



St. David  Lutheran

July 2026

Sunday, July 5—Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 am—Adult Sunday School
10:30 am—Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, July 12—Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 am—Adult Sunday School
10:30 am—Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, July 19—Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 am—Adult Sunday School
10:30 am—Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, July 26—Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 am—Adult Sunday School
10:30 am—Worship with Holy Communion

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

Dear Friends in Christ,

July is a month filled with celebrations. Families gather around picnic tables, children wave flags, fireworks fill the evening sky, and communities across our nation give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy. This year, those celebrations carry even greater significance as we commemorate the 250th birthday of the United States.

As Christians, giving thanks is second nature. We give thanks for the women and men who have served our country with courage and sacrifice. We give thanks for the freedoms guaranteed to us—freedom to worship, to speak, to gather, and to participate in the life of our communities. These are gifts that should never be taken for granted, and we pray for all who continue to serve our nation in the pursuit of justice, peace, and the common good.

Yet, as important as these freedoms are, Scripture reminds us that there is an even greater freedom that no government can grant and no earthly power can take away.

St. Paul writes, "For freedom Christ has set us free" (Galatians 5:1).

The freedom Christ gives is different from political liberty. It is freedom from sin, from fear, from shame, and from death itself. It is the freedom to know that our worth is not determined by our successes or failures, but by the love of God poured out for us in Jesus Christ. It is the freedom to forgive because we have been forgiven. It is the freedom to love our neighbors—even those with whom we disagree. It is the freedom to serve, not because we have to, but because Christ has first served us.

In a world that often tells us our identity should be rooted in politics, nationality, or ideology, the waters of baptism tell a different story. Before we are Americans, Republicans, Democrats, independents, or anything else, we are beloved children of God. Our first citizenship is in the kingdom of God, where Christ is Lord and where grace, mercy, and peace shape our lives together.

That doesn't lessen our love for our country. Instead, it frees us to love our nation honestly—celebrating what is good, working toward what is just, praying for our leaders, and caring for our neighbors with humility and hope.

As we celebrate Independence Day this month, may we give thanks for the blessings of our nation. But even more, may we rejoice in the freedom that Christ has won for us—a freedom that no election can secure, no border can define, and no circumstance can diminish.

May God continue to bless our country with wisdom, justice, and peace. And may God continue to bless this congregation as we seek to live as citizens of God's kingdom, sharing Christ's love right here in West Columbia and wherever God sends us.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Greg+

St. David Church Council Highlights June 2026

The St. David Lutheran Church Congregational Council met Sunday June 14, 2026 at 6:00 pm for our monthly meeting. The following items were discussed and action taken as needed.

Committee Reports:

Learning: Vacation Bible School is this week, June 15-18.

WELCA: Mother Daughter Friend banquet is scheduled for August 30, 2026. Sisters and Salads Luncheon will be on October 4, 2026.

Property: A gutter system for the education building has been proposed. After presenting the initial quote and proposal, council asked for (an) additional quote(s).

Treasurer's Report was submitted to the council.

Old Business

Youth and Family position update: After meeting with the council, an offer was extended to a candidate, and she accepted the offer. Details on start date are being finalized.

Church House: Thanks to those that helped with cleaning out the church house at the end of May. Continued exploration of potential collaboration with Mission Lexington will continue at a future council meeting.

Lutheridge Fundraiser: Council is currently looking for a coordinator to help with the fundraising campaign planned for later this year.

New Business

Stewardship campaign will begin soon with a 4-week series.

A Nonmember Burial Request was viewed and motion carried to approve their request.

The council meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS - OPERATIONS
MONTH ENDED May 31, 2026

	ACTUAL	SPENDING PLAN	Actual Compared to Spending Plan	
RECEIPTS:				
Receipts (Includes Envelopes & Other Receipts)	\$ 226,009.95	\$ 255,178.25	-\$29,168.30	-11.4%
Transfer of Dedicated Funds	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>		
Total Receipts (Includes Envelopes & Other Receipts)	<u>\$ 227,009.95</u>	<u>\$ 255,178.25</u>	-\$28,168.30	-11.0%
DISBURSEMENTS:				
ELCA & Synod Support	\$22,853.97	\$23,770.85	-\$916.88	-3.9%
Total Salaries	94,672.08	129,661.55	-\$34,989.47	-27.0%
Office/Miscellaneous	16,459.36	17,195.05	-\$735.69	-4.3%
Worshiping & Music	3,825.52	3,479.10	\$346.42	10.0%
Learning	1,026.12	2,625.00	-\$1,598.88	-60.9%
Scholarships	2,400.00	875.00	\$1,525.00	174.3%
Confirmation	915.31	520.85	\$394.46	75.7%
Youth & Family Services (CYFM)	672.82	1,250.00	-\$577.18	-46.2%
Young-At-Heart/ Tone Chimes	98.50	104.15	-\$5.65	-5.4%
Serving	0.00	791.70	-\$791.70	-100.0%
Witnessing	0.00	625.00	-\$625.00	-100.0%
Supporting	693.04	375.00	\$318.04	84.8%
Congregational Life Comm	0.00	625.00	-\$625.00	-100.0%
Kitchen & Cleaning Supplies	1,187.41	1,250.00	-\$62.59	-5.0%
Utilities	18,258.12	16,041.65	\$2,216.47	13.8%
Insurance	9,917.90	9,916.65	\$1.25	0.0%
Vehicle(s) Maintenance	312.57	833.35	-\$520.78	-62.5%
Maintenance of Bldg. & Equipment	27,902.11	17,708.35	\$10,193.76	57.6%
Service Contracts	17,267.95	18,113.35	-\$845.40	-4.7%
Landscaping	9,000.00	9,000.00	\$0.00	0.0%
Payroll Preparation Service	423.30	416.65	\$6.65	1.6%
Debt Payment (Principal and Interest)	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.0%
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:	<u>\$227,886.08</u>	<u>\$255,178.25</u>	-\$27,292.17	-10.7%
RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER) DISBURSEMENTS	(\$876.13)	<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 2026	<u>168,290.75</u>			
AVAILABLE FOR OPERATIONS AS OF 5/31/2026	<u><u>\$167,414.62</u></u>			

REFORMERS

DID YOU KNOW that St. David has a small group ministry for young(er) men? Come and check out e 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

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 DISBURSEMENTS:	
Worship & Music	
Music, altar, bulletins, supply pastor & instruments	\$ 3,825.52
ELCA & Synod Support	\$ -
Salaries	\$ 49,267.26
Support expenses allocation	\$ 43,790.92
Debt payment allocation	<u>\$ -</u>
Worship & Music Sub-Total	\$ 96,883.69
 Learning	
Education, Youth & family ministry, scholarship, VBS, etc.	\$ 5,112.75
ELCA & Synod Support	\$ -
Salaries	\$ 18,532.47
Support expenses allocation	\$ 43,790.91
Debt payment allocation	<u>\$ -</u>
Learning Sub-Total	\$ 67,436.13
 Serving	
Social ministry, ELCA missionary support, & Global missions	\$ -
ELCA & Synod Support	\$ 17,140.48
Salaries	\$ 13,436.18
Support expenses allocation	\$ 6,722.07
Debt payment allocation	<u>\$ -</u>
Serving Sub-Total	\$ 37,298.72
 Witnessing	
Evangelism, Stewardship & Hispanic ministry	\$ -
ELCA & Synod Support	\$ 5,713.49
Salaries	\$ 13,436.18
Support expenses allocation	\$ 7,117.87
Debt payment allocation	<u>\$ -</u>
Witnessing Sub-Total	\$ 26,267.54
 Total Disbursements	 \$ 227,886.08
 RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER) DISBURSEMENTS	 \$ (876.13)
 TRANSFER OF FUNDS - for debt principal payments	0.00
Funds Applied to Debt Principal	0.00
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OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY IS EXPRESSED TO:

The family of Nancy Compton in her death on June 4.

May they be supported by the Good News of Resurrection Victory in Christ.



**Make Your
Appointment**

www.redcrossblood.org

Use Sponsor Code: **SDLC**

1:00 – 6:00 PM
on



Volunteers Needed to

- Greet & Sign In Donors
- Provide Refreshments
- Set Up / Clean Up

Bernie Lee

803-348-0631

franandbernie@hotmail.com

DIRECTORY CHANGES

DON'T FORGET...IF YOU MOVE...

Please call the Church Office with your new address.

IF YOUR PHONE NUMBER CHANGES

Please call the Church Office with your new phone number.

Gary Dooley
210 Kitty Wake Drive
West Columbia, SCF 29170

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

ALL YOUTH meet at the church on the 4th Sunday of the Month from 5-7pm with Pastor Greg for bible study, a meal, and fellowship. Come join us!

Bulletin Board

FOODS FOR FOOD PANTRY

In July is Sunday, July 5, and again on August 2. Place your items in the boxes in the Narthex. **There is always a great need for food!**

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. If you have difficulty cutting stamps from envelopes, you are more than welcome to put envelopes in the box or call me and I will plan to get them from you.

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.

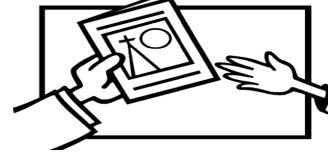
BULLETIN CALENDAR FOR JULY

JULY 5 – Leon & Peggy Trump

JULY 12 – Chick Roof

JULY 19 – Robert & Joyce Asbill

JULY 26 – Katie Alexander



COMMUNION GIFTS FOR JULY

JULY 5 – Leon & Peggy Trump

JULY 12 –

JULY 19 – Robert & Joyce Asbill

JULY 26 –

FLOWER CALENDAR FOR JULY

JULY 5 – Leon & Peggy Trump

JULY 12 – Mikel C. Smith

JULY 19 – Robert & Joyce Asbill

JULY 26 – Ann Alexander



GREETERS FOR JULY

JULY 5 –

JULY 12 –

JULY 19 –

JULY 26 –

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.

USHERS FOR JULY—Lenny Bugay, Mark Amick, Lee Breuer, Gary Dooley, Leon Trump

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 August Lamplighter is July 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 July. Any article received after the 15th, 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.

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 July, August, September.

THE 2026 SIGN-UP POSTER for flowers, bulletins and communion gifts is still up in the Narthex and there are a few dates left.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1	Monte Dooley Thomas Canepa	8	Jeff Beaudrot	21	Mikel Smith
2	Marie Frye Retha Armstrong Gary Dooley Justin Shuman Bruce McKinney	9	Nathaniel Hendrix Cherly Sox	22	Kresta Frazier Donald Kaminer Susan Ballington Katie Alexander
3	Melissa Martin John Derrick	10	Richard Dillon Melanie Schumpert	23	Joyce Asbill
4	Vicki Quattlebaum Liz Busbee Ruben Amodio Leon Trump	11	Stacie Sox	24	Retha Sox
5	Pam Fox Elizabeth Edsall	12	Lou Geller	25	Robert Asbill
6	John Alexander Andrea Hallas	13	Brad Sox	26	Roger Coffman
7	Patricia Mathias Jeff Quattlebaum Adam Carnell	14	Whitney P. Moore	27	David Diep Mike Bremer
		15	Janet Smith	28	Carly S. Dickey
		16	Jackson Ruple	29	Sarah Anderson Jennifer Mayo
		17	Anna Sims	30	Lan Diep
		18	Kelsey Kaminer		
		20	Janice Padowicz Fred Woodlief		

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.

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

NATIONAL HEALTH CARE

Sandra Amodio
2993 Sunset Blvd.
Room 208B
West Columbia, SC 29169

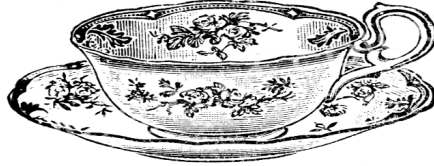
SPRING OAK @ LEXINGTON

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

**2026 St David Lutheran
Mother Daughter Friend**

Chari-TEA!

Sunday, August 30th 3:00-5:00pm



Led by Rev. Mary M. Finklea ~ SCLRC

Hosted by St. David Lutheran Church 132 St. Davids Church Road, West Columbia

Please join us for high tea featuring scrumptious treats, an inspiring message, a festive hat contest, a homemade quilt raffle, and more. Participants will also take home a beautiful cup and saucer.

Our theme is “Behold!”— What does this old-fashioned biblical word say to us in our fast-paced culture? We will slow down, stop, see, notice, and appreciate what surrounds us.

~~ Wear your tea-time finest and your most festive hat! ~~

\$5 raffle tickets will be available for a chance to take home a warm, lovingly stitched SDLC quilt, crafted to be cherished!

**Please register by Wednesday, August 19 so we may plan accordingly.
RSVP and questions: Beth Riddle elizaethriddle@hotmail.com, 803-920-6766**

Proceeds from the High Tea and raffle will support the mission of the South Carolina Lutheran Retreat Centers.

Participants' names:

Suggested minimum donation: \$15 per person

Amount enclosed:

\$ _____

Donation Type: Cash / Check / Venmo @Elizabeth-Riddle-14

**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 Beth Riddle at 803-920-6766.

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.