

NEWS AND NOTES

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

What to expect in this interim time

Last month I described my initial impressions of St Daniel's ministry and future. This month I want to write about the transition process between pastors.

That process is overseen by the Transition Pastor and the Council, with much of the

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leadership coming from a Transition Team composed of members of the congregation. That Team is Sam Thomas, Cheryl Moody, Joel Boyer, Jim Griesemer, Nina Heffelfinger, Lori Small and Huey Evangelista. They will work with me as we examine where we stand currently, how we got here, and your hopes for the future of St Daniel's.

We will take some time to reflect on the recent history of St Daniel's as well as evaluating our current organizational structure. While I am not a fan of constitutional changes during a transition, the by-laws will have to be revised because they are more specific than needed and limit our flexibility. There has been an ongoing discussion of reducing the number of committees. The Transition Team will make a recommendation to Council about that in the next few months.

Meanwhile, the Finance Committee is meeting to try to come up with a balanced budget for next year. During a transition between pastors, it is

typical that income and expense disparities that were previously overlooked come to the fore and are addressed. Congregational giving to the current fund has been declining along with the size of the congregation. (Giving to the building fund has not declined similarly.) With my arrival, St Daniel's no longer has a full time pastor. Whether or not having a full time pastor again is necessary and sensible is among the decisions the Council and congregation will have to make in this transition.

I am learning a lot about St Daniel's history, both written and oral. With a history as long as St Daniel's, it is especially intriguing to me how much the congregation has changed in my lifetime. For example, until 1957, St Daniel's shared a pastor with Trinity, Robesonia. The fire and construction of the current building 20 years later was another transformative event. It is impressive that many of the leaders of that period are still attending.

I am looking forward to walking with you through this journey of transition, and developing a vision for St Daniel's future in this new century. May God bless us in this time together!

Pastor Detweiler

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS - SEPTEMBER 19, 2018

- The Robesonia Jack Frost Parade is Nov. 4. If we are to have a float to represent St. Daniel's, help is needed. See Huey Evangelista
- A Transition Team consisting of Sam Thomas, Joel Boyer, Lori Small, Huey Evangelista, Cheryl Moody, Nina Heffelfinger, and Jim Griesemer was appointed. In addition to addressing the question "What happened?" that led to Pastor Rebecca's resignation, the Team will work on revising the committee list in the bylaws, and on plans for the future.
- The parking lot has been resealed. Many thanks to Andy Harakel for coordinating the Preschool drop-off and pick-up during this process.
- There will be a Stewardship Drive that will begin on Oct. 21, and culminate with a commitment Sunday on Nov. 11
- A nominating committee has been appointed to recruit members to serve on Council for terms beginning January 2019
- Betty Bashore was appointed to join Vernon Bright and Calvin Yoh on the Heidelberg Cemetery Board
- Council considered a request from the Finance Committee for guidance about the budget for 2019: will we try to balance it in one year? The Council recommended taking a more gradual approach.
- The preschool has a full enrollment of 36 students.
- The use of the "Remind" app that we use to send out short messages to the congregation was discussed. The Remind application is a closed and requested Communication app that allows Staff, Council and church members to communicate via email, text or both. For members to join the platform, church members can contact the church secretary and supply an email so that she can send a "Request to join" email.
- The air conditioner in the kitchen needs to be replaced. We have 19 air conditioners that are nearing the end of their useful lives.

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.



SATURDAY - OCTOBER 13
7:00am to 3:00pm

QUILT RAFFLE - 2:30pm
(Proceeds benefit St. Daniel's youth)

DID YOU KNOW THAT 1/3 OF THE FALL FEST PROFITS ARE DONATED TO OUR GENERAL FUND?

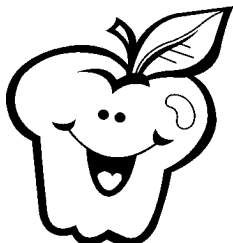
This helps each one of us, so please offer your support!
If you can't volunteer the day of Fall Fest, here's what you can do!

- Buy raffle tickets for the handmade quilt and many other prizes. Sell to friends and co-workers. Available in the narthex every Sunday!
- Place Fall Fest posters at local businesses to advertise
- Donate Flea market treasures - someone will love them! We also need canning jars
- Craft tables still available if you know someone who has crafts to sell
- Donate a silent auction basket - or make a monetary contribution
- Make chicken noodle or vegetable soup - or baked items (**especially homemade pies!**)
- Help to sort flea market items - see Huey Evangelista
- **INVITE FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO FALL FEST - OR BRING THEM ALONG!**

HELP IS NEEDED - WHEREVER YOU CAN - BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER!
IF YOU ONLY HAVE AN HOUR - WE NEED YOU - EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS!

SUPPORT FALL FEST BY COMING ON OCTOBER 13 AND ENJOYING!

- Country Breakfast served from 7:00-10:30am - New menu item - SCRAPPLE
- Flea market opens at 7:00am - Fill a bag for \$8.00 - Come early for the best bargains!
- Enjoy DJ Terry Schnitter, Adult & Teen Challenge Choir, Al Shade and daughter
- Bid on silent auction items
- Bring your children and grandchildren for the fun children's games
- Come and shop: Flea market, hand-made brooms, canned items, produce, patronize our crafters, buy food items to take home
- Buy mums and pumpkins (available after Labor Day)
- Come for lunch: soup, chili, pot pie, hamburger, French fries, hot dogs, steak sandwiches, ice cream, home-made candy, ham & turkey deli sandwich, soft pretzels, apple dumplings baked goods. **Take some home with you - no need to cook!**
- Fall Fest is held rain or shine - but prayers for nice weather are appreciated.



MAKE APPLE DUMPLINGS FOR FALL FEST! Thurs., Oct. 11

All men and women invited. We need rollers, mixers, and peelers.
Come when you can, starting at **9:00am**. Leave when you must!
See Marie Peiffer to offer your help!

OCTOBER 2018



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

Sun	Mon.	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9:00a Quilters 7:00p Worship Committee Mtg/Chapel	2 10:00a WBSM "New Volunteer Training/Trinit y 11:00a-1:00p PEP Club 3:30p MB&S, Conrad Weiser West	3 6:00p Clinic 7:00p Finance Committee/ Grades 3 & 4 Classroom	4 6:45p Bell Choir 7:30p Choir	5	6 CCT Fall Trainin g 9:00a- 1:00p
7 9:00a Worship* 10:15p Adult Bible Study "Social Hall Rented"	8 9:00a Quilters 11:00a Staff Meeting 5:00p Fall Fest Soup Making 7:00p Fall Fest Meeting	9 8:00a Breakfast at Heidelberg 3:30p MB&S, Conrad Weiser West	10 1:30p Endo Clinic 6:00p Clinic 6:00p Faith For- mation Team Meeting/ Joy's Office	11 7:30a Apple Dumpling Making 9:00a Fall Fest Set Up 6:45p Bell Choir 7:30p Choir	12 8:00a Fall Fest Preparation	13 7:00a-3:00p Fall Fest
14 9:00a Worship* NO ADULT BIBLE STUDY 4:00p Leave church for Reading Royals	15 9:00a Quilters 11:00a Staff Meeting 6:00p Exec. Committee Meeting 6:30p Transition Team Meeting	16 3:30pMB&S, Conrad Weiser West 6:00pWomen's Clinic	17 6:00p Clinic 7:00p Church Council Meeting	18 6:45p Bell Choir 7:30p Choir	19 8:30a PEP Outing /Leave Church for American Treasure Tour Museum	20
21 9:00a Worship* 10:15a Adult Bible Study	22 9:00a Quilters 11:00a Staff Meeting	23 10:00a Clinic Meeting/Library 3:30p MB&S, Conrad Weiser West	24 1:30p Endo Clinic 6:00p Clinic	25 6:45p Bell Choir 7:30p Choir	26	27
28 9:00a Worship* 10:15a Adult Bible Study	29 9:00a Quilters 11:00a Staff Meeting	30 3:30p MB&S, Conrad Weiser West 5:30 Family Promise at Trinity	31 6:00p Clinic			

Youth News

October 2018

Thanks to all who helped make chili and cookies for Fall Fest. I am always so grateful to have as many hands as possible for this project. Since all youth benefit from Fall Fest proceeds by not paying full price for any of our outings, your help is very important.

Speaking of Fall Fest, as you know by now, the date this year is Saturday, October 13. Youth are in charge of games and crafts again. We are hoping for good weather as this year we will set up outside at the front of the church. If it rains, we will be inside at our usual spot. Games and crafts will run from 9 – 2. Youth helpers will receive a free burger and drink. You will also get to decorate a cookie for free!! Please sign up even it's only for an hour or two. Parents, I also need your help manning a stand

for a few hours. This would be greatly appreciated since you also benefit from reduced costs at youth outings. Let Joy know when you are able to help that day. Sign up sheet is on youth bulletin board. Thank you!!

Our youth event for October will be St. Dan's night at the Reading Royals ice hockey game on Sunday, October 14. The game begins at 5:00 p.m. and it is Philadelphia Eagles Legends night with special guests Vince Papale and Bill Bergey. Youth, parents and other youth of all ages are invited. Youth will pay \$8, parents of youth \$10 and all others \$17. Youth will also get a free drink. Please sign up by Sunday, October 7 at the latest so that reservations may be made.



**PEP CLUB
(PEOPLE ENJOYING PEOPLE)**

Tuesday, Oct. 2 - 11:00am – 1:00pm

Mike Kline will show photos and share his mountain climbing experiences from Mount Rainier, Kilimanjaro and the European Alps. Come at 11:00am with your lunch, dessert and beverage will be provided.
Please sign sign up sheet.

Friday, Oct. 19 - 8:30am - American Treasure Tour Museum in Oaks. We will take a tram ride through the museum where there are so many things to look at, you won't be able to take it all in. Cost is \$12.50 for ages 65+ and \$15.00 for others. Reservations along with cash payment or check made out to St. Daniel's is due by **Friday, Oct. 5.** On the way home we will stop for lunch. See Joy with any questions and to make your payment. Sign up sheet is on PEP bulletin board.

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PURCHASED
CORN & POTATOES**

A special **Thank You** to Andy and Janell Harakel who put hours of hot work into growing, tending and harvesting the garden bounty. If by chance you took some of the wonderful veggies, but did not have cash with you that day, please give your money to Joy ASAP as she must mail the proceeds to West Berks Mission District for the Crop Walk. Thank you!



MUMS & PUMPKINS

Available for sale to benefit our Youth programs!



**WESTERN BERKS FREE
MEDICAL CLINIC**

The clinic is selling 25 % off shopping passes for *Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Event* on Tues., Oct. 16. The shopping pass may be used at any Boscov's location on Oct. 16. ONLY. It includes a chance to register to win additional prizes plus free refreshments. Passes are \$5.00 each and can be purchased after church from Cheryl Moody, Lori Small or Bonnie Thomas, or during the week from Stacie Dreibelbis in the Clinic office. All proceeds go directly to the Clinic. Checks can be made payable to "Western Berks Free Medical Clinic, Inc."
Thank you for your support.

**WESTERN BERKS SHEPHERDING
MINISTRY**

Tuesday, Oct. 2 - 10:00am
Trinity Lutheran, Robesonia

NEW Volunteer Training will be given for anyone interested in becoming a driver. If you have one morning or afternoon a month, this is a much needed ministry for those who cannot drive to get to doctor's visits.

Call #484-294-7394 or email westernberksshepherding@gmail.com for questions or to sign up.

FRIENDLY REMINDER!

PLEASE SUBMIT all bulletin and Power point information for the coming week's bulletin to the church office by Tuesday.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

**The church office is open
Monday to Thursday from
9:00am to 2:00pm**



10/02 - William Jacobs
10/02 - Tyler Ravert
10/02 - Seth Ravert
10/03 - Marie Peiffer
10/04 - Roma Ulrich
10/05 - Robert Bright
10/06 - Rebecca Shocket
10/07 - Rachel Stump ***101 years***
10/07 - Thelma Bright
10/10 - Gloria Dietrich
10/10 - Rachel Zerbe
10/12 - James Stevens
10/12 - Barry Lutz
10/16 - Robin Miller
10/17 - Patricia Bechtel
10/20 - Sandra Riegel
10/20 - Dorothy Hocker
10/23 - Melanie Jacobs
10/23 - Leo Omerzo
10/24 - Barry Wurst
10/24 - Benjamin Harakel
10/25 - Beatrice Achey
10/26 - Elsie Shartle
10/26 - Suzette Yoh
10/28 - Joan Grimes
10/28 - Kirsten Kissinger
10/28 - Alex Gordon
10/29 - Jan Phillips
10/30 - Geoff Terpstra
10/30 - Lindsey Quirits



10/04/80 - Kay & Jeff Schlegel
10/04/03 - Kirsten & Harry Kissinger
10/05/96 - Nancy & James Stevens
10/08/55 - Elsie & Robert Shartle
10/10/98 - Suzanne & Terry Ellefson
10/10/09 - Heather & Brian Schittler
10/12/68 - Sheila & Walter Stewart
1/012/85 - Susan & James Griesemer
1/013/85 - Joy & Michael Kline
10/24/81 - Nina & Bill Heffelfinger
10/24/87 - Trudy & Richard Zerbe
10/24/09 - Diane & Thomas Luscan
10/26/85 - Jeannine & Barry Fry
10/27/84 - Eileen & Thomas Ravert



**ST. DANIEL'S ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS VESPER SERVICE**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23
4:00 pm**

**Conrad Weiser HS Auditorium
Pre-service music by
Bell Choir – 3:40pm**

**CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR
WERNERSVILLE STATE HOSPITAL**



Many clients at the hospital have no support from friends or family. Our gifts are enjoyed by those for whom Christmas is just another day. They are so grateful for our gifts. We will be collecting the following gifts: lipstick, shampoo, deodorant, coin purses (men's and women's), hairbrushes, baseball caps, winter hats, gloves, slipper socks, adult coloring books and word search books (no staples allowed), alarm clocks and wrist watches.

Thank you for your early Christmas spirit!
**All gifts must be received no later than
Sunday, Nov. 4.**

Gifts may be placed on the table in the
narthex after Fall Fest weekend.

**UPDATE ON THE JOHNSON-AGIRI
FAMILY**

Father, Tola, received his work authorization permit and a job at Dekka Battery, third shift. His goal is to work quality control, which was his background and training in Nigeria. Many thanks to St. Daniel's members who have contributed \$2,400. Through the West Berks Mission District. The family's asylum hearing is Dec. 11, 2018. They are so grateful and humbled by the love and support found in the community and thank you for your prayers.

Thank You!

To St. Daniel's Congregation,

Thank you so much very much for the abundance of sympathy cards and wishes in the recent loss of our mother and grandmother, Elizabeth Schoener, and my Uncle, Mark Klopp.

The outpouring of kind thoughts in our double loss has helped us all and we are truly grateful.

Nina, Bill, Matt and Brit Heffelfinger

Dear St. Daniel's family,

We send our heartfelt thanks to everyone for all the prayers and beautiful cards, offers of help and good wishes we received during John's illness and hospitalization. To know your thoughts and prayers were with us was a great comfort during a difficult time.

God has answered our prayers and John is on the way to recovery.

Thank you from the bottom of our Hearts.

God Bless, Rita & John Henning

THANK YOU to everyone who helped decorate our chancel, providing artistic talent, time and effort to enhance our worship on Harvest Home Sunday. Thanks to all who provided food for the pantry and to those who delivered it. Thanks to the quilt makers and sewing room helpers who completed more than 150 quilts for Lutheran World Relief, which are sent to countries in need throughout the world.

THANK YOU to the following people who brought joy to clients at Wernersville Hospital at our Bingo party: Gloria Dietrich, Mary Catherine Leeper, Ann Faust, Pat Bechtel, Linda Preston and Sue Williams.

Thank you to our members who contributed game prizes which were joyfully received.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Greeters

- 10/07 - Vernon & Patsy Bright
- 10/14 - Geoff & Connie Terpstra
- 10/21 - John & Grace Schittler
- 10/28 - Lois Ranck

Ushers

- 10/07 Vernon & Patsy Bright
Randy & Kathy Yarnall
- 10/14 Bob Shartle, Elsie Shartle
Noreen Ritz
- 10/21 Jay Schmehl, Trudy Zerbe
Terry Speicher
- 10/28 Bob Feeg, Pat Bechtel
Merle Witzke

Fellowship Hostess

Month of October - Trudy Zerbe

Children's Church Volunteers

- 10/7 Cheryl & Charlie Moody
Youth Helper – Ben Small
- 10/14 Pearl & Barry Wurst and
Geoff Terpstra
Youth Helper – Enzo Plassio
- 10/21 Robin & Sarina Gordon
Youth Helper – Gavin Jacobs
- 10/28 Jenny & Darryl Plassio
Youth Helper – Lacey Lewis

SPONSORS

Flowers

- 10/07 - Frances & Calvin Yoh in memory
of Corinne Eckert
- 10/14 - Brian Lewis in memory of Helen
Lewis
- 10/21 - In honor of Diane & Tom Luscan's
Anniversary by their family
Bob & Thelma Bright
- 10/28 - In honor of Eileen & Tom Ravert's
Anniversary
In honor of Joan Grimes' Birthday
by Family – children, grandchildren
and Great-grandchildren

Bulletins

- 10/07 - Brian & Suzette Yoh in memory of
Aaron
- 10/14 - Bob & Thelma Bright
- 10/21 - Bob & Thelma Bright
- 10/28 - Bob & Thelma Bright

Newsletter & Advertising

- 10/07 - Rick Royer in memory of parents
- 10/14 - Thelma & Bob Bright
- 10/21 - Thelma & Bob Bright
- 10/28 - Thelma & Bob Bright

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