



St. Daniel's

September / October 2020

*News &
Notes*

PASTOR'S *thoughts...*

The Pastor's Thoughts,

In the book [The Godbearing Life](#) that he co-wrote with Kendra Dean, Ron Foster tells of an experience he had while sitting on a park bench one summer day eating his lunch and soaking in the surroundings. He notice a young mother weighted down with two plastic grocery bags in one hand, gently holding the fingers of her toddler daughter with the other hand as they meandered across the grass. The two-year-old methodically and somewhat awkwardly navigated the grassy terrain. They were headed in a general direction but in no particular hurry to get there as the mother allowed the little girl the freedom of controlled wandering.

From time to time, the mother would point to a tree, a bird, a flower. The little girl would stop, giggle, point, sound out a word, and then move on once more on her self-made path. Eventually they got to the other side of the park, and presumable headed to their home in the neighborhood.

This story about handholding, finger-pointing and controlled wandering comes to mind as we continue in the season of Pentecost. A time when we once again hear those familiar Gospel stories about Jesus. Stories

that can serve to remind us how God through the Holy Spirit gently holds our hand and occasionally points to new wonders during our wandering on this earth. Stories told and retold in the midst of a community of faithful people that nourish our faith.

Martin Luther in his explanation of the third article of the Apostles' Creed states that we cannot by our own understanding or effort believe in Jesus Christ, our Lord. But the Holy Spirit has called us through the Gospel, enlightened us with his gifts, and sanctified and kept us in true faith. It is the Holy Spirit that calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it united with Jesus Christ in one true faith.

Perhaps it is easy during this pandemic to wander away from those gospel stories and to be lax in our spiritual practices. To play hard-to-get with the Spirit. It is my hope that you will diligently continue to explore God's Word, to worship our Lord, and to have frequent conversations with God even as our life together is much different. May you find comfort and encouragement during your wanderings.

Blessings,
Pastor Bob

Worship Schedule

09/06 14th Sunday after Pentecost - Service of Word- Readings: Ezekiel 33:7-11, Psalm 119:33-40, Romans 13:8-14, Matthew 18:15-20

09/13 15th Sunday after Pentecost – Service of Word - Readings: Genesis 50:15-21, Psalm 103Ⓢ1-7) 8-13, Romans 14:1-12, Matthew 18:21-35

09/20 16th Sunday after Pentecost – Service of World - Readings: Jonah 3:10-4:11, Psalm 1:21-30, Philippians 1:21-30, Matthew 20:1-16

Parking Lot Communion at 11am

09/27 17th Sunday after Pentecost – Service of Word - Readings: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32, Psalm 25:1-9, Philippians 2:1-13, Matthew 21:23-32

10/04 18th Sunday after Pentecost – Service of Word- Readings: Isaiah 5:1-7, Psalm 80:7-15, Philippians 3:4b-14, Matthew 21:33-46

10/11 19th Sunday after Pentecost – Service of Word - Readings: Isaiah 25:1-9, Psalm 23, Philippians 4:1-9, Matthew 22:1-14

10/18 20th Sunday after Pentecost – Service of Word - Readings: Isaiah 45:1-7, Psalm 96:1-9 (10-13), I Thessalonians 1:1-10, Matthew 22:15-22

Parking Lot Communion at 11am

10/28 21st Sunday after Pentecost – Service of Word - Readings: Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18, Psalm 1, I Thessalonians 2:1-8, Matthew 22:34-46

Calendar of Activities

09/20

11am Parking Lot Communion
11am Helping Harvest Donations
11:30-12noon Mum Sale

09/22

2pm-7pm Blood Drive

09/27

11am Harvest Home Celebration

09/29

10-11am Women of Worth

10/10

11am-1pm Sub, Soup, & Chili Sale
11am-1pm Mum Sale

10/18

11am Parking Lot Communion
11:30-12noon Mum Sale

10/27

10-11am Women of Worth

Happy Anniversary

09/05 Michael & Susanne Zerbe

09/07 Robert & Shirley Feeg

09/10 John & Grace Schittler

09/13 Lester & Dolories Hauer Jr.

09/14 Rick & Lisa Merkel

09/17 Fred & Barbara Davis

09/19 David & Gretchen Patti

09/30 Gary Robin Miller

10/04 Jeff & Kay Schlegel

10/10 Terry & Suzanne Ellefson

10/10 Brian & Heather Schittler

10/13 Michael & Joy Kline

10/24 William & Nina Heffelfinger

10/24 Thomas & Diane Luscan

10/26 Barry & Jeannine Fry

10/27 Thomas & Eileen Ravert



09/01 Richard Labe	09/21 Dolores Hauer	10/12 Barry Lutz
09/02 Ronald Leeper	09/24 Geraldine Yoh	10/16 Robin Miller
09/04 Benjamin Moddy	09/28 Billy Jacobs	10/17 Patricia Bechtel
09/05 Brian Schittler	09/28 Mary Leeper	10/19 Sam Bright
09/07 Mark Wolfskill	09/30 Larry Achey	10/20 Sandra Riegel
09/13 Amy Bright	09/30 Benjamin Kline	10/23 Melanie Jacobs
09/13 Linda Shott	10/02 Seth Ravert	10/24 Benjamin Harakel
09/14 Charles Duffy	10/02 Tyler Ravert	10/24 Barry Wurst
09/16 Sherry Speicher	10/03 Marie Peiffer	10/26 Elsie Shartle
09/17 Amber Speicher	10/04 Roma Ulrich	10/26 Susette Yoh
09/18 Kay Schlegel	10/05 Robert Bright	10/28 Joan Grimes
09/20 Doreothy Ravert	10/07 Thelma Bright	10/30 Geoffrey Terpstra
09/21 Andrew Harakel	10/10 Gloria Dietrich	

TIDBITS



Contributing to the Church Electronically

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It is green - It is flexible.

Establish a giving account with VANCO online. Contact Church Treasurer Ron O'Brien at 610.790.5568 or kartss@verizon.net for help to enroll.

Download the free GivePlus+ app from VANCO on your smartphone. Locate the church in the 19551 zip code & establish the account.

Be sure to select St. Daniel's Lutheran Church



If you would like to volunteer as an Usher or Lector or sponsor Alter Flowers, please click on the links below

[Sponsorship for Flowers & Newsletter Sign Up 2020](#)

[Lector Sign Up 2020](#)

[Usher Sign Up 2020](#)



Joy is introducing a small group women's fellowship called "Women of Worth." This casual get together will allow us to catch up with each other & offer support, laughter & friendship. There will be a time of devotion accompanied with coffee, tea & individually wrapped donuts. **WoW** will meet from 10-11am on September 29, October 27, November 24, & December 22.

We want to keep safe and adhere to current meeting guidelines. To do this pre-registration is necessary

before each gathering. You may call the church at 610-693-5145, Joy's cell at 484-794-0451 or email her at stdanyouth@aol.com by the Friday before the gathering. Looking forward to this time where we lift each other in friendship & Christian fellowship.

Robesonia Community Church Group Blood Drive Tuesday, September 22 from 2~7 at St. Daniel's

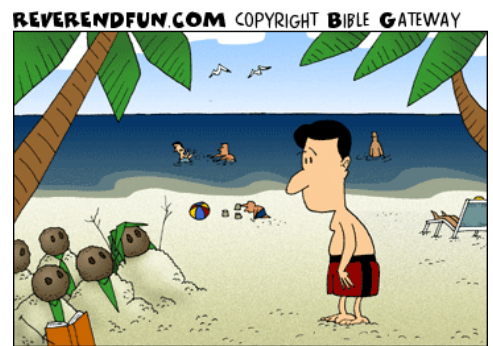


give blood, give life

If you would like to donate blood, please signup online or call/text Cheryl Moody at 484-269-6810. As Covid-19 guidelines indicate, all donors will be asked screening questions & have a temperature check prior to entering the donor room. Donor chairs will be spaced 6 feet apart & canteining will take place in the donor chairs for donor safety. All staff are masked & gloved & donors must wear masks.

The Need for Blood is Great!

Pastor Bob will be away from September 7th through the 25th, visiting family in Tennessee part of the time. He will then self-quarantine when he returns, adhering to current travel guidelines. Joy Kline will be available for spiritual care. Please contact her or the church office if you have any needs.



PASTOR HAD TROUBLE LETTING GO



We will be collecting food for Liberty Square Veterans home at the parking lot service on September 20, 2020. If you have items to donate, please inform those at the portico outside the kitchen wing when you get your Communion elements. You do not have to get out of your car – pop open the trunk, or open the door and your items will be safely removed and placed in the cart.

We are also asking for monetary donations for **HELPING HARVEST**. They provide food to many local food pantries. For a \$1.00 donation, they can buy \$20.00 worth of food from wholesalers. There will be a collection box at the portico to receive your donations. You may also put them in an envelope marked, "Helping Harvest" if you attend church, or mail your donation to St. Daniel's.



St. Daniel's Sub, Soup, & Chili Sale

October 10th from 11am-1pm

480 Big Spring Road, Robesonia

Drive Through Pick Up Only

8-inch Subs for \$4

Italian & Ham & Turkey

Quarts of Soup \$5

Chicken Noodle & Beef Vegetable

[Click Here to Pre-Order](#)

Proceeds to help with roof repair for the church & preschool.



Autumn Mum Sale

Mum's will be available for \$8 each

09/20 --- 11:30-12noon

10/10 --- 11am-1pm

10/18 ---11:30-12noon

[Click Here to Order Your Mums](#)

Fall Fest Cancellation

We love & appreciate everyone's heart & giving spirit. Unfortunately, since our beloved Fall Fest has been cancelled this year, we are unable to accept donations at this time.



HOW MANY QUILTS IN A MILE?

St. Daniel's Active Ministry committee became aware of the need for quilts for Lutheran World Relief to be distributed to people around the world in need in 2011.

The first few quilts were made by the late Corinne Eckert. Since then, many others have become engaged in this project. In October 2013, the Reading Eagle newspaper had a feature article on St. Daniel's Harvest Home display of food items & quilts.

To date, more than a mile of quilts have been sent to Lutheran World Relief for distribution from St. Daniel's. The quilting group is well on its way to their second mile.

Thank you to all who have participated in this very worthwhile project, which helps so many in need.

(Answer: 792 quilts in a mile!)

On a sad note, three containers of much needed items from Lutheran World Relief (health kits, baby kits and 22,000 quilts) were destroyed in the recent explosion in Beirut. Please pray for the people of Lebanon who are in such need of the necessities of life.

HARVEST HOME SUNDAY

Yes, we will be celebrating Harvest Home Sunday to thank God for his abundant blessings.

Food items collected at the Parking lot service on September 20 will be placed at the altar rail and almost 100 quilts will be displayed on the pews and altar rail. These items will be blessed during the worship service, which will be held in the sanctuary and live streamed on Facebook.

Food items will be taken to Liberty Square Veterans Home in Womelsdorf and quilts will be packed for Lutheran World Relief following the service.

Photos will be taken of the display and will be posted on St. Daniel's Facebook page.



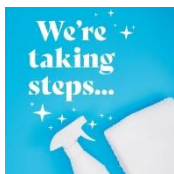
COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – JULY/AUGUST 2020

- Worship is held Sunday morning at 9:00am in the church sanctuary. It is live streamed on Facebook at that time, & can be viewed at a later time. All necessary precautions are taken in the sanctuary for a safe worship experience.
- Parking Lot Communion will be held on 09/20, 10/18, 11/15, & 12/20.
- Roof Replacement Phase 1: Steeple & Education Wing roof was replaced at a cost of \$24,659.00, paid from Capital Maintenance Fund.
- The sexton house roof was replaced at a cost of \$6,950.00, paid with rental income proceeds.
- The Western Berks Medical Clinic re-opened on 08/12/20. There is a maximum of 6 patients per night. They must remain in their car until called & then are escorted directly to the exam room.
- The Preschool plans to reopen on 09/14/20. Extensive research was done to ensure a safe environment for the students & staff. This is an ever-changing situation.
- Vacation Bible School was held on August 2, 4, 6 in conjunction with neighborhood churches. Five children attended & parents were very pleased with the program, crafts & safety precautions taken.
- Keystone Blood drive will be held at St. Daniel's on 09/22.
- Food donations for Liberty Square Veterans Home & monetary donations for Helping Harvest food bank will be collected at Parking Lot Communion on 09/20.
- Harvest Home celebration will be held on Sunday, 09/27. Food donations will be displayed along with quilts for Lutheran World Relief.
- St. Daniel's received \$32,497.00 from the Payroll Protection Program (PPP). This covered Payroll for church & preschool & most of our utilities expenses for May, June & July. We are waiting for the application to seek forgiveness for the full amount of the loan.

FINANCIAL FIGURES FOR THE 6 MONTHS ENDING June 30, 2020

General Income	\$101,758.00	2.4% under budget	Building Fund	\$20,871.00	9.2% over budget
General Expenses	\$109,644.00	6.2% under budget	Benevolence Fund	\$11,783.00	14.6% under budget

CONGRATULATIONS to **Sarina Gordon** who was awarded a \$3,000.00 scholarship from St. Daniel's Educational Opportunity Fund. Sarina has been an active participant in our church activities and also works as a server at the Phoebe Community. She will begin her studies in Early Childhood Education at RACC in the fall.



ST. DANIEL'S MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of St. Daniel's Lutheran Church is to provide a caring and joyful community shaped by the love of God in Jesus Christ committed to nurturing people's faith in God and sharing His gifts of hope and love with the world around us.
