VBS NEWS



Shipwrecked -**Rescued by Jesus**

VBS was a blessing for all who attended! Each evening we had over 40 kids, youth and adults sharing in the Word. Congratulations to the entire VBS team for another great year of reaching young hearts through God's Word with fun and fellowship.



Playground Addition

The Raymond and Theresa Montag playground received a new addition on July 18th. A new playground set was delivered after the church office

received a private donation. The set will be dedicated to Anthony McRandal by his family. The church and community youth are truly blessed by this wonderful donation.

Donations are being accepted to fund the maintenance of the new playset. If you would like to donate to this fund, please place your donation in the offering plates marked playground or drop it off at the church office.

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Your support of our youth as they gave a week to touch lives with the love of God in Niagara Falls, NY, was greatly appreciated.

Mission Trip Participants:

Rachel Steiner Alex Olczak Krystle Ekas **Garrett Weston** Zane Lynch Pastor Keller Kelly Weston

Visit the St. Luke's website (stlks.com) to view a slideshow of their week of service.



A thank offering, given by donation, was sent to the Niagara Gospel Rescue Mission for one employee returning one of our youth's wallet during the

mission trip. A total of \$131.00 and a gift card was sent.



Thankful for the past. Focused for the future

150 Year Celebration Picnic **Next Sunday** August 4th

Our next celebration event is the 150 Year Celebration **Picnic** on August 4th. There will be only **one service at** 9:45 am with the celebration picnic to follow in Centennial Hall.

The celebration will include remembering the 16 years of service given by Pastor Keller to St. Luke's. There will be an open house (in Centennial Hall) after lunch continuing until 2:00 PM to wish Godspeed to Pastor, Jennifer, Micah and Eli. A memory table for mementos or objects will be provided for guests to display tributes to fun times, great laughs, or good memories. (Please mark each item with your name, so they can be returned.)

The picnic at 11:30 will be a covered dish, with the church providing the chicken, drinks, and cake. Please sign up in the café with the number of people planning to attend and if you will be bringing a side dish, for example salads (pasta, veggie, Jell-O), beans, potatoes, casseroles.



CENTENNIAL HALL QUILT SHOW SEPTEMBER 7 & 8

During the Saxonburg Festival of the Arts (110 State Street, Saxonburg PA)

Quilt raffle tickets will go on sale August 4th before and after the 9:45 am service.

1st prize – Stars Across America – queen size quilt 2nd prize – 46" x 62" Dresden Plate Lap Quilt 3rd prize - Four seasonal table toppers

The 1st prize quilt can be viewed in the narthex.



The church received a fresh coat of paint to its doors and entry way.

This touch up was a wonderful gift by Bob and Donna Shipe.



Spaghetti Dinner to benefit Mason Sanders, who is battling Leukemia. The dinner will be held on August 4th from noon

until 6:00 pm at the VFW Post 7376 - Saxonburg. Adults - \$10.00 Children - \$6.00 Under 6 eat for free!!

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OUR JOYS, PRAYERS, CARES AND CONCERNS

Praise and Thanksgiving: for answered prayers (*Al Kobert's healing & return to worship*), for Ellen Dodge,
Karen Krenitsky and Evan Weston's safe return from
Germany, for Donna & Bob Shipe's gift of newly painted red doors! for the Blessing of VBS teachers, helpers, & families, for the birth of Nicholas Dale Wible, son of Lisa and Dan Wible and brother to Alex.

Healing, Cares & Concerns: Gary Bachman (*cancer*), Kristen Brant, (Jim Drennen's sister/chemo), Diane Marburger (reaction to chemo), Bill Oehlschlager (prostate cancer), Charlie Bice (continuing leg infection), Terry Warren (neck disc), Don Moser (cancer), all campers, Lance (infusion), Rich Beatty, Roger Renfrew, Michele Boeke (transplant rejection), Tony Rios (foot infection), those addicted to alcohol/drugs, Bill Sutton (declining health), Joey Kushon (serious health issue), Tucker Conely (stroke), Georgetta Burk (stroke), for ICE officers and Border Patrol agents, Brayden (hit by car), Marty Cahill (fall/broken neck), Paul Ekas (surgery), Cameron Ekas (lymphoma), John Nuti, for Pastor Keller and Amy Montag Smith's safe travel, participation in the NALC annual conference and Bishop's election, Jean Lunz (thyroid problems), Wes Wetzel, Paula Scott, Mason Sanders

Bereaved: for family and friends of Doris Dudzinski, Ted Stewart, Linda Antonucci, Faith Strobel, Lisa Sherlock

NALC Church of the Week: St. Luke's ministry transition, pastoral search, and interim staff; for St. Mark's, Arona, Rev. John Harmon, Interim/pastoral search

Monthly Mission: North American Lutheran Church (NALC) Mid-Northeast District



Office Hours

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

Sunday, July 28, 2019

8:15 am Worship –Communion 10:00 am Worship

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

12:00 pm Prayer Circle

Thursday, August 1, 2019

10:00 am Sewing Ministry

Sunday, August 4, 2019 9:45 am Worship –Communion 11:30 am Celebration Picnic

2:00 pm Elmcroft 3:00 pm Elmcroft

Birthdays

Audrey Gerlach	07/28
Kimberly Buss	07/31
Krystle Ekas	07/31
Kenny Ross	07/31
Kim Lunn	08/01
Beth Zellhart	08/01

Anniversary

Melissa and Steve O'Leath 08/02



The altar flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God and in memory of her husband, Bernard, by Mary Elder.

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