

The Angel

St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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April/May 2019



**Church Council
Meeting**

May 13, 2019

6:30 pm

St. Luke's

Vision Statement

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

Worship Times

8:15 & 10:45

9:30 Sunday School

Communion

10:45 - 1st & 3rd Sunday

8:15 - 2nd & 4th Sunday

Both - 5th Sunday

Office Hours

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

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Thankful for the past. Focused for the future.

St. Luke's 150 Year Celebration kicked off on April 28th with the return of Pastor Dan Yeiser and a celebration luncheon.

The celebration year will continue on May 19th with an Organ and Windows Celebration at both the 8:15 and 10:45 services.

Pop into the church on June 20th during the Mingle on Main (5:00 - 8:00 pm) for a Stained Glass Tour and a medley played on the organ. The tour of our stained glass windows will be led by Pastor Keller. He will share the Gospel by using the stories from Jesus' life depicted in our windows.

Mark your calendars for July 28th. St Luke's will be having a 150 Year Celebration Picnic. There will be one service at 9:45 am with celebration picnic to follow.

Pastor's Page

Dear Members and Friends of St. Luke's,

Mascots usually offer inspiration out of their special qualities. A little bit of fun motivation for us.

Usually mascots are predatory animals, Falcons, Eagles or Lions, Tigers and Bears. How about the Freeport Yellow Jackets? Other times mascots are tireless, sinister characters, like Pirates, Vikings or Raiders. They often are those with pure muscle or embody strength like the Patriots or the Steelers, the honorable Chiefs or the honorable Knoch Knights? And of course, don't forget the mascots of natural forces, like San Diego Chargers, the Butler Tornados or who can mess with the power of Mars—the Fightin' Planet!?

But we Christians have the lamb as our mascot, a gentle lamb...a lamb who is no predator at all, but only preyed upon. The fight of the Lamb of God is won by giving up himself for the sake of others. If the lamb carrying the flag of victory is our mascot then it means that we are the kind of people who fight the fight of love, regarding others and putting them before ourselves.



When you do the most ordinary everyday activities in love for others, you are doing God's work, the work of the coming kingdom of God. Jesus made this clear in the gathering with his disciples when he washed their feet, a most ordinary task done by the lowest ranking servant. He said, "I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you." (John 13:15).

Contemplate this old English prayer,
"Lord of all pots and pans and things
make me a saint by getting meals
and washing up the plates."

It is simple. Jesus loves us so we can love others. Our ordinary activities done in love and faith is God's work. Our giving is part of God's extraordinary work of saving the world from sin, evil and death. Look for the simple ways to express your love and enjoy it because the act of giving/serving/loving that you offer is a little bit of heaven on earth.

Yours in Christ, PK

Roger G. Keller

God's Love at Work Highlights for St. Luke's: April 2019

This month in ministry we held services at Elmcroft and The Orchard and the church was Open for Prayer. The Sunday School children celebrated the resurrection of Jesus with an egg hunt on Easter. Fifty-four people received soup on Maundy Thursday with a visit. We celebrated the kick off of our 150th year with a special sermon by Pastor Daniel Yeiser.

Income received	21,111	YTD income received	65,180
Income needed	19,320	YTD income needed	77,279
Surplus	1,791	We still need	12,099

Benevolence

Two second-year ministries are being highlighted in April and May as recipients of St. Luke's mission support funds.

Lutherans for Life - April



Lutherans
For Life

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.

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:

Vanessa McRandal
Maliea Lynch
Noah Steiner
Addis Crouch

Natalie Savannah
Ken Miller
Cade Solito
Noelle Steedle

Alice Gordon
Amy Steedle
Alyssa Logan
Jenna Plutyk

Katie Hartzell
Steven Boltz
Trace Trempus

HIGH SCHOOL GRADS:

PAYNE CROUCH
ADAM HARTZELL
MIHKAYLA PERKINS
AUTUMN TREMPUS

ALEX EDDER
ELI KELLER
RACHEL STEINER
ABBY FIELDS (Nursery Leader)



Our High School Graduates will be honored at the worship service on June 9th 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



Are you ready to look for that summer job? Not sure where to start? Jeannine Sanford will meet with any senior youth seeking employment, individually or in a small group setting. Learn how to get your working permit, complete applications, do well in interviews, stand out in a professional resume, and figure out the best job options for you. If interested, contact Jeannine at 724-594-5533 by May 26th.

At St. Luke's



April BIRTHDAYS



Kerrin Hay	4/1
Jason Perkins	4/1
Tom Gallagher	4/3
Lindsay Cehily	4/5
Matt Christoforetti	4/6
Jacob Cushey	4/6
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
Donna Erb	4/13
Linda Heade	4/14

Dylan Plutyk	4/14
Kelly Weston	4/14
Chris Lunn	4/15
Ian Lark	4/16
Lucas Goldinger	4/17
Robert Fern, Jr.	4/18
Sandra Sweesy	4/21
Eric Edler	4/22
Stefanie Fennell	4/22
Margaret Nelson	4/22
Barb Reuning	4/22
Kamryn Burtner	4/25
David Gallagher	4/25
Bob Buss	4/26
Ross Strohmeyer	4/26
Hannah Volchko	4/26
Karin Schaffer	4/28
Kelly Shoaf	4/30



David & Ethel Kristofic	4/3
Carl & Grace Bracken	4/18
Bob & Theresa Bicker	4/22
John & Ruth Markwell	4/27



Leroy Renfrew	5/1
Lisa Ryder	5/1
David E. Hay	5/4
Shirley Kobert	5/4
Barbara Schneidmiller	5/5
Amy Steedle	5/6
John Steedle	5/6
Amy Montag-Smith	5/9
Violet Wetzel	5/9
Ed Boyd	5/13
Cindy Hay	5/13
Georgetta Burk	5/15

Kelly Amadee	5/16
John Gundlach	5/16
Amy Witenksi	5/20
Frances Fennell	5/21
Gabriella Markwell	5/21
Adrienne Natili	5/23
Richard Beatty	5/26
Linda Cehily	5/26
Michael Cehily	5/26
Carol Neubert	5/30
Liz Gordon	5/31



James and Audrey Lott	5/1
David & Kathy McRandal	5/1
Kevin & Tracey Lark	5/10
Jim & Helen McLafferty	5/14
Seth & Lindsay Burtner	5/18
Jason & Lynn Fox	5/22
John and Kelly Weston	5/22
Bob and Nita King	5/24
Carl & Donna Bowman	5/27

PARISH PRAYER NOTES:

THOSE MEMBERS UNABLE TO REGULARLY WORSHIP WITH US :

Georgetta Burk, 211 Murray Dr., Valencia, PA 16059

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

Ruth Cypher, 223 Pittsburgh Street, Room 33, Saxonburg, PA 16056

Margo Frederick, Elmcroft, 100 Bella Court, Room 313, Saxonburg, PA 16056

Audrey Gerlach, 402 Aderhold Rd, Saxonburg, PA 16056

Allen Knappenberger, 134 Marwood Road, Room 1940, Cabot, PA 16023

Jim McLafferty, 134 Marwood Road, Room 2254, Cabot, PA 16023

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

Herb Richards, 130 Edgewood Drive, Sarver, PA 16055

Pearl Parnell, 330 High Street, Saxonburg, PA 16056

Barbara Schneidmiller, 134 Marwood Road, Cabot, PA 16023

Ned Ziegler, 129 Dingel Road, West Sunbury, PA 16061 (associate member)

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 APRIL:

OUR PRAYERS, JOYS, CARES AND CONCERNS

Praise and Thanksgiving: for answered prayers (Elva Weston's return home, Meg Rigg's, Jim Bearrows, David Fugh, improvement), for Kelly Hay & Brian Wentzel's engagement, for the shared Community Lenten worship and fellowship meals, for weather/sunshine, our First Communicants, those who honored the Lord with their time and talents to beautify God's church and campus, for all who have given their time, talent, and treasure to make our Palm Sunday and Easter worship meaningful and our sanctuary a beautiful tribute to the Lord, for the 150th Anniversary kick off celebration and everyone who worked to make it such a joyful event

Cares/Concerns: Adrienne Schoemaker, Alexandra Yankovich (Stephanie Fennell's cousin), Audrey Gerlach (recovering Lund), Bill Gordon (vertigo), Brenda (moving), Chris Eddy (cancer), Colleen Kristofferson (Kerri Hay's aunt/needs a lung), Cristie Crytzer (recovery), Crosby (18 mo boy/ sick since Jan without diagnosis), Dale Arthurs (pacemaker), David Fugh (spinal fusion/re-hospitalized), Debbie Huffman (immune disorder), Debby Bartley (hip replacement), Diana (breast cancer), Don Grubbs (cancer), Doris Herceg (vertebrae/leg pain), Ellen Magoc (fall/21 head staples), Gail Schmidt (jaundice), Gary Bachman, Gary Cooper (liver failure/needs donor), Georgiana Jones (brain cancer), Jackie Bice, Jacob Cushey (ankle injury), Jim Bearrow, Jim Crawford (heart cath), Kerri Hay, Kinsley (brain cysts), Kristen Brant (chemo), Kristen Eyler (thyroid biopsy), Lew Lee (cancer), Lisa Butler (cancer), Luke Posey, Marge Reinhart, Meg Riggs (hospital), Mike Cehily (hospice), Nathan Olczak, Paul Kollinger, Peggy (tumor pituitary gland), Ray Hoffman (surgery), Ron Roush (legs), Sandy McWilliams (colon surgery), Taressa (surgery), Tracy Taylor, Wayne Booth

Bereaved: for family and friends of Joyce Ciani, Fran Setzenfand, John Christman, Marty, Dean Renwick, Jim Fonner, Marcie Peaco, Ralph Bachman, Jennifer Voiner, Eleanor Hanna, Richard Rhoades, Mary Jo Burd, June Gibino

Outreach/Evangelism



**Open for Prayer
May 28 (Tues) and June 24
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.**

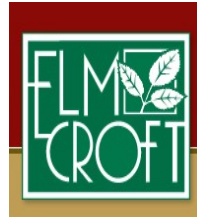


The Orchards at Saxonburg
(formerly Saxony Health Center)

Worship Service

May 12 and June 9 at 2:00 pm

All are welcome to come!



Two monthly services will be held one in the Alzheimer's Unit and the other in the main residential area of Elmcroft. 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 first service is at 2 p.m. in the Alzheimer's Unit and second is at 3 p.m. in the main residential area, on June 2nd. Each service is approximately 30-45 minutes in length. For additional information, see Jeannine Sanford.

Summer Church Camp 2019!



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.



June 28-29

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.

Fellowship Life



Join the St. Luke's Stars on June 12th for their Summer Picnic. Sign up in the Koinonia Café or contact the church office (724-352-2333)

St. Luke's Sewing Ministry meets in Fellowship Hall (church basement) at 10:00 on the following dates:



- May 9 and 23
- June 6 and 20

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)

Maundy Thursday Soup Ministry

Soup warms the tummy, heart and soul! St. Luke's soup army delivered 54 soups and shared God's love on Maundy Thursday with homebound members and others in the Saxonburg-Sarver community. Thank you and extended appreciation to all of you who made soup, delivered the goodies, made palm crosses, set up and cleaned up. A meal was shared with drivers and others who attended before service. More than 100 crosses and palm branches were shared with soup deliveries, the Orchards at Saxony and Elmcroft residents, and during visits to the homebound, hospital and nursing home worship services. 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.



Christian Education

Vacation Bible School

SHIP WRECKED

July 21-25

6:00 - 8:00 pm

All children ages 3-6th grade are welcome to attend

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



Niagara Fall Youthworks High School Mission Trip

July 7 - 12, 2019



To Register:

Must have finished 8th grade in 2019 since this site is limited to High School students

\$100.00 deposit due to Church Office to hold your spot! Don't miss out!!

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



The Milestone of First Communion was celebrated with on April 14th. Congratulations to Sarah Edder, Mason Hoffman and Allison Cannon. Pastor Keller held fellowship and classes with the students and families on two separate occasions and then met with students before their celebration of faith to bake bread for the worship service. Each of the students was presented with a cross necklace. The necklace represents a declaration of faith. We hope these tokens will help them tell the world who they are and what they believe.



Confirmation

June 9, 2019 is Confirmation Sunday for:

Megan Elizabeth Edder

Baptized

October 14, 2004

Zane Lynch

Baptized

September 19, 2004

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.

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

Golden Milestones

Two St. Luke's members have joined the 90th birthday milestones: Ruth Cypher and Barb Schneidmiller.

Ruth Cypher was born Feb. 2, 1929, in Nu Mine, the daughter of Charles and Estella Sprankel Snyder. Known as Ruthie, she had one brother and two sisters. Two siblings are still living.

She was raised on a farm and would help with many of the chores. Ruth went to schools in the Rural Valley area. She moved to the Saxonburg/Freeport area in 1965, and joined St. Luke's that same year.

Ruth was married to Clifford. Over the years, she worked as a custodian. Ruth has two sons and a daughter, three grandsons, seven granddaughters, two great-grandsons and one great-granddaughter. Ruth's favorite hymn is *The Old Rugged Cross*.

Meanwhile, in the state of Ohio, Barbara Scheidmiller was born on May 5 in East Liverpool, the only child of the late Alfred and Bernice Bayley.

Barb went to East Liverpool schools, and married the late Rev. John H. Schneidmiller on June 25, 1951. They joined St. Luke's in 2006.

Barb was a minister's wife for 60 years, and together they raised six children. She went to work as a teacher's aide after the children were in school. Home and family were very important. She was an avid sewer when the children were young, making Easter and Christmas dresses for herself and the daughters. Many times it was the same dress in three different colors, her daughter Gretchen recalled.

Barb had several famous dishes she cooked, such as homemade noodles and chicken, creamed chicken and biscuits, and her famous Sand Tart cookies at Christmas time. Barb made the cookies since she was a young girl, and now her daughters and granddaughters continue the tradition.

Probably the most difficult time in her life was losing both of her sons in accidents (motorcycle and car) six months apart.

Barb and John loved gardening and traveling, but most of the travel ended when they discovered Myrtle Beach, SC. The family made many visits there over the years.

Barb is now a resident in the skilled nursing unit of Concordia, where she has been for about 3 years. Barb's family includes daughters Gretchen Gallagher and Debbie Gallagher, who live locally, Karen Flinchbaugh in Edinboro and Nancy Laime in Columbus, Ohio. She has eight grandsons, five granddaughters, seven great-grandsons and eight great-granddaughters.

Happy Birthday Ruth and Barb!



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

June 16, 2019 thru September 8, 2019

8:15 and 10:00



Outdoor Services (10:00 only)

June 23

July 14

August 4

August 25

July 28, 2019

150 Year Celebration Picnic

One service at 9:45 am with celebration picnic to follow.