



**Sunday, December 10**  
**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 to view, dinner, fun games, crafts and a retelling of the Christmas Story told through the nativity characters. Sign up in the

Koinonia Café with the number attending and if you would like, reserve a spot for your manger scene to be part of the display. Bring your favorite scene to set up and share with everybody. If you would like, bring a dozen of your favorite cookies to share before we conclude our Nativity Party. Come join in the fun of a relaxing and interesting time for all, 0-100!

**Caroling**

**December 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Come Share Christmas Joy with Nursing Home Residents in December**

- December 3 – Carol Sing at Elmcroft 2:00
- December 10 – Carols and Bells at Saxony 2:00
- December 12 – Carols and Bells at Lund 6:30



**College Care Packages**

Every year the Senior High School Youth get together to let our College students know that God loves them and is with them as they finish their fall semester. You can help in this ministry by donating to the College Care Fund. Make your check out to St. Luke’s Church and put College Care in the memo. 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	Nicholas Kadunce	Mary Zellhart
Alice Gordon	Lisa Hay	Jenna Plutyk
Kelly Amadee	Callie Drennen	David Gallagher
Lucas Kunkel	Dylan Plutyk-- Military	



- 4:00 Children’s Service**
- 8:00 Praise Service**
- 10:00 Traditional Service**

*If you would like to play in the Praise Band at 8:00, please see Chris Savannah ASAP.*

There will be no morning services on Christmas Eve.  
December 31<sup>st</sup> services will be held at 8:15, 9:30 and 10:45



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

See Pastor Keller for more information

**Thanks to Our Church Council**

**Council Members:**

<b>Richard Beatty</b>	<b>Carl Bowman</b>	<b>Payne Crouch</b>
<b>Ronna Drennen</b>	<b>David Fugate</b>	<b>Liz Gordon</b>
<b>Jenny Hartzell</b>	<b>Judy Moser</b>	<b>Barb Reuning</b>
<b>Amy Montag-Smith</b>	<b>Kelly Weston</b>	

And a special thanks to Bob Shipe, Bill Gordon and Ronna Drennen for all their work on Property Ministry and to Dick Smith, Jeannine Sanford and Marge Kollinger for all their work on the Reformation Celebration.

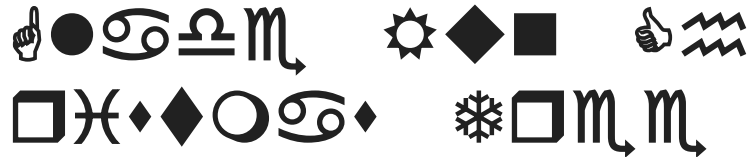


**Samaritan’s Purse Christmas Child Shoebox Project**

Our Sunday School children show the love of God to children all over the world. Twelve Christmas shoeboxes were packed at our October Funday Sunday by our students in grades Pre-K thru 6. They have been delivered to our local distribution

center. The students and their families purchased the items but it costs an additional \$9 to ship each box. If anyone would like to help with the cost we need an additional \$99. (One Sunday School family has already donated \$9.) Please make checks out to St. Luke’s Church and put “shoebox” in the memo. Thanks in advance to helping to make a child’s Christmas a little brighter.





Gift tags for children at Glade Run Lutheran Services are available today. As St. Luke's tradition, 13 tags adorn a gift tree in the North Narthex. So far 27 have been chosen. Please take a tag from the tree to help put

Christmas smiles on the faces of the youth. 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. Please sign your name and contact information by the corresponding number matching the gift tag on the sheet beside the tree. Contact information is very important. Gifts should be delivered unwrapped (or in a gift bag) to the church office by TODAY. For the children's safety, please make sure that you follow the directions posted at the table. Please let Jeannine Sanford know if you would be interested in delivering the gifts to Glade Run. ***If you have tags 21, 30, 32, 34, 35 or 39, please sign the clip board by the tree!***



COMING TO ST. LUKE'S  
JANUARY 7, 2018  
8:15 \* 9:30 \* 10:45

THE STORY

FINDING YOUR STORY IN GOD'S STORY.

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## OUR PRAYERS, JOYS, CARES AND CONCERNS

***Praise and Thanksgiving:*** For Chris Eckel's recovery from 2 strokes and his return to work, the promotion for Carol and Greg Jacksec to First Lieutenant in the US Army, the State Champion Girls Volleyball Team from Knoch High School, the Potato Posse collected \$901.69.

***Cares/Concerns:*** Tom Patterson (chemo), Baby Merek Wabazewski (daily chelation therapies), Dave Boyer (coma/quad accident), Jim Fonner (cancer), Jessica and Casey Boyd (high risk pregnancy), Patty Christy (cancer), Bruce Wiegand (home recovering from surgery), Patty Burns (Bill Gordon's cousin/hospice pancreatic cancer), Jeffery (Audrey Lott's friend/in serious condition), Reuben Holt (kidney failure), Kathryn Ziegler (pacemaker), victims of violence especially those being killed for their faith, Kristen Eckel (Kelly Weston's cousin/safe travel home),

***Bereaved:*** Friends and family of Margie Zitzman, Warren Capenos, Nell Galliot, Brian Shaw, Joann Billeck  
***NALC Church of the Week:*** First Lutheran Church, Rural Valley, PA (no Pastor)

***Schools of the Week:*** Butler Senior High School and Butler County Community College

***Mission of the Month:*** Shepherd's Canyon



### ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God and in honor of Carl's parents, Mary Emma and Everett Smith by Carl and Amy Smith.

### 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 7<sup>th</sup>.

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**Sunday, December 3, 2017**

**First Sunday of Advent**

**8:15 Communion Worship**

**9:30 Sunday School**

**9:30 Service**

**10:45 Communion Worship**

**2:00 Elmcroft – Christmas Singalong**

**Tuesday, December 5, 2017**

**9:30 Parents Morning Out**

**12:00 Prayer Circle**

**Thursday, December 7, 2017**

**9:30 PMO**

**10:30 Sewing Ministry**

**5:00 Bell Choir Rehearsal**

**7:30 Generations Choir**

**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**

**4:00 Nativity Party**



**Concordia Alleluia Chorale**

**“Gabriel and the Angels”**

**Tuesday, December 5 at 7:00 PM Haven One**

### Birthdays

Katie Bubb	12/4
Lillian Christoforetti	12/4
Al Kobert	12/4
Jeannine Strohmeyer	12/4
George Reuning III	12/7

### Office Hours

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

### Salvation Army Bell Ringers at Friedmans

If you can help ring the bell, contact:  
Jenna at 724-352-4977 or  
Karen at 724-816-0522

### 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 on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am 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.