

The Angel

St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church

310 Main St.

P O Box 187

Saxonburg, PA 16056

www.stlks.com

April/May 2018



**Church Council
Meeting**

May 14, 2018

6:30 pm

St. Luke's

Vision Statement

Guided by the Holy Spirit
to share God's loving
grace through disci-
ple-ship; strengthening faith
through the Word, family,
fellowship and
giving.

2007 Council Retreat

Worship Times

8:15

9:30

10:45

**Communion on 1st, 3rd
and 5th Sundays**

9:30 Sunday School

Office Hours

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| Monday | 9-3 |
| Tuesday | 9-3 |
| Wednesday | 9-3 |
| Thursday | 9-3 |

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GARDENER'S PARADISE AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, May 19th

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Centennial Hall
310 W. Main Street
Saxonburg, PA

Pancake Breakfast From 8 am to noon

DIG THIS...

High Quality Hanging
Baskets for sale from
Saxony Gardens and
Stone Mill Greenhouses

- Bedding Plants
- Sewing Ministry Sales

2 large pancakes
3 sausage links
In season fruit cup
Beverages
Suggested Donation:
\$7 Adults

Pastor's Page

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

² a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

⁵ a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

⁶ a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to throw away; (**Ecclesiastes 3:1-2; 5-6**)

On April 7, I was honored to have co-presided, with the Rev. Doug Dorsey from Saxonburg Memorial, over the marriage ceremony of Bob and Carol Kaltenhauser at Haven 3 chapel. Every wedding is special to me and an honor to celebrate, but this one is especially remarkable because they are in an unusual, rare, like a foot of snow falling in Saxonburg in April, season of life to get married. Bob is 86 years old and Carol is 89! Yes, and Carol teases she is robbing the cradle!

As many of their friends are winding things down, Bob and Carol are revving up! While there are good reasons to tie the knot, this wonderful couple has said that at the heart of their decision to marry is their faith, hope and love in Jesus Christ! Christian marriage cannot be based upon human experience or knowledge, but rather is based on faith and hope in God that keeps alive Christ-like love!

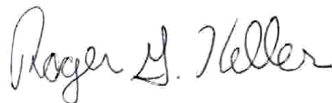
I once heard someone say that marriage is God's classroom where everyone who tries it learns the lessons of love! And if you've been married, I bet you agree no truer words have been spoken about marriage!

Bob and Carol by their faith and hope in God's love have made a commitment, vows of a life-long marriage and they have shown all who know them the gospel truth that every season of life is the right time to live in Christ-like love! Love is for all seasons of life, like the *Borning Cry* hymn reminds us—it is from the beginning of life through to the final closing of our eyes. Because Jesus is risen from the dead, love is for every season of life. Whether we are dancing or mourning, or maybe even cruising the seven seas as Bob and Carol will soon do for their honeymoon, or when the day comes when one of them will shut their weary eyes for the last time....God will be there with the final surprise of perfect love forever!

Thanks to Bob and Carol for the timely Easter season message that because Jesus lives every season of life is a time for loving one another. God bless Bob and Carol and may God's grace always keep them at peace through Christ-like love today, tomorrow and forever!

Christ is Risen, Alleluia!

Pastor Keller



God's Love at Work Highlights for St. Luke's: March 2018

This month in ministry we held a service at Elmcroft and Saxony and the church was Open for Prayer. Parents Morning Out spreads God's Word and love to preschoolers. The Sunday School children celebrated the resurrection of Jesus with an egg hunt on Easter. Pastor Keller led four college students on spring break to Texas to help with Hurricane Disaster Relief. Matthew Geppert visited and took blankets again for his ministries. Fifty-three people received soup on Maundy Thursday with a visit and we celebrated our Boy and Girl Scouts on Scout Sunday.

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| Income received | 21,677 | YTD income received | 56,062 |
| Income needed | 19,782 | YTD income needed | 59,376 |
| Surplus | 1,885 | We still need | 3,314 |

Thank You

Dear Friends,

Jim and I would like thank all of you for the beautiful get well card that was sent during his hospitalization. It brightened up his day and put a smile on his face knowing he was being thought of.

We both would like to thank you so very much for all the love, support and many, many prayers that were prayed. Every prayer was heard and many answered. God is great!

It's been a long, rough journey the past 5 years but a journey that God was with us and along the way many blessings happened.

Jeannine, thanks again for visiting Jim at the hospital. You truly have been a good friend to me and have helped me, knowing how much you care and always keeping in touch to see how we both are. I am so blessed to call you my friend.

God Bless! Jim and Cindy Bearrow

Dear Pastor Keller, Micah, Isaac, Bill and Trace!

Thanks so much for all the work ya'll did in response to H. Harvey! We are sure your work had a lasting impact on Israel and his family. Thanks again for carrying out God's work and sharing His love! God Bless You All! Michael and Pat

Dear St. Luke's

Many thanks to all those who prepared the delicious soup delivered to us on Maundy Thursday. Also, a special thanks to the delivery people. We enjoyed it and appreciate you thinking of us.

Herb and Ruth Richards

Many thanks to our wonderful church family: the cards, the food, the prayer shawls, the hugs, the kind words, the wonderful music at the funeral.

With love, Katie Patterson

You've touched my heart.

Pastor Keller and Dave!

Thank you so much for all your hard work with the disaster response at Cherri's house and Richmond! We appreciate your servant hearts and giving hands. Families are that much closer to some semblance of normal. Take care and God Bless you both!

Michael and Pat Diltrich

(NALC coordinators in Rosenberg, TX)

Dear Pastor Keller

and Everyone at St. Luke's,

Thank you very much for the gift of the lovely candle as well as the beautiful card. Such a surprise! I will treasure both forever.

Sincerely, Erika Schuelke

Thank you St. Luke's Parish for the beautiful lap blankets you made special for our elderly patients. Your thoughtfulness is deeply appreciated and the patients love the colors, warmth and comfort! Thanks again for your kindness.

Sincerely, Elaine Detman,

Putting together a funeral meal is a labor of love and it takes many dedicated hands to make light work. I want to thank the men and women who helped in anyway with the Rinebolt (March 15) and Patterson (March 27) funeral meals. The support given me and the love showed to these families were very gratifying and very much appreciated.

In His Service, Judy Gundlach

I want to thank all the church people for all the get well cards and birthday cards for Jim and especially all the prayers for Jim and I. I thank the church for the good soup they delivered to us. Many Thanks, Helen McLafferty

More Thank yous!

What a wonderful surprise on Maundy Thursday when Bob and I were treated to a wonderful soup meal for dinner. This was our first time, and it couldn't have come at a better time. God is good. Thanks, too, to Stephanie and David for delivering our meal.

In Christian Love, Donna and Bob Shipe

Dear St. Luke's Family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful hydrangea and daffodil given to me on my birthday which landed on Maundy Thursday this year. It is a beautiful addition to my home and brightened up my Easter!

In God's Love, Christina Savannah

A special thank you to all the St. Luke's members who made the palm cross, delicious chicken soup and delivered them to me on Maundy Thursday. God Bless Everyone! With my love, Pearl Parnell

Dear Friends, How beautiful a day can be when kindness touches it. Thank you for the delicious supper brought right to my door and all the visits from church friends. I express my love to you all. Audrey Gerlach

Many thanks for the delivery of the soup meal and the large print book of Portals of Prayer. Many blessings for your work at St. Luke's. Sincerely, Edna Weckerly

St. Luke's Memorials

Memorial money was given to St. Luke's

In Memory of Jay Rinebolt (March 10, 2018)

Valerie Kennedy
Paul and Patricia Wick
South Butler Retired Teachers
Carol and Gary Hines
Marge Reuning
Herbert, Rowland and Grabic
Carolyn and Larry Szebalskie
Marlene and Al Lacanic
Donald and Carol Zmick

Gary and Theresa Landini
March and Rob Agostinelli
Doug and Linda Roth
J. Carter Tackett
Richard and Betty Roberts
Doris Herceg
Mary Jane Limbacher
Guy and Evelyn Maurer

In Memory of Tom Patterson (March 22, 2018)

Donna and Bob Shipe



Benevolence

Two new ministries are being highlighted in April and May as recipients of St. Luke's benevolence funds.



**Lutherans
For Life**

Lutherans for Life - April

Lutherans for Life began in 1976 when a group of people met to explore common concerns about human life issues. The pan-Lutheran group was officially incorporated in 1979. Its mission is to equip Lutherans to be gospel-motivated voices for upholding the sanctity of human life as all people are created by God in His image.

Lutherans for Life believe that the church is compelled by God's Word to speak and act on behalf of those who are vulnerable and defenseless. The ministry calls for compassionate action and to foster life-affirming alternatives for those facing difficult situations. The grassroots organization desires to help others live out their faith according to God's will and seeks to share Jesus through teaching, caring and serving. The ministry has a network of chapters and state affiliates and has an array of educational resources.



Adult & Teen Challenge
Pennsylvania

Adult and Teen Challenge - May

Pennsylvania Adult & Teen Challenge is a faith-based ministry that specializes in support for those recovering from substance abuse issues. The faith-based recovery program is committed to rekindling hope, renewing life and restoring families by reaching out to people struggling with drug/alcohol addiction and withdrawal.

There are short-term and long-term programs for comprehensive addiction treatment. A holistic approach features aspects of health including biological, psychological, sociological and spiritual components. The ministry is nationally accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF).

The ministry was started in 1958 when Rev. David Wilkerson traveled to New York City to intercede in a court case involving gang members. It turned into an opportunity to share the gospel message. Teen Challenge was created as a ministry reaching out to gangs and people trapped in addictive lifestyles.

There are ministry centers for adults and teenagers throughout the United States and overseas. There is a residential center in Cheswick. The national office is located in Springfield, MO.

Lenten Commitment

Hurricane Relief Campaign Ends

The seven-month hurricane relief campaign ended Easter Sunday with hope instilled in many Hurricane Harvey victims as St. Luke's members carried out God's work and shared His love with servant hearts and giving hands.

The drive started in September with Rally Day, two fall festivals, supplies and materials collected in November, educational activities, direct donations, Souper Bowl and Lenten coin boxes, and two hands-on mission trips in January and March. Funds raised went toward providing direct relief to victims of the hurricanes through NALC Disaster Relief.

Materials and cleaning supplies were collected and then taken to the NALC Mission District meeting in November for direct transport to the affected region. Boots were on the ground twice with St. Luke's direct involvement. Hurricane relief was given by an 11-member mission team from the Mid-Northeast Mission District of the NALC. People from three states, including Pastor Keller and David McRandal, went to an area outside Rosenberg Texas in late January. The mission was led by Peace Lutheran Church of Rosenberg. A Disaster Relief Center is located on the campus and a parsonage was used to host groups. In March, church council authorized disaster relief funds for a five-member team to go to the NALC site. In addition to Pastor,

the team included college students Micah Keller, Trace Trempus, Bill Sweeney and Isaac Harbison.

Their experiences were shared in sermons and personal testimony during worship services and in the Angel. Photos of the mission trip can be found on stlks.com. Thank you letters from Michael and Pat Diltrich, the Rosenberg NALC coordinators, can be found on page 3 of this newsletter. The letters were written on behalf of the families who were served during those weeks.

Domestic Disaster Relief (DDR) funds and hurricane relief funds were put to good use in the NALC Disaster relief efforts. The Domestic Disaster Relief ministry has existed for more than five years. Donated funds have been given directly to areas that are affected by disasters. DDR has been supported by direct donations and by St. Luke's monthly benevolence. DDR is not on the 2018 benevolence list. At this time, there is less than \$100 remaining in the account. Please consider helping us raise additional funds to assist in future disaster efforts. Checks may be made out to St. Luke's and put Domestic Disaster Relief on the memo line.



College Care



Final Exams are quickly approaching for our college students. The high school youth have thoughtfully packed care packages full of inspiration and humor to bless them during this stressful time. If you would like to help defer the cost of this special ministry, please mark your donation “College Care Packages” and place in the offering.

Our College Students are:

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| Alice Gordon | Vanessa McRandal | Katie Hartzell | Amy Steedle |
| Micah Keller | Alyssa Logan | Trace Trempus | Katie Drennen |
| Callie Drennen | Lisa Hay | David Gallagher | Jenna Plutyk |
| Maddie Crytzer | Noah Steiner | Kelly Amadee | Mary Zellhart |
| Natalie Savannah | Addis Crouch | Mikayla Crouch | Maliea Lynch |

HIGH SCHOOL GRADS:

NOELLE STEEDLE

KENNETH MILLER

Butler County Community College: Robotics Technology



Our High School Graduates will be honored at the worship service on June 11th and be presented with a personalized NIV Life Application Study Bible. Congratulations and best wishes to all our graduates. May God be with you in everything you do.

Fellowship of Christian Stewardship



A two-part series covering the Business Leadership and Work Ethic module will be held on May 20 and June 3 during the Sunday school hour in the Youth Room.

Taking responsibility for how we treat others in our roles as a student, employee, manager, entrepreneur or employer is important. Jesus himself becomes the model of success and what he taught, “whoever wants to be the first must be last of all and servant of all.” (Mark 9:35). The May 20 program is titled “The Word in the Workplace.”

Summer is also right around the corner. Are you ready to look for a summer job? Not sure where to start? Then come June 3 to “Beat the Heat with a Cool Summer Job - Sizzling Marketing Strategies and Hot Tips.” Learn how to get your working permit, complete applications, do well in interviews, and figure out the best job options for you.

At St. Luke's

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|  | | Donna Erb | 4/13 | Hannah Volchko | 4/26 |
| | | Linda Heade | 4/14 | Karin Schaffer | 4/28 |
| | | Dylan Plutyk | 4/14 | Kelly Shoaf | 4/30 |
| | | Kelly Weston | 4/14 |  | |
| | | Chris Lunn | 4/15 | | |
| | | Ian Lark | 4/16 | | |
| | | Lucas Goldinger | 4/17 | | |
| | | Sandra Sweesy | 4/21 | | |
| | | Eric Edler | 4/22 | | |
| | | Stefanie Fennell | 4/22 | David & Ethel Kristofic | 4/3 |
| Kerrin Hay | 4/1 | Margaret Nelson | 4/22 | Carl & Grace Bracken | 4/18 |
| Jason Perkins | 4/1 | Barb Reuning | 4/22 | Bob & Theresa Bicker | 4/22 |
| Tom Gallagher | 4/3 | Kamryn Burtner | 4/25 | John & Ruth Markwell | 4/27 |
| Lindsay Cehily | 4/5 | David Gallagher | 4/25 | | |
| Matt Christoforetti | 4/6 | Bob Buss | 4/26 | <h1>April</h1> | |
| Jacob Cushey | 4/6 | Ross Strohmeyer | 4/26 | | |
| Charlie Bice | 4/7 | | | | |
| Rebecca Boyd | 4/9 | | | | |
| Alice Gordon | 4/9 | | | | |
| Rachel Steiner | 4/9 | | | | |
| Audrey Lott | 4/10 | | | | |
| Gayle Gundlach | 4/11 | | | | |
| Jean Parsons | 4/12 | | | | |

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|  | | Kelly Amadee | 5/16 |  | |
| | | John Gundlach | 5/16 | | |
| | | Amy Witenski | 5/20 | | |
| | | Frances Fennell | 5/21 | | |
| | | Gabriella Markwell | 5/21 | | |
| Leroy Renfrew | 5/1 | Adrienne Natili | 5/23 | James and Audrey Lott | 5/1 |
| Lisa Ryder | 5/1 | Richard Beatty | 5/26 | David & Kathy McRandal | 5/1 |
| David E. Hay | 5/4 | Linda Cehily | 5/26 | Kevin & Tracey Lark | 5/10 |
| Shirley Kobert | 5/4 | Michael Cehily | 5/26 | Jim & Helen McLafferty | 5/14 |
| Barbara Schneidmiller | 5/5 | Nicholas Begeman | 5/30 | Seth & Lindsay Burtner | 5/18 |
| Amy Steedle | 5/6 | Carol Neubert | 5/30 | Leroy & Delores Renfrew | 5/19 |
| John Steedle | 5/6 | Liz Gordon | 5/31 | Jason & Lynn Fox | 5/22 |
| Amy Montag-Smith | 5/9 | | | John and Kelly Weston | 5/22 |
| Violet Wetzel | 5/9 | | | Bob and Nita King | 5/24 |
| Jinelle Yohe | 5/11 | | | Allen & Jean Knappenberger | 5/26 |
| Ed Boyd | 5/13 | | | | |
| Cindy Hay | 5/13 | | | | |
| Georgetta Burk | 5/15 | | | | |

May

Choir Notes

Dear Pastor Keller, Church Council and all the members of St. Luke's Church,

After careful thought and consideration, I have decided to resign from my position as Office Manager and Music Director with St. Luke's Lutheran Church effective June 4, 2018.

The past 13 years have been a wonderful journey into the world of church music that I am glad I took the time and effort to pursue. I am at the point in my life that I want to step back and take some time to spend with family and be free to travel.

I wish you, St. Luke's, the best of luck in the future.

God Bless You All,

Christina Savannah



PARISH PRAYER NOTES:

THOSE MEMBERS UNABLE TO REGULARLY WORSHIP WITH US :

Fred Crux, Room 17, 223 Pittsburgh Street, Saxonburg, PA 16056 (friend)

Ruth Cypher, 411 Riverside Drive, #607, Freeport, PA 16229

Eleanor Hanna, 615 North Pike Road, Cabot, PA 16023

Allen Knappenberger, 134 Marwood Road, Cabot, PA 16023

Jean Knappenberger, 931 Route 910, Cheswick, PA 15024

Peg Mann, 134 Marwood Road, Cabot, PA 16023

John Nuti, 121 Deer Creek Road, Saxonburg, PA 16056

Delores Renfrew, 315 Knoch Road, Saxonburg, PA 16056

Herb Richards, 130 Edgewood Drive, Sarver, PA 16055

Fran Setzenfand, 223 Pittsburgh Street, Saxonburg, PA 16056

Barbara Schneidmiller, 134 Marwood Road, Cabot, PA 16023

If you are aware of someone in the hospital or in need of pastoral care, please call the church office and let us know.

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WE HAVE LIFTED IN PRAYER DURING MARCH AND APRIL:

OUR PRAYERS, JOYS, CARES AND CONCERNS

Praise and Thanksgiving: For so many answered prayers, for Jim Bearrow's successful hospitalization, the marriage of Carol Oliver and Bob Kaltenhauser on April 6th, for Garrett Weston's first communion on Maundy Thursday, for the birth of Hadley Ruth Volchko (daughter of Jodi and Mike Volchko/sister of Hailey and Hannah), Amy Holbein (successful surgery), Maundy Thursday Soup delivery to 53 people.

Cares/Concerns:

Baby Marek Wabazewski (hospital), Jim Fonner (cancer),

Bruce Wiegand (cancer/chemo), Jim McLafferty (rehab), Mark Feller (cancer), Fred Fritch (esophageal cancer), Georgiana Jones (Summit pastor's wife/cancer),

Mary Byers (irregular blood pressure), Christian Foertsch (brain cancer), Jackie Bice (recovering from macular eye surgery), Elizabeth Kranik (health issues), Krissie (mental illness), Pearl Parnell (recovering at home), Aiden, Rachel (Lang) Meissner (cancer treatment), Jim Riemer (Jeff Hartzell's uncle/stroke), Carol Zitzman (Peggy Crawford's sister), Dan Wible (shoulder surgery), Peg Mann, Rose Schuring, South Butler School strike, Pastor Storm (skin cancer), John Daum (cancer/Parkinsons), Nathan Olczak,

Amy Holben (successful surgery), Rosemarie Grossman (internal bleeding), Chris Ecola (Meniere's disease), Rosemarie Grossman (recovering at home), Georgetta Burk (stomach issues), Ellen Dodge (hip replacement), Lauren, Carla

Bereaved: for the family and friends of Mary Hawn, Darlene Beatty (Bob Shipe's niece), Jay Rinebolt, Rose Meadows, Evelyn Longdon (Kelly Weston's aunt), Janice McKeever (Judy Gundlach's aunt), Tom Patterson, Arthur Sagi (Tavia Lynch's father)



Thursday, May 3rd, 2018

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Outreach/Evangelism



Open for Prayer
April 23 and May 29 (Tues)
6:00 to 8:00

St. Luke's Sanctuary is
Open for Prayer the 4th Monday of
every month. Stop by and pray in the
quiet of the sanctuary.



Saxony Health Center Worship Service
April 8th and May 13th
2:00 pm
All are welcome to come!



The monthly service will be held in the Alzheimer's Unit of Elmcroft and St. Luke's ministry groups are being asked to help with the service. This is your chance to serve and love the community. Many residents respond to old favorite hymns, and would welcome fellowship. They would appreciate assistance turning pages and offering encouragement. **The group for April is Adult Sunday School.** The service starts at 2 p.m. on April 1st and will be 30-45 minutes in length. **The group for May is Church staff on May 6.** For additional information, see Jeannine Sanford.



2018 Centennial Hall
Quilt Show

September 8 & 9

(During the Festival of the Arts)

Pick up your entry form from the church office, Marge, Doris or any member of Pieceful Patchers Quilt Guild.



June 29-30

Clean out and donate!
We are taking donations for our annual yard sale now. You can donate items or you can buy a table at the sale. Contact Gayle Gundlach for more information at 724-352-4205.

Summer Church Camp 2018!



Sending your child to Church Camp gives him/her the gift of God's love and care while teaching them to grow in their faith. Camperships are available for up to \$200 per camping week for any Christian camp you are attending. All members of St.

Luke's and their friends are eligible for camperships due to a generous donation to ensure that camp is affordable to all. If your child is signed up for camp, just submit your registration form showing the dates, camp name and amount of deposit. You can e-mail it to the church office or drop it off. Confirmation students are eligible for an additional \$100.00 from the youth fund.

Community Lenten Services Held in March

The weather for the Community Lenten Service and Luncheon on March 21st was once again not in our favor. Even though it was cold, windy and 5-8" of snow, our ladies still came through with the food and help needed for the luncheons. Our turnout was low but they came with appetites. We had food left to share. We sent sandwiches, salads and desserts to the families and workers in hospice at Concordia. Food was given to homebound family and friends. Extra cookies were used on Palm Sunday. The youth went skiing the next day so Pastor took food for their lunch. It was all put to good use and none was wasted. My sincere thanks to each and everyone of you for your food donation, help and most of all braving the weather. Sincerely, Judy Gundlach

Fellowship Life



April 11, 2018—Lunch at the Fieldhouse on Rt. 356. Sign up in the Koinonia Café.
May 9th we'll be meeting for lunch at the Saxonburg Hotel.



Come Join in Prayer
Every Tuesday at 12:30
Fellowship Hall (church basement)
Come early for lunch at 12:00
(Bring your own or order out)



St. Luke's Sewing Ministry meets in Fellowship Hall (church basement).

April 12 and 26 at 10:30
May 10 and 24 at 10:30



“Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice”

A Martin Luther Hymn Festival

**Sunday, April 29, 2018
7 pm**

**Heinz Chapel,
University of Pittsburgh**

All are invited to celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation through Luther's hymns and music.

Maundy Thursday Soup Ministry

Soup warms the tummy, heart and soul! St. Luke's members delivered 53 soups and shared God's love on Maundy Thursday with homebound members and others in the Saxonburg-Sarver community.

Delicious soup was prepared by Al Kobert, Doris Herceg, Kelly Weston, Amanda Jockel and Cindy Bearrow. Driving teams were the Weston family, Richard and Sue Beatty, Kathy and Dave McRandal, Marge Kollinger and grandsons, Noah and Jake, Amy Montag-Smith, Kerri Hay, Eli Keller and Abby, Dave and Stephanie Fennell. Additional food donations were provided by Audrey Lott. Thank you also to kitchen set-up, preparation and clean-up crews: the Weston family, Al, Cindy, Amanda, Lisa Ryder and Bill Gordon. A meal was shared with the Weston family for Garrett's first communion, drivers and others who attended before service. Palm crosses were made by the Edder family. More than 100 crosses and palm branches were shared with soup deliveries, Saxony Health Center and Elmcroft residents, and during visits to the homebound, hospital and nursing homes. Thank you for being a part of God's soup army sharing the love of Jesus with others in this traditional long-standing ministry that is very appreciated by those who are visited.



THE STORY

A condensed chronological version of the Bible, **The Story**, will be studied and meditated upon across the congregation with the expectation that by looking to God's story we will discover our story! By making a commitment to getting into the Bible, we will discover how God is at work in the world and in our lives to bring healing, hope and love for our times.

| Dates: 2018 | Bible Reading | Gospel Reading | The Story Chapter |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| April 8 | Mark 16: 9-20 | John 20:19-23 | |
| April 15 | 1 John 1: 1-8 | Luke 24: 36-49 | |
| April 22 | Acts 1: 6-11 | John 14: 16-20 | 28 – New Beginnings |
| April 29 | Acts 2 | | 28 – New Beginnings |
| May 6 | Acts 13: 42-49 | Matthew 22: 34-40 | 29 – Paul's Mission |
| May 13 | Ephesians 3: 14-21 | Matthew 19: 28-30 | 30 – Paul's Final Days |
| May 20 | Ezekiel 37: 1-14, Psalm 139: 1-12 | Acts 2: 1-21 John 15: 26-27, 16: 4b-15 | Pentecost |
| May 27 | Isaiah 6: 1-8 Psalm 29 | Acts 2: 14a, 22-36 John 3: 1-17 | Holy Trinity |
| June 3 | Revelation 22:17-21 | Luke 24:44-53 | 31 – The End of Time |
| June 10 | | | The Story Wrap Up |

Some of the ways we will be going through **The Story**, rather than the regular Lectionary, include:

- ◇ Every church member will have the invitation to take home a copy of **The Story**
(donations will be accepted)
- ◇ Every Sunday's sermon
- ◇ A daily reading plan to take home
- ◇ Two adult Sunday school classes will use **The Story**
- ◇ The Children's curriculum and the High School will use **The Story**



Special Mother's Day Flower Basket Sale

Following worship at all services

Mother's Day, May 13, 2018

All flowers are donated by Saxony Gardens

All baskets \$20 and 100% goes to the Cincinnati Mission Trip

Christian Education

Vacation Bible School

Polar Blast

July 23-26

Registration now available
online at stlks.com and in this
newsletter.



We are collecting clear plastic jugs for a project
during VBS. See Mandy Jockel to donate.

Cincinnati Youthworks High School Mission Trip

June 16th – 23rd



To Register:

Must have finished 8th grade in 2018 since this site is limited to High School students

\$50.00 deposit due to Church Office to hold your spot! Don't miss out!!

Final payment amount will be determined after fundraising

Questions should be directed to Kelly Weston (724-991-2767 / kellweston@zoominternet.net) or
Pastor Keller (724-713-0549 / prkeller@consolidated.net)

Bring Your Tablet or Notebook to Church



You can download the bulletin and/or announcements onto
your tablet, notebook or phone and bring it to church to save
on paper. Just go to our website, stlks.com, and click on the
"Info Center" tab to find the latest bulletin and
announcement sheet. You can access "ST Lukes Guest" with
the password **stlukes310**.



Confirmation

June 3, 2018 is Confirmation Sunday for:

Krystle Ann Ekas Baptized January 22, 2012

Adre Jean Anderson Baptized April 12, 2016

Confirmation at St. Luke's is a public profession of faith prepared for by a two-year careful instruction during the Sunday School hour. Confirmation, or the student's "affirmation of baptism," is a mature and public reaffirmation of the faith which "marks the completion of the congregation's program of confirmation ministry."

Students reaching this Christian milestone are presented with a necklace of a Sterling silver Luther Rose as an emblem of their Christian faith. The Luther Seal or Rose is a widely recognized symbol for Lutheranism. The seal that was designed for Martin Luther was seen as an expression of his theology and faith and is made up of 5 parts. First, there is a black cross in the middle of a red heart. This reminds us that we believe with our heart that Jesus loves us! Even though there is a black cross on the heart and we know that Jesus died on a cross for us, the heart stays colorful and alive. God is the creator and care-taker of all life. The heart lies on a white rose like a soft blanket reminding us that our faith gives us joy, peace and comfort. The rose should be white because white is the color of angels. Blue is the color of the sky and reminds us of heaven. It is also the color of hope, all the wonderful things God has promised us. The Gold Ring represents one of the most precious metals in all the earth. God loves each one of us as if we were the most precious thing in all the world. When we look at the ring there is no beginning or end to it just like God's love for the world that will last forever and never end.



The students are also presented with red boutonnieres to be worn to celebrate the Spirit and remind them of the blood of Christ shed for them.

After confirmation, these students move on to the Senior High Sunday School program and become voting members of the congregation.

A luncheon will be served during the Social Hour following the worship service with family and congregation invited. Please sign up in the narthex.

May God bless the students as they walk with the Lord throughout their lives.

Explore Ark Encounter and Creation Museum

Williamstown & Petersburg, KY

Also Tour of Cincinnati and the Newport Aquarium

September 24-26

This tour also includes a Riverboat Dinner Cruise on the Ohio River. Lodging will be in a hotel along the boardwalk in Newport on the Levee. It will be a quick visit to the Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky area.

The Ark Encounter is a “one of a kind” historically themed timber-framed attraction in the world. It was built to the specifications as God gave them to Noah and recorded in the Bible. The building is 510 feet long, 85 feet wide and 51 feet high. It stretches more than one and a half football fields in length and taller than a four-story house. It took several years to construct and was dedicated July 6, 2016. The Ark is really three exhibits in one. Three decks are full of state-of-the-art exhibits that will amaze and inspire you to think differently about the biblical account of Noah’s Ark. You will want to go back another time to see more.

The Creation Museum, another state-of-the-art structure, a sister exhibit to the Ark, is located near the Cincinnati Airport at Petersburg, KY. This will be a self-guided tour to venture through biblical history, stunning exhibits, botanical gardens, planetarium, life-size animatronics and other striking displays. Travel back to creation and witness God’s redemptive plan throughout history. There are many things to do while there. Perhaps you will be lucky enough to have time to attend a special featured presentation.

In addition to visiting the Ark Encounter and the Creation Museum, you will get acquainted with the Cincinnati and northern Kentucky areas with a “See the Sights” Step-on Guided Tour. This will include a stop at the Robert Dafford murals. You will check-in at the Comfort Suites Riverfront in Newport for a two-night stay. After checking in at your hotel, it will be time to relax on a boat with Victorian décor and romantic Riverboat-era charm. It will be a 2 ½ hour BB Riverboat Dinner Cruise down the Ohio River.

Wednesday morning, before leaving Newport for home, you will stop at the world famous Newport Aquarium where thousands of animals from around the world are showcased in a million gallons of water. A stingray touch pool opened in May 2017. You can have an up-close experience with sharks, walk across the Shark Bridge, and get a glimpse of shark ray pups.

Registration forms will be available in the church office next week. Check with Pastor or Chris for prices and to get your registration.

This event is a fundraiser for St. Luke’s Youth Ministries.

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