



TODAY!
4:00– 6:00 pm

Join with friends at St. Luke’s for a party to celebrate Christmas! There will be a display of nativity scenes for viewing, dinner, fun games, crafts and a retelling of the Christmas Story through the nativity characters. All are invited

to bring a dozen of your favorite cookies to share before we conclude our Nativity Party. Come join in the fun with a relaxing and interesting time for all ages, 0-100!

Caroling

December 17th After Late Service

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 on December 17th when St. Luke’s members visit over 20 special people, friends and family. Come be part of a very special way to offer Christmas comfort and joy. Lunch will be served at 12 after late service. We will carpool and visit from 1 to 4. If not having lunch, come at 12:45 for team assignments. Sign up in the Koinonia Café.



We’ve heard....

There are several items available from the church for a small donation if you would like to take them home. There is a chiminea in Centennial Hall and a mosaic cross. If you would like to see these items, please contact the church office.

College Care Packages

College Care packages were sent to our college students this week. Thanks for supporting our future generation.



Maddie Crytzer	Katie Drennen	Katie Hartzell
Natalie Savannah	Noah Steiner	Mikayla Crouch
Trace Trempus	Addis Crouch	Micah Keller
Alyssa Logan	Maliea Lynch	Amy Steedle
Vanessa McRandal	Mary Zellhart	David Gallagher
Alice Gordon	Lisa Hay	Jenna Plutyk
Kelly Amadee	Callie Drennen	Dylan Plutyk



**Mid Northeast Mission District
Mission Trip to Houston, TX
January 22-27**

Deadline for deposit is December 11th.



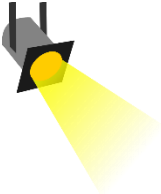
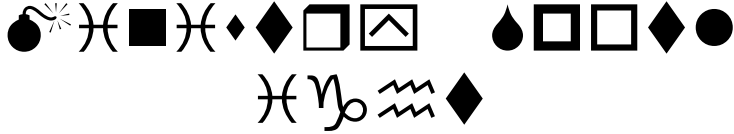
Hurricane Relief Efforts

St. Luke’s set a goal of \$5,000 to raise for Hurricane Relief. To date we have raised \$1,638. We will continue to take contributions until Super Bowl Sunday. Make checks out to St. Luke’s Church and put Hurricane Relief in the memo.

Come Share Christmas Joy with Nursing Home Residents in December



TODAY – Carols and Bells at Saxony 2:00
December 12 – Carols and Bells at Lund 6:30



The Sarver-Saxonburg Christian Leadership Network (CLN) is the December recipient of benevolence 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, usually at Abba’s House, for Bible study and business planning. The network regularly hosts and plans the rotating Lenten mid-week services, Holy Week activities and services, Thanksgiving Eve services, ministry seminars and youth gatherings. The network also offers emergency crisis support, coordinates with the area food banks and assists people in need of care.



Risk Assessment Task Force

St. Luke’s has recently created a task force to conduct a risk assessment of the church campus and to prepare a comprehensive safety plan. The task force will conduct its first meeting TODAY at 9:30 am in the Koinonia Café. If you have knowledge in these areas or a desire to participate in this task force, please contact the church office.

St. Luke's Float Provides Comfort & Joy



Thousands of people line Main Street each year to witness the beginning of the Christmas season with the Saxonburg holiday parade. St. Luke's provided a float on November 24 to show Jesus as the true reason for the season.

The St. Luke's float is an annual tradition that blesses the community with God's love in the birth of Our Savior. "Comfort & Joy" was the title of this year's entry with an underlying theme of Service to Him, for Him and for others. From start to finish, an entire cross-section of St. Luke's members contributed in some way to make the float become a reality. Ages from toddlers to 90s were well represented including Sunday School, Parents Morning Out and Concordia residents!



COMING TO ST. LUKE'S

JANUARY 7, 2018

8:15 * 9:30 * 10:45

THE STORY

FINDING YOUR STORY IN GOD'S STORY.

God's Love at Work – November 2017

As 2017 comes to a close we need to keep the current ministry budget in our focus and in our prayers.

Our giving towards the budget is down this year to date.

Let's continue to work together to support the ministry we do here at St. Luke's.

Income received	17,571	YTD income received	204,006
Income needed	20,737	YTD income needed	228,108
Still need	- 3,166	We still need	24,102

OUR PRAYERS, JOYS, CARES AND CONCERNS

Praise and Thanksgiving: For Mother Mary's hospitality and nativity gift for St. Luke's Party, a safe and enjoyable trip to Sight and Sound Theatre to see the Miracle of Christmas, the generosity of Audrey and Jim Lott for volunteering to drive, and Pastor for "shepherding" the group, the beautiful new Advent decorations, Troy Myer's work in Puerto Rico and safe return, 40 children receiving gifts at Glade Run that were safely delivered.

Cares/Concerns: Tom Patterson (chemo), Baby Merek Wabazewski (two weeks of chemo), Dave Boyer (coma/quad accident), Jim Fonner (cancer), Jessica and Casey Boyd (high risk pregnancy), Patty Christy (cancer), Bruce Wiegand (home recovering from surgery), Jeffery (Audrey Lott's friend/in serious condition), victims of violence especially those being killed for their faith, Cheryl Deal (diverticulitis complications surgery), Kristine (mental health issues), Brian Hartle (meniscus surgery), Frank Ekas (melanoma diagnosis), Cindy Wills (surgery), Jay Rinebolt, Chris Burford (fall from tree stand), Marie McGrath (tests), Mike Crouch (travel), Cortney Christoforetti and baby, Carol Nelson (surgery next week)

Bereaved: Friends and family of Reuben Holt, Sandy, Patty Burns (Bill Gordon's cousin)

NALC Church of the Week: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Berlin, PA (pastoral search)

Schools of the Week: Butler Area School and Duquesne University

Mission of the Month: Christian Leaders Network

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God and in anticipation of the coming of Christ, Our Savior.

Update on Adult Sunday School

The Detour Sunday school class has finished the DVD and is now reading through the text book. It's still a good time to join the amazing story of God's grace at work in the O.T. account of

the life of Joseph. New Sunday school material will begin on



January 7th.

Sunday, December 10, 2017

Second Sunday of Advent

8:15 Worship

9:30 Sunday School

9:30 Communion Service

10:45 Worship

2:00 Saxony Christmas Singalong a

4:00 Nativity Party

Monday, December 11, 2017

7:00 Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

9:30 Parents Morning Out

12:00 Prayer Circle

Wednesday, December 13, 2017

12:00 St. Luke's Stars Christmas Lunch

Thursday, December 14, 2017

9:30 PMO

5:00 Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00 Praise Team

7:30 Generations Choir

Saturday, December 16, 2017

5:00 Parents Night Out

Sunday, December 17, 2017

Third Sunday of Advent

8:15 Communion Worship

9:30 Sunday School

9:30 Service

10:45 Communion Worship

12:00 Caroling

Office Hours

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

Birthdays

David Fugate	12/11
Bob King	12/11
Alex Olczak	12/11
Darrah Lnch	12/12
Gretchen Gallagher	12/14
Leah Wible	12/14

