



The sanctuary will be decorated for Christmas after the late service TODAY!! All are welcome to lend a hand. Many hands make light work! Help is especially needed to gather all the items from storage, including the large Christmas tree and stand.



Glade Run Christmas Gifts

The gifts for children at Glade Run Lutheran Services were delivered on December 11th. Thank you to everyone who selected a child to show the love of Jesus this Christmas season.



Fresh flowers are used on the altar for their symbolism of life, joy and human frailty. The 2020 Altar Flower sign up is located in the Koinonia Café. Donation of \$40.00 is requested. Flower donations can be shared with others to alleviate the expense. Please complete the dedication portion of the sign up as you would like it printed in the announcements. If sharing flowers, two dedications can be made. If commitments are not received then the altar will not have flowers for that Sunday.

How Many Names do You Know for Jesus?

GOD
ROCK
SAVIOR
MESSIAH
IMMANUEL
HOLY CHILD
MIGHTY GOD
LORD OF ALL
LAMB OF GOD
CHRIST OF GOD
KING OF KINGS
THE WORD OF GOD
ALPHA AND OMEGA
PRINCE OF PEACE
LIGHT OF THE WORLD
HEAD OF THE CHURCH
SON OF THE HIGHEST
EVERLASTING FATHER
RESURRECTION AND LIFE
JESUS

The King's Kidz are filling the tree in the Koinonia Café with the Names of Jesus ornaments. Stop in and check it out.

Intergenerational Christmas Pageant!!



Christmas Pageant

The Christmas story portrayed by children, youth, and adults was held on Friday, December 13th. Prior to the pageant a kid-friendly dinner was enjoyed in Centennial Hall.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the pageant, helped with the pageant and dinner, and came to eat and watch the retelling of Jesus' birth. It was a wonderful night remembering the reason for the season.

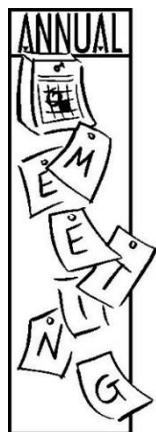
2020 Winter Youth Retreat



4th-12th Graders
January 24-26, 2020

Registration forms are being distributed. To get a form, please contact the church office (724-352-2333).

Camperships are available!! Contact Marge Kollinger (724-822-7760) for more information.



2020 Annual Meeting

January 26, 2020
Centennial Hall

9:45 am – One Worship Service

11:00 am – Lunch

Chicken will be provided. Please bring a covered dish or salad to compliment chicken or a delicious dessert.

11:45 am – Annual Meeting

All members and friends of the congregation are welcome to attend. It is every member's responsibility to support, pray and guide the work of the gospel at St. Luke's through the annual meeting.

Please turn in articles for the Annual Report by January 13th to the church office.



Thank you Carolers!!

Members of St. Luke's visited over 30 special people, friends and family during our annual caroling.

Many more heard carols in the nursing home and Concordia hallways. Thank you to all who participated!!

There are Christmas invite candy bags in the narthexes. Take one and invite somebody to Christmas Eve Services.



The Sarver-Saxonburg Christian Leadership Network (CLN) is the December recipient of mission support dollars. The network, of which St. Luke's is a member, consists of local

Christian congregations and ministries working together for the sake of Jesus Christ to offer a helping hand to all in the community. CLN works together to help by: offering pastoral care, prayer and counseling to the community through every congregation/ministry; providing small financial grants to families in need who live in the area; and holding community worship services to inspire and strengthen people to grow in faith and Godly character. The group comes together on a monthly basis for Bible study and business planning.



ADVENT! The coming of something—of something important—of something really important. Advent isn't simply looking forward to something good or exciting. Advent is looking forward to something amazing and unbelievable! I mean literally unbelievable. While it is humanly possible to believe in God, I'm not sure that it is even humanly possible to believe that God, who created human life, became a man. I think only the Holy Spirit can produce that belief in us. St. Paul described it as God "emptying Himself and taking the form of a servant." We call that the Incarnation. That is a really big thing.

St. Paul describes the attributes of a Christian that allow us to function in this world (which tries so hard to hide or ridicule the idea of God incarnate as a human). In 1 Corinthians 13:13 we read, "Now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." During this Advent season, we are going to focus on these attributes of faith, hope and love, and how they add up to personal fulfillment as we await Christ's coming again. I hope you will share in our Advent worship and find meaning in it. If you are unable to be here on one of the Advent services but would like a copy of the sermon for that day, just let the pastor know. Join in as we look forward to something unbelievable but true!

NOEL HALLELUJAH MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR
Noel Hallelujah Merry Christmas Happy New Year

St. Luke's Church office will be closed on
 Wed. Dec. 25th, Thurs. Dec. 26th and Wed. Jan. 1st.

OUR JOYS, PRAYERS, CARES AND CONCERNS

Praise and Thanksgiving: for answered prayers (*Diane Marburger and Kristen Brant's completing cancer treatments, and Bonnie Miller's successful cancer surgery*), for hearts to be changed this Christmas season.

Healing, Cares & Concerns: Gary Bachman (cancer), Kristen Brant, (lupus), Diane Marburger (recovery), Michele Boeke (transplant rejection), Jennifer (Audrey's niece/colon cancer), Gail (pancreatic cancer), Ford Bartle (4 yrs/stage 4 cancer), Mark Kollinger (recovery/pain), Lorri, Lynn Pickard (continued pain), Bonnie Miller (breast cancer/ upcoming radiation), Paul Brewer (cancer), J.J. (cancer), David Whitlinger (kidney issues/ cancer), Jeff Markwell (shoulder), Pearl Parnell (pneumonia/recovery), Peggy Crawford (health issues), Beryl Mottern, Debbie (stroke), Andrea (tests), Gerard Conroy (multiple health issues/pain), Sue & Dick Smith (safe travel), Betty Conely (declining health), Doris Antoszyk, Linda Crytzer (hospital/pneumonia), all who are ill, travelling for Christmas and affected by weather

Bereaved: Family & Friends of Charles Smith, Anthony Balzone

Schools of the Week: Freeport Area & BC3

NALC Church of the Week:

St. Luke's ministry and pastoral search;
 Grace Lutheran, Troy Hill/Pittsburgh, Rev. Ann Miller Smith

Monthly Mission: Saxonburg/Sarver Christian Leadership Network

Sunday, December 22

Fourth Sunday in Advent

8:15 am Worship – Communion
– Nursery Available
9:30 am Sunday school
10:45 am Worship

Monday, December 23

Community Quiet Time - cancelled

Tuesday, December 24

4:00 pm Children's Worship
8:00 pm Family Worship
10:00 pm Traditional Worship

Wednesday, December 25

Merry Christmas

Sunday, December 29

8:15 am Worship
– Nursery Available
9:30 am Sunday school
10:45 am Worship



Altar Flowers

The flowers this morning
are given to the
glory of God and in
memory of
Audrey Fitchke
Jim and Audrey Lott.

Birthdays

Jesse Haas	12/22
Elva Weston	12/23
Brian Miller	12/25
Noelle Steedle	12/26
Steven Boltz	12/28

Anniversaries

David & Stefanie Fennell	12/23
James & Judy Wright	12/23