

NEWS AND NOTES

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

- Beginning with this issue, our newsletter will be bi-monthly (every two months). Producing and printing a monthly newsletter is quite time-consuming for the office staff. It has become clear to me that a printed monthly newsletter is not enhancing our congregational communication. We no longer live in a culture that operates on a monthly cycle. News is daily, and most churches have a weekly email newsletter, or use the bulletin as a weekly printed newsletter.

WE ARE A SMALL CONGREGATION
IN A LARGE BUILDING.

In fact, we already use the bulletin that way. Events are announced there, and the printed monthly is mostly a rehash of what is in the bulletin. At some point our communication needs to become more electronic to be more efficient.

- Our **God's Abundance - Our Response** stewardship program resulted in 42 written commitments for 2019. Of those, 23 were increases over 2018, totaling \$2,650 a month, or \$31,800 for the coming year. This is an excellent result!
- At the January Council meeting, Pastor John Richter from the Northeast Pennsylvania Synod will be present to discuss St. Daniel's options for calling or contracting with the next pastor. Although the giving picture looks better for 2019, it is not sufficient to support a full time

pastor. In fact, St Daniel's was unable to support a full time pastor four years ago when the last pastor was called. As a result, the budget deficit grew every year.

- Part of the reason we have cut staff compensation is the cost of maintaining St. Daniel's property. The combined expense of building maintenance and repairs and the mortgage is about \$100,000 a year. Once the mortgage is paid off we can expect the generous giving for that to decline at the same time that the buildings will need major repairs, like roofs. In addition, about that time we will have to start paying for mowing which we currently receive for free. (The last time a quote for that work was sought, the response was about \$20,000 a year.)

We are a small congregation in a large building. That combination is only sustainable if the building produces considerable income, and/or there is a multi-million dollar endowment producing income. St Daniel's has neither of those income streams. All of these facts are background for the Council's discussion with Pastor Richter.

- **Ash Wednesday is March 6.** There will be services that day and each Wednesday in Lent. The specific plans will be announced in the next newsletter.

We are blessed to have a long Epiphany season this year to get ready for Lent and Easter. Throughout this season we will celebrate the growing revelation of Jesus as the Messiah of God, the one who brings light into our darkness.

In Christ's name,
Pastor Detweiler

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS DECEMBER 19, 2018

- A revised Job Description for Congregational Ministries Coordinator was approved, allowing for the reduction to 10 hours a week
- Officers for 2019 were elected: President, Rick Merkel; Vice President, Jim Griesemer; Secretary, Rita Henning; Treasurer, Ron O'Brien
- Approved revised St. Daniel's By-laws to be presented at the Congregational Meeting on January 27, 2019 for a vote
- Council voted to donate \$1,000.00 from the Benevolence Fund to the Conrad Weiser Food Pantry
- Fall Fest profit was \$11,346.00. 75% will be donated to the General Fund and 25% To the Preschool
- Pastor Detweiler handed out copies of the congregational constitution, by-laws, Employee Handbook and employee job descriptions to the new Council members, and described the fiduciary responsibilities of the Council as St. Daniel's Board of Directors

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



ALL COMMITTEE REPORTS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN JANUARY 14, 2019! The report needs to be completed by the office one week before the Annual Congregational Meeting which will be held January, 27, 2019. Please email all reports to stdanch@comcast.net.



IF YOU OR YOUR GROUP is requesting use of the building other than a regularly scheduled meeting, an "Internal Facility Use Request Form" must be completed and returned to the office. Upon receiving the form in the office your event will be placed on the church calendar. This must be done a minimum of one week before the event. The forms will be located on the round table in the narthex for your convenience. This will enable the doors to be set for the time of your event.

Please note: key fobs work between the hours of 7 am and 9 pm only.



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held immediately following the worship on **Sunday, January 27, 2019.**

Please plan on attending!

UPCOMING EVENTS

PEP (PEOPLE ENJOYING PEOPLE) CLUB



The monthly January PEP meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 8 at 11:00 a.m.** Our own Tyler Ravert will be treating

us to Disney song selections and Disney trivia. Bring your lunch. Dessert and beverage provided. See sign up sheet on PEP bulletin board.

The February PEP meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 5 at 11:00 a.m.** We will be playing bingo (with prizes!!) as well as enjoying lunch together. Beverage and dessert provided.

YOUTH



The youth and any interested adults are having a bowling night at Berks Lanes on **Friday, January 11 at 6:00 p.m.** We will leave the church at **5:15 pm.** The cost of **\$10 per youth and \$12 for adults** includes two hours of bowling plus pizza and beverage. See sign up sheet on youth bulletin board.

Sunday, February 10 the youth is heading to the Works at Wyomissing. We will leave from the church at **3:20 p.m.** and then you will have your choice of three different activities. You may do either the Extreme Air trampoline park, Slick Willy's Go Karts or spend time in the arcade area. St. Dan's youth will receive a price break of \$8 off the cost of their chosen activity. We will then have supper together in the restaurant after the activities. See sign up sheet on youth bulletin board for cost details and direct any questions to Joy.

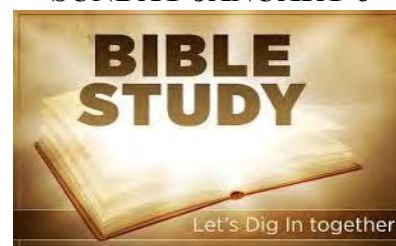
SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY FEBRUARY 3, 2019



Bring a can or two of soup for the Conrad Weiser Food Pantry. Fall Fest Committee will be having a Soup and Sandwich Sale to Benefit Disaster Relief.

TID BITS!!!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY RESUMES SUNDAY JANUARY 6



Start the New Year off in the Word as we continue the study of the Gospel of Mark! Join us at 10:15 am in the chapel...See you there.....

FALL FEST UPDATE

The profit from Fall Fest was \$11,346.00. 75% will be given to the General Fund and 25% to the Preschool.

Fall Fest Committee would like to thank the congregation for their support of Fall Fest – it couldn't take place without your help.

SAVE THE DATE FOR FALL FEST 2019
OCTOBER 12, 2019!

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY



In case of bad weather, church closings will be listed at www.wfmz.com.

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Birthdays Blessings

1/01 - Lester Hauer
 1/02 - Loretta Zechman
 1/02 - Angela Mazess
 1/03 - Matt Heffelfinger
 1/06 - Sam Thomas
 1/06 - Robin Gordon
 1/06 - Jimmy Griesemer
 1/08 - Alverta Gruber ***99 years!**
 1/08 - Laura Kissinger
 1/11 - Wesley Bahorik
 1/11 - Jean Fisher
 1/11 - Sheila Stewart
 1/14 - Thomas Wenrich
 1/17 - Lyndsay Bashore
 1/18 - Shawn Herbine
 1/18 - Clarissa Brendel
 1/19 - Phyllis Koch
 1/19 - Shirley Feeg
 1/20 - Carolyn Feeg
 1/23 - Brian Ritz
 1/24 - Brian Feeg
 1/25 - Linda Rentschler
 1/26 - Madison Geunes
 1/27 - Thomas Ravert
 1/27 - Martha Pool
 1/29 - Linda Preston
 1/30 - Frances Yoh
 1/31 - Stephanie O'Brien

2/02 - Steve Bright
 2/02 - Grant Gheer
 2/03 - Barry Fry
 2/06 - Rita Henning
 2/06 - Harold Schappell
 2/09 - John Henning
 2/10 - Donald Feeg
 2/12 - Roseann Reinhold
 2/13 - Kathleen Yarnall
 2/13 - Shayna Speicher
 2/14 - Calvin Yoh
 2/14 - Joshua Shartle
 2/19 - Kaitlyn Yoh
 2/20 - Nancy Stevens
 2/21 - Troy Hummel
 2/27 - Kaitlyn Yoder
 2/28 - Gavin Jacobs



1/01/17 - Tabitha & William Jacobs
 2/24/89 - Janell & Andy Harakel
 1/27/68 - Lori & Rod Small



Raymond Strauss died on December 13, 2018 at the age of 96. Ray was the widower of Gloria Strauss, and father of Steven Schell, Deborah Pullen, Thomas Strauss and Phyllis Hoshaur. He also had eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Ray was a U.S. Army Air Corps Veteran, serving during World War Two.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Ray's family and friends.



Dear St. Daniel's Friends,

I want to thank St. Daniel's choir for singing "Where the Roses Never Fade" in memory of my sister Elsie. It was beautiful.

I also want to thank the active ministry committee and Linda Preston for all the cards, goodies and poinsettia.

It is all very much appreciated.

Sincerely, Mary Ulrich

Carol Koehler, daughter of Rev. Carl and Johanna Adams wants to thank the congregation for the continuing prayers for Carl and Johanna as well as the visits. Both are so appreciated and the visits are highlights of the day for them.



JANUARY 2019

Children's Church will be held during worship for children ages 2 through grade 6

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i> 6:45p Bell Choir 7:30p Choir	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>6</i> 9:00a Worship 10:15a Adult Bible Study	<i>7</i> 11:00a Staff Meeting 6:30p Transition Team Meeting	<i>8</i> 8:00a Breakfast at Heidelberg 11:00a PEP Mtg. 6:30p Clinic Board Meeting 7:00p Active Ministry Mtg.	<i>9</i> 6:00p Clinic 6:00p FFT Mtg 7:00p Finance Committee Mtg.	<i>10</i> 6:45p Bell Choir 7:30p Choir	<i>11</i> 6:00p Youth Bowling at Berks Lanes (leave church at 5:15)	<i>12</i>
<i>13</i> 9:00a Worship 10:15a Adult Bible Study	<i>14</i> 11:00a Staff Meeting 5:00p Exec. Com. Meeting 7:00p Congregational Care Team Mtg.	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i> 6:00p Clinic 7:00p Council Meeting	<i>17</i> 6:45p Bell Choir 7:30p Choir	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>20</i> 9:00a Worship 10:15a Adult Bible Study	<i>21</i> Martin Luther King Jr. Day Office Closed	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i> 6:00p Clinic	<i>24</i> 6:45p Bell Choir 7:30p Choir	<i>25</i>	
<i>27</i> 9:00a Worship/ Annual Congregational Mtg. NO Adult Bible Study	<i>28</i> 11:00a Staff Meeting	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i> 6:00p Clinic	<i>31</i> 6:45p Bell Choir 7:30p Choir		

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.



FEBRUARY 2019

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>
3 9:00a Worship 10:15a Adult Bible Study Souper Bowl Sunday; Fall Fest Soup and Sandwich Sale	4 11:00a Staff Meeting 7:00p Worship, Music and Arts Meeting	5 11:00a PEP Meeting	6 6:00 Clinic 6:30p Transition Team Meeting	7 6:45p Bell Choir 7:30p Choir	8	9
10 9:00a Worship 10:15a Adult Bible Study 3:20p Leave church for Youth Event at the Works	11 11:00a Staff Meeting	12 8:00a Breakfast at Heidelberg	13 6:00p Clinic	14 6:45p Bell Choir 7:30p Choir	15	16
17 9:00a Worship 10:15a Adult Bible Study	18 President's Day Office Closed	19 6:00p Women's Clinic	20 6:00p Clinic	21 6:45p Bell Choir 7:30p Choir	22	23
24 9:00a Worship 10:15a Adult Bible Study	25 11:00a Staff Meeting	26	27 6:00p Clinic	28 6:45p Bell Choir 7:30p Choir		

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

GREETERS

1/06 - Geoff & Connie Terpstra
1/13 - John & Grace Schittler
1/20 - Lois Ranck
1/27 - Calvin Yoh

2/03 - Cheryl Moody
2/10 - Vernon & Patsy Bright
2/17 - Geoff & Connie Terpstra
2/24 - John & Grace Schittler

USHERS

1/06 - Joel Boyer, Harold Schappell
Terry Williams, Ron O'Brien
1/13 - Vernon & Patsy Bright
Dave & Sam Bright
1/20 - Randy & Kathy Yarnall
Bob Shartle, Noreen Ritz
1/27 - Jay Schmehl, Trudy Zerbe
Terry Speicher

2/03 - Bob Feeg, Merle Witzke
Pat Bechtel
2/10 - Dave & Melanie Jacobs
Steve Bright
2/17 - Calvin Yoh, Cheryl Moody
Brian Yoh
2/24 - Joel Boyer, Harold Schappell
Terry Williams, Ron O'Brien

GREETERS AND USHERS NEEDED! As we start a new year if God is directing you to a new area of service, please consider serving as a greeter or usher. Call the office for more information. 610 693 5145

FELLOWSHIP HOSTESS

Patsy Bright

CHILDREN'S CHURCH VOLUNTEERS

1/6 - Donna Boyer & Lorelei Lewis
Youth Helper – Lacey Lewis
1/13 - Huey Evangelista & Jane Coombs
Youth Helper – Gavin Jacobs
1/20 - Chrissie & Jimmy Griesemer
Youth Helper – Gavin Jacobs
1/27 - Cheryl and Charlie Moody
Youth Helper – Ben Small

2/3 - Geoff Terpstra and Pearl & Barry Wurst
Youth Helper – Enzo Plassio
2/10 - Jenny & Darryl Plassio
Youth Helper – Savannah Lewis
2/17 - Robin & Sarina Gordon
2/24 - Joy Kline & Dustin Jacobs
Youth Helper – Gavin Jacobs

FLOWERS

1/6 - Vernon & Patsy Bright; Happy New Year
Everyone
1/13 – Available
1/20 - Lester Zechman in memory of his dogs;
Buster, Ted & Eddie
1/27 – Available

2-3 - Amy & Steve Bright
2/10 - Available
2/17 - Marie Peiffer
Ann Faust
2/24 – Available

BULLETINS

Month of January – Vernon & Patsy Bright

Month of February – Amy & Steve Bright

CHARTS FOR SPONSORS for 2019 Altar Flowers, Bulletins and Newsletter & Advertising are hanging in the narthex in the Hallway leading to the Education Wing. Sponsoring is an ideal way to honor a loved one or a significant occasion.

Flowers: \$25.00 per vase; \$50.00 both vases

Bulletins: \$20.00 per week

Newsletter/Advertising: \$35.00 per week; \$140.00 per month

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¹²Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

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