

# The Angel

St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church

310 Main St.

P O Box 187

Saxonburg, PA 16056

[www.stlks.com](http://www.stlks.com)

August/September

2017



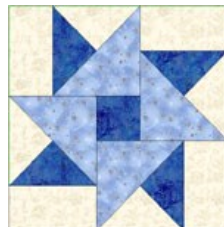
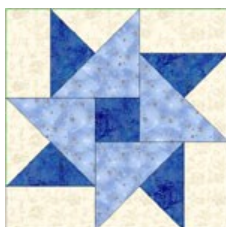
**Church Council**

August 14

And

September 11

7:00 pm



## CENTENNIAL HALL QUILT SHOW

SEPTEMBER 9 & 10

During the Saxonburg Festival of the Arts

(110 State Street, Saxonburg Pa)

Featuring local Quilts, Quilting and Sewing Vendor booths, Local Crafters with fall and holiday items and gifts, Food and Beverages available for donation

Silent Auction baskets

Raffle to be drawn September 10<sup>th</sup> 5:00 p.m. (Winner need not be present)

### St. Luke's

#### Vision Statement

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

2007 Council Retreat

#### Summer

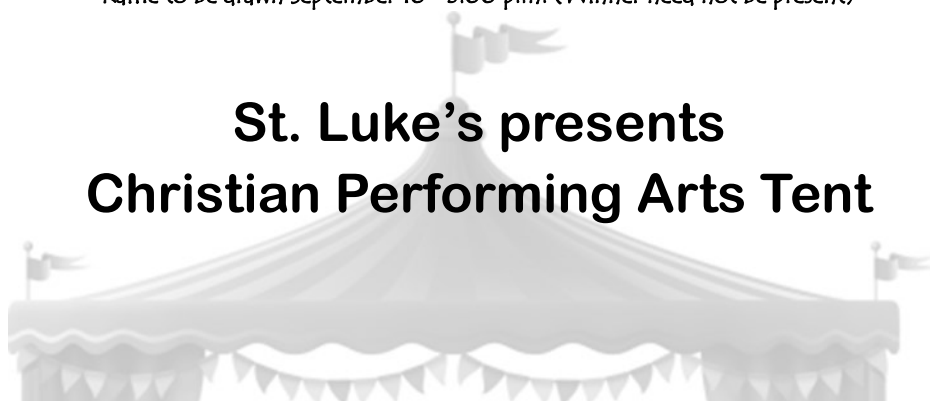
#### Worship Times

8:15 \* 10:00

**Communion on the first and third Sundays**

#### Office Hours

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



## St. Luke's presents Christian Performing Arts Tent

### Kiski Valley Community Band

Patti Marco, director

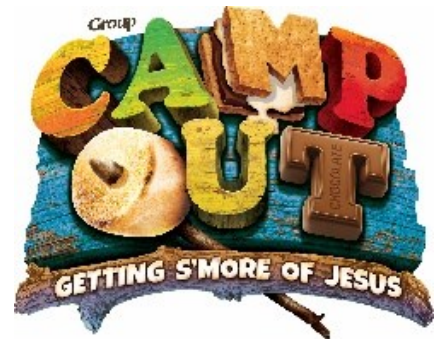
Sunday, September 10th

2:00 pm



# Summer Youth Wrap Up

VBS was a blessing for all who attended. Each evening we had totals of 40 kids, youth and adults sharing in the Word. Kudos to the entire VBS team for another great year of reaching young hearts through God's Word.



be like jesus

## St. Luke's Youth Mission Trip

*What a successful week for our youth as they worked in Virginia. When you see them, ask about how God touched their hearts through this service project.*

*Mission Trip Participants:*

*Kenneth Miller*

*Alex Olczak*

*Darrah Lynch*

*Rachel Steiner*

*Krystle Ekas*

*Cole Edwards*

*Payne Crouch*

*Evan Weston*

*Eli Keller*

# Children and Youth Ministries



Parents' Morning Out

Tuesday and Thursday (you choose one day)

9:30--12:30

Ages 1-5

\$40.00 for seven-week sessions

A \$5 discount for families of 2 or more.

Five children max per day

Register your child/children to enjoy time learning about God's Word and interacting with other children while you have some free time.

Session 1: September 5 thru October 19

Session 2: October 31 thru December 21 (no classes on Nov. 21 & 23)

Session 3: January 2 thru February 15

Session 4: February 20 thru April 5

Session 5: April 10 thru May 24

For more information---feel free to contact Kristen Begeman, [mkmnc@comcast.net](mailto:mkmnc@comcast.net) or 724-265-2340 or the church office at 724-352-2333.

A ministry of St. Luke's 310 Main Street Saxonburg—[www.stlks.com](http://www.stlks.com)



September 17, 2017

Sunday School for all ages

9:30

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# At St. Luke's



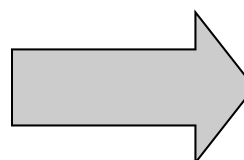
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Beth Zellhart	8/1	Jaye Thompson	8/19	Fran Setzenfand	9/13	Alicia Haas	9/23
Megan Edder	8/4	Kerri Hay	8/20	Tayla Markwell	9/14	Neal Hay	9/25
Paul Markwell	8/4	Jacob Goldinger	8/21	Natalie Savannah	9/14	Jim Wright	9/25
Micah Keller	8/5	Audrey Fox	8/25	Ron Boltz	9/15	Austin Heade	9/26
Jenna Plutyk	8/7	Shannon Miller	8/25	Adam Hartzell	9/18	Francine Messmer	9/27
Evan Weston	8/7	Marian Boltz	8/26	Tim Markwell	9/19	Joshua Johnson	9/29
Grace Wetzel	8/7	Roger Renfrew	8/26	Wendy Mendenhall	9/21		
Jake Miller	8/8	Katy Reuning	8/27				
Jackson Burtner	8/9	Marge Kollinger	8/29				
Dan Pickard	8/9	Ralph Storm	8/29				
Herb Richards	8/9	Hailey Volchko	8/29				
Kevin Erb	8/10	Nita King	8/30				
Lisa Righi	8/10	Jolene Kunkel	8/30				
Kathy McRandal	8/11	Krystle Ekas	8/31				
Emma Martin	8/13	Lisa Hay	8/31				
Jared Cushey	8/14	Mikayla Crouch	9/1				
Jim Drennen	8/14	Mary Byers	9/2				
Ruth Markwell	8/14	Dusty Olczak	9/2				
Peg Mann	8/15	Kristen Begeman	9/3				
Carl Smith	8/15	Adam Heade	9/3				
Sandy Steedle	8/15	Charlie Ekas	9/5				
Cathy Boyd	8/16	Rebecca Carrozzo	9/6				
Kris Crouch	8/16	Gary Cooper	9/7				
Steve Pickard	8/16	James Nelson	9/7				
Mike Volchko	8/16	Jennifer Ross	9/7				
David Gundlach	8/17	John Logan	9/8				
Lynn Pickard	8/17	Rebecca Nyren	9/8				
Seth Burtner	8/18	David Fennell	9/10				
		Mike Begeman	9/11				
		Michael Bearrow	9/12				
		Noah Jockel	9/12				



Herb & Ruth Richards	8/4
Matt & Cortney Christoforetti	8/8
Mike & Cristie Crytzer	8/10
Bert & Beryl Mottern	8/16
David & Deb Fugate	8/17
Jason & Hannah Calorio	8/24
Tom & Katie Patterson	8/24
Dan & Lisa Wible	8/27
Charlie & Jackie Bice	9/3
Ross & Jeannine Strohmeyer	9/4
David & Judy Gundlach	9/5
Ben & Adrienne Natili	9/14
Neal & Cindy Hay	9/25
Dale & Emily Wible	9/25
Eric & Julie Edder	9/27
Mike & Kristen Begeman	9/30

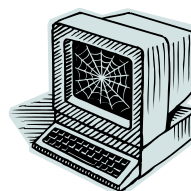
## Choir Notes

The Choir season begins on Rally Day, September 18th with the Generations Choir singing for the 10:45 service and the Praise Team leading the 9:30 service. If you would like to join either of these groups, please contact Chris Savannah at 724-991-0871. We are also looking for instrumentalists to fill in when needed. Please let Chris know if you are interested.



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# Benevolence

*Welcome to the fifth year of a regular feature in the Angel highlighting the monthly recipients of St. Luke's Christian Mission benevolence funds. St. Luke's has directly given \$19,800 in 12 equal shares to mission and outreach ministries (\$1,650 month).*

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) is the September recipient of St. Luke's benevolence funds. FCA is an international, non-profit Christian sports ministry based in Kansas City, MO, but with a huge presence locally and throughout the Pittsburgh area.

In 1964, Don McClanen resigned as the Eastern Oklahoma basketball coach to start the ministry after he watched sports stars use fame to endorse and sell general merchandise. He wrote to 19 prominent sports figures asking for their help in establishing the organization that would use the same principle to share the Christian faith. Among its first supporters was Branch Rickey. Andrew McCutcheon of the Pittsburgh Pirates is one example of recent athletes featured in FCA publications or events.

The mission statement of FCA is to "see the world impacted by Jesus Christ through the influence of coaches and athletes."

FCA is marking its 63<sup>rd</sup> anniversary this year, challenging coaches and athletes on the professional, college, high school, junior high and youth levels to use the medium of athletics to impact the world for Jesus Christ. FCA focuses on serving local communities by equipping, empowering and encouraging people to make a difference for Christ. Some two million people are impacted through the agency's Four Cs of ministry – coaches, camp, campus and community. Its statement of faith

consists of seven points on biblical teachings and Christian principles.

Anthony Infante is the local representative for FCA, serving Butler, Armstrong and Indiana counties. He is now in his second full year. There are chapters, or huddles, at Knoch Middle and High Schools, Freeport HS, Armstrong MS/HS, West Shamokin HS, Slippery Rock HS, Mars HS and the Karns City football team. Butler HS is just starting out. The huddles are considered school activities and have teacher advisers. Anthony works with students, principals and school boards to get approval for chapters. Bible studies are student led and driven.

Among the highlights this year: 25 FCA leaders went to a leadership camp in Maryland, 12 students from Knoch, Freeport and West Shamokin schools accompanied Anthony on a June mission trip to the Dominican Republic. In October, FCA will hold its annual outdoor youth doe hunt in Dayton, PA. Anthony is expected to visit St. Luke's later this month. FCA is a member of the Christian Leadership Network.

Anthony lives in Saxonburg with his wife Shari and three children, Chloe, 6, Parker, 9 and Elliott, 12.

—Jeannine Sanford, AiM

## God's Love at Work

### Highlights for St. Luke's: June

*This month we finished up the year of Sunday School and flew right into Vacation Bible School with a program called "Camp Out." Each evening we had totals of 40 kids, youth and adults sharing in the Word. Kudos to the entire VBS team for another great year of reaching young hearts through God's Word. Noah Steiner finished his Eagle Scout project, relaying the stones in the front of the church. The high school youth travelled to the Eastern Shore of Virginia to bring the Word of God to youth and the elderly. We had 7 seniors graduate and they were blessed with a Life Application Bible from the congregation. All 7 are pursuing a higher education. We ended the month by cleaning out the storage area and raising over \$1700 to support Children's Ministry at St. Luke's. at the annual Yard Sale.*

Income received 14,450

YTD income received 110,345

Income needed 20,737

YTD income needed 124,423

**We still need 6,287**

**We still need 14,078**

# 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  
Jean and Allen Knappenberger, 134 Marwood Road, Cabot, PA 16023  
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  
Jay Rinebolt, 134 Marwood Road, Cabot, PA, 16023  
Fran Setzenfand, 223 Pittsburgh Street, Saxonburg, PA 16056  
Barbara Schneidmiller, 134 Marwood Road, Cabot, PA 16023  
Edna Weckerly, 112 Marwood Road, Apt 4111, 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 JULY:**

### OUR PRAYERS, JOYS, CARES AND CONCERNS

**Thanksgiving/Joys/Celebrations:** For answered prayers, healing, good test results, and recoveries, our graduates, expected babies (Courtney & Matt Christoforetti, Shelby & James Zellhart, and Katie & Jason Bubb), our VBS leaders and participants, Youth Works Mission Trip teens and leaders, the marriage of Mike and Jenna Bearrow (son of Cindy Bearrow), the birth of Emery Elizabeth Bubb on July 1<sup>st</sup> to Katie and Jason Bubb and big brother Nolan. Born at 6:14, she was 7 lbs and 20 inches, Margot Frederick's 90th birthday

**Cares/Concerns:** Gayle Schmidt (chemo & radiation), Persecuted Christians, Michael Cehily, summer ministries, Dalton Ingley (stage 5 kidney failure/dialysis), Bob Riekasie (liver tumor and cirrhosis), Raj Boehm (ALS) & her caretakers, Margot Frederick, Marge Reinhart, Sue Allman (Rose Martin's mother/transitioning from home), Jan Benson, Mat Meyer (Hodgkins), Alice Swartz, Phyllis (tests/not doing well), Tom Patterson (cancer returned), Karolina Walkin (cancer), Veryl Wolfe (Jennifer Goldinger's father), Joyce Scott (cancer), young woman (needs uplifted), Glen and Shirley Robinson (bad wreck), Susan (surgery), Ian Lark, Judy Franke (pulled leg muscle), Carol Nelson (chemo), Scouts camping at Philmont, Andy & Heather Nelson (discernment), John Foertsch, Germany trip, Austin Heade (walking pneumonia), Bethany Lang (rough pregnancy with twins), Karla Wirth (Dick Smith's friend with severe long-term health issues), Judy Gundlach (oral surgery), Merle (pancreatic cancer), Brian (seizures), Dave Pickard (recovering from accident), Gretchen Gallagher (recovering from fall), Diane (heart problems), Sue Beatty (vertigo), Joe Boggs (leukemia), Butler flood victims, Jake Kollinger (spider bite)

**Hospitalizations/Recovery:** Baby Merek Wabazewski (Children's Hospital/intestinal surgery to remove blockages and scar tissue), Pat Rinebolt (knee surgery), Lynn Pickard (surgery), Anne Kronewetter (complication from hip surgery), Liz (burned lungs from pool chemicals), Chuck Sanford (heart surgery), Evelyn Tusing, Lisa Ryder (medical procedure), Linda Kocik (Bert Mottern's friend/breast cancer), Scarlet Shoup (2 yr old with genetic condition)

**Bereaved:** Friends and family of Bill Gordon, Sr., Gina Maloney (Pearl Parnell's niece), Mary Jane Thompson, Darlene Gulick, Phil Bardonaro



**ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES:** Please consider taking a weekend to learn how to make your marriage a more intimate, loving, Christian union. Weekends run from Friday night at 8 PM to Sunday around 3 PM and are for couples of all ages. There is a \$100 per couple registration fee, plus toward the end of the weekend, you will be given an opportunity to make a confidential contribution of whatever amount you wish toward continuation of the program. Two nights lodging and 5 meals for each of you are included. Registrations are being accepted for the fall Weekends: **September 15-17, 2017 at Spruce Lake Retreat Center, Canadensis, PA in the Poconos, and October 6-8, 2017 at the Black Swan Inn in Lee, Massachusetts in the foothills of the Berkshire Mountains.**

To sign up online, go to: [www.GodLovesMarriage.org](http://www.GodLovesMarriage.org) and pay the \$100 fee using your credit card, or mark the option to mail in a check. Registrations are limited, so act TODAY to ensure that you can attend the Weekend of your choice. For questions, or if you would like a brochure mailed to you, contact Northeast US Area Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, [fjschamber@comcast.net](mailto:fjschamber@comcast.net) or 724-325-3166.

# Thank you


*The following was a letter sent to First Presbyterian Church in Ocean City. The Youth Mission trip made an emergency stop there and Pastor Dan opened his arms to the group.*

**Dear Pastor Dan,**

**There are few words to express my gratitude for you taking us in for respite care for one of our sick students! It was a miracle that you were available and so hospitable to not only give a space for our sick student but to allow us to park and use rest rooms! When the Christian Church is at its best the world is a good/better place! Thank you for making our day good, bright and beautiful, like the beaches that surround you. We will remember you always with thanksgiving in our hearts,**

**In Christ, Pastor Keller**

*The following letter is from a student who is a member of Young Life in West Virginia. Your May 2016 benevolence was given to Young Life.*

Thank you so very much! I got to grow closer to my friends and Christ this week because of your support. The events this week were so exciting and inspiring. :) - Sophia Parlock 

Dear Pastor Keller, Chris Savannah, Gayle Gundlach and St. Luke's members,

Thank you very much for being open to support the Gas Grill Raffle table at your Yard Sale. It was wonderful to visit and catch up with people! Everyone was so kind and helpful! The Lord blessed and the raffle brought in funds to support Abba's House. Thank you for your amazing generosity! God Bless all of you, Brian and Providence Hartle and Abba's House Family.

Thank you, Your thoughtfulness will be remembered for many a day. Thank you for the cards, the bible and the water bottle! - Noah Steiner

Dear St. Luke's, Thank you so much for the graduation gifts! They will all be put to good use! Very thoughtful and functional! What a blessing it is to have a church family that is so supportive. Thanks again! Love, Katie Drennen

Dear Pastor Keller,

I wanted to thank you again for your kindness and prayers for my friend while I was visiting Karl and Renate in Saxonburg. My friend, Alice, was very touched to hear that your congregation would mention her in your prayers. She had a successful operation and will now begin chemotherapy. Warm regards and God's blessing to you and your congregation. - John Kortenhamp

# Update on the Seminary Support Fund

Dear friends and members of St. Luke's,

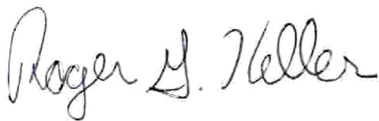
A great big thank you is in order to the congregation, "THANK YOU" to the congregation! For giving more than \$13,000 to St. Luke's Seminary Support Fund in just three weeks! It's a sign of our commitment to do what is necessary to renew and grow our ministries for all generations.

After much prayer and discernment, Andy and Heather Nelson believe the Lord is calling them to Youth & Family ministry instead of fulltime seminary. Andy is a candidate for Youth Minister in a large church in Fishers, Indiana, so Heather will not be accepting our Director of Discipleship position. They have been truly thankful to Pastor Keller and the congregation for the love and care we have shown for them in the discernment process.

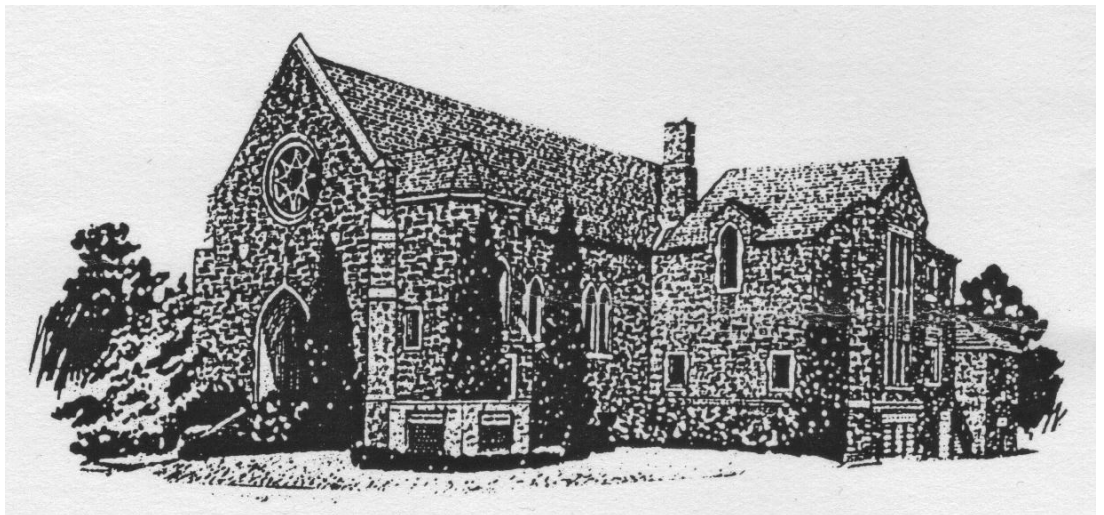
"THANK YOU for processing with me. Thank you for exploring with me. Thank you for taking time to be with me in Saxonburg. Thank you for being a friend during a time of need. You have helped me along my way. Thank you to St. Luke's as well for giving you the time to help the Nelson's in their discernment process." --Andy Nelson

And we are thankful for the Nelson's service to the church of Jesus Christ. May God continue to bless their ministry. And let us ask God to guide us and bring the leadership we need to grow and build disciples of Jesus Christ.

In Christ's Service,



Pastor Keller





# Fellowship Life



**August 8, 2017—** Lunch at Hardwood Cafe—meet at 11:30 in the church parking lot to carpool together to the restaurant. Sign up in the narthex.



St. Luke's Sewing Ministry. Bring your own project and join us for fun and conversation. All ages are welcome. August 3, 17 and 31 & September 14 & 28 at 10:00



## New Chairs for Fellowship Gathering

The new chairs are here and the old chairs are available to take for a small donation. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

# Outreach/Evangelism



**Open for Prayer:** 6:00—8:00, August 28 and September 25 in the Sanctuary of St. Luke's.

Please come in and enjoy the quietness of our sanctuary to reflect and pray. Bring your prayers to God and let them be heard.

**St. Luke's leads Services at:**

**Elmcroft Alzheimer's Unit:**

August 6 hosted by Fellowship Life Ministries

September 3 hosted by Christian Growth Ministries

**Saxony Health Center:**

August 13 and September 10

All services begin at 2:00 pm



## Property Ministry



A new gate has been installed on the west side of the church at the top of the stairs leading to the basement. The gate is not locked but was installed for safety. Now that the gate is done, the railing around the staircase needs a good scraping and painting. If anyone would like to take on this job, please let Chris know in the office.



# Golden Milestone Ministries



Marian E. Boltz is the latest St. Luke's member to join the "90" club. Marian will celebrate her birthday on August 26<sup>th</sup>.

In 1927, Marian was born at home in Cabot to the late John Wolfgang and Eva Datt Schmidt. Marian, one of seven children, graduated from Winfield Consolidated High School. Three sisters survive and three brothers have passed away. A lifelong member of St. Luke's, Marian also was baptized and confirmed here by the Rev. Elmer Ortner. Marian is a homemaker and seamstress. She married Alvin Boltz at St. Luke's on June 16, 1948. The couple will be married 70 years next year. Alvin served with the Army during World War II, stationed in Japan. He worked as a machinist until his retirement.

At St. Luke's, Marian has been a Sunday School teacher and a member of the Dorcas Circle. Her favorite hymns are "Be Thou My Vision" and "How Great Thou Art." The Bible verse that she shared is from Proverbs 22:6 – "Train up a child in the way they should go and when they are old they will not depart from it."

In addition to Alvin, Marian's immediate family includes one boy, two girls, six grandsons, two granddaughters, two great-grandsons and two great-granddaughters.

Happy Birthday Marian!



## 2017 NALC Convocation to celebrate 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

Church leaders from Africa will be featured preachers

The newly-elected leaders of the world's two largest Lutheran church bodies will be featured speakers at the 2017 NALC Convocation. "Holding Fast: Being Reformed" is the theme of the Convocation Aug. 9-11 in Nashville, Tenn. Pastor Keller and Jeannine Sanford will be in attendance.

**St. John's Lutheran Church in Kittanning  
Is celebrating  
Pastor Johnson's 30th Anniversary  
Of his Ordination**

**You are invited to enjoy a luncheon  
Sunday, September 10, 2017  
12:30 pm**

**In the Social Hall**

**Please RSVP to Tammy Fleeger 724-297-5889,  
tammyfleeger@aol.com by Monday, August 21, 2017  
SHHHHH! It's a surprise!**

## Prayer List of Mid-Northeast Mission District of the NALC

August 6	St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Pittsburgh, PA	Rev. Maurice Frontz III
August 13	St. Thomas Lutheran Church, Hooversville, PA	Rev. Nila Cogan
August 20	St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Charleston, WV	Rev. Jerome Klutz
August 27	Zion Lutheran Church, Chicora, PA	Rev. Karl Schoch
September 3	Zion Lutheran Church, Pittsburgh, PA	Rev. Garrett Siemsen

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## **“Remembering the Wittenberg Door of 1517”**

The Wittenberg Door provides us with the unique opportunity to share our faith in God. This year, as we celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation, take time to go to [stlks.com](http://stlks.com) where you will find many ways the Lord God is changing lives through St. Luke's ministries. Click on the Wittenberg Door tab where you are invited to post and read stories of how faith in Jesus Christ, the Word of God made flesh, has changed lives! Dick Smith shared his story and he received our “Nailed It!” magnet. Post on the website and get your magnet too!