



**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.



### **Star Room Sunday School Hour**

*Come join us each week as we prepare for worship by reading the scriptures for the day. We discuss how God's Word strengthens, challenges, comforts, teaches,*

*guides and sometimes puzzles us! Coffee is always on! Everyone is welcome.*

## OUR PRAYERS, JOYS, CARES AND CONCERNS

### ***Thanksgiving/Joys/Celebrations:***

***Cares/Concerns:*** Georgetta Burk (fall), Kerrin Hay, Raj Boehm (ALS), Marlene Folk (cancer), Don Andrews (heart issues), Cara Dean (spinal surgery), Tom Conely (traffic accident), Josiah Kronk, Carolyn Zitzman, Susan, Bill Gerner (poor health), Eugene Paulsen (back surgery), Wanda Balfour, Joyce Freehling, Art Campbell, Bill Nichols, Donna Paulsen (lung surgery), Police officers, Elva Weston (macular degeneration), Ned Ziegler, Phyllis Wilson (tumor), Brenda Shute, Amber Roydes (cancer), Larry and Gayle Schmidt, Gary (addiction), Zachery Hudak (anuarism), John Weston (broken elbow), Melissa, Judy Praeger (serious medical condition)

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

***Bereaved:*** Friends and family of Lucille Blakeley, Tom Pieper, Ronald L. Smith, Robert E. King, John Glenn, Betty Learn, Kathy Rumbaugh, Jean Heckman, Esther Choncek

### ALTAR FLOWERS

*The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God and in memory of our fathers Howard and Russell and mother, Mary Arthurs by Chris and Dale Arthurs.*



### **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 on December 11th. 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



**Sunday, December 25, 2016**

**Christmas Day**

**10:30 Communion Worship**

**Sunday, January 1, 2016**

**New Year's Day**

**8:15 Communion Worship**

**10:45 Communion Worship**

**No Sunday School**

### Office Hours

Monday office closed  
Tuesday office closed  
Wednesday 9-3  
Thursday 9-3



Christmas Day  
Worship 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!



St. Luke's Youth (Sr. High and confirmation)  
Ski Day

Monday, January 2, 2017

Meet at the church parking lot at 8:30 and return about 8 PM. Pack a lunch or bring money. Fast food stop on the way home. RSVP for you and your friends to Eli Keller by text 724-931-2397.

All Day, 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. lift ticket \$41

Monday – Sunday All day Ski and board rentals \$38

Helmets also available for rental for \$10 each.

Ski and Snowboard Rental Information

- Proper identification is required for rental equipment.
- Rentals issued only with a valid ski ticket at the Hidden Valley Rental Center.
- All prices subject to change without notice.

Open until 7 p.m. on January 2

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### Birthdays

Brian Miller	12/25
Noelle Steedle	12/26
Steven Boltz	12/28
Jeff Hartzell	12/29
James Zellhart	12/29
Ronna Drennen	12/31
Bob Kaltenhauser	1/1



## 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 500<sup>th</sup> 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.



### 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.

### College Care Packages

Care packages were sent to the following college students.

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	