



NEWS AND NOTES

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Easter is a season

Most people think Easter is just one day (the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox). In the church it is a whole season that stretches out over eight weeks until Pentecost. It is known liturgically as the Great Fifty Days. That includes the forty days until the Ascension of Jesus' post-resurrection appearances to his disciples, and the additional ten days during which they were to wait in Jerusalem for the gift of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.

For these eight weeks, we will continue to use the traditional Easter greeting "Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!" repeatedly in worship. This season is different from every other because it is focused on the reason we worship Jesus Christ: that God raised him from death and gives us the promise of resurrection through our baptism into Jesus' death and resurrection. So we will highlight that promise at every opportunity in our gathering for worship.

This most dramatic season of the church year will conclude with Pentecost on June 8. On that day we will recall that it is the Holy Spirit that gathers and enlivens the church, both this congregation and the church throughout the world. Hopefully we have a young person making affirmation of their baptismal faith that day. We pray for the Spirit's guidance in this transition time.

Looking toward the future

My year at St. Daniel's will conclude on June 30. It was my hope that the Council would have in place a plan for moving forward by the time I left.

Two months ago there was an opportunity to have an intern working at St. Daniel's when I leave. That intern would have been supervised by the pastors of Trinity. Then it seemed no intern would be available for St. Daniel's. The Council had to consider other alternatives. Before they could do that though, a

church member interrupted the announcement period before worship to demand a special congregational meeting. Six others (including two Council members) joined her in sending an email to the synod office asking for an "intervention." There were a few more emails to Council and the pastor, so that when an intern did become available after all, it was decided that St. Daniel's was not an appropriate setting for someone learning to become a pastor. (If the original email had gone to the Council, the result might have been quite different.)

It is clear to me that many people at St. Daniel's do not understand the role of the Council, nor do they understand our relationship to the Northeastern PA Synod. It is the Council's job to oversee the life and health of the congregation. All decisions about congregational life require the assent of the Council as a group.

The Synod is a partner through which we relate to other congregations. It is not our overseer. Council members as a group are elected to represent the congregation. The synod cannot intervene in the life of a congregation unless the Council or the pastor issues an invitation. *No member or group of members of a congregation can appeal to the synod, because only the Council as a whole represents the congregation. They are the elected representative of the congregation.* No individuals can appoint themselves to that role.

The probable result of the turmoil described above is that the transition time will be extended, perhaps by a year. I expect that another Transition Pastor will be in place soon after I leave, and the process of assessing how to move forward will begin anew. I pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit and for a spirit of cooperation at St. Daniel's.

Adult acolytes needed

With the departure of one of our young families, we now have only four youth and two adults serving as acolytes. Dustin Jacobs, our overseer of acolytes, is

asking for more volunteers. Speak to him or Terry Williams if you are interested.

Congratulations to Pastor Carl and Johanna Adams!

They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Saturday, April 18, with family and friends. The latter included one of the pastors who presided at their wedding, Pastor James Miller. (Pastor Miller was the first full time pastor of St. Daniel's, from 1957-1976.)

The Adams have been supportive and involved members of St. Daniel's for a long time, and have been an inspiration to many. God has blessed them, and blessed us through them! Congratulations on this great occasion!

In Christ,
Pastor Detweiler

HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY!!!

UPDATE ON MIND BODY SPIRIT AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

I volunteer along with members from 7 other churches; St. Paul's U.C.C., Robesonia; Community Evangelical, Sinking Spring; Tulpehocken U.C.C, Richland; Zion U.C.C, Womelsdorf; New Beginnings Charis Fellowship Church, Myerstown; Calvary Bible Church, Sinking Spring; Lebanon Area Evangelical Free Church, Jonestown. St. Daniel's volunteers also include Jen Plassio, Andy Harakel (we claim him even though he is a member at Calvary Fellowship, Sinking Spring), Joy Kline, and Brian Lewis. I must emphasize how Joy and Brian are the very fine thread, the fine GOLDEN thread, that leads the program this school year and finds us to the "MBS Club." Without them, we would not be a part of it. It is a privilege to serve with so many committed volunteers. They recently came together again on April 10 to plan our next sessions, and there was a genuine enthusiasm and willingness to offer ideas and take responsibility for the success of the program. With Joy's leadership, she is able to pull together a wide range of talents and levels of ability in organizing our efforts. This includes a number of clergy; Pastor Ben Motz, Pastor Mary Ella Nest, and Pastor Mario Madden. With her usual ease, Joy organizes Bible lessons, crafts, music, games, snacks and homework assignments for the 20 or more 3rd and 4th graders from Conrad Weiser West Elementary School. At the close of the year, a pizza supper will be held at Zion U.C.C., Womelsdorf, for students and their families. St. Daniels has previously hosted a meal, purchased Bibles used in the program, and recently contributed funds. This makes all of you a part of a very vital ministry. When you

get a chance, thank Joy and Brian for their leadership and pray for MBS, the students and their families.

Submitted by Linda Preston.

BOOK, BOTANICAL & BAKE SALE

Will be held Saturday May 11th from 9 am to 1 pm at the Robesonia Community Library, 75-A South Brook Street. Sponsored by The Friends of the Robesonia Community Library

\$5 bags start at 12 pm!



MEMORIAL REMEMBRANCE FOR THE MEN AND WOMEN OF U.S. ARMED FORCES

THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2019 6:30 P.M.

HENRY P. ROBESON MEMORIAL PARK*

A brief memorial remembrance ceremony will be held at Robesonia's Henry P. Robeson Memorial Park to honor the very special men and women of our community who gave their lives for our great nation while serving in our armed forces to protect us and the freedoms we greatly value. Everyone is encouraged to attend this ceremony to show respect and gratitude for the ultimate sacrifice these heroes made.

Children also are welcome and especially invited.

***At the intersection of Penn Avenue and Robeson Street (at the traffic signal) in Robesonia.**

Guest Speaker: Larry Graeff, local coordinator for Avenue of Flags at Fort Indiantown Gap



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

5/01 - Russell Gheer
5/04 - Rickie Royer
5/05 - Lori Small
5/05 - Christian Schlegel
5/06 - Will Patti
5/07 - Dawn Gheer
5/09 - Caleb Speicher
5/10 - Jenny Plassio
5/14 - Eileen Jacobs
5/16 - Rayell Heistand
5/17 - Richard Zerbe
5/18 - Nino Plassio
5/18 - Nathan Schittler
5/21 - Martha Speicher
5/29 - Ann Faust
5/29 - Cheryl Yoder
5/31 - Jeremy Sweigart

6/01 - Ashley Koch
6/02 - Terry Speicher
6/03 - Huey Evangelista
6/04 - Beatrice Achey
6/07 - Gary Miller
6/07 - Chad Miller
6/08 - Joel Zerbe
6/10 - Shirley Speicher
6/11 - Ann Hummel
6/13 - Merle Witzke
6.13 - Steven Ranck
6/20 - Betty Moyer
6/20 - Gretchen Patti
6/23 - Bethann Shartle
6/25 - Nina Heffelfinger
6/25 - Trudy Zerbe
6.25 - Jonathon Schlegel
6/26 - Caidyn Guenes
6/28 - Catherine Pieller
6.29 - Stephanie Merkel
6/30 - Dustin Jacobs

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

5/02/87 - Beverly & Joel Boyer
5/04/01 - Vicki & Dale Bricker
5/05/01 - Melissa & Brad Small
5/09/87 - Sherry & Scott Speicher
5/10/03 - Claudia & Wes Bahorik
5/14/83 - Donna & Dwayne Boyer
5/15/93 - Cheryl & Bryan Yoder
5/18/57 - Rita & John Henning
5/20/78 - Susan & Terry Williams
5/21/16 - Suzanne & Randy Bright
5/23/98 - Eileen & David Jacobs, Jr.
5/24/86 - Dawn & Russell Gheer

6/14/69 - Linda & Robert Preston
6/19/77 - Jan & James Phillips
6/22/91 - Robin & Robert Gordon
6/23/84 - Bethann & Robert Shartle



David O. Jacobs, Sr. died on March 16, 2019 at the age of 75. He was the husband of Melanie and the father of Williams and David, Jr. He had four grandchildren: Billy, Jennifer, Dustin and Gavin. He is survived by his brothers; James, Samuel and John and sisters; Linda Richards, Mary Humbert and Betty Coleman. He was predeceased by his siblings, Jane Moore, William, Ronald and Jane Jacobs. Dave served in the US Army during the Vietnam War.

Alverta H. Gruber died on March 15, 2019 at the age of 99. She was predeceased by her husband Paul in August 1997. She was preceded in death by two brothers and ten sisters. She is survived by her niece Geraldine Bean and Nephew Gary Mishler, and numerous other nieces and nephews.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayers for comfort to the families of David and Alverta.

TID BITS!!!



THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS RECEIVED!!!

In our last newsletter folks with Thrivent clients were encouraged to designate where they would like to see Thrivent distribute part of its charitable funds with the annual deadline being March 31.

A BIG THANK YOU to all who took the time to do this as St. Daniel's received **\$1001** which was an **increase of 9%** over last year. The Preschool also received **\$882** and the Western Berks Medical Clinic Received **\$139**.



Active Social Ministry showed a video from YouTube by Lutheran World Relief during the Lenten meal on April 3 on Quilt Making. We learned of the impact our quilts and other gifts make in the world. We label the boxes with a barcode inside and on the outside of boxes packed with our quilts. They are then taken to Ephrata and then on to Maryland to be shipped by LWR around the world. Last Fall two hundred of our quilts went to Armenia and Tanzania and we recently sent out fifty more quilts. Thank you to all our quiltknotters for serving this world wide ministry.

Submitted Susan Williams

JOIN US! FALL FEST OCTOBER 12 planning going on now; next meeting is **May 6 at 7PM**. Want to give your input--all are welcome! Also, flea market items are being accepted downstairs.



THE MOTHER/CHILD BANQUET will be held on **Saturday, May 18, at 6PM**. (the week after Mother's Day). Experience the talent of Chalk

Artist, Elva Hurst, who is scheduled to entertain us. A new menu of chicken cordon bleu and ham w/all the trimmings will be prepared by three graduates of the Culinary Institute of America. Tickets can be purchased from Patsy Bright (610-693-5366), Mary Ulrich (610-693-2046) or Joan Grimes (610-589-2041); adults \$8.00, 12 years and under \$4.00, and under 5 free. To volunteer as a server, call Larry Bashore at 610-693-6147.

ST. DAN'S YOUTH AS WELL AS FOLKS OF ALL AGES ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A TRIP TO THE LEHIGH VALLEY ZOO ON SUNDAY, MAY 19.

We will depart after the morning worship as long as the weather cooperates. St. Dan's youth will receive \$5 off the cost of the normally priced ticket of \$14.50 and parents will receive \$2 off the price. If there are children under the age of 12, the cost will be \$7.50. On the way home we will stop for supper at Dustin Jacobs favorite place, the Steak and Shake.



ALL ARE INVITED TO THE PRESCHOOL GRADUATION PROGRAM ON FRIDAY MAY 24TH AT 11:00 AM in Social Hall. Lunch is provided immediately following the program. We need **helpers in the kitchen** starting at **9 am** This is a great opportunity to meet the parents, students and for them to socialize with members.

JUNE 1. SYNOD ASSEMBLY. "Freed in Christ for a New Day." Genetti Inn and Suites in Hazleton. This is a one-day event. Registration cost for voting members will be only \$100, while visitors this year will pay \$20 (which covers the cost of the full luncheon). Any and all are encouraged to attend. Please visit the synod website at <http://nepasynod.org/event/assembly-2019> for more information and to register.

SUMMER BREAKFASTS BEGIN AT 8AM

On Sunday June 9 and will continue at least through August. Consider hosting a breakfast, preparing for approximately 30 persons. You would be providing a time of fellowship for our community of faith. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Questions can be addressed to Thelma.



CHILDREN'S CHURCH WILL CONTINUE



THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER MONTHS. Children

will be excused from worship after the prayer of the day for a bible story, craft and small snack. Joy will be

sending the summer volunteer schedule out to all of our much appreciated volunteers shortly. Materials will be provided.



2019 VBS IS COMING!

This year's dates are Sunday, June 16 to Wednesday, June 19 and the location will be at St. Paul's UCC in Robesonia. Helpers are needed and there is a sign up sheet on the youth bulletin board. The theme this year is "Roar" where we will be learning that life is sometimes wild, but God is always good. Time will be from 5:45 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Please help spread the word to children you know ages three through grade six.



OUR ANNUAL OUTING TO THE READING FIGHTINS' GAME IS MONDAY, JULY 22

where the Fightins will play the Binghampton Rumble

Ponies. We have reserved picnic tables on the pool deck. A buffet will be served from 6- 8:30 p.m. The regular ticket price is \$25 per person, but St. Daniel's youth will pay only \$15 each. Parents of St. Daniel's youth will pay \$18. All others will pay \$22 per ticket. Please see sign up sheet on youth bulletin board. Payment is due upon sign up.

PEP (PEOPLE ENJOYING PEOPLE) CLUB



THE JUNE PEP MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 4 FROM 11 -1 P.M. We will be welcoming our own Seth Ravert who will tell us about his semester spent in England this past fall. Please come out and support Seth as he shares his stories. Bring your lunch and, as usual, dessert and beverage will be provided.

THE PEP EXCURSION FOR JUNE IS PLANNED FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19. We will depart at 10:00 a.m. and head to Lebanon where we enjoy a boat ride on the old Union Canal. After our ride with a guide who will explain the history of the canal, we will stop for lunch on the way back to Robesonia. The cost for the canal boat ride is \$9 and lunch of your choosing. See sign up sheet on PEP bulletin board.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH VOLUNTEERS

- 5/5 Huey Evangelista and Jane Coombs
Youth Helper – Enzo Plassio
- 5/12 Chrissie and Jimmy Griesemer
Youth Helper – Gavin Jacobs
- 5/19 Cheryl & Charlie Moody
Youth Helper: Ben Small
- 5/26 Geoff Terpstra and Pearl & Barry Wurst
Youth Helper – Sarina Gordon

- 6/2 Jenny & Darryl Plassio
- 6/9 Robin & Sarina Gordon
- 6/16 Joy Kline and Dustin Jacobs
- 6/23 Huey Evangelista and Jane Coombs
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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

GREETERS

5/05 - Vernon & Patsy Bright
5/12 - Geoff & Connie Terpstra
5/19 - John & Grace Schittler
5/26 - Lois Ranck

6/02 - Calvin Yoh
6/09 - Cheryl Moody
6/16 - Vernon & Patsy Bright
6/23 - Geoff & Connie Terpstra
6/30 - John & Grace Schittler

USHERS

5/05 - Jay Schmehl, Trudy Zerbe
Terry Speicher
5/12 - Bob Feeg, Merle Witzke
Pat Bechtel
5/19 - Melanie Jacobs, Steve Bright
Ron O'Brien
5/26 - Calvin Yoh, Cheryl Moody
Brian Yoh

6/02 - Joel Boyer, Harold Schappell
Terry Williams
6/09 - Vernon & Patsy Bright
David & Sam Bright
6/16 - Randy & Kathy Yarnall
Bob Shartle, Noreen Ritz
6/23 - Jay Schmehl, Trudy Zerbe
Terry Speicher
6/30 - Bob Feeg, Merle Witzke
Pat Bechtel

FLOWERS

5/05 - Brian Lewis in memory of
Robert Lewis
5/12 - Bonnie & Sam Thomas in honor
of grandson Kaden
5/19 - Marie Peiffer, Ann Faust
5/26 - The Heffelfingers in memory of
Curtis Klopp and all Veterans
In Memory of William Grimes

6/02 - June Coombs and Huey Evangelista in
honor of Huey's Birthday on 6/03
6/09 - Bonnie & Sam Thomas in honor of grand-
daughter Molly Thomas and grandson
Eli Newlin
6/16 - Dave & Will Patti in honor of Gretchen's
Birthday
6/23 - Dolores Hauer in honor of Chris & Alexa's
3rd Anniversary
6/30 - Jan Phillips in honor of grandchildren

BULLETINS

5/05 - Will Patti in honor of family
5/12 - Available
5/19 - Rita & John Henning in honor of
62nd wedding anniversary
5/26 - Available

Month of June - Don & Julia Bright

NEWSLETTER & ADVERTISING

Month of May - Don & Julia Bright

Month of June - Available

FELLOWSHIP HOSTESS

To be Advised

May 2019



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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:00p Clinic	2 7:30p Choir	3	4
5 9:00a Worship 10:15a Adult Bible Study	6 Social Hall Rented 11:00a Staff Meeting 7:00p Fall Fest meeting/library	7 Social Hall Rented 11:50a PEP to leave church for BCTC 3:30p MB&S C. W. West	8 Social Hall Rented 6:00p Clinic 6:30p Transition Team Mtg. Library	9 6:00p Faith Formation Team Mtg. 7:30p Choir	10 Social Hall Rented	11
12 9:00a Worship 10:15a Adult Bible Study	13 Social Hall Rented 11:00a Staff Meeting 5:00p Exec Committee Mtg 7:00p Congregational Care Team Mtg.	14 Social Hall Rented 8:00a Breakfast at Heidelberg 3:30p MB&S C. W. West 6:30p Clinic Board Meeting 7:00p Active Ministry Mtg.	15 Social Hall Rented 6:00p Clinic 7:00p Council Mtg.	16 Social Hall Rented 6:00p FFT Meeting. 7:30p Choir	Social Hall Rented	18 6:00p Mother/Child Banquet
19 9:00a Worship Following worship Leave for Lehigh Valley Zoo 10:15a Adult Bible Study	20 11:00a Staff Meeting	21 3:30p MB&S C. W. West 6:00p Women's Clinic	22 6:00p Clinic	23 Preschool Class Picnic 6:30p Memorial Remembrance @ Henry P. Robeson Memorial Park	24 11:00a Pre K Graduation and Luncheon	25
26 9:00a Worship 10:15a Adult Bible Study	27  OFFICE CLOSED!	28 3:30p MB&S C. W. West (final session for school year)	29 6:00p Clinic	30	31	

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.

June 2019



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9 8:00a Summer Breakfasts begin 9:00a Worship Pentecost Sunday 10:15a Adult Bible Study	10 11:00a Staff Meeting 7:00p Worship, Music and Arts Meeting	11 8:00a Breakfast at Heidelberg 6:00p Women's Clinic	12 6:00p Clinic	13	14	15
16 8:00a Summer Breakfasts begin 9:00a Worship 10:15a Adult Bible Study VBS BEGINS 5:30- 8:00P /St. Paul's UCC, Robesonia	17 9:00a Deadline for Newsletter submissions for July/August edition 11:00a Staff Meeting 5:00p Exec Committee Mtg VBS 5:30- 8:00P	18 VBS 5:30-8:00P	19 10:00a PEP Excursion to Old Union Canal, Lebanon & Lunch 6:00p Clinic 7:00p Council Meeting VBS CONCLUDES 5:30-8:00P	20	21	22
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✧ WEST BERKS MISSION DISTRICT ✧

Newsletter – May 2019

The West Berks Mission District is a coalition of area Lutheran churches working together to do effective, cooperative ministry. YOU are a member of the West Berks Mission District!
The WBMD office is located in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 1015 Windsor Street, Reading PA 19604.

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WBMD Spring Assembly ~ Tuesday, May 14th at 7:00 PM

At Bern Lutheran Church

820 West Leesport Road Leesport PA 19533

Due to the late date for Ascension Day (May 30th) and the shortened to one very full-day Synod Assembly on June 1st, we have decided to forgo our combined WBMD Ascension Day Service and Spring Assembly. We will still begin our Assembly with a brief worship service but it will not be an Ascension Day service. The meeting will follow and we will hear reports on the work of our WBMD. This year we may be asked to do some specific preparation work leading up to the Synod Assembly. Bishop Zeiser is encouraging congregations **to send the same representatives to both the Mission District and Synod Assembly** so that Synod work could be started at the Mission District Assemblies if that is deemed necessary. All congregations should send their rostered ministers and 2 lay members to this meeting. Others are welcome to attend as well!



**West Berks Mission District
invites you to attend our
Bear Creek Day Camp!**

**Come meet new friends,
sing camp songs, have lotsa fun!**

**Monday - Friday June 24 - 28
from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

At **Allegheny Lutheran Church**, 1327 Alleghenyville Road, Mohnton 19540

Camp is for all children who have completed grades K – 6.

Cost is just \$35 for the week! (Scholarships available)

Check our website for registration materials or call 610-375-8303.

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Acts 2:1-4 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.



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