



# St. Daniel's

January & February 2020

## News & Notes

### PASTOR'S *thoughts...*

<sup>17</sup> (Jesus) was given the book of Isaiah the prophet. He opened it and read,

<sup>18</sup> "The Lord's Spirit  
has come to me,  
because he has chosen me  
to tell the good news  
to the poor.

The Lord has sent me  
to announce freedom  
for prisoners,  
to give sight to the blind,  
to free everyone  
who suffers,

<sup>19</sup> and to say, 'This is the year  
the Lord has chosen.'"

<sup>20</sup> Jesus closed the book, then handed it back  
to the man in charge and sat down.  
Everyone in the meeting place looked  
straight at Jesus.

<sup>21</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "What you have  
just heard me read has come true today."

Luke 4: 17-21 CEV

**Thus** began Jesus earthly ministry. A ministry that reached out to all offering abundant life. Jesus clearly understood and demonstrated the interrelatedness between physical, mental, and spiritual health, as well as healthy relationships. Because Jesus loved the whole person, his goal was to help each person become whole and healthy.

This is also the mission of the church today. To offer healing to those who are hurting - be it physical, mental, spiritual, and relational. The noted author Albert E. Day reminds us that health is "the combination of harmonious relationships, spiritual

vitality, psychological maturity, and physical wellness."

Our church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) recognizes the need to offer healing (be it an individual or a group setting) to those who are hurting. The core of this healing is a renewal and strengthening of one's relationship with the living Christ. This healing comes through prayer, Holy Communion, laying on of hands and anointing with oil.

We are very familiar with the power of prayer and Holy Communion. Laying on of hands is a practice that can also be powerful. Human beings instinctively lay a gentle hand on one another to convey love, care and compassion. Touch is evident in healing stories in the four gospels. We read of Jesus reaching out his hand, gently touching those in need as he healed them. Within the worship service, the physical gesture of laying on of hands can be a power moment of connection with the love, care and compassion of God.

Anointing with Oil can likewise be a very meaningful healing practice. Jesus instructed the disciples to anoint with oil when they prayed for healing (Mark 6:13). The oil does not do the healing. Rather being anointed with oil reminds us of the healing presence of Christ.

The worship service here at St Daniel's on February 9<sup>th</sup> will be one that focuses on the healing and forgiveness that is available to us through Christ. It will include prayers of forgiveness for what may have been done to us and what we may have done to others in the past. Plus prayers for physical and mental suffering you may be experiencing. There will

be a time to voluntarily come forward to the altar rail to receive personal prayer from Bishop Zeiser or me; be touched by our hands; and be anointed with oil as a sign of healing and forgiveness in Christ Jesus. There will be Holy Communion where we receive the real presence of Jesus.

I invite you to come to this worship and experience the healing power that is available to us through the

great healer, Jesus. Indeed the promise we hear from the preceding passage in Luke is that Jesus has been sent to free everyone who suffers. If you cannot participate in this worship service and you wish to receive these healing resources, please contact me and we can arrange a convenient time.

Blessings,  
*Pastor Bob*

## Worship Schedule

01/05 2nd Sunday of Christmas - Word & Sacrament - Readings: Jeremiah 31-7-14; Ephesians 1:3-14, & John 1: (1-9) 10-18



01/12 Baptism of Our Lord - Word & Sacrament - Readings: Isaiah 42: 1-9; Acts 10:34-43, Matthew 3: 13-17

01/19 2nd Sunday after Epiphany – Word & Sacrament - Readings: Isaiah 49: 1-7; I Corinthians 1: 1-9; John 1:29-42

01/26 3rd Sunday after Epiphany – Word & Sacrament - Readings: Isaiah 9: 1-4; I Corinthians 1: 10-18; Matthew 4: 12-23

02/02 4th Sunday after Epiphany – Word & Sacrament - Readings: Micah 6: 1-8; I Corinthians 1: 18-31; Matthew 5: 1-12

02/09 5th Sunday after Epiphany – Word & Sacrament (Bishop Samuel Zeiser Preaching) - Readings: Isaiah 58: 1-9a(9b-12); I Corinthians 2: 1-12 (13-16); Matthew 5: 13-20

02/16 6th Sunday after Epiphany – Word & Sacrament - Readings: Deuteronomy 30-15-20; I Corinthians 3: 1-9; Matthew 5:21-37

02/23 4th Transfiguration of Our Lord – Word & Sacrament - Readings: Exodus 24: 12-18; 2 Peter 1: 16-21; Matthew 17: 1-9

02/26 Ash Wednesday - Word & Sacrament - Readings: Joel 2: 1-2 & 12-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b – 6:L10; Matthew 6: 1-6 & 16-21



1/01/17  
*Tabitha & William Jacobs*

1/27/68  
*Lori & Rod Small*

2/24/89  
*Janell & Andy Harakel*



1/01 - Lester Hauer	1/18 - Clarissa Brendel	2/06 - Rita Henning
1/02 - Loretta Zechman	1/19 - Phyllis Koch	2/06 - Harold Schappell
1/02 - Angela Mazess	1/19 - Shirley Feeg	2/09 - John Henning
1/03 - Matt Heffelfinger	1/20 - Carolyn Feeg	2/10 - Donald Feeg
1/06 - Sam Thomas	1/23 - Brian Ritz	2/12 - Roseann Reinhold
1/06 - Robin Gordon	1/24 - Brian Feeg	2/13 - Kathleen Yarnall
1/06 - Jimmy Griesemer	1/25 - Linda Rentschler	2/13 - Shayna Speicher
1/08 - Alverta Gruber	1/26 - Madison Geunes	2/14 - Calvin Yoh
1/08 - Laura Kissinger	1/27 - Thomas Ravert	2/14 - Joshua Shartle
1/11 - Wesley Baborik	1/27 - Martha Pool	2/19 - Kaithyn Yoh
1/11 - Jean Fisher	1/29 - Linda Preston	2/20 - Nancy Stevens
1/11 - Sheila Stewart	1/30 - Frances Yoh	2/21 - Troy Hummel
1/14 - Thomas Wenrich	2/02 - Steve Bright	2/27 - Kaithyn Yoder
1/17 - Lyndsay Bashore	2/02 - Grant Gheer	2/28 - Gavin Jacobs
1/18 - Shawn Herbine	2/03 - Barry Fry	



## January

5 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Worship
	10:30am	Bible Study
		Items for the Annual Report Due
6 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Fall Fest Meeting
		The Epiphany of Our Lord
		Pre-School Classes Resume
12 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Worship
	10:30am	Building a Better Church
13 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	Council Executive Meeting
	6:30pm	Visionary Team #4 – Working Together
	7:00pm	Congregation Care Team Meeting
14 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am	Breakfast at Heidelberg
15 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Council Meeting
19 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Worship
26 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Worship
	10:30am	Annual Congregational Meeting

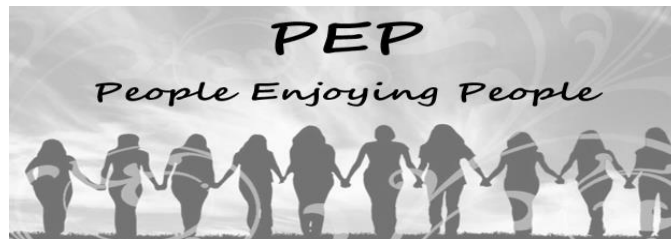
## February

2 <sup>nd</sup>	9:00am	Worship & Souper
		Bowl Sunday
3 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00pm	Worship & Music Meets
	7:00pm	Fall Fest Meeting
9 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Worship with Bishop Zeiser
11 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am	Breakfast at Heidelberg
	7:00pm	Active Social Ministry Meeting
16 <sup>th</sup>		Deadline for Newsletter Items
	9:00am	Worship
	10:30am	Bible Study
17 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	Council Executive Meeting
19 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Council Meeting
23 <sup>rd</sup>	9:00am	Worship
	10:30am	Chubby Sunday
26 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Ash Wednesday
		Worship



### **Shady Maple Breakfast**

Youth & families, on Saturday, January 11, we will head to Shady Maple for breakfast. We will leave from the church at 7:45 a.m. or you may meet us there. Regular cost for breakfast is \$12.50, but our youth will pay only \$8. Please see sign up sheet.



### **Join Us for American History at**

### **Roadside America, Shartlesville**

PEP Club will be meeting on January 20th, at 10am to carpool to Roadside America in Shartlesville (or you can meet us there) to participate in an interactive panorama of American History. Cost is \$5 for children under 12, \$8 for adults 12-64, & \$7 for seniors 65+. After the viewing, we will be stopping at the Blue Mountain Restaurant for lunch. Please see the sign up sheet on the PEP bulletin board.

### **Italian Mosaic**

Welcome our own Marlin Kerchner to our meeting on February 4th! Marlin and his wife traveled to Italy this past fall & he has beautiful photos & stories from their trip that he will share with us. Please come with your lunch at 11:00 a.m. Marlin will present his "Italian Mosaic" at 11:30. Dessert & beverage provided.

### **"Tibet, a Light in the Darkness"**

### **at the Miller Center**

The PEP club excursion will be held on Friday, February 7. We will be going to the Miller Center at RACC where we will hear a travelogue presentation with speaker & film entitled "Tibet, a Light in the Darkness." We have attended two of these programs in the past & those who went will attest that they are beautiful presentations. The cost is \$7 for adults 62+ & \$8 for everyone. We will leave from the church at 10:45 a.m. with a stop at Wyomissing Restaurant for an early lunch. You may choose to meet us at the restaurant also. Please sign up by Wednesday, January 22nd.



# TIDBITS

**THE REV KIM KENDRICK** will be the Presiding Minister on Sunday, February 2 while Pastor Bob is away. Pastor Kendrick serves as the chaplain at Bethany Children's Home in Womelsdorf, a sanctuary of protection and support since 1863. She will be available in the social hall following worship for conversation.

**A REMINDER TO ALL** who furnish reports for the Annual Report, the deadline for submissions is January 5<sup>th</sup>.



**There are no FOUR (4) types of notifications when services &/or activities are cancelled due to inclement weather**

1. WFMZ channel 69
2. An email to those on the St. Dan Weekly email
3. Facebook
4. **(NEW) A phone call to your household**

If you received the Merry Christmas phone call from the Church Staff you are on that list. If you did not receive that call but would like to be included, please **CLICK HERE.**

\*Church activities are cancelled when Conrad Weiser School District cancels activities.

## What Are Your Dreams?

### **The Growing Together Visioning Team**

Our goal is to improve St. Daniel's outreach ministries & grow in participation in our congregation. Please share with us a POSSIBILITY that you think is important for the future of St. Daniel's. You may remain anonymous. Simply pin your POSSIBILITY on the display board in the church's narthex to POSSIBILITIES. We welcome & appreciate all your ideas!



## **GOT QUESTIONS?**

The Annual Congregation Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, following worship. If you have any questions or topics that you would like to see discussed during the meeting please submit them by January 15<sup>th</sup> to Council President Rick Merkel at [rmerkel@rednersmarkets.com](mailto:rmerkel@rednersmarkets.com) or by handing them to any council person. Having this information ahead of time helps our council members be better prepared in addressing your areas of inquiry.



**[Click Here to Visit St. Daniel's FB](#)**

Check out the St Daniel's Facebook page for the many wonderful pictures & information about the Christmas celebration here at St Daniels and future events. Be sure to hit the "Like" as a thank you to Jenny Plassio & Beverly for their efforts in making this happen.

Comment, Like & Share with Family & Friends.



## Building a Better Congregation

### What is your personality color?

Is it **Cool Blue**, **Earth Green**,  
**Sunshine Yellow**, or **Fiery Red**?

These colors, based on the work of Insights Discovery, are a fun way to look at ourselves. They can help us to understand & interact with others, which builds better relationships, which builds a better & stronger congregation.

**Host:** Pastor Bob Kramer

**When:** January 12<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am-1:30pm

**Cost:** 2 cups of vegetable for beef vegetable soup  
(optional – dessert to share)

**RSVP** by **January 5<sup>th</sup>** by [CLICKING HERE](#)

*A Visioning Team #4 – Working Together Program*

## Introducing Beverly Whipple

Beverly has begun employment at St Daniel's as an Administrative Assistant as of 12/02. She is a graduate of Conrad Weiser High and has extensive experience in serving in this capacity. Beverly has been married to TJ Whipple for 24 years and they have a lovely 12 year-old daughter, Josie. She enjoys hiking, crocheting, spinning yarn, & raising angora rabbits & chickens.

Welcome Beverly!

**Offering Envelopes** are now being sent on a quarterly basis to your household. If you have not received envelopes for the first quarter of 2020 by 01/03, please let the church office or Ron O'Brien know so that corrections can be made.



## **DON'T MISS CHUBBY SUNDAY!**

I know what you are thinking,  
"What in the world is Chubby Sunday!?!"  
You know about Fasnacht Day-Fat Tuesday-Shrovetide-Mardi Gras; that day when we party for the last time before Ash Wednesday & the disciplines of Lent begin. **Well, at St Daniel's we are not waiting until Tuesday!**

We are partying on Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, following worship with a Pancake Breakfast that includes pancakes, sausage, & various breakfast drinks. There will also be an Epiphany Wheel of Fortune (we are still waiting on Vanna White to confirm her appearance).

***Let us know if you will be joining us (we want to make sure we have enough goodies for everyone!) by using the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board or by sending an email to the church office.***

You are invited to bring breakfast items (pancake mix, sausage links, pancake syrup, orange juice, butter & milk) to the church kitchen by 02/19.

Thank you to the Active Social Ministry Team for planning this event.

Jim Greisemer is looking for some cooks to join him in the kitchen. Please see him if you are interested.

## New Newsletter Format

The Newsletter has been reformatted for a few reasons. One goal was to place as much information as possible onto a sheet – thus the schedule of events is in a listed form rather than in the picture of a calendar. We also hope the information is in a visually pleasing manner that is easy to read. Thanks be to God for the gifts of Beverly that make this possible. If you have comments/suggestions, both positive and negative, please click [Newsletter Feedback](#) or contact Beverly or Pastor Bob.



**THE REV. SAMUEL ZEISER**, Bishop of the Northeast Pennsylvania Synod, will be preaching at worship on February 9<sup>th</sup>. During service, Bishop Zeiser & Pastor Bob will offer prayers & anointing of oil for healing. Bishop Zeiser will then be available in the social hall following worship for conversation.

### **JOEL & JEN MARTIN CAMPUS MISSIONARIES**

Each year the congregational budget includes funds to support missionaries. The ELCA reported that last year's missionaries have retired. It was suggested, & then the council affirmed, to sponsor missionaries who serve closer to home, Jen & Joel Martin.

Here is their introduction:

*Hi, everyone! We are Joel and Jen Martin, campus missionaries with DiscipleMakers at Lebanon Valley College and Thaddeus Stevens College. Our heartbeat and passion are to make the gospel known among the next generation of local students and students from around the world. We long to see students eager to know Christ and to make Christ known; students who are able to disciple others who disciple others. In short, we long to reach the world with the gospel by reaching the campus with the gospel.*

*Joel (me) was born in the Lancaster area but mostly raised in the Hershey area. For a time, my family attended Hershey Evangelical Free Church where I distinctly remember being led in worship by Pastor Bob (not Bob Kramer). I attended Lower Dauphin High School and Bucknell University. It was at Bucknell that I gained a passion for campus ministry. I led Bible studies as a student and saw people come to faith in Christ. I disciplined men and I saw them lead others to Christ. Personally, I concluded that there is no more rich environment for the gospel in the US than at the college campus. Students are eager to explore their beliefs and open*

*to hearing from God as they prepare for their life ahead.*

*Jen is from western Berks and went to Tulpehocken High School and Gettysburg College. Trained there as a teacher, she saw the need for students to not only know academics but to know Jesus. After graduating from Gettysburg, she joined DiscipleMakers and worked at Penn State Main Campus. That is where we met. After getting married in 2010, we moved to Easton, PA and did campus ministry at Lafayette College. As DiscipleMakers continued to grow and as more and more college students decided to join the mission, we were looking for new campuses to expand to.*

*In 2013, we arrived in Lancaster eager to see what doors God might open. The week we arrived an email was in my inbox inviting me to Lebanon Valley College to help lead a small Bible study. Since then, God has done amazing things. We have a weekly meeting with biblical teaching, worship, and community. About 40 students attend each week. We host Bible studies and training Bible studies throughout the week. We meet individually or in small groups with many of the students to disciple them in what it means to be a follower of Jesus and also one who discipled others. The fellowship at LVC continues to grow. God's kingdom is on the move in Annville.*

*Joel and Jen are the proud parents of two daughters – Jazmine and Ainsley.*





## The Fall Fest 2019 profit was \$12,000

That is great!

Of that total, 35% (\$4,200) was given to Pre-School & 65% (\$7,800) was given to the church treasury.

Donations of food, plate offerings, & Thrivent totaled \$4,600.

*A Special Thank You to all committee chairpersons who helped to plan, and made this event possible & to those members of the congregation & the "community at large" who helped to make this annual event a huge success.*

Mark your calendars for **October 10, 2020**, our next Fall Fest event.

Thank You - Blessings, Betty & Larry Bashore



**A SPECIAL THANK YOU** to the following for their extra efforts during the Advent/Christmas season...

- ❖ Marlin Kerchner, Melissa Small & all offered inspiring music
- ❖ Barry Fry for his musical leadership at the 3:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship
- ❖ Bonnie Thomas, Jan Phillips, & friends who decorated the church
- ❖ Joy Kline & all who participated in the Giving Tree Christmas
- ❖ Those who purchased Poinsettias that colored the worship space
- ❖ The Active Social Ministry Team who created gift baskets for the homebound & ill
- ❖ Beverly & Andy for their attention to the many details
- ❖ The Vespers Committee for another grand community celebration
- ❖ The Hospitality Committee for their efforts in welcoming guests.



St Paul's UCC, Robesonia, Sauerkraut Dinner on January 1, 11:00 am to 2:00pm. Pork, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, applesauce, a roll, beverage, and dessert. Adults \$12.00 each, Children (ages 6-12) \$5.00, under 6 free. Come and eat yourself full.

Frieden's Lutheran Church, Shartelsville, Beverage Bingo on January 18, doors open at 5pm, bingo starts at 6:00pm. Advance tickets \$25.00, at the door \$30.00. Contact Nicole at 610.401.1293.

Zion Lutheran Church, Womelsdorf, QPR Suicide Prevention Training. 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Co-hosted by Berks County Fire Chaplains. Presented by WellSpan Philhaven. Contact the church at 610.589.4130.



## People Providing Leadership on a Sunday Morning

### Greeters

01/05	Geoff & Connie Terpstra	02/02	Vernon & Patsy Bright
01/12	John & Grace Schittler	02/09	Cheryl Moody
01/19	Lois Rank	02/16	Geoff & Connie Terpstra
01/26	Calvin Yoh	02/23	John & Grace Schittler

### Ushers

01/05	Jay Schmehl, Trudy Zerbe, & Terry Speicher	02/02	Joel Boyer, Harold Schappell, & Terry Williams
01/12	Bob Feeg, Merle Witzke, & Pat Bechtel	02/09	Vernon & Patsy Bright and Dave & Sam Bright
01/19	Melanie Jacobs, Steve Bright, & Ron O'Brien	02/16	Randy & Kathy Yarnall, Bob Shartle & Noreen Ritz
01/26	Calvin Yoh & Cheryl Moody	02/23	Jay Schmehl, Trudy Zerbe, & Terry Speicher

### Flowers

01/05	Vernon & Patsy Bright	02/02	Steve & Amy Bright
01/12	Rick Royer (in memory of parents)	02/09	<i>No Sponsor</i>
01/19	Sam & Bonnie Thomas (in honor of daughter's, Jessica, birthday)	02/16	Marie Peiffer & Ann Faust (in memory of mothers, Harriet Meace & Mary Texter)
01/26	Cal & Frances Yoh (in memory of Corrine Eckert)	02/23	<i>No Sponsor</i>

### Bulletins

January: Vernon & Patsy Bright	February: Amy & Steve Bright
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### Newsletter & Advertising

January: Vernon & Patsy Bright	February: Amy & Steve Bright
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### Fellowship Hostess

January: Patsy Bright	February: Pearl Wurst
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### Children's Church Volunteers

01/05	Joy Kline & Dustin Jacobs	02/02	Jimmy & Chrissie Griesemer
01/12	Enzo Plassio & Donna Boyer	02/09	Charlie & Cheryl Moody
01/19	Robin & Sarina Gordon	02/16	Geoff Terpstra & Pearl Wurst
01/26	Huey Evangelista & Jane Coombs	02/23	Darrell & Jenny Plassio

### **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.

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**Let us know your preference in newsletters**  
**(electronic, paper, or both) by [CLICKING HERE!](#)**