



A note of thanks for touching hearts with special music!

David Kurowski has blessed our worshippers this past

year, especially at the 8:15 service, with clarinet music. Ellen and David were friends since having both played at St. Paul Catholic Church in Butler. Since then Ellen added organ to her flute playing and David has honed his clarinet skills. She has enjoyed practicing with him in preparing his offertory or prelude. He is meticulous.

David has expressed his appreciation of the congregation at St. Luke's and has been happy to come here when he can.

David lives with his wife LaVerne in Sarver, PA. and St. Luke's is overjoyed to have David! Come to early worship and you might just hear the sweet, comforting sound of David's clarinet being accompanied by the organ!



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.



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 Centennial hall. Please let Chris know today if you are interested.

OUR PRAYERS, JOYS, CARES AND CONCERNS

Thanksgiving/Joys/Celebrations: *For the New Members, marriage of Jewell Yohe and Hunter Neyman, Caroling ministry, Jay Rinebolt*

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), Esther Choncek (heart attack), Eugene Paulsen (back surgery), Wanda Balfour, Jean Heckman (hospice), Joyce Freehling, Art Campbell, Bill Nichols, college students at the end of their semester, Donna Paulsen (lung surgery), Police officers, Elva Weston (macular degeneration), Ned Ziegler, Phyllis Wilson (tumor), Brenda Shute*

Hospitalizations/Recovery: *George Diamond, Carol Neubert (hip surgery), Jay Rinebolt, Elizabeth Bartley, Greg Baker (appendectomy)*

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

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God and in memory of Tim Ploesch and Kathy Scott by Cindy Bearrow.



Comfort and Joy from Caroling

Through song and gift giving, the hearts of 30 special people and their families as well as residents in nursing homes were touched last Sunday. Cards signed by Sunday School and Christmas door hangers portraying Jesus in the manger were

delivered. An inspired gift-filled stocking, handmade by the Sewing Ministry, also was given out in love. The caroling crew had a hearty lunch before going out on their caroling assignments. The Lord provided a beautiful snowfall accompanied the music in the air. Thanks you to all who were part of the music ministry to provide comfort and joy spreading the message of God's love.

Testimony to God's timing ... wait & watch!

We want to thank you so very much for coming to our home to sing such beautiful songs with beautiful voices like angels from heaven. Sorry I (Helen) was unable to come to the door. I was upstairs in bed. I was having a lot of pain and I was praying to Jesus to help me with the physical pain and grieving for my sweet loving Mother. When I heard your angelic voices singing, I began to cry. You touched my heart and soul. St. Luke's Church has been there for us. We thank you so much for, everything, words don't seem enough of what we feel. You are so caring. May God Bless each one of you. You take the time away from yourselves to give to us. Thank you, Merry Christmas and many blessings to all of you for the New Year. – Helen and Mary Ann Slaninka

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	



Sunday, December 18, 2016

Fourth Sunday in Advent

8:15 Communion Worship

9:30 Worship

9:30 Sunday School

10:45 Communion Worship

5:30 Christmas Party

Monday, December 19, 2016

6:00 Cabot Food Bank

Tuesday, December 20, 2016

9:30 Parents Morning Out

12:00 Prayer Circle Lunch

12:30 Prayer Circle

6:00 Bell Plates and High

School Bells at Oertel

Wednesday, December 21, 2016

6:30 Bells at Saxony

Thursday, December 22, 2016

9:30 Parents Morning Out

10:30 Sewing Ministry

6:30 Praise Team

7:20 Generations Choir

Saturday, December 24, 2016

4:00 Children's Service

8:00 Praise Service

10:00 Traditional Service

Sunday, December 25, 2016

Christmas Day

10:30 Communion Worship

Office Hours

Monday 9-3

Tuesday 9-3

Wednesday 9-3

Thursday 9-3



★ **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)

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 an 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!



New Members for 2016:

Carl and Grace Bracken,

Bill and Martha Champion,

Ed and Cathy Boyd, Tavia Lynch,

Mike and Jodie Volchko, daughters

Sadie and Hailey.

Birthdays

Bill Gordon

12/18

Tammy Cushey

12/20

Jayson Haas

12/20

Jesse Haas

12/22

Elva Weston

12/23

Brian Miller

12/25

Anniversaries

David & Stefanie Fennel 12/23

Jim & Judy Wright 12/23



In the Community

Benefit for Nancy Hill and family: Tuesday, December 20th at the J-Barn from 4-8pm. \$20.00 per person. They are taking reservations however, you can also walk in.

St. Luke's Helps to Keep the Bells of Good News Ringing in Germany

Church council, having consulted several leaders of St. Luke's Germany Fellowship group, approved a gift of \$400.00 to be taken from the Germany Fellowship account and given to St. Albani. The congregation, located in Goettingen, Germany, built in 1423, has been holding a campaign to replace its main bell in time to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. This church bell rings daily and Sunday for the whole town to come, hear and discover God's love in Jesus Christ. St. Luke's wants to join together with St. Albani to share in the mission of seeing that a great bell continues to proclaim to all of Goettingen where the good news can be heard and people will be free to come and discover faith in God and find love for Jesus Christ and the world. If you feel led to show your support, mark your check or envelope holding cash "Germany Fellowship" and we will add it to the total in

time to offer our Germany fellowship church, St. Albani, a Christmas gift!