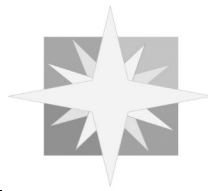


St. David



Lutheran

July 2023

WORSHIP SERVICES

**Join us Live each Sunday
at 10:30 am
www.stdavid.net
@saintdavidlutheran**

**Sunday, July 2—Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 am—Sunday School/Confirmation
10:30 am—Worship/Communion**

**Sunday, July 9—Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 am—Sunday School/Confirmation
10:30 am—Worship/Communion**

**Sunday, July 16—Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 am—Sunday School/Confirmation
10:30 am—Worship/Communion**

**Sunday, July 23—Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 am—Sunday School
10:30 am—Worship/Communion**

**Sunday, July 30—Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 am—Sunday School
10:30 am—Worship/Communion**

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



Dear Friends in Christ,

You've probably noticed over the last couple of years that we've been displaying icons on a stand behind our altar as a way of visually enhancing our worship space. Worship is meant to engage all of our senses—sight, touch, smell, sound, and taste. Sight and sound are probably the two most readily noticeable things for the majority of people. We can see our stained glass windows, the cross suspended above the altar, and we can hear the sounds of instruments and voices, lifting our prayers and praise to God. We taste and see that the Lord is indeed good when we gather around the sacrament of Holy Communion. We feel the embrace of our brothers and sisters in the sharing of Christ's peace. And, occasionally, we smell incense in worship as we sing "let our prayers rise up as incense before you."

Icons, though, are the newest way to engage our sense of sight in worship. Icons are representations of things that are holy or heavenly. Interestingly, icons aren't "drawn," but are "written." Orthodox icons, unlike Western Christianity's depictions of religious art, change the perspective and form of the image so that it is not naturalistic. This is done so that we can look beyond the appearances of the world, and instead we look to the spiritual truth of the holy person or event the icon depicts. Icons are sometimes called "windows into heaven."

Icons are rich in symbolism. For example, the halo around the head of a saint denotes the light of Christ shining from within them, much like we encourage the newly baptized to "let their light so shine before others so that they may see their good works and glorify their Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16). When you see someone wearing blue garments in an icon, it indicates humanity, and red indicates divinity. So, when we see an icon of Jesus he always has a red undergarment and a blue outer garment, because Jesus is fully human and fully divine—what the church refers to as the dual natures of Christ.

I hope that this brief introduction is but the beginning of an ongoing conversation—about worship, about learning from other traditions of Christianity, and for learning about the different icons we use in worship here at St. David. Be on the lookout for other newsletter articles about the symbolism found in the icons you see in worship!

Walking the road with you,

Pastor Greg+

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It's summer!! Summer has ALWAYS been my favorite season of the year, by a wide margin. Swim team, church camp, scout camp, frozen drinks, trips to the splash park, extra time with friends, all things that highlight my childhood experience. No matter how hot (or wet apparently this year) it gets, summer will always be my favorite.

Summer also offers a unique part of the church year – “time after Pentecost,” or as the Catholics call it, “ordinary time.” This is the longest season on the church calendar, and sometimes it can feel extra long (extending nearly to the end of the calendar year), even a bit like the doldrums. Slogging through summer and the time after Pentecost can be a real challenge sometimes, and we see that reflected in most churches with the drop in attendance and offering. I can't help but be reminded of the Parable of the Sower (Matt 13:1-23) and the seeds sown that spring up quickly but are scorched by the sun and die.

We all go through different seasons of our life. Unfortunately, for some of us, being an active member at church is no different. We get distracted, forget our priorities, become enticed with other things. It happens to everyone, me included. Luckily, for the past 2000 years, Christ has been in a season of coming to us, wherever we might be, whatever we are off doing. I pray that whether we are making it to church during the summer or not, we know that Jesus is coming to us where we are **NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE.**

Love,
Vicar Isaac

WORSHIP NOTES



This is my song, O God of all the nations

I treat Patriotic Sunday differently than other Sundays. It's not found on the Liturgical Calendar, so choosing what to focus on requires some extra thought. I turn to the back of the hymnal, to a section of National Songs. Just as language use identifies a people as a national group, a National song or anthem usually reflects the history or beliefs of a country. It is a unifying force and a source of pride. How thrilling it is to hear The Star Spangled Banner played at the Olympic trials or the beginning of an orchestra performance. Less thrilling are some performances at sports games (I'm thinking of you, Roseann!).

We still struggle with how to play the roles of church and state, just like Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin did. We are still interpreting what is constitutional. Should the religious beliefs of a church be forced on all citizens? A New England governor tried to pass a law that all who did not worship the Christian God should be executed. Does freedom of religion include freedom from religion?

So in a service centered on the worship of the Almighty God, how do we treat a national song? *My Country, 'Tis of Thee sweet land of liberty*, a quasi-national anthem, doesn't mention God until the fourth verse, and then only as the author of our liberty. Our national anthem, written by Francis Scott Key in 1814, is about the British attack on Fort McHenry. Compare it to another of his poems:

*Before you, Lord, we bow, our God who reigns above
and rules the world below with boundless power and love.
Our thanks we bring in joy and praise, our hearts we raise,
to you we sing!* ELW 893.

ELW 891 is a prayer:

*God bless Our Native Land; firm may it ever stand
through storm and night.
So shall our prayers arise to God above the skies,
on whom we wait.
Thou who art ever nigh, guarding with watchful eye,
to thee aloud we cry: God save the state.*

*So on "patriotic" Sunday, we thank God for the blessings given our country.
We pray for his guidance as we discern his will.*

*ELW 887 is a song turned prayer. Lloyd Stone wrote two verses in 1934,
recognizing O God of all the nations. After describing his country's beauty
and blessings, where his heart lies, he turns to*

*...but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.*

And...

*So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations;
a song of peace for their land and for mine.*

Georgia Harkness was asked by the Methodist church to add a third verse:

*This is my prayer, O God of all earth's kingdoms,
your kingdom come; on earth your will be done.
O God, be lifted up till all shall serve you,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations;
myself I give you; let your will be done.*

*During the Civil War, when a general said to Abraham Lincoln
"God is on our side". President Lincoln answered
"Let us pray, general, that we are on God's side".*

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St. David Church Council June 2023 Highlights

Worship and Music

Outdoor Worship Service will be held at St. David on Sunday, September 10.

Learning/ Sunday School

VBS: June 12-15, 2023

Summer Sunday School will combine Ages 3 -2nd grade, 3rd – 5th grades, and 6th -12th grades.

Director of Youth & Family Ministries:

PHOS and LYLS Service Event – Car Wash.... (June 4th- Funds will go to 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering costs.) Discussed that this was a success during our council meeting on June 4th.

Youth Ministry Team

Car Wash planned for LYLS and PHOS on Sunday, June 4th, after worship.

Church Council and the YM Team are working on an interim CYFM since Ben's last day is July 9th, 2023.

July 2024: ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

Evangelism

Gary Dooley has started as Co-Chair alongside Pastor Julia Shreve for this group.

Julia Shreve and Ben Bernstein met with Johnya Frankling (New Mount Zion AME Church) to discuss a joint youth event tentatively planned for November 19, 2023.

Deni has updated the Kids' "Busy Bags."

Evangelism, along with Danny Shull and Gene Palmer, will be offering opportunities for members to learn more about the Instant Church app and to update their information.

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

Global Mission

Bishop Ngogo from our sister Synod in Tanzania will be in SC this summer.

Cristo Rey

They held their first worship service in their new Oak Drive location on Sunday, June 4th, at 5:00 PM.

Church Council Member Update

Rivon Van Laan prayerfully made the difficult decision to resign her position from Church Council at the end of March. Per our Church Constitution, "Congregation Council shall elect, by majority vote, a successor until the next annual meeting". Lynette Brantley agreed to fill the open position until our next annual meeting is held this fall and was elected by a majority vote at our regular meeting in April.

Caroline Davis has been our Youth Representative on Council since January 2023, but with her heading off to college later this summer, Carter Jeffcoat has agreed to step in to be the Youth Representative for the remainder of 2023. He attended his first regular Council meeting in June.

Ended our Council Meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

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

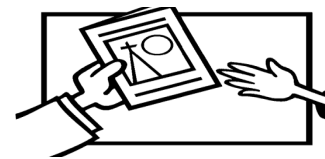
	ACTUAL	SPENDING PLAN	Actual Compared to Spending Plan	
RECEIPTS:				
Receipts (Includes Envelopes & Other Receipts)	\$ 222,901.90	\$ 244,100.70	-\$21,198.80	-8.7%
Transfer of Dedicated Funds	-	0.00		
Total Receipts (Includes Envelopes & Other Receipts)	<u>\$ 222,901.90</u>	<u>\$ 244,100.70</u>	-\$21,198.80	-8.7%
DISBURSEMENTS:				
ELCA & Synod Support	\$21,249.46	\$22,916.65	-\$1,667.19	-7.3%
Total Salaries	125,384.94	113,435.05	\$11,949.89	10.5%
Office/Miscellaneous	10,571.02	13,253.35	-\$2,682.33	-20.2%
Worshiping & Music	4,112.28	5,120.75	-\$1,008.47	-19.7%
Learning	4,690.96	3,958.30	\$732.66	18.5%
Scholarships	0.00	416.65	-\$416.65	-100.0%
Confirmation	0.00	416.65	-\$416.65	-100.0%
Youth & Family Services (CYFM)	620.61	1,666.65	-\$1,046.04	-62.8%
Young-At-Heart/ Tone Chimes	0.00	104.15	-\$104.15	-100.0%
Serving	700.00	1,395.85	-\$695.85	-49.9%
Witnessing	375.00	937.50	-\$562.50	-60.0%
Supporting	1,131.00	416.65	\$714.35	171.5%
Congregational Life Comm	167.50	625.00	-\$457.50	-73.2%
Kitchen & Cleaning Supplies	277.14	1,250.00	-\$972.86	-77.8%
Utilities	15,024.49	15,833.35	-\$808.86	-5.1%
Insurance	9,223.00	9,166.65	\$56.35	0.6%
Vehicle(s) Maintenance	3,087.86	833.35	\$2,254.51	270.5%
Maintenance of Bldg. & Equipment	31,692.22	18,750.00	\$12,942.22	69.0%
Service Contracts	13,150.36	12,708.35	\$442.01	3.5%
Landscaping	8,250.00	8,541.65	-\$291.65	-3.4%
Payroll Preparation Service	418.10	354.15	\$63.95	18.1%
Debt Payment (Principal and Interest)	10,562.69	12,000.00	-\$1,437.31	-12.0%
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:	<u>\$260,688.63</u>	<u>\$244,100.70</u>	\$16,587.93	6.8%
RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER) DISBURSEMENTS	(\$37,786.73)	<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 5/31/2023	<u>\$123,068.36</u>			
BB&T NOTE BALANCE	<u>\$ -</u>			
Church Sign Fund	\$ -			

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS - OPERATIONS
MINISTRY REPORT
MONTH ENDED May 31, 2023

		ACTUAL
RECEIPTS:		
Receipts (Includes Envelopes & Other Receipts)		\$ 222,901.90
Transfer of Dedicated Funds		-
Total Receipts (Includes Envelopes & Other Receipts)		<u>\$ 222,901.90</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Worship & Music		
Music, altar, bulletins, supply pastor & instruments	\$ 4,112.28	
ELCA & Synod Support	\$ -	
Salaries	\$ 55,463.48	
Support expenses allocation	\$ 40,557.74	
Debt payment allocation	<u>\$ 2,640.67</u>	
Worship & Music Sub-Total		\$ 102,774.17
Learning		
Education, Youth & family ministry, scholarship, VBS, etc.	\$ 5,311.57	
ELCA & Synod Support	\$ -	
Salaries	\$ 35,524.84	
Support expenses allocation	\$ 40,557.74	
Debt payment allocation	<u>\$ 2,640.67</u>	
Learning Sub-Total		\$ 84,034.82
Serving		
Social ministry, ELCA missionary support, & Global missions	\$ 700.00	
ELCA & Synod Support	\$ 15,937.10	
Salaries	\$ 17,198.31	
Support expenses allocation	\$ 5,864.50	
Debt payment allocation	<u>\$ 2,640.67</u>	
Serving Sub-Total		\$ 42,340.57
Witnessing		
Evangelism, Stewardship & Hispanic ministry	\$ 375.00	
ELCA & Synod Support	\$ 5,312.37	
Salaries	\$ 17,198.31	
Support expenses allocation	\$ 6,012.71	
Debt payment allocation	<u>\$ 2,640.67</u>	
Witnessing Sub-Total		\$ 31,539.06
Total Disbursements		<u>\$ 260,688.63</u>
RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER) DISBURSEMENTS		\$ (37,786.73)
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 5/31/2023		<u>\$ 123,068.36</u>

BULLETIN CALENDAR FOR JULY

JULY 2—Gary Dooley
JULY 9—Chick & Beverly Roof
JULY 16—John & Joan Bundrick
JULY 23—Robert & Joyce Asbill
JULY 30—Jim & Gail Brazell



COMMUNION GIFTS FOR JULY

JULY 2—
JULY 9—
JULY 16—
JULY 23—Robert & Joyce Asbill
JULY 30—Deni Titcomb

FLOWER CALENDAR FOR JULY

JULY 2—Jackie Lundeen, Corrine Lord
JULY 9—Larry Lown
JULY 16—Mikel Smith
JULY 23—Claire Compton
JULY 30—Ann Alexander



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Bulletin Board



FOODS FOR FOOD PANTRY

in July is Sunday, July 2, and again on August 6. 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
Caroline Davis (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

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

Ben Bernstein, CYF Minister - youth@stdavid.net

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Otto, Choir Director - choir@stdavid.net

Isaac, Vicar - Isaac.taylor@my.lr.edu

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

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356-4052 or Believe.pf@gmail.com
(2 weeks notice needed prior to church event)

ATTENTION:

LAMPLIGHTER DEADLINE for the August Lamplighter is July 14. 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 14th of July. Any article received after the 14th will go in the September 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.

THE 2023 SIGN-UP POSTER for bulletins and communion gifts is in the Narthex. We still have dates available on both. Be sure to sign up for your important dates. If you have questions, please contact the Church Office.

DRIVE-THRU COMMUNION

On the first Sunday of each month there is a Drive-thru Communion after the worship service for one hour under the carport on the Fellowship Hall side of the church.

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.

Summertime is a great time to
play with your friends.

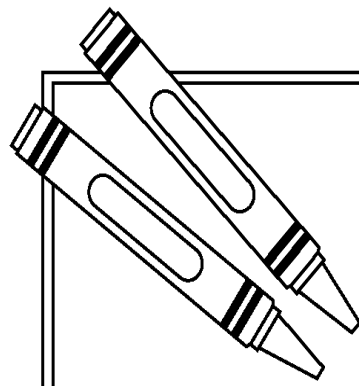
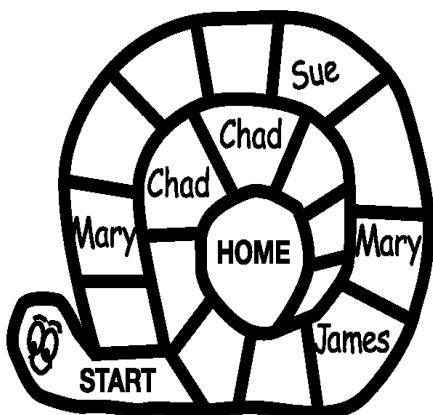
Try a game called "Escargot."

"Escargot" is the French word for "snail."

Materials: sidewalk chalk, playground,
patio or driveway, 2 or more friends

1. Using sidewalk chalk, draw a very large spiral, like a snail shell, on the pavement of a playground or driveway.
2. Leave a large circle in the center, big enough for your two feet to fit in. Mark this space "HOME."
3. Make blocks large enough for one foot to fit in each space.
4. The youngest player goes first, and tries to hop into each blank space on one foot without falling or stepping on a line.
5. If the player is successful, he writes his name on ANY space. This becomes his space. He may stop and rest in his space, on both feet.
6. If a player steps on a line or on another player's space, he loses his turn and goes to the end of the line.
7. Continue playing until all the spaces have names, or until the game is impassable*. Whoever has the most spaces wins.

**Game is impassable when there are so many spaces with players' names in a row that no one can jump to the next available space.*

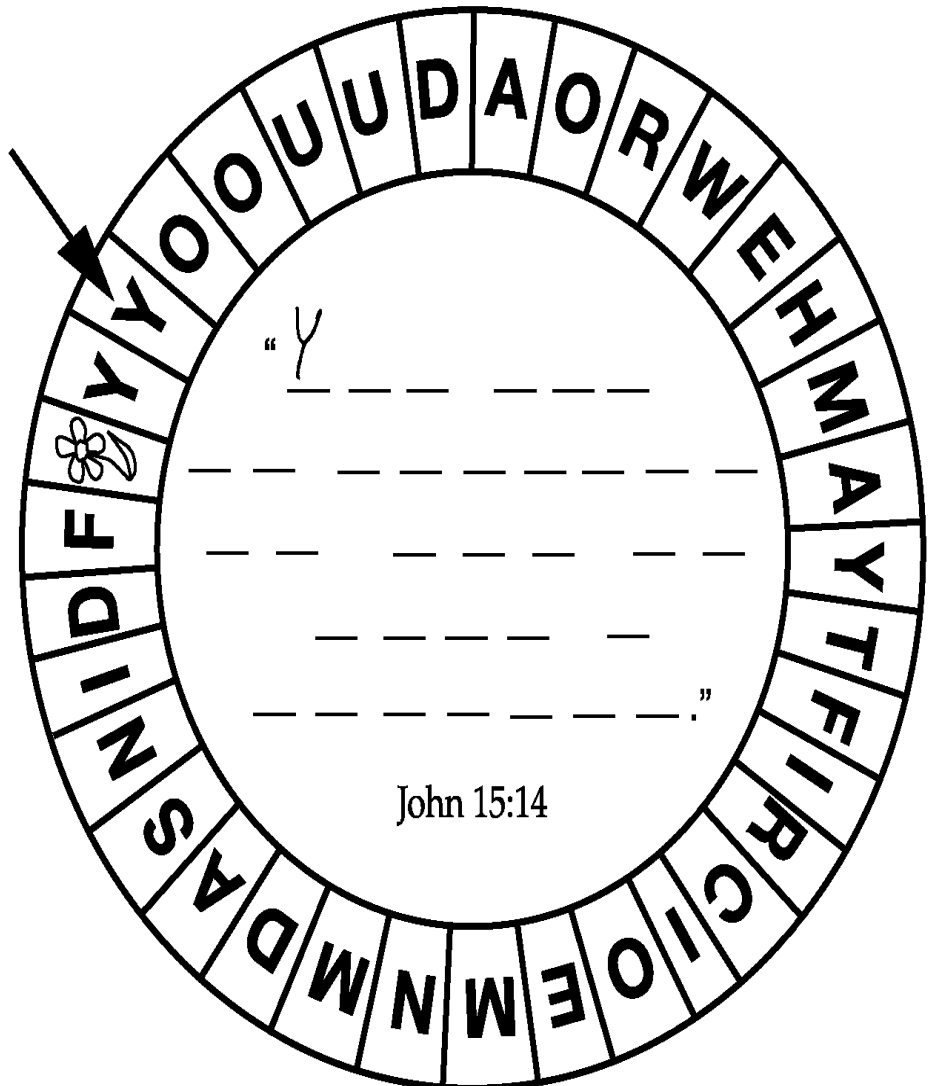


Just for **KIDS**

Who were Jesus' friends?

Jesus spent a lot of time with his friends.
Whom did Jesus consider his friends?

Beginning at the arrow and moving clockwise,
write every other letter on the spaces below.



Answer: You are my friends if you do what I command.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1	Monte Dooley Michael Quattlebaum Cooper Rea Thomas Canepa Joan Beckham	9	Nathaniel Hendrix Cheryl Sox	21	Mikel Smith
2	Marie Frye Jacob Garrett Retha Armstrong Gary Dooley Justin Shuman	10	Richard Dillon	22	Kresta Frazier Donald Kaminer Susan Ballington Roman Mulkey Katie Alexander
3	Melissa Martin John Derrick	11	Curtis Rea Stacie Sox	23	Joyce Asbill
4	Vicki Quattlebaum Liz Busbee Ruben Amodio Byron Dooley	12	Lou Geller Ashley Sox	24	Retha Sox
5	Kristin R. Bebee Pam Fox	13	Brad Sox Mark McGrady	25	Robert Asbill Brad Hartley
6	John Alexander Philip Sox Andrea Hallas Matthew Smith	14	Darren Woodlief Whitney P. Moore	26	Roger Coffman
7	Wade Keisler Patricia Mathias Jeff Quattlebaum Adam Carnell Kaye Yarbrough	15	Laura Decker Janet Smith Mary Peterson Stacie Kesecker Liv Ellis	27	David Diep Mike Bremer
8	Jeffery Beaudrot Bonnie Lindler	16	Chelsea Frye Wyatt Mattox Jackson Ruple	28	Carly S. Dickey
		18	Kelsey Kaminer Justin Donald	29	Sarah Anderson Jennifer Mayo
		19	Steve Shull Kari Smith	30	James Owens Brittany F. Swenson Lan Diep
		20	Janice Padowicz Fred Woodlief	31	Michael Shull

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.

A COPY OF CHRIST IN OUR HOME is made available to every family of St. David. There are regular and large print editions available in the Narthex. The current book is for July, August and September.

July 2023 Women of the ELCA News

July Assignment for Nursery Snacks and Supplies is the Hannah Group.
July Assignment for Hospital remembrance is the Martha Group.

Many thanks to the groups for providing snacks for VBS this year!

Thank you all for providing 40 Hygiene kits for Tanzania. Other items provided were toothpaste and girls undergarments.

The Mother Daughter Friend banquet will be held on October 1st this year. More information to follow in August News!

Have a Great Summer!



THE ST. DAVID YOUNG AT HEART met June 13 in the Fellowship Hall. The 62 members and guests present enjoyed a program presented by Pastor Jackie Utley.

Irenia Roof, Motivational Speaker, will be presenting an informative talk at the next meeting on July 11.

All individuals 55+ are invited to join us at the next meeting at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall on July 11.

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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 Ben Bernstein at 864-398-9278.

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.