



LAMPLIGHTER

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. DAVID LUTHERAN CHURCH NOVEMBER 2025

St. David  Lutheran

November 2025

Sunday, November 2—All Saints' Sunday

9:30 am—Sunday School

10:30 am—Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, November 9—Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost/Homecoming Sunday

9:30 am—Sunday School

**10:30 am—Worship with Holy Communion/
Called Congregational Meeting**

Sunday, November 16—Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am—Sunday School

10:30 am—Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, November 23—Christ the King

9:30 am—Sunday School

10:30 am—Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, November 30—First Sunday of Advent

9:30 am—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.**

This November's celebration of Homecoming will mark 180 years since St. David Lutheran Church was organized. At every church I serve, each year during this time of year I make sure to remember how momentous all of those years of history are, and my time at St. David has been no different. 180 years is a big deal because there's a rich and thick history in which many of St. David's members take pride.

When I first came to St. David, I was intimidated by that number. That's a really long time by church standards. We've had exceptional pastors and interns who have went on to do great things in the church and in the world, one of which is currently serving as this congregation's senior pastor. We've had female clergy who have helped pave the way for pastors like me. We've had musicians and lay leaders serve and love the church in good times and in bad. We've had dedicated members who have been here for a good number of those 180 years.

Now, don't get me wrong. It hasn't always been easy. I can't imagine it was a walk in the park for the church planters of 1845. I know that we've been on hilltops and in valleys when it comes to our worship attendance and our participation numbers for children's and music ministries. There have been pandemics, deaths, departures, and transitions that have shaken the core of this church.

Reformation is near the top of my favorite church celebrations. And, on Reformation Sunday, we had the privilege of confirming seven 8th and 9th graders who have been—and will continue to be—exceptional members of the congregation. From my experience in churches, there are always at least a few comments about how 50ish years ago the confirmation classes were in the triple digits. That's super cool! And, it isn't the reality of many churches in the United States anymore, for many reasons. Much of this reminiscing is a good thing, don't get me wrong! We look back with joy on a church that is still here and on a hilltop, so to speak. We get to remember how when we were younger, we did [insert cool thing] at St. David, which made you love the church and want to come back.

Reminiscing about "St. David of the past" can be a good thing, as long as we don't let it affect our present-day ministries. It's important to look back at where we started (the past 180 years), *and* it's important to look at how far we've come (where we are *now*) and forward to where we are going (dream about the next 180 years).

Dear friends, St. David is in an incredible place right now. We're building programs, and it's going really, really well. Being your associate pastor who is in charge of faith formation here, you'll often hear me talking about the amazing youth activities and programs that are being (re)built. But this isn't just about that. It's about the growing number of quilts for Lutheran World Relief that get sewn every year and are packed, shipped, and delivered around the world. It's about snack packs that get stuffed and dropped off at Oak Grove Elementary every other month. It's about the volunteers who show up at the drop of a hat to prepare and serve funeral meals. It's about the upcoming Advent and Christmas traditions anchoring us to the past while reminding us that the church is a place that's always changing.

And, what is also true is that the church changes to meet people where they are. There are lots of ways to keep the memories of St. David alive while also embracing the church as it is right now, and also while dreaming for the future of what we want St. David to be.

Two things are true: the Church might not look like it did 180 years ago, or 50 years ago, or even how it looked yesterday. *And*, it's still a great place to be. Please continue showing up, and find ways to get plugged in. If you need some help figuring out what that looks like for you, talk to me or Pastor Greg.

We've come a long way, and we still have a big horizon in front of us. And **that** is worth celebrating.

In love,

+Pastor Madison

St. David Church Council October Highlights 2025

The St. David Congregational Council met Sunday October 12, 2025, at 5:00 pm for the monthly meeting. The following items were discussed and action taken, as needed.

Committee Reports:

Learning and Education:

- Teacher appreciation will be held November 16 at 8:45 am for all Sunday school and VBS teachers.
- December 14 Children's Christmas program at 9:30 am.
- June 8 through 11, 2026: Vacation Bible School as Amanda Huber has agreed to direct.

Blood Drive: October 27 in Fellowship Hall 1:00 to 6 pm

WeCare and Quilters: WeCare gowns will be Blessed on Sunday, October 19.

Pastor Greg Brown's reports received. Preaching, Christian Education, Pastor Care, and administrative duties. Pastor Greg notes SC Synod Boundaries Training will be held at St. David October 16 in Fellowship Hall.

Pastor Madison Chelberg's report received. Preaching, Faith formation for all age groups for Sunday School, after church activities for the months of October, November and December and special activities. Confirmation is October 26 with four eight graders and three ninth graders being confirmed.

Financial report received and reviewed. See attached. Receipts are down and noted better than last month. Spending plan discussed in detail and will be presented to the congregation November 9.

Next Council Meeting November 16 at 6:00 pm.
Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

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.

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS - OPERATIONS
MONTH ENDED September 30, 2025

	ACTUAL	SPENDING PLAN	Actual Compared to Spending Plan	
RECEIPTS:				
Receipts (Includes Envelopes & Other Receipts)	\$ 414,838.95	\$ 447,784.74	-\$32,945.79	-7.4%
Transfer of Dedicated Funds	<u>9,693.78</u>	<u>0.00</u>		
Total Receipts (Includes Envelopes & Other Receipts)	<u>\$ 424,532.73</u>	<u>\$ 447,784.74</u>	-\$23,252.01	-5.2%
DISBURSEMENTS:				
ELCA & Synod Support	\$40,659.60	\$41,625.00	-\$965.40	-2.3%
Total Salaries	207,729.60	227,646.36	-\$19,916.76	-8.7%
Office/Miscellaneous	36,298.20	29,075.94	\$7,222.26	24.8%
Worshiping & Music	14,944.96	5,924.97	\$9,019.99	152.2%
Learning	5,806.55	4,612.50	\$1,194.05	25.9%
Scholarships	2,100.00	2,025.00	\$75.00	3.7%
Confirmation	4,868.04	562.50	\$4,305.54	765.4%
Youth & Family Services (CYFM)	1,340.86	5,249.97	-\$3,909.11	-74.5%
Young-At-Heart/ Tone Chimes	276.74	187.47	\$89.27	47.6%
Serving	650.00	1,425.06	-\$775.06	-54.4%
Witnessing	202.14	2,062.53	-\$1,860.39	-90.2%
Supporting	838.66	675.00	\$163.66	24.2%
Congregational Life Comm	263.88	1,125.00	-\$861.12	-76.5%
Kitchen & Cleaning Supplies	2,718.12	2,250.00	\$468.12	20.8%
Utilities	27,045.48	28,874.97	-\$1,829.49	-6.3%
Insurance	14,465.00	16,499.97	-\$2,034.97	-12.3%
Vehicle(s) Maintenance	2,939.46	1,500.03	\$1,439.43	96.0%
Maintenance of Bldg. & Equipment	17,621.60	33,750.00	-\$16,128.40	-47.8%
Service Contracts	31,478.28	26,624.97	\$4,853.31	18.2%
Landscaping	19,950.00	15,374.97	\$4,575.03	29.8%
Payroll Preparation Service	742.80	712.53	\$30.27	4.2%
Debt Payment (Principal and Interest)	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	\$0.00	0.0%
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:	<u>\$432,939.97</u>	<u>\$447,784.74</u>	-\$14,844.77	-3.3%
RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER) DISBURSEMENTS	(\$8,407.24)	<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 9/30/2025	<u><u>\$159,843.57</u></u>			

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THANK YOU

WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS, the ladies of the St. David quilt ministry wish to thank our church family for your generous donations to the quilt fund. Through your support, we are happy to report that nearly \$3000 was raised so that we may continue to benefit communities in need around the world!

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MINISTRY REPORT

MONTH ENDED September 30 2025

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DISBURSEMENTS:		
Worship & Music		
Music, altar, bulletins, supply pastor & instruments	\$ 14,944.96	
ELCA & Synod Support	\$ -	
Salaries	\$ 89,222.05	
Support expenses allocation	\$ 61,491.48	
Debt payment allocation	\$ -	
Worship & Music Sub-Total		<u>\$ 165,658.49</u>
Learning		
Education, Youth & family ministry, scholarship, VBS, etc.	\$ 14,392.19	
ELCA & Synod Support	\$ -	
Salaries	\$ 59,955.69	
Support expenses allocation	\$ 61,491.45	
Debt payment allocation	\$ -	
Learning Sub-Total		<u>\$ 135,839.33</u>
Serving		
Social ministry, ELCA missionary support, & Global missions	\$ 650.00	
ELCA & Synod Support	\$ 30,494.70	
Salaries	\$ 29,275.94	
Support expenses allocation	\$ 15,192.28	
Debt payment allocation	\$ -	
Serving Sub-Total		<u>\$ 75,612.92</u>
Witnessing		
Evangelism, Stewardship & Hispanic ministry	\$ 202.14	
ELCA & Synod Support	\$ 10,164.90	
Salaries	\$ 29,275.94	
Support expenses allocation	\$ 16,186.27	
Debt payment allocation	\$ -	
Witnessing Sub-Total		<u>\$ 55,829.25</u>
Total Disbursements		<u>\$ 432,939.97</u>
RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER) DISBURSEMENTS		\$ (8,407.24)
TRANSFER OF FUNDS - for debt principal payments		
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All Saints' Sunday

November 2, 2025



Remembering the lives of our loving saints
that passed away.

There is a book in the Narthex if you would like to list
a saint you want remembered in prayer on All Saints
Sunday.

St. David Lutheran

HOME COMING SUNDAY

St. David celebrates 180 years of ministry!
There will be a regular worship service at 10:30 am,
Followed by a potluck lunch. Meat will be provided,
But bring a side dish to share.

November 9, 2025

ALL ARE WELCOME!
There is a place for YOU here!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Sunday, November 9, immediately prior to our Sunday Worship Service, to elect five new Council members for the 2026-2028 term as well as to approve the Ministry Spending Plan for 2026. Please make plans now to be in worship for this meeting (and to celebrate Homecoming Sunday)!

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

We are now taking orders for poinsettias, which will be used to decorate the sanctuary during the Christmas season. The cost of the poinsettias will be \$16.00 each. This price includes 6.5” pot, wrap without a bow, and delivery to St. David.

Please consider placing a poinsettia in the church in honor or memory of a loved one or special person. All orders must be placed by **Thursday, November 13**. Make checks payable to St. David Lutheran Church and put them in the offering plate with this form or mail to or bring by the Church Office.

Please put information for the poinsettia below.

Please list **ONLY ONE (1)** poinsettia per sheet. (You may pick up more sheets in the Narthex.)

IN HONOR
OF _____
BY _____

and/or
IN MEMORY
OF _____
BY _____

Please include a check for \$16.00 for the poinsettia.

MISSION LEXINGTON NEEDS HOLIDAY FOODS

Mission Lexington is in need of the following donations for the holidays:

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| \$10 Gift Card for Turkey or ham | Boxed Stuffing Mix |
| Canned Sweet Potatoes and Green Beans | Boxed Cornbread Mix |
| Canned Collards or Turnips | Gravy Mix Packet |
| Canned Cranberry Sauce | Brownie Mix |

Please No Glass Jars

Please bring your donations to the red food barrels in St. David’s commons area. If you prefer to give a monetary donation to go towards the purchase of food for Mission Lexington, please make checks payable to St. David, memo: Mission Lexington

OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY IS EXPRESSED TO:

The family of Barrett Swygert in his death on September 25.

Vivian Shull and family in the death of her brother Jim Whitten in September.

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

PRAYER SHAWLS: If you like to knit or crochet and would be interested in making prayer shawls for St. David's Prayer Shawl Ministry, please contact Peggy Trump at (717) 315-0262. In addition, if you know someone who is going through a difficult time and would benefit from a shawl to bring them love, comfort, and warmth, please reach out to Peggy.

IF YOU HAVE YARN you would like to donate to the Prayer Shawl Ministry please contact Miranda DiMarco (864) 569-3238 or Peggy Trump (717) 315-0262.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS & VBS VOLUNTEERS – Are you a Sunday School Teacher and/or did you volunteer to help with VBS this past summer? The Learning Committee wants to say THANKS! On Sunday, November 16 at 8:45 am in the Conference Room, VBS volunteers and Sunday School teachers are invited for grab-and-go refreshments of donuts and coffee as a token of the Learning Committee's appreciation for all that our volunteers do for the faith formation of the congregation!

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

Over the weekend of January 23-25, gather at Lutheridge for Faith Ablaze!

Faith Ablaze is for current high school students that want to take their faith to the next level. Led by campus pastors and college students, participants will discover what their faith is like after Confirmation and how it can make a difference in the world.

In 2025, the Faith Ablaze theme is "being Extra." During this time, students will look at some of the "extra" characters from the Bible and discover how God might be calling us all to be a little more extra. Participants will be able to choose between 3 workshops led by campus pastors and have some time in small groups to talk more, led by a college aged counselor.

Youth will enjoy the beauty of Lutheridge in the winter, have freedom to choose different activities and areas of interest, and set their faith on fire through inspiring conversation.

Communicate your interest to Pastor Madison, then register by Monday, December 1st at the Lutheridge website. The cost is \$185.

Use your phone to scan the QR code to be taken to Lutheridge's website, or use this link:

[https://lutheridge.ort/fall spring programs/faith-ablaze/](https://lutheridge.ort/fall%20spring%20programs/faith-ablaze/)



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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Bread Breakers

Fall is the time of year when we begin a new year of Bread Breakers. This will be our fourth year and we would be excited to have you join us. If you are interested, please sign up after service or see Gary Dooley or anyone on the Evangelism Team.

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

Joan Smith
Room 210
Lexington, SC 29072

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
Lexington, SC 29072

NATIONAL HEALTH CARE

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

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

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WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE FOR TRANSITIONS IN COLUMBIA - The Mary Group is doing our annual warm clothing collection for our homeless neighbors. Please donate any items for cold weather you may have or want to purchase. Give items to Renee Sox or put in red basket in Commons Area. We will collect through January 2026.

Bulletin Board

FOODS FOR FOOD PANTRY

In November is Sunday, November 2, and again on December 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

Charles Schumpert (President)	Elizabeth Bickley
Nate Hendrix (Vice-President)	Chris Dooley
Lynette Brantley (Secretary)	Deana Hage
Tricia Hood (Assistant Secretary)	Jim Kinard
Drew Laughlan (Treasurer)	Robbie Ruple
Lenny Bugay (Financial Secretary)	Barry Stricklin
Carter Jeffcoat (Youth Member)	Josh Temples
	Sylvia Wessinger

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!

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 NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 2—Fetner

NOVEMBER 9—June Suite

NOVEMBER 16—

NOVEMBER 23—Dianne Jeffcoat

NOVEMBER 30—



COMMUNION GIFTS FOR NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 2—

NOVEMBER 9—

NOVEMBER 16—

NOVEMBER 23—

NOVEMBER 30—

FLOWER CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 2—Fetner

NOVEMBER 9—Richard Dillon

NOVEMBER 16—Jim & Janet Riddle

NOVEMBER 23—Chris & Amanda Huber

NOVEMBER 30—Betty McDaniel



GREETERS FOR NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 2—Linda Turner

NOVEMBER 9—The Matuszeks

NOVEMBER 16—The Gordons

NOVEMBER 23—The Matuszeks

NOVEMBER 30—Gary Dooley

NURSERY HELPERS FOR NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 2—

NOVEMBER 9—

NOVEMBER 16—

NOVEMBER 23—

NOVEMBER 30—

USHERS FOR NOVEMBER—Jim Bickley, Vince Bouronich, Lou Malejko, James Riddle, Brad Sox

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.

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

CONTACTING PASTOR MADISON

Pastor Madison may be reached by calling the Church Office during Office Hours on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday - 803-356-3035. e-mail: pastor.madison@stdavid.net

SOCIAL MEDIA

Visit Our Web Page: stdavid.net

Find / Like Us On: FACEBOOK

COUNCIL INFO & REPORTS:

Council President - Charles Schumpert

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

ATTENTION:

LAMPLIGHTER DEADLINE for the December Lamplighter is November 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 November. Any article received after the 14th, will go in the January 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 October, November, December.

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.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Terri Dooley Jamie Sox	13	Robbie Ruple, Jr.	21	Leah Price Mackinley Magni
3	Phyllis Anderson Sarah Schumpert	14	Gaynell Hubbs Thomas Dooley Brittany D. Magni	22	Mark Kyre
4	Brandon Giet	15	Kitty Lindler	23	Bridgett Schumpert Mark Lee
7	Nathan Puza Ben Boozer	16	Jackson Gray Lee Breuer	24	Leah Brown
8	John Giet	17	Shirley Alvarez	25	Benjamin Dodgen
11	Brayden Sox	18	David Davis Chris Bowers	28	Eleanor Ford Preston Hage
		20	Mary Bugay Joyce Smith	30	Larry Lown Ralph Busbee

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.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS IN NOVEMBER...

November 10 - Martin Luther 1483

November 10 - St. David Lutheran Church 1845

Advent Vesper Services

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

December 3

December 10

December 17

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HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE "MIRACLE HOUSE"? More information to become a part of the "Miracle House" will be coming soon. It will give us an opportunity to do "God's Work" here at home as we help the people in Guatamala. **STAY TUNED!**

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

NOVEMBER EVENTS

SUNDAY, November 2 - 6th & 7th Grade Confirmation, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, November 8 - Middle & High School Service Project at Mission Lexington, 12:00-

3:00 pm Meet and pick up at Mission Lexington Lexington (216 Harmon St., Lexington).

SUNDAY, November 9 - No regular youth events: St. David Homecoming Sunday

SUNDAY, November 16 - Middle & High School Game Day with Young at Heart, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, November 23 - No regular youth events: Thanksgiving break

SUNDAY, November 30 - Friendsgiving at the Bickleys' home, more details to come!

DECEMBER EVENTS

WEDNESDAYS, December 3, 10, 17 - High School San Jose night, 6:30 p.m. (*TENATIVE*)

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

SUNDAY, December 14 - No regular youth events: (Church Council)

SUNDAY, December 21 - Middle & High School Christmas Party @ Pastor Madison's 5:00-7:00

SUNDAY, December 28 - No regular youth events: (Winter Break)

JANUARY EVENTS

SUNDAY, January 4 - TBD

SUNDAY, January 11 - No regular youth events (Church Council)

SUNDAY, January 18 - 6th & 7th Grade Confirmation, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, January 25 - High School @ Lutheridge for Faith Ablaze

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.

- November 2, 2025 February 15, 2026 May 3, 2026
- December 7, 2025 March 15, 2026
- January 18, 2026 April 19, 2026

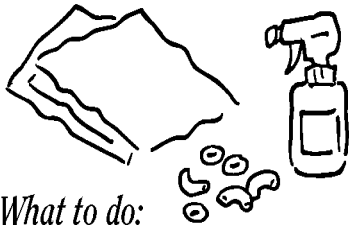
Make a

"Thankful Garland"



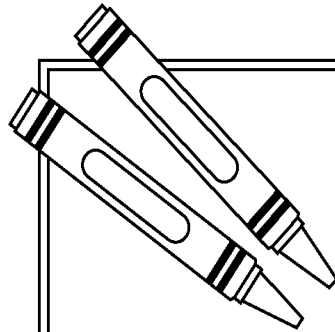
What you need:

- construction paper in a variety of fall colors
- pencil, marker or crayons
- yarn, ribbon or raffia
- scissors
- hole-punch
- spray bottle filled with water
- (optional) real leaves
- (optional) wooden or plastic beads, cereal with holes (Cheerios, Froot Loops, etc.) or any dried pasta with a hole



What to do:

1. Draw or trace leaf shapes onto construction paper.
2. Lay the construction paper sheets flat and spray the paper with water from the spray bottle until the paper is completely wet.
3. Crumple the wet paper into balls.
4. Open the crumpled paper and let the sheets dry flat.
5. When dry, cut out each leaf.
6. On each leaf, write the name of one person or one thing for which you are thankful.
7. Punch a hole in each leaf.
8. Lace the thankful leaves, beads, cereal and pasta onto the yarn, ribbon or raffia.
9. Tie the ends and hang your garland.



Just for KIDS

Here's a Story of a "Thankful Bunch."

We can rejoice and give thanks to God, just as many thankful people did in Bible times. Use the list of names to fill in the blank lines, and then use the leaf code to complete the verse.

Names: Elijah, Naaman, Hannah, paralyzed man, Jairus, Moses, Rahab, Mary & Martha



Led his people through the Red Sea.



Jericho fell, but she and her family were saved.



Her prayer was heard and she gave her son to God.



Ravens brought him food.



Cured of his leprosy, he worshiped God.



Their brother was raised from the dead.



Lowered through a roof, Jesus healed him.



Jesus brought his daughter back to life.

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"SO WE ... W _ LL G _ VE Y _ _ _ NKS F _ _ EVE _ ;
WE W _ LL S _ _ W F _ _ _ Y _ _ _ _ ISE
_ _ LL GENE _ _ _ NS." Psalm 79:13, NKJV

"SO WE ... WILL GIVE YOU THANKS FOREVER; WE WILL SHOW
FORTH YOUR PRAISE TO ALL GENERATIONS." Psalm 79:13, NKJV

Answers: Moses, Rahab, Naaman, Mary & Martha, paralyzed man, Jairus.

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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.

YOUTH MINISTRY – Call Pastor Madison at 803-3556-3035.

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.

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.

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

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

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

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