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 1 –

FEBRUARY 8 –

FEBRUARY 15 –

FEBRUARY 22 –

NURSERY HELPERS FOR FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 1 –

FEBRUARY 8 –

FEBRUARY 15 –

FEBRUARY 22 –

USHERS FOR FEBRUARY—John Dodgen, Bob Padowicz, Danny Shull, Kevin Sox, Marvin Sox

WE ARE LOOKING for nursery volunteers during worship, and they must be safe haven trained. Contact Nicki Temples 803-553-0640 if you would like to volunteer.

CONTACTING THE CHURCH

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

Friday, 9:00 am-2:00 pm

Church Phone: 803-356-3035

Gloria, Secretary - office@stdavid.net

Seong-Sil Kim—Director of Music -
music@stdavid.net

Otto, Choir Director - choir@stdavid.net

CONTACTING PASTOR GREG

Pastor Greg may be reached by calling the Church Office during Office Hours on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday - 803-356-3035.

e-mail: pastor.greg@stdavid.net

SOCIAL MEDIA

Visit Our Web Page: stdavid.net

Find / Like Us On: FACEBOOK

COUNCIL INFO & REPORTS

Council President – Nate Hendrix

PUBLICIST for Local Media: Pam Fox
803-315-4029 or Believe.pf@gmail.com
(2 weeks notice needed prior to church event)

CEMETERY (INFO & BURIAL REQUESTS)

Bernie Lee, 803-348-0631 cell,
franandbernie@hotmail.com

ATTENTION:

LAMPLIGHTER DEADLINE for the March Lamplighter is February 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 February. Any article received after the 15th, will go in the April 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.

THERE IS A sign-up sheet in the Narthex to sign up to be a Greeter. If you are interested in serving in this capacity using your gifts and talents, please sign up in the Narthex.

A COPY OF CHRIST IN OUR HOME is available for every family. There are large and regular editions available in the Narthex. The current book is for January, February, March.

THE 2026 SIGN-UP POSTER for flowers, bulletins and communion gifts is now up in the Narthex. You can sign up for your important dates now.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2	Evelyn Mims	11	Melvin Bley David Kaminer A. J. Dodgen	19	Connor Goodwin
4	Carolyn Martin			20	Nancy Wallace
6	Dina Sox Walter Matuszek Tucker Brown	12	Terry Sox	21	Stan Minemier
7	Mike Hite	14	Corley Goodwin	22	Patrice Smith Edith Hylton
9	Mary Giet	15	Brooke Kaminer Trevor Schnabel	23	Gale Cone Stacia Rucker
10	Wyman Hite Elizabeth Bickley Melissa Dooley	16	Mimi Diep Caughman Bleakley	25	Vince Bouronich Susan Miller
		17	Mandy McManus Benjamin Harmon Rev. Greg Brown Dot Lynn	26	Nancy Wall Frank Robinson Hein Diep Sherry Senn Jason Rauch
				28	David Shull Caleb Miller

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.

Welcome New Member

Received December 14, 2025

James Thompson

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THANK YOU

Dear St. David Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your generous gift of \$285.00 on 1/15/2026 to Mission Lexington! Mission Lexington is a 501 c 3 status non-profit organization. Your contribution is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Because of you...Families in our community experience compassion, dignity and care when they need it most. Your gift directly supports our neighbors with essentials such as food, housing assistance, clothing, and crisis resources.

Mission Lexington, 216 Harmon Street, Lexington, SC 29072

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

FEBRUARY EVENTS

SUNDAY, February 1 - TBD

SUNDAY, February 8 - No regular youth events (Church Council)

SUNDAY, February 15 - TBD

SUNDAY, February 22 - 6th & 7th Grade Confirmation, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

More info on these events can be found on the Band app.

FALL CONFIRMATION SCHEDULES:

6TH & 7TH GRADE CONFIRMATION DATES - SUNDAYS, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

February 15, 2026 April 19, 2026

March 15, 2026 May 3, 2026

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Kairos 52 Broad River Correctional Institution (BRCI) April 16th - 19th

Dear St. David Lutheran Family,

Kairos 52 requests that you and your family prayerfully consider participating as Faithful Servants to reach God's cherished children incarcerated currently at BRCI.

NEEDED:

Inside Team (≥ 42 men) Plain ol' Laypeople, Ordained Ministers (and you know who you are), Licensed Chaplains, or those currently performing pastoral duties in any capacity. The only two requirements are for one to believe in the Holy Trinity and have the capacity to learn what it means to, "Listen. Listen. Love. Love."

Outside Team: 1) Pleasantly Plain Pew Prayer-type People (they sorta look like the person sitting next to you on Sunday): Food Prep People and Delivery People, considered by many to be Transportation Enthusiasts, to drive to/from BRCI - not required to go inside; 2) Christian Encouragement Note Writer People & Happy Artist People (XXS - XXL); and 3) Monetary Donor People of any amount, aka "Green Agape."

There will be Four Family Formation Meetings:

February 14th, February 28th, March 14th, and March 28th.

8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon.

Host Church: Chapin Christian Community Church (C4).

If interested in participating or you would just like to observe what Kairos is all about, please contact either Gloria in the church office, leaving your name and number, or Lee Breuer. He can be found after the service, sitting in his assigned pew, pondering the message contained in that morning's sermon.

Or better yet, contact Beverly Breuer, the more responsible one of the two.

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

FOR OUR VISITORS TO FIND OUT ABOUT...

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

CHILDREN'S CHOIR – Call Amy Ruple at 803-351-1412. Choir for all children 3 years old through fifth grade.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA – Call Emily Labelle at 803-447-3711.

YOUTH MINISTRY – Call Pastor Greg at 803-356-3035.

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

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

MUSIC MINISTRY – We have choirs for all ages: vocal, handbell and instrumental.

CAMPUS MINISTRY – Contact Kirsten Davis at 803-920-5305 or missykreal100@aol.com or Laurie Harmon at 803-530-5608 or Isharmon58@gmail.com or Sylvia Wessinger at 803-331-7766 or sylviawessinger@gmail.com.

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. **REFORMERS** – Brad Sox at 803-309-3922 or Jim Bickley at 864-684-3871.