

Join us as we celebrate the true light of the world this Christmas!



Sunday, December 18, 2016  
Centennial Hall

4:30 Interactive Play\* 6:30 Dinner

There is a sign-up sheet in the Koinonia Café.

Menu: Sliders with potato salad, macaroni salad, chips and veggies. Please bring a plate of cookie to share.

### ***The Ministry of Property Upkeep & Repair Needs You!***

*The sidewalk and steps to the State Street Narthex Door are repaired and what a beautiful job. Thanks to Mark Pivni! We give thanks for the \$1,880 donated to cover the total cost of \$2,000. Would you prayerfully consider making a special donation to the building fund in the near future to help with these repairs?*

### **From 1 to 102: Jesus Christ was Born for You!**



#### **St. Luke's Wins Second Place in Parade!**

The beautiful message of Christ's birth for all was spread along Main Street in Saxonburg during the parade. St. Luke's members of all ages enjoyed fellowship together as the family living room Christmas scene was sandwiched by two white Suburbans carrying the great-grandparent beautifully showed the celebration of Jesus through gift giving and song for all generations! A total of 1,000 bags of candy were handed out with the Christmas message and an invitation to attend one of the three Christmas Eve services. Thousands who lined the streets were inspired by the joy of seeing intergenerational cast of characters celebrate Jesus' birth. Thank you to all who participated in celebrating Jesus Christ all the way down Main Street! Start thinking of an idea for 2017!



***Please join us, every Sunday, for a Coffee Fellowship in Fellowship Hall (church basement) after the early service.***

## OUR PRAYERS, JOYS, CARES AND CONCERNS

***Thanksgiving/Joys/Celebrations:*** For the birth of Camille Lynn Giles (Ross & Jeannine Strohmyer's granddaughter), New Members, marriage of Jewell Yohe and Hunter Nyman

***Cares/Concerns:*** Georgetta Burk (fall), Kerrin Hay, Raj Boehm (ALS), Marlene Folk (cancer), Kathy Rumbaugh (cancer), Don Andrews (heart issues), Cara Dean (spinal surgery), Tom Conely (traffic accident), Marge Kollinger (fall), Josiah Kronk, Carolyn Zitzman, Susan, Bill Gerner (poor health), Linda Heade (testing), Esther Choncek (heart attack), Eugene Paulsen (back surgery), Wanda Balfour, Jean Heckman, Joyce Freehling, Art Campbell, Bill Nichols, college students at the end of their semester, the caroling ministry, Donna Paulsen (lung surgery)

***Hospitalizations/Recovery:*** George Diamond, Carol Neubert (hip surgery), Jay Rinebolt, McCorkle grandchildren, Elizabeth Bartley

***Bereaved:*** Friends and family of Austyn Rensel, Esther Peth (Kelly Weston's aunt), Lucille Blakeley, Tom Pieper

### ALTAR FLOWERS

*The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God and in honor of my mother Audrey and in honor of Bernie and Sylvia's 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by Pat and Ron Perkins.*



**Youth Quake Pittsburgh!**

**January 27-29, 2017**

**Double Tree by Hilton – Monroeville**

For more information on Youth Quake, please contact Pastor or Cristie Crytzer.



### **College Care Packages**

Care packages are being sent to the following college students. If you would like to donate to this ministry, put your check in the offering plate marked

"College Care." Thanks to our Senior High Youth Group for putting the packages together.

Kelly Amadee	Callie Drennen	Tori Lark
David Gallagher	Lisa Hay	Kerrin Hay
Lucas Kunkel	Samantha Logan	Alice Gordon
Mary Zellhart	Mikayla Crouch	Jenna Plutyk
Addis Crouch	Micah Keller	Maliea Lynch
Alyssa Logan	Bill Sweeney	Amy Steedle
Maria Savannah	Vanessa McRandal	

If you would like to help offset the cost, please put your donation in an envelope marked "College Care Packages" or mark your check memo "College Care Packages" and place in the offering plate.



***Calling all High School and Middle School instrumentalists. The Christmas Praise Band is forming again for the 8:00 Christmas Eve service. If you are interested in playing, please contact Cortney Christoforetti at 724-882-8157 or Maddie Crytzer at 724-816-3199.***



***The Hattie Cooper Room is being remodeled. If you are interested in putting a bid in on any of the furniture, please email or call the church office. Available are 2 love seats, 2 blue wing back chairs, a TV and TV cabinet. The furniture can be viewed in the basement of the hall.***



### Sunday, December 11, 2016

#### **Third Sunday in Advent**

**8:15 Worship**

**9:30 Communion Worship**

**9:30 Sunday School**

**10:45 Worship**

**12:00 Caroling**

**2:00 Saxony Service**

### Monday, December 12, 2016

**7:00 Grief and Beyond**

**7:00 Council Meeting**

### Tuesday, December 13, 2016

**9:30 Parents Morning Out**

**12:00 Prayer Circle Lunch**

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**6:00 Bell Plates and High**

**School Bells at Saxony**

### Wednesday, December 14, 2016

**12:00 Senior Stars Christmas**

**7:00 Comfort at Christmas**

### Thursday, December 15, 2016

**9:30 Parents Morning Out**

**10:30 Sewing Ministry**

**6:30 Praise Team**

**7:20 Generations Choir**

### Sunday, December 18, 2016

**Fourth Sunday in Advent**

**8:15 Communion Worship**

**9:30 Worship**

**9:30 Sunday School**

**10:45 Communion Worship**

**4:00 Christmas Program**

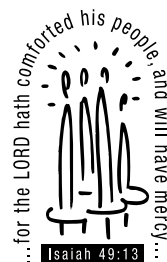
## **December Calendar**

- 11 Lunch and Caroling at 12:00
- 12 Grief and Beyond 7:00
- 13 Bells at Saxony 6:15
- 14 St Luke's Stars at 12:00
- 14 Comfort at Christmas 7:00
- 18 "Twas the Light Before Christmas" 4:30
- 19 Cabot Food Bank at 6:00
- 20 Bells at Oertel/ Concordia 6:30
- 21 Decorate Sanctuary 5:00
- 24 Christmas Eve services 4:00, 8:00 and 10:00
- 25 Christmas Day Celebration 10:30  
Holy Communion  
No Sunday School

Jan 1 Worship Services  
8:15 & 10:45  
No Sunday School or 9:30

## **Office Hours**

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



## **Comfort at Christmas**

The Seasons of Advent and Christmas can be a terribly lonely and difficult time for those who have lost loved ones. Instead of joy and excitement, feelings of grief and heartache fill the holidays. The celebrations of the season can become a stark reminder to the bereaved of what has been lost. This service of the word and prayer is meant to provide a safe place to grieve and be comforted by God's eternal love and light. Come into his healing presence on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 in St. Luke's Sanctuary.



★ **4:00 Children's Service**

★ **8:00 Praise Service**

★ **10:00 Traditional Service**

**Christmas Day Service 10:30**

**(no Sunday School)**

**New Year's Day Services**

**8:15 \* 10:45**

**(no Sunday School or 9:30 Service)**



**40 children this Christmas know that God hasn't forgotten them!**

Children at Glade Run may not see their families this Christmas. They may be away for the first time in their young lives. They have residence there due to neglect, abuse or other concerns. But on Christmas morning, there will be bright smiles on their faces because of the care 40 St. Luke's families offered. Just the thought and prayer that goes into the manner of selecting and the gift itself is a special way for a child to know that they are not forgotten and restores them to hope in God's love that will help them get through a difficult time in their life.

## **Birthdays**

David Fugate	12/11
Bob King	12/11
Alex Olczak	12/11
Darrah Lynch	12/12
Gretchen Gallagher	12/14
Joel Kunkel	12/14
Leah Wible	12/14
Bill Gordon	12/18



## **In the Community**

**Salvation Army Bell Ringers: Call Joan Amodeo  
\*724-584-0765\***



**Christmas  
Carols**

**Not too late to offer some comfort and joy!**

As the angels sang that first Christmas, Christians have long celebrated and borne witness through song to the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. Words in song stir the spirit of the person who sings as well as the one who receives the music. Through song and gift giving hearts will be touched today. Delivering a card or an inspiring gift filled stocking, which were hand made by the sewing ministry, the ministry team plans to reach over 24 special people and their friends and family. Come be a part of a very special way to offer Christmas comfort and joy. There will be lunch at 12 after late service and then we will carpool to residents from 1 to 4. If not having lunch come at 12:45 for team assignments.



Last Sunday we honored our newest members with a luncheon. Please welcome Carl and Grace Bracken, Bill and Martha Champion. Also new this year are:

Ed and Cathy Boyd (renewed)

Mike and Jodie Volchko, daughters Sadie and Hailey Tavia Lynch