



St. David  Lutheran

May 2026

**Sunday, May 3—Fifth Sunday of Easter/WELCA  
Sunday**

9:30 am—Sunday School

**10:30 am—Worship with Holy Communion**

**Sunday, May 10—Sixth Sunday of Easter/  
Mother's Day**

9:30 am—Sunday School

**10:30 am—Worship with Holy Communion**

**Sunday, May 17—Seventh Sunday of Easter/  
Graduate Recognition**

9:30 am—Sunday School

**10:30 am—Worship with Holy Communion**

**Sunday, May 24—Day of Pentecost**

9:30 am—Sunday School

**10:30 am—Worship with Holy Communion/  
Confirmation**

**Sunday, May 31—The Holy Trinity**

9:30 am—Sunday School

**10:30 am—Worship with Holy Communion**

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

## **Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

Grace and peace to you this beautiful month of May—a time when creation itself seems to sing with new life. The days are growing longer, flowers are in full bloom, and the rhythms of our lives begin to shift as we approach the end of the school year and the start of summer.

For many families, May brings a mix of excitement and busyness. Students are finishing assignments, preparing for graduations, and counting down the final days until freedom from homework and early mornings. Teachers and staff are wrapping up another year of faithful work. It's a season of transition, and in the midst of it all, we are reminded that God walks with us through every ending and every new beginning.

As summer approaches, so do some of the most meaningful and joy-filled opportunities in the life of our church—Vacation Bible School and summer camp at Lutheridge. These are more than just events on the calendar; they are moments where faith is nurtured, friendships are formed, and memories are made that can last a lifetime.

Vacation Bible School is a wonderful chance for our children to grow in their understanding of God's love through stories, music, crafts, and play. It's also a time when our whole congregation comes together—volunteers, leaders, and participants alike—to share the joy of the Gospel in a vibrant and engaging way.

And then there's camp. Time spent at Lutheridge offers something truly special: space away from the noise of everyday life to encounter God in creation, in community, and in worship. Whether it's sitting around a campfire, hiking through the mountains, or singing in the chapel, camp has a way of opening hearts to God's presence in powerful ways.

If you haven't already, now is the time to register for VBS and summer camp. Spots fill quickly, and you won't want to miss out on the fun, growth, and connection that await. These experiences are not only enjoyable—they are deeply formative in the faith lives of our children and youth.

As we move into this new season, I encourage you to take time to rest, to reconnect with loved ones, and to remain rooted in God's Word. Summer can be a busy time, but it can also be a sacred one—a time to notice God's handiwork in the world around us and to be renewed in spirit.

Let us step into this season with joy, anticipation, and trust in the One who makes all things new.

**May peace be our journey together,  
Pastor Greg+**

## **St. David Church Council Highlights April 2026**

The St. David Lutheran Church Congregation Council met Sunday, April 12, 2026 at 6:00 pm for our monthly meeting. The following items were discussed and action taken as needed.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Learning:** Sunday School will not be offered during the summer season as previous years. Blessing of the Backpacks is scheduled for August 2, 2026 and Rally Day is scheduled for August 9, 2026. Planning for other fall events is also underway.

**Cemetery:** Nonmember burial fees continue to be a topic of conversation with updates coming soon.

**Treasurer's Report was submitted to the council.**

### **Old Business**

Youth and Family position update: another interview was conducted with two more scheduled soon. Additional postings of the ad may occur if this round of interviews doesn't produce an acceptable applicant.

Admin staffing: A job description for Gloria's position has been updated and accepted. The process for finding a suitable applicant continues.

Church House: All locks have been replaced to minimize the accumulation of unauthorized materials (and safety concerns).

### **New Business**

Council heard from a representative of the Columbia City Homeschoolers about the potential use of the MABEC space. No decisions were made by council and additional information and a precise proposal were requested.

The council meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS - OPERATIONS**  
**MINISTRY REPORT**  
**MONTH ENDED March 31, 2026**

	<b>ACTUAL</b>
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>	
Receipts (Includes Envelopes & Other Receipts)	\$ 126,901.72
Transfer of Dedicated Funds	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total Receipts (Includes Envelopes & Other Receipts)	<u>\$ 127,901.72</u>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>	
<b>Worship &amp; Music</b>	
Music, altar, bulletins, supply pastor & instruments	\$ 2,652.58
ELCA & Synod Support	\$ -
Salaries	\$ 29,589.14
Support expenses allocation	\$ 33,637.17
Debt payment allocation	<u>\$ -</u>
<b>Worship &amp; Music Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ 65,878.88</b>
<b>Learning</b>	
Education, Youth & family ministry, scholarship, VBS, etc.	\$ 1,277.10
ELCA & Synod Support	\$ -
Salaries	\$ 11,053.67
Support expenses allocation	\$ 33,637.16
Debt payment allocation	<u>\$ -</u>
<b>Learning Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ 45,967.93</b>
<b>Serving</b>	
Social ministry, ELCA missionary support, & Global missions	\$ -
ELCA & Synod Support	\$ 9,882.17
Salaries	\$ 8,153.80
Support expenses allocation	\$ 3,582.14
Debt payment allocation	<u>\$ -</u>
<b>Serving Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ 21,618.11</b>
<b>Witnessing</b>	
Evangelism, Stewardship & Hispanic ministry	\$ -
ELCA & Synod Support	\$ 3,294.06
Salaries	\$ 8,153.80
Support expenses allocation	\$ 3,806.39
Debt payment allocation	<u>\$ -</u>
<b>Witnessing Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ 15,254.25</b>
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$ 148,719.17</b>
<b>RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER) DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$ (20,817.45)</b>
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>
<b>AVAILABLE FOR OPERATIONS AS OF 3/31/2026</b>	<b><u>\$ 147,473.30</u></b>

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

	ACTUAL	SPENDING PLAN	Actual Compared to Spending Plan	
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>				
Receipts (Includes Envelopes & Other Receipts)	\$ 126,901.72	\$ 153,106.95	-\$26,205.23	-17.1%
Transfer of Dedicated Funds	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>		
Total Receipts (Includes Envelopes & Other Receipts)	<u>\$ 127,901.72</u>	<u>\$ 153,106.95</u>	-\$25,205.23	-16.5%
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>				
ELCA & Synod Support	\$13,176.23	\$14,262.51	-\$1,086.28	-7.6%
Total Salaries	56,950.41	77,796.93	-\$20,846.52	-26.8%
Office/Miscellaneous	7,958.20	10,317.03	-\$2,358.83	-22.9%
Worshiping & Music	2,652.58	2,087.46	\$565.12	27.1%
Learning	701.04	2,100.00	-\$1,398.96	-66.6%
Scholarships	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
Confirmation	0.00	312.51	-\$312.51	-100.0%
Youth & Family Services (CYFM)	477.56	750.00	-\$272.44	-36.3%
Young-At-Heart/ Tone Chimes	98.50	62.49	\$36.01	57.6%
Serving	0.00	475.02	-\$475.02	-100.0%
Witnessing	0.00	375.00	-\$375.00	-100.0%
Supporting	693.04	225.00	\$468.04	208.0%
Congregational Life Comm	0.00	375.00	-\$375.00	-100.0%
Kitchen & Cleaning Supplies	672.78	750.00	-\$77.22	-10.3%
Utilities	13,574.75	9,624.99	\$3,949.76	41.0%
Insurance	5,950.74	5,949.99	\$0.75	0.0%
Vehicle(s) Maintenance	0.00	500.01	-\$500.01	-100.0%
Maintenance of Bldg. & Equipment	28,729.11	10,625.01	\$18,104.10	170.4%
Service Contracts	11,406.93	10,868.01	\$538.92	5.0%
Landscaping	5,400.00	5,400.00	\$0.00	0.0%
Payroll Preparation Service	277.30	249.99	\$27.31	10.9%
Debt Payment (Principal and Interest)	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.0%
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:	<u>\$148,719.17</u>	<u>\$153,106.95</u>	-\$4,387.78	-2.9%
<b>RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER) DISBURSEMENTS</b>	(\$20,817.45)	<u>\$ 0.00</u>		
TRANSFER OF FUNDS - for debt principal payments	0.00			
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**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 1/3<sup>rd</sup> 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!

***OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY IS EXPRESSED TO:***

***The family of Glenna Hammond Padgett in her death on April 1.***

***Jessica McKinney and family in the death of her mother Amy Russ on April 21.***

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

## **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.**

Michael R. Sox  
1250 Old Barnwell Road  
West Columbia, SC 29170

## **UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS**

### **SPRING CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE:**

**6<sup>TH</sup> & 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CONFIRMATION DATE – SUNDAY, 12:00 noon-2pm**

**May 3, 2026**

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

**SDLC WELCA Sunday - May 3, 2026**

**"Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"**

The Mission Community Committee joyfully invites you to celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Easter with a radiant service led by the incredible women of St. David Lutheran Church. We are thrilled that our own **Claire Compton** will offer the sermon, reflecting on the powerful readings from Acts 7:55-60, Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16, 1 Peter 2:2-10, and John 14:1-14.

This is a moment for the women of St. David to shine, uplift one another, and fill our sanctuary with praise. We would be delighted to have every woman join in this special worship celebration—and we especially welcome all who feel led to be part of the choir for the morning.

We'll gather in the choir room on May 3rd at 9:00 a.m. to rehearse the joyful and familiar music prepared for the morning. Please reach out to Beth Riddle for more information: 803-920-6766



**2026 WELCA Sunday Honorarium / Memorial Gifts**

Given By: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory/Honor Of: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

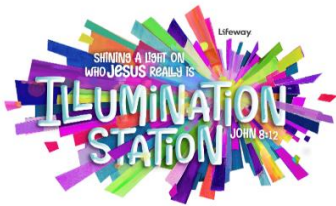
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The 2026 WELCA Sunday gifts will be dedicated to **Sister Care**. This local organization's philosophy is to empower survivors of domestic violence and their children to live free of intimate partner violence; become educated about domestic violence; be able to make informed decisions; take responsibility for themselves and their children; and achieve self-sufficiency. This philosophy is applied by offering survivors of domestic violence and their children a range of supportive, trauma-informed services.



**Have you graduated from college or graduate school since May 2025?** Do you know someone who has? We want to honor our graduates on May 17 and need some information. Please send the graduate's name, the name of the college or university, the name of the degree **received**, and the date of graduation to Claire Compton by May 10. She can be reached at 803-269-8502 (call or text) or [comptonclaire@aol.com](mailto:comptonclaire@aol.com).

**All High School and College Graduates and their families** are invited to attend a Graduate Recognition Breakfast on Sunday, May 17, at 9:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP by May 10 to Claire Compton at 803-269-8502 (call or text) or [comptonclaire@aol.com](mailto:comptonclaire@aol.com).



# Save the Date for VBS!!

COMING Monday, JUNE 15

through

Thursday JUNE 18, 2026

5:30-8:00 pm

Registration coming soon!

Contact

Amanda Huber (Director) 864-423-4224

if you'd like to help!

# Bulletin Board

## FOODS FOR FOOD PANTRY

In May is Sunday, May 3,  
and again on June 7. 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

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## 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 MAY

MAY 3 –  
MAY 10 – Steven & Janice Fipps  
MAY 17 – Jennifer Jeffcoat  
MAY 24 – George & Emily Labelle  
MAY 31 – George & Emily Labelle



## COMMUNION GIFTS FOR MAY

MAY 3 –  
MAY 10 – Steven & Janice Fipps  
MAY 17 – Jim & Janet Riddle  
MAY 24 – Pat & Stan Minemier  
MAY 31 –

## FLOWER CALENDAR FOR MAY

MAY 3 – Gerald & Nancy Wallace  
MAY 10 – Steven & Janice Fipps  
MAY 17 – Dianne Davis  
MAY 24 – Leon & Peggy Trump  
MAY 31 – Fran & Bernie Lee



## GREETERS FOR MAY

MAY 3 –  
MAY 10 –  
MAY 17 –  
MAY 24 –  
MAY 31 –

**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 MAY** – Chick Roof, Drew Nord, Andy Schumpert, Charles Schumpert, Gerald 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 June Lamplighter is May 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 May. Any article received after the 15<sup>th</sup>, will go in the July 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 April, May and June.

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

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

1	Cindy Lown Kate Puza	13	Tommy Harmon Lenny Bugay Scott Goldbar	19	Carter Jeffcoat
2	Blake Bleakley			20	Chick Roof Loc Diep Trace Britt Annalisa Sherrill
3	Lawson Shealy	14	Chelsea Giet Cara L. Kropinski Corey Young		
4	Hudson Culick		Christopher Frye Sheila Kinard Steve Hanayik	21	Kathryn Bleakley Elias Leone
5	Beth Mathias			23	George Labelle
7	Emmaline Anderson Isaac Martin	15	Julia Shreve	26	Lisa L. Schulz Bethany F. Caba
10	Alana Miller Andres Leone Pam Bleakley Lincoln Rate	16	Marvin Dooley	27	Lou Malejko Maylee Bridges
12	Will Bremer	17	Calvin Shull	31	Baylor Mims
		18	Joyce Quattlebaum Francis Davis Beth Riddle Matthew Dooley Joyce Swygert Ridge Price Melissa Price		

**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.**

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## 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

**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](mailto:missykreal100@aol.com) or Laurie Harmon at 803-530-5608 or [Isharmon58@gmail.com](mailto:Isharmon58@gmail.com) or Sylvia Wessinger at 803-331-7766 or [sylviawessinger@gmail.com](mailto: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.