



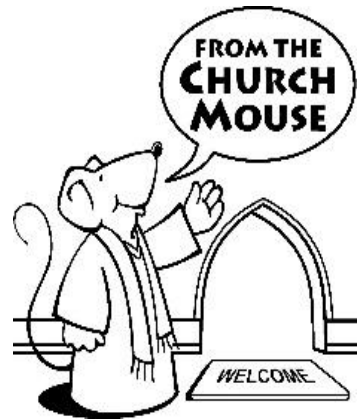
COMING TO ST. LUKE'S

JANUARY 7, 2018

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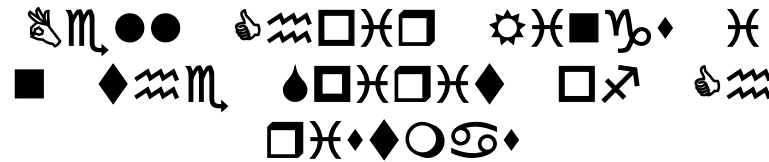
THE STORY

FINDING YOUR STORY IN GOD'S STORY.



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.



More than 160 residents from three area nursing homes were touched by the joy of the Christmas message as it was spoken, played and sung this month by the St. Luke's Bell Choir. Throughout December, residents at Elmcroft, Saxony and Concordia/Lund joined in with caroling, heard the Luke story of Jesus' birth, and enjoyed the bell playing by **Jinelle Yohe, Sarah Edder, Megan Edder, Anna Coriale, Rachel Steiner** and Chris Savannah, music director. A hand-scrolled ornament and Christmas greetings also were given to the nursing home staff and residents. Special thanks to Katie Hartzell, Jean Yohe, Jeannine Sanford and friend of St. Luke's, Jeanne Glauser, for jumping in to help at the last minute! The Bell Choir will play at worship at St. Luke's on December 31st at all three services. If you'd like to be a part of this special ministry team, please contact Chris Savannah.

College Care Packages

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



Maddie Crytzer
Natalie Savannah
Trace Trempus
Alyssa Logan
Vanessa McRandal
Alice Gordon

Katie Drennen
Noah Steiner
Addis Crouch
Maliea Lynch
Mary Zellhart
Lisa Hay

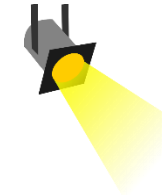
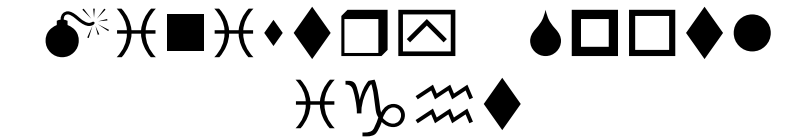
Katie Hartzell
Mikayla Crouch
Micah Keller
Amy Steedle
David Gallagher
Jenna Plutyk

Kelly Amadee

Callie Drennen

Dylan Plutyk

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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.



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.



How many names do you know for Jesus?

Check out the Tree with the Names of Jesus ornaments in the Sanctuary in front of the pulpit.

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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!

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OUR PRAYERS, JOYS, CARES AND CONCERNS

Praise and Thanksgiving: For 40 children receiving gifts at Glade Run that were safely delivered, the Nativity party and the beautiful nativities that were shared, and the Christmas Carolers who will uplift many hearts today, the

Comfort at Christmas Service this past Wednesday, and the birth of Claire Mattea Christoforetti, 6lbs 15oz 18.5, Cortney & Claire are both doing fine!

Cares/Concerns: Tom Patterson (chemo), Baby Merek Wabazewski (two weeks of chemo), Jim Fonner (cancer), Jessica and Casey Boyd (high risk pregnancy), Patty Christy (cancer), Bruce Wiegand (cancer/chemo), Jeffery (Audrey Lott's friend/in serious condition), victims of violence especially those being killed for their

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. – Barb Reuning

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

faith, Kristine (mental health issues), Frank Ekas (melanoma diagnosis), Cindy Wills (surgery), Chris Burford (fall), Carol Nelson (surgery next week), John Wylie (lung cancer)
NALC Church of the Week: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church



Grove City, PA Rev Sandy Towberman, Interim Pastor
Schools of the Week: Deer Lakes and Grove City College

Mission of the Month: Christian Leaders Network



ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God and in memory of Daphne Claire Lunn by Chris and Kim Lunn.



2018 Annual Meeting January 21, 2018

12:00

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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

Monday, December 18, 2017

6:00 Cabot Food Bank

Tuesday, December 19, 2017

9:30 Parents Morning Out

12:00 Prayer Circle

Thursday, December 21, 2017

9:30 PMO

10:30 Sewing Ministry

5:00 Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:30 Generations Choir

Sunday, December 24, 2017

Christmas Eve

4:00 Worship

8:00 Worship

10:00 Worship

(No morning worship)

Office Hours

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

Holiday Hours
The church office will be closed on December 18, 19, 25, 26 and 27. I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Chris Savannah

<u>Birthdays</u>	
Bill Gordon	12/18
Tammy Cushey	12/20
Jayson Haas	12/20
Jesse Haas	12/22
Elva Weston	12/23
<u>Anniversaries</u>	
David & Stefanie Fennell	12/23
Jim & Judy Wright	12/23